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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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GORDON STRACHAN



"OUR NUMBER ONE TARGET EVERY SEASON HAS BEEN TO WIN THE SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE AND WE HAVE MANAGED TO ACHIEVE THAT THESE PAST THREE YEARS."

A warm welcome to Celtic Park for our SPL match against Hibernian this afternoon, a game we're all looking forward to after our Champions League exertions during the week.

The game against Manchester United was as tough as they come. We were up against the reigning European champions at their own ground and with a number of injury worries to contend with. In the event, it was an impressive performance by United, one of the best I have come across in European football and that's something which we have to acknowledge.

The players did put in a determined performance and we were unlucky with a couple of decisions that didn't go our way with their first two goals, but those are just facts, not excuses. On the night, we were beaten by a top team and it will take something special to prevent them from retaining the Champions League.

Our focus now returns to domestic action and the visit of Hibernian to Celtic Park this afternoon. Our number one target every season has been to win the Scottish Premier League and we have managed to achieve that these past three years. And this season the target remains the same because it's only by doing so that we get to compete in the group stages of the

Champions League and try to improve by competing against the best teams and the best players in the game.

So today's game against Hibernian is vitally important to our aims, this season and also beyond. Victory today will give us another three points in our bid to be champions again.

However, we know that none of the points we've gained this season have come easily. Last weekend was an example of that, when Inverness Caley Thistle made us work all the way for our victory and today will be exactly the same. Hibernian have shown on a number of occasions here just how dangerous they can be and there have been some terrific games of football between the sides in recent seasons.

I hope that this will be the case again this afternoon, and it goes without saying that I hope we emerge with all three points. Over the past few seasons, the players have shown that they can cope with the twin demands of European and domestic football and we've got a pretty good record in games immediately after a big Euro tie. We intend to keep that record going today.

Your support in these games is always important, giving the players a boost after a tough midweek match and helping to drive us on towards what will hopefully be another three points.

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Scottish League Winners [42 times]

1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98,
1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08,
1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15,
1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22,
1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54,
1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69,
1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73,
1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81,
1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98,
2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06,
2006-07, 2007-08

Scottish Cup Winners [34 times]

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931,
1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967,
1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977,
1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001,
2004, 2005, 2007

League Cup Winners [13 times]

1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68,
1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83, 1997-98,
1999-00, 2000-01, 2005-06

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

CLUB DIRECTORY & HONOURS

Celtic Football Club

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Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

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white socks

Away strip colours:

Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

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35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

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 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

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- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
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Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

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CAPTAIN

STEPHEN McMANUS



If anyone wasn't aware of the quality of Manchester United or why they won the English Premiership and the Champions League last season, then Tuesday's game at Old Trafford was evidence of their quality. That was an extremely tough game for us and it was as difficult an away tie as any I've been involved in with the club.

In saying that we were all disappointed to have lost the match, and it now means that we really need to win our remaining three games to have a chance of qualifying for the last 16 of this season's competition.

That's going to be a tough task, and no-one here will pretend otherwise, but with our own impressive home record in this tournament, it's not an impossible task, and we're aiming to win those games - against Manchester United and Villarreal here and away in Aalborg.

Before we can think about those games, and the Manchester United one in particular, we've got some important domestic matches to deal with, starting this afternoon with the SPL game against Hibs.

Last season, we lost at Easter Road while Hibs also gained a point here just before Christmas, so we know there's no room for complacency this afternoon.

I have to say that this is not going to happen with the

management and the group of players we have here.

The fact that we've been successful over a number of seasons is down to the fact that we focus on one game at a time. I know that's a bit of a football cliché and I've probably said it countless times before, but it is one of the reasons for our success.

We can't dwell on what's past since we can't do anything about it and we can't look beyond our next game because you don't know what's going to happen.

Last Tuesday was the perfect example of that because we picked up injuries to key players before the game at Old Trafford that couldn't have been predicted and we had to try and cope with that.

So our only focus is on this afternoon and aiming to beat a very good Hibs side who will be trying to do the same thing to us.

STEPHEN McMANUS



TODAY'S VISITORS

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

THE Hibs will be keen to repeat their top-six finish of last term and, after a start to the season that wouldn't have looked out of place in the pages of a horror story, things have levelled off and they now look like candidates for the upper tier.

Manager Mixu Paatelainen shored up the defence and spiced up things up front with the addition of former Hoop David van Zanten and Souleymane Bamba in the backline while Derek Riordan made the trip back along the M8 from the East End of Glasgow.

French midfielder Steven Pinau was brought in on loan from Serie A side Genoa while Uruguayan Fabian Yantorno also joined the midfield from Gretna and defensive midfielder Steven Thicot arrived for a loan spell from Nantes.

Another new face is Joe Keenan who started off at Chelsea but also had spells in Belgium, the Netherlands and Australia before arriving in Leith.

All of the above have featured this season and we take a look at how they got on as we catalogue Hibernian's form so far this season.

UEFA Intertoto Cup

July 6, 2008

Hibernian 0-2 Elfsborg

THE Easter Road side welcomed Swedish side IF Elfsborg on Intertoto Cup duty but there was an early shock when Emir Bajrami gave the visitors the lead in the 16th minute.

Andreas Augustsson added another in the 64th minute as the Hibs proved to be a bit rusty on their first game of the season.

However, there were hopes that the result was a fluke and all was not lost for the return leg in Sweden.

UEFA Intertoto Cup

July 6, 2008

Elfsborg 2-0 Hibernian

UNFORTUNATELY, things didn't quite go to plan in the second leg and the home side went 3-0 ahead on aggregate after only 20 minutes when Mathias Floren netted.

Just 10 minutes from the end, Bajrami hit his second goal of the tie and Hibs were out of Europe at the first hurdle.

A run of poor results in friendly games following that - Raith Rovers (0-0), Barcelona (0-6), Cowdenbeath (0-2), Clyde (0-3), Middlesbrough (2-3 after being 2-0 up) and Wigan (0-1) - did little to inspire the faithful before the competitive action started for real.



SPL

August 9, 2008

Kilmarnock 1-0 Hibernian

HIBS took to the Rugby Park pitch adorned in their new yellow change kit and, without being truly dazzling, had the best of the match against Killie but, ultimately, left pointless at the end of the day.

The turning point arrived in the 74th minute when a sickening clash of heads between van Zanten and Killie's Simon Ford resulted in both men leaving the pitch.

By then though, Hibs had already used their three subs and found themselves a man down going into the latter stages of the game.

To rub salt into the wounds, it was Ford's replacement, Jamie Hamill, who struck the only goal of the game with 10 minutes left to play.

SPL

August 16, 2008

Hibernian 3-2 Falkirk

EASTER Road welcomed former hero John Hughes and his Falkirk side for the stadium's first SPL match of the new term and the home side couldn't have got off to a better start when Colin Nish put them ahead.

The same striker put them further ahead after 25 minutes but Michael Higdon pulled one back for the visitors just five minutes later.



HIBERNIAN

Just two minutes after the break, Paul Hanlon hit his first goal for the Hibs to seemingly put them on easy street before Higdon struck again to make it 3-2 and the home side held out to claim their first points of the new season.

SPL

August 23, 2008

Inverness CT 1-1 Hibernian

HIBS were yet looking for a cure for their SPL travel sickness following a visit to Inverness CT but at least this time there was some improvement on the points-front with a draw.

They had to work for it though as Don Cowie put the home side ahead with 21 minutes on the clock and that's how the first-half finished.

The visitors hit almost immediately after the break when Colin Nish kept up his goalscoring run by netting in the first minute of the second 45.

There was to be no further scoring and the game finished 1-1 with Hibs picking up their first away point of the new term.

League Cup

August 26, 2008

Hibernian 2-4 Morton (AET)

FIRST Division table-props Morton had yet to win a league game but found themselves 2-0 up thanks to Iain Russell and Steve Masterton with time running out for Hibs.

However, Joe Keenan and Dean Shiels pulled the cat out of the bag in the final 10 minutes to take the tie to extra-time and Steven Pinau put the Hibs ahead for the first time just a minute after the restart.

So it stood until five minutes from the end when a controversial hand-ball gave Morton a penalty which Russell slotted away to equalise then, with only two minutes on the clock, another debatable decision gave the visitors a free-kick which was knocked in on the rebound by Ryan Harding.

SPL

August 30, 2008

Hibernian 0-1 Motherwell

WITH European action yet to come and no League Cup duty as yet, Motherwell visited Easter Road having played only three SPL games - just half of Hibernian's competitive total so far.

The Fir Park side were, however, looking for their first win

of the season after suffering two defeats and a draw during their opening trio.

Sadly, for Hibs, the Steelmen were to leave the capital with their first three points of the season thanks to a John Sutton goal just 11 minutes before the end.

SPL

September 13, 2008

Hibernian 2-1 Dundee United

STRIKER Steven Fletcher had played in all of Hibs' games so far but had yet to find the net - he made up for it in this game though.

He hit his first in the 22nd minute but the Easter Road crowd must have thought 'here we go again' when Lee Wilkie equalised for the Tangerines just before the break.

Fletcher hit his second of the game though, to give the Hibs a vital three points ahead of their first away game in a month.

SPL

September 20, 2008

Hamilton 0-1 Hibernian

RETURNING Hibe, Derek Riordan, made a 'debut' substitute appearance in the win over United and he was to make a more telling bench-start in Hibs' first ever game at the New Douglas Park.

Just 50 seconds after replacing Steven Fletcher in the first half, Riordan netted his first goal since returning to Hibernian as the Leith side celebrated their first away win for seven months. ↪



TODAY'S VISITORS

HIBERNIAN



SPL

September 28, 2008

Hibernian 0-3 Rangers

THE Ibrox side were the next to visit Easter Road and left with all three points when Hibs were left kicking themselves at two breakaway goals from Rangers after the home side had come so close to scoring at the other end.

This was Derek Riordan's first start since returning but it was another striker with Hibs and Celtic connections who grabbed the limelight as Kenny Miller netted twice before Madjid Bougherra added the third.

SPL

October 4, 2008

Aberdeen 1-2 Hibernian

ANOTHER Miller, this time Lee, scored against Hibs on their next outing but two goals from Derek Riordan gave the Edinburgh side a second away win on the trot.

Riordan opened the scoring when he latched on to a dodgy pass-back in the 33rd minute but less than 10 minutes later the scoreline was level when Miller hit from the spot.

A controversial spot-kick award gave Riordan the opportunity to put Hibs back in front and he made no mistake from 12 yards.

SPL

October 19, 2008

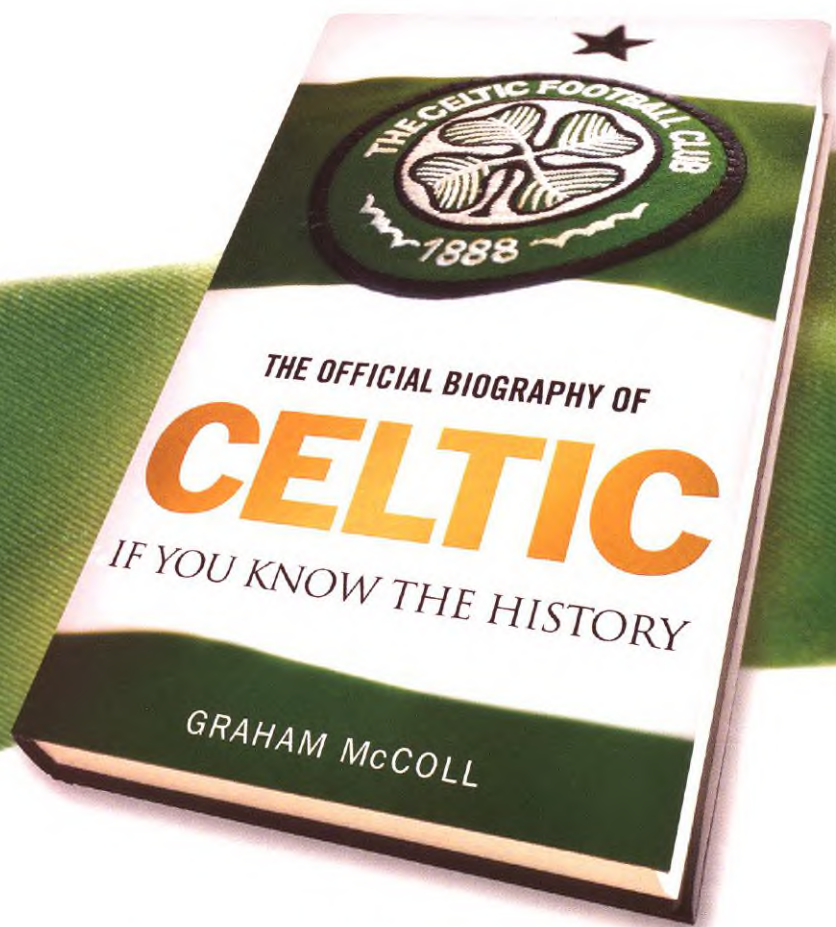
Hibernian 1-1 Hearts

THE game had barely started when Steven Fletcher bagged his first Edinburgh derby goal in last Sunday's live TV match.

