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ntl:

Today's first home league match of the season is as good a time as any to remind everyone that consistency has to be the key to our whole season if we are to achieve success.

However, you only begin to get consistency after a substantial number of games whereby you know that you have made progress in terms of what you are trying to achieve.

We had a wonderful performance and result against Aberdeen and we are looking for a similar display today. If we can do that then I'm sure we won't get carried away.

Expectations are high, but my expectations in terms of how we perform are the same as they were last week.

Maybe we won't score five goals every week, but even if we lose or of we draw 0-0, so long as we have maintained the same

level of performance then I would be equally happy.

Naturally three points would be better, but the performance is what I am really looking at. We are certainly not

expecting to win 5-0 every week or even this week, but a similar style of performance today will do me.

With trips to Cwmbran and then Dundee coming up at the end of this week we have something of a hectic schedule right now, but we had better get used to it because that's the way football is these days.

If we want to progress in all of the competitions we'll play in then that will mean playing two matches a week throughout the season generally speaking.

At least now we have players coming back to strengthen the squad week by week.

Stilian Petrov has all but arrived



and Jackie McNamara had 45 minutes against Bray, with Craig Burley and Alan Stubbs also getting a game. As a result we are not really looking to add to the squad any further now to be honest.

It's great for us to have

“We are not expecting to win 5-0, but a similar performance would do”

competition for places and when everyone is fit it makes my job hard in terms of deciding who to pick – though I'm not about to complain about that.

I believe St Johnstone made life difficult for us last season, but regardless of whether they took nine points from us or not, it's all about what happens this year now. Last season is consigned to history.

Also the fact they lost 4-1 at home while we won 5-0 away last week means nothing – nothing at all. It's a totally different game, a totally different season and from now on we take each game individually as it comes.

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- 2 Tom BOYD
- 3 Stephane MAHE
- 4 Jackie McNAMARA
- 5 Marc RIEPER
- 6 Alan STUBBS
- 7 Henrik LARSSON
- 8 Craig BURLEY
- 9 Harald BRATTBAKK
- 10 Eyal BERKOVIC
- 11 Morten WIEGHORST
- 12 Tommy JOHNSON
- 14 Paul LAMBERT
- 15 Bobby PETTA
- 16 Olivier TEBILY
- 18 Tosh McKINLAY
- 20 Regi BLINKER
- 21 Stewart KERR
- 23 Dimitre KHARINE
- 24 Colin HEALY
- 25 Lubomir MORAVCIK
- 27 Mark BURCHILL
- 28 Barry ELLIOT
- 30 Vidar RISETH
- 35 Johan MJALLBY
- 36 Mark VIDUKA
- 37 Liam KEOGH
- 38 Barry John CORR
- 39 Jamie SMITH



- 1. Alan MAIN
- 2. John McQUILLAN
- 3. Allan PRESTON
- 4. Nick DASOVIC
- 5. James WEIR
- 6. Alan KERNAGHAN
- 7. Miguel SIMAO
- 8. John O'NEIL
- 9. Roddy GRANT
- 10. George O'BOYLE
- 11. Paul KANE
- 12. Nathan LOWNDES
- 14. Patrick CONNOLLY
- 15. Gary BOLLAN
- 16. Daniel GRIFFIN
- 17. Keith O'HALLORAN
- 18. Stephen ROBERTSON
- 19. Stuart McCLUSKEY
- 20. John Paul McBRIDE
- 21. Andrew WHITEFORD
- 22. Allan FERGUSON
- 23. Kieran McANESPIE
- 24. Darren DODS
- 25. Gerard McMAHON
- 26. Stuart MALCOLM
- 27. Marc McCULLOCH
- 28. Martin LAUHLAN
- 29. Daryn SMITH
- 30. Brendan CROZIER
- 31. Keigan PARKER



