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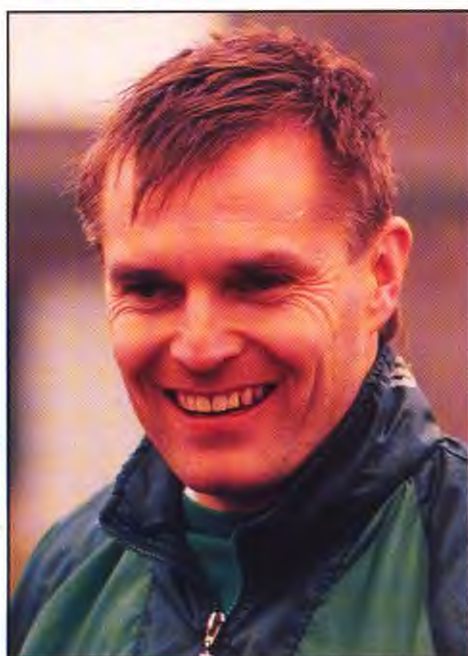
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TOMMY BURNS



TODAY'S Tennents Scottish Cup-tie is not simply one we are expected to win - it is one we are expected to win comfortably.

That is the kind of pressure that comes with being at this club and we will look to go about our business in as professional a manner as possible.

And, we hope, score a few goals into the bargain. Thistle will relish the opportunity to come to Hampden and play in front of a big crowd.

We will show them great respect and have been thorough in our preparations for a game that is obviously vital to us.

I praised our supporters for their patience in the last round when they remained calm and stayed behind the team despite the fact that it took us over an hour to break the deadlock against St Mirren.

And I would ask for such patience, not simply in specific match situations, but in terms of what we are trying to do at the club.

The trend that has developed in Scottish football has been for the game to be played at break-neck speed and the ball to be hoofed up the field at every available opportunity.

Effort

However we are making a concentrated effort to promote a system where players pass the ball around confidently and effectively.

This club is different and we don't want to be dragged down by the malaise that's obviously affecting our game. We are Celtic and should be leading the way.

We should be noted for, and champions of, a brand of football that is both attractive AND successful.

That is what we've been preaching to our players and we want to build a side in which every individual gets involved - one that features passing and movement from back to front.

Important to this idea is to have two natural wide men. At the moment we really only have one but if we could get another it would give us better balance.

And that is something we are bearing in mind as we scour the transfer market for quality players.

Also important in this context is being able to call on full-backs who can pass the ball and give us creative options over the full length of the pitch.

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On more immediate matters, a win today would leave us only three victories away from lifting a trophy and that demonstrates the importance of the Scottish Cup to our ambitions.

We have already proved we have what it takes to go all the way in cup competitions.

Now we have our sight set, not simply on qualifying for the Scottish Cup final but making sure that, unlike our last final appearance, it is an occasion we enjoy to the full.



**WHEN IT COMES TO
THE BEST IN THE FIELD**



**EVERYBODY LIKES TO GET THEIR
HANDS ON REAL QUALITY.**

CR SMITH

WE ONLY DELIVER THE BEST



THE SQUADS



PAT BONNER



TOM BOYD



STUART GRAY



MARK MCNALLY



BRIAN O'NEIL



PETER GRANT



PHIL O'DONNELL



BRIAN McLAUGHLIN



PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK



WILLIE FALCONER



JOHN COLLINS



MARC ANTHONY



SIMON DONNELLY



Referee:
J McCluskey
(Stewarton)



Linesman:
R T McGarry
(Cumbernauld)



Linesman:
D H Black
(Bishopton)

STAND-BYS:
Gordon Marshall(GK),
Jim Slavin, Barry Smith.
Meadowbank-
Robert Douglas (gk), Stewart
Thorburn, Mark Thomson



MASCOT:
ROSS FINLAYSON
KYLEAKIN
ISLE OF SKYE
(AGED 8)

STEVE ELLISON



GRAEME DAVIDSON



CRAIG MARTIN



TOM GRAHAM



STEWART WILLIAMSON



STUART SORBIE



STUART WILSON



DOUGIE SAMUEL



COLIN HARRIS



GORