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ntl:

Full credit must go to the whole squad for the victory against Aberdeen this time last week, the three points keeps us on course for where we all want to be once the season is over.

I am particularly pleased that all 14 players at our disposal for the match at Pittodrie, not just those who started the game played key roles in our success.

Six different goalscorers will hopefully prove that, and while we are missing the input of a fantastic player such as Henrik Larsson, we are by no means a one-man team - we have to get used to that idea.

No one ever expected an easy time of it in the north-east and despite the scoreline I still think it was a very difficult game in stages and we are all delighted with the end result.

It is difficult for everyone at Celtic to contain themselves after such a fine collective performance - but we must.

This outcome of this league campaign will only be judged once it is mathematically impossible for the leaders to be caught and not before.

As a result of that we don't want to get carried away either when we win or when we don't.

Recent results against Dundee, Hibs and Aberdeen will only mean something to this football club if we can keep it going.

We are all aware how difficult



opposition Dundee United can prove to be especially after we lost to them in only our third league outing in August.

Since then we have shown

“Of course we are determined to succeed”

what we are capable of as a team and the mistakes we made at Tannadice will hopefully not be repeated today.

At a club such as Celtic you are only one result away from a crisis as we know only too well.

Of course we are determined to succeed and of course we will give our very best efforts to do so starting again today.

Much has been made about the second Old Firm game of the season - we'll only think about that after five o'clock this afternoon.

Hopefully we will all have a very Merry Christmas capped with the victory we need today.



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**SOME GAMES
LEAVE YOU LOW.**

**SOME GAMES
JUST NEVER
LEAVE YOU.**



Cast list



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- 1 Jonathan GOULD
- 2 Tom BOYD
- 3 Stephane MAHE
- 4 Jackie McNAMARA
- 5 Marc RIEPER
- 6 Alan STUBBS
- 7 Henrik LARSSON
- 9 Harald BRATTBAKK
- 10 Eyal BERKOVIC
- 11 Morten WIEGHORST
- 12 Tommy JOHNSON
- 14 Paul LAMBERT
- 15 Bobby PETTA
- 16 Olivier TEBILY
- 17 Ian Wright
- 19 Stilian PETROV
- 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 COMBE
- 2 Bernard PASCUAL
- 3 Maurice MALPAS
- 4 David HANNAH
- 5 Jason de VOS
- 6 Siggsi JONSSON
- 7 Craig EASTON
- 8 Magnus SKOLDMARK
- 10 Joaquim FERRAZ
- 11 Anthony SMITH
- 12 Scott McCULLOCH
- 13 Paul GALLACHER
- 15 Jan TELESNIKOV
- 16 Iain JENKINS
- 17 Darren PATTERSON
- 18 James PATTERSON
- 19 Stephen THOMPSON
- 20 David WORRELL
- 21 David PARTRIDGE
- 23 Steve FALLON
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- 28 David BYRNE
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what makes me 'tic



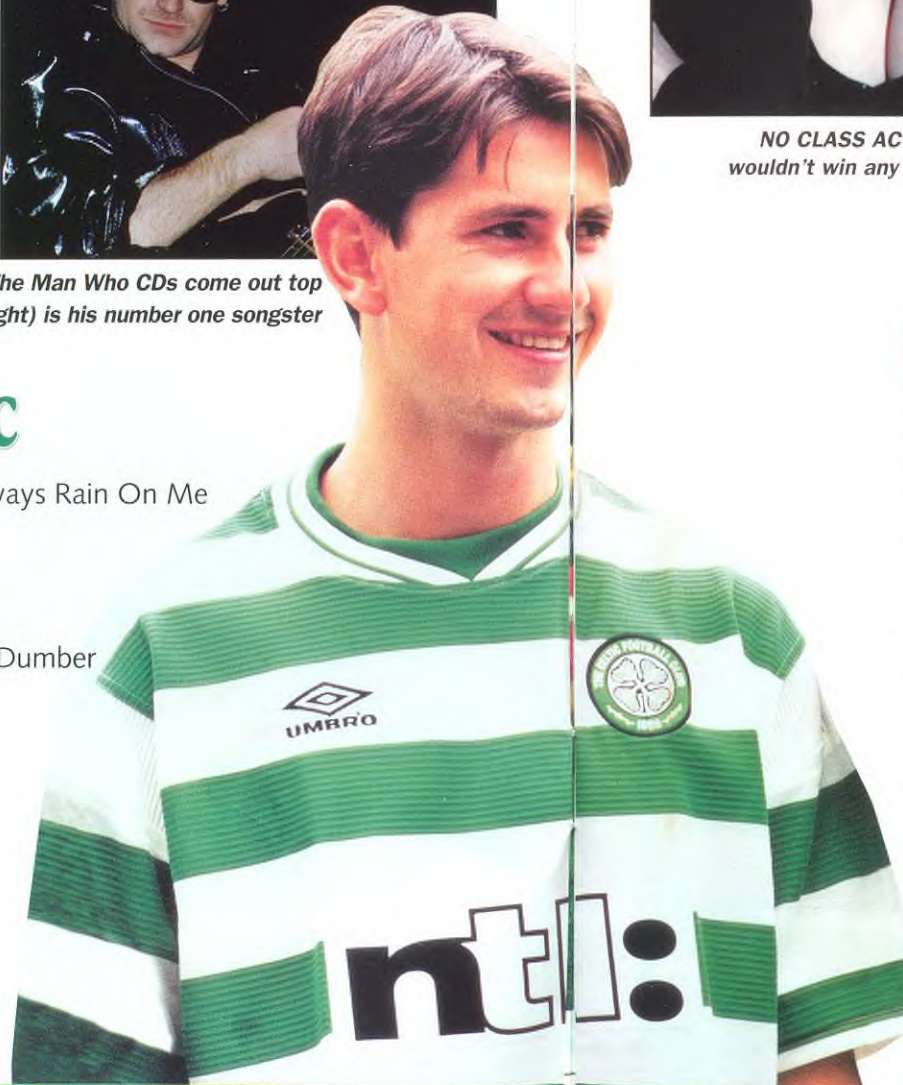
Today it's the turn of **JACKIE McNAMARA** to reveal all to Walk On and let us know what clicks with him and what turns him the wrong shade of green.