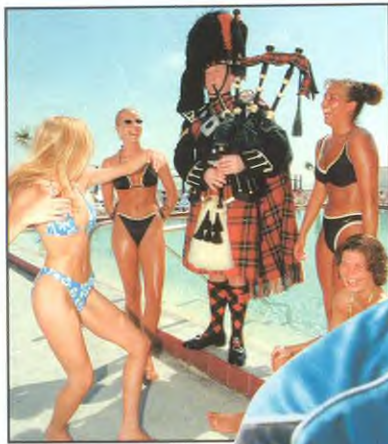
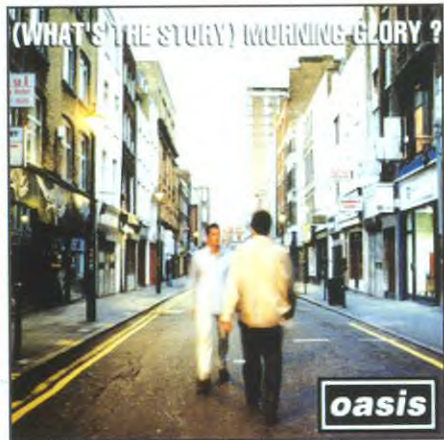
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ntl: what makes me 'tic



Don't ever mention kiddies band The Cartoons in the presence of **MARK BURCHILL** as we find out in the first part of our new feature...



THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE... Oasis albums and Magaluf



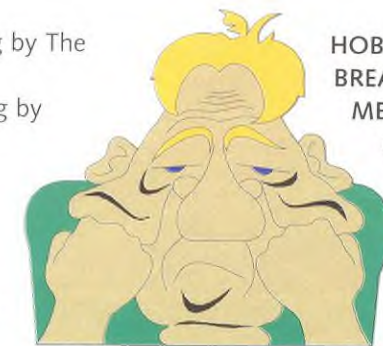
THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (in no particular order!)... Bono, Jarvis Cocker and Steven Segal

what makes me 'tic

- CD SINGLE: Acquiesce by Oasis (I know it's a B-side but it's my favourite)
- CD ALBUM: Morning Glory by Oasis
- BAND: Oasis
- SINGER: Bono
- FILM: Blazing Saddles
- TV PROGRAMME: Only Fools and Horses
- ACTOR: Adam Sandler from Happy Gilmore
- ACTRESS: Sarah Michelle Geller
- BOOK: The Guvnor - Lennie McLean's autobiography
- HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Magaluf
- HOBBY/PASTIME: Playing Snooker
- BREAKFAST: I don't eat breakfast
- MEAL: Beef Curry
- COMEDIAN: Roy Chubby Brown
- BOARD GAME: I don't play any



- CD SINGLE: Anything by The Cartoons
- CD ALBUM: Anything by The Cartoons
- BAND: The Cartoons
- SINGER: Jarvis Cocker
- FILM: Anything with Steven Segal
- TV PROGRAMME: ER
- ACTOR: Steven Segal
- ACTRESS: Patsy Palmer (Bianca) from Eastenders
- BOOK: Any Science Fiction
- HOLIDAY DESTINATION: Anywhere in Scotland



what makes me sick

- HOBBY/PASTIME: Swimming
- BREAKFAST: I don't eat any
- MEAL: Macaroni Cheese
- COMEDIAN: Jo Brand
- BOARD GAME: I don't play them



Once again we are requesting written notice to the PR Department for supporters' clubs requesting players to attend their annual functions.

As with last season it is our intention to split the season up with four closing dates for applications from supporters' clubs for players to attend events. The following guidelines should be carefully observed:

- It is not possible for players to attend events that take place on an evening when there is a first-team match the following day.

- If a personal appearance has been confirmed and then a fixture is changed, for example if a match is moved from Saturday to Sunday, regrettably it will not be possible for the club to send a representative.

- Injured players are frequently under instruction from the medical staff to rest and are therefore unlikely to be available to attend supporters' functions.

- It will not be possible to send players to events which take place on Sundays, unless in exceptional circumstances. The players usually train five days per week and play on Saturdays, therefore, Sundays are the only days during the season that they have to spend with their families.

- All functions must take place prior to the end of the league season, i.e. it will not be possible for players to attend events that take place on or after 13th May 2000.

- Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate requests, it may not be possible to send the player requested, if this is the case every effort will be made to send a deputy. Due to the volume of requests we receive it is not usually possible to send more than one representative to an event.

- For the same reason only one event per season, per supporters' club can be considered.

- Each supporters' club will be required to designate an individual to look after the player in attendance and ensure they

It's time to book your star guest!

SUPPORTERS' FUNCTION DATES

The dates will be as follows:

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06/09/99 and 17/10/99

18/10/99 and 02/01/00

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20/03/00 and 13/05/00

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Notice required by:

13/08/99

06/09/99

22/11/99

07/02/00

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We will be writing to the Celtic Supporters' Association and Affiliation of Registered Celtic Supporters' Clubs asking them to contact their members to provide them with information on how to request a player to attend a function. In addition, we will be writing directly to as many clubs as we have addresses for.

