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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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WE return to league action this afternoon against Aberdeen, a match that comes right in the middle of an intense period of games for us.

Last Sunday's game against Kilmarnock was followed just 48 hours later by a cup-tie against Livingston. And following today's SPL clash, we'll be travelling to Spain for a UEFA Champions League tie with Villarreal.

This type of schedule is something that we have become accustomed to over the past couple of years and the players have proved that they are able to cope with the demands that are made of them.

It also means that every member of the squad will be asked to play their part and that's been evident in our recent run of games.

We travelled to Rugby Park, never an easy place to go to, and came away with a good 3-1 victory. The team played well and we thoroughly deserved our victory against a Kilmarnock side who have started the season well.

Livingston posed a different set of challenges for us and, again, we rose to those challenges, scoring four goals in a victory that I'm sure you will have enjoyed.

We have a good squad of players here and I think you can see from my team selections that I have confidence in every member of that squad. We have made changes to the starting XI in the various games we have played recently and whoever has been selected to play has done a good job for the team.

That sets a standard that we aim to maintain this afternoon against an Aberdeen side who we know from previous experience will give us a tough game.

Jimmy Calderwood's side will be aiming to get back to winning ways in the SPL and will look at this game today as the perfect opportunity to do so.

We are well aware of the threat they will pose and we also know that we'll have to be at our very best in order to win all three points this afternoon.

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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

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Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

Home strip colours:

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Record attendance:

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Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

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0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

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

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Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

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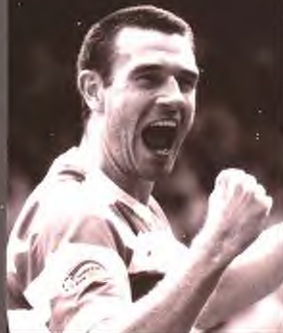
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KNOW everybody will be looking forward to the Champions League game next week against Villarreal and we will be too.

But, as I've said many times before here, the players only ever focus on the next game, whether that's a league game, a League Cup tie or a European match.

So our preparations from Wednesday onwards have concentrated solely on today's match against Aberdeen.

Every player will always tell you that they just take it one game at a time and people might laugh because it's a real football cliché, but it is also true.

There's no point in us looking ahead to a game next week or next month when we've still got to play today's match.

And when the opposition is a team like Aberdeen, then the biggest mistake we could make would be in not giving them our full attention.

They may have lost against Dundee United last weekend but that will only make them all the more determined to get all three points this afternoon.

And you only have to look at their results this season to see

that, away from home, they are a particularly impressive outfit.

So we know that we're in for a really tough game this afternoon and we'll have to be at our best to win the match.

The manager has shuffled the pack over the past few weeks and he could do the same again this afternoon, and it's been great that, no matter who has come into the team, we've been able to perform well.

Picking up all three points at places like Fir Park and Rugby Park is never an easy task so to do that, and with the kind of performances that we've produced, is really encouraging.

Now we're aiming for another three points today, though we know it won't be easy. With your backing, however, we'll be doing everything we can to get the victory.

STEPHEN McMANUS

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TODAY'S VISITORS

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN



ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN and their supporters won't be happy with their current pre-match position of eighth but at least they know that, at this stage in the season, they are only a couple of games away from the top end of the table.

On the debit side though, they are also a couple of games shy of being the caboose trailing behind every other team in the league - but that's when the Pittodrie side are at their most dangerous.

They finished fourth in the SPL last season and, thanks to a surprise Scottish Cup semi-final defeat to Queen of the South, just missed out on European football on two fronts.

That scenario is something they will be keen to avoid this term and manager Jimmy Calderwood, like most of his peers, was busy during the summer transfer season.

Of the Pittodrie departures, Preston-bound midfielder Barry Nicholson was the most experienced Red and he was followed in the appearances list by other such players as Steve Lovell who signed for former Celt John Hughes at Falkirk and keeper Derek Soutar who made the relatively short journey to Ross County.

Another former Don who has now teamed with an ex-Celt is Dutchman Karin Touzani who now plays alongside fellow



countryman Regi Blinker at Sparta Rotterdam.

It hasn't been all one-way traffic through the Pittodrie transfer window, though, and there was a definite tang of tangerine in the air when Dundee United won 1-0 at Pittodrie last weekend as new Dons players, former Celt Charlie Mulgrew and Mark Kerr both plied their trade at Tannadice.

Striker Tommy Wright also joined from Darlington while loan star Sone Aluko finally made his temporary deal from Birmingham City more permanent when he signed on, and the last line of defence was bolstered with French-born keeper Bertrand Bossu coming in as a direct replacement for Soutar after signing from Walsall.

Kerr and Mulgrew were the only debutants when the Dons kicked off their current campaign and that's where we start our look at their season so far...

born midfielder Roy McBain struck in the 90th minute.

So Aberdeen kicked off with a defeat and must have been wary of the following weekend's trip to take on Motherwell at Fir Park.

SPL

August 16, 2008

Motherwell 0-1 Aberdeen

IF Aberdeen had cursed Roy McBain's last-gasp counter the previous week they were thanking their lucky stars on the following matchday when they took all three points with a similarly last-ditch goal.

The previous week, former Celtic Park and Pittodrie hero Mark McGhee had watched his Motherwell side go down 3-2 to Hearts in a tight game at Tynecastle meaning that at least one of two teams expected to challenge at the top could finish pointless after the opening two games.

Thanks to a, now trademark, spectacular free-kick from Charlie Mulgrew just four minutes from the end, the Dons ensured that they wouldn't be left with an early wooden spoon.

Mulgrew also produced a last-gasp tackle to stop the home side from levelling the game as time fizzled out.

SPL

August 23, 2008

Aberdeen 1-1 Rangers

NEXT to visit Pittodrie on league duty were Rangers with the Ibrox side arriving on the back of two SPL victories - an opening-day 1-0 win over Falkirk and a 2-0 defeat of Hearts.

Lithuanian minnows, FBK Kaunas, however, had proved that the Ibrox side weren't invincible by ejecting them from European football at the first hurdle and the Dons were keen to inflict more damage.

The visitors took the lead, however, when David Weir headed in a free-kick in the 23rd minute.

Right on the stroke of half-time though, a move that involved former Celt Jamie Smith, Mulgrew, Lee Miller and a touch from Rangers keeper Allan McGregor saw Derek Young bullet the ball into the top of the net from all of eight yards.

There was no further scoring so Rangers dropped their first points of the season while Aberdeen picked up their first home points.

SPL

August 9, 2008

Aberdeen 0-2 Inverness CT

THERE was a northern-derby element to the Dons' opening fixture as former Pittodrie tenants, Inverness Caley Thistle made their way once more along the A96 to the Granite City.

Unfortunately for Aberdeen, the trip was well worth it for the team from the Highland capital as they drew first blood on the launch day of the new season.

Caley striker Andy Barrowman hit his first, and so far only, SPL goal of the season in the 27th minute of the match to put the visitors in front.

The door was finally closed on any Dons comeback in the match when Inverness CT killed off the game as Aberdeen-





**League Cup
August 28, 2008
Ayr United 0-1 Aberdeen**

A POTENTIALLY dangerous trip to Somerset Park was next on the agenda with the Dons being paired with Ayr United in the League Cup.

The game marked the debut of new keeper Bertrand Bossu who was drafted in from his usual berth on the bench and he will have been delighted at keeping a clean sheet on his first outing.

All that separated the teams was a goal by Chris Maguire when he struck with his first of the season just five minutes before the break, and there was to be no shock equaliser from the top-of-the-table Division Two side who have remained unbeaten in the league - despite a shock 2-1 League Challenge Cup defeat to perennial Division Three props East Stirling.

Aberdeen were comfortable winners on the night though and worth more than the 1-0 scoreline indicates.

**SPL
August 30, 2008
St Mirren 0-1 Aberdeen**

ABERDEEN'S fifth game of the month was another away trip and, remarkably, their third 1-0 winning road trip on the trot.

Paisley was the destination this time and another goal just before the break tied up things once more for the Dons.

Former Celt John Potter played his part in the goal when his defensive header back to Mark Howard in the Love Street goal lacked the required distance and Darren Mackie grabbed his chance.

The Dons striker reacted quickly to side-foot the ball into the net and put the visitors into the lead.

The Saints had the best of the chances as the game wore on but Aberdeen hung on for another three valuable points.

**SPL
September 13, 2008
Aberdeen 1-2 Hamilton**

IF Aberdeen were looking for the best possible avenue for them to convert their away form into home wins then the visit of SPL newcomers Hamilton Accies was probably it.

The new boys, however, had kicked-off with a couple of wins over Dundee United and Inverness CT in proving that they would be no pushovers after taking the step up.

However, when the Dons took the lead through Gary McDonald in the seventh minute it looked like SPL experience was going to shine - and it did for just over quarter-of-an-hour before David Graham dimmed the sparkle with an equaliser.

The stalemate stood until just before the hour-mark when teenager James McCarthy flicked the ball over Jamie Langfield's head to put the visitors in the lead.

The game finished 2-1 for the Lanarkshire side and Aberdeen were still looking for their first home win.

**SPL
September 20, 2008
Aberdeen 0-1 Dundee United**

ANOTHER home game for Aberdeen and the chance to reach double-figures points-wise against a team who had yet to win their first game of the season and had only picked up two points.

You can guess the rest, can't you! Dundee United arrived at Pittodrie propping up the rest of the SPL while Aberdeen had the opportunity to go from eighth to second in the league - for at least a couple of hours and maybe even a whole day.

But a penalty conversion by Spanish import Fran Sandaza, whose only other goal had been in United's 1-1 draw with Celtic on the second weekend of the season, quashed any Aberdeen hopes.

The Pittodrie side are still rooted to eighth place on the seven-point mark going into today's game and still looking for their first home win of the season with their only home point coming from the 1-1 draw with Rangers.

It's that tie however, along with the Don's impressive away record this season, that will have Celtic on their toes today.