ON SONG... Travis' Why Does It Always Rain On Me and The Man Who CDs come out top on the Hoops star's list of favourite sounds while Bono (right) is his number one songster

what makes me 'tic

- CD Single: Travis – Why Does It Always Rain On Me
- CD Album: Travis – The Man Who
- Band: U2
- Singer: Bono
- Film: Life Of Brian/Dumb and Dumber
- Actor: Robert De Niro
- Actress: Demi Moore
- Book: Don't read books
- Holiday Destination: South of France
- Hobby/Pastime: Golf/Snooker
- Breakfast: Cereal & toast
- Food: Chinese
- Comedian: Billy Connolly
- Board Game: Monopoly



NO CLASS ACT... Dolly Parton wouldn't win any Oscars from Jackie



NOT UP MY STREET... Corrie star Les Battersby wouldn't get a place in Jackie's favourites list



what makes me sick

- CD Single: Timmy Mallet – Itsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini
- CD Album: Any Country and Western
- Band: Any Country and Western
- Singer: Any Country and Western singer
- Film: The Exorcist/Any horror movie
- Actor: Bruce Jones as Les Battersby!
- Actress: Dolly Parton
- Book: Don't read books
- Holiday Destination: Corfu
- Hobby/Pastime: Reading/Hill walking
- Breakfast: Muesli
- Food: Liver/Kippers
- Comedian: Ken Dodd
- Board Game: Cluedo



NOT SO DUMB... That's what Jackie Mac makes of Jim Carrey's film Dumb and Dumber

bits & bobs



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United Celts must stand to conquer the Terrors

HOT on the heels of their 1-0 derby win over Dundee, Dundee United are the visitors to Celtic Park today looking to carry on where they left off last Sunday.

Walk On takes a look at the Terrors from Tannadice to watch.

ALAN COMBE, born Edinburgh, 3rd April 1974 – Spent five years with St Mirren but was out of contract in the summer of 1998 when he agreed to a switch to Dundee United. Spent most of last season as understudy to Sieb Dijkstra but the Dundee derby at Tannadice in November got his first-team career up and running. However, he finished last season as first choice 'keeper and is looking to consolidate that position in the season ahead.

BERNARD PASCUAL, born Aubervilliers, 10th April 1967 – The defender joined the club under the Bosman ruling from Le Havre just after the start of last season, signing a two-year contract. He is a talented and versatile defender who can fill several positions at the back. He played for Beauvais for eight seasons before joining his last club, Le Havre in 1993. He was Tommy McLean's last signing, instantly becoming a first-team regular until a knee injury ended his season at the start of 1999. Now fit again, he will be a prime candidate for inclusion in defence.

DAVID WORRELL, born Dublin, 12th January 1978 – The current captain of the Republic of Ireland Under-21 side was bought with the future in mind. Plucked from Blackburn Rovers reserves, the full-back impressed many with his diligent defending in his five outings before the end of last season.

JASON de VOS, born Ontario, Canada, 2nd January 1974 – Was first



DERBY DAZE... United's Joaquim Ferraz bangs home the Tangerines last gasp winner against bitter rivals Dundee in last Sunday's live encounter

spotted playing for Montreal Impacts in his native Canada for whom he has been capped at every level. When the big strapping defender came to this country in 1997, he eventually joined Darlington for whom he played just over 30 times. The club beat off approaches in October 1998 and has gone on to become an automatic choice in the heart of the defence as well as skipping the side.