As a Club we would like to encourage as many supporters' clubs as possible to utilise the hospitality facilities at Celtic Park. The profits that arise from the use of these facilities are put back into the development of the team and the Club. Hence, we wish to promote the use of Celtic Park as a venue for supporters' clubs to hold their functions. Menus range in price from £4.95 to £9.95 for a finger buffet and £7.95 to £16.95 for a fork buffet.

Dinner menus range in price from £15.25 to £25.95 per person. Added benefits for supporters' clubs holding events at Celtic Park include the following:

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- Extensive choice from our selection of function menus.

- 5% discount off your function dinner package for a party of 80 guests or over.

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- Disco courtesy of Celtic Football Club for a party of 80 guests or over, or a £100 contribution towards the cost of booking your own entertainment.

- Donation to Club Raffle of one bottle of Celtic champagne and a meal for four in The Walford Restaurant.

- Two complimentary tickets situated in the Jock Stein Stand and access to the Kerrydale Suite with its pay bar facility for a home game, for bookings for over 80 guests (subject to availability).

Year on year the numbers of dances taking place has increased steadily. Whilst we will continue to make every effort to provide players for these events, it is not unrealistic to expect that, on occasion, it will simply not be possible to send a player.

The Directors, Management, Players and Staff of Celtic would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many supporters' clubs who provided such a warm welcome and hospitality to them during season 1998/99. We look forward to hopefully enjoying time in your company once again during the forthcoming season.



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NEW DEALS... Dasovic and Main

Saints? That's hardly the term Celtic fans would have used for Perth's finest last season when their nine-point haul, including a rare win at Celtic Park, effectively destroyed Celtic's league hopes.

And yet, credit where credit is due. It can't be in anyone's interests for the league season to come down to four Old Firm matches a season, can it?

In reaching the League Cup final and finishing in the top four, Sandy

Clark's McDiarmid Park stars bared their teeth. Here, St Johnstone programme editor HELEN GREEN gives us the rundown on this season's Saints squad. Getting underway alphabetically....

GARY BOLLAN can play in defence or midfield and was signed from Rangers in February 1998 to replace Premiership-bound Callum Davidson. A broken foot blighted his first season, but last term he scored a vital goal at the death against Rugby Park to secure a draw with Kilmarnock.

PADDY CONNOLLY was a £250,000 signing from Airdrie and, like Bollan, was a player who made his name at Dundee United, scoring his first SPL goal for Saints against Motherwell in December last year.

BRENDAN CROZIER joined the club as a midfielder last summer and made such good progress that he signed an extension to his contract to keep him at the club until May 2002. Can play on the right or the left of midfield.

NICK DASOVIC is a player who likes Celtic Park, scoring the only goal in a 1-0 win in September of last year to record our first win at here since 1971. He then scored in the League Cup Final and won the Man of the Match award. A Canadian internationalist, Dasovic was secured on a long-term deal in midweek after signing in 1996 from Trelleborg in Sweden.

DARREN DODS joined the club last summer from relegated Hibs as cover in the centre-half position - before making the spot all his own. Injured against Motherwell on May 8 with a dislocated shoulder and missed the rest of the season - a great shame as he had played in all the games up to then and won the Player of the Year award.

RODDY GRANT returned to St Johnstone from Partick Thistle in 1995 and resumed his position as a real cult hero. Skilful, with power in the air and talent with the ball at his feet, Roddy lacks a little pace. However he signed a one-year contract recently and will be rewarded a testimonial year.

DANNY GRIFFIN is a young player equally at home in defence or midfield. He became Saints' youngest ever team captain at the age of 18 in 1995 and has played for Northern Ireland at all levels and is rated a real prospect for the future.

PAUL KANE arrived in Perth on freedom of contract after a spell in Norway with Viking Stavanger and became the first Scot to cash in on Bosman. A

dealing up a



GOAL THREAT... Celtic must put the harnesses on Nick Dasovic (above) and Miguel Simao (below left)

veteran from spells at Hibs, Oldham and Aberdeen, under-18 coach Kane's last goal of the season against Dundee clinched a Euro spot for Saints.

ALAN KERNAGHAN is a 30-year-old Republic of Ireland international who stayed on after originally joining on a three-month loan from Man City. He signed a new two-year deal last summer despite interest from Dunfermline and Dundee United.

