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I WOULD like to extend a fantastic welcome to all the Celtic supporters here today, who I am sure are thrilled to be back at their own hallowed ground.

I am delighted that we have returned to Celtic Park and I know everyone connected with the club is of the same mind.

I would also like to thank the fans for their fantastic support throughout the summer and also join with them in looking forward to a season in which the club hopes to make great steps forward.

Today is a great occasion — and not only because we are coming home. For there is the added bonus of our new signing Andreas Thom making his debut. He is one of several quality players that we want to see at Celtic.

I look forward to his debut as all the supporters do, and I am sure he will soon have an excellent rapport with them.

This day is a celebration, an afternoon to look to the future with the new stadium coming together. Now we want to build a team worthy of the support that fills that stadium.

Today's opponents Newcastle are a great side, who we welcome warmly to Celtic Park and look forward to playing.

They have a fantastic support of their own and today I am sure they will see how great our fans are.

They'll be bringing a lot of big name players with them and this is a very stern test for us at this early stage — but one we are looking forward to.

We played well against Everton in Neville Southall's testimonial match last Tuesday night.

Our fans though, once again stole the show and I commend the fans for their excellent support and behaviour which was the talk of the place.

However the performance at Goodison was a marked improvement on our previous warm-up games and we want to continue improving with every match, and build on our Scottish Cup win.

Against Everton we did well for the first 20 minutes or so, but lost our way a bit after they hit us with two goals.

I join our fans in looking forward to a season in which Celtic can take great steps forward

However, in the second half we settled down again, put up a real fight and conjured up two goals of our own. Indeed we were probably unlucky not to shade the game.

We hope to see more of that kind of determined play here today. I hope everyone enjoys their day and we look forward to seeing the new North Stand full many times throughout this season.



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+ TODAY'S VISITORS +



A CLUB with such a proud history as Newcastle United has of course had many legendary players gracing their black and white stripes.

Scotsman Hughie Gallacher, a prolific goalscorer of his time, Joe Harvey, Jackie Milburn and Malcolm MacDonald ... just some of the famous names from the past.

More recently players like Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley MBE and of course a guy called Gascoigne have figured highly in the club's fortunes.

The list of managers at St James' Park contains well known names also, the likes of George Martin, Duggie Livingstone, Charlie Mitten, Norman Smith, Joe Harvey, Gordon Lee, Richard Dennis, Bill McGarry, Arthur Cox, Republic of Ireland boss Jackie Charlton, Willie McPaul. Jim Smith preceded the current incumbent Kevin Keegan.

Keegan was one of the best footballers of his era — the 1970s and early 1980s — playing for Newcastle in the twilight of a career that had taken him to the heights with Liverpool, Hamburg and Southampton. He has built a squad of some repute who will bid for the Premiership title in the coming season.

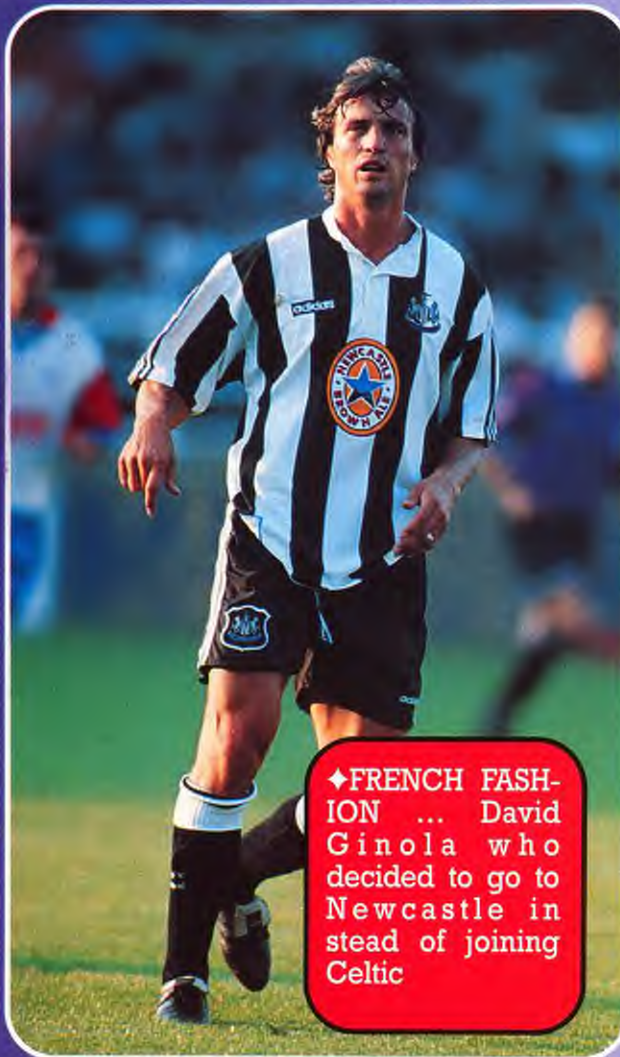
Goalkeeper PAVEL SRNICEK, a bargain buy from Czech club Banik Ostrava in February 1991, is now recognised as one of the best keepers in the FA Premier League. A former soldier, he is now firmly established as the Czech Republic's No.1, having earned his first full cap against Malta in October 1994.

