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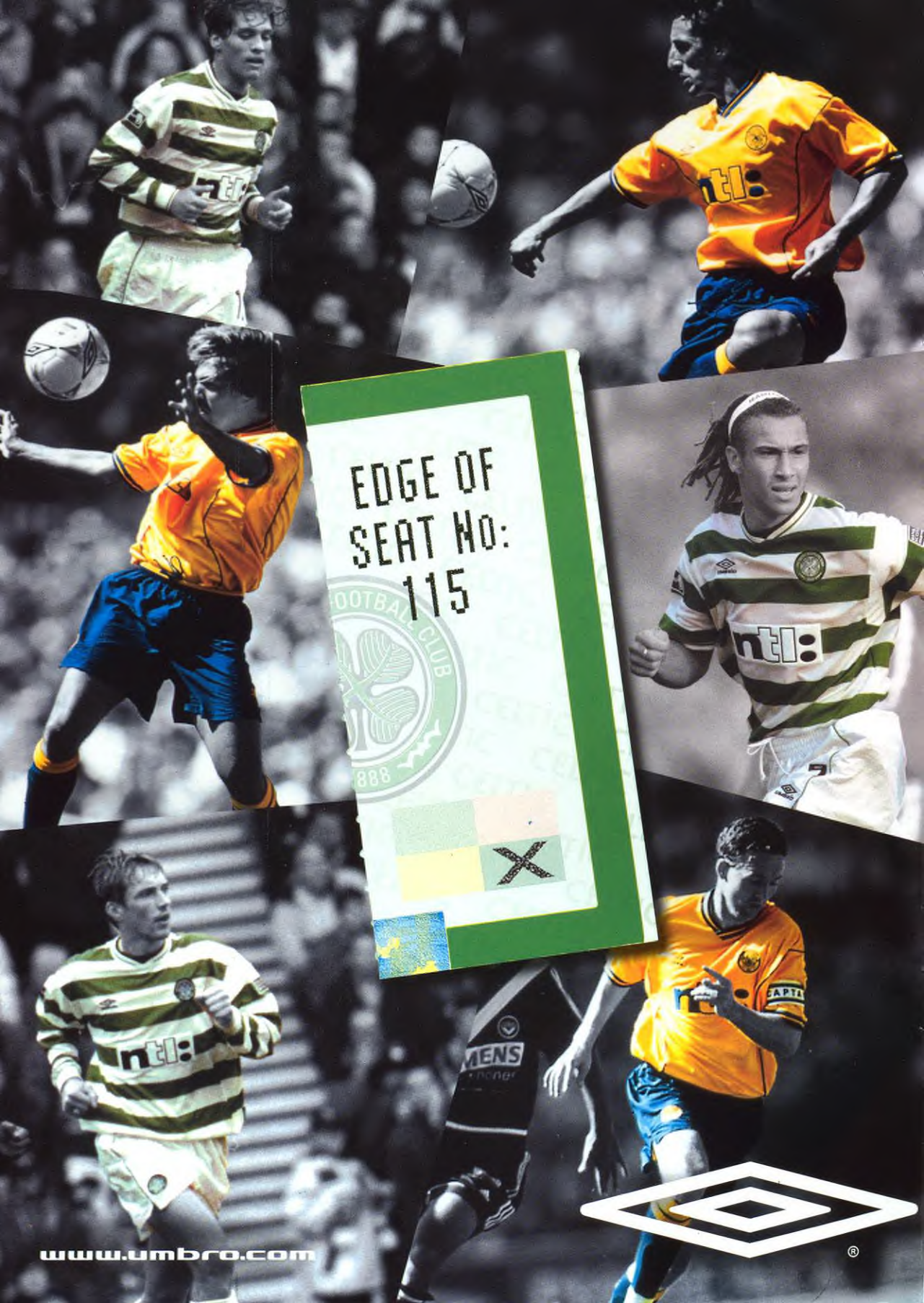
CELTIC PARK

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**Once again, early printing deadlines have made it necessary for me to pen these notes in advance of us playing an important match, this time against Aberdeen.**

It doesn't take much looking into my crystal ball however to tell me our trip to Pittodrie will have proved to be a very difficult one.

We at least know, because the result at Ibrox on Saturday went in our favour, no ground will have been conceded as we attempt to secure the title.

This evening's match sees us return to Celtic Park for the first time in almost a month and I'm pleased to report the time we've spent away from home has been extremely productive.

