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MISS HER?





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Although we came out of Saturday's cup match against Dunfermline with a very satisfying 4-0 win, the visitors made us work hard and I expect it to be no different tonight against Kilmarnock.

The Rugby Park side are certainly making a stand at the top end of the table but tonight we have the opportunity to stabilise ourselves and move ahead of them in the pecking order.

But that is easier said than done and we only have to look back a few days to see that the opening stages of the Dunfermline match were not so easy for us. But the players adapted to the situation by finding a breakthrough and after that the pressure was off the team and they utilised that to create more chances.

That may not be so easy tonight and again I feel that we will have to work hard to earn a satisfying result at the end of the game.

But once more we have home advantage and this

is where you the supporters can play your part in gaining another very important three points.

The fans have been truly excellent in numbers and backing this season and the team have reacted to that by introducing a positive continuity to their performances recently.

So much so that we are now safely through to the next round of the Scottish Cup but as we are now back on league duty we cannot afford to rest on our



laurels. The championship is still the main driving force in the Celtic engine room and to that aim we will have to ensure that our match-winning attitude is still on show tonight.

But we have to take into account that Kilmarnock have been very much on form in the league this

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season and we have to be prepared for that.

We have failed to take the full three points in our two earlier meetings against Kilmarnock this term but if we maintain our recent consistent form and the fans get behind the team then I feel we are able to change that statistic.

The players are playing for each other and that in itself breeds a confidence that will go a long way to producing a result for us tonight.



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WALK ON: You always stated during your contract negotiations that staying with Celtic would be your preferred option - how did you feel when everything was signed and sealed?

MARK BURCHILL: It was an absolutely brilliant feeling although I never had any doubts that I would be staying at Celtic Park.

WO: How much do you reckon you've 'grown up' as a player in the last year?

MB: I've grown up a lot - once you start playing in the first team you learn a lot more from those playing alongside you so I hope I keep learning.

WO: Who has been the biggest influence in your career so far?

MB: My family has encouraged me in everything and have been with me all the way.

WO: What kind of music do you prefer listening to?

MB: I'm not too fussed - I'll listen to anything other than grunge or garage.

WO: What was the last record or CD you bought?

MB: 'I've Been Expecting You' by Robbie Williams.

WO: What's the biggest mistake you ever made?

MB: It would have to be having a shot myself when I could have passed to Henrik who was in a good position in the 5-1 Old Firm game. It's amazing the amount of people who congratulate me on scoring in that game and then ask me why I didn't square it to Henrik.

WO: Do you remember the first time you ever saw Celtic play?

MB: How could I forget it! It was the day we beat St Mirren 5-0 to snatch the title out of Hearts' grasp on the last day of season 85/86.

WO: Do you get recognised much on the street?

MB: All the time - it takes some getting used to but it's part and parcel of a footballer's life.

time out



Ever wondered what it would be like to have a gab with one of the Celtic players - not necessarily about football? Well, we've done it for you, so read on and find out what **WALK ON** discovered when we chewed the fat with **MARK BURCHILL**.

Five star is music to Mark's ears!

WO: Are you a good cook?

MB: I'm a terrible cook actually - I might run to spaghetti on toast but that's about it.

WO: What's your favourite meal?

MB: A Chinese beef curry and fried rice.

WO: Any good at DIY?

MB: I'm afraid I'll have to use the word terrible again. It was one of my worst subjects at school and I wouldn't even attempt it.

WO: Any superstitions?

MB: Yes - but I'm too superstitious to tell you what they are.

WO: What's the best you've ever felt on a football field?

MB: Scoring the fifth goal in the Old Firm game has been the greatest moment in my career to date.

WO: If you could change anything about yourself what would it be?

MB: I'm happy the way I am.

WO: What really annoys you?

MB: I suppose I'll get some stick for this but women drivers who sit at 60mph on the outside lane of

the motorway and don't pull in to let you pass really make me angry.

WO: What radio station do you listen to in the car?

MB: Clyde 1.

WO: What do you usually have for breakfast?

MB: I never eat breakfast - probably because I'm always up too late to have the time for one.

WO: What's your record for keepie-uppies?

MB: I think the last time I tried it I must have been about 12. Around 200 I suppose.

WO: Do you play or enjoy any other sports?

MB: I like snooker and golf although my efforts haven't been up to much - I'd be too embarrassed to tell you my maximum snooker break.

WO: Who was your favourite footballer when you were younger?

MB: It would have to be Robbie

Fowler - he started making headlines when he was 18 and I was only 13 - he wasn't really that much older than me and gave me someone to look up to.