MAGNUS SKOLDMARK, born Langsele, 22nd September 1968 – Signed from Dalian Wanda of China in September 1997, the 30-year-old was previously a colleague of Lars Zetterlund at Orebro where Magnus spent seven seasons. Has proved his versatility, having played in central defence, full-back or midfield. He was available for transfer at the end of

1997/98 but still figured regularly in the side for most of last season.

DARREN PATTERSON, born Belfast, 15th October 1969 – Out of contract with Luton Town at the end of season 1997/98, the Northern Ireland international central defender was signed last summer. Unfortunately, his Tannadice career didn't get off to the best of starts with a groin injury preventing him turning out in the first three games but he impressed on his debut against Hearts in August, going on to figure in over half of the club's competitive outings last term.

DAVID PARTRIDGE, born Westminster, 26th Nov 1978 – The left-sided central defender from West Ham made the first of his appearances when he came on as a substitute in the final game of last season against

Celtic. Connected to West Ham since the age of 10, he's been capped at under-16, under-18 and under-21. He qualifies for Wales through his father but the London-born defender could also have played for Scotland thanks to his Scottish mother.

JAMES PATERSON, born Bellshill, 25th Sept 1979 – A strong running wide-left player who can play in defence or midfield, he once captained Scotland Schools under-16 side. Played three times for Scotland under-21s in the 1997 Toulon Tournament but didn't make his first-team debut until August 1998. Thereafter, he became a first-team regular until a pelvic injury prematurely ended his season in March. Now fully recovered, he will again be pushing for a first-team spot.

CRAIG EASTON, born Bellshill, 25th Sep 1979 – The latest prodigy off the famed conveyor belt of Tannadice is a talented youngster who has impressed many with his tenacious displays in midfield. Was first utilised on a regular basis in season 1997/98 during which he signed a new contract to extend his Tannadice stay. He is also a regular member of the Scottish under-21 side.

DAVID HANNAH, born Coatbridge, 4th April 1973 – Graduated through the United youth ranks and at 21 was the youngest member of United's Scottish Cup winning side of 1994. Was also in the team relegated in 1995 and promoted a year later. The under-21 international midfielder joined Celtic in December 1996 and Paul Sturrock brought him back for his second spell in United's colours since when he has been a permanent fixture in midfield.

JOAQUIM FERRAZ, born Portugal, 16th May 1974 – Manager Paul Sturrock's first acquisition of the close



BACK WHERE HE BELONGS... Hannah has enjoyed a regular midfield slot at Tannadice since Paul Sturrock took him back for second spell

season was signed on freedom of contract at the end of June. The 6'4" striker had spent the past three years with Belenenses of Portugal who were promoted to the top division. Signed on a three-year deal, he is the first Portuguese player to join United and as well as the obvious threat his height poses, he also possesses good touch and mobility for one so tall.

STEVEN THOMPSON, born Paisley, 14th October 1978 – Great things are expected of the tall gangly striker in the "Duncan Ferguson" mould. A graduate of the Tannadice youth scheme, he figured regularly on the subs bench but is still waiting for the proper break in the first team. Started several games in the final matches of last term and acquitted himself well in three matches for Scotland under-21s scoring twice.

STEPHEN MCCONALOGUE, born Glasgow, 16th June 1981 – The

striker's pedigree as a schoolboy is without parallel, being the all-time top scorer for Scotland Schools. Since turning senior, he has maintained his prolific scoring. Just before his 18th birthday, he made his first-team debut coming on as a substitute in the final game of last season and if he continues to progress, he can expect more first-team exposure.

JAN TELESNIKOV, born Torinsk, Russia, 11th December 1972 – Although signed in the summer, a delay in the midfielder's work permit meant he didn't make his debut until the end of August against Kilmarnock. Small but compact, he is an inventive midfielder who also has the power and strength to make him well suited to the Scottish game. The Israeli international arrived from Beitar Jerusalem for whom he played against Rangers last term. Scored his first goal in the SPL against Hibs.

Ian's Wright out of tune with his latest display



takin' the mick

Like you, I wasn't impressed with Lorenzo Amoruso's exchange with Dortmund's Victor Ikpeba in the UEFA Cup last week.

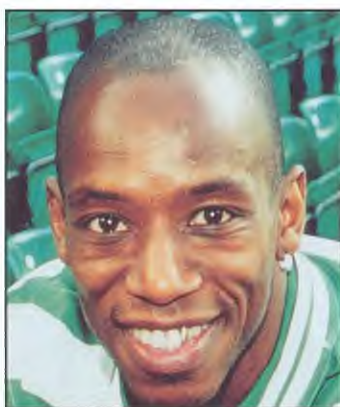
However, we are all capable of making mistakes and can say things in the heat of the moment that are not politically correct or indeed simply offensive, so personally I'd like the big ??&&\$@&& (Italian swear word!) to get another chance.