It was a game that both starting keepers would probably want to forget although, like Fletcher's goal, there was little the last man could do about Bruno Aguiar's equaliser direct from a free-kick.

Both sides will feel unlucky about not taking all three points from the first capital derby of the season.

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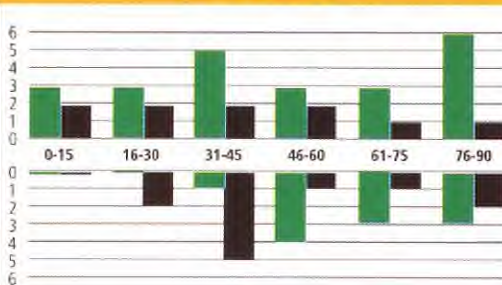
Celtic v Hibernian



Where & How Scored

Close range	4
Inside 18yd box	17
Outside 18yd box	2
Shots	16
Headers	2
Volleys	2
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

When Scored



Where & How Scored

Close range	2
Inside 18yd box	7
Outside 18yd box	1
Shots	6
Headers	3
Volleys	0
Penalties	1
Free Kicks	0
Own Goals	0

Top Goalscorer

Georgios Samaras



league goals	8
cup goals	2
total goals	10
games played	11

Hibernian's last 10 years



Top Goalscorer

Steven Fletcher



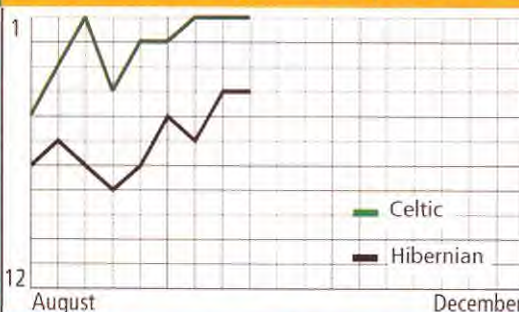
league goals	3
cup goals	0
total goals	3
games played	12

Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Inverness	A	2-1
Hamilton	H	4-0
Aberdeen	H	3-2
Kilmarnock	A	3-1
Motherwell	A	4-2
Rangers	H	2-4

Form Guide: **WWWWWL**

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Hearts	H	1-1
Aberdeen	A	2-1
Rangers	H	0-3
Hamilton	A	1-0
Dundee Utd	H	2-1
Motherwell	H	0-1

Form Guide: **DWLWWL**

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	1
Scored from corner	1
Conceded from corner	1
Fouls committed	106
Average per game	11.8
Yellow cards	15
Red cards	2

Last meeting at Celtic Park

Celtic	2-0	Hibernian
McManus 37 McDonald 87		
Attendance: 58,515	Referee: McDonald	
Boruc, Caldwell, Wilson, Naylor, McManus, Hartley, Nakamura, Robson, McGeady, Vennegoor of Hesselink (Samaras 78), McDonald (Sheridan 90)	McNeil, Hogg, Jones R, Canning, Rankin, Murray, Morais (Nish 88), Beuzelin, Fletcher, Shiels, Campbell (Donaldson 70)	
Booked: Nakamura, Hartley	Booked: Hogg, Shiels	
Sent off: none	Sent off: Canning, Murray	

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	2
Conceded from free kick	1
Scored from corner	0
Conceded from corner	0
Fouls committed	95
Average per game	10.6
Yellow cards	12
Red cards	1

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It was a special day out at Celtic Park for Kieran Henaghan and Kyle McGovern because the new Bhoys were mascots for the day.

And they led out the team alongside captain Stephen McManus before the game against Hamilton.

For Kieran (age 12) from Glasgow and Kyle (age 8) from Coatbridge, it was a special day and they were delighted to cheer on the Hoops as they beat Hamilton 4-0 thanks to goals from Shunsuke Nakamura, Georgios Samaras, Scott McDonald and Aiden McGeady.



JOANN'S A WINDFALL WINNER

CELTIC fanatic Joann McGrory is £8,500 richer thanks to the Paradise Windfall - but it took the 22-year-old almost a week to find out about her good fortune.

The Employment Advisor from Easterhouse bought the winning ticket at the Hamilton Academical match on Saturday, October 4, just days after returning from watching Celtic against Villarreal in Spain.

However, Joann only got round to checking her numbers on the following Friday and couldn't believe it when she was told that she'd hit the jackpot!

"I'm still in shock," Joann said. "I'd been running late for the Hamilton game and I just managed to stop off and buy three Windfall tickets.

"I put them in my pocket and totally forgot to check them at half-time. I had just returned from watching Celtic against Villarreal and I was taking some photographs over to my friends elsewhere in the stadium.

"We'd met Peter Lawwell and Brian Quinn in Spain and I promised my friends that I'd give them copies of the photographs.

"With all that going on, I totally forgot to check my numbers and it wasn't until Tuesday that I remembered I had to look at the winning numbers.

"I had a lot going on, so it wasn't until Friday that I managed to get round to it and I couldn't believe I'd

scooped the jackpot. I was stunned when they told me I'd won £8,500."

Joann, who recently got engaged, has promised to spend the bulk of her winnings on her family, but also revealed it will pay for her to follow Celtic around Europe.

"I go everywhere to watch Celtic," said the girl with the famous Celtic surname. "This money will come in handy for those trips, but I'll also treat my gran and take her somewhere nice. It's been a brilliant surprise for me."



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: GREGOR KYLE

UNITED FRONT

THE CELTS SHOWED CHARACTER AMID THE THEATRE OF DREAMS ON TUESDAY NIGHT AND GARY CALDWELL SAYS THEY WILL HAVE TO DISPLAY THOSE SAME QUALITIES AGAINST HIBERNIAN TODAY.


It was a heart-in-mouth moment, a snapshot in a frantic first half that instilled fresh hope in the thousands of Celtic supporters packed into Old Trafford.

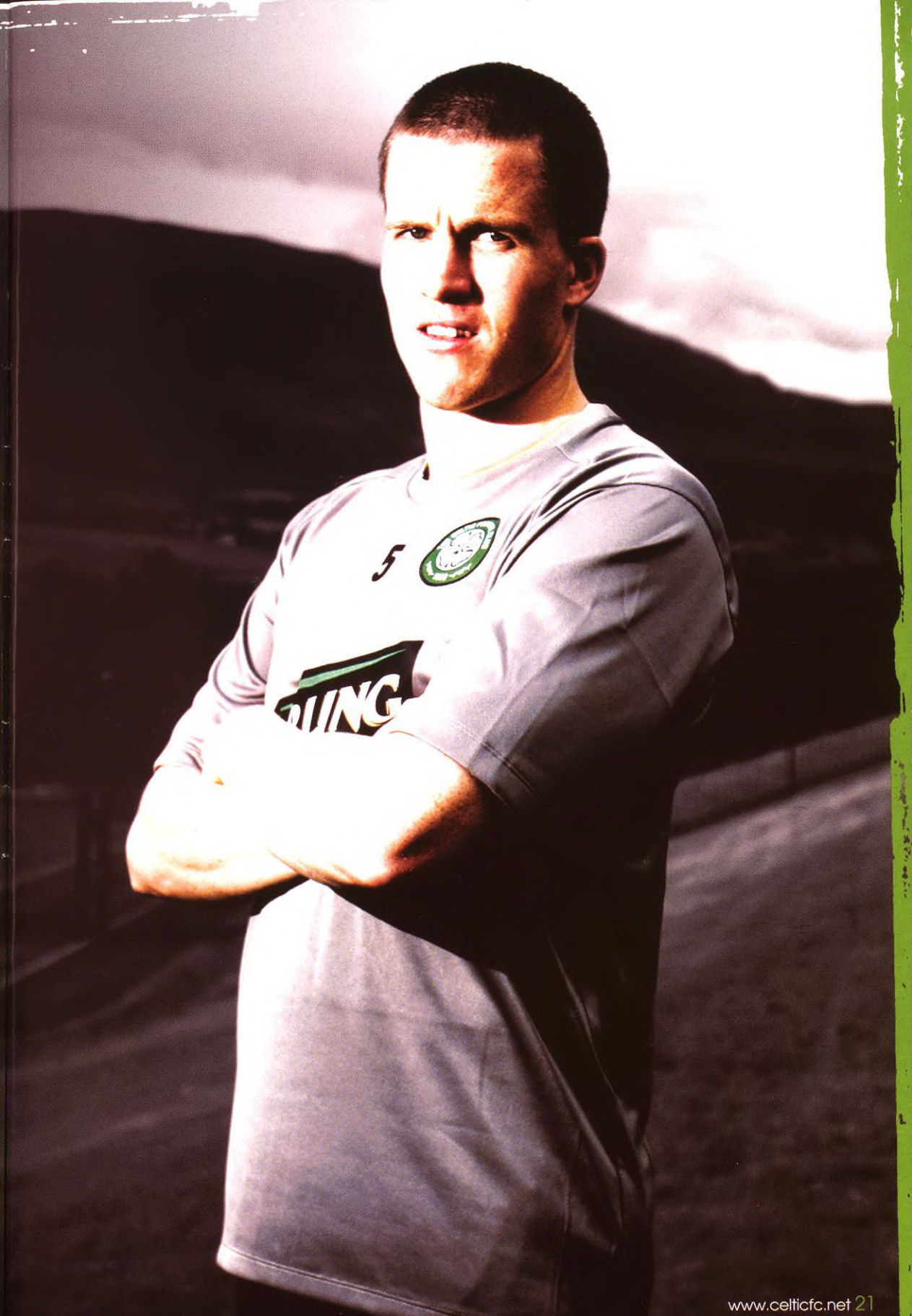
You can still picture it now, the ball breaking to the edge of the box and Gary Caldwell stepping on to it, driving in a shot on target which was pushed up and over the bar by Edwin van der Sar.

"I caught it pretty sweet, but it was straight at him and I saw that as soon as I hit it," said Caldwell. "He was always going to save it, but had it been either side of him, you just never know."

There is a feeling, given the way that Manchester United went on to play, particularly in the second half, that a Celtic goal at that stage in the game may only have provoked them.

Speaking to the matchday programme just a couple of days after the game, Caldwell smiles at the suggestion and is the first to admit that the reigning UEFA Champions League winners were in imperious form on Tuesday night.

A team equipped with a lesser strength of will and character would have thrown in the towel and been hammered by a higher scoreline. 



You only need to look back to April 2007 when United set what was then a Champions League record victory against Roma, destroying a team packed with Italian internationalists 7-1 and on a near-monthly basis, at least one Premiership side suffers nightmares at 'the Theatre of Dreams'.

"It was hard," continued Caldwell. "At 2-0 you are fighting and trying to stay in the game, you still have the knowledge that if you get a goal you still have a chance.

"Once it went to three, we had 15 minutes of chasing and trying to keep our pride and a lot of teams would have chucked it and stopped tracking men.

"That wouldn't happen in this team, we have great guts and determination to stay with it and I thought we showed that on Tuesday night.