WO: Well thanks Mark, now what about setting a question for the **WALK ON** readers and what prize will you let us have.

MB: I'll sign one of my Scotland U-21 jerseys and give it to whoever comes out of the hat first with the correct answer to the following question - and remember, it might just be a wee bit tricky.

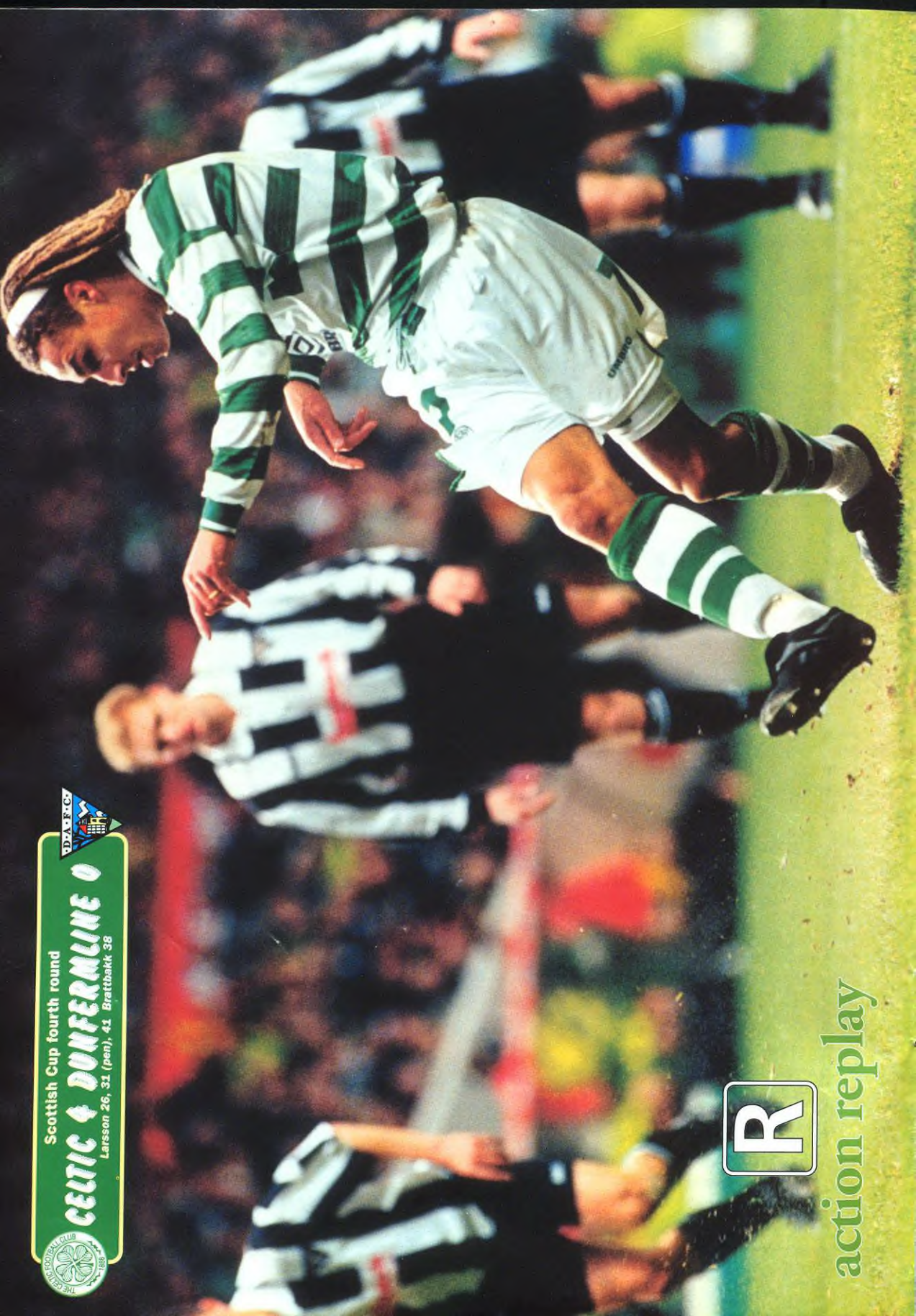
Against which team did I make my competitive debut for the Celtic first team?

So there you go, if you want to be in with a chance of winning Mark's Scotland top then jot the answer down on a postcard and send it to:

Mark Burchill Time Out Competition, Walk On, PO Box 2413, Glasgow G40 4YB.

“The first game I saw was the 5-0 win over St Mirren”





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