MARTIN LAUHLAN signed before the end of last season from Partick in a £150,000 deal. The 18-year-old is the brother of Kilmarnock's Jim and can play on both wings.

NATHAN LOWNDES signed from Watford for £50,000 last August. The 21-year-old striker made a startling home debut last season in a League Cup match against Hibs when he scored two great goals.

Promising youngster KIERAN McANESPIE scored his first goal of last season against Celtic in a 2-1 win at McDiarmid Park last season - and then against Rangers in a 3-1 win.

JOHN PAUL McBRIDE is a player Celtic fans know plenty about after joining Saints from Celts in February. A Scotland under-21 star, McBride

has worked hard during the summer and scored a great goal in the pre-season friendly against Fulham.

STUART McCLUSKEY has captained the Scotland under-18 and under-21 sides. He is back at full fitness having recovered from a hernia problem at the end of last season to cover at centre-half.

MARC McCULLOCH has signed a new contract to keep him at the club until 2000 and has been vying for the left-back spot with Bollan.

GERRY McMAHON is a Northern Ireland international who started his career with Glenavon before moving to Spurs in 1992 and then Stoke City before arriving in Perth in February last year. Pacy and skilful, Gerry prefers to play on the wing, but can also play through the middle.

Stranraer-born JOHN McQUILLAN played with his home-town club and spent eight years at Dundee before Paul Sturrock followed up long-standing interest by signing him. Arguably the club's most assured full-back for years.

ALAN MAIN handed the club a boost by signing a new extended

contract this week and has been at Saints now since January 1995. He holds the Saints record for eight consecutive clean sheets in 1996/97.

GEORGE O'BOYLE was signed from Dunfermline and was the First Division Player of the Year for 95/96. The Northern Ireland international was troubled by a groin muscle tear last season.

KEITH O'HALLORAN scored the goal which effectively killed off Celtic's title challenge in April in a 1-0 win in Perth. A strong and forceful midfielder, O'Halloran has often played wide on the right.

JOHN O'NEIL is a skilful and determined player and a real favourite with the Saints support. 'Del' always gives 100 per cent, backed up by a genuine goal threat.

MIGUEL SIMAO joined Saints last summer and is a former Portuguese international. Tricky and elusive, Simao scored a number of vital goals last term.

JIM WEIR returned last season from long-term injury following a ruptured achilles tendon and scored in the 3-1 win over Rangers.





Hoopy a human? That takes the biscuit!

takin' the mick

We all have photographs of ourselves at some time in our lives that make us curl up with embarrassment. It's great when it's of someone else being a numpty though.

I saw a pic last week which took the proverbial (dog) biscuit! The picture was of midfield powerhouse, Craig Burley rolling around with our mascot, Hoopy the Huddle Hound?

What a plonker. I'd imagine there was more than a degree of cringing when that photo was published. I'm sure everyone at Celtic Park would have been very supportive and spared his blushes by remaining quiet.

Apparently Craig Burley wasn't all that comfortable with the snap either. Craig spoke to us exclusively to explain why he had hapless Hoopy in a head lock with an arm down his throat.

"I was trying to win a wager," he said. "Kerr and Gould both bet me 20 quid that there was actually a bloke inside Hoopy..." I just hope after all that nonsense Craig, the keepers actually stumped up!

● I read with interest that the lads from Fir Park are going to increase the size of their pitch.

A wider pitch should bring them more success. Billy Davies is aware of an old school of thought which says every extra yard of width gives you extra advantage over your opponents. Davies is so confident in this old adage that he



By MICK O'BLIVIOUS

is hoping to be challenging for the league this year.

As usual red tape and planning are the stumbling blocks. The council is putting the brakes on the Steelmen's bid for glory by refusing them planning permission to expand the necessary distance.

A spokesman for the council said that the one complaint about the Motherwell proposal was that the Civic Centre could not be moved or grassed over!

● When I read about Clydebank's situation half of me hopes they pull through and the other half (admittedly the much bigger half!) hopes they are put out of their misery... and soon.

Last week they had a measly 29 spectators at their match. The

reason for a crowd of this size was due to the Tall Ships thingybob at Greenock.

Two American tourists got lost and ended up at the match by mistake which swelled the crowd a bit. Actually the Bankies faithful are having a boycott of "home" matches in Greenock so I'm being a bit unfair to ridicule the record low crowd.

