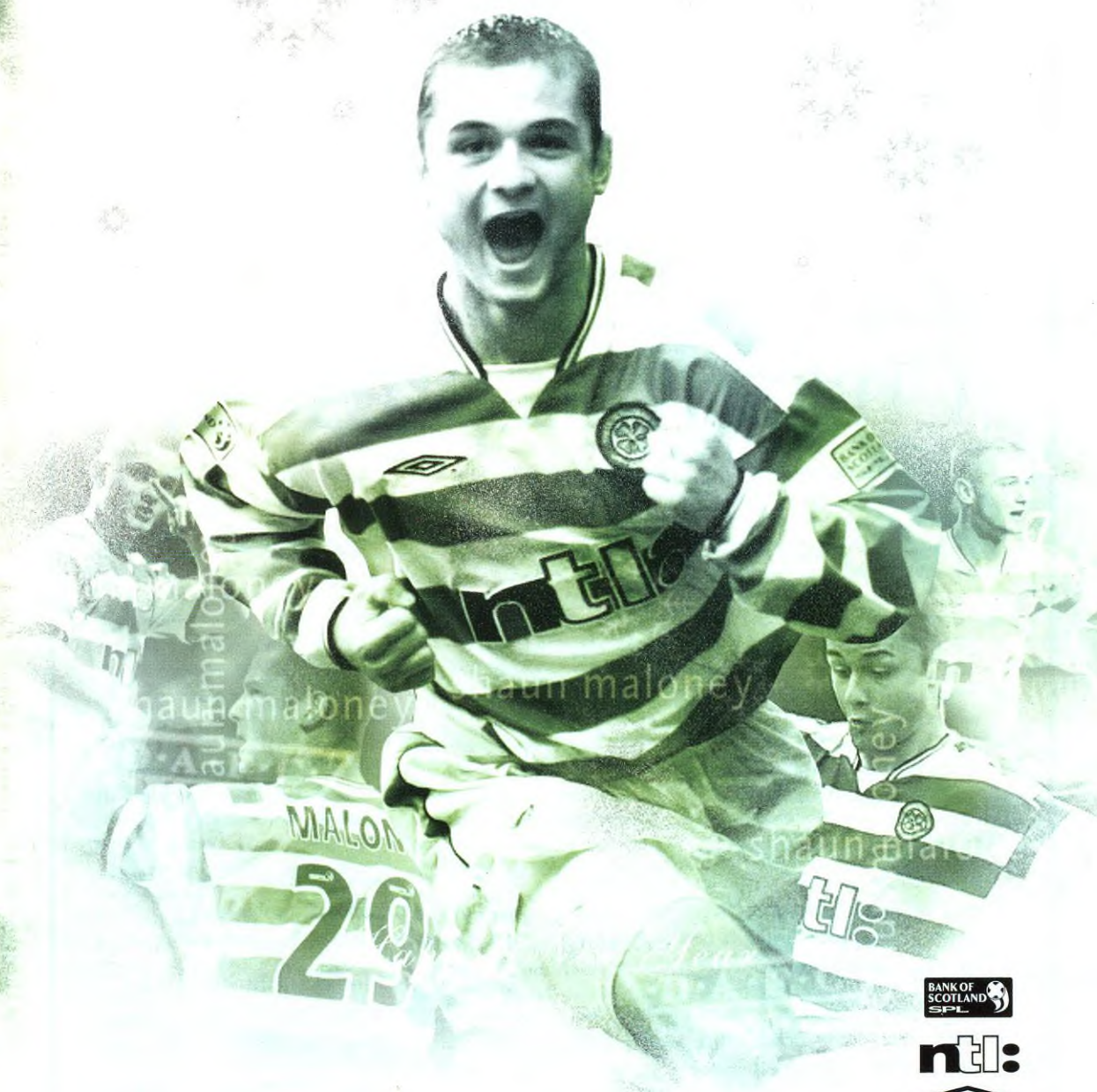


Celtic

v DUNFERMLINE

Scottish Premier League
Sunday 29th December 2002 k.o. 3.00pm



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Celtic



“Our home form has been impressive and I know the players will be going all out to secure a victory”

TODAY'S game marks our last competitive match of 2002 and also our last appearance here at Celtic Park before the winter break.