"Although we were outplayed we can learn from that and stay positive in the hope that we can get it right."

Caldwell in many ways encapsulated Celtic's courage and determination on Tuesday, with the centre-half outstanding in an unfamiliar midfield role.

He was also playing through injury, having suffered a particularly nasty foot wound in last week's league win over Inverness Caledonian Thistle, although there was little evidence of this during 90 minutes where he chased, harried and rarely gave away possession in the face of pressure.

It was an excellent display from a player who has had to work for every opportunity at Celtic Park and overcome more than his fair share of doubters.

In the face of pressure, his attitude has been exemplary

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and anyone who has had the pleasure of dealing with this down-to-earth, honest character has been pleased to see the way he has established himself at the club and that he has been in exceptional form these past 10 months.

"I was quite happy with the way I played overall, but in the first 20 minutes I think we all struggled a bit," said Caldwell.

"I found it very fast and when you step from midfield into defence, the pace of the game is so much quicker.

"I took a bit of time to adjust and you have to know your passes before the ball comes to you, whereas at the back you have that bit more time.

"It was difficult to adjust to that, but once I got used to the pace of the game I felt I did alright, as did everyone really.

"We all stuck to our guns and didn't throw the towel in, which is good and it was a difficult night for everyone.

"I've been happy with my form of late and I think I have improved as a player," he continued. "When I first came here I was quite young and I said that I wanted to improve and I feel I have over the years.

"The experience that you get, playing in big games like Tuesday night, which I have done over the past two-and-a-

half years, that makes you better. I feel I have improved and that experience is what is helping me at the minute.

"I love playing here and it's why I came here, the challenge of having to win your place, prove people wrong and overcome the doubters.

"That's what drives you on and gives you the motivation every day. Now that I have proved that I am good enough to play here, I just want to play as much as I can and win as much as I can.

"It's a great club, one that is in Europe every year, if we win the championship. That's where you want to be, the Champions League is fantastic place to play. If we win the league every year, we will get that opportunity."

Scottish Premier League business will again be the priority today and if ever the players needed a reality check, it arrived on Thursday when they reported for training amid wild, wintry conditions at Lennoxton.

As the wind whipped across the pitches and the rain pounded down relentlessly, the players began their preparations for what they recognise is one of the biggest tests in a domestic season.

Hibs now look to be finding form under Mixu Paatelainen and the players will quickly have to shake off any aches, niggles and lingering exhaustion from Tuesday night.

"The emotion, the adrenalin and everything that goes with those games can be difficult to handle, but we have to realise that it's days like today which give us the opportunity to play Man United, AC Milan, Barcelona.

"We have to be right for this game against Hibs and be every bit as prepared as we were on Tuesday night.

"We want to put on a performance and get a win, because winning the league, as we have always said, is the most important thing at Celtic, you have to do it every year. We have done it the past three years and want to do it again.

"Hibs have been more dangerous recently and they have scored more goals, but as I have said before, if we do things right, people shouldn't enjoy coming to play us here.

"We have had our injuries recently and the guys who are out are big in terms of their stature and their height.

"It's been difficult in that sense, in that we have had to adapt and play a different way. But we have to be ready for that and the boys who are being given an opportunity now, who might not have seen an opportunity coming, have to be ready to take it and step up to the plate.

"We have done that in recent games in the SPL and hopefully we will keep that going."



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JOHN CLARK

THE GOLDEN YEARS

Born: March 13, 1941 in Bellshill

Role: Left-Half 1958-71

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 11st 5lbs

Playing Career:

Chapelhall Boys' Guild, Larkhall Thistle October 1957, Birmingham City July 1958, Larkhall Thistle August 1958, **CELTIC October 1958**, Morton June 1971.

Backroom Career:

CELTIC Coach 1973, Aberdeen Assistant manager January 1978, **CELTIC Assistant manager May 1978 to July 1983**, Cowdenbeath Manager March 1984 to December 1985, Stranraer Manager January 1986, Clyde Manager July 1986 to May 1992, Shotts Bon Accord Manager May 25 1993, **CELTIC Kit Manager 1997**

Celtic playing stats:

	Apps	Subs	Goals
League:	185	1	1
League Cup:	60	2	1
Scottish Cup:	30	1	1
Europe:	37	-	-
Total	312	4	3

Playing Honours:

European Cup	1967
League Championships	1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68
Scottish Cups	1964/65, 1966/67, 1968/69
League Cups	1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69

International Caps

Scotland 1 Brazil 1
June 25, 1966, International Challenge Match
 Wales 1 Scotland 1
October 25, 1966, UEFA European Championship Qualifier
 Scotland 2 Northern Ireland 1
November 16, 1966, UEFA European Championship Qualifier
 Scotland 0 USSR 2
May 10, 1967, International Challenge Match
 Scotland 3 Wales 2
November 22, 1967, UEFA European Championship Qualifier

Two Scottish League Caps

Between April 1965 and September 1967, John Clark did not miss a single Celtic game.

Played from April 17, 1965 v Partick Thistle, League

Season	L	LC	SC	GC	Euro	Total
1964/65	2	-	1	3		6
1965/66	34	11	7	*	8	60
1966/67	34	10	6	3	9	62
1967/68	3	7	-	1	1	12
Total	73	28	14	7	18	140

Missed September 27, 1967 v Ayr United, League Cup quarter-final

* Glasgow Cup not played for in season 1965/66

During this run, John also played four times for Scotland and Celtic played 17 major friendlies including the North American tour, Manchester United and the Di Stefano Testimonial.



THE A-Z OF A CELTIC CAREER

...JOHN CLARK

LISBON LION John Clark signed for Celtic 50 years ago this month and to celebrate the occasion, he is the subject of this weekend's A-Z.

A is for Anniversary. How does it feel to still be here, 50 years on from when you first signed for the club? I have to thank the man up there (points upwards). He has blessed me with good health and good fortune. I could never have imagined, in a million years, that I would still be here 50 years down the line. As I said, it's down to a lot of luck, being here at the right time in my life and touch wood, I have been blessed with good health as well.

B is for Billy. You played alongside Billy McNeill in the centre of defence and worked as his assistant. Do you have a close friendship and partnership with 'Cesar'?

We travelled in to the park together as players and both came from practically the same area, I was from Chapelhall, he was from Bellshill. I was actually on the coaching staff here when Billy was still playing, I had returned here as part of the coaching staff after spending a season playing with Morton. Jock Stein and Sean Fallon were working with the first team and I was working with the younger lads. We were friends as well as team-mates and Billy actually just left here a minute ago, he was in here with Bertie Auld. It's well-documented how close all the lads were and how we all stick together, mind you, sometimes you'd like to pull it all apart!

C is for Celtic. What does the club mean to you? Celtic has been my life and I have worked here in every decade over 50 years, around 37 years in total. It meant a great deal to me as a youngster, because if you are a Celtic supporter who gets the opportunity to play for the club, you can only thrive, it's every supporter's ambition. I am just so fortunate that I have had the opportunity to play and work

here, but I never thought that I would enjoy such a long association with the club and could never have imagined, when I signed, the success we would have under such a great manager as Jock Stein. He pushed us to be the best we could be and drove us to the greatest honour that any club can win. It's been a major part of my life and as I said, I always attach that word 'luck' to me and Celtic.

D is for Derby. How did you enjoy the games against Rangers and do you still enjoy them today?

A footballer has to experience playing in a Celtic v Rangers derby. You can talk about it and tell people what it's like, but you really have to take part on it. I love them and as a player, I thrived on them. When you are out on the field you don't hear a chant or anything, you just hear this constant noise. In this game, more than any other, I would say that it's a major plus that you are completely concentrated on what you have to do. You have to be alert and aware of everything that's going on about you.

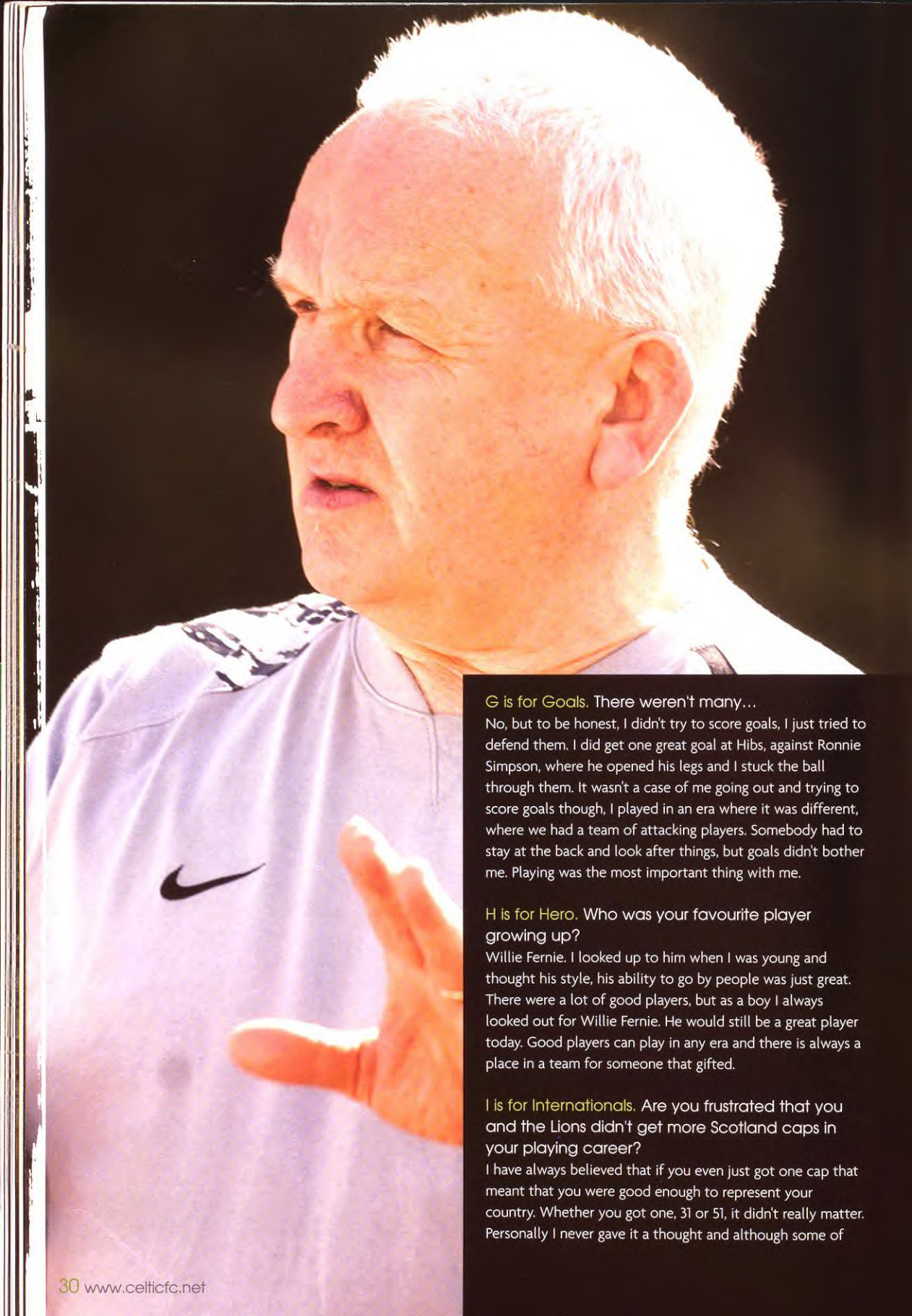
E is for Emotion. Can you sum up your feelings at the final whistle in Lisbon?

Bobby Lennox ran over and hugged me and I don't like guys hugging me! The bottom line is that I am particular about who hugs me and when a guy like Bobby Lennox starts putting his arms around you that should tell you a lot about how I felt at the final whistle!

F is for Funny-man. The Lions side was full of great characters, who was the dressing room joker?

You hear people telling stories about the team, in books and on television and it's been fairly well-documented how well we all got on. It was one of the funniest dressing rooms that I have ever been a part of. I've still to see a team that has the personalities that we had. I am not going to name them, but I don't think there is any team that can equal that atmosphere. 🐾





G is for Goals. There weren't many...