The lads (and ladies) who refused to attend went to the Tall Ships event instead because they wanted the novelty of watching something on Saturday that wasn't about to sink without trace.

● Flicking through Sir Alex Ferguson's autobiography the other day I came across an enchanting story about a Russian teapot.

Fergie claims that Kanchelskis' agent gave him a box shortly

before Andrei was transferred by the Manchester club. He thought the box contained a samovar which to you and me is a teapot. When he opened the box, he discovered a "samovar" £40,000 in notes!

It turned out the agent was desperate for United to sell the Ukrainian winger hence the offering. The United manager implied by taking the box home that he would have been happy to accept the "samovar" but would not accept a cash sum since he duly gave the money over to his club as you'd expect PDQ!

Andrei should be flattered because there are quite a few players in our league whose manager would do well to accept a chocolate teapot never mind a Russian one to sell them.

● It makes me laugh when I read that teams are supposed to "lie down" in certain matches and raise their game only for certain others.

As if someone is going to give up a win bonus perhaps risk relegation and livelihood to let another team win. Aberdeen have often been unfairly accused by our Govan chums of only ever really applying themselves against their club.

Admittedly, it doesn't help anybody's credibility when the Dons pre-season training in preparation for our visit where we win 5-0, features 40 mattresses! C'mon lads, at least make it look good.



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Lucky Huddle Clubber, Con Boyle was lost for words, as each of his heroes took their turn in shaking his hand and wishing him luck on his big day at Celtic Park.

Con had told us on arrival that his favourite Celt was Henrik Larsson, but after meeting Hoopy the Huddle Hound, Henrik has had to settle for second place!

Con is the star of the midfield with his own team, Glasgow Athletic and has promised to give Larsson and Co. a run for their money in the future!

MEET THE MASCOT

Watch this space, I think is the message Con is sending out!

If you would like the chance to be chosen as lucky mascot, please contact the Huddle Club c/o the Commercial Department on 0141-551 4228.

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In the last 30 years Celtic have lost their first home league match of the season just twice; in 1990 against Aberdeen (0-3) and in 1997 against Dunfermline (1-2).

Since the start of the Premier Division in 1975, Celtic have won their opening home fixture 16 times, drawn six and lost two. Their biggest win was last season when a Craig Burley hat-trick helped the Bhoys to a 5-0 victory, over Dunfermline.

The last time St Johnstone were Celtic opponents in the first home league match of the season was on 30th August 1969. In front of a crowd of 60,000, twice the visitors led with goals from McCarry and Aitken only for Celtic to equalise with goals from Chalmers and Hood and the match ended 2-2. Celtic went on to win the league by 12 points whilst St Johnstone finished in 13th position.

Last season St Johnstone won three out of the four league meetings between the two sides. It was the first time since 1964/65 that they had got the better of Celtic in league meetings over a season. It was the first time ever



SAINTS AND WINNERS... Celtic had a bad record against St Johnstone last season – something they will be looking to put right today



they had beaten Celtic three times in one season.

Last season St Johnstone became the sixth team to have ever beaten Celtic three times in the league in one season. The others are Motherwell, St Mirren, Aberdeen (twice), Dundee United and Rangers (twice).

The attendance at Celtic Park for St Johnstone's last visit here in January was 60,092 – an SPL record.

Harald Brattbakk's hat-trick against St Johnstone on their last visit here on 31st January, was the first in a league match between the two teams since 25th March 1968 when Bobby Lennox netted three in a 6-1 win

a Muirton Park. The last hat trick scored against the Saints at Celtic Park before Harald's threesome was by Bobby Murdoch on 7th December 1963 in a 3-1 win.

When Celtic won the title two seasons ago their first league win was against St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park when they won 2-0 with goals from Henrik Larsson and Darren Jackson. However, they started that campaign with two defeats against Hibernian and Dunfermline and in fact had they lost to the Saints it would have been the first time ever in the club's history that they had lost the first three league matches of the season.



ON THE BALL



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CWMBRAN TOWN v CELTIC NINIAN PARK, 12 AUG, KO 7.30

Tickets are currently available for our UEFA Cup tie, priced £16. All season book holders who applied for the match will be successful and tickets are now on general sale. Anyone travelling to the match must complete our standard travel form, giving all travel and accommodation details.

CELTIC v HEARTS

SUN, 29 AUG, KO 3PM

The above fixture has been changed from the original date of Saturday 28th Aug, due to our UEFA Cup involvement. Note the kick off time of 3pm remains the same. Watch this space for future date and time changes.

