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THE season is still just three games old and already we are faced with an Old Firm derby.

Not since my first term at Celtic Park have we played our great rivals so early in the season and yet, regardless of timing, these occasions are always exhilarating and extremely tense.

This afternoon's match will, I'm sure, be no different. Alex McLeish has made some pretty significant changes during the summer, bringing in some very good players, and there's no doubt that Rangers will be formidable opponents – they always are.

They will naturally have been disappointed at losing their Champions League qualification tie against CSKA Moscow, but that disappointment will disappear within a minute of kick-off this afternoon.

We are all aware at Celtic Park of how close these Old Firm games are and we will have to be at our very best to get anything out of the game.

Forecasts suggest that it will be a tight affair and I probably wouldn't disagree.

However, for all the hype that inevitably accompanies such matches, nothing other than the outcome of one football match will be decided this afternoon.

Both teams go into it in decent domestic form, Rangers having won convincingly against both Hibernian and Livingston in recent weeks, and us with nine points from a possible nine, though with plenty of room still for improvement.



I was delighted with our victory over Inverness Caledonian Thistle last week, but perhaps it may well have typified our start to the season. We have been able to

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maintain our goalscoring form, with our three games so far having yielded nine goals, seven of which have come away from home, but we will need to tighten up defensively because today we will suffer the consequences for any lapses in concentration.

Like most teams, even at the start of the year we have a number of

injury problems, and that was one of the reasons why I was so delighted that we succeeded in signing Juninho earlier this week.

He is a player of terrific pedigree and will, I feel sure, add a new and exciting dimension to the team with the ability and vision he so clearly possesses.

We will also continue in our attempts to further strengthen the squad ahead of the deadline and, while this may not happen with time now running short, it certainly won't be for the lack of trying.

What is beyond doubt is that we will need all the quality available to us in the Champions League after being drawn in an extremely tough group.

The draw has pitted us with Henrik Larsson and Barcelona, something which our Executive Director, Peter Lawwell, had predicted would happen.

Personally, I believe that AC Milan should have been in the first pot having won the competition just over a year ago, and there's no doubt the draw could have been a lot kinder to us.

But we will look forward again to some more glorious evenings of European football at Celtic Park and we are delighted to be taking part in such a tremendous tournament.

Peter Lawwell



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Scottish Cup (32)
 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
League Cup (12)
 1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/2001
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Joos Valgaeren	5	3	Craig Moore
Bobo Balde	6	4	Jean-Alain Boumsong
Juninho	7	5	Marvin Andrews
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Chris Sutton	9	8	Alex Rae
John Hartson	10	9	Dado Prso
Stephen Pearson	11	10	Nacho Novo
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Paul Lambert	14	12	Robert Malcolm
Bobby Petta	15	14	Dragan Mladenovic
Ulrik Laursen	16	15	Zurab Khizanishvili
Didier Agathe	17	16	Paolo Vanoli
Neil Lennon	18	17	Chris Burke
Stilian Petrov	19	18	Michael Ball
Robert Douglas	20	19	Steven Thompson
Magnus Hedman	21	20	Alan Hutton
David Marshall	22	21	Maurice Ross
Stanislav Varga	23	24	Gregory Vignal
Henri Camara	27	26	Peter Lovenkrands
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Ross Wallace	33	30	Graeme Smith
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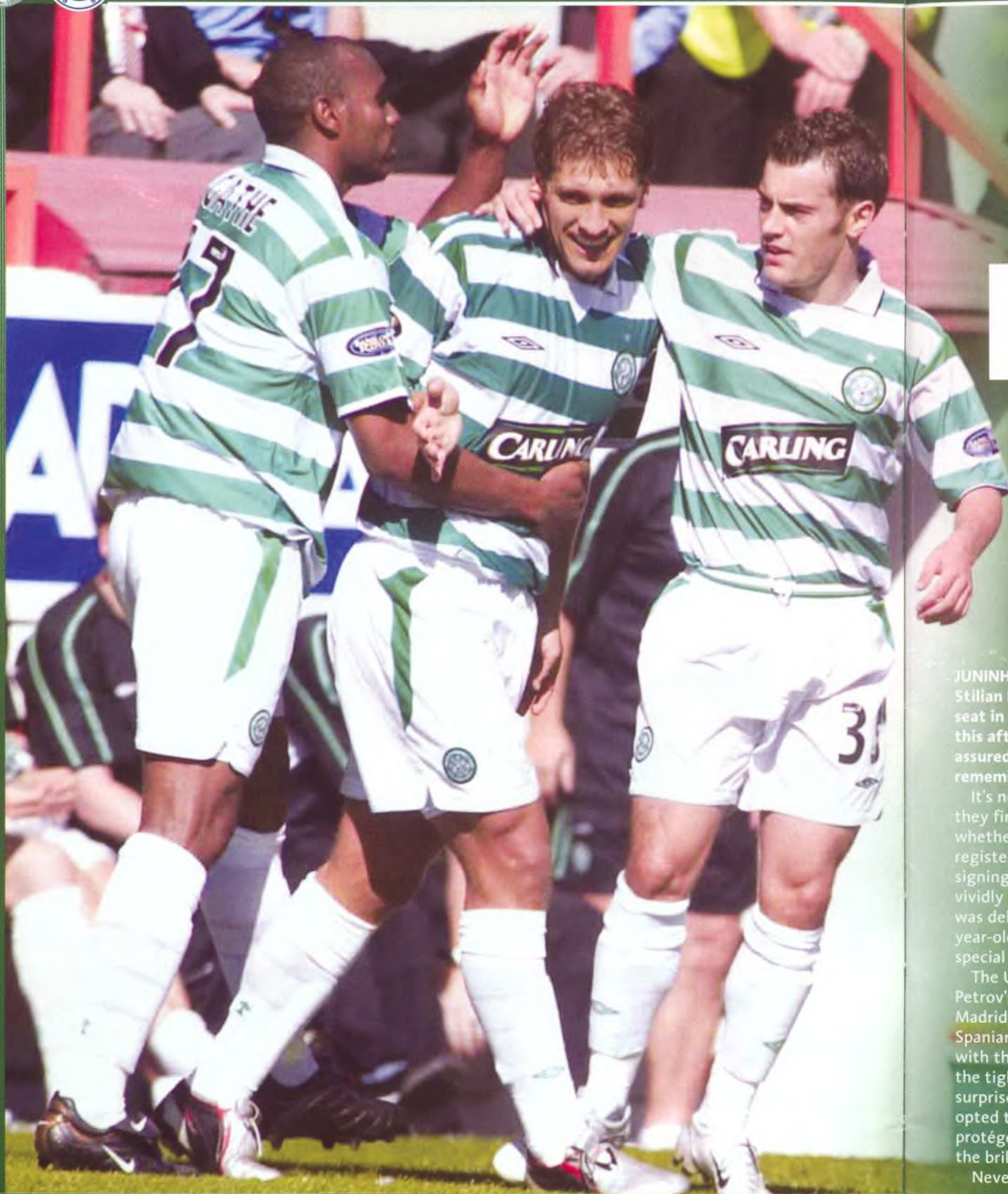