Defender WARREN BARTON, signed from Wimbledon in June for £4 million, made his full England debut in the ill-fated match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin. He began his career as a part-timer with non-league Leytonstone and Ilford, before moving to Maidstone United in the old Fourth Division. His performances attracted the attention of several big clubs before Wimbledon paid just £300,000 for his services in 1990.

Attacking left-back JOHN BERESFORD signed from Portsmouth for a fee of £650,000 in July 1992. To the end of last season, John had made 138 league and cup appearances for the club, and although not a prolific goalscorer he did manage to find the net against his first club Manchester City in the FA Cup in February this year. His only other league club was Barnsley. Now an England 'B' international, he also earned recognition at youth and under 19 levels.

Left-sided midfielder ROBBIE ELLIOT has had wretched luck with injury problems during the last three years. Still an outstanding prospect, he was performing superbly in place of injured Beresford when injury struck again last April. Made 13 full league and cup appearances last season and scored two goals. Robbie originally joined the club as an Associate Schoolboy.

Swiss international defender MARC HOT-TIGER was signed from Swiss club FC Sion in August 1994. Marc made 51 league and cup



◆ FRENCH FASHION ... David Ginola who decided to go to Newcastle in stead of joining Celtic



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appearances last season scoring two goals, one of which was a memorable effort against Blackburn Rovers in the FA Cup at Ewood Park. His only other senior club was Lausanne Sports FC.

Central defender **STEVE HOWEY** is positive in the air and with good control, his fine performances last season earned him a first full cap for England against Nigeria in November. Troubled by injury early in his career, he made 39 league and cup appearances last season, scoring once. Steve joined the club as an Associate Schoolboy.

DAREN PEACOCK joined from Queens Park Rangers in March 1994 for a then record fee of £2.7 million. Started the season with 57 league appearances to his credit, Darren has formed a solid central defensive partnership with Howey. Scored his first goal for the club in the 3-3 draw with Spurs last May. Darren's previous clubs were Hereford United and Newport County.

Midfielder **LEE CLARK** is a local lad and lifelong Magpies fan who joined the club as an Associated Schoolboy. A former England schoolboy, youth and under 21 international, he made only 15 league and cup appearances last season, a sub no less than 22 times. With a good first touch, level of work rate and excellent attitude in the game, Newcastle will be happy he has agreed a new deal.

RUEL FOX joined the club from Norwich City in February 1994 for a fee of £2.2 million and with his blistering pace, Ruel performed consistently on both the right and left wings last season, and this was reflected in his tally of 12 league and cup goals.

Frenchman **DAVID GINOLA** is well known to Celtic fans for all the wrong reasons after snubbing a move to Parkhead. David has 15 full caps for France, was voted French Player's Player of the Year and French Footballer of the Year in 1994. Can play left side or central midfield or as a striker.

Midfielder **KEITH GILLESPIE** arrived as part of the exchange deal that took Andy Cole to Manchester United in January. An exciting right winger, Keith has represented Northern Ireland at all levels, making his full debut against Portugal in September 1994.

Midfielder **ROBERT LEE** enjoyed an outstanding start to last season when he scored 11 goals in his first 12 games, leading to his first full England cap against Romania in October. He spent a decade at Charlton Athletic, his only other club, before joining Newcastle for a fee of £700,000 early in the 1992/93 promotion season.



SCOTT SELLARS was sorely missed after sustaining a knee injury in the UEFA Cup tie against Atletico Bilbao on November 1, 1994 which ruled him out for the remainder of the season. Another former England under 21 player, Scott was in outstanding form before injury struck. Formerly with Blackburn Rovers and he had two spells with Leeds United, the club from which Kevin Keegan signed him for a fee of £700,000 in 1993.

STEVE WATSON played right-back, centre-half, midfield and even centre forward in a total of 26 full league and cup appearances last season. Made his first team debut as a 16 year old — the youngest player in Newcastle's history.