The past year has seen the team build on the success of the previous season, winning the league for a second consecutive season. It was an impressive performance from the squad and much credit must go to their spirit and determination on the field of play.

We have experienced some highs and lows so far since August. The disappointment of our Champions League exit has been somewhat assuaged by our progression to the last 16 of the UEFA Cup.

To have beaten a Premiership side in Blackburn Rovers and then Celta Vigo from La Primera Liga is an indication of the qualities we possess and now everyone at the football club can look forward to our tie against VfB Stuttgart in February - the first time the club has played in European competition after Christmas since 1980.

We know that Stuttgart, playing in a such a strong

league as the Bundesliga, will provide yet another difficult challenge but we have shown, both here at Celtic Park and also playing away in Europe, that we can rise to the challenge.

In particular, our ability to score away from home has proved invaluable and hopefully that will continue, but there's still time to concern ourselves with Stuttgart come February

Today's opponents, Dunfermline, have had an impressive season so far and they thoroughly deserve their place in the top six of the league. They play delightful football at times, which is a credit to their manager, Jimmy Calderwood.

They have already visited Celtic Park this season, providing the opposition on the opening day of the season. Although we won 2-1, it was a hard-fought victory and I know that Dunfermline will once again provide a tough test for us.

However, our home form has been impressive and I know the players will be going all out to secure a victory that will end 2002 on a high.

Our final game before the

winter break is a trip to Aberdeen next week, which we know will be a difficult match.

Two years ago, the players appreciated the winter break and reaped the benefits when they returned for the second stage of the season.

We will travel to Florida for part of that break, before returning for the tribute match for the Lisbon Lions, which I'm sure will be a marvellous occasion for the players and the supporters.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. We are still involved in every competition, both domestically and in Europe, and everyone here at the football club will be doing their utmost to bring further success to the club.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. Believe me, I never take it for granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jimmy Calderwood', with a long horizontal line underneath.



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. Centre-forward John McAlindon had a longer Celtic 'career' than most of his contemporaries. Making his debut against Hearts on December 30, 1950, he scored twice, but made just 17 other appearances in the Hoops, due to the plethora of star forwards there at that time: McPhail, Tully, Collins and Fernie. However, after his playing days ended, he returned to Celtic Park as maintenance electrician, a post he held well into the 1990s.

2. The New Year period has always been a big football time in Scotland, with the Old Firm match the perennial centrepiece. Ironically, in view of the passions generated by the fixture, the first New Year's Day meeting in 1894 was a friendly at Celtic Park, 15,000 turning up to see the contest, which Rangers won 3-2. The first league meeting came in 1900, when Celtic reversed the score.

3. On January 6, 1990, Roy Aitken played his last match for the club in the 2-0 League win over St Mirren at Love Street. In his 15 years at Celtic, he made a total of 667 appearances and scored 55 goals. Roy won six Championship medals, five for the Scottish Cup and one for the League Cup, he captained the Centenary double side of 1987/88, and won 50 caps for Scotland.

DUNFERMLINE FACTS

1. Although founded in 1885, it took Dunfermline quite a number of years to join the big boys. It was season 1926/27 before they made their debut in the then top flight Division One, losing twice against Celtic. The match at Parkhead they kept to a 1-2 loss, with inside-right Alec Thomson and McGrory on the score-sheet. At East End Park, though, Celtic ran riot to win 6-0, McGrory notching four and outside-left Adam McLean two.

2. Dunfermline only made their Scottish League debut in 1912/13 season, when the 'Pars' also went on a lengthy run in the Scottish Qualifying Cup, putting their league campaign to the side. By the time the first round proper had been reached, Dunfermline had played four league matches compared to the 19 of other clubs. They rallied and ended the season a point behind leaders Ayr.

3. The first cup meeting of Celtic and the Pars was in 1911/12, when Celtic had a 1-0 home win. The next came in 1932/33, again in round one, but this time a 7-1 victory for the Bhoys. The major clashes, though, were in the 1960s. Firstly, in the 1961 Scottish Cup final, when after a 0-0 draw, Dunfermline won the replay 2-0; then, in 1965, at the same stage, when Celtic twice came back from a goal deficit to win 3-2.