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 Pre-Season Friendly, Aug 10, 2004
CELTIC 2 v O SPURS (Beattie, Camara)
 Scottish Premierleague, Aug 8, 2004
CELTIC 2 v O MOTHERWELL (McNamara, Sutton)
 Pre-Season Friendly, Aug 4, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 1 NEWCASTLE (Sylla, Camara)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE
 SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 3:00pm



Do you remember the first time

Stan and Juninho have met before – but only one of them was smiling!

JUNINHO might not recognise Stilian Petrov when he takes his seat in the Celtic dressing room this afternoon, but he can rest assured that the Bulgarian remembers him.

It's now almost six years since they first met and, regardless of whether the occasion still registers with Celtic's latest signing, his new team-mate recalls vividly a harsh football lesson that was delivered when, as a mere 19-year-old, he was assigned to a special man-marking job.

The UEFA Cup draw had paired Petrov's CSKA Sofia with Atletico Madrid, and with the big-spending Spaniards boasting a midfielder with the ability to slice open even the tightest defence, it was no surprise that CSKA's manager opted to dedicate his young protégé to the task of shackling the brilliant Brazilian.

Nevertheless, while it

Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

represented a golden opportunity for the talented teenager to further develop his burgeoning reputation, Petrov recalls that it was Juninho who emerged from the tie with all the plaudits.

He said: "I played against Juninho once before – I man-marked him, actually – when CSKA Sofia played against Atletico Madrid in the UEFA Cup.

Unfortunately, we lost at home 4-2 and then 1-0 in Madrid, so I can't have done too good a job!

"Atletico had a great team at that time and our manager had decided that Juninho was a very important player for them, so he asked me to mark him closely. He did well, though, and scored a penalty in the second leg. It was disappointing, but at that time in my career I was just happy to be learning from playing against such

a great player."

Petrov's respect for Juninho hasn't diminished in the time since, and he's praying that Celtic can cut through the red tape to enable the Brazilian to play in this afternoon's Old Firm derby.

"It's great that we've signed him," said the Bulgarian. "All the players know how good Juninho is and it will be a great boost for everyone at the club because he is definitely something special. It will be great to have him in the team and I really hope that the club can get him cleared to play against Rangers."

It's inevitable that the traditional hype which precedes a new season's first Old Firm centres on the derby debutants, and in addition to Juninho and Henri Camara on the Celtic side, Rangers could give no less than six players their first taste of this unique fixture. Dado Prso, Nacho Novo



STAND OFF: Rangers' new signing Marvin Andrews holds off Petrov while playing for Livingston – but the super Celt hopes to come out on top in this afternoon's first Old Firm clash of the campaign

and Jean Alain Boumsong are among those who could make themselves immediate heroes, or villains, with the Ibrox support, and Petrov admits to having been impressed by the calibre of Alex McLeish's new signings.

He said: "I've not seen too much of Rangers so far to be honest, only a little bit of their European games against CSKA Moscow. But every player they bought is of good quality. I know Prso from playing against him with Bulgaria, and I know Nacho Novo and Marvin Andrews from our games against Dundee and Livingston.

"I don't know much about Alex Rae or Mladenovic from Serbia, but I suppose they must be good for Alex McLeish to have bought them, so we will need to be careful.

"Rangers obviously had an important game on Wednesday and I was cheering them on to qualify because it would have been good for Scottish football to have two clubs playing in the Champions League. But when it comes down to playing against them, I treat them as our rivals and play my hardest to make sure we win."

The efforts of Petrov and his Hoops teammates have certainly

yielded plenty of success in recent times, evident in the fact that Celtic are this afternoon bidding for their seventh consecutive victory over their oldest rivals. And while he's now a veteran of such occasions, the Bulgarian admits that the anticipation which precedes Old Firm derbies never dulls.

"Yeah, it's not just the fans – we get excited too," he said. "It's such a big game and, when you play Rangers, you always try to win and give your best because it means so much to everyone in Glasgow. There is so much history to this game and, although we approach it the same as we would



any game, it's always a little bit different.

"I still remember my first experience of the Old Firm – it was so tough! The pace, the atmosphere was so different to any game I had played, and I found it very hard. But I've enjoyed every

there's something unique and very special about the clash of Glasgow's football titans.