It's not really solving anything if he feels he's got to leave Rangers because of this faux pas. I hope he rides it out because if he goes they might replace him with somebody good!

What I found incredible was that lip-reading experts were drafted in to see what the Rangers captain said.

Apparently these lip readers have been tailing Amo for several weeks and were watching closely every time he spoke. This was one of the few times they could actually see what he said because normally his shorts block the view.

● Last Saturday I witnessed the worst performance I've ever seen from a Celtic player. It was woeful and I'll bet you



By MICK O'BVIOUS

he knows it too. I don't like criticising our own but I feel I must if only to prevent a repeat performance.

Yeah, I know we mauled Aberdeen and the team played great but I'm talking about Ian Wright, Wright Wright as one of the backing 'singers' to Diana Ross.

Stop! In the name of music please. It was so bad that Cliff's Lord's Prayer (Cliff's Our Father sung to the "go home" song) suddenly took on a new appeal.

It even made Craig Burley's wrestle with Hoopy look pretty cool! We're talking dire.

Being positive about Ian's effort I should say with a lot of the notes he did come very

close and might even have got one had Ms Ross not cut the number short. It also has to be said he wasn't scared to go up on stage with the legend Diana, which is a pity because I was hoping to say he was the Chicken Supreme. Probably "turkey" is more appropriate. Don't give up the day job, Ian!!!

● Ho Hum another World Cup is just round the corner with the qualifying groups now selected. Will Croatia be our greatest threat or will Belgium... blah blah blabbety blah!

We all know the script by now when it comes to playing good teams and wee diddy outfits. If you thought there was a load of rubbish printed in our press you should see what they're saying in San Marino.

Gian Paolo Mazza, the San Marino coach says that Scotland are the best international team in Europe. Gian Paolo has witnessed some of our performances first-hand so... er... knows what he's talking about.

Wee Craig went to visit him when he was in Scotland because let's face it, it's not every day the wee fella gets praise like that heaped on him.

Unfortunately, he didn't get to speak to the San Marino coach

as the Leverdale nurses had just given Mr Mazza his much needed afternoon sedation!

● David Beckham's never out of the news for one thing or another. A player so good he makes Peter Grant look ordinary but what a plonker. He's just been done for speeding at 76 mph in a 50 limit in Stockport. His defence was that a white Fiesta was tailing him as he drove his £150,000 Ferrari and that he wanted to put some distance between him and the Fiesta because he was in fear of his life. A car enthusiast cop asked him what gear he was in while doing 76 mph and the grumpy reply was "my sarong and bobble hat, if you must know!" Let's be honest here, there's not one of you believe him because if it was true then surely the Fiesta would have been stopped too. Why did he not just say he had an upset stomach and was desperate to use the Old Trafford toilets? Well, it worked for Sir Alex! Perhaps David could have done what Fergie did and get some AA assistance as soon as he was stopped by the boys in blue. AA Milne that is, because he's the guy that's made up loads of great Pooh stories.



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Regardless of how many Christmas wishes Heather Coackley may be granted, you can guarantee Henrik Larsson would feature somewhere in each and every one of them. Heather now considers David Beckham (who was once her second favourite football player) as a poor runner-up to the Super Swede! Favourite holiday destination, Heather? - Sweden! Favourite other football team - Sweden! Need I go on?

According to Heather's sidekick, Gerard McDonald - should he be fortunate enough to be granted one more Christmas wish, it would be for John Barnes to sign Rivaldo for the Hoops! Gerard is keeping his fingers cross that his Christmas stocking will be full of computer games on the big morning as perfecting his skills on the likes of Euro 2000, is how he enjoys his spare time.

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with David McDonald

With this being Celtic's last match before Christmas, we look back at their recent record in this fixture.

In the last 10 years, eight times the match has been at home with the Bhoys winning seven and drawing one. In fact the draw was during the Hampden year. The two away matches however, have ended in defeats but since returning to Celtic Park in 1995, the Bhoys have won all four without conceding a goal.

1998/99	Dunfermline H	5-0
1997/98	Hibernian H	5-0
1996/97	Dundee U H	1-0
1995/96	Falkirk H	1-0
1994/95	Motherwell H	2-2
1993/94	Hibernian H	1-0
1992/93	Hearts A	0-1
1991/92	St Mirren H	4-0
1990/91	St Johnstone A	2-3
1989/90	Dundee H	4-1

Last season Celtic won both home league matches against United in similar fashion – the visitors take a first-half lead but Celtic win with two late strikes. It was the first season since 1994/95 that United had scored in both away league games against Celtic.