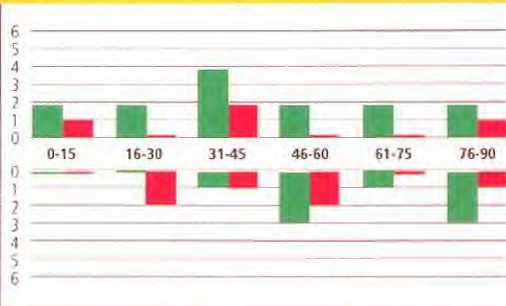
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Where & How Scored

Close range	1
Inside 18yd box	11
Outside 18yd box	2
Shots	9
Headers	1
Volleys	1
Penalties	2
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

When Scored



Where & How Scored

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Outside 18yd box	1
Shots	3
Headers	0
Volleys	0
Penalties	0
Free Kicks	1
Own Goals	0

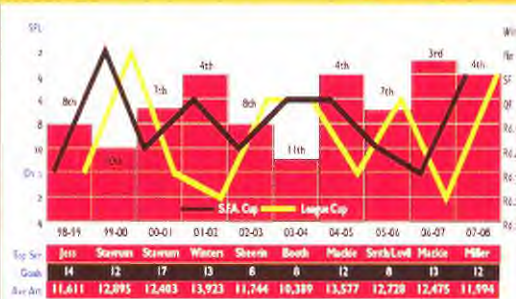
Top Goalscorer

Georgios Samaras



league goals	7
cup goals	0
total goals	7
games played	7

Aberdeen's last 10 years



Top Goalscorer

Charlie Mulgrew



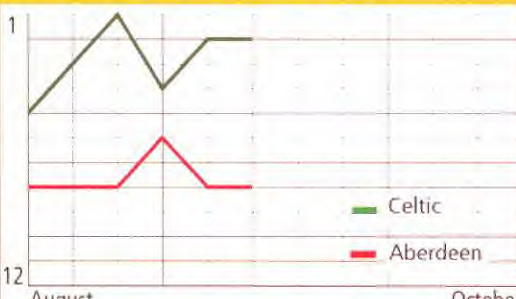
league goals	1
cup goals	0
total goals	1
games played	7

Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Kilmarnock	A	3-1
Motherwell	A	4-2
Rangers	H	2-4
Falkirk	H	3-0
Dundee Utd	A	1-1
St Mirren	H	1-0

Form Guide: **WWLWDW**

Seasonal Progress Comparison



Last 6 Results

opponents	h/a	score
Dundee Utd	H	0-1
Hamilton	H	1-2
St Mirren	A	1-0
Rangers	H	1-1
Motherwell	A	1-0
Inverness	H	0-2

Form Guide: **LLWDWL**

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	0
Scored from corner	1
Conceded from corner	1
Fouls committed	74
Average per game	12.3
Yellow cards	10
Red cards	2

Last meeting at Celtic Park

Celtic	1-0	Aberdeen
Samaras 56		
Attendance: 55,766	Referee: Brines	
Boruc, Wilson, Balde, Hinkel	Langfield, Considine, Diamond,	
(Caddis 46), McManus, Nakamura,	Maybury, Foster, Duff,	
Robson, Donati, McGeady,	de Visscher (Aluko 80), Nicholson,	
Samaras, McDonald (Killen 84)	Severin, Miller, Young De	
Booked: Donati, McGeady	Booked: Nicholson, Diamond	
Sent off: none	Sent off: none	

Set Piece & Discipline

Scored from free kick	1
Conceded from free kick	1
Scored from corner	0
Conceded from corner	0
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Red cards	0

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Robert Hammond from Paisley voted at the first home game of the season, against St Mirren, and as a special treat was presented with his prize before a recent home game by Scott McDonald.

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ERIN'S NIGHT OUT AT PARADISE

Twas a special night for Erin Carroll last Tuesday because she was the mascot for the Co-operative Insurance Cup tie against Livingston.

And the eight-year-old led out the Bhoys at the start of the game alongside captain Stephen McManus.

Erin, from Cleland, enjoyed the experience, and was delighted to cheer on the team as they beat Livingston 4-0 thanks to goals from Glenn Loovens, Scott Brown and a double from Georgios Samaras.



WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

DEBUT DAWNS

AGAINST THE DONS

THERE are a handful of Celts who could be in line to face Aberdeen for the first time today as we welcome the Pittodrie side to the East End of Glasgow for the first occasion this season.

Included in the possibilities are Glenn Loovens, Marc Crosas, Ben Hutchinson and Koki Mizuno while youngsters such as Cillian Sheridan and Paul McGowan have made inroads into the team but have yet to come up against the Dons.

Down through the decades a few Celtic legends have made their actual debut against the Dons and Lisbon Lion Tommy Gemmell was one such case as he made his bow in a 5-1 league win at Pittodrie in January, 1963.

Much more recently, Tony Mowbray made his debut in a 2-1 home league win in 1991 while players such as Alfie Conn and Johannes Edvaldsson also wore the green and white for the first time against Aberdeen.

In the distant past, Celtic great Chic Geatons took his bow against the Dons in a 2-2 draw in March, 1929 and among the lesser-known lights in the club's history Joe Cowan made his one and only appearance and scored his one and only goal when the Bhoys drew 1-1 at Pittodrie in January 1931.

Among the current crew, Barry Robson also made a scoring Celtic debut up in the Granite City but there will be more of that later as we take a look back the first-time meetings with the Dons of players who could be in among the thick of things today.

SPL

September 22, 2001
Celtic 2-0 Aberdeen
(Larsson, Petrov)

Dons Debutant
Shaun Maloney

THE earliest Dons debutant only came back on to the Celtic radar recently when he returned from Aston Villa but Shaun Maloney has been buzzing since his return and would love to make another appearance against his hometown team today.

Fresh from making four appearances at the tail-end of the 2000/01 Treble season, Maloney opened his scoring account

against Dundee just a week before he faced Aberdeen for the first time.

This Celtic Park game was his seventh appearance for the Hoops but by the time he emerged from the bench, all the damage had been done.

Henrik Larsson opened the scoring in the 65th minute before Stilian Petrov tied up the points in 81st.

That provided the signal from Maloney to replace the King of Kings and the game finished 2-0 for the Celts.

SPL

April 21, 2004
Celtic 1-2 Aberdeen
(Larsson) (Prunty, Zdrilic)

Dons Debutant
Stephen McManus

CELTIC already had the 2003/04 Championship in the bag by the time the Dons visited and the young Stephen McManus was given his third run-out after playing against both Edinburgh sides in the preceding weeks.

That man again, Henrik Larsson, opened the scoring for the Celts in the 16th minute but former Celt Bryan Prunty equalised little more than 10 minutes after the break.

With time running out it looked like the Celts would





pick up at least a share of the points but Australian, David Zdrilic had other ideas.

The striker beat Paul Lambert to a long clearance to score a goal that meant Aberdeen were the first opposition team to win at Celtic Park since Ajax away back in August 2001.

SPL

October 27, 2004

Celtic 2-3 Aberdeen

(Hartson 2) (Mackie, Pasquinelli, Stewart)

Dons Debutant

Aiden McGeady

THE Bhoys was making his 11th appearance but this was Celtic's first domestic defeat of the season and it was a game in which they shot themselves in the foot after digging themselves out of a hole.

Celtic Park was silenced before some of the crowd had a chance to take their seats as embarrassing defensive errors allowed the visitors to go 2-0 up after only six minutes with Darren Mackie and Argentinean Fernando Pasquinelli scoring within 60 seconds of each other.

On the stroke of half-time, John Hartson pulled one back and the big Welshman looked to have turned the game around when he hit his second of the night with little more than 20 minutes to go.

It stood at 2-2 until the final minute when substitute John Stewart lobbed the ball over Stanislav Varga's head and shot home to make it 3-2 for the visitors.

SPL

September 10, 2005

Celtic 2-0 Aberdeen

(Zurawski, Petrov)

Dons Debutants

Artur Boruc and Shunsuke Nakamura

THIS was a touchingly nostalgic day all round as a minute's applause marked the 20th Anniversary of the great Jock Stein's passing, a commemorative programme was produced and a heart-rending video played on the big screens.

There was still a game to be played though and this was also new manager Gordon Strachan's 'debut' against his former club and he chalked up his fourth consecutive home win.

Another 'Dons Debutant' who has now moved on to pastures new was Maciej Zurawski and it was the Pole who opened the scoring in the 13th minute with a brilliant effort as the Celts took command of the game.

However, it wasn't until just after the hour-mark when



Stilian Petrov all but secured the points with the Hoops' second goal of the day.

SPL

September 9, 2006

Aberdeen 0-1 Celtic

(Vennegoor of Hesselink)

Dons Debutants

Lee Naylor, Gary Caldwell, Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and Mark Wilson

NO fewer than four Celts fell into our bracket on this day as the new Champions visited Pittodrie for the first time that season and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink carried on from his real debut in the previous game.

Hibernian were the visitors in that instance and the Dutch substitute's goal put Celtic in front after Scott Brown, of all people, had the Easter Road side in front.

And big Jan was the man once more as he proved to be a match-winner yet again for the second successive game.

Thomas Gravesen was another new start on this day but



with little more than 10 minutes left on the clock it was Vennegoor of Hesselink who rifled home from 16 yards.

SPL

August 19, 2007

Aberdeen 1-3 Celtic

(Donati, Miller 2)

Dons Debutants

Scott McDonald, Scott Brown and Massimo Donati

ANOTHER early visit to Pittodrie saw the first appearances there in Celtic strips of the two Scotts, McDonald and Brown, and Massimo Donati and it was the Italian who brought the Bhoys back level.

His goal arrived just after the hour-mark and it equalised a 24th-minute opener from veteran Craig Brewster.

The Celts left it late though to finally claim all three points and even when Kenny Miller put the Hoops in front with five minutes left, there was always the chance that Aberdeen would bounce tight back.

The Dons had a habit of scoring 90th-minute goals against



the Bhoys but this time the last-action hero was in Celtic colours as Miller hit his second of the day to make it 3-1.

SPL

November 24, 2007

Celtic 3-0 Aberdeen

(Vennegoor of Hesselink, McGeady, McDonald)

Dons Debutants

Chris Killen, Mark Brown

KEEPER Mark Brown will be pleased with keeping a clean sheet in his first Celtic game against Aberdeen but, similar to Shaun Maloney's first such appearance, by the time Chris Killen came off the bench, all the goal action had died out.

