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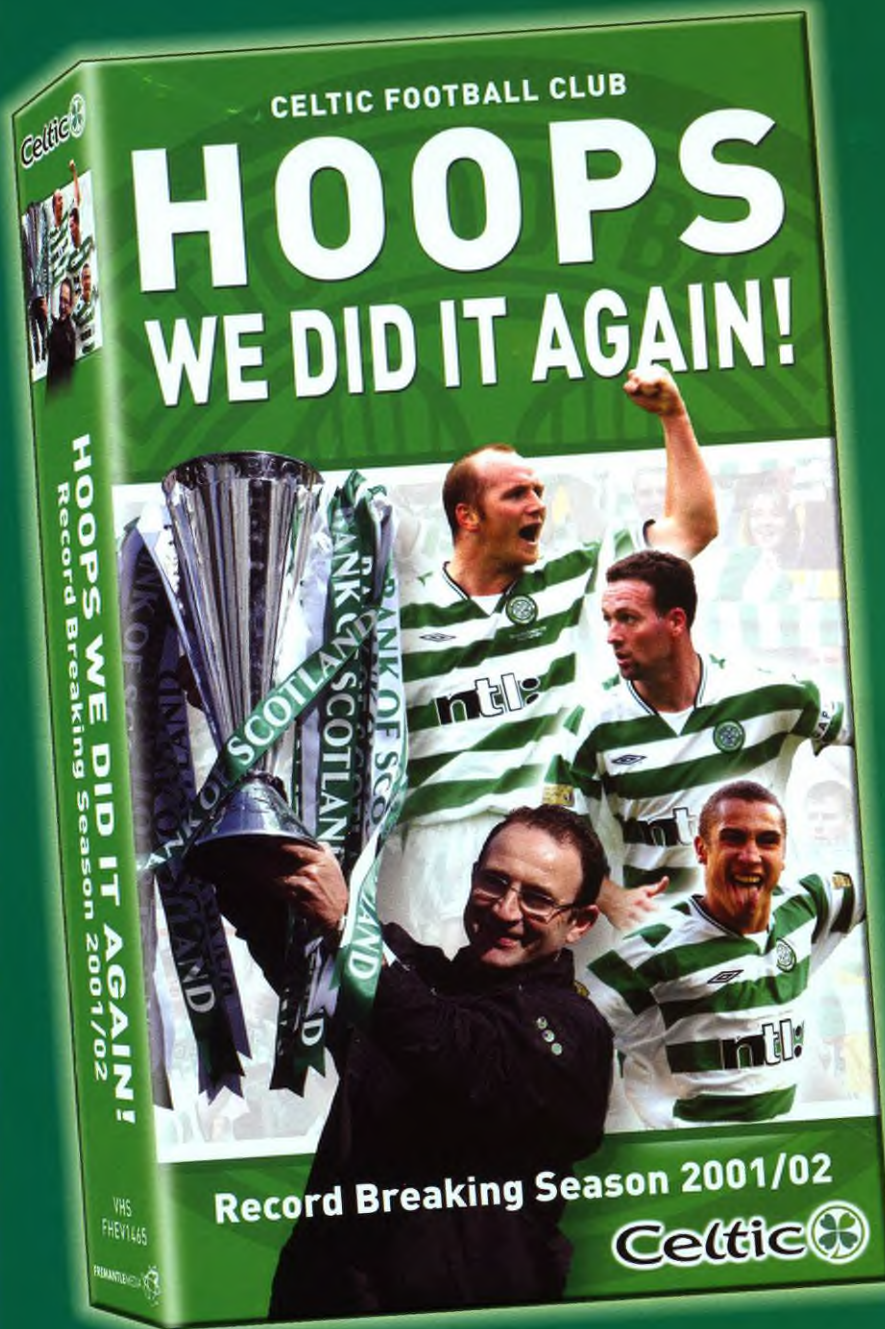
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RAISING a Championship flag is always a nice way to begin a new campaign but this is where the hard work starts for us all over again.

Today's visit of Dunfermline is a game that we have been focussed on since we started our pre-season preparations a month ago and, like me, I'm sure you're



SWEDEN DREAMS: Henrik Larsson scores against Dunfermline last season

looking forward to the return of competitive action at Celtic Park.

We all had a decent break over the summer and returned refreshed and eager to get started again.

The players worked hard in the pre-season games that we played in July and I know that everyone is excited by the prospect of a fresh campaign.

However, Jimmy Calderwood's side will be just as keen as we are to get off to a good start in the SPL, and, as always I urge you to give us your full vocal backing throughout today's match.

We will be tested to the limit over the coming weeks and months that lie ahead but I am confident that we are up to the task, and am desperate to get started.

We have been a little unfortunate with injuries in the weeks leading up to today's kick-off, and the loss of Alan Thompson is obviously a major disappointment, not just for us, but for the player himself.

Alan will miss our Champions League qualifier which will be a crucial game for us.

We know what we have to do, and while my personal preference is to play the first leg away from home, we will go out and give it absolutely everything as we try to make it into the group stages of the competition.

We are still finding our feet in European football, but it goes without saying that we would relish the chance to pit ourselves against some of the most prestigious names in football again this year.

The squad has not changed much from last season but at the minute I am still looking to add a few new faces to strengthen our pool for what promises to be a demanding 12 months.