United's 2-1 win at the beginning of the season ended Celtic's unbeaten run of nine matches (seven wins and two draws). It was also just their second league win over Celtic in the last 19 meetings.

Last season both teams



ON TARGET...
Easton's goal earlier this season made him the 42nd player to score against the Hoops in the Premier League



scored in all four league meetings for the first time since 1991/92, when like last term Celtic won three and drew the other.

In last season's 1-1 draw at Tannadice on 12th December, Lars Zetterlund scored United's 100th Premier goal against Celtic.

Dundee United's last win at Celtic Park was on Boxing Day 1992 when Duncan Ferguson headed in the only goal one minute before half-time.

The last player to score a hat-trick in a league

meeting between the two clubs was Ronnie Glavin on 20th October 1976 in a 5-1 win. That result still remains Celtic's biggest Premier victory over United.

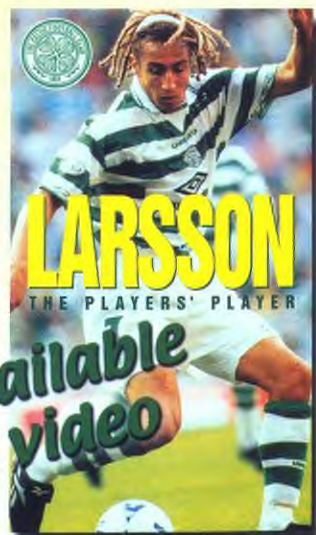
In the first meeting between the two clubs this season, Craig Easton became the 42nd player to score against Celtic in the Premier League and Eyal Berkovic became the 53rd player to score for Celtic against United in the Premier League.



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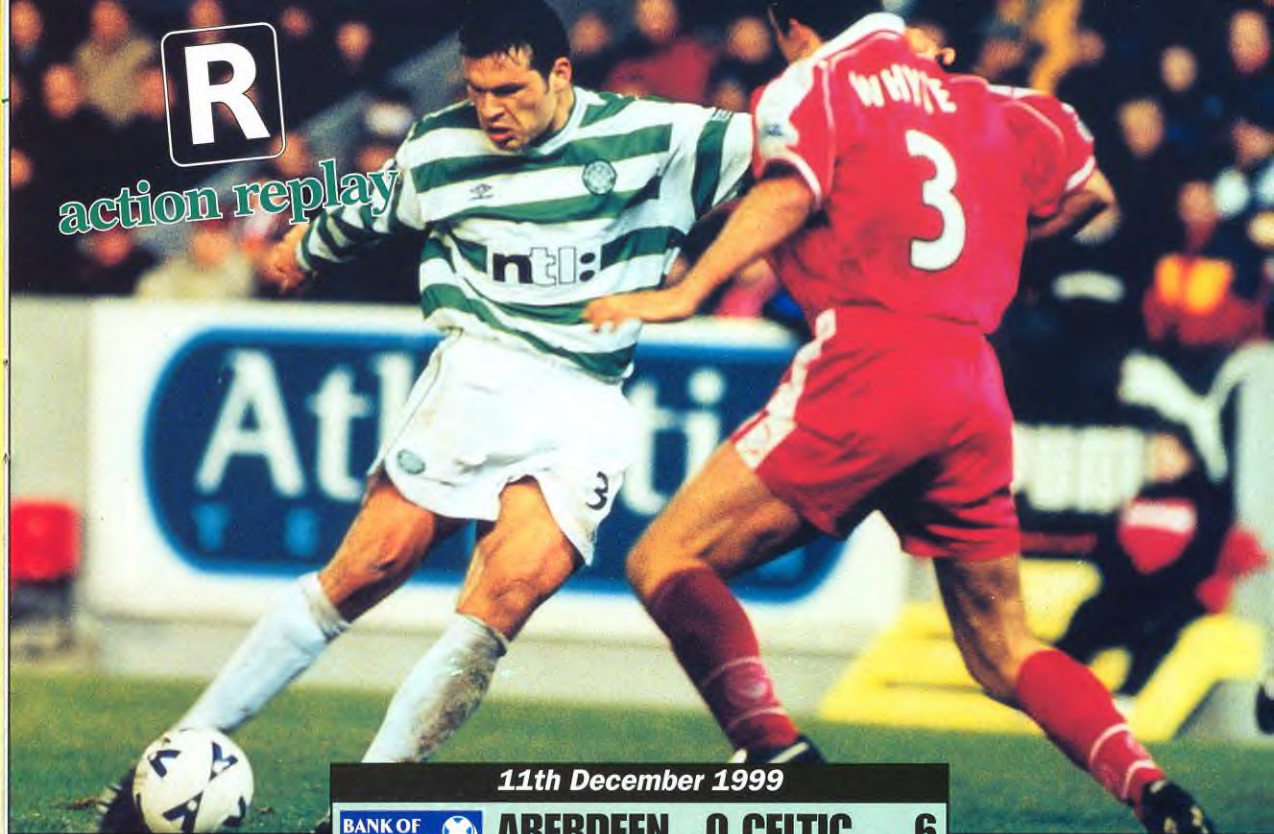
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just a tic

By The Bhoys In The Know

Being the first northern European club side to win the top domestic trophy in the western world is undoubtedly the highlight of the past 112 years.