Dutch striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink got the ball rolling in the 14th minute and Aiden McGeady doubled Celtic's lead with little more than 27 minutes gone.

Any thoughts of an Aberdeen comeback were put to bed not long after the restart when Scott McDonald added to their misery.

Killen appeared in the 78th minute along with Maciej

Zurawski as they replaced scorers Vennegoor of Hesselink and McDonald respectively.

SPL

February 10, 2008

Aberdeen 1-5 Celtic

(Miller) (Nakamura, McGeady, McDonald 2, Robson)

Dons Debutants

Andreas Hinkel, Georgios Samaras, Paul Hartley and Barry Robson

CELTIC produced a masterclass in keeping people on the edge of their seats in a game that, quite simply, can bring a smile to any Hoops fan's face just by the mere mention of it.

The audacity of Aiden McGeady's drag-back was such that there were a million playground copycats on Monday morning trying to do the same thing - no doubt resulting in more than a few grazed knees.

There was more shaking of the heads in disbelief when Barry Robson made history by scoring with his first ever goal for the club with his first ever touch - and it was pure Nakamura-esque in its execution, so cue the song!

Scottish Cup

March 9, 2008

Aberdeen 1-1 Celtic

(De Visscher) (Vennegoor of Hesselink)

Dons Debutant

Darren O'Dea

TODAY'S teams were drawn against each other in the quarter-finals of last season's Scottish Cup and when Netherlands midfielder Jeffrey De Visscher put the home side ahead in the 79th minute it looked like lights out for Celtic.

The game went Double Dutch in the very last minute though when Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink netted a dramatic equaliser.

In the replay at Celtic Park, a 69th-minute goal from Darren Mackie put Aberdeen through to the semis to play Queen of the South.

SPL

April 19, 2008

Celtic 1-0 Aberdeen

(Samaras)

Dons Debutant

Paul Caddis

A YOUNGSTER being drafted into the team in April usually smacks of an end-of-season run out but this was far from the case as a defeat in this game, sandwiched

between two Rangers games, really would have marked Celtic's end of season.

That it didn't owes as much to the performance of Paul Caddis, a second-half replacement for Andreas Hinkel, and his defensive partners as it did to Georgios Samaras who netted the all-important goal in the 56th minute.

Indeed, one particular tackle from the youngster thwarted an almost definite Aberdeen goal - a split second that had a definitive bearing on the destination of the championship.



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On This Day In History

2003

CELTIC were last in action on this day in 2003 when they travelled through to Edinburgh to take on Hibernian, recording a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Easter Road side.

And it was the home side who took the lead on 38 minutes when Matthias Doumbe was the first to react inside the box from a corner and fired home past Magnus Hedman in the Celtic goal.

However, that lead lasted all of 60 seconds before Alan Thompson equalised from the penalty spot after Stilian Petrov had been brought down in the box.

And just six minutes after the break, Henrik Larsson fired Celtic into a 2-1 lead, firing home after good work from Shaun Maloney.

The drama wasn't finished, there, however, as Bobo Balde was red-carded after an incident with Hibs' Scott Brown, but the Celts held on to take all three points.

1997

IN what was the most important of seasons as Celtic sought to win the league and stop the 10, Wim Jansen's side gained three vital points in a tough away match at Tannadice.

The Hoops started the game well and in an impressive first-half performance, raced into a two-goal lead. Simon Donnelly got the ball rolling just before the half-hour mark with the opening goal.

And just two minutes before the break, Phil O'Donnell scored Celtic's second of the afternoon to put them in a commanding position.

But after conceding a goal on the hour mark to United's Swedish forward, Kjell Olofsson, it took a determined showing from the Hoops to ensure that the points returned to Glasgow.

1989

NINETEEN years ago, on September 27, 1989, one of the most incredible European games ever seen at Celtic Park took place.

That night, Billy McNeill's Celtic side took on Yugoslav

side, Partizan Belgrade in the first round of the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

The first leg in Belgrade had finished 2-1 in Partizan's favour, but the Hoops remained confident that they could overturn that one-goal deficit and progress to the next round of the competition.

On the night, Celtic's Polish striker, Dariuz 'Jacki' Dziekanowski, was in irresistible form, scoring four of Celtic's five goals, with Andy Walker chipping in with the other goal.

Unfortunately for the supporters, Celtic managed to concede four goals, which meant that Partizan went through on away goals.

It was a game that left fans utterly bemused, not sure whether to be delighted by the incredible game they had just witnessed or to be in despair at the fact Celtic were out of Europe.

A rollercoaster of a game, recalling it even now brings a smile to the face.

1967

LOU Macari made his Celtic debut on this day in 1967, coming on as a substitute against Ayr United in a League Cup quarter-final second-leg tie at Somerset Park.

The Celts won that game 2-0 to go through 8-2 on aggregate, with Macari coming on for Bertie Auld.

He was one of Celtic's famous Quality Street Kids, along with the likes of Kenny Dalglish, Danny McGrain, George Connelly and Davie Hay, among others.

Macari made a total of 102 appearances for the Hoops, scoring 57 goals before he left for Manchester United in January 1973.

1924

IN a match against Motherwell on this day in 1924, Jimmy McGrory scored his first hat-trick for Celtic, part of a goals tally that would eventually reach 468 by the time he finished playing in 1937.

McGrory was a goalscoring phenomenon, and his record is one that is unlikely ever to be surpassed. ↘

2003



SIMON DONNELLY



DARTUZ DZIEKANOWSKI





He scored three goals or more in 55 matches, and that included a remarkable **EIGHT** goals in one match - in a 9-0 win over Dunfermline on January 14, 1928.

He scored 47 league goals that season but managed to surpass that record in 1935/36 when he netted 50 league goals, another scoring feat that has never been equalled.

Bobby Lennox is Celtic's second top goalscorer of all time with 273 goals, while Henrik Larsson is third with 242.

1913

WILLIE Loney made his final appearance for Celtic on this day in 1913. A commanding centre-half, Loney spent 13 years at the club and was a major player in Celtic's famous six-in-a-row triumph between 1905-10.

He made his debut against Hearts on September 17, 1900, when he scored in a 2-0 victory for the Celts.

And he would go on to make 305 appearances for Celtic, scoring 29 goals, and made up the impressive half-back trio of Young, Loney and Hay, which brought so much success to the club.

Willie Loney was a true Celtic great, helping to establish Celtic as Scotland's stop club in the early years of the 20th century.

1897

CELTIC were in superb form as they travelled to Ibrox

on this day in 1897 and hammered their rivals 4-0.

Two goals from Johnny Campbell, along with strikes from Dod Allan and Alex King, made it a comfortable victory for the Celts.

Having finished fourth in the league the previous season, Willie Maley was determined that his Bhoys would regain the league title and they did so, finishing four points clear of second-place Rangers.

Dod Allan only played season 1897/98 for Celtic, scoring 16 goals to help the club win the league. This tally included five in the 9-1 Christmas Day victory over Clyde.

Tragically, he contracted tuberculosis and died in 1899 at the age of 24.

1890

CELTIC'S first action on September 27 came back in 1890 when they played Carfin Shamrock at home in a Scottish Cup tie.

The Celts had already knocked out Rangers in the previous round, but found Carfin tough opponents, drawing the first game 2-2, with Johnny Madden scoring one of Celtic's goals.

Celtic triumphed in the replay, however, winning 3-1 to progress to the next round of the competition.

HELLO

- 1942 Singer Alvin Stardust is born.
- 1947 Meat Loaf aka Marvin Lee Aday, is born in Dallas.
- 1947 On the same Barbara Dickson is born. A great day for popular music!
- 1953 Italian footballer Claudio Gentile is born.
- 1972 Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is born.
- 1984 Avril Lavigne is born in Canada.

GOODBYE

- 1660 St Vincent de Paul died on this day.
- 1921 The original Engelbert Humperdinck, a German composer, died.

TIMELINE

- 1779 John Adams negotiates Revolutionary War peace terms with Britain
- 1821 Mexico gains its independence from Spain.
- 1964 The Warren Commission releases its report, concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated President John F. Kennedy.
- 1968 The stage musical *Hair* opened at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London, where it played 1,998 performances until its closure was forced by the roof collapsing in July 1973.

NO. 1s ON THIS DAY

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| 1954 | Frank Sinatra | <i>Three Coins in a Fountain</i> |
| 1959 | Craig Douglas | <i>Only Sixteen</i> |
| 1964 | Herman's Hermits | <i>I'm Into Something Good</i> |
| 1969 | Creedence Clearwater Revival | <i>Bad Moon Rising</i> |
| 1974 | Carl Douglas | <i>Kung Fu Fighting</i> |
| 1979 | Gary Numan | <i>Cars</i> |
| 1984 | Stevie Wonder | <i>I Just Called To Say I Love You</i> |
| 1989 | Black Box | <i>Ride On Time</i> |
| 1994 | Whigfield | <i>Saturday Night</i> |
| 1999 | Eiffel 65 | <i>Blue (Da Ba Dee)</i> |
| 2004 | Eric Prydz | <i>Call On Me</i> |

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Attendances...and cautions

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average	Yellow	Red
Aberdeen	51,054	16,489	10,865	12,764	14	0
Dundee Utd	18,471	11,648	6,823	9,236	15	0
Falkirk	17,359	6,669	4,730	5,786	8	0
Celtic	172,067	58,595	56,031	57,356	10	2
Rangers	147,658	50,019	48,191	49,219	12	2
Hamilton	12,653	4,385	4,058	4,218	12	1
Hearts	40,466	14,219	12,890	13,489	13	1
Hibernian	37,189	13,390	11,817	12,396	7	1
Inverness	11,118	4,022	3,501	3,706	9	0
Kilmarnock	19,618	8,111	5,339	6,539	12	0
Motherwell	19,428	8,407	5,149	6,476	9	0
St Mirren	12,990	4,680	4,134	4,330	8	2