No, but to be honest, I didn't try to score goals, I just tried to defend them. I did get one great goal at Hibs, against Ronnie Simpson, where he opened his legs and I stuck the ball through them. It wasn't a case of me going out and trying to score goals though, I played in an era where it was different, where we had a team of attacking players. Somebody had to stay at the back and look after things, but goals didn't bother me. Playing was the most important thing with me.

H is for Hero. Who was your favourite player growing up?

Willie Fernie. I looked up to him when I was young and thought his style, his ability to go by people was just great. There were a lot of good players, but as a boy I always looked out for Willie Fernie. He would still be a great player today. Good players can play in any era and there is always a place in a team for someone that gifted.

I is for Internationals. Are you frustrated that you and the Lions didn't get more Scotland caps in your playing career?

I have always believed that if you even just got one cap that meant that you were good enough to represent your country. Whether you got one, 31 or 51, it didn't really matter. Personally I never gave it a thought and although some of

the boys may have been a wee bit disappointed, we didn't really give it a thought at the time. It was never a major issue, we were more than content to play for Celtic.

J is for Junior. How valuable was that early experience of playing in the junior league?

I played for Larkhall Thistle and most people would associate that particular area as a major Rangers stronghold, but I was treated very well. I was only a boy, I was only about 15 or 16, but I was playing in a really good team, alongside junior internationalists. They were men and I was a boy, but they helped me and I must have done alright, because I got a bit of success from that.

K is for Kitman. Do you enjoy your work today?

(Smiles) The only bad thing about my job is people asking me for interviews, especially people from the *Celtic View!* It's a very demanding job and the games come in really quickly, one week you are in the SPL, the next you are getting ready for a European tie. It's like playing, you have to concentrate and think ahead all the time. I love my job though and there's a good team here, with wee Joe (Hayes) and Angie (Thomson). Joe gets on with his work and if you ask him to do something he just gets on with it. Then you've got Angie and you ask her to do something and get verbals back. I sometimes have to go ask people about some of the words she calls me, everything seems to start with 'ya wee fat...' But we're a good team and my wife loves both of them.

L is for Lions. What is the secret to the close friendship you have all maintained over the years? It's hard to describe the friendship we have, but it's like being a part of a family. They are all like brothers to me. I've been involved in the club for 50 years and so have a lot of the other guys and that's a long time to be that close. I've been so fortunate to have enjoyed that friendship and the great thing is that working here, a lot of them pop in to see me. Mind you, I know the reason why, they're all looking for jerseys to get signed! Bertie (Auld) always has a wee green bag at his side! It's great to have such good friends, the camaraderie is still as strong today and I don't think there's a sporting team in the world that has enjoyed the bond we have. It's completely unique and we never forget each other. There is a friendship there that will never be broken.

M is for Medals. Your medals are on display in the Celtic boardroom. Do you keep any mementoes at home?

No, I don't. Everything is in the boardroom, along with a few other players' medals. I feel really honoured that they are on display there and the supporters are able to see them.

N is for Nickname. Where did you get the name 'Luggy'?

Back in the good old days the youngsters trained in the winter nights under one spotlight above the grass at the back of the goal. It was raining heavily one night, there was muck up to our eyes and if you lost a goal, somebody went in. A ball came through and I came out to collect it. Big Billy was running at me but slipped and his shin hit me right on the ear. There was blood everywhere and I had to go in and get stitched up and the doctor stuck a plaster that went from my forehead to the back of my head. That's where the name came from, but to be honest, I didn't really care for it, I prefer to be called 'Clarkey'. The funny thing was that a few days later Dr Fitzsimmons had to take the stitches out and doctors being doctors, they don't feel pain and he just pulled this plaster off. It was agony and when he did it, I reacted and punched him on the chest and he went flying across the dressing room! He ran out in a state of shock and got big Jock, who called me into his office. He was trying to be serious, but he couldn't, I explained what happened and he burst out laughing. I didn't mean to do it, it was just the way he ripped the plaster off, I automatically punched him! I did have a lot of respect for the doctor, it was just the shock that made me do it.

O is for Opponent. Who was your toughest opponent?

I never went out in fear of any player, although I respected all the players I played against. Maybe I am wrong and I don't want to sound big-headed, but I felt I did a reasonable job against everybody I played against. As the games went on I always felt that I was dominating them, rather than the other way around.

P is for Pele. You played against him, just how good a player was he?

He was class at that time in his life. He was actually a legend 10 years earlier aged 17. That was my first international and I was thrown in to play against him. It wasn't a bad introduction to international football!

Q is for Quintuple. You won the League, the European Cup, Scottish Cup, League Cup and Glasgow Cup in 1967, a clean sweep of honours. Was 1967 your greatest year?

We even played a game of bowls down at Helenvale and won that as well! But if we had only won the European Cup that year, that would have been a great achievement in itself. To do the clean sweep, wasn't bad.

R is for Room-mate. Who did you share a room with on European trips?

I was in with Big Billy most of the time and our room was like a chocolate factory. You never ran out of food with us around, there was always piles of chocolates and sweets lying around. 🍫

S is for Seville? You were part of the backroom staff for the UEFA Cup final. How do you look back on that night?

We were in another major final which was a tremendous achievement, but when you look at the number of supporters who travelled over, you couldn't get any better. They were tremendous. I am just glad that it was a game with goals in it and it would have been worse if we had lost 1-0. The game excited people, when it was 2-2 I just wish we held tight, but we unfortunately we lost. It was a night where I wished I was a player again, you just loved the big stage and the big games like that. That's what you want as a Celtic player.

T is for Team-mate. Who was the best player you played with?

That's almost impossible to say, because the pool of players I played with at that time was excellent. The ones who followed would have been a great plus to the club during the Lions era as well, players like Danny (McGrain) and Kenny Dalglish. It was an era of great players and Danny and Kenny would have fitted in to that Lions squad. Even later on, young Paul McStay would have fitted in as well.

U is for Under-rated. You have been described as the unsung hero in that Lions team...

That's really for others to say. There was nobody in that team with a big ego, we were from working class backgrounds, a lot of us came from mining villages and you would get pulled

down pretty quickly if you thought you were Billy Big-Time. I just went with the flow, like the rest of the lads.

V is for Victory. Which win have you most enjoyed as a player and supporter?

I was at the 7-1 game at Hampden when we beat Rangers, but it's always great to beat Rangers, no matter what the occasion is and everyone knows that. I would say that a tremendous victory for us, one of the best results we had as a club, was beating Vojvodina here at Celtic Park. Billy scored a header in last seconds from a Charlie Gallagher corner. That was fantastic and so important, because it put us through to the semi-final. The name Vojvodina might not mean a lot to people today, but back then they were a class side.

W is for War. Was that series of games against Racing Club in the World Club Championship one of the most unsavoury experiences of your career?

It wasn't a game of football, it was horrible. I must say that I am fed up looking at footage of me in that John L Sullivan pose, boxing. You would have thought there was another clip of me in action, but it seems to me that you guys in the media department like that one! Looking back to that moment, the guy ran away and I never saw him again. In fact, I couldn't see him for dust!

X is for X-Factor. Which modern player do you most enjoy watching?

I love watching the likes of Cesc Fabregas at Arsenal, Andres Iniesta at Barcelona and Messi and Xavi as well. Another favourite of mine is Ryan Giggs. He is a tremendous player and I was a bit disappointed that he didn't play in our game against Man United the other night. He is a class act with a tremendous left foot and ability to go by players. I love watching players of that quality.

Y is for Youth. Who is the most talented young player you worked with as a coach?

There were a few in that era, Kenny Dalglish, Danny McGrain, Lou Macari, Victor Davidson, Davie Hay and later on, George McCluskey, Roy Aitken and Paul McStay. There was also a guy called Willie McStay in the team at that time, I wonder what happened to him...

Z is for Zenith. What would you say is your greatest achievement?

Just being at Celtic for as long as I have. My goal is to be here for another 50 years, but the way things are, I think Angie will batter me before I last another two weeks! With the mood she's in today I can't see myself lasting much longer!





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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

December 22, 2007: Jiri Jarosik celebrates his goal with Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink.



TODAY'S game between Celtic and Hibernian will be the 264th time these two sides have met on league business.

The Hoops have won 152 of these league encounters, while Hibernian have won 48 games, with the other 63 matches ending all-square.

Last season, Celtic triumphed in two of the meetings against the Easter Road side. The Hoops won 2-0 both home and away, while drawing 1-1 at home and also being defeated 3-2 at Easter Road.

We look back at these four matches ahead of today's game at Celtic Park.

Hibernian 3-2 Celtic

(McGeady 26, Caldwell 66)

September 26, 2007, Easter Road

The first of the four meetings between Celtic and Hibernian last season was a 3-2 defeat for Gordon Strachan's side at Easter Road.

The defeat meant Celtic losing their undefeated run since the start of the season. Steven Fletcher put the home side ahead within five minutes but young Irishman

Aiden McGeady levelled the scoring with his first goal of the season.

The Edinburgh side restored their one-goal lead before the break but a soaring header from defender Gary Caldwell levelled the sides.

With only minutes left in the match, Dean Sheils scored the winner when he pounced at close-range after Mickael Antoine-Curier's shot slipped from the hands of Artur Boruc.

Celtic 1-1 Hibernian

(Jarosik 78)

December 22, 2007, Celtic Park

THERE was no festive cheer for Celtic as they could only draw 1-1 with Hibernian. For the opening 20 minutes Celtic were the stronger side, but the visitors took the lead with a well-manoeuvred counter-attack.

Defender David Murphy raced over the halfway line, before playing a one-two with Benjelloun and racing into the box to open the scoring with a powerful shot which crashed off the crossbar and into the net.

With just 12 minutes of the match remaining, substitute Jiri Jarosik levelled the scoring.

Scott Brown played a corner into the box which was knocked back into the mix by Stephen McManus. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink stuck his leg out and the ball came to Jiri Jarosik, who calmly put the ball into the back of the net past Yves Ma-kalambay.

Hibernian 0-2 Celtic

(Naylor 64, Samaras 75)

March 1, 2008, Easter Road

CELTIC kicked off a busy schedule of games with a visit to Easter Road ahead of their last 16 UEFA Champions League clash with Barcelona.

As ever, it was a hard-fought contest between the Hoops and Hibernian and after a goal-less first half, Lee Naylor broke the deadlock in the 64th minute with his first ever goal for the club.

Georgios Samaras came on for Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink in the 72nd minute. The impact from the big Greek striker was almost immediate as, within three minutes of his introduction, he headed Lee Naylor's cross into the back of the net to seal all three points for the Champions.



March 1, 2008: Georgios Samaras celebrates his goal with Scott McDonald.

Celtic 2-0 Hibernian

(McManus 37, McDonald 87)

May 11, 2008, Celtic Park

THE race for the league title was about to go to the wire as in the last home game of the season, Celtic beat Hibernian 2-0 to go four points clear at the top of the SPL.

During a very entertaining first half Celtic broke the deadlock on 37 minutes when skipper Stephen McManus headed home from 10 yards from a Shunsuke Nakamura corner.

And despite only having that one-goal lead for most of the match, Scott McDonald netted on 87 minutes for his 31st goal of the season, heading home a Barry Robson free-kick.

At the end of the match, Hibernian had been reduced to nine men as both Murray and Canning had been red-carded. With only one game to go, Celtic were still in the hunt for three-in-a-row.



May 11, 2008: Scott McDonald celebrates his goal.

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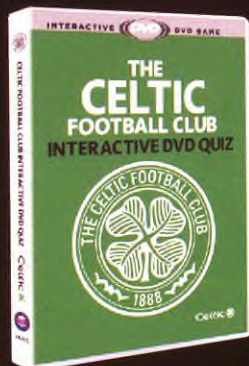
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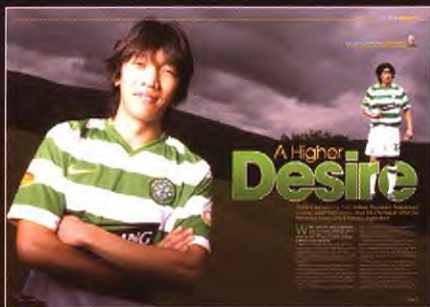
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CELTIC CHARITY CUP 2008

ST THOMAS AQUINAS BHOYS TRIUMPH IN FIVE-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

THE second year of the Celtic Charity Cup five-a-side tournament proved to be a tremendous success as 16 teams fought it out to lift the trophy.