The apathy shown meanwhile towards the latter stages of the Kelly/White regime in season 1993/94 is a time to forget.

Rest assured that everyone at Celtic Park is fully committed to equalling that success in the future. And while we are all proud of past achievements and equally sad of our shortcomings, our aim is to go forward.

With God willing, Celtic fans 100 years from now, will approach the 22nd century still immensely proud of what happened in Lisbon in 1967 and hopefully by then we will have a lot more to be proud of.

It is easy to be despondent when things don't go well, after all watching a team like Celtic week in, week out, isn't without effort and financial cost.

But when you think of the steps the club are taking to be the best on and off the field to our attending supporters AND our overseas following it is easy to see why the words faithful through and through are synonymous with Celtic.

Before Fergus McCann intervened this club was at an all time low with just over 7,000 season book holders. Many of our Beambacks have



LET'S MAKE SOME NOISE... and make sure the Bhoys don't suffer a defeat like the last time we faced United and went down 2-1 despite Berkovic's goal

larger audiences than that these days.

Now we have the biggest registered fan base in the United Kingdom with many more waiting to get on board.

Since McCann departed for sunnier climes, Allan MacDonald and Frank O'Callaghan have accepted the unenviable task of taking Celtic onwards.

And going into this new year we have a lot to look forward to with nothing more exciting than a boardroom with ambitions to match those of the spectators who fill our stadium.

Names like Jamie Smith and Colin Healy may not be household but these are only two of the young players who are developing rapidly through the club's youth programme.

With a proper youth academy and correct training facilities the youngsters of the future will have an even greater chance of success – but like everything else these things take time.

There is no reason why Celtic can't be great again if our support stays in place.

Famous names like Jimmy McGrory, Charlie Tully and Glasgow's Man of the Century Billy McNeill are what makes each and everyone of us proud to be a Celt.

And while our history may be chequered our future is being carefully planned and we all have a part to play in that.

Making noise on the terraces was a famous trait of Celtic fans in years past and one which intimidated the opposition.

Sadly making noise in the stands is less intimidating save for the odd visit of Rangers.

But before our meeting with them next week we have to give ourselves a reason for winning and it has to be more than the fact of who they are.

A victory next Monday in the league would be fantastic but it would mean so much more if we get the right result this afternoon.

So take the opportunity to feature in both our history and our future and cheer everyone of those 11 men who will don the Hoops today.

Make some noise Bhoys...



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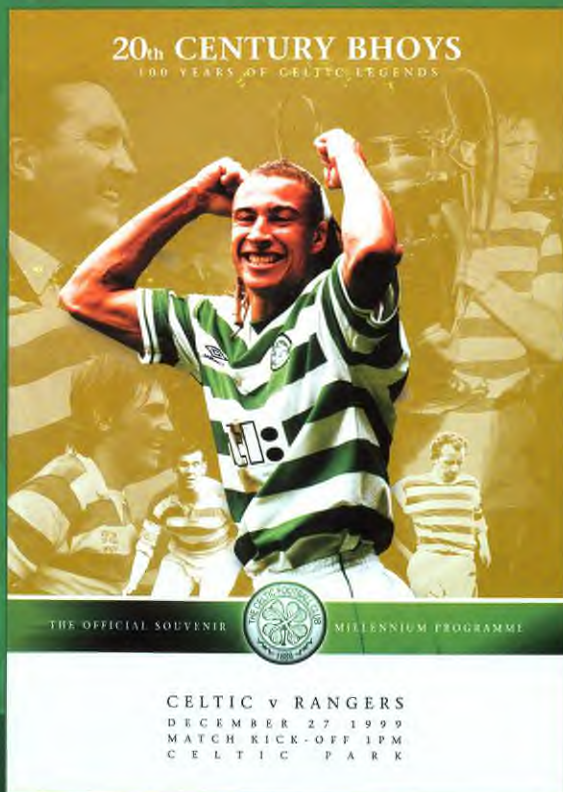
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CELTIC STATISTICS SEASON 1999/2000