Attendances & cards are ordered alphabetically

Form guide...results so far

Club	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	GD	Seq
Rangers	5	1	0	12	5	16	7	WWWDDWW
Celtic	4	1	1	14	8	13	6	WWLWDW
Hearts	4	0	2	9	8	12	1	WLWWLW
Hibernian	3	1	2	7	6	10	1	WWLDWL
Kilmarnock	3	1	2	6	5	10	1	LLWWDW
Hamilton	3	0	3	7	6	9	1	LWLLWW
Inverness	2	1	3	6	6	7	0	LLWDLW
Aberdeen	2	1	3	4	6	7	-2	LLWDWL
St Mirren	1	2	3	4	6	5	-2	DWLLDL
Dundee Utd	1	2	3	5	9	5	-4	WLLDDL
Motherwell	1	1	4	7	11	4	-4	LLWDLL
Falkirk	1	1	4	6	11	4	-5	DWLLLL

Ordered by points gained over games so far this season. Most recent result to right of sequence

Ratios...and records

 Best goalkeeping Total goals conceded Opposition shots on target Percentage of shots saved	St Mirren 6 38 84.2	Highest Attendance 58,595 Celtic v Rangers
 Best strike Total goals scored Shots on target Percentage of shots scored	Hibernian 7 19 36.8	Lowest Attendance 3,501 Inverness v St Mirren
 Worst goalkeeping Total goals conceded Opposition shots on target Percentage of shots saved	Inverness 6 17 64.7	Average Gate 16,578
 Worst strike Total goals scored Shots on target Percentage of shots scored	St Mirren 4 22 18.2	Aggregate Attendance 547,081
		Total Games 36
		Home Wins 14 (39%)
		Away Wins 16 (44%)
		Draws 6 (17%)
		1-1 Draws 5 (14%)
		0-0 Draws 1 (3%)
		Total Cards Yellow 121 Red 7

Top...scorers

Scorer	Club	SPL	CIS	SFA	EU	Tot	Gms	Ave
Georgios Samaras	Celtic	7	0	0	0	7	7	1.00
Billy Mehmet	St Mirren	3	3	0	0	6	7	0.86
David Clarkson	Motherwell	4	0	0	0	4	7	0.57
Jon Daly	Dundee Utd	0	3	0	0	3	4	0.75
John Sutton	Motherwell	3	0	0	0	3	5	0.60
Michael Higdon	Falkirk	2	1	0	0	3	6	0.50
Kris Boyd	Rangers	3	0	0	0	3	7	0.43
Michael Stewart	Hearts	3	0	0	0	3	7	0.43
Colin Nish	Hibernian	3	0	0	0	3	9	0.33



Georgios Samaras of Celtic is the SPL's top goalscorer with 7 goals from his 7 games.

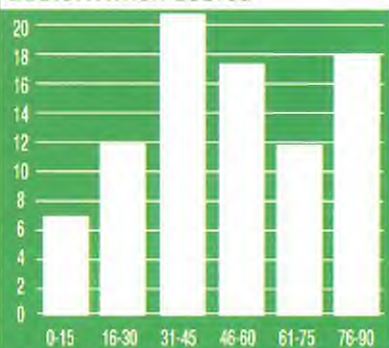
Goals in...first 15 minutes

	Scored			Conceded		
	0-15	Total	%	0-15	Total	%
Aberdeen	1	4	25.0	0	6	0.0
Dundee Utd	0	5	0.0	0	9	0.0
Falkirk	1	6	16.7	1	11	9.1
Celtic	2	14	14.3	0	8	0.0
Rangers	0	12	0.0	1	5	20.0
Hamilton	0	7	0.0	1	6	16.7
Hearts	1	9	11.1	1	8	12.5
Hibernian	1	7	14.3	0	6	0.0
Inverness	0	6	0.0	1	6	16.7
Kilmarnock	1	6	16.7	0	5	0.0
Motherwell	0	7	0.0	2	11	18.2
St Mirren	0	4	0.0	0	6	0.0

Goals from...set piece routines

	Scored			Conceded		
	Corner	FK	Tot	Corner	FK	Tot
Aberdeen	0	1	1	0	1	1
Dundee Utd	0	0	0	1	2	3
Falkirk	0	0	0	2	2	4
Celtic	1	1	2	1	0	1
Rangers	1	1	2	0	1	1
Hamilton	0	2	2	2	0	2
Hearts	1	1	2	0	0	0
Hibernian	0	2	2	0	0	0
Inverness	1	0	1	0	1	1
Kilmarnock	2	0	2	0	0	0
Motherwell	0	0	0	0	1	1
St Mirren	0	0	0	0	0	0

Goals...when scored



Goals in...last 15 minutes

	Scored			Conceded		
	76-90	Total	%	76-90	Total	%
Aberdeen	1	4	25.0	1	6	16.7
Dundee Utd	1	5	20.0	0	9	0.0
Falkirk	1	6	16.7	1	11	9.1
Celtic	2	14	14.3	3	8	37.5
Rangers	3	12	25.0	2	5	40.0
Hamilton	1	7	14.3	0	6	0.0
Hearts	1	9	11.1	4	8	50.0
Hibernian	0	7	0.0	2	6	33.3
Inverness	2	6	33.3	1	6	16.7
Kilmarnock	2	6	33.3	1	5	20.0
Motherwell	3	7	42.9	3	11	27.3
St Mirren	1	4	25.0	0	6	0.0

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should be able to give an educated guess at the SPL scores, but things can be pretty unpredictable in Scottish football.

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Fans can also set up mini-leagues for friends and colleagues, to challenge each other and keep track of who is doing best.

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PREVIOUS MEETINGS

November 24, 2007: Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink celebrates his goal



TODAY marks the 252nd league game between Celtic and Aberdeen, with the Hoops winning 128 of the previous 251.

The Dons have racked up 64 wins while 59 of the games have finished on level terms.

The Celts also come out tops head-to-head with the Pittodrie side in both domestic cup competitions but the Dons did gain some ground with their Scottish Cup replay win here last season.

There was a clean sweep for the Bhoys in the league pairings though, as today's hosts netted 14 goals for the loss of only two in the four meetings of season 2007/08.

In this afternoon's matchday programme we take a look back at the four most recent league clashes between today's teams.

Aberdeen 1-3 Celtic

**SPL, September 19, 2007
(Donati, Miller 2)**

THE Dons were looking for their first win of the season three games in and when Craig Brewster put them in the lead with little more than a quarter of the game gone, it looked a possibility.

It looked even more probable when the game reached the hour-mark with the score still at 1-0 to the home side but, just a minute later, Massimo Donati equalised and the tide began to turn.

With five minutes left, Kenny Miller put Celtic in front and in the 90th he merely confirmed Celtic's superiority with the final goal in a 3-1 win.

Celtic 3-0 Aberdeen

**SPL, November 24, 2007
(Vennegoor of Hesselink, McGeady, McDonald)**

THE Celts were a bit more timeous with their goals on this second meeting with the Dons and two first-half strikes kept the Champions on course for maintaining their three-point lead at the top of the table.

Dutch striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink notched the opener in the 14th minute and a left-foot shot from prime tormentor Aiden McGeady had the Celts in fine fettle before the break.

The second period had barely begun when Scott McDonald pounced on a mistake from Jamie Langfield to fire the Hoops further ahead with his 11th goal of the season.

Aberdeen 1-5 Celtic

SPL, February 10, 2008

(Nakamura, McGeady, McDonald 2 (1 pen), Robson)

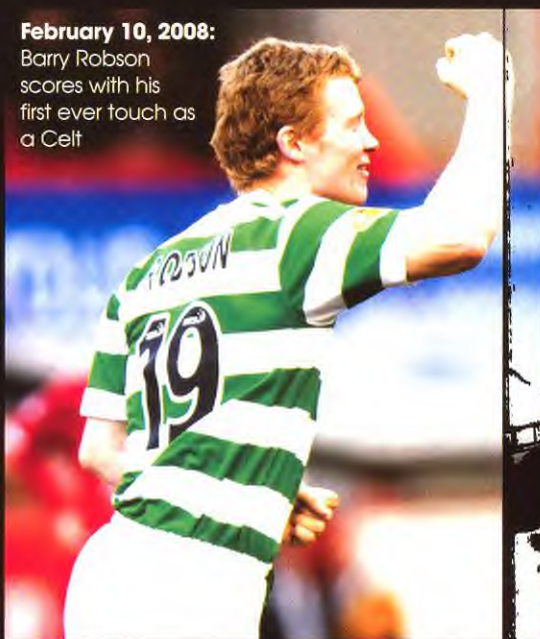
THIS game was as much an advert for TV sets as it was for Scottish football because this was exactly the sort of stuff that your telly was made for and Aiden McGeady was the star who shone brightest.

The game produced enough talking points to fill this whole programme but the obvious highlight was what can only be described as an audacious shuffle-spin from McGeady to set up Scott McDonald's 23rd goal of the season.

There was one more outstandingly memorable moment to come though when substitute Barry Robson converted a marvellous free-kick to score with his first ever touch of the ball as a Celt.

February 10, 2008:

Barry Robson scores with his first ever touch as a Celt



April 19, 2008: Georgios Samaras scores the only goal of the game



Celtic 1-0 Aberdeen

SPL, April 19, 2008

(Samaras)

BY this time of the season in recent years, Celtic fans had become used to April games being played in a state of de-mob euphoria with the title trophy already wrapped up in green and white ribbons.

There was no such luxury now, though, but a 2-1 victory over Rangers three days earlier was the second of seven final games that Celtic **HAD** to win and Aberdeen provided the opposition for the third.

It was an afternoon that wasn't for the faint-hearted as Lady Luck shone down on Celtic Park with, on one occasion, seemingly the paintwork never mind the woodwork keeping Artur Boruc's goal intact.

It was a Scott Severin effort from the edge of the box that hit one post, spun along the line, hit the other post and, almost miraculously curved back into the Polish keeper's arms.

And, not for the first or the last time that season, Georgios Samaras rose to the occasion to score a vital match-winning goal as the Celts homed in on the title.