"I don't think you can compare it to the derby we have in Sofia," he said. "The rivalry is still there in Bulgaria, but the fans here and the whole occasion make it so

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single game we've played against them since, and we have enjoyed a good record against them recently, so hopefully we can keep that going. We want the three points and, although it will be hard, we all feel confident."

Of course, the Old Firm isn't Petrov's first experience of a derby. In his hometown of Sofia, the matches between Levski and CSKA are often passionate and bad-tempered affairs. Nevertheless, he admits that

massive. The Bulgarian players are very interested in the Old Firm game and always ask me lots of questions about it.

"Sometimes they even joke with me that it's the only game we're looking forward to, but that's not the case. Every game is important here and every team plays even harder against us because we are the champions. Rangers will be the same, but I hope we have enough in our team to stop them doing that."



The Bhoys from Brazil

Jubilation as smiling Samba star Juninho finally arrives to sign on at Paradise

IT was the news Celtic fans had been waiting for – the signing of Brazilian World Cup winner Juninho.

The player joined the club from Middlesbrough on a two-year contract and has been handed the No.7 jersey, previously worn by Henrik Larsson who moved to Barcelona.

Juninho was obviously delighted to have made the move to Celtic Park.

He said: "It is a privilege to sign for Celtic Football Club and I am very much looking forward to this new challenge in my career."

"The Club has enjoyed tremendous domestic success in recent years and made its mark in European football."

"I am really looking forward to joining up with the players and will work hard in trying to ensure we can continue to bring similar success to the supporters."

It's a fantastic coup by Martin O'Neill,

securing the services of a player who has represented Brazil 50 times, including an appearance in the 2002 World Cup final.

The Celtic manager said: "I am delighted to welcome Juninho to Celtic."

"He has proven himself to be a talented player over a number of years both in the English Premiership and at international level, with a World Cup medal to his name."

"I am sure he will be a very important addition to the squad at Celtic."

And Peter Lawwell, Celtic's Executive Director, added: "The Celtic Board is committed to ensuring it offers as much support as possible to Martin in maintaining a high quality first-team and the signing of a player with the credentials of Juninho is part of this aim."





Saturday, October 4, 2003, SPL
RANGERS 0 CELTIC 1
 Hartson 46

On the morning of this match both teams had played seven games and the Ibrox side sat at the top of the table with an unblemished record and the maximum 21 points.

Thanks to the opening day draw at Dunfermline, the Celts were perched in second place with 19 points. However, by the end of this 90 minutes the tone had been set for not only the SPL's No.1 berth but the outcome of the Old Firm matches for the rest of the season.

It was Welsh Wizard John Hartson who settled the score with his 50th goal for the Hoops – a strike that is remembered as much

“The game marked Celtic’s 18th successive league victory as Martin O’Neill’s men superseded the record set by Jock Stein’s Bhoys”

for his celebration as the execution.

Saturday, January 3, 2004, SPL
CELTIC 3 RANGERS 0
 Petrov 19, Varga 60, Thompson 84

The Hoops went 11 points clear at the top of the table after this New Year clash but in doing so clocked up more than just the three points available on the day.

This game marked Celtic’s 18th successive league victory as Martin O’Neill’s men superseded the 17-game record set by Jock Stein’s Bhoys in 1968.

The match was also Celts’ 67th successive unbeaten game at Celtic Park, and by the time Stilian Petrov put the Bhoys one ahead in the 19th minute, the result was

never in very much doubt.

Stanislav Varga doubled Celtic’s account on the hour mark with another header and with six minutes remaining, Alan Thompson fired in a wonder free-kick to set the seal on a highly enjoyable performance.

Aside from the goals though, the biggest cheer of the day arrived in the 74th minute when, after repeated calls from the Celtic crowd, Nuno Capucho replaced Bob Malcolm as the visitors capitulated.

Sunday, March 7, 2004 Scottish Cup 1/4
CELTIC 1 RANGERS 0
 Larsson 52

This was the day when Rangers waved goodbye to any hope of lifting a trophy and the tight scoreline suggests a close run game – but nothing could be further from the truth.

In the previous SPL match, the Ibrox side couldn’t muster a shot



DAVE BRUBECK’S *Take Five* is regarded as something of a jazz masterpiece. But last season the Celts did their take on the number and created their own magnum opus with five wins in five games against Old Firm rivals Rangers. A victory at the tail end of the previous campaign makes it six in a row for the Bhoys – and today we take a look back at last term’s memorable successes.



on target until four minutes from the end. In this cup tie Rangers fans would wait even longer, with the Celtic goal remaining untested until the final minute for the game.

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Still, there was only one goal in it

and it was that man Henrik Larsson who did the needful in the 52nd minute.

A knee injury ruled out Chris Sutton, leaving the Swede to beat a lone furrow up front with Petrov and Stephen Pearson pushing forward at every available opportunity.

And both midfielders were involved in the build up to the match winner. It was Petrov who was felled by Ronald de Boer and, following Thompson’s free-kick,



Pearson as well as Bobo Balde and Joos Valgaeren engineered the move that was finished by Larsson's predatory instinct.

Thompson was on hand to tidy up and more or less rack up another three points for the triumphant Celts.

Sunday, March 28, 2004, SPL

RANGERS 1 CELTIC 2

Larsson 20, Thompson 52

Just days after disposing of the mighty Barcelona in the UEFA Cup, the Celts rolled up to Ibrox and by the end of the afternoon were a full 19 points ahead of their oldest rivals.

Throughout the course of the season Celtic were to score eight times in Old Firm games while the opposition found the net just once, and this was the day when they managed it.

Steven Thompson's goal though, eight minutes from the end, didn't have much sway with the final outcome as Larsson and Thompson had already put the Celts firmly in the driving seat.