DATE	TEAM	COMP	SCORE	CROWD
1 Aug	Aberdeen	LG	5-0	16,080
7 Aug	St Johnstone	LG	3-0	60,253
12 Aug	Cwmbran Town	UE	6-0	8,920
15 Aug	Dundee Utd	LG	1-2	12,375
21 Aug	Dundee	LG	2-1	10,531
26 Aug	Cwmbran Town	UE	4-0	46,757
29 Aug	Hearts	LG	4-0	59,807
12 Sept	Kilmarnock	LG	1-0	14,328
16 Sept	Tel Aviv	UE	2-0	45,171
25 Sept	Hibernian	LG	2-0	14,743
30 Sept	Tel Aviv	UE	1-0	7,000
13 Oct	Ayr United	LC	4-0	8,421
16 Oct	Aberdeen	LG	7-0	60,033
21 Oct	Lyon	UE	0-1	35,000
24 Oct	St Johnstone	LG	2-1	10,200
27 Oct	Motherwell	LG	0-1	58,731
30 Oct	Kilmarnock	LG	5-1	59,720
4 Nov	Lyon	UE	0-1	54,291
7 Nov	Rangers	LG	2-4	50,026
20 Nov	Hearts	LG	2-1	17,184
27 Nov	Motherwell	LG	2-3	12,775
1 Dec	Dundee	LC	1-0	40,260
4 Dec	Hibernian	LG	4-0	60,092
11 Dec	Aberdeen	LG	6-0	16,532
18 Dec	Dundee United	LG		
27 Dec	Rangers	LG		
TBC	Dundee	LG		
22 Jan	Kilmarnock	LG		
29 Jan	Third Round	SC		
5 Feb	Hearts	LG		
12 Feb	Dundee	LG		
16 Feb	Semi Final	LC		
19 Feb	Fourth Round	SC		
23 Feb	Rangers	LG		
26 Feb	Motherwell	LG		
5 Mar	Hibernian	LG		
11 Mar	St Johnstone	LG		
18 Mar	Dundee United	LG		
19 Mar	Final	LC		
26 Mar	Rangers	LG		
2 Apr	Kilmarnock	LG		
8 Apr	Hearts	LG		
8 Apr	Semi-final	SC		
15 Apr	Dundee	LG		
22 Apr	Hibernian	LG		
29 Apr	Motherwell	LG		
6 May	Aberdeen	LG		
13 May	St Johnstone	LG		
20 May	Dundee United	LG		
27 May	Final	SC		

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
RANGERS	14	12	1	1	38	12	26	37
CELTIC	16	12	0	4	48	14	34	36
DUNDEE UTD	17	9	3	5	23	22	1	30
MOTHERWELL	16	7	6	3	27	25	2	27
HIBS	18	5	6	7	27	33	-6	21
HEARTS	16	5	5	6	26	24	2	20
DUNDEE	16	6	0	10	20	27	-7	18
ST JOHNSTONE	16	4	4	8	15	21	-6	16
KILMARNOCK	16	2	6	8	15	24	-9	12
ABERDEEN	17	2	3	12	17	54	-37	9



KEY: ● Player used ④ Goal scored ● Sub used TS: Testimonial; FR: Friendly; LG: League; HOME GAMES IN BOLD
 S Sub not used Yellow card Red card UE: UEFA Cup; LC: League Cup; SC: Scottish Cup CHANGED DATES IN RED

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Jimmy McGrory was installed as Celtic's manager in 1945, and the hopes were high that the club's outstanding goal-scorer would find it an easy transition into being the club's outstanding manager as well.

But those who had spent the War in Africa, Italy, Burma, the high seas or whatever pining for home and dreaming of the 1938 team were in for a long series of disappointments.

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Celtic had not played well during the Second World War. There were of course reasons for this. It was less easy to explain however the persistent inability to do well in the late 1940s.

Crowds were immense.

Football enjoyed a boom, and attendances at Celtic Park reflected this. But in spite of some excellent players, Celtic just could not make the grade.

Rangers, of course, were the main winners in the Scottish scene. But there were also challenges from the east in the shape of Hibs and East Fife, who always did particularly well in the new competition that was called the League Cup.

This trophy was originally the Southern League Cup during the War and has of course been played for under a variety of names until the present day.

The season of 1946 saw Celtic 4th in the League and then in 1947 they finished a disappointing 7th. There was no Scottish Cup in 1946, and in 1947 Celtic were to lose to Dundee.

This was considered disappointing, but it was 1948 that saw Celtic's nadir. Although they reached the semi-final of the Scottish Cup, it was League form that caused real concern.

The last League match of the season took Celtic to Dens Park, where a defeat could result in Celtic being relegated. Truth to tell, it was an unlikely scenario but in any case, Celtic beat Dundee 3-1 thanks to a Jock Weir hat trick.

For season 1948/49, a new player appeared. He was an Irishman from Belfast Celtic and his name was Charlie Tully.

One red letter weekend saw him masterminding the team to a magnificent 3-1 victory against Rangers on the Saturday, and then on the Monday Celtic captured their first post war trophy - the Glasgow Cup when they beat Third Lanark in the final.