Henrik Larsson and Johan Mjallby represented Sweden at the World Cup and I was delighted that they both impressed with some excellent performances.

Both players were given extra time off to recover from their exertions, but have returned to the football club full of enthusiasm for the new season. Joos Valgaeren unfortunately missed the World Cup because of injury but he is young enough and good enough to represent his country at the next major tournament.

Our main aim this season is to retain our Championship and I am looking forward to the challenges that await.



Celtic FC Factfile

Formed: 1888
Stadium: Celtic Park
 (capacity 60,506)
Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks
Away strip: Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks
Third strip: White shirts, black shorts and socks
Record attendance: 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)
Record victory: 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)
Record defeat: 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)
Most league goals (1 season): 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36
Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season): 35, Brian McClair 1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01
Website: www.celticfc.net



Honours

Scottish League (38)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15, 1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

Scottish Cup (31)

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

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

European Cup (1)

1967

Coronation Cup (1)

1953

CELTIC FACTS

1. On this date in history: 1968, before a crowd of 75,000 at Celtic Park, Celtic lost 2-1 to Leeds. In 1993, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their European Cup win, Man Utd beat Celtic 1-0 in front of 31,55 at Old Trafford. And, in 1996, in a match to celebrate the opening of the East Stand at Celtic Park, Sporting Lisbon held out for a 2-2 draw before 40,000.
2. On August 5, 1995, the new North Stand was officially opened. Fergus McCann was Managing Director and Tommy Burns was manager; Newcastle Utd provided the opposition and 31,000 were present to see Rod Stewart perform the opening ceremony. John Collins opened the scoring from a penalty and Les Ferdinand equalised. In the Celtic team were players from six different countries. (England, Scotland, Albania, Holland, Eire and Germany)
3. Most Celtic fans know that brothers Willie and Paul McStay were Celtic stalwarts but some other brotherly combinations are less well-known. Here are just some: The great-uncles of these two, Willie McStay (1912-1929; 446 apps) and Jimmy (421 apps; 1920-34); or the Maleys (Willie, 96 apps; Tom 9 apps) in the 1890s; and the McPhails (John 131 apps ; Billy 57 games) in the 1950s.

DUNFERMLINE FACTS

1. The club's nickname of 'The Pars' has been around almost since its beginnings but the origin is more contentious. One theory is that it was coined when the club reached League status, thus coming on a 'par' with the other senior teams. Another has suggested it was inspired by the black-and-white strip, resembling the colour of a fish called a 'par'. Or a more sarcastic note is that 'par' is short for "paralytic", a description of the team when they were going through a bad period.
2. Dunfermline were founded in 1895 by members of a cricket club and joined the League in 1912, always playing their matches at East End Park. Their record victory came in 1930, when they beat Stenhousemuir 11-2; and they suffered their worst defeat in 1947, a 10-0 hammering from Dundee.
3. In the course of their history, Dunfermline has occasionally slipped down a division and have also had several late escapes from the dreaded drop. One nail-biting moment came at the end of the 1958/59 season, when relegation seemed a certainty with only one game to go. However, the team rose to the occasion against Partick Thistle, winger Harry Melrose scored six in the 10-1 victory and the team stayed up.

TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS
DUNFERMLINE

SEASON 2001/02
FINAL LEAGUE POSITION



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4. Aberdeen	38	16	7	15	51	49	55
5. Hearts	38	14	6	18	52	57	48
6. DUNFERMLINE	38	12	9	17	41	64	45
7. Kilmarnock	38	13	10	15	44	54	49
8. Dundee Utd	38	12	10	16	38	59	46

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 TOM BOYD 2
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 DIANBOBO BALDE 6
 HENRIK LARSSON 7
 ALAN THOMPSON 8
 CHRIS SUTTON 9
 JOHN HARTSON 10
 DAVID FERNANDEZ 12
 PAUL LAMBERT 14
 BOBBY PETTA 15
 DIDIER AGATHE 17
 NEIL LENNON 18
 STILIAN PETROV 19
 ROBERT DOUGLAS 20
 COLIN HEALY 24
 SHAUN MALONEY 29
 STEVE GUPPY 30
 SIMON LYNCH 32
 MARK FOTHERINGHAM 34
 JOHAN MJALLBY 35
 JAMIE SMITH 39
 STEPHEN CRAINEY 40
 LIAM MILLER 43

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SHAMROCK ROVERS 1 v 1 CELTIC (Balde)
 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SAT 6 JULY 2002
PORTSMOUTH 2 v 3 CELTIC (Sylla, Petta, Healy)
 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SUN 7 JULY 2002
QPR 3 v 7 CELTIC (Healy, Sutton, Hartson, Maloney, Fernandez 2, Sylla)
 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY WED 17 JULY 2002
FLAVIA SOLVA 1 v 3 CELTIC (Fernandez 2, Maloney)
 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY FRI 19 JULY 2002
WERDER BREMEN 6 v 2 CELTIC (Hartson, Fernandez)
 PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY WED 24 JULY 2002
CELTIC 1 v 3 AJAX (Sutton)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
SPURS v CELTIC WED 7 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 8pm
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
ABERDEEN v CELTIC SAT 10 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 3pm
 UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
QUALIFIER 1st LEG TUES/WED 13/14 AUGUST 2002
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
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