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JACKIE McNAMARA	4	4
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BOBO BALDE	6	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9	9
JOHN HARTSON	10	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	11
PAUL LAMBERT	14	12
BOBBY PETTA	15	13
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	14
DIDIER AGATHE	17	15
NEIL LENNON	18	16
STILIAN PETROV	19	17
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	18
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	19
COLIN HEALY	24	20
PAUL SHIELDS	26	21
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	23
STEVE GUPPY	30	24
SIMON LYNCH	32	25
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	26
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

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SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 15 DECEMBER, 2002
KILMARNOCK 1 v CELTIC 1 (Valgaeren)
 UEFA CUP 3rd Round 2nd Leg 12 DECEMBER, 2002
CELTA VIGO 2 v CELTIC 1 (Hartson)
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 7 DECEMBER, 2002
RANGERS 3 v CELTIC 2 (Sutton, Hartson)
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 4 DECEMBER, 2002
HIBERNIAN 0 v CELTIC 1 (Petrov)
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 1 DECEMBER, 2002
CELTIC 3 v MOTHERWELL 1 (Valgaeren, Larsson, Leitch og)
 UEFA CUP 3rd Round 1st Leg 28 NOVEMBER, 2002
CELTIC 1 v CELTA VIGO 0 (Larsson)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
ABERDEEN v CELTIC THURS 2 JANUARY 2003
 LISBON LIONS TRIBUTE MATCH
CELTIC v FEYENOORD WED 22 JANUARY 2003
 SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD WED 29 JANUARY 2003

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

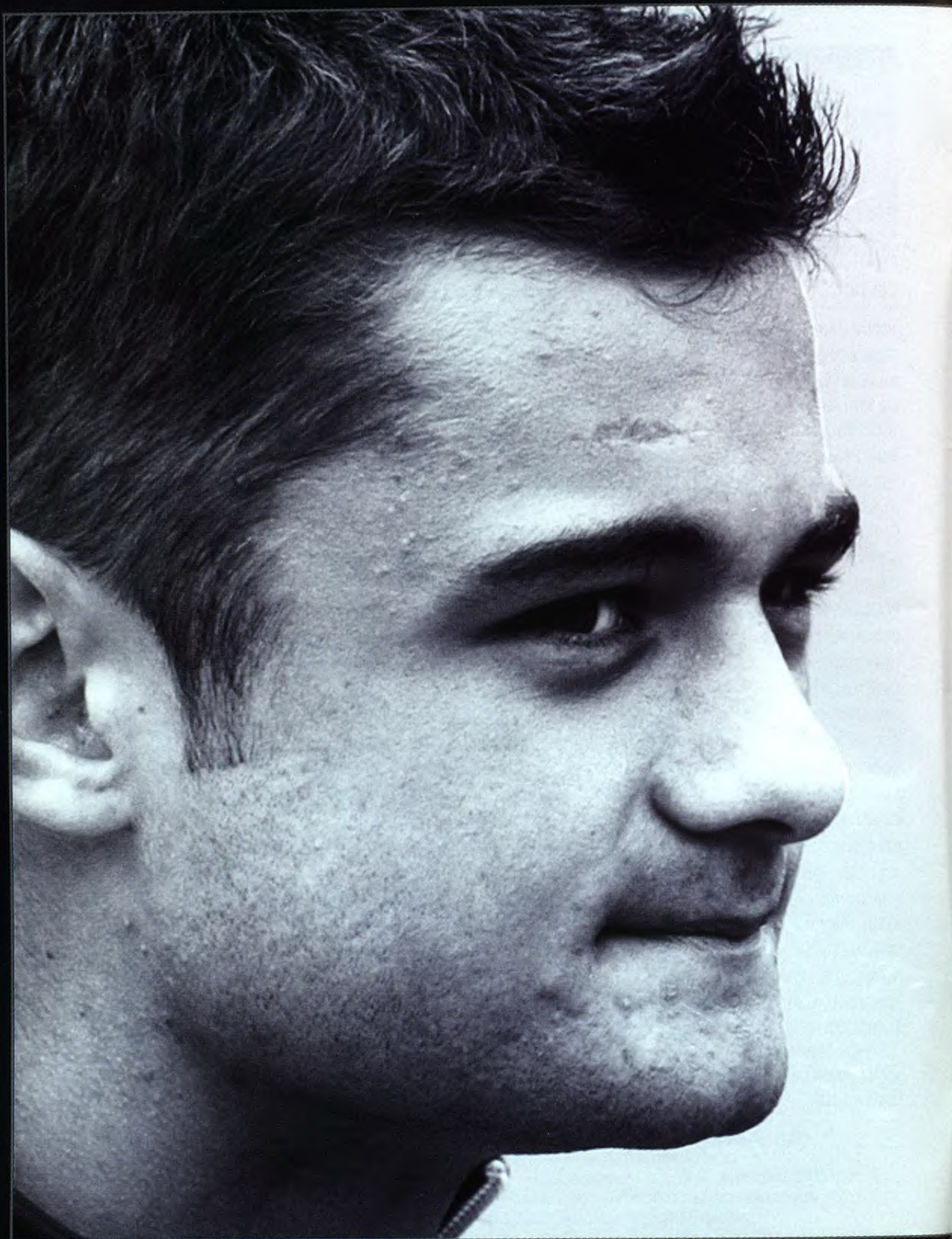
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SHAUN MALONEY