Bobby Collins was creating a stir back in 1950



Charlie Tully arrived at Celtic Park in the 1948/49 season



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For a while things looked good for Celtic but inconsistency returned and the team finished sixth in the League, and went out of the Scottish Cup in the first round losing 4-3 to Dundee United.

It was not that the team were not capable of some fine performances. There were fine players, not least Pat McAuley at

left half, but the team just did not click.

This sad decade came to an end with Celtic finishing fifth in the League in 1950 and going out of the Scottish Cup at the quarter final stage to Aberdeen.

By this time, however, a young player called Bobby Collins was making his presence felt as an inside forward, and

John McPhail in the centre forward position seemed capable of bringing back the glory days.

Indeed, McPhail scored twice in the final of the Glasgow Charity Cup against Rangers.

It was Celtic's solitary success that season, and it did at least give the loyal fans something to cheer about.

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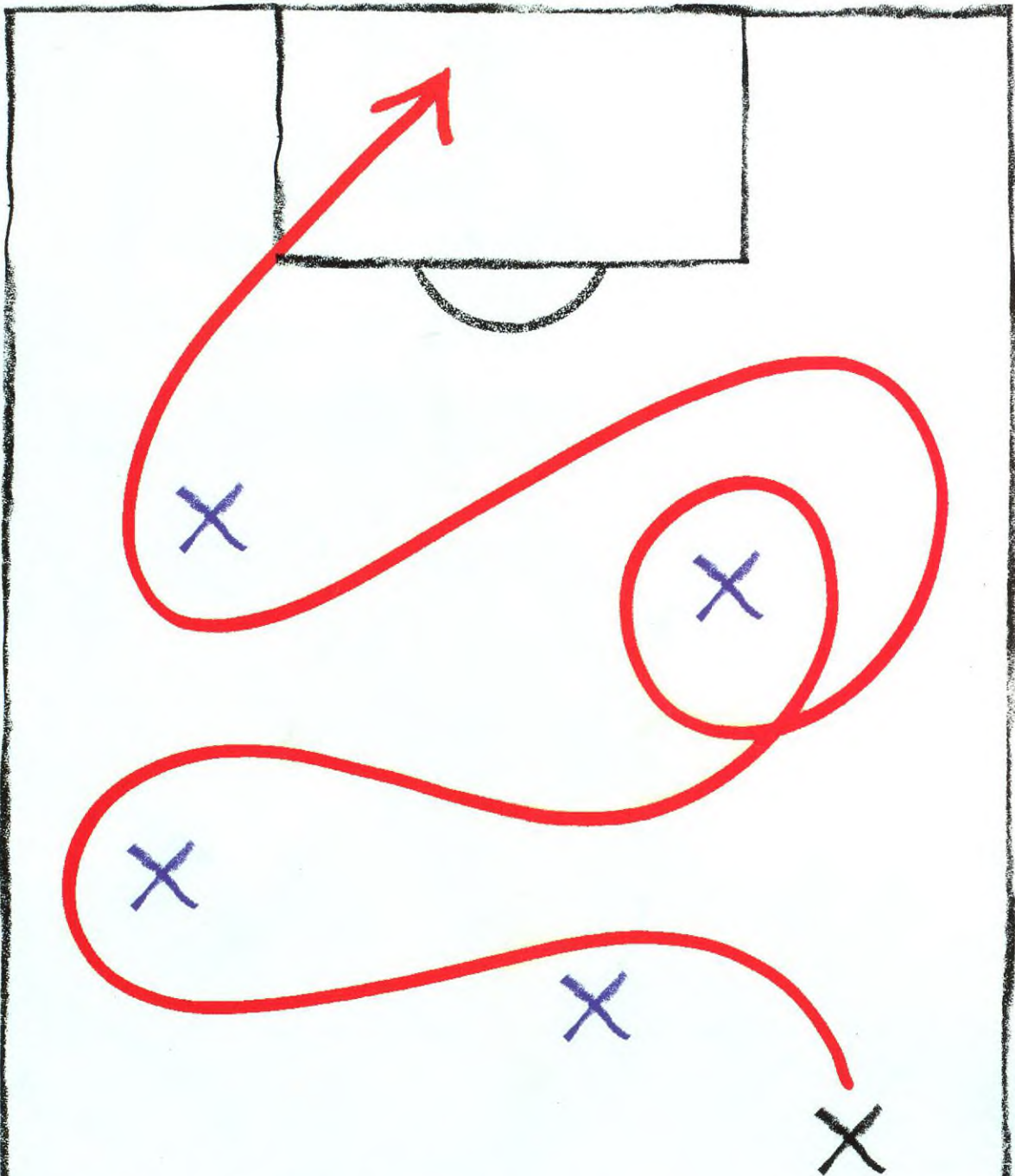
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