The home side had their moments in front of goal but when Larsson rose to head home another Thompson set piece, the writing was on the wall yet once more.

Larsson and Pearson were again involved in a move on the Rangers goal and when Stefan Klos blocked the young midfielder's effort,

Saturday, May 8, 2004, SPL

CELTIC 1 RANGERS 0

Sutton 90

Was the Green and Whitewash on? As the fourth official signalled two minutes of extra time at the end of the regulation 90, it didn't look like it.

If the stalemate was maintained, at least the Celts could claim to have gone through the season unbeaten in Old Firm games.

There was also the possibility that Rangers could sneak one right at the death and with barely 30 seconds remaining on the clock the ball was in the Celtic penalty box. However, within the blink of an eye it had traversed the length of the park and nestled in the Rangers goal.

David Marshall's clearance was touched on by Sutton to Larsson just inside the Rangers half and the Swede returned the favour by steering the ball back into the Englishman's path.

Then Paradise erupted as Sutton sidestepped his marker and lobbed in a truly sublime effort that was the icing on the Old Firm cake.



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A decade after the passing of Celtic legend Mochan, young Neil gets set to lead out team

Words: JOE SULLIVAN

TWO Celtic mascots will lead the Hoops out today and no doubt it will be an occasion they will remember forever.

But for one of the youngsters, the day will be particularly poignant, as 10-year-old Neil Mochan is the grandson and namesake of the Celtic legend who passed away 10 years ago this weekend.

At the age of 67, Smiler died in Falkirk Royal Infirmary on Sunday, August 28 after a short illness.

A day earlier his beloved Celts had travelled to Ibrox and recorded a magnificent 2-0 win, with wonder strikes by John Collins – an action replay of his free-kick in the previous April's game, when Hoops fans weren't allowed to attend – and Paul McStay giving the impressive Bhoys a deserved win.

The usual Monday morning post Old Firm victory celebrations were swept aside though as the news of Neilly's death broke in Celtic households throughout the land.

Neil Mochan quite simply lived and breathed Celtic Football Club – but the road to his true football home was long and winding, taking him from his native Falkirk to Greenock and down south to Middlesbrough before arriving at Paradise.

He was born in Larbert, Stirlingshire on April 6, 1927 and played for St Francis' School before joining Dunipace Juniors as a juvenile.

He attracted the interest of Morton, initially as a provisional signing, then as a 17-year-old he

signed on with the Cappielow club fully in 1944.

Neilly spent the rest of the decade with the Greenock side but on May 8, 1951 he was on his travels to Middlesbrough.

It was his striking power and swerving left-wing crosses that Boro paid £14,000 to Morton for, and he scored 14 goals in 38 league appearances for the English outfit before Celtic stepped in with a bid of £8,000.

So, two years to the day after signing on with Middlesbrough, he arrived at his spiritual home on May 8, 1953 and began a fairytale start to his Celtic career...

For Neilly Mochan was to play in front of just short of 300,000 fans in his first four Celtic games and pick up **TWO** winners' medals despite not even playing at Celtic Park yet.

A day after signing, he made his debut at Hampden Park in the Glasgow Charity Cup final against Queen's Park and scored twice in the 3-1 win in front of 40,600.

He was back at the National Stadium just two days later when the unfancied Celts were invited, as a makeweight more than anything else, to the showpiece Coronation Cup tournament being held in Glasgow.

Eight top sides, four from Scotland and four from England, were to do battle for the honour of lifting this one-off trophy.

Arsenal, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United represented the cream of England while Rangers, Aberdeen and Hibernian joined the Celts in the Scottish contingent.

It has to be said, Celtic received

their invitation due to their pulling power rather than their prowess on the pitch.

That was shrugged off by the men in green and white though – despite being drawn against English champions Arsenal in the first round.

Celtic were buoyed by the signing of Mochan and a Bobby Collins goal direct from a corner in front of 59,500 gave the Bhoys an unexpected 1-0 win on May 11.

On May 16 the winning streak continued in the semi-final against Manchester United, and Neilly was on the scoresheet along with Bertie Peacock as a crowd of 73,000 saw Celts win 2-1. And so it was an all-Scottish, all green and white final as the Celts lined up against



DREAM TEAM: That's the Coronation Cup-winning squad - including (front, right of centre) goal hero Mochan

"A massive 117,069 turned up for the event and it a magnificent 30-yard drive from Mochan opened the scoring before Jimmy Walsh settled things"

Hibernian, who had knocked out Spurs and Newcastle.

A massive 117,060 turned up for the event and it was a magnificent 30-yard drive from Mochan that opened the scoring before Jimmy Walsh settled things with the second goal of Celtic's 2-0 win.

The following season Neilly picked up another brace of medals as the Celts lifted the 'Double' of season 1953/54, and he was credited with scoring Celtic's 4,000th league goal in a 3-1 away win at Raith Rovers in September 1954. He also took part in the 1954

World Cup in Switzerland, with his full cap haul including games against Uruguay, Austria and Norway, as well as winning a B cap against England.

The next silverware came in the shape of two successive League Cup winners' medals as the Celts first beat Partick Thistle 3-0 in the replayed final of season 1956/57.

It was the following year's final that went down in Celtic folklore though, and Neilly Mochan played no small part as the Bhoys went to town in, beating Rangers 7-1 with Smiler netting two goals.

The outside-left scored 111 goals in 268 appearances for the Celts and was transferred to Dundee United on November 17, 1960 for a fee of £1,500 before moving on to Raith Rovers in 1963.

However, within a year he was back at Celtic Park as coach and was at Jock Stein's side throughout the most illustrious period in the club's history.