And when the final whistle blew, it was the Bhoys from St Thomas Aquinas who emerged triumphant, receiving their trophy from Celtic legend, George McCluskey.

The event, at Powerleague, Glasgow, gave fans the chance to take part in a five-a-side competition and raise money for main beneficiary CHAS (Children's Hospice Association Scotland) plus a host of other charities through Celtic Charity Fund.

With 16 teams taking part, the tournament was organised into Champions League-style groups, with the top two from each group progressing to the knockout quarter-final stages.

The final was contested by St Thomas Aquinas and Knight Frank - captained by Joseph Maguire and Mark Quigley respectively - and it was all square at 1-1 as the final whistle blew.

A very tense penalty shoot out, tied at 4-4, saw the two goalkeepers go head-to-head in sudden death and while John Giddings scored for St Thomas Aquinas, the unlucky Knight Frank keeper placed his shot over the bar.

George McCluskey, who was on hand to present the medals to the winners and runners-up and present the trophy to the victorious St Thomas Aquinas, said: "This is a fantastic idea and a great way of raising money for CHAS and other wonderful causes through the Charity Fund.

"All the boys who've taken part have enjoyed the day and hopefully the Celtic Charity Cup will continue to go from strength to strength."

The trophy will now be engraved with the winning team's name and displayed in the boardroom at Celtic Park until the 2009 tournament.

St Thomas Aquinas will be invited to play on the hallowed turf at Celtic Park during the half-time interval of the game against St Mirren on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

The winning squad was also presented with seven sets of the home kit, while Knight Frank received the away kit, both courtesy of Nike.

In addition, there was a random prize draw which saw two other teams - Diageo and The Dog's Conkers - receive sets of the current Celtic kit (again courtesy of Nike).

Celtic Football Club donated 10 pairs of match tickets - five for the Kilmarnock game on November 12 and five for the Inverness game on November 29. They were won by:

Kilmarnock: Allan Belton (Keeny's Cloggers); Gordon Keogh (The Dog's Conkers); Gerry Henderson (Glenboig Hoops); Gary Higgins (Cowie Shamrock); Kevin Short (Phoenix Green); Inverness Caledonian Thistle: Dariusz Glowacz (Team GV); Dominic Traynor (Partick Argyll); John Docherty (St Thomas Aquinas); Paul Gaughan (Diageo); Tony Reid (Emerald Isle).

As well as these contributions from Nike and Celtic FC, new website www.arrangethegame.com promoted the tournament and managed all online bookings at no cost to Celtic Charity Fund.

Forrest Media donated display banners for the event and Angus Johnston provided complimentary photography services.

The tournament received phenomenal support on the day from Powerleague who managed the event superbly.

To register your interest for the 2009 Celtic Charity Cup, please contact Jane Maguire on 0141-551 4262 or e-mail janemaguire@celticfc.co.uk





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QUARTER-FINALS

Knight Frank 4-2 The Dog's Conkers
Diageo 4-0 Team GV
St Thomas Aquinas 4-1 Styx AFC
Emerald Isle 3-2 Oban Emerald CSC

SEMI-FINALS

Knight Frank 1-1 Emerald Isle
(Knight Frank won 3-1 on penalties)
Diageo 1-1 St Thomas Aquinas
(St Thomas Aquinas won 5-4 on penalties)

FINAL

Knight Frank 1-1 St Thomas Aquinas
(St Thomas Aquinas won 5-4 on penalties)



CHAS

The Children's Hospice Association Scotland (CHAS) is a Scottish charity established to provide hospice services in Scotland for children with life-limiting conditions.

A children's hospice offers professional care, practical help and emotional support to the whole family usually from the day they are referred until the death of their child and beyond.

Rachel House, Scotland's first children's hospice, opened in Kinross in March 1996. Robin House in Balloch opened in August 2005. Both hospices are purpose-built and each provides ongoing support for up to 200 families across Scotland each year.

Since 2003 the CHAS at Home Team (previously called Rachel House at Home) has helped children and their families in the Highlands by providing support to them in their own homes.

The team also provide homecare support to families across Scotland when they need it. Check out the CHAS website at www.chas.org.uk

ELDER STATESMAN

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: DAVID FRIEL

MARK MILLAR LED BY EXAMPLE AS THE OLDEST MEMBER OF THE RESERVES' MIDFIELD LAST WEEK, AND IT PAID OFF AS CELTIC PRODUCED AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE

THERE comes a time in the career of every central midfielder when they have to lead by example. It's a time when they have no option but to grab a game by the scruff of the neck and use their experience to help the youngsters around them.

For Mark Millar, that time arrived on Monday night as Celtic reserves beat Hamilton Academical 4-2. The scary thing is that this voice of experience has yet to celebrate his 21st birthday.

Playing in a four-man midfield beside Kevin Cawley (19), Richie Towell (17) and Carlo Monti (18), Millar at 20 was the father-figure of Willie McStay's engine room.

That fact brought about some added responsibility but the midfielder responded exactly as his coach expected him to - with a desire to control the game and make it easy for his younger team-mates.

"It was strange to be the oldest guy in midfield because it's never really been that way since I've been up with the

boys in the middle of the park. Kevin Cawley and Carlo Monti were excellent on the wings, and Richie Towell did really well playing beside me in the centre.

"It was a real team effort and I felt the first-half was as good a 45 minutes as we've had this season. We got the ball down and passed Hamilton to death.

"After losing to Motherwell and drawing with Aberdeen, it was great to get back to winning ways. We didn't want to give the other teams a chance to close the gap at the top, so overall it was a good victory."

Hamilton, who currently sit bottom of the reserve league table, probably thought their luck was in on Monday night when they scanned the Celtic team-sheet and realised that only Paul McGowan and Ryan Conroy had tasted competitive first-team action for the Hoops.

With experienced figures like Stuart Taylor, Brian Carrigan, Tony Stevenson, David Elebert and Derek Lyle on show, it

"WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE LIST OF SENIOR GUYS I'VE PLAYED WITH, IT'S INCREDIBLE. PLAYERS LIKE TOMMY GRAVESEN, JIRI JAROSIK, EVANDER SNO AND MASSIMO DONATI...THEY HAVE ALL PLAYED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AND I LEARNED A LOT FROM THEM."

reserves for the last 18 months," he said, speaking to the Matchday Programme.

"When you look at the list of senior guys I've played with, it's incredible. Players like Tommy Gravesen, Jiri Jarosik, Evander Sno and Massimo Donati...they have all played at the highest level in the Champions League and I learned a lot from them.

"But when Monday night came around, we didn't have that kind of experience so I suppose there was an added responsibility on me. That was fine though.

"I like having that kind of responsibility. It's something I relish and I really enjoyed the game. It was a young midfield we had out there, a young team in fact, but the boys were superb.

"As a midfielder, I've got nothing but praise for the other

could have been men against boys, but McStay's side used their youthful exuberance to their advantage.

Millar said: "When we saw the Hamilton line-up, we expected a really tough match. Experience can go a long way in reserve football and they had so many guys playing with a lot of first-team games under their belt.

"Their assistant manager (Stuart Taylor) was playing and he's been around the game for years. To be honest, I think most of their players are in and about the first-team.

"But we went out with confidence and we followed Willie McStay's instructions. He told us to move the ball quick, to get their defence moving about and to hurt them when going into one-on-ones.



"That's what we did and the gaps started to appear. It was 3-0 at half-time and it could have been more. Some of the football was a joy to watch.

"The defence did their job and allowed us to play. Up front, Koki Mizuno and Paul McGowan were outstanding. Their touch and movement was different class and it meant that we could play the one-touch football Willie wanted.

"Barring the last 10 minutes, when we let our standards slip, the only real threat from Hamilton was from set-pieces. We didn't have a lot of height in the team and Scott Fox was getting battered with high balls into the box.

"Fair play to him though, he dealt with it all really well. The only disappointment was that we allowed them to pull back two late goals and make it 4-2.

"I think Willie was happy though and he will be boosted by the performances of the younger lads. With injuries and first-team commitments, he had to go with them but they showed that they can make the jump up without any problem."

With seven games of the league campaign completed, the reserves sit in their usual place at the top of the standings and Millar sees no reason why they can't stay there for the whole season as they chase an eighth successive title.

He said: "I think the team is progressing well and I think we have the right blend of youth and experience. Having first-team players come in from time to time also helps, but I think there is a good solid core of players.

"We'd slipped up against Motherwell when we lost 1-0 and then we had to settle for a draw against Aberdeen, when we

played with 10 men for over an hour.

"Those results made it even more important to get a win on Monday but all the boys were delighted with the way we bounced back. There is a lot of confidence in the squad and it would mean a lot to get eight titles in a row."

While Millar has his sights firmly set on team success with the reserves this season, continued personal progression is also uppermost in his thoughts.

His consistent displays with the reserves earned him an appearance in the first-team's pre-season friendly with Manchester City, while he was also named in a recent Scotland Under-21 squad.

During the recent international break, Millar found himself training with the remaining first-team players and was buoyed by encouragement from manager Gordon Strachan.

"I'm feeling a lot fitter and stronger this season," he said. "I think I've improved my game a lot and I just need to keep progressing.

"Playing in the Man City game was a massive boost and it was great to get a taste of the big occasion. It makes you determined to get back there again.

"I'm happy with the way things are going and the recent international break gave me a chance to train with the rest of the first-team. You can only learn from those guys and do all you can to impress the manager.

"At the end of the week, he said he was happy with the tempo of my play and said that's what he was looking for all the time. That was great to hear and hopefully I'll get another chance to impress soon."



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CELTIC NEWS

CLUB CONTINUES TO ACT AGAINST SEASON TICKET CHEATS

CELTIC are continuing to act against adults attempting to enter the stadium using a concession season ticket.

A stewarding operation at the start of the season to identify these ticket cheats caught 200 people and a number of new cases have been discovered in recent weeks.

This is something that the club treats very seriously and can assure its supporters that the club will continue to treat this matter with great seriousness and that the strongest possible action will be taken against these people who are cheating the club and other supporters.

Ongoing stewarding operations are in place with the aim to

find people who are cheating in the way tickets are being used.

Those who are continuing to do so are only taking advantage of their fellow supporters.

A Celtic spokesperson said: "The club won't tolerate this and we will be unrelenting in our bid to stop this practice. These people are cheating fellow Celtic supporters and the club."

The checks will continue to be carried out with the minimum of inconvenience to genuine supporters, who will appreciate why the club is taking such action.

The club would ask any supporter who knows of anyone engaged in this practice to please call the hotline number 0141-551 4495 or email ticketmisuse@celticfc.co.uk

JOHN INNES LIVE IN PARADISE

A HEAD of this afternoon's game against Hibernian, the 'People's Tenor' John Innes will perform two tracks live from the centre circle, singing *Nessun Dorma* and *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

For the past 10 years, this talented Scottish singer has been bringing opera out of the concert hall and into the lives of the people by performing in sports stadiums, shopping centres and high streets all over the land.

John has strong family roots in Glasgow and has decided to do his debut concert in Scotland at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on November 2 at 7.30pm. For tickets, contact the Box Office on 0141-353 8000.

Speaking ahead of his performance, John said: "If it wasn't for all of the people who have supported me over the years, I wouldn't be in a position I am today to have such an amazing opportunity to sing at Celtic Park.

"This is why *You'll Never Walk Alone* is such an inspirational and uplifting song for me!"



CELTIC YOUTH ACADEMY

AM now in my third season with Celtic Youth Academy and I thought it would be a good time to reflect on what my experience has been like to date.