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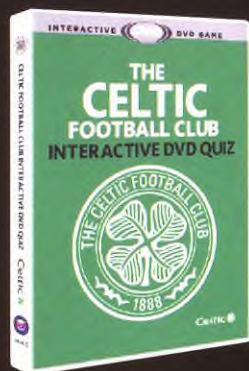
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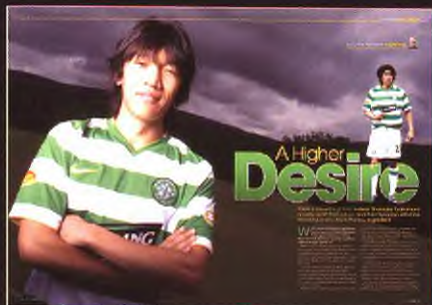
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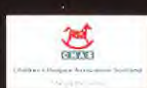
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The Phoenix Green team who won the 2007 Celtic Charity Cup, were presented with their trophy by the late, great Tommy Burns. Tommy was a tremendous supporter of Celtic Charity Fund.

BEN CHIPS IN

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: GREGOR KYLE

HE FLOATED IN A DREAM GOAL AGAINST RANGERS DURING THE WEEK BUT HE WANTS TO BE FULLY PREPARED BEFORE TACKLING SOME FIRST-TEAM ACTION AGAIN

AFTER an opening eight months that have been plagued with knocks and niggles, Ben Hutchinson finally looks to be on the road to full fitness.

Having scored in his reserve return against Falkirk a fortnight ago, the former Middlesbrough striker got a full 90 minutes under his belt against Rangers during midweek in what was an emphatic 3-1 victory.

Going in a goal down at half-time, having lost two men through injury, the reserves turned on the style in the second half and completely over-ran their opponents.

Two of the goals came as a result of great passing moves, with Paul McGowan finishing expertly, while Hutchinson's chip was the cheekiest of the bunch, lifted over the keeper from the corner of the penalty box.

The game was a valuable learning experience for the striker, with the Celtic players having to stand up to some robust challenges, particularly in the second period, but it was one that he particularly enjoyed.

You must be delighted to get a full 90 minutes under your belt at last?

I am really happy that I played the full match, but in the last 10 minutes of the game I was really tired, but to be honest, the buzz of the derby got me through in the end.

Do you feel a difference in the derby games, even at reserve level?

You really do. There is something in the air, this deadly silence in the dressing room beforehand. You just know that you need to win it. The management get it into you, 'you mustn't lose this game, you can't lose this game'. At every level we want to set a standard that is better than theirs and we hopefully proved that in the game on Tuesday.

How did you find the game personally? It seemed to be

in the second half that you started to really exert your influence?

Do you know, it had been a little frustrating in the first half. It just seemed to be a bit repetitive, the same things were happening, in the same way. We just weren't nipping the ball around the way we know we can and weren't getting in the shots on goal. We came in 1-0 down at half-time and the management said a few words and that put a little rocket up our backsides. We then upped the tempo in the second half and started playing in more our usual style and got the three goals our play deserved.

Did you expect the game to be this physical at this level?

You just can't underestimate anything when it comes to this fixture. I thought it would be a wee bit physical, but I enjoyed it and although we took a few knocks, I think the other lads did as well. It all helps prepare you for first-team games and you just have to be smart, learn to see the challenges coming and try and get yourself out the way of them.

You do look like you enjoy that side of the game anyway?

I do. I am a biggish boy, so I know how to put myself around a bit. I really don't mind any style of game. We try and play football at Celtic and are always looking to pass the ball and get forward. But if the game calls for it, I really don't mind getting stuck in.

Your goal was a cracker, chipped over the keeper from the tightest of angles. Can you talk us through it?

You know something? I thought I was offside. The linesman had been killing me the whole game and I thought I was offside. But I continued my run, the way I always do and looked to the linesman and he kept his flag firmly down. I then looked up and saw the keeper coming. It was bouncing, so I thought why not? The space was there to put it over him





and luckily enough for me, it went in. But a goal's a goal at the end of the day and I would take them if they were trickling in. I suppose that one was a bit special.

Does your performance give you additional confidence after your injury problems? Even in your first game back, when you played just one half, you got on the scoresheet and made an impact.

"JUST WHEN YOU FEEL THAT YOU'RE MAKING A BIT OF PROGRESS, SOMETHING ELSE HAS HAPPENED. BUT THIS IS FOOTBALL. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PICKING YOURSELF UP, DUSTING YOURSELF OFF AND GETTING ON WITH IT. THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO DO THESE PAST FEW MONTHS."

It definitely does. But the main thing that I am trying to take from these games at the moment is fitness. It's important that I get as fit as possible to help me try and knock on the door of the first team again. Scoring goals brings confidence and confidence brings goals, so as long as I can keep scoring and playing I'll be happy.

You've now been at the club for eight months. It must have been frustrating to have picked up so many knocks and niggles?

It has been. Just when you feel that you're making a bit of progress, something else has happened. But this is football. It's just a matter of picking yourself up, dusting yourself off and getting on with it. That's what I've been trying to do these past few months.

How have you enjoyed working with the coaching staff

and Willie McStay? Have they helped keep your spirits up during your time out injured?

They have, they're great with all the lads in the reserve squad. They've also played the game and know what they are talking about. They encourage you, give you advice and you can only listen and let them help you. They have all had long and very successful careers themselves and know what they are talking about. But they are really very supportive. When you

do something right they tell you and they'll point out when you're doing something wrong as well.

Despite your injuries, you've been included on the bench at first-team games already this season. You must be pleased to have a place in the manager's plans?

It's nice to be seen on the bench, but ideally I would like to get fully fit before I get a chance in there. That way I can prove what I can do, but I have to be ready for the chance, whenever it might come my way.

Finally Ben, are you enjoying life in Glasgow?

It's fantastic, it really is. Glasgow's a great place and everybody makes you welcome and happy. Everybody makes the effort to be friendly and everyone walks around with a smile on their face. You can't help but be happy here.

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CELTIC YOUTH ACADEMY

THERE'S always a special feeling when a new season gets under way no matter what level of football you are involved in. Both Willie McNabb and I have been tasked with coaching our Under-13s Youth Academy squad for the coming season and are both thoroughly enjoying every moment of it.

Five weeks ago our Youth Academy games programme got under way for season 2008/09 and has seen our Under-13s turn in some very good performances against Falkirk, Aberdeen, Hamilton Accies, Hibs and Inverness CT.

These games came on the back of a very productive pre-season build-up which saw the players going through a mixture of technical skills development and sports science input. As part of the technical sessions we also covered aspects of coaching in the game and systems of play, giving the players an appreciation of playing the game from a tactical point of view.

Also as part of the pre-season warm-up the lads had the opportunity to play three friendly matches, the first being against Clyde FC U14s at Lennoxtown and the second was played at Barrowfield against Queen's Park. The third game was away to English opposition in Preston North End.

While Willie and I will continue to work hard with the players on skills development, we hope as they mature as young players we can have a bit more input to the tactical side of the game. This season's input will add to the already outstanding football education they have enjoyed in the Junior Academy.

Part of the players' progression to the Intermediate Academy will see them increase the number of coaching sessions they will be involved in. The coaching sessions work on a rotational basis now with a four-night coaching week followed by a three-night coaching week. They will also now play their matches on a Sunday instead of Saturday.

Part of the progression also sees them playing 11-a-side football on a full size pitch whereas in the previous season they had played 7-a-side football for the first part of the season, then developed to 11-a-side football but played on a smaller pitch with smaller goals.

This has been a natural progression for the lads and they have found the transition to be reasonably comfortable having already been dipped into this environment whilst working with Greig Robertson at U12s.



UNDER-13s

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WILLIE McNABB



A major part of the players coaching programme will incorporate Sports Science. This part of the programme will be delivered on a Monday evening at Lennoxton by Alan McColl and his team. Monday evenings at Lennoxton have proved to be very productive as it sees four different age groups, 13s 14s, 15s & 17s coming together & working on a rotational system with one group involved in Sport Science, while the other three go through various coaching aspects working on different themes with three different coaches.

This is one of the additions that our new Head of Youth, Chris McCart has brought to the Youth Programme and has been a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience for both players and coaches.

The new U13s appear to be loving every moment of the coaching programme and the extended number of sessions they are involved in. To be honest, it's no surprise to me as they are a very enthusiastic and energetic group of boys. Their hard work and endeavour, aligned to their very good technical ability, makes for lively and worthwhile sessions.

Another pleasing aspect about these lads is the character they have. All have good individual characters but also get

on very well together. It's important to point out that while a player tries to develop as an individual he also relies on the help from his team-mates. This group of boys certainly work very hard as individuals but are also very helpful towards each other. This makes for a good atmosphere which makes for a great environment to work in.

As I said, we have a great group of boys who all work well together on and off the pitch. The team is made up of the following players. Reece Govan & Chris Truesdale both goalkeepers. Calum Waters, Ryan Blair, Connor Murray, Luke Donnelly, Connor McMannus, Liam Henderson, Liam Anderson, Eamon Brophy, Jaison McGrath, Alan Forest, Dominic Thomas, Paul McMullan and Ross Stewart.

The Under-13s would also like to take this opportunity to wish our New Head of Youth Chris McCart, along with new youth coaches, Miodrag Krivokapic, Bill Reside and Tom McCafferty a successful and happy time at Celtic Football Club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Meehan for all his support and to all the parents a big thank you for their continued efforts and support.