Neil Mochan's Honours

League Championship	1954
Scottish Cup	1954
League Cup	1956/57 1957/58
Coronation Cup	1953
Scottish Caps	3
Scottish B Cap	1



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Stilian Petrov is congratulated after his stunning strike against Inverness Caley Thistle

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Hard two forget

George McCluskey remembers starring in a couple of classic Old Firm successes

Interview: PAUL CUDDIHY

EVERY Old Firm victory is an occasion to savour. History books will record the result but memories remember so much more about the game and the manner of the win.

It is difficult to say that some are better than others. To triumph over your oldest rivals is always worthy of celebration, but there are games that hold a special place in Celtic's history.

George McCluskey has been lucky enough to play in two of those. Not only that, but he scored in both.

In the space of two seasons, he had played his part in a 4-2 victory over

Rangers at Parkhead as 10-man Celts landed the league title. And a year later, his extra-time goal gave the Hoops a 1-0 Scottish Cup final win at Hampden.

The latter may be as infamous for the subsequent riot as it is famous for McCluskey's winner. But for the Celtic legend, the scenes after the game do not diminish his pride in netting the clincher.

McCluskey admitted: "I was very fortunate to have played in both games.

"In fact, I think the 10 men winning the league game was recently voted the best Old Firm league victory of all time. And, of course, to score in both of matches was very special.

"We had to beat Rangers that night





HOOP HOORAY: Johnny Doyle (left) skips past his marker in the infamous 1980 Scottish Cup Final while George McCluskey celebrates his winning goal for the Celts



whereas they only had to draw to win the league. We were losing 1-0 and then pulled it back, and my goal made in 2-1."

Just two minutes after McCluskey's strike, with only 16 minutes remaining, Rangers equalised. However, two late efforts from Murdo MacLeod and a Colin Jackson own goal gave the Hoops victory and the title.

It was a momentous triumph, given the fact they had to play most of the second half short-handed after Johnny Doyle had been sent off.

McCluskey's Old Firm debut had come four years earlier when, as a 17-year-old, he was part of a Celtic

"An Old Firm game, as anyone who has ever played in one will tell you, is completely different from anything else you have ever experienced"

side that drew 1-1 with Rangers at Celtic Park. That was just a week after they had lost the League Cup final to their rivals.

"Big Jock was still in hospital at that time," explained McCluskey, "and Sean Fallon was in charge.

"I had been in the 14 for the League Cup final the week before when we lost 1-0, but the following week, for the league game, I was in the starting 11 as an outside right.

"We weren't told the team until an hour before kick-off so I hadn't

known I would be playing before that, but at that age there were no nerves. I was up against John Greig in that game and I remember I set up our equaliser."

McCluskey's cross into the box was converted by Paul Wilson, bringing Celtic level just three minutes after Derek Parlane had given Rangers the lead.

George said: "An Old Firm game, as anyone who's ever played in one will tell you, is completely different from anything else you've

ever experienced. It was always better to play on your own ground, when you had the backing of most of the support there.

"And there will be a few players who will be making their Old Firm debuts today. For the younger players, there's less likely to be any nerves and the older guys should draw on their experiences from other big games they've played in – but I still don't think there's anything that can prepare you for the occasion.

"It's also one where players could either shine or freeze. I was quite lucky because I went out and didn't freeze, and it's very important for the relationship between the player and the fans that they do

well. A good Old Firm performance means the fans immediately take to the player.

"Some will take it in their stride while others will hate playing in these games. I always loved them."

Certainly, in 204 appearances for Celtic, during which time McCluskey scored 78 goals, there were a few Old Firm experiences for the striker. And while he had no nerves during his player career, these days it's a different matter

"I'm a nervous wreck at these games," he said. "It's much worse watching rather than playing. At least when I was playing



VICTORY TOAST: Smiling George, pictured with manager Billy McNeill, was Celts' hero in many Old Firm clashes

I felt I was able to do something about the game but watching it, the nerves stay for the 90 minutes.

"Today won't determine who'll win the league but a victory in the first Old Firm match of the season certainly gives you the upper hand. A win would also give Celtic a five-point lead and further boost the team's confidence.

"It's also great the first game is at Celtic Park and the team's record of late has been great. However, it's a hard one to call."

George will be hoping for another memorable occasion this afternoon – a Celtic victory that will be talked about for years to come. He won't be on the scoresheet for this one, however, but those victories in 1979 and 1980 will continue to stand the test of time.

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Scottish Premierleague stats

Premierleague attendances

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average
Aberdeen	19,028	19,028	19,028	19,028
Dundee	12,619	7,770	4,849	6,310
Dundee Utd	11,118	11,118	11,118	11,118
Dunfermline	15,045	8,533	6,512	7,523
Celtic	57,245	57,245	57,245	57,245
Rangers	96,804	48,702	48,102	48,402
Hearts	25,267	13,864	11,403	12,634
Hibernian	10,933	10,933	10,933	10,933
Inverness	10,708	8,736	1,972	5,354
Kilmarnock	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Livingston	6,969	3,659	3,310	3,485
Motherwell	5,859	5,859	5,859	5,859

Attendance and Cards stats are ordered alphabetically

Cards

Yellow	Red
10	0
4	0
1	0
5	0
0	0
4	0
6	0
6	2
4	1
3	1
2	0
1	0

Form guide

Club	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts	GI Diff	Sequence
Celtic	3	0	0	9	3	9	6	WWW
Rangers	2	1	0	8	1	7	7	DWW
Hearts	2	1	0	4	0	7	4	WDW
Aberdeen	1	2	0	1	0	5	1	DDW
Livingston	1	1	1	4	5	4	-1	WLD
Dundee	1	0	2	3	4	3	-1	LWL
Motherwell	1	0	2	3	5	3	-2	LLW
Hibernian	1	0	2	3	6	3	-3	LWL
Inverness	1	0	2	3	6	3	-3	LWL
Kilmarnock	1	0	2	3	7	3	-4	WLL
Dundee Utd	0	2	1	3	4	2	-1	DLD
Dunfermline	0	1	2	1	4	1	-3	DLL

Form Guide stats are ordered by points gained over last 3 games.