The highlight of it all, naturally, was our CIS League Cup final triumph at Hampden, a fantastic occasion.

For those of you who took the trouble to go along to the match, I offer my sincere thanks because you helped make the day extremely special for myself and the players.

I can't imagine anyone failing to be stirred by 30,000-odd Celtic supporters with their scarves held aloft, singing their hearts out, and I certainly felt privileged to witness the scene as our boys paraded the cup. It was a trophy they had more than earned, having come through difficult circumstances to win pretty convincingly in the end.

For the umpteenth time, Henrik Larsson underlined why he is so well loved and respected at this club but, while his goals and performance were magnificent, he wasn't the only player who put in an outstanding shift.

Everyone earned their winners' medal and for young players such as Colin Healy, Jamie Smith and Stephen Crainey - all of whom have grown up supporting the club - the experience must have been particularly special.

However, I was disappointed for the lads who, through being suspended or cup-tied, weren't able to stake their claim for a medal after being heavily involved throughout the season.

This group included Alan Thompson, Didier Agathe and Rab Douglas, all of whom played vital roles in our 2-1 win at McDiarmid Park on March 14.

I thought we played magnificently that night and, in the end, could have won by a greater margin. But our satisfaction at negotiating successfully such a tough away fixture was eclipsed by sadness as we learned



THUMBS UP: March was a satisfying month for boss Martin O'Neill

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the extent of Stilian Petrov's injury.

As we all know, Stan has suffered a double leg fracture and will be out for some considerable time. Fortunately, everything appears to have gone to plan thus far as he begins to recover - both physically and mentally - from such a shattering blow.

I'm more disappointed for him than anything else but, from a selfish point of view, there is no doubt his loss will be keenly felt around the stadium.

Stan is extremely popular among his team-mates and, on the field, he has been nothing short of magnificent this season. He seemed to be growing in stature with every game and the one crumb of comfort we can all take from this is he is still very young with what I'm sure will be a long and glittering career ahead of him.

He is not the only injured player on our staff and, ideally, I would have liked to bring in one or two fresh faces

before Saturday's transfer deadline.

However, available players of the necessary quality are not easy to find and we've been unsuccessful in our attempts. Nevertheless, I have been hugely impressed with the resilience our players have shown this season and I would be confident of their ability to see us through to the death.

Tonight, our resolve will be tested by a Dundee side whose quality belies their modest league position. Twice already this season they have given us a real run for our money and I would expect nothing else tonight as they chase a place in the top six.

I look forward to what should be an entertaining match.



*Martin O'Neill*



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Referee: DOUGLAS McDONALD

Assistant Referees: JOE McDOWALL

DEREK MASON

Fourth Official: ALAN GEMMILL

## celtic squad

- |                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Jonathan GOULD                      | 21 Stewart KERR                       |
| 2 Tom BOYD ( <i>captain</i> )         | 22 Stephane BONNES                    |
| 3 Stephane MAHE                       | 23 Dimitre KHARINE                    |
| 4 Jackie McNAMARA                     | 24 Colin HEALY                        |
| 5 Joos VALGAEREN                      | 25 Lubomir MORAVCIK                   |
| 6 Alan STUBBS                         | 26 Paul SHIELDS                       |
| 7 Henrik LARSSON                      | 27 Mark BURCHILL ( <i>Ipswich</i> )   |
| 8 Alan THOMPSON                       | 31 Rafael SCHEIDT ( <i>on loan</i> )  |
| 9 Chris SUTTON                        | 32 Simon LYNCH                        |
| 10 Eyal BERKOVIC ( <i>Blackburn</i> ) | 33 John CONVERY                       |
| 11 Morten WIEGHORST                   | 34 Mark FOTHERINGHAM                  |
| 12 Tommy JOHNSON                      | 35 Johan MJALLBY                      |
| 14 Paul LAMBERT                       | 36 Ramon VEGA                         |
| 15 Bobby PETTA                        | 37 Liam KEOGH ( <i>on loan</i> )      |
| 16 Olivier TEBILY                     | 38 Barry John CORR ( <i>on loan</i> ) |
| 17 Dieder AGATHE                      | 39 Jamie SMITH                        |
| 18 Neil LENNON                        | 40 Stephen CRAINEY                    |
| 19 Stilian PETROV                     | 41 John KENNEDY                       |
| 20 Rab DOUGLAS                        | 43 Liam MILLER                        |