When I think back being at the same age as the current squad of U15s, I played with Possil YM where we trained once a week and it was all essentially fitness or a game of football under streetlights.

When I look at what is provided for the players at the Academy it is incredible. They have access to teams of sports scientists, dieticians, physiotherapists and a coaching team with vast experience. It really is night and day.

The equipment provided for the players both in terms of training gear and trips abroad for tournaments and friendlies is also second to none.

When you consider it, it really is a fantastic time for the youths as there are no obstructions in their way to try and

succeed in the world of football, and hopefully at Celtic.

In saying all of that, the requirement for desire to succeed, application and a willingness to learn that were part of my development 25 years ago are the exact same now.

They need all of that to succeed and be a professional footballer. I played at lower division level for over 15 seasons and this was a pre-requisite.

Also both on and off the field, their conduct must be of the highest standard as they are representing a club with a worldwide reputation.

This season, the under-15s have really got off to a flyer. John Sludden and myself have been delighted at their first six games in the performance league were they have scored 32 goals.

The performances have generally been of a high standard and as coaches we have high hopes that several of this squad will represent Scottish Schoolboys at U16 level next season.



UNDER-15s



CHARITY CUP RUNNERS UP

Paul George, who is from Northern Ireland, is already in the squad this season for his country with a very interesting fixture coming up when they play against Scotland and players currently with Celtic U17s.

It has also been very pleasing to John Sludden and myself that Islam Feruz, who is presently top goal scorer at U15 level, has now played with the U17 and U19 Celtic teams this season and that really is a fantastic achievement both for him personally and for the squad as a whole.

We are still awaiting details of what tournament or trip abroad we will have this season although it would have to be of the highest standard to equal the week long trip to Qatar earlier this year.

Again, when I compare my time at Possil YM, we spent three weeks at the end of a season playing games in California. However, in between we essentially enjoyed ourselves and had no coaching at all.

All the players with Celtic Academy in Qatar played three games in a week and had double sessions of coaching every

other day which gave them an insight into the life of a full time footballer.

Going forward, we have very interesting fixtures in the run up to the end of the year which includes a derby game and we are hopeful that our squad can reproduce their performances and results against Rangers last year.

Our squad performance against the Glasgow and Edinburgh teams is the benchmark domestically for how they are progressing.

On the international front, already this season they have played against teams from Denmark and Austria and these are great experiences for potentially future Champions League players - like Aiden McGeady and Stephen McManus before them.

Hopefully, members of this squad will fulfil their dream to play at Celtic Park in front of 60,000 fans in the future.

For me, the closest I came in recent times was last week when I played with my work's team Knight Frank, in the Celtic Charity Cup and lost in the final on penalties.

The winning prize - to play at half-time on the pitch during a first-team game!

On This Day In History

2003

CELTIC'S most recent action on this day was against Aberdeen and it makes for happy reading as Celtic ran out 4-0 winners. Super Swede Henrik Larsson netted a hat trick and Chris Sutton scored a penalty.

After returning from a nightmare away defeat against Anderlecht in the UEFA Champions League, Celtic bounced back with a convincing four-goal thrashing of Aberdeen. The highlight of this game was Henrik Larsson's 15th hat-trick for the Hoops and the victory saw Celtic increase their lead at the top of the table to five points after title rivals Rangers could only draw 0-0 away to Livingston.

After Celtic had raced into a two-goal lead, any comeback from the visitors looked unlikely and when the home side were awarded a penalty on the stroke of half-time, the points looked secure for the Celts.

Larsson gave up the chance to complete his hat-trick, and it was Sutton who instead stepped forward to convert the spot-kick and give the Hoops a 3-0 half-time lead.

However, Celtic's Magnificent Seven was not to be denied for long and just nine minutes into the second half he scored his third and Celtic's fourth to complete a comprehensive victory.

1997

IN the season when Celtic stopped Rangers' bid for 10-in-a-row, Celtic enjoyed a 2-0 home win over St Johnstone on this day in 1997, though an identical scoreline against the same opposition on the final day of the season would prove altogether more significant.

On both occasions, Henrik Larsson got on the scoresheet, though in this first game, Celtic's other goal came from a Simon Donnelly penalty.

Larsson, who had joined the club in the summer from Feyenoord, was just finding his feet at the club, though having only spent three months in a Celtic jersey he had already racked up eight goals in 13 games. He increased his

goal tally when he scored against St Johnstone.

His goal against the Saints on the final day of the season put Celtic on the road to the league title and stopping the 10. And on that momentous final day of 1997/98, it was Norwegian striker Harald Brattbakk who netted the all-important second goal to bring the title back to Paradise.

1979

MIDFIELDER Dom Sullivan joined Celtic from Aberdeen on this day in 1979, going on to make a total of 113 appearances for the Hoops, scoring 15 goals.

Sullivan made his debut for Celtic in 1-0 home win against Rangers on October 27 when a Roddy MacDonald goal 14 minutes from time was enough to give the Hoops the victory, while one of his own highlights was a great goal against Hearts at Tynecastle in January 1981 when Celtic won 3-0.

He was an integral part on the title-winning side of 1980/81 and though he was hit by injury the following season, he still played his part as Billy McNeill's side retained the championship. He left Celtic in June 1983.

1969

CELTIC made it five-in-a-row in the League Cup as a second-minute Bertie Auld goal was enough to give the Hoops the victory in the final against St Johnstone at Hampden.

The Hoops were without Simpson, Gemmell, Lennox and Clark for the game, while Jimmy Johnstone was a substitute. But Jock Stein's side took the lead after just two minutes thanks to Bertie Auld.

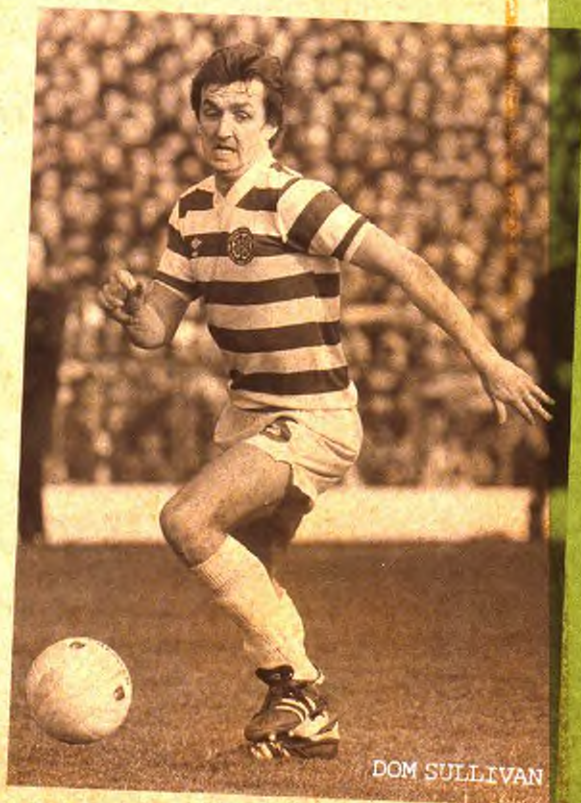
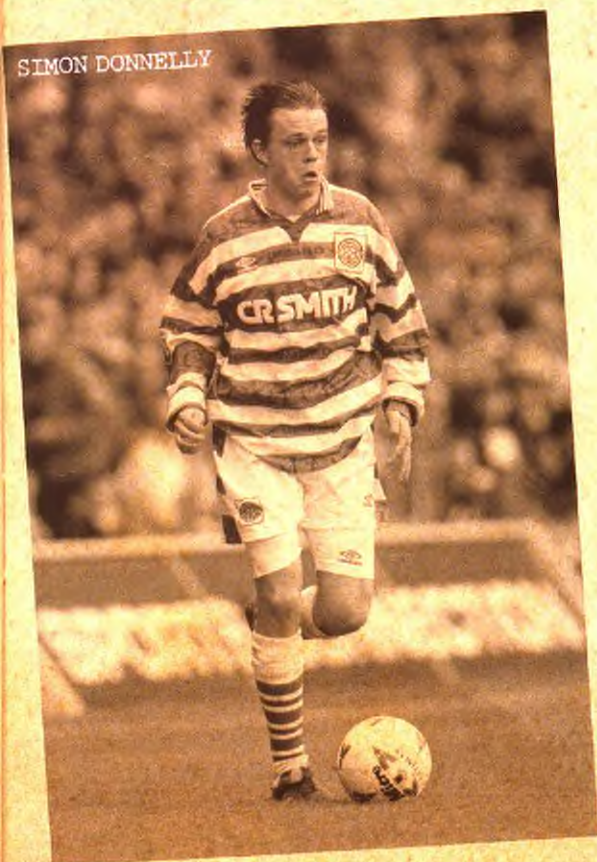
Though St Johnstone battled bravely, the League Cup remained at Paradise. Indeed, John Hughes scored a second for the Hoops, only to see it disallowed by the referee.

And Celtic also had goalkeeper John Fallon to thank for the victory, as he produced a fine save to prevent the game going into extra-time. ↗

2003



SIMON DONNELLY



DOM SULLIVAN



1961

TOMMY Gemmell signed for Celtic on this day in 1961, making his debut on January 5, 1961 in a 5-1 victory over Aberdeen at Pittodrie when John Hughes netted a hat-trick.

One of the best full-backs ever to wear the green and white Hoops, Gemmell went on to make a total of 418 appearances for the club, scoring 64 goals. That tally included an impressive 34 from the penalty spot and during his time at the club, he only ever missed three penalties.

Famously, he is one of a select band of players to have scored in two European Cup finals. He netted the equaliser against Inter Milan in 1967 and just three years later, fired Celtic into the lead against Feyenoord at the San Siro Stadium.

He left Celtic in 1971 and later faced his old club with Dundee as he helped them beat the Hoops in the 1973 League Cup final.

A true Celtic legend, Gemmell played an integral part in Celtic's success under Jock Stein and remains a popular figure with supporters to this day.

1913

CELTIC travelled to Ibrox on this day in 1913 and came away with a 2-0 victory thanks to goals from Andy McAtee and George 'Dod' Whitehead, one of only two goals he would score in seven appearances for the Hoops..

A crowd of 64,000 saw McAtee put Celtic in front before Whitehead netted the vital second goal.

It was an important win for the Hoops who would win the league that season, 1913/14, the first of four league titles in a row.

1890

CELTIC'S first ever action on this day came back in 1890 when they faced Abercorn in the first ever Scottish League season.

Peter Dowds scored four of the goals while Paddy Gallagher added a fifth.

In this first league season in Scotland, Celtic finished behind Rangers and champions Dumbarton, and as well as the 5-1 win over Abercorn in October 1890, the Celts also beat Abercorn 2-0 on the final day of the season thanks to goals from Sandy McMahon and Jimmy McGhee.

HELLO

- 1881 Artist Pablo Picasso is born in Malaga, Spain.
1941 American author Anne Tyler is born

GOODBYE

- 1400 Geoffrey Chaucer, author of *The Canterbury Tales*, dies in London.
1961 Peter Jensen co-inventer (loud speaker), dies at 75.
1993 Actor Vincent Price dies.

TIMELINE

- 1854 The Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaklava in the Crimean War.
1962 American author John Steinbeck is awarded the Nobel Prize in literature.
1965 The Rolling Stones release '*Get Off of My Cloud*.'

NO. 1s ON THIS DAY

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| 1951 | Nat King Cole | <i>Too Young</i> |
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| 1976 | Pussycat | <i>Mississippi</i> |
| 1981 | Adam & The Ants | <i>Prince Charming</i> |
| 1986 | Nick Berry | <i>Every Loser Wins</i> |
| 1991 | U2 | <i>The Fly</i> |
| 1996 | The Spice Girls | <i>Say You'll Be There</i> |
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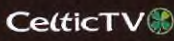
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HOOPS 'N' HALOS CHRISTMAS DRAW

CELTIC Charity Fund, the charitable arm of Celtic Football Club, has announced a fantastic new prize draw, promoted by Celtic Pools, in the run-up to Christmas where supporters could win a trip for two to New York, while at the same time assist some great causes in the spirit of Celtic's charitable origins.