Goals scored in last 15 mins

FOR	76-90	Total	%	AGAINST	76-90	Total	%
Rangers	3	8	38	Dundee	2	4	50
Dundee	1	3	33	Livingston	2	5	40
Dundee Utd	1	3	33	Motherwell	2	5	40
Hibernian	1	3	33	Dundee Utd	1	4	25
Hearts	1	4	25	Hibernian	1	6	17
Livingston	1	4	25	Inverness	1	6	17
Celtic	1	9	11	Aberdeen	0	0	0
Aberdeen	0	1	0	Hearts	0	0	0
Dunfermline	0	1	0	Dunfermline	0	4	0
Inverness	0	3	0	Celtic	0	3	0
Kilmarnock	0	3	0	Rangers	0	1	0
Motherwell	0	3	0	Kilmarnock	0	7	0

Margins of victory & defeat

WON by	1 gl	2 gis	3 gis	4+ gis	LOST by	1 gl	2 gis	3 gis	4+ gis
Celtic	0	3	0	0	Hibernian	1	0	1	0
Rangers	0	0	1	1	Inverness	0	1	1	0
Hearts	1	0	1	0	Kilmarnock	0	1	1	0
Livingston	0	0	1	0	Dundee	2	0	0	0
Aberdeen	1	0	0	0	Dunfermline	1	1	0	0
Dundee	1	0	0	0	Motherwell	1	1	0	0
Hibernian	1	0	0	0	Livingston	0	0	0	1
Inverness	0	1	0	0	Dundee Utd	1	0	0	0
Kilmarnock	1	0	0	0	Aberdeen	0	0	0	0
Motherwell	1	0	0	0	Celtic	0	0	0	0
Dundee Utd	0	0	0	0	Rangers	0	0	0	0
Dunfermline	0	0	0	0	Hearts	0	0	0	0

Premierleague top scorers

Scorer	Club	SPL	CIS	SFA	Eu	Tot	Gms	Ave
John Hartson	Celtic	4	-	-	-	4	3	1.33
Steve Lovell	Dundee	2	-	-	-	2	3	0.67
Alan Thompson	Celtic	2	-	-	-	2	3	0.67
Stephen Hughes	Rangers	2	-	-	0	2	3	0.67
Steven Pressley	Hearts	2	-	-	-	2	3	0.67
Garry O'Connor	Hibernian	2	-	-	0	2	3	0.67
Scott McDonald	Motherwell	2	-	-	-	2	3	0.67
Dado Prso	Rangers	2	-	-	0	2	4	0.50
Shota Arveladze	Rangers	2	-	-	0	2	4	0.50

Premierleague records

Biggest Home Win	Rangers 4-0 Livingston
Biggest Away Win	Kilmarnock 2-4 Celtic, Inverness 1-3 Celtic
Biggest Aggregate Score	Kilmarnock 2-4 Celtic
Total Games	18
Home Wins	6 (33%)
Away Wins	8 (44%)
Draws	4 (22%)
1-1 Draws	2 (11%)
0-0 Draws	2 (11%)
Total Yellow Cards	46
Total Red Cards	4

Headers

Player	Club	Goals
Celtic	Hartson	2
Dundee Utd	Archibald	1
Rangers	Arveladze	1
Rangers	Prso	1
Rangers	Boumsong	1
Hearts	Weir	1
Hearts	Pereira	1
Hibernian	Caldwell	1
Kilmarnock	McDonald	1

Close range goals

Player	Club	Goals
Rangers	Prso	2
Dundee Utd	McIntyre	1
Dunfermline	Tod	1
Celtic	Sutton	1
Rangers	Hughes	1
Rangers	Arveladze	1
Rangers	Boumsong	1
Hibernian	McDonald	1
Kilmarnock	McDonald	1
Livingston	O'Brien	1
Livingston	Easton	1
Livingston	Lovell	1
Livingston	McMenamin	1

Biggest wins & heaviest defeats

Club	Biggest Win	Club	Heaviest Defeat
Aberdeen	1-0 Dunfermline	Aberdeen	no defeats
Dundee	2-1 Dundee Utd	Dundee	1-2 Motherwell
Dundee Utd	no wins	Dundee Utd	1-2 Dundee
Dunfermline	no wins	Dunfermline	0-2 Inverness
Celtic	4-2 Kilmarnock	Celtic	no defeats
Rangers	4-0 Livingston	Rangers	no defeats
Hearts	3-0 Kilmarnock	Hearts	no defeats
Hibernian	2-1 Motherwell	Hibernian	1-4 Rangers
Inverness	2-0 Dunfermline	Inverness	0-3 Livingston
Kilmarnock	1-0 Hibernian	Kilmarnock	0-3 Hearts
Livingston	3-0 Inverness	Livingston	0-4 Rangers
Motherwell	2-1 Dundee	Motherwell	0-2 Celtic



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Arsenal have the most physically gifted players in the English Premier League. Yes they can dribble, pass, head and kick the ball – the lot. But it was the other things that struck me the most.

They are all big, strong, agile, co-ordinated, quick and completely and utterly focused.

I wondered how Arsene Wenger had constructed this wonderful squad.

I wondered what it was that he was looking for in his players. The technical stuff would be a mandatory

requirement for him, the tactical stuff he could give to these players.