NEW CELTIC KIT

The new Celtic kit can also be ordered by calling the ticket office on 0141-551 8653.

CONTACT NAMES AND NUMBERS

Supporters' Clubs - Alexis Dobbin 0141-551 4312 and Peter Coyle 0141-551 4328.

Investor Club - Maureen Hardie. 0141-551 4314

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Hilary Thomas. 0141-551 4315

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SEASON BOOK RELOCATIONS

Everyone who had requested a relocation prior to the closing date should note the following. We have created a waiting list for relocations.

Due to the high numbers renewing this season the options for relocation are limited. We will continue to contact supporters throughout the season, however no definitive timescale can be given.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Please ensure that your details are kept up to date with Ticket Services. Should you change your address, surname or telephone number please inform us in order that we keep you up to date with all that is happening throughout the season.

COMING FIXTURES SEASON 1999/2000

Fixtures are subject to change as always and with UEFA cup ties now being played on Thursday evenings it is even more important that you obtain the most current information through the



Celtic View, Ticket Services page on Celticfc.co.uk and by calling Ticket Services direct.

Remember to note the voucher numbers detailed in the fixture list on page 23.

AWAY TICKET APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The procedure for applying for away matches has altered slightly from last season. For the coming season we intend to give everyone as much notice as possible of which matches they have been successful for.

To facilitate this process we require to have applications slightly earlier than in previous seasons.

You will also note that you are required to send only one voucher for each of our opponents, should you wish to attend only one match against that particular team, please indicate in the box provided on the reverse of your voucher.

Once you have decided which matches you wish to attend, please complete the reverse of your voucher in full and submit with payment details to Celtic Park, Ticket Services, Glasgow, G40 3RD.

If you are paying by cheque you must submit a cheque for each match you wish you attend, payable to Celtic and clearly indicating the member numbers of the applicants and the name and address of the account

holder, please do not date the cheque.

The table on page 23 indicates which vouchers are required for each match.

You may send all the vouchers for the away matches you wish to attend at once in one envelope.

There is no need to provide SAE's as we will add the cost on to your chosen method of payment.

The cost for post and package will be 50p per envelope, there will also be a £1 booking fee if paying by credit card.

If you are paying by credit or debit card please complete the form you received along with your renewal pack, giving all your card details and the address of where you would like your tickets to be posted to.

As stated previously, the Royal Mail will not compensate any tickets which are not received unless they are sent as a priority service.

Please indicate if you wish your tickets to be sent Guaranteed Delivery, this service costs around £3.80 and we will add it to your chosen method of payment.

Should you wish to apply for matches separately, the last dates we will accept applications are as follows. Dundee - 6 August; Kilmarnock - 13 August; Hibs 20 August; St Johnstone - 27 August; Hearts - 3 September; Motherwell - 10 September; Rangers - 24 September.