All fans have to do is purchase a £1 prize draw ticket for the chance of winning one of these great prizes.

FIRST PRIZE

Make this a Christmas to remember and win a fantastic trip for two to New York. This superb prize includes return flights from London with British Airways, three nights accommodation in a 3* hotel and a full hospitality package as guests of the New York Celtic Supporters' Club, located at 'The Parlour' in Manhattan. (Flights must be used within one year of draw date and hotel voucher by 30th November 2009).

SECOND PRIZE

A wonderful weekend for two in London at the 5* Ritz Hotel plus entry to Kew Gardens.

THIRD PRIZE

A weekend stay for two at one of Scotland's finest luxury hotels - Hotel du Vin, One Devonshire Gardens, Glasgow.

FOURTH PRIZE

A fabulous Billy Connolly boxed set signed by the man himself and a unique package of Rod Stewart merchandise and memorabilia.

Dates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes subject to availability.

Net proceeds after prizes and expenses will be donated to Celtic Youth Development (one third) and Celtic Charity Fund (two thirds). Celtic Charity Fund is a recognised Scottish Charity, number SC024648, and will donate its two thirds allocation in equal amounts to:

Yorkhill Children's Foundation in Glasgow

Every year, around 150,000 children from all over Scotland attend the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Yorkhill in

Glasgow. Yorkhill Children's Foundation aims to provide the 'extra' services and equipment for the whole of Yorkhill which would not otherwise be possible, ranging from the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment through to the provision of children's entertainers.

The New Jerusalem Children's Home in Johannesburg, South Africa

The New Jerusalem Children's Home in Johannesburg, South Africa provides holistic, integrated quality care to orphans, abandoned, abused and traumatised HIV-positive/vulnerable children. Staff strive to meet the emotional, physical, educational and spiritual needs of every child. They are currently fundraising to build a new residential unit.

Tickets cost £1 each and fans can either purchase the online version, in blocks of five, at www.celticfc.net or contact Celtic Pools on 0141 551 9922 for the paper version (books of 10). Players must be aged 16 or over. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday, December 10, 2008.

The Hoops 'n' Halos Christmas Draw will take place on Saturday 13th December 2008.

Everyone at Celtic would like to thank supporters in advance for their continued compassion and generosity.



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FORTNIGHT OF ACTION 2008

SHOW Racism the Red Card's annual Fortnight of Action kicked off last week with a challenge match, supported by Clydesdale Bank, between former players and Scottish MSPs at Tynecastle.

It was the beginning of two weeks of concerted anti-racist activity throughout Scotland involving community groups, schools, supporters' trusts, youth groups as well as over 200 teams from the Clydesdale Bank Premier League, Scottish Football League and the Junior and Women's Leagues.

Last year's series of events was a great success with over 500 actions. Thanks to the support of the Scottish Government, grants have been distributed this year to community groups and grass roots organisations to help support their anti-racist event.

Over 50 events will be taking place all over Scotland from the Shetland Isles in the North to Dumfries and Galloway in the South during the Fortnight of Action.

On the weekend of October 25 and 26, there will be 'red card actions' at all SFL, SWPL, SWFL, and Scottish Cup second round matches.

The Clydesdale Bank Premier League 'red card actions' will be on 1st/2nd November.

Outwith the fortnight, the education work in schools throughout the year utilises the role model status of football players.

Anti-racist workshops are delivered by former players Jim Duffy, Derek Ferguson, Gary McKay, Brian Irvine and Michael Weir in partnership with local councils. These workshops are supplemented with football coaching sessions.

SRTRC organise events at football clubs inviting school children to discuss racism issues and give them the opportunity to meet first-team players.

The initiative will soon be launching two new films this year: an updated Scottish film and a new educational resource tackling Islamophobia.

SRTRC will continue to tackle racism in all its guises but everyone has a role to play in challenging racism and ensuring that people are judged not on the colour of their skin or their country of origin but on the content of their character.



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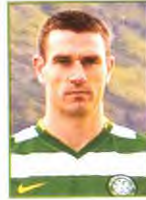
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ACTION REPLAY

INVERNESS CT 1 CELTIC 2

CLYDESDALE BANK SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE, SAT, OCT 18, 2008

CELTIC extended their lead at the top of the SPL table to three points with a hard-fought win over Inverness. The game was very competitive, with both sides making chances, but it was the Hoops who eventually won the match 2-1.

Midfielder Scott Brown and defender Glenn Loovens scored for the Champions but Inverness struck back with Gary Wood firing home from close range. However, Celtic weathered some late Caley Thistle pressure to win all three points.

Both goals for Celtic came in the second-half, with Brown netting his first league goal of the new campaign, firing home from a Lee Naylor cross, while Loovens powered home a header from Barry Robson's excellent delivery. The main blow for Celtic was in the injuries picked up by Gary Caldwell and then Marc Crosas late in the game.



MATCH STATS



GOAL ATTEMPTS

7 7

ON TARGET

3 6

OFF TARGET

4 1

FOULS

12 12

OFFSIDES

3 3

INVERNESS CT (4-4-2) Fraser; Tokely, McGuire (Duff 56), Munro, Hastings; Imrie, Black (Rooney 66), McBain (Wilson 75), Wood, Duncan, Cowie. **SUBS NOT USED:** Esson, Djebi-Zadi, Sutherland, Vigurs.

CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Loovens, Caldwell (Wilson 64), McManus, Naylor; McGeady, S Brown, Crosas (Hartley, Robson; McDonald (Sheridan 64), Maloney. **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, Hartley, McCourt, O'Dea, Nakamura

ACTION REPLAY

MANCHESTER UNITED 3 CELTIC 0

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, TUE, OCT 21, 2008

It was a tough game for Celtic as they faced the reigning European champions, Manchester United, at Old Trafford in the UEFA Champions League. Two goals from Dimitar Berbatov and one from Wayne Rooney gave United a 3-0 victory, and although two of the goals were clearly offside, the result was a fair reflection of the game.

Celtic, with a number of absentees through injury, started the game well and created a couple of chances, most notably a powerful Gary Caldwell shot from the edge of the box which Edwin van Der Sar did well to turn over the bar.

Berbatov scored his first goal of the night on 30 minutes and he doubled United's lead on 51 minutes. Rooney completed the scoring with 14 minutes of the match remaining. Celtic continued to battle hard throughout the game without any reward and the Hoops will now be aiming for victory when the sides meet again in Glasgow on November 5.



MATCH STATS



GOAL ATTEMPTS

23 6

ON TARGET

10 3

OFF TARGET

13 3

FOULS

14 18

OFFSIDES

1 1

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2) Van Der Sar; Neville (W Brown 60), Evans, Vidic, O'Shea; Ronaldo (Park 82), Fletcher, Anderson, Nani; Berbatov (Tevez 60), Rooney.
SUBS NOT USED: Kuszczak, Giggs, Rafael, Gibson.

CELTIC (4-5-1) Boruc; Wilson, Lovens, McManus, Naylor, Nakamura (Hartley 62), S Brown, Caldwell, Robson (Maloney 62), McGeady; McDonald (Sheridan 76) **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, Hinkel, Donati, O'Dea.



KEY

- 1 Number of Goals scored CBPL - Clydesdale Bank Premier League
- Booked CL - Champions League
- Sent Off SC - Scottish Cup
- Home games in bold CIS - CIS Insurance Cup
- 1st 2nd 3rd Sub

CELTIC STATS 08/09

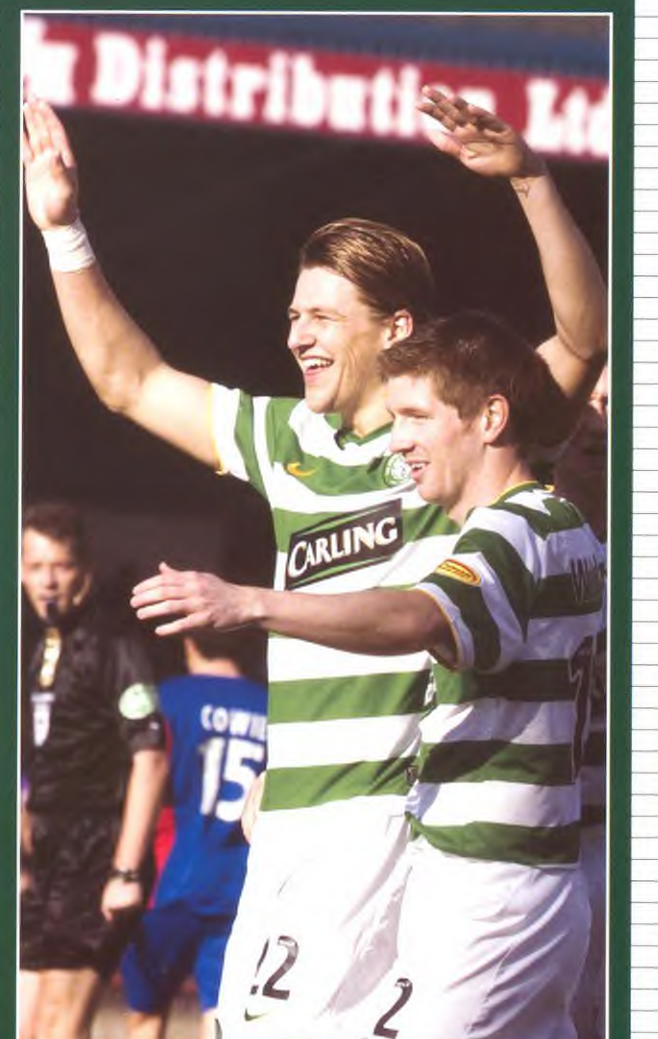
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CLYDESDALE BANK PREMIER LEAGUE 2008/09								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Celtic	9	7	1	1	23	11	22	+12
Rangers	8	6	1	1	15	6	19	+9
Kilmarnock	9	5	1	3	10	9	16	+1
Hibernian	9	4	2	3	10	11	14	-1
Hearts	9	4	1	4	11	14	13	-3
Dundee Utd	8	3	2	3	10	10	11	0
St Mirren	9	3	2	4	8	9	11	-1
Inverness CT	9	3	1	5	11	11	10	0
Motherwell	9	3	1	5	12	15	10	-3
Aberdeen	9	3	1	5	8	11	10	-3
Hamilton	9	3	0	6	9	16	9	-7
Falkirk	9	2	1	6	12	16	7	-4

