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# BILLY STARK



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**FIRST** of all a warm welcome to Alex Totten and the rest of the Kilmarnock contingent on their first visit to play in front of the new North Stand at Celtic Park.

Today we take on the Rugby Park side in the knowledge that they are the only Scottish Premier League side we haven't scored against this season.

If you look back at the last time we played Kilmarnock, in the second half we dominated but still didn't manage to break the deadlock.

We couldn't kill them off at Rugby Park despite the fact that we bombarded their goal.

But I think it's fair to say that Killie were particularly determined to get a result of some sort out of the game.

Defensively they were very strong and made it very difficult for us.

Kilmarnock used that match as a springboard. But like most teams they have shown some typical Premier Division form since then with good and bad results.

The table is tight at the moment and when you look at the positions of Kilmarnock and Motherwell you could argue they have players of skill and experience to be higher up the league. Unfortunately that is the nature of our top flight.

There are always going to be a couple of teams in trouble and you only have to look at Aberdeen's situation last season to realise the difficulties.

But Killie are just a couple of years into their Premier existence and I'm sure survival will be their main objective - which will only make our job all the harder today.

Today's game though comes on the back of a very good result for us and we will be hoping for a repeat of the form of a week ago.

Looking back at last Saturday's 3-1 win over Hearts I feel that the most pleasing aspect was that we got the result to match the performance.

Our results haven't been particularly good at home although, maybe the Raith game and one half against Rangers apart, the actual performances have been worth more in the way of goals.

So seeing the ball hit our opponents' net was a welcome sight to see.

Hopefully, we will re-create both the performance and the goals to go with it today.

What we do know however is that Kilmarnock will come here with other ideas.

They certainly have the players who will enjoy performing on the big stage here at Celtic Park.

**'Killie have the players who will enjoy the big stage here at Parkhead'**



A soccer player in a green and white CR Smith jersey is captured in a moment of intense celebration. He has his arms raised high in the air, and his mouth is wide open in a shout. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators, suggesting a high-stakes match. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the player against the darker crowd.

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Billy Findlay

**DRAGOJE LEKOVIC**



**GUS MacPHERSON**



**TOM BLACK**



**JOHN HENRY**



**NEIL WHITWORTH**



**DEREK ANDERSON**



**ALLY MITCHELL**



**BOBBY CONNOR**



**TOM BROWN**



**PAUL WRIGHT**



**COLIN MCKEE**



**GARY HOLT**



**MARK ROBERTS**



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# + TODAY'S VISITORS +

**KILMARNOCK** come to Celtic Park today as the only Scottish side the Hoops haven't scored against this season.

At the moment they sit second bottom of the table and although that is something they won't relish they know full well that a couple of decent results could see them in a relatively safe mid-table position.

And no doubt the Rugby Park side will take heart from the 0-0 draw at their own stadium when Celtic visited earlier this season.

From the 12 points they have gathered though, only four have been accumulated away from home so they haven't been the best of travellers.



Manager Alex Totten however, will have prepared his troops for this afternoon's events and with survival maybe top of his priorities he will want his men to run a tight ship and maintain their no-goals lost record against Celtic.

One man who'll be desperate to keep that record intact is **DRAGOJE LEKOVIC** who has kept goal for Killie since joining from Buducnost Podgorica a year ago.

The 28-year-old keeper has a habit of performing well against the Celts and will be looking to maintain his form today.

Slotting in at right-back should be **GUS MACPHERSON** who has certainly been in form this season as he approaches his 10th year with the club he joined from Rangers in the summer of 1986.

**NEIL WHITWORTH** and **DEREK ANDERSON** have formed the central-defensive partnership this season and both have been at Kilmarnock for just around a year now although they arrived at Rugby Park



*IN FOR THE KILLIE...Rugby Park forward Collin McKee*

by very different roads.

**Wigan** - born Whitworth came from Old Trafford while Paisley Buddie Anderson arrived from the slightly less glamorous Kilwinning Rangers.

To the left of the central pair will be **TOM BLACK**. A dead ball expert, he is capable of firing in shots from any distance - an experienced and reliable performer.

**ALLY MITCHELL** is another always willing to let fly with a cannon of a shot. Operates mostly on the wing, but tends to cover the entire park.

**BOBBY CONNOR** was one of Alex Totten's signings and Aberdeen

must rue the day they allowed this midfielder to leave Pittodrie. He was brought to Rugby Park to organise the midfield and does just that.

Alongside him in midfield is **JOHN HENRY** who came to Killie from Clydebank in 1994. He is a truly gifted player, who Tommy Burns and Billy Stark enquired about during their time at the Ayrshire club.

He has an eye for goal and does his best work on the edge of the box, picking out teammates with probing through balls.

Up front Kilmarnock have been using three men this season. The first



*RED STAR...Killie keeper Dragoje Lekovic*



# + TODAY'S VISITORS +

## KILLIE'S CASE FOR A DEFENCE

is pint-sized **TOM BROWN**, the man that Tommy Burns brought from Junior side Glenafton and who has made a huge impact since turning professional, making his way into the Scotland B squad. A dangerous opponent who is a proven goal scorer.