Young Pretender

Maloney is prepared to sit tight and wait for his chance to make the Celtic striking slot his own

IT'S easy to forget that Shaun Maloney is still in his teens.

The young striker has been around the Celtic first team for almost two years now and he remains one of the many exciting prospects who are currently at Celtic Park.

With John Hartson, Chris Sutton and Henrik Larsson in prolific form for Martin O'Neill's side, it has been an ominous task for the 19-year-old to dislodge those ahead of him in the queue.

Nevertheless, the youngster remains determined to fight for his place in the Hoops squad, and with time on his side he has reason to be optimistic. The dream of a regular first-team place is something that Maloney continues to focus on, and he won't be easily dissuaded from his desire to play at the top every other week.

The striker, whose parents have stayed in Glasgow over the festive period, has netted seven times in five appearances for the under-21s this season, added to two goals for the senior side this campaign.

"Everybody who is in the squad wants to play and be involved and I am no different," he explained. "I would love to have a regular starting place in the first XI, but I can only keep working hard and do what I can to impress.

"Playing well in reserve games and

doing what I can in training is all part and parcel of that and I'm fine with the way things have gone this season. All I can do is keep on working hard and see what happens."

Meanwhile, Celtic know they can ill afford to allow any slip-ups in the race for the title and three points are needed from this afternoon's outing against Dunfermline.

Jimmy Calderwood's side are riding high this season, although their form tends to dip when they bump into either half of the Old Firm.

They will inevitably be desperate to dump that statistic at Celtic Park today, and Maloney has insisted that the

"All the guys in the squad know we can not afford to slip up again like at Killie"

Hoops will expect another testing afternoon.

He said: "Dunfermline have done very well this season and, like every other game, they'll be



given every respect.

"They have some players who have been in good form this season like Barry Nicholson and Steve Crawford, but it's up to us to go out and make sure that we get the points that we need."

"We dropped points when we played against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park a couple of weeks ago and to be honest, I think everyone knows that we can't afford to slip up again.

"The boys will battle away to ensure that we do our utmost to take three points from every game between now and the end of the season, and things are entirely in our hands.