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07/10/08	KILMARNOCK (A)
14/10/08	ABERDEEN (H)
21/10/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (H)
28/10/08	INVERNESS CT (A)
04/11/08	HIBERNIAN (H)
18/11/08	HEARTS (A)
25/11/08	MOTHERWELL (H)
02/12/08	KILMARNOCK (H)
09/12/08	HAMILTON ACCIES (A)
03/02/09	ST MIRREN (A)
10/02/09	INVERNESS CT (H)
17/02/09	HIBERNIAN (A)
24/02/09	HEARTS (H)
10/03/09	FALKIRK (A)
17/03/09	RANGERS (A)
24/03/09	DUNDEE UNITED (H)
31/03/09	ABERDEEN (A)

SPL U-19s LEAGUE FIXTURES 2008/09

DATE	TEAM
16/08/08	ST MIRREN 0-2
23/08/08	DUNDEE UNITED 2-1
30/08/08	FALKIRK (POSTPONED)
13/09/08	RANGERS 0-0
20/09/08	MOTHERWELL 0-0
27/09/08	KILMARNOCK (A)
04/10/08	ABERDEEN (H)
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CELTIC LADIES LEAGUE FIXTURES 2008/09

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10/08/08	ABERDEEN 3-0
20/08/08	QUEEN'S PARK (POSTPONED)
31/08/08	FORFAR 1-0
07/09/08	HIBERNIAN 3-1
21/09/08	SPARTANS 1-1
05/10/08	GLASGOW CITY (A)
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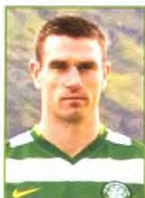
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A is for Abuse. Which ground did you get the most stick at?

That one's easy. It was at a wee place on the road out to Glasgow Airport. Everybody over there seemed to think that my mother and father weren't married! From start to finish I got stick there, but I enjoyed it. It was a game of football and we must have doing something right to get abuse in the first place.

B is for Birmingham City. How did you enjoy your spell south of the border?

I could have gone to Everton and I could have gone to Blackpool, but I couldn't have picked a better place than Birmingham. I was getting pushed to leave Celtic at that time, but the timing was just perfect to go to Birmingham. The club was run by two families, Wiseman and Morris, and the support was so warm to their own players and club, they gave us tremendous encouragement. It was a great time. I was open to learning from new experiences and I couldn't have asked for a better education than that. I learned about tactics, I improved my own ability and it brought me a new horizon. I was immediately made feel welcome, so it was a tremendous time for me.

C is for Celtic. What does the club and the supporters mean to you today?

To try and put it simply, Celtic means that I get up in the morning with something to look forward to, 24 hours-a-day.

D is for Different Class. Who was the best player you played with?

I would have to say Bobby Murdoch. He had a presence, both on and off the park. Everything about him was impressive, his stature, his football ability, which was second to none and he was a leader as well. A great player.

E is for Eccentric. Who was the most 'peculiar' player that you worked with?

That might have been George Connelly. He was just a young boy when I was there and both he and Davie Hay were quite different. They were quiet men off the park, but on the park they were respected. But you would be trying to get yourself

hyped up before the game and George would be sitting in the corner, reading the paper or a comic. That was strange to me, I had never seen anything like it before.

F is for Friends. Was your friendship on and off the park one of the secrets of the Lisbon Lions' success?

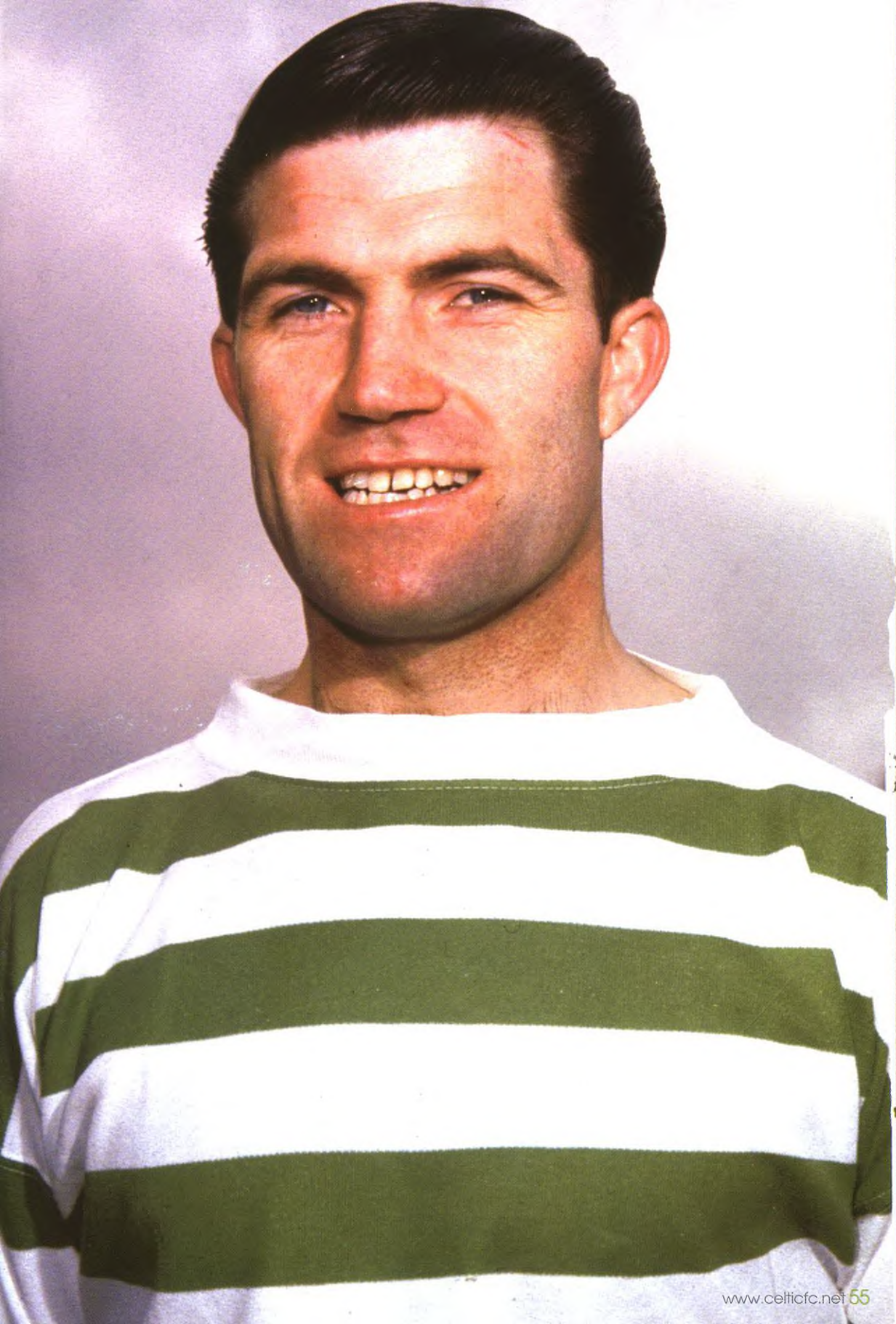
We could go through every member of that team and say that they are all great friends. What I think made a difference, though, was that they were all Celtic supporters. Had they not been on the park they would have been on the terraces. Joe McBride's a good example, although he had played and scored great goals elsewhere, his passion was to be a Celtic player. Big Cesar couldn't have been a better captain either. The whole dressing room was full of Celtic supporters. Sometimes I feel that the board played on that, though, and took advantage of their love for the club.

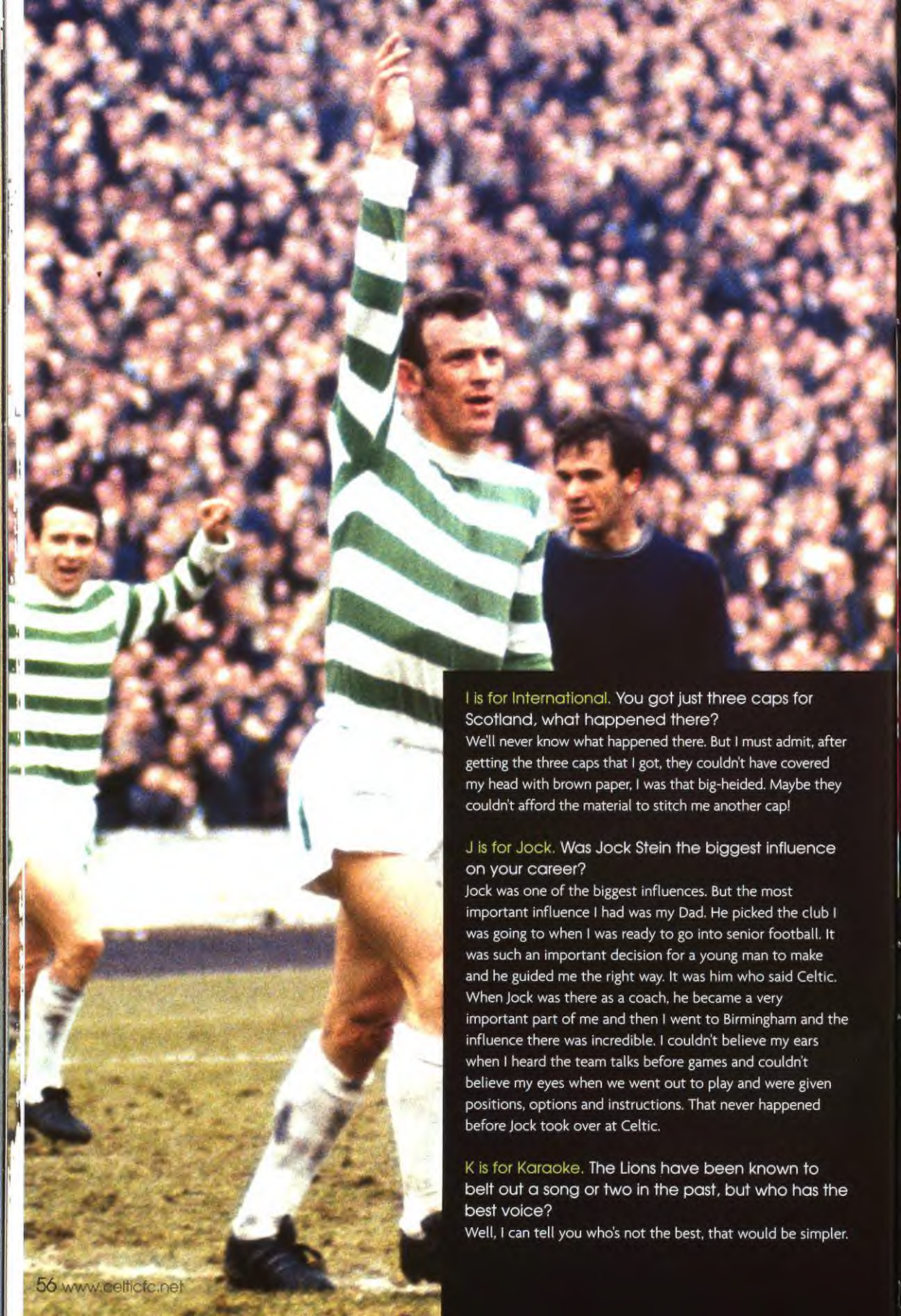
G is for Goal. What was your favourite?