However, also mandatory to him must have been the physiological and psychological profile of each player as they are almost all alike in these key areas.

It's obvious there is a high

"Arsenal have the most physically gifted players in the English Premier League"

priority placed upon things that are not technical when they select players for Arsenal – there is clearly a high priority on those things that are God-given.

Size, agility, co-ordination, pace, determination are all genetic – or so the scientists lead me to believe. Interestingly, I began to wonder when these natural traits are

set down in a person's life, and asked Kenny McMillan (Club Physiologist) about fast twitch fibre distribution (lots of fast twitch fibres in muscles help make people fast).

"I was staggered when he told me: 'The proportion of fast twitch fibres is set before the boy is born, about 30 weeks through the gestation period, and it will hardly change in proportion through to when he is an adult.'"

So what lesson have we learned about this within our Academy?

Well, we haven't really learned anything new, but confirmed something we thought was the case, and that is good talent identification is absolutely key to top class youth development.

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Enjoy the Game!

Tommy Burns



Start date looming for new programme

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TOURNAMENTS

DURING August we have had three squads out of the country playing in tournaments.

The 19s were in Jersey, and had excellent results in beating Manchester United and the Japanese national team, before losing narrowly to Boca Juniors in the Final.

The 17s played in Holland in the RKTVC Tournament, beating Ajax 4-0, Herenveen 2-0 and drawing 1-1 with PSV Eindhoven.

The 13s have just returned from Brussels, where they played against Bayer Leverkusen, Brugge and Beveren in the Bierbeek Tournament. The pick of the players at this competition, for us, were Dylan McGeouch, Grant Mosson and Alan Cook.

FIXTURES**UNDER 11S AND 12S**

THE above squads have played three matches so far against Clyde, Hibs and Aberdeen.

Coaches Martin Miller and Greig Robertson at 11s and Robert Docherty and Michael O'Halloran at 12s have been delighted with the performances so early in the season. At Under 11s, John Herron and John Campbell have had particularly good starts in the SPL Youth Initiative. TJ Marston, Jamie Glasgow, Sandy Thomson and Grant Hay have started very well at U12 level.

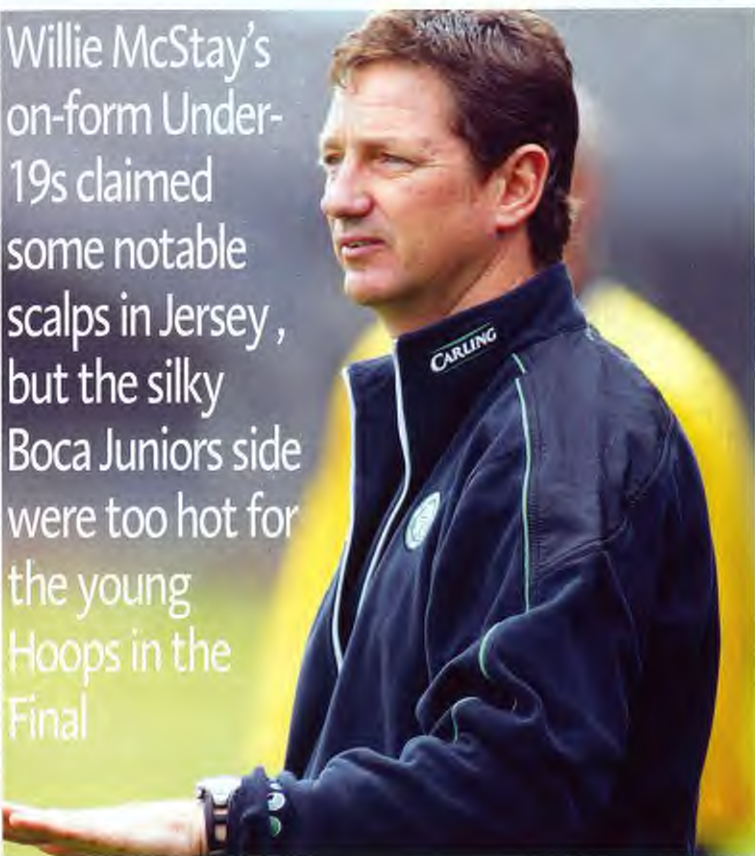
UNDER 13S AND 14S

DUE to difficult weather conditions, these two squads have only managed one fixture each so far.

They have both played away to Dundee, at St Andrew's University, and again the coaches have been very pleased with the overall performances. James Forrest in particular has been outstanding, both at training and in the above game, and Joe McBride and John Sludden have been delighted with the response of the boys so far.

Owen Archdeacon and Willie McStay have been working with

Willie McStay's on-form Under-19s claimed some notable scalps in Jersey, but the silky Boca Juniors side were too hot for the young Hoops in the Final



the 13s and have been giving the boys the benefit of their vast experience. Robbie Tomson, in goal, Alan Cook and Grant Mosson have done well in the Youth Initiative matches.

UNDER 15S AND 17S

THE 15s and 17s have worked really hard in pre-season, with Martin Clark and Danny Crainie taking the 15s and Jim McNally in charge of the 17s.

These squads have played a number of closed-door games as well as their SPL Fixtures and again have got off to good start.

This season the 17s include a number of 16s as there is no longer a fixture list for purely 16s players.

These boys have been in full-time during the school holidays and Tommy Burns is delighted with the progress they have been making. As the younger boys head back to school, Tommy has

rearranged the training schedules of the full-time kids, to maximise the time the squad can spend together and work as a unit.

COACH EDUCATION IN-SERVICE TRAINING

THIS is continuing for our coaches, with our Academy Exercise Scientist, Adam Owen, enhancing the coaches' knowledge of the physiological aspects required to develop a player to play at the top level.