COMP	DATE	OPPOSITION	RES.	ATT.	STARTING 11											SUBS						
CBPL	10 AUG	ST MIRREN	1-0	57,441	BORUC	HINKEL	CALDWELL	McMANUS	NAYLOR	ROBSON	S BROWN	HARTLEY	McGEADY	HESELINK	McDONALD	M BROWN	DONATI	O'DEA	WILSON	CADDIS	SAMARAS	McGOWAN
CBPL	17 AUG	DUNDEE UNITED	1-1	11,648	BORUC	HINKEL	McMANUS	CALDWELL	WILSON	NAKAMURA	HARTLEY	S BROWN	McGEADY	McDONALD	HESELINK	M BROWN	CADDIS	CROSAS	DONATI	O'DEA	ROBSON	SAMARAS
CBPL	23 AUG	FALKIRK	3-0	56,031	BORUC	HINKEL	LOOVENS	McMANUS	WILSON	NAKAMURA	S BROWN	HARTLEY	McGEADY	HESELINK	SAMARAS	M BROWN	O'DEA	CADDIS	ROBSON	CROSAS	MALONEY	KILLEN
CBPL	31 AUG	RANGERS	2-4	58,595	BORUC	HINKEL	CALDWELL	McMANUS	WILSON	NAKAMURA	HARTLEY	S BROWN	McGEADY	MALONEY	SAMARAS	M BROWN	O'DEA	CROSAS	LOOVENS	HUTCHINSON	HESELINK	ROBSON
CBPL	13 SEP	MOTHERWELL	4-2	8,407	BORUC	WILSON	CALDWELL	McMANUS	NAYLOR	ROBSON	CROSAS	S BROWN	MALONEY	SAMARAS	McDONALD	M BROWN	LOOVENS	DONATI	CADDIS	McGEADY	NAKAMURA	SHERIDAN
UEFA CL	17 SEP	AALBORG	0-0	57,432	BORUC	HINKEL	CALDWELL	McMANUS	NAYLOR	NAKAMURA	ROBSON	S BROWN	MALONEY	SAMARAS	McDONALD	M BROWN	LOOVENS	HARTLEY	WILSON	CROSAS	McGEADY	HESELINK
CBPL	20 SEP	KILMARNOCK	3-1	8,111	BORUC	WILSON	McMANUS	CALDWELL	WILSON	S BROWN	CROSAS	NAKAMURA	MALONEY	SAMARAS	HESELINK	M BROWN	LOOVENS	O'DEA	CADDIS	McGEADY	HARTLEY	McDONALD
CIS	23 SEP	LIVINGSTON	4-0	23,569	BORUC	HINKEL	LOOVENS	McMANUS	NAYLOR	CADDIS	HARTLEY	DONATI	McGEADY	McDONALD	SAMARAS	M BROWN	CALDWELL	S BROWN	MALONEY	HESELINK	-	-
CBPL	27 SEP	ABERDEEN	3-2	58,565	BORUC	WILSON	LOOVENS	McMANUS	NAYLOR	NAKAMURA	CROSAS	S BROWN	MALONEY	HESELINK	SAMARAS	M BROWN	O'DEA	CADDIS	DONATI	HARTLEY	McDONALD	McGEADY
UEFA CL	30 SEP	VILLARREAL	0-1	25,000	BORUC	WILSON	CALDWELL	McMANUS	NAYLOR	NAKAMURA	S BROWN	MALONEY	HARTLEY	McGEADY	SAMARAS	M BROWN	LOOVENS	CADDIS	ROBSON	CROSAS	McDONALD	HESELINK
CBPL	04 OCT	HAMILTON ACCIES	4-0	55,881	BORUC	WILSON	CALDWELL	McMANUS	ROBSON	NAKAMURA	S BROWN	CROSAS	McGEADY	HESELINK	McDONALD	M BROWN	CADDIS	O'DEA	DONATI	HARTLEY	SAMARAS	MALONEY
CBPL	18 OCT	INVERNESS CT	2-1	7,143	BORUC	CALDWELL	McMANUS	LOOVENS	NAYLOR	McGEADY	S BROWN	CROSAS	ROBSON	McDONALD	MALONEY	M BROWN	O'DEA	WILSON	McCOURT	NAKAMURA	HARTLEY	SHERIDAN
UEFA CL	21 OCT	MANCHESTER UNITED	0-3	74,655	BORUC	WILSON	LOOVENS	McMANUS	NAYLOR	NAKAMURA	S BROWN	CALDWELL	ROBSON	McGEADY	McDONALD	M BROWN	O'DEA	HINKEL	DONATI	HARTLEY	MALONEY	SHERIDAN
CBPL	25 OCT	HIBERNIAN																				
CIS	29 OCT	KILMARNOCK																				
CBPL	02 NOV	HEARTS																				
UEFA CL	05 NOV	MANCHESTER UNITED																				
CBPL	08 NOV	MOTHERWELL																				
CBPL	12 NOV	KILMARNOCK																				
CBPL	16 NOV	HAMILTON ACCIES																				
CBPL	22 NOV	ST MIRREN																				
UEFA CL	25 NOV	AALBORG																				
CBPL	29 NOV	INVERNESS CT																				
CBPL	07 DEC	HIBERNIAN																				
UEFA CL	10 DEC	VILLARREAL																				
CBPL	13 DEC	HEARTS																				
CBPL	20 DEC	FALKIRK																				
CBPL	27 DEC	RANGERS																				
CBPL	03 JAN	DUNDEE UNITED																				
SC	10 JAN	ROUND 4																				
CBPL	17 JAN	ABERDEEN																				
CBPL	24 JAN	HIBERNIAN																				
CIS	27/28 JAN	SEMI-FINAL																				
CBPL	31 JAN	INVERNESS CT																				
SC	10 JAN	ROUND 5																				
SPL	14 FEB	RANGERS																				
CBPL	21 FEB	MOTHERWELL																				
UEFA CL	24/25 FEB	LAST 16																				
CBPL	28 FEB	ST MIRREN																				
CBPL	04 MAR	KILMARNOCK																				
SC	07 MAR	QUARTER-FINAL																				
UEFA CL	10/11 MAR	LAST 16																				
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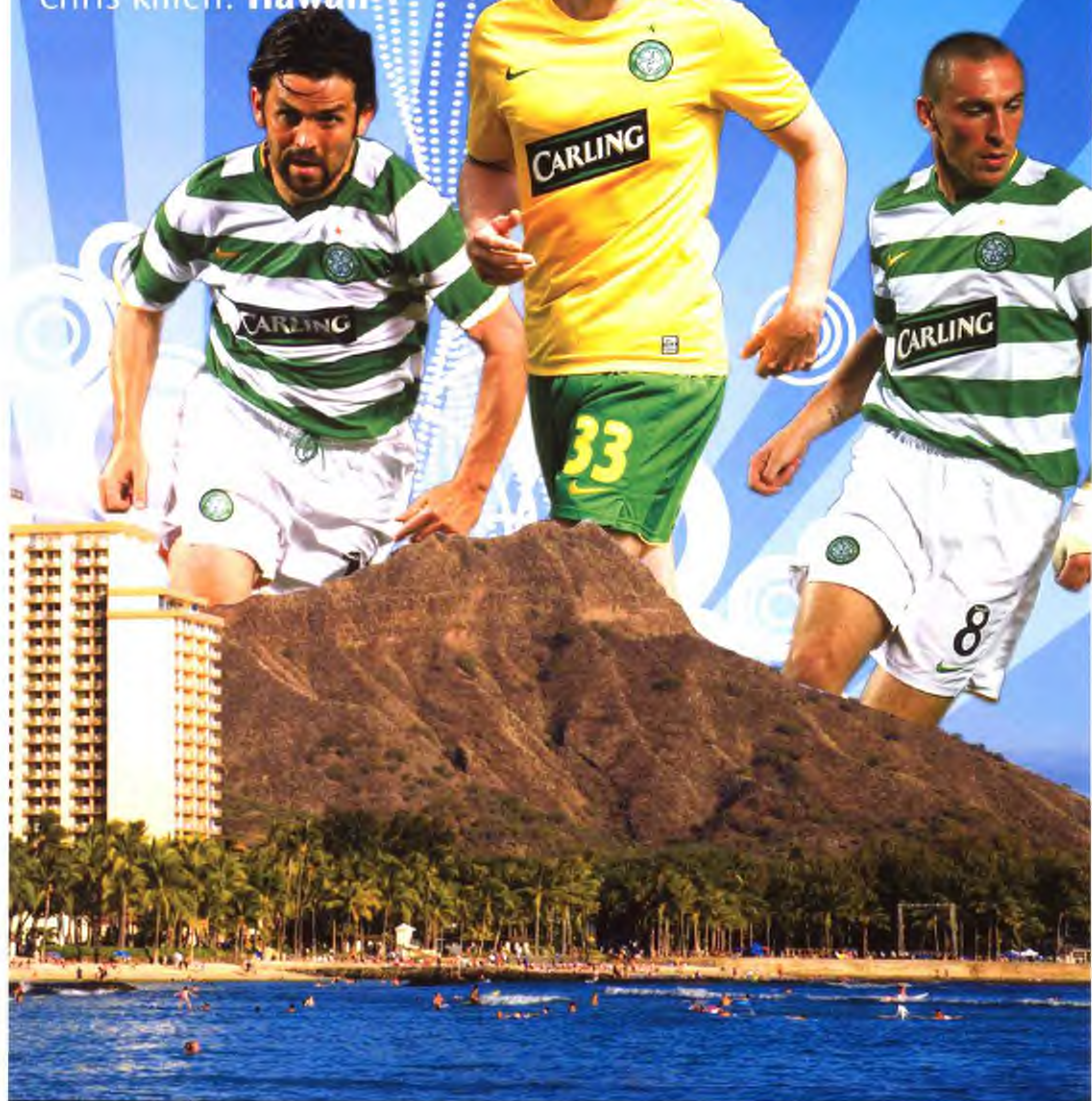
- 1 In the last 15 years which two players have moved from Hibernian to Celtic before returning to play for the Easter Road club?
- 2 Who were the only members of the Lisbon Lions to manage clubs in English football?
- 3 Who remains the last Hibernian player to net an international goal for Scotland?
- 4 Which two international sides has Bertie Vogts managed since leaving the Scotland post in 2004?
- 5 Who scored the winning goal for Celtic in the Scottish League Cup final of 1982/83 before captaining Hibernian to victory in the same competition nine years later?
- 6 Which player this season scored for Celtic in a match he neither started or finished?
- 7 Which two members of the Hibernian Famous Five forward line would also manage the Easter Road club?
- 8 Which Celtic player has the record for making most appearances in World Cup final tournaments?
- 9 Which team this season eliminated Hibernian from Europe in the Intertoto Cup competition?
- 10 Who was the only SPL player outwith the two Glasgow teams to participate in Euro 2008?
- 11 Which Hibernian player scored against Celtic in the League Cup finals of 1968/69 & 1972/73, winning and losing one?
- 12 Which three clubs has Paul Lambert managed since leaving Celtic in 2005?
- 13 Which Hibernian striker played for England against Scotland in a Home International match at Hampden in 1960?
- 14 In which three seasons to date have Celtic clinched the domestic treble in Scotland?
- 15 Which Celtic player was ordered off while captaining his country in Euro 2004 in Portugal?



ANSWERS 1 Pat McGinlay & Derek Riordan, 2 Billy McNeill (Manchester City & Aston Villa) & Bobby Murdoch (Middlesbrough), 3 Gary O'Connor v Austria 2005/06, 4 Nigeria & Azerbaijan, 5 Murdo MacLeod, 6 Georgios Samaras v Hamilton, 7 Eddie Turnbull & Willie Ormond, 8 Pat Bonner (Republic of Ireland) 9 matches 1990 & 1994, 9 FC Elfsborg, 10 Martin Nisiclar for Romania who was then with Inverness CT, 11 Jim O'Rourke, 12 Livingston, Wycombe Wanderers & Colchester United, 13 Joe Baker 14 1966/67, 1968/69 & 2000/01, 15 Stilian Petrov, Portugal v Denmark.

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STEPHEN McMANUS	4
GARY CALDWELL	5
BOBO BALDE	6
SCOTT McDONALD	7
SCOTT BROWN	8
GEORGIOS SAMARAS	9
JAN VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK	10
PAUL HARTLEY	11
MARK WILSON	12
SHAUN MALONEY	13
MARC CROSAS	17
MASSIMO DONATI	18
BARRY ROBSON	19
PATRICK McCOURT	20
MARK BROWN	21
GLENN LOOVENS	22
BEN HUTCHINSON	23
JEAN-JOEL PERRIER-DOUMBE	24
SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA	25
CILLIAN SHERIDAN	26
KOKI MIZUNO	29
CHRIS KILLEN	33
AIDEN McGEADY	46
DARREN O'DEA	48
PAUL CADDIS	52



HIBERNIAN

01 DEREK RIORDAN
2 KEVIN McCANN
3 DAVID VAN ZANTEN
4 CHRIS HOGG
5 ROBERT JONES
6 IAN MURRAY
7 MEROUANE ZEMMAMA
8 FABIAN YANTORNO
9 STEVEN FLETCHER
10 COLIN NISH
11 ALAN O'BRIEN
12 FILIPE MORAIS
14 JOE KEENAN
15 STEVEN THICOT
16 LEWIS STEVENSON
18 JOHN RANKIN
20 PAUL HANLON
21 ANDREW McNEIL
22 DEAN SHIELS
23 ROSS CHISHOLM
24 STEVEN PINAU
25 DARREN McCORMACK
26 SOULEYMANE BAMBA
41 DAVID GROF
50 YVES MA-KALAMBAY

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Fourth official: David Somers