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DATE	DAY	VENUE	TEAM	COMP	V'CHER NO
24 July	Sat	H	Leeds Utd	Friendly	48
27 July	Tues	H	Newcastle Utd	Friendly	49
1 Aug	Sun	A	Aberdeen	League	42
3 Aug	Tue	A	Bray Wanderers	Friendly	
7 Aug	Sat	H	St Johnstone	League	1
12 Aug	Thur		Q1	UEFA Cup	26
15 Aug	Sun	A	Dundee Utd	League	47
21 Aug	Sat	A	Dundee	League	46
26 Aug	Thur		Q1	UEFA Cup	27
29 Aug	Sun	H	Hearts	League	2
12 Sept	Sun	A	Kilmarnock	League	43
16 Sept	Thur		R1	UEFA Cup	28
18 Sept	Sat	H	Rangers	League	19
25 Sept	Sat	A	Hibernian	League	41
30 Sept	Thur		R1	UEFA Cup	
2 Oct	Sat	H	Motherwell	League	3
12/13 Oct	Tue/Wed		Round 3	League Cup	
16 Oct	Sat	H	Aberdeen	League	4
21 Oct	Thur		R2	UEFA Cup	
24 Oct	Sun	A	St Johnstone	League	45
30 Oct	Sat	H	Kilmarnock	League	5
4 Nov	Thur		R2	UEFA Cup	
7 Nov	Sun	A	Rangers	League	39
13 Nov	Sat	H	Dundee	League	6
20 Nov	Sat	A	Hearts	League	40
25 Nov	Thur		R3	UEFA Cup	
27 Nov	Sat	A	Motherwell	League	44
30 Nov/1 Dec	Dec		Quarter Final	Lg Cup	22
4 Dec	Sat	H	Hibernian	League	7
9 Dec	Thur		R3	UEFA Cup	
11 Dec	Sat	A	Aberdeen	League/SFA Cup	1
18 Dec	Sat	H	Dundee United	League	8
27 Dec	Mon	H	Rangers	League	20
8 Jan	Sat			Scots Cup 2	
22 Jan	Sat	A	Kilmarnock	League	
29 Jan	Sat			Scots Cup 3	32
5 Feb	Sat	H	Hearts	League	9
12 Feb	Sat	A	Dundee	League	
13 Feb	Sun		Semi Final	League Cup	22
15/16 Feb	Feb		Semi Final	League Cup	22
19 Feb	Sat			Scots Cup 4	33
26 Feb	Sat	H	Motherwell	League	10
2 Mar	Thur			UEFA Cup R4	
4 Mar	Sat	A	Hibernian	League	
9 Mar	Thur			UEFA Cup R4	
11 Mar	Sat	H	St Johnstone	Lg/Scots Cup 11 (Lge)	
16 Mar	Thur			UEFA Cup QF	
18 Mar	Sat	A	Dundee United	League	
19 Mar	Sun		Final	League Cup	
23 Mar	Thur		QF	UEFA Cup Cup	
26 Mar	Sun	A	Rangers	League	
1 Apr	Sat	H	Kilmarnock	League	12
6 Apr	Thur		SF	UEFA Cup	
8 Apr	Sat	A	Hearts	League/Scots Cup SF	35
15 Apr	Sat	H	Dundee	League	13
20 Apr	Thur	H	SF	UEFA Cup	
22 Apr	Sat	H	Hibernian	League	14
29 Apr	Sat	A	Motherwell	League	
6 May	Sat	H	Aberdeen	League	15
13 May	Sat	A	St Johnstone	League	
17 May	Wed		Final	UEFA Cup	
20 May	Sat	H	Dundee United	League	16
27 May	Sat		Final	Scottish Cup	36



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By The Bhoy In The Know

Bless him father for he has sinned – but surely now it's time for Celtic fans to forgive Mark Viduka once and for all.

In the spiritual church of reformation called Celtic Park Kenny Dalglish and John Barnes have delivered a sense of togetherness which promises to answer the long-held prayers of the Celtic fans.

At long last, they chant, good can conquer bad and Celtic have it in them to overcome Rangers again.

And yet, in their darker moments, you still suspect that Celtic fans harbour suspicion over one of the disciples in their midst.

Consult the modern day bible of the football fanatic – the Record Hotline – or listen to it's hymnal equivalent, the Clyde Open Line, and the confirmation is there.

After watching some scintillating football and kneeling at the altar of the new Kings of Celtic Park, there are still mumbblings and evidence of small-mindedness.

Most of them concern Viduka and most of them are out of date.

No one of course would deny that history is on the side of the Doubting Thomas'. When the striker walked out on Celtic for still undisclosed reasons 48 hours after arriving he made a rod for his own back in the eyes of the punters.

When he then appeared to compound the problem by stating in an interview on Australian television that it would be a dream to play for a big club like Spurs the collective steam was seen to rise from under 60,000 green and white scarved collars.

And yet, fast forward eight weeks and look at the facts now. The artist formerly known as Marko has returned to the fray suitably repentant and has the look of a changed man.

No longer is there the haunted



MARK OF A CHAMPION... Viduka has started the season with a bang

look of a man who doesn't want to be here. This season has revealed a player content with his surroundings.

Laughing, joking and, most importantly, scoring his way through the pre-season, Viduka gives the impression of being a man turned Bhoy.

And yet, after a hat-trick against Danish champions Aalborg, a nice piece of perseverance against Newcastle and two predatory finishes against Aberdeen, still some malcontents in the Celtic support have their doubts.

If those doubts exist on the basis of the Australian internationalist's playing ability then that is the inalienable right of the individual to judge and give his opinion.

If, however, the player is still being judged because of previous off the field misdemeanours then it's time to lay off.

Unfavourable newspaper comments from fans ignore the difference in the player and, given his current form, it will be interesting to see how reactions change after a few goals before Christmas.