**PAUL WRIGHT** disappeared from the scene following a terrible knee injury whilst at St Johnstone. The former Aberdeen man was once linked with Celtic and is a better player than given credit for. Has found a new lease of life under his former Saints boss Alex Totten.

**STEVE MASKREY** is another striker Totten knows from his time at St Johnstone and was originally more of a fringe player at Killie, but he found the confidence he needed last season and started scoring and is continuing his run in the side this year.

On the bench Kilmarnock may use **GARY HOLT**, a man Celtic fans will know. The young forward was brought to the club by Lou Macari from the army, and following Burns'

appointment as boss he left Celtic to follow Macari to Stoke, but he was noticed by Totten who brought him to his home town team and he has done well since arriving at Rugby Park.

**MARK REILLY** could be alongside him on the bench. He is a naturally left-sided player, who is a real terrier on the field, with passion being a big part of his game.

Youngster **MARK ROBERTS** will be remembered by most Celts for a glorious goal he scored at Ibrox against Rangers in season 1993/94. Skillful and pacy he likes nothing better than to run at defences, but hasn't figured in the starting line-up as often as he would have liked this term.

**COLIN MCKEE** is another man who is dangerous up front for Killie. Signed by Totten from Manchester United, the Scottish striker is the Ayrshire club's top scorer. A nippy little forward who will have to be watched this afternoon.

**DRAGOJE LEKOVIC**  
(Goalkeeper)

Aged 28. Signed from Buducnost Podgoric, 1994.

**GUS MacPHERSON**  
(Defender)

Aged 27. Signed from Rangers, 1986.

**NEIL WHITWORTH**  
(Defender)

Aged 23. Signed from Manchester United, 1994.

**DEREK ANDERSON**  
(Defender)

Aged 23. Signed from Kilwinning, 1994.

**TOM BLACK**  
(Defender)

Aged 33. Signed from St Mirren, 1991.

**ALLY MITCHELL**  
(Midfielder)

Aged 26. Signed from East Fife, 1991.

**ROBERT CONNOR**  
(Midfielder)

Aged 35. Signed from Aberdeen, 1994.

**JOHN HENRY**  
(Midfielder)

Aged 23. Signed from Clydebank, 1994

**TOM BROWN**  
(Forward)

Aged 27. Signed from Glenafton Athletic, 1993.

**PAUL WRIGHT**  
(Forward)

Aged 28. Signed from St Johnstone, 1995.

**STEVE MASKREY**  
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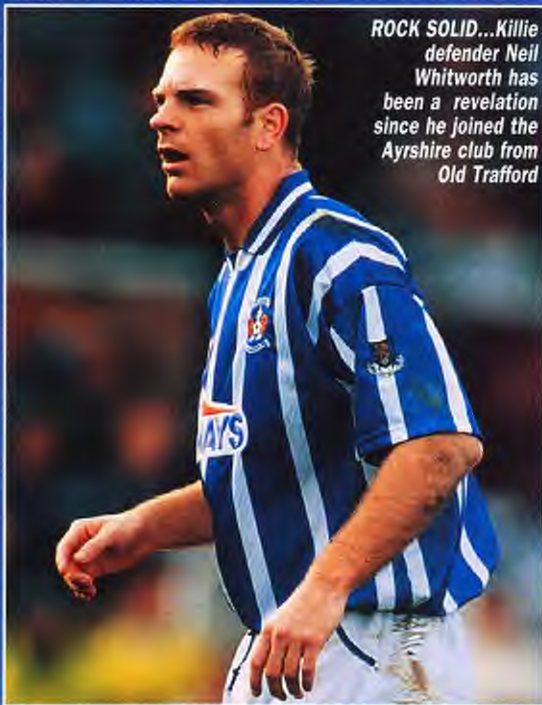
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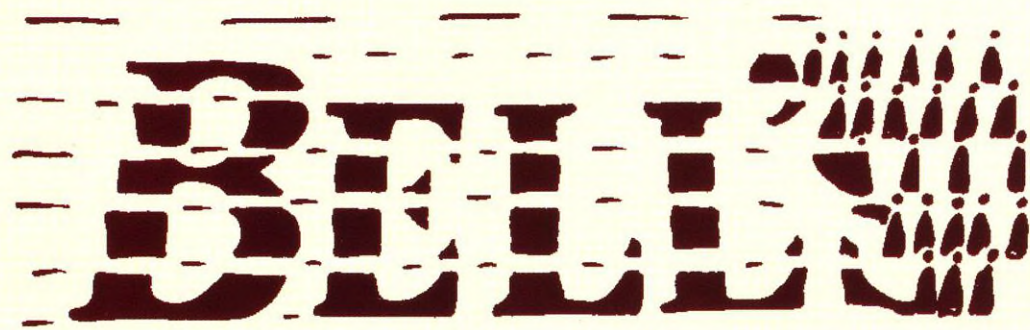
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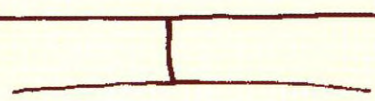
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**ROCK SOLID...** Killie defender Neil Whitworth has been a revelation since he joined the Ayrshire club from Old Trafford





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