I keep going back to this one match, because it was so important. In the 1965 Scottish Cup final I scored two and that was the win that really got the ball rolling for us. Joe McBride actually says that my most important goal was in the semi-final, when Motherwell were beating us 2-1 and I scored a penalty. I was in the back of the net celebrating for 10 minutes after that, according to Joe, pointing up to the supporters. He said I was a 'big-headed so and so'! But those goals in the final were so important.

H is for Hampden in the Sun. You played every game in the League Cup run in 1957, but missed out on the final. How do you look back on that 7-1 victory?

There were times in the past when I questioned the chairman, Robert Kelly's way of thinking, because he picked the team at the time. I played in a reserve game in Dumfries on the day of the final and that proved to me that I wasn't ready for it. He played Neilly Mochan instead in the cup final. Neilly was at the top of his game then and was a great friend and team-mate and he deserved to play that day. Disappointed? Naturally I was disappointed, but when I heard the result that day it took all the disappointment away. 🍌





I is for International. You got just three caps for Scotland, what happened there?

We'll never know what happened there. But I must admit, after getting the three caps that I got, they couldn't have covered my head with brown paper, I was that big-headed. Maybe they couldn't afford the material to stitch me another cap!

J is for Jock. Was Jock Stein the biggest influence on your career?

Jock was one of the biggest influences. But the most important influence I had was my Dad. He picked the club I was going to when I was ready to go into senior football. It was such an important decision for a young man to make and he guided me the right way. It was him who said Celtic. When Jock was there as a coach, he became a very important part of me and then I went to Birmingham and the influence there was incredible. I couldn't believe my ears when I heard the team talks before games and couldn't believe my eyes when we went out to play and were given positions, options and instructions. That never happened before Jock took over at Celtic.

K is for Karaoke. The Lions have been known to belt out a song or two in the past, but who has the best voice?

Well, I can tell you who's not the best, that would be simpler.

Big Billy used to sing and the punters would make their excuses and head for the toilets. Big Tam Gemmell used to sing and when he'd sing people would be looking for the other room. Bobby Lennox was a good singer, but the only thing about Bobby was that his singing was like his pace, he'd just keep going! It was always medleys with Bobby, by the end of it you were asking for one of his LPs.

L is for Lisbon. Can you tell us one prominent memory from that night?

I can remember the atmosphere in the dressing room afterwards and to be honest, the whole occasion in Lisbon just felt like we had won another cup. It wasn't actually until we came home that we saw what it meant and we couldn't grasp how big it was for the supporters. It wasn't until a few years later when I sat down in the house and watched the game and saw how we played, how we controlled the match, that I began to realise. My wife actually walked in while I was watching it and I never even saw her! When it finished she came back through and said, 'oh, so you're with us now!'

M is for Maryhill. As a Maryhill boy, born and bred, do you still retain a special affection for the area? Naturally, I applaud a lot of my neighbours from when I was growing up on Panmure Street. Families at that time didn't have a lot, but they were very close-knit and it was actually something similar to that which we enjoyed at Celtic Park in the 1960s. You were a part of everybody's family, if someone was giving their son a piece, you got one. If there was soup being put out, you were offered a plate. That was my education and when people ask me what school I went to, I say: 'The University of Adversity'.

N is for Nightmare. What was your worst game? I had so many bad games it's difficult to cut it down to just one. But the worst game I had was probably when we won 4-0 at Ibrox, where Bobby (Lennox) got a hat-trick. Nothing went right for me that day and I went in at time up, expecting to get a bit of a ribbing from Jock, but he walked over and ruffled my hair and said, 'what a magnificent run off the ball you made for Bobby's third goal.' Now it was the only thing I did right that day, but in other games, where I had been on the ball, playing passes and creating chances for 87 minutes, he would talk about my bad three minutes. This time, when I deserved criticism, he gave me the lift that I needed.

O is for Olympian. In the Lions side, who was the best all-round sportsman? That's difficult to say. Gemmell had a tremendous engine and worked so hard in training, he could easily have been a runner. Billy McNeill had this majestic leap and would have

been great at the high jump. But with Lennox's pace, he was exhilarating over short and long distances. So I think with that pace, Bobby would have been the one.

P is for Partick Thistle. How did you enjoy your time as manager of the Jags?

When you stop playing, the most important thing is staying in the game, because you still have that passion and enthusiasm, but you also have a knowledge of how you feel the game should be played. You also want to help people in their careers and pass on your knowledge. Partick Thistle gave me that opportunity to give young players a chance to become men and also nice people. We won the First Division and such like, but what I am proudest of winning there was the support of the fans. Now you can't be everybody's cup of tea, but what we did was get consistency, in the dressing room and in three quarters of the terraces.

Q is for Questionable. Before Jock arrived, did you get frustrated by some of the peculiar team selections that were put forward by the board?

Now when somebody approaches you and asks you to be a player for a particular club, all you are looking for is to know that you are good enough to be picked. In the early part of my Celtic career that wasn't the case. It wasn't the best who were played, it was somebody's favourite and that deprived the most important people of success, and that is the supporters. The supporters should have and would have seen more success in that era, had the best man been picked for the job.

R is for Regrets. Do you have any from your playing days?

No, I must say that looking back, I really loved my time as a player. Aside from the Lions, I played with great players, Charlie Tully, Bobby Collins, Willie Fernie, the McPhail brothers, and to be in a position to speak about their passion and ability is a great honour. They didn't achieve what they should have. They were that far ahead of everybody else in the Scottish game, but they were deprived by some weird team selections from the board at that time.

S is for Superstition. Did you have any?

I had an awful lot. I had to come out the tunnel fifth or sixth - I actually can't remember which now! We were all the same, though, and we had a lot of laughs, with people jockeying around and nipping in ahead of each other in the tunnel. We all knew that Jimmy and Lennox liked to be at the back, so you'd be hiding people's shorts and trying to make them late. You can picture it now, but that was our superstition. Another one I had was that if we won I wouldn't change my suit. I'd wear the same one to the next game. 🐾

T is for Tough-Guy. Who was your toughest opponent?

I could tell you a few things about the dirty players I played against, but the toughest were Davie Mackay and John Cummings, who both played for Hearts. They were midfielders who went in to win the ball and never went over the top, they went in to win the ball and if they went through you, fair enough. They were on a par with each other and were great players. In fact, they were that good, they should have played for Celtic.

U is for Ugly. What one thing would you like to see change in the beautiful game?

I would love to see the referee allow the game to flow, rather than stopping and starting. To me, that frustrates the fans and spoils their enjoyment of the game. They pull players up for the slightest thing. Now have the rules changed? If they have



then please tell us, otherwise it's a contact sport and people should be allowed to tackle. Now I am not talking about people going in six or seven foot in the air, but if the ball is there to be won, then let the game flow.

V is Victory. How did you enjoy the derby meetings with Rangers?

In my first spell at Celtic we had days when we would be ashamed to go and walk the streets of Glasgow because we were that humiliated and disappointed. But from 1965 onwards we won consistently and to be honest, I still get excited when we beat the team from across the road.

W is for War. You were involved in a few rough and tumble matches over the years. Which was the worst?

That's difficult, but my Dad said to me when I was younger was 'always get your retaliation in first'. Years later, after I had signed for Celtic and we were going home in John McNellis's car, back to Maryhill, he elaborated on that. He was in the front with John, the secretary of Maryhill Harp and he said to me, 'you are in a game where people will kick you, if you allow them to kick you. They'll kick you all day, so you get in your tackle first.'

X is for X-Ray. You used to double up as trainer in your early days as a coach, what was the worst injury you saw?

At Easter Road, Eddie Turnbull the manager, a great man, asked if I would like to join the coaching staff. In my first game with Hibs reserves there was a laddie called Kenny Davidson playing, who was a flying machine. He had the pace of Bobby Lennox. He went into a tackle, now I didn't know about bad injuries and I knew that I needed a sponge for a cut and that if it was a knock, I'd rub it with algipan. But the laddie had broken his leg and when I ran on and saw this hideous injury, it was the worst ever.

Y is for Yawn. Who was your room-mate and who was most likely to put you to sleep?

Joe McBride and I were great room-mates. When he joined Celtic he had a sweetie shop and I had just bought a pub on London Road, so he asked me if I came in in partnership with me. We became very friendly and was my room-mate, but he kept talking and talking away. I'll tell you now, I slept through 90 per cent of it! You didn't need any sleeping pills when Joe was in the room!

Z is for Zenith. What is your proudest achievement?

My proudest achievements have been when my daughter, Susan, was born in Birmingham and my son, Robert, was born in Glasgow when I came back to Celtic.



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ACTION REPLAY

KILMARNOCK 1 CELTIC 3

CLYDESDALE BANK SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE, SUN, SEP 21, 2008

THE Bhoys wrapped up successive comprehensive SPL away wins in some style when this trip to Rugby Park followed their 4-2 adventure at Motherwell a week earlier.

This time the Celts could even afford the luxury of Shaun Maloney's 20th-minute penalty miss as the diminutive playmaker redressed the situation when he slotted home the opener soon after.

A freewheeling solo run from Georgios Samaras little over 10 minutes into the second half created a wonderful goal for the Greek striker and he made short work of a spot-kick when Celtic were awarded their second penalty before Killie also scored from 12 yards.