"We know what we have to do

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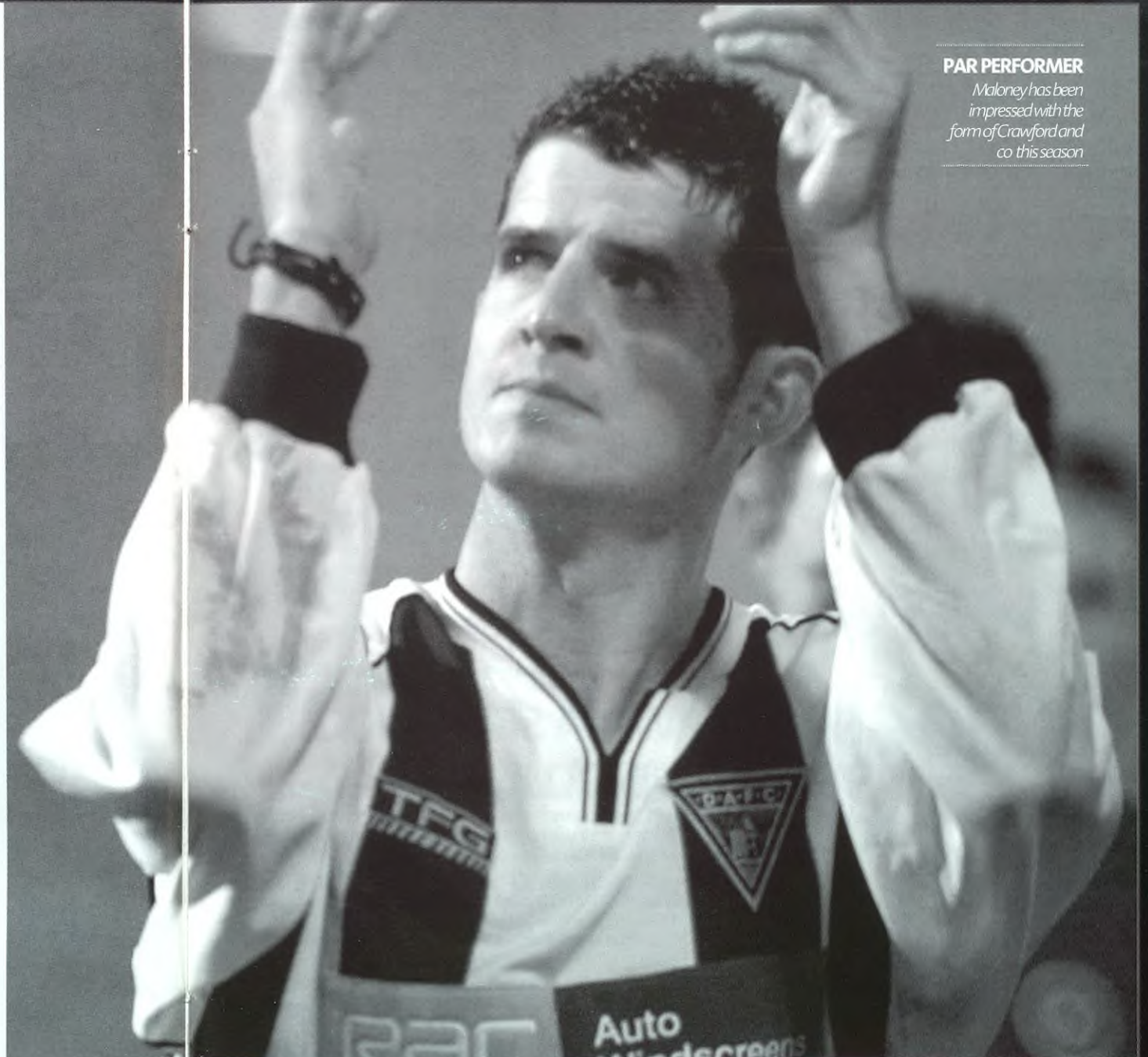
Shaun has been on fire for the under-21s scoring seven goals in five games

and it's just a question of keeping up the hard work and grinding out results every week."

The final home game of the year will be quickly followed by a chilly trip to Maloney's home town of Aberdeen on January 2 and the youngster is adamant that concentration must remain.

PAR PERFORMER

Maloney has been impressed with the form of Crawford and co this season



He said: "It's a bit of a lift to have played a couple of games at home because we had a run of games away from home and it's always a boost to be out in front of your own fans.

"Everybody wants to keep going and win every game, and although it'll be nice to get a few weeks off with the winter break, we know that there are few games between now and

then that we need to keep our focus for.

"We have this game against Dunfermline to think about and that's followed up by a trip to Pittodrie before the break."