To those who regard Celtic publications as little more than green and white Pravdas (for there are many), then the testimony of Viduka's former Croatia Zagreb buddy Silvio Maric may prove more credible (albeit in the Celtic View).

After watching his big mate score against his new club Newcastle, Maric said: "We were very good and close friends in Zagreb and we have spoken on the telephone since I came to Britain.

"I remember Mark calling me when he could not play against Rangers in the Cup Final, but he is much happier now.

"I am not surprised because Celtic have great fans and are a very good team now."

As Maric reminds people both he and Viduka were at home in Croatia (however nasty it may have turned in the end). At just 22 years of age Viduka made the biggest and strangest move of his life to a new culture in Scotland – and anyone who has experienced living abroad will tell of how difficult that can be.

Now the difference in styles between Viduka and Larsson, coupled with a common aerial threat, hand Celtic striking options unseen in many a long year.

Handling the one without the other is difficult, handling both as a package possibly well-nigh impossible – however shaky Aberdeen's defence appeared to be.

Some believe that Mark Burchill's pace could be more profitable for Celtic. But Head Coach John Barnes is the best qualified man to be entrusted with such judgements. For the fans it has to be considered a novelty unseen since the days of Cadete and van Hooijdonk to have such potent options up front.

Don't forget those standing in the wings either. As was shown against Bray Wanderers there is intense competition in positions all over the park and heaven forbid that anyone should find cause for complaint over that.

Stephen McGowan

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DREAM MAKER...

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chances



COACH TRIP...

When times got
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brought in
Willie Maley



This season's Walk On features David W Potter's complete history of Celtic though the decades right up to the Millennium...today, 1895-1900

Celtic won the Scottish League very comfortably in 1895/96 by four points from second place Rangers. The campaign was distinguished by a mighty 11-0 thrashing of luckless Dundee in late October.

The goalscorers are not recorded but it is a fair bet that Sandy McMahon was among them, as indeed would be Allan Martin, a lesser known Celtic figure but a prolific scorer of goals that season. Celtic also won the Glasgow Cup and the Glasgow Charity Cup, the only blot on the copy-book being an early exit from the Scottish Cup at the hands of Queen's Park.

By this time Dan McArthur was in the goal, and a mighty defender had been found in Barney Battles.

It seemed that a great future was in store for the team the next year, but not for the last time in the club's history, an internal dispute led to poor performances on the field.

A strike by some players took place in November 1896 when they protested at the presence of some journalists in the Press Box.

This was barley patched over when the team went to Arthurlie in the first round of the Scottish Cup on January 1897, and lost.

This was akin to Rangers losing to Berwick in 1967, but it did hanel some changes with the appointment of Willie Maley as

Maley begins to make his mark

manager, and the team being therefore organised on a more business like approach.

Maley's first season as manager was a successful one as Celtic won their fourth League Championship in 1897/98, George Allan scoring 14 goals from the service of Sandy McMahon and Johnny Campbell. Maley was young and vigorous, intelligent and practical and a born leader of men.

He knew his football, could choose a player and laid great store on public relations, always being genial and accommodating to the press and kind and compassionate to opponents.

Yet season 1897/98 once again saw Celtic fail to land three Cup competitions, although they reached the Final of the Glasgow Cup to lose to Rangers.

Cup success however came in season 1898/99 when Celtic won the Scottish Cup for the second time, winning 2-0 over a Rangers team who had already won the League (and would do so for the next three seasons). The Scottish Cup Final was played at Hampden Park on April 22nd 1899 in front of 25,000 spectators. McMahon put Celtic ahead with a magnificent header and Hodge added a second.

A month later, Celtic also added the Glasgow Charity Cup to their tally.

The year 1899/1900 was not a great season for Celtic with League form inconsistent and dis-



STAND OUT BETWEEN THE STICKS... Dan McArthur was a great goalkeeper for Celtic during his time at the club



appointing in both the Glasgow Cups.

But the team did redeem themselves by repeating last year's success in the Scottish Cup. The Final was a remarkable game between Celtic and Queen's Park played in a hurricane at Ibrox. Celtic won 4-3. They had used the wind to advantage in the first half to go in 3-1 up. They then scored again against the wind to make it 4-1 but tired badly in the second half as Queen's Park pulled two back.

Frantic defending gave them their third Scottish Cup in 12 years of existence.

The day was also significant in that it marked the end of the amateur Queen's Park as a major power in the land.

Professionalism was clearly here to stay and no club typified this trend more than the vibrant Celts.

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