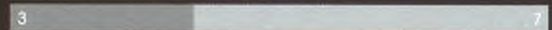
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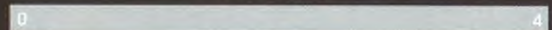
GOAL ATTEMPTS



ON TARGET



OFF TARGET



FOULS



OFFSIDES



KILMARNOCK (4-5-1) Combe; Fowler, Ford, Wright, Hay; Invincible, Taouil, Bryson, Pascali, Skelton (Sammon 31); Fernandez (Simmonds 71). **SUBS NOT USED:** Rasclie, Lilley, Hamill, Flannigan, Cox.

CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Wilson, Caldwell, McManus, Naylor; Nakamura, S Brown, Crosas (Hartley 74), Maloney (McGeady 61); Vennegoor of Hesselink (Loovens 90), Samaras. **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, McDonald, O'Dea, Caddis.



ACTION REPLAY

CELTIC 4 LIVINGSTON 0

CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE CUP, TUE, SEP 23, 2008

CELTIC eased into the quarter-final of the Co-operative Insurance Cup with a 4-0 victory over First Division league leaders Livingston.

Goals from Glenn Loovens, Scott Brown and a Georgios Samaras double made it a comfortable victory for Gordon Strachan's side, who were in impressive form throughout the night.

Loovens, making only his second competitive start for the Hoops, opened the scoring with the only goal of the first half. And he turned provider after the break, setting up the first of Samaras' two goals on the night.

The Greek striker then combined well with Scott Brown after a great passage of possession play from Celtic, and the midfielder lifted the ball into the net for goal of the night. Samaras completed the scoring from the penalty spot with four minutes remaining.



MATCH STATS	
GOAL ATTEMPTS	
22	7
ON TARGET	
11	3
OFF TARGET	
11	4
FOULS	
8	8
OFFSIDES	
3	0



CELTIC (4-4-2) Boruc; Hinkel, Loovens, McManus, Hinkel; Caddis, Hartley, Donati (S Brown 64), McGeady; Samaras, McDonald (Maloney 76). **SUBS NOT USED:** M Brown, Caldwell, Vennegoor of Hesselink.

LIVINGSTON (4-4-2) McKenzie; Mackay, McPake, Innes, Talbot (Miller 73); Quinn, Fox (Giarrizzo 60), Davidson, Hamill; McParland, Elliot (Cuenca 54). **SUBS NOT USED:** Martini, McDonald.

KEY

- Number of Goals scored
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- Home games in bold
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- CBPL - Clydesdale Bank Premier League
- CL - Champions League
- SC - Scottish Cup
- CIS - CIS Insurance Cup

CELTIC STATS 08/09

FIXTURES & RESULTS



PREMIER LEAGUE 2008/09

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Rangers	6	5	1	0	12	5	16	+7
Celtic	6	4	1	1	14	8	13	+6
Hearts	6	4	0	2	9	8	12	+1
Hibernian	6	3	1	2	7	6	10	+1
Kilmarnock	6	3	1	2	6	5	10	+1
Hamilton	6	3	0	3	7	6	9	+1
Inverness CT	6	2	1	3	6	6	7	0
Aberdeen	6	2	1	3	4	6	7	-2
St Mirren	6	1	2	3	4	6	5	-2
Dundee Utd	6	1	2	3	5	9	5	-4
Motherwell	6	1	1	4	7	11	4	-4
Falkirk	6	1	1	4	6	11	4	-5

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 HESSELINK McDONALD	M BROWN DONATI O'DEA WILSON CADDIS SAMARAS McGOWAN
CBPL	17 AUG	DUNDEE UNITED	1-1	13,648	BORUC HINKEL McMANUS CALDWELL WILSON NAKAMURA HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY HESSELINK	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 HESSELINK 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 HESSELINK ROBSON
CBPL	13 SEP	MOTHERWELL	4-2	8,407	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON CROSAS S BROWN MALONEY SAMARAS	M BROWN LOOVENS DONATI CADDIS McGEADY NAKAMURA HARTLEY
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 HESSELINK
CBPL	20 SEP	KILMARNOCK	3-1	8,111	BORUC WILSON McMANUS CALDWELL NAYLOR S BROWN CROSAS NAKAMURA MALONEY SAMARAS	M BROWN O'DEA O'DEA CADDIS McGEADY NAKAMURA 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 HESSELINK
CBPL	27 SEP	ABERDEEN				
UEFA CL	30 SEP	VILLARREAL				
CBPL	04 OCT	HAMILTON ACCIES				
CBPL	18 OCT	INVERNESS CT				
UEFA CL	21 OCT	MANCHESTER UNITED				
CBPL	25 OCT	HIBERNIAN				
CIS	28/29 OCT	QUARTER FINAL				
CBPL	02 NOV	HEARTS				
UEFA CL	05 NOV	MANCHESTER UNITED				
CBPL	08 NOV	MOTHERWELL				
CBPL	12 NOV	KILMARNOCK				
CBPL	18 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				
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CBPL	04 MAR	KILMARNOCK				
SC	07 MAR	QUARTER FINAL				
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CBPL	04 APR	HAMILTON ACCIES				
UEFA CL	07/08 APR	QUARTER FINAL				
CBPL	11 APR	HEARTS				
UEFA CL	14/15 APR	QUARTER FINAL				
CBPL	18 APR	ABERDEEN				
SC	25/26 APR	SEMI FINAL				
UEFA CL	28/29 APR	SEMI FINAL				
CBPL	02 MAY	GAME 34				
UEFA CL	05/06 MAY	SEMI FINAL				
CBPL	09 MAY	GAME 35				
CBPL	13 MAY	GAME 36				
CBPL	16 MAY	GAME 37				
CBPL	23/24 MAY	GAME 38				
UEFA CL	27 MAY	FINAL				
SC	30 MAY	FINAL				



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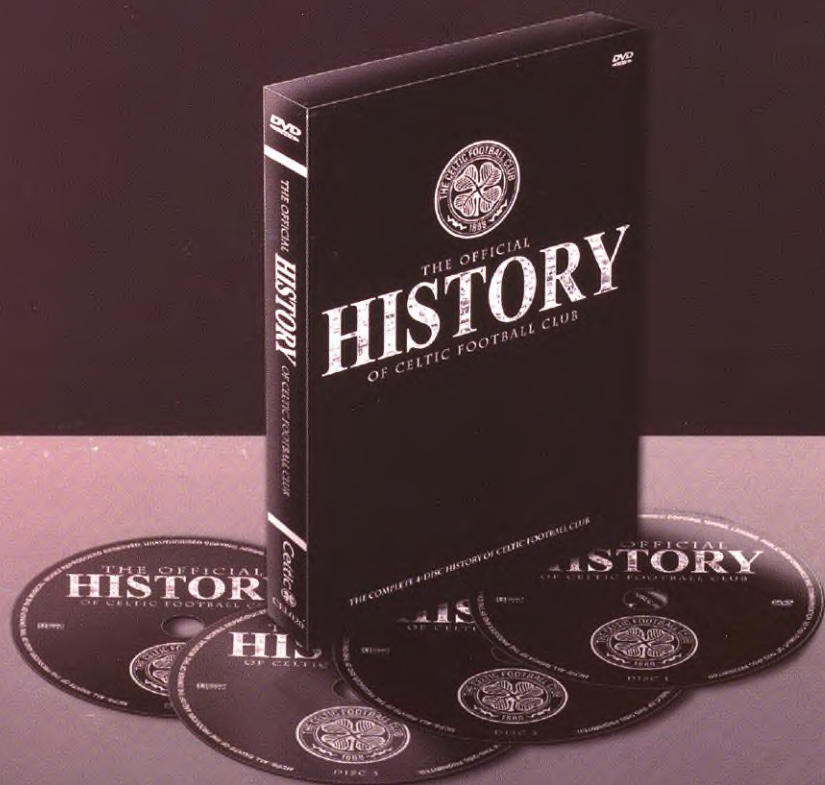
- 1 Which two former Celtic players have had the distinction of managing Aberdeen in the Premier Division?
- 2 Against which country in September did Henrik Larsson win his 100th cap for Sweden?
- 3 Which current Celt holds the record for having made more substitute appearances for Celtic than any other player?
- 4 Which country in August won the Football tournament during the Beijing Olympics?
- 5 Who remains the only player to have won three Scottish League Cup winner's medals with Aberdeen?
- 6 Since the Millennium which three Spanish players have appeared in competitive matches for Celtic?
- 7 Adam Rooney netted the 6,000th SPL goal two weeks ago but which current Celt scored the 5,000th in November 2006?
- 8 Which five teams did Aberdeen play last season in the UEFA Cup competition?
- 9 Who remains the last man to score a century of competitive goals for Celtic?
- 10 Against which two clubs have Celtic under the management of Gordon Strachan netted **FOUR** goals in the first half of a League match?
- 11 Which Aberdeen player is the only man to captain a winning FA Cup side in Scotland and England?
- 12 Which four teams has former Celt Peter Grant now coached or managed in English football?
- 13 Prior to Stephen McManus against Iceland, who was the last Celt to be dismissed playing for Scotland?
- 14 Which current four SPL managers have in their careers also played for Aberdeen?
- 15 In the UEFA Cup final in Seville in 2003, which four players were unused substitutes for Celtic against Porto?



ANSWERS 1 Billy McNeill & Roy Aitken, 2 Albion, 3 Shaun Maloney, 4 Argentina defeated Nigeria, 5 Willie Miller 1976/77, 1985/86 and 1989/90 6 David Fernandez, Javier Sanchez Broto and Marc Crosas, 7 Scott McDonald (Motherwell) v Falkirk, 8 Dnipro, Atletico Madrid, Lokomotiv Moscow, FC Copenhagen and Bayern Munich, 9 John Hartson, 10 Durnfermline 1 Celtic 8 2005/06, Motherwell 2 Celtic 4 2008/09, 11 Martin Buchan, Aberdeen 3 Celtic 1 1970, Manchester United 2 Liverpool 1 1977, 12 Bournemouth, West Ham, Norwich and West Brom, 13 Craig Burley v Morocco 1998, 14 Craig Brewster, Mixu Paatainen, Gordon Strachan and Mark McGhee, 15 Marcus Hedman, David Fernandez, Momo Sylla and Jamie Smith.



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1	JAMIE LANGFIELD
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4	GARY McDONALD
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