Surely every available superlative has been used to describe the talents of **PETER BEARDSLEY**. One of the outstanding players of his era, Peter is still an England regular at the age of 34. The club's top scorer last season with 15 strikes, many of them spectacular, he remains one of the sharpest and most intelligent players in the country. Recently signed a new two year contract which will keep him at St James' Park until 1998. Played for Carlisle United, Manchester United and Vancouver Whitecaps before joining the club for the first time in 1983. He moved to Liverpool and Everton before returning to the Magpies ten years later.

LES FERDINAND became the club's record signing when he joined from QPR for a fee of £6.5 million in June. Les is an England international and his strike rate for QPR was in excess of one goal in every two games.

Former Derby County hit man **PAUL KITSON** scored 12 goals in 31 appearances last term.



I KNOW GEORDIE FERVOUR

The big INTERVIEW

TONY MOWBRAY

CELTIC and Newcastle United haven't crossed swords since away back in March 1968 but one current Celt knows more than most about Geordie fervour for football ...

For defender Tony Mowbray was born, bred and brought up in the English North East and of course was an integral part of the three-club set-up in that particular part of the world.

When he was with Middlesbrough he was involved in plenty of games against Newcastle and Sunderland — matches which always generated the required amount of tension involved to have them classed as local derbies ...

Despite the fact neither of the three clubs is housed within the same city, they are close enough to each other for intense rivalry and the will to put one over on each other to ensure that their meetings are classed as derbies in every other sense of the word.

AND ONE PARTICULAR DERBY HAS SPECIAL MEMORIES FOR BIG TONY AND TODAY'S VISITORS PLAYED THEIR PART IN HIS RED LETTER DAY.

For the centre-half was flung in at the deep end to make his debut in the cauldron of a Newcastle v Middlesbrough match.

He recalled: "I made my Middlesbrough debut at St James's Park and the match ended in a 1-1 draw but apart from it being my debut there other reasons for it being a big night for me.

"Kevin Keegan was playing and I had been concerned before, never mind during the match, about how I was going to cope with him.

"I though he would be full of running and I would be chasing him all over the place but on the night he was letting the ball do the work by using a lot of neat lay-offs.

"He didn't try to get past you so I didn't have to put a lot of tackles in but I do remember the great atmosphere.

"It was a night match and those type of games are always special so I remember coming away from the game with a great sense of achievement.

"It was my debut, we had travelled to

Interview: JOE SULLIVAN

St James's Park for a floodlit derby, left with a 1-1 draw and I had come up against the likes of Kevin Keegan and Mick Channon."

The defender added: "It was Mick Channon who scored Newcastle's goal and I well remember him re-creating his forte of the whirling-arm celebration when he hit the net.

"He was there for a month's loan and if I remember rightly it was his first and possibly only goal of his time with Newcastle and it had to be against us — and in a 1-1 draw at that!

"And it even went in off the far post so I suppose you could say we were pretty close to a victory which would really have been the icing on the cake for my debut.

"The reason for that is because of the three teams in the North East, United were always regarded as the biggest so they were always the team to beat.

"Even though we were both in the old second division at the time it was still very much a big game with a lot of passion being shown on the pitch and the terraces."

One of the main routes to St James's Park, just like Celtic Park, is the Gallowgate but that isn't the only tenuous link between Tony's debut in Newcastle and him eventually joining the Hoops.

For the man presented him with his first-team opportunity was none other than Lisbon Lion and Celtic legend Bobby Murdoch.

"When Bobby left Celtic to join

[[Bobby Murdoch gave me my first-team chance at Middlesbrough and I will forever be grateful to him for that]]

Middlesbrough he was a great success and after hanging up his boots he stayed on at Ayresome Park as youth coach.

"I was part of his youth side and when he eventually took over as first-team manager he was only three games into the job when he gave me my big break and that is something I am very grateful for."

AND HE IS SURE THAT THE UPTURN IN THE FORTUNES OF THE MAGPIES IS SOMETHING THAT CELTIC STILL HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

He said: "Newcastle have come a long way but they have always been a big club just like Celtic and that is something we can take heart from.

"They have gone along with the Taylor Report and got their ground in order so they are right up there with the very best in the Premiership.

"It was nothing more than foresight and vision from John Hall aligned with their fanatical support which has turned them around.

"They now have that success on the field as well which means they now have the revenue to maintain that success and I believe that Kevin Keegan has been the catalyst.

"IF NEWCASTLE CAN DO IT THEN THERE IS NO REASON WHY CELTIC CAN'T DO THE SAME!"