## dundee squad

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Marco ROCCATI                  | 17 Frank VAN EIJS    |
| 2 Barry SMITH ( <i>captain</i> ) | 18 Javier ARTERO     |
| 3 Lee MADDISON                   | 19 Patrizio BILLIO   |
| 4 Marcello MARROCCO              | 20 Lee WILKIE        |
| 5 Marco DE MARCHI                | 21 Graham BAYNE      |
| 6 Steven TWEED                   | 22 Christopher COYNE |
| 7 Fabian CABALLERO               | 23 Mark ROBERTSON    |
| 8 Ivano BONETTI                  | 24 David MacKAY      |
| 9 Juan SARA                      | 25 Alberto CARRANZA  |
| 10 Georgi NEMSAZDE               | 26 Walter DEL RIO    |
| 11 William FALCONER              | 28 Marco RUSSO       |
| 12 Shaun McSKIMMING              | 29 Alessandro ROMANO |
| 13 Jamie LANGFIELD               | 30 Goran ZUJOVIC     |
| 14 Gavin RAE                     | 33 Claudio CANIGGIA  |
| 15 Steven MILNE                  | 36 Befo GARRIDO      |
| 16 Michael YATES                 |                      |

**IN case you hadn't noticed there's been a little bit of a revolution up Tayside way this season - and much of that is down to Dens Park manager Ivano Bonetti.**

As a player he performed at the highest level for Italian clubs Bologna, Genoa, Juventus and Sampdoria before sampling life in England with Grimsby, Tranmere and Crystal Palace.

He has since changed the playing staff at Dens with some eyebrow-raising ingenuity and more than a little bit of cheek which has led to South American football aficionados scouring papers for SPL scorelines.

Dundee looked like serious challengers as the season kicked-off but now have ground to make up in the battle for a top-six place.

Goalkeeper **MARCO ROCCATI** joined on loan until the end of the season from Bologna following Rob Douglas' departure for Celtic Park. With his extensive experience in Italy, he commands his box well.

A virtual ever-present at right-back is Dundee's longest-serving player, captain **BARRY SMITH**, who spent five seasons at Celtic before leaving for Dens in the deal which saw Morten Wieghorst head the opposite way.

The other full-back berth should be filled by the Argentine **WALTER DEL RIO**, who joined on a permanent basis earlier this term and made his official debut at Fir Park on Boxing Day at right-back in a 3-0 win.

Between Smith and Del Rio the spine of the side is generally built on a foundation of **STEVEN TWEED** and **CHRIS COYNE**. Edinburgh-born Tweed joined from Stoke City in 1998 and was an ever-present in the side last season.

Australian under-23 internationalist Coyne made a name for himself in the West Ham United youth set-up before he signed on at Dens on transfer deadline day 1999/00.

The Dens Park midfield definitely has a cosmopolitan ring to it. A regular on the right flank is **JAVIER ARTERO** who was in the vanguard of the influx of Latin talent. Although born in Madrid, he joined from Argentine club San Lorenzo in the summer of 2000 for a record £300,000 fee, having initially come on a loan deal, scoring against Aberdeen in the process.

Another regular is **GAVIN RAE** who was called up to the senior Scotland squad last week after a clutch of under-21 international

**CANNED HEAT:** Argentine legend Claudio Caniggia is sensational

## Taydream believers

### *Bonetti and Claudio have brought Dens Park to life*

appearances. The Aberdonian was a near ever-present in 1999/2000, scoring the winner as Dundee beat Rangers at Ibrox.

Alongside Rae in central midfield should be **GIORGI NEMSADZE**, the Georgian international captain who was Bonetti's first signing at Dens Park.

He formerly graced the midfield at Dinamo Tbilisi, Grasshoppers Zurich and Reggiana, becoming a player of the highest quality.

Capable of playing either as the anchorman or in an attacking midfield role, it's easy to see why he has well over 50 caps.

Usually operating on the left flank is Argentine **BETO CARRANZA**. He started as a

youngster with Racing Club but made his Dundee debut as a substitute on the same day as Claudio Caniggia in a 2-0 win at Pittodrie in October 2000. As well as playing for Racing, he has also been with of Independiente and San Lorenzo and has earned international caps along the way.

No prizes for guessing the big names up front, as **CLAUDIO CANIGGIA** looks odds-on to make his first appearance at Celtic Park tonight. The Argentine legend made his name globally with his winner against Brazil in the 1990 World Cup and he continued his love affair with the competition four years later with a double against Nigeria. His many clubs include River Plate, Verona, Atalanta, Roma, Benfica, Boca Juniors and Atalanta once more

before Dundee. His skill is still grabbing the headlines but fellow countryman **JUAN SARA** has also made a big impact in Scotland.