As well as a degree in Sports Science, Adam is an ex-professional footballer, having played with a number of clubs in England during his career and was the youngest ever to gain his A Licence for coaching down south.

A combination of experience and qualifications that can only add to our already well established Sports Science Department in the Academy.



The Old Firm put rivalry aside to support the latest Asian Football Championships

ON Sunday September 12, Glasgow will play host to the first Cup Final of the season.

Teams have battled from all over Britain to play in the final of the UK Asian Football Championships.

Celtic have always supported the tournament and this year it is the turn of Rangers to host the final at Ibrox. The organisers hope to attract a crowd of over 10,000. They also hope football fans in general will turn out to support the free event.

One hundred and forty eight teams started out on the road to the final and it's now down to the last eight.

They will take part in the play-offs at Glasgow Green on the Friday and Saturday prior to the final.

Still chasing glory are SASA (Scottish Asian Sports Association) Scotland, beaten finalists last year.

They have to get past Bradford Albion, Rochdale FC, Derby FC, Sporting Bengal, Preston FC, Wolverhampton Azard and Gravesend. SASA are one of the favourites.

The football Championships have been organised to raise awareness of the emerging football talent in the Asian community.

Currently there are no Asian players playing professional football in Scotland which, considering that the population represents a significant part of Scottish life, is an odd statistic.

The tournament will help challenge racism and build an affiliation between the Asian community and mainstream football. The aim is to attract more Asians to become



involved in football and the healthy lifestyle that often accompanies it.

Celtic, who have hosted the tournament in the past, are of course very much a multi-cultural club. In fact, it is a bit like the United Nations at the training ground.

Just take a look at just some of the nations represented: Didier Agathe (France), Bobo Balde (Guinea), Henri Camara (Senegal), David Fernandez (Spain), John Hartson (Wales), Magnus Hedman (Sweden), Juninho (Brazil),

Ulrik Laursen (Denmark), Neil Lennon (Ireland), Stilian Petrov (Bulgarian), Bobby Petta (Holland), Chris Sutton and Alan Thompson (England), Joos Valgaeren (Belgium), and Stan Varga (Slovakia).

You will only be too aware that neither creed nor colour matter when it comes to Celtic Football Club. Players of all denominations and colour have pulled on the jersey.

Prem Singh, Event Director of the Championships, said: "Black players have made an impact in football. Viv Anderson broke the mould and now you just have to look at England and the national side.

"There are hundreds of black players down south and the backbone of the England team is made up of Emile Heskey, Sol

Campbell and Rio Ferdinand.

"It is now time for the Asian community players to fulfil so much of their promise. Come along and you will see just how many excellent young Asian footballers there are.

"Glasgow is one of the most diverse areas of Scotland with a large Asian population. With the Old Firm uniting in support of the tournament, it sends out a strong message to the people of Scotland that the Asian community is an important part of our country's culture."

The final is on Sunday, September 12 – kick-off 2pm. Remember, admission is free. Celtic Charity Fund, the charitable arm of Celtic FC, has again this year made a donation towards the event.

Peter Lawwell, Celtic's Executive Director, said: "We are delighted to continue our support of the UK Asian Soccer Championships and to work again with Rangers FC and Glasgow City Council in welcoming so many talented young players to the city.

"The Championships have developed into a great showcase for Asian football and we are sure they will again be important in promoting opportunity for all in sport.

"It is enjoyed immensely by all the players and the many thousands of spectators who attend, and on behalf of Celtic FC I would like to wish every success to all those taking part."

"Celtic are very much a multi-cultural club. It's like the United Nations at training"



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half-time QUIZ

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- 1) Which four teams did both Old Firm sides play in pre season friendly matches?
- 2) In the last six seasons which five Dundee players have signed for Rangers?
- 3) In which season did a Jock Stein Celtic side lose both league matches to Rangers and still win the Championship by five points?
- 4) Since the war which Celt has captained Scotland most?
- 5) Which two current Old Firm players have the distinction of netting in major European finals?
- 6) Against which club last season did Dadro Prso score four goals in one Champions League match?
- 7) In which season did Celtic and Rangers last begin a league match in which all the players on the field were Scottish?
- 8) In the last 15 years which six Celtic players have been capped by the Republic of Ireland?
- 9) Which non British player has scored most league goals for Rangers with a total of 58?
- 10) How many years ago did Celtic last achieve the feat of winning six successive league matches against Rangers?
- 11) Which Rangers legend is the only man to earn Scottish Cup



Jock Stein - Q3

winners' medals within a year as both player and manager?

- 12) Which three Celtic players have the distinction of scoring in four successive league matches against Rangers?
- 13) Who was the last former Celt to play against Rangers in Europe?
- 14) In the last 14 months which three Rangers captains have been transferred away from Ibrox?
- 15) Which Celtic and Rangers players hold the record of scoring in 10 successive league matches?

ANSWERS

1. Fulham, Roma, Spurs & Newcastle, 2. Rae, Khizanisvili, Novo, Caniggia, Adamczuk, 3. 1968/69, 4. Roy Aitken, 22 times, 5. John Hartson(Arsenal), ECWC 1994/95 (Paolo Vanoli(Parma), Uefa Cup 1998/99, 6. Deportivo La Coruna, 7. 1974/75, 8. Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Mick McCarthy, Colin Healey, Liam Miller & Aiden McGeady, 9. Jorg Albertz, 10. Ninety 1911/12 - 1914/15, 11. John Greig 1978 & 1979, 12. Jimmy Johnstone, John Collins & John Hartson, 13. Pierre van Hoojdonk(Feyenoord) 2001/2002, 14. Amoroso, Ferguson & Moore, 15. Negri 1997/98 & Viduka 1999/2000




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