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BEFORE every home game I say that it is vitally important that we get the win, and today is no different.

We've had a lot of hard games recently, but we have to keep on going the way we have been and make sure we keep collecting three points.

The team have taken a lot of confidence from some of our recent performances, for example the fighting 1-0 win over Dunfermline in the Coca-Cola Cup and the 2-1 league win at Hearts last Saturday.

And I think we will need that confidence for today's match against St Johnstone, as both of our previous games against them in the league and the cup have been hard ones.

We didn't have things easy against them at all, and we know that they will give us another hard time of it today.

I think every club that comes here tries doubly hard, it's double motivation for them, to beat Celtic and to do it at Celtic Park.

We have to guard against that.

I am delighted with the team spirit the players are showing and I am also pleased that this is evident off the pitch as well.

The players have been organising a lot of days out in recent weeks and I am all for this to boost team morale.

I watched Tommy Johnson make his comeback from injury in the reserve fixture with Hearts earlier this week and it is good to see him and Darren Jackson on the way back.

Double up for another vital win

Obviously though they still need games before they will be ready to get back into the first team. You can't tell at practice whether a player is ready for a game, as fitness and match fitness are totally different.

Match fitness is a special type and you can only get there by playing a few games, which Tommy and Darren will have to do in the reserves.

On Wednesday night I travelled to Old Trafford to watch Manchester United take on my old team Feyenoord in the Champions' League.

I expected the home team to win and I was glad I went. You always want to see top European sides competing to see how they are playing and which tactics they employ in these matches.

But my main priority now is of course concentrating on Celtic and making sure that everyone leaves here this afternoon with a smile on their face after another win.



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Scottish Cup Winners (30 times)

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Saints alive and kicking



MAKING A POINT... St Johnstone boss Paul Sturrock and (right) midfielder Attila Sekerlioglu

St Johnstone have been beaten by Celtic twice so far this season, in the league and the Coca-Cola Cup, but the Perth team are worthy of their place in the Premier, winning the First Division by a mile last term.

They've had a reasonable start to their first campaign in the top flight for three years, and are sitting quite nicely at fifth position in the table.

ALAN MAIN has certainly had a good opening spell, winning a call-up to the Scotland squad after a run of outstanding form. Indeed, against Celtic in the Coca-Cola Cup it took a penalty to beat him in the end.

In front of him in defence is the experienced **JIM WEIR** who arrived at McDiarmid Park in a swap deal that led to Colin Miller going to Hearts.

Has been described by his boss Paul Sturrock as consistent, solid and workmanlike.

STUART McCLUSKEY is another central defender for

the Perth side, and has played for Scotland at under-21 level.

Full back **CALLUM DAVIDSON** had had a promising start for the Perth men but will be out now for eight weeks following a hernia operation.

In the right-back position should be **JOHN McQUILLAN** who has been at Saints for two years. Arguably the most assured full-back St Johnstone have had in several years.

ALAN KERNAGHAN has been signed for three months, and the 30-year-old Republic of Ireland internationalist played his first match for St Johnstone against Rangers on September 20.

PAUL KANE can fill other roles when asked, but is best played in the middle of the park where he is, in the words of his boss, a superb passer and tackler. Kane wrote his own footnote in



Scottish football history when he became the first Scot to cash in on the Bosman ruling and left Aberdeen for Norwegian side Viking Stavanger.

LEIGH JENKINSON, an arrival from Coventry City, should be in the middle of the park. A former team-mate of Celts keeper Jonathan Gould, he missed out on the previous matches with Wim Jansen's side through injury but should be fit for today's meeting.

DANNY GRIFFIN captained St Johnstone in 1995 at the tender age of 18, the youngest player ever to do so. The Northern Ireland star is equally at home in midfield or defence.

ALLAN PRESTON is another former Hearts player who arrived at St Johnstone from Dunfermline, and is a threat from set pieces.

JOHN O'NEIL will be remembered by Celtic supporters as the man that came on against Celtic in the cup... and three minute later was sent-off.

A midfielder who is skilful and determined, he was more than a little unlucky to receive his marching orders that night.

KEITH O'HALLORAN is

another Irishman, and another midfielder who has flitted in and out of the first team this term.

The most famous of St Johnstone's Irish contingent, to the Scottish fans anyway, must be striker **GEORGE O'BOYLE** who, despite being on the losing side, was man of the match against Celtic in the Coca-Cola Cup.