The stylish striker had a double penalty miss against Rangers recently but he is still a fans' favourite.

The possible Dundee bench tonight also reads like a Mario Puzo novel with a more than foreign flavour that would have been unthinkable on Tayside this time last year.

Italian **ALESSANDRO ROMANO** joined Dundee in August 2000 after a career in Serie A and B which saw the Rome-born midfielder play for Cesena, Lazio, Brescia and Verona.

A hard working right sided or central player, he made his debut for Dundee in a 1-1 draw with Hearts and held a regular place until illness saw him return to Italy for treatment.

Bonetti signed 26-year-old Argentine **BETO GARRIDO** on loan from Spanish side Lleida in February. Garrido started his career at

Boca Juniors before moving to Bastia in France. Next came a spell in Italy with Pristina before he moved to Spain.

Yet another Argentine is 22-year-old **FABIAN CABALLERO**, a striker signed on a one-year contract during Dundee's pre-season trip to Italy. Dundee held off interest from Bari and Porto to sign the highly-rated forward who has played most of his football in Paraguay and was the league's top scorer there when Dundee swooped. Had a spell with Arsenal during season 1998/99.

Italian left-back **MARCELLO MARROCCO**

**JUAN TO WATCH:** Dens Park striker Sara is a potent threat up front

joined in the close season from Serie C side Modena. The 31-year-old played with Bonetti at Genoa.

**ZURA KHIZANISHVILI** joined Dundee in March this year on a two-and-a-half-year contract. The highly-rated youngster

was interesting several clubs but opted to join fellow

Georgian Nemsadze at Dens. Became Georgia's

youngest-ever international when he made his national debut at 17.

The bench doesn't exactly get off Scot-free, though, as ex-Celtic hitman **WILLIE FALCONER**, midfielder **SHAUN McSKIMMING**, striker **STEVEN MILNE** and keeper **JAMIE LANGFIELD** could feature tonight.

JOE SULLIVAN

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**DIDIER DO WELL:**  
Celts ace Agathe  
celebrates at Dens



# Agathe paves way for Golden Bhoy

**In the last meeting at Dens Park, Didier Agathe became the 49th player to score for Celtic against Dundee in the Premier Division/SPL in Celtic's 2-1 win.**

IN the same match Tom Boyd became the 40th player to score for Dundee against Celtic in the Premier Division/SPL.

TOM BOYD incredibly became the fifth player to score an own goal in this fixture since the start of the Premier Division joining Andy Lynch, Roy Aitken, Lee Martin and Jonathan Gould. All 49 players to score for Celtic have been Celtic players.

DUNDEE remain one of only two clubs Henrik Larsson has yet to score a league goal against this season. However, before this term he had a

fine record netting seven times, including his first ever hat-trick for the Hoops in November 1998. The other team? Motherwell.

THE first visitors to Celtic Park in the Premier Division were Dundee on September 6, 1975. Bobby Lennox did his utmost to make them feel unwelcome by scoring the Premier Division's first hat-trick in the 37th, 70th and 78th minutes. Jackie McNamara Snr scored the other goal in a 4-0 win.

ONLY twice in the history of the Premier Division/SPL have Celtic beaten a team in all four meetings without conceding a goal. The first was Clydebank in 1985/86 2-0, 2-0, 2-0 and 5-0. The second Dundee in 1992/93 1-0, 2-0, 1-0 and 1-0.

ROBERT DOUGLAS' recent run of seven

consecutive shut outs saw him fall just one short of Celtic's post-war record. That was achieved by Pat Bonner at the end of 1985/86 and beginning of 1986/87. Rab did overtake Peter Latchford (1975/76) Pat Bonner (1987/88 and 1990/91) and Carl Muggleton (1993/94) who had six.

The club record is in fact 10 by Charlie Shaw, not once but twice in 1913/14 and 1921/22. Shaw's achievements were seemingly endless as he also had runs of nine in 1913/14 and eight in 1916/17.

In season 1913/14 he conceded just one goal in 20 games and in this period you could also add three Scottish Cup clean sheets to that magnificent record. Also worthy of a mention is Davy Adams who had eight consecutive league shut outs in 1905/06.

**DAVID McDONALD**

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