Signed from Dunfermline to replace Billy Dodds when he headed off to Aberdeen, he had a slow start, but eventually scored 23 goals in the 1995/96 season and was sorely missed when he was out of action for three months with cruciate ligament damage.

Up front with O'Boyle should be **RODDY GRANT**, who is back at Saints for the second time in his career. Voted SPFA First Division player of the year last term, Grant's powerful physique makes him a threat in the air. He is another with unhappy memories of Celtic this season, thanks to a red-card he picked-up in bizarre circumstances in the side's Coca-Cola Cup tie.

STRIKE ONE... Henrik Larsson was tormentor-in-chief last time Celtic met St Johnstone, opening the scoring in a 2-0 win



ALAN MAIN (Goalkeeper)

Age 29. Signed from Dundee United in 1995

STEPHEN ROBERTSON (Goalkeeper)

Age 20. Signed from Ashfield Juniors in 1993

JIM WEIR (Defender)

Age 28. Signed from Hearts in 1994

DANNY GRIFFIN (Defender)

Age 20. Signed from St Andrew's Belfast in 1994

ALAN KERNAGHAN (Defender)

Age 30. Signed from Manchester City in 1997

STUART McCLUSKEY (Defender)

Age 20. Signed s-form in 1994

JOHN McQUILLAN (Defender)

Age 27. Signed from Dundee in 1995

ALLAN PRESTON (Defender)

Age 28. Signed from Dunfermline Athletic in 1994

NICK DASOVIC (Midfielder)

Age 29. Signed from Trelleborg in 1996

GARY FARQUHAR (Midfielder)

Age 26. Signed from Brora in 1994

PAUL KANE (Midfielder)

Age 32. Signed from Viking Stavanger in 1997

KEITH O'HALLORAN (Midfielder)

Age 22. Signed from Middlesbrough in 1997

JOHN O'NEIL (Midfielder)

Age 26. Signed from Dundee United in 1994

KIERAN McANESPIE (Midfielder)

Age 18. Signed from St Johnstone BC in 1995

PHILIP SCOTT (Midfielder)

Age 23. Signed from Score Thistle in 1991

LEIGH JENKINSON (Midfielder)

Age 28. Signed from Coventry City in 1995

ATTILA SEKERLIOGLU (Midfielder)

Age 32. Signed from FC Tirol in 1995

STEVEN TOSH (Midfielder)

Age 24. Signed from Arbroath in 1995

RODDY GRANT (Striker)

Age 31. Signed from Partick Thistle in 1995

GEORGE O'BOYLE (Striker)

Age 30. Signed from Dunfermline Athletic in 1994

GAVIN PRICE (Striker)

Age 23. Signed from Den Haag in 1997

CHARLIE KING (Striker)

Age 17. Signed from Celtic BC Edinburgh in 1996

TONY'S QUIZ TIME

A hectic seven-day spell looms for Celts in the middle of next month with important league matches against Motherwell, Rangers and Dundee United.

And, as always, we have a pair of VIP Directors' Box briefs to give away for each clash.

It's Motherwell first on November 15 and to have a chance of winning the tickets just tell us the score the last time we played Motherwell in the league.

Once you have the answer (Clue - Wieghorst, Larsson and Burley scored for The Hoops) call the **QUIZLINE** on **0891 70 70 72** and follow the short directions.

Don't forget a daytime telephone number where we can contact you should you be the lucky winner selected at random.

And of course feel free to use the line to air your views about your club. Three Celtic callers we're featuring this week had this to say about the Celts.

First was Carntyne chap Paul Morgan: "Surely we can't fail in the Coca-Cola Cup at Ibrox again?"

"We have to beat Dundee United



Strike it rich!

and lift the first trophy of the season, this should be an easy task against one of the worst teams in the league defensively."

Next on-line was Sharon Gallagher from Edinburgh: "Is it just me or are we playing the best football this club has seen in years?"

"Some people have said we haven't been tested yet but that will come soon enough. Two

victories over Rangers and we will be unstoppable."

And finally this week it's the turn of Girvan based fan Peter O'Neill: "Celtic don't need a striker like everybody keeps saying.

"Think how many goals Simon Donnelly would score if people stopped saying he wasn't a striker.

"Wim Jansen has told him he is a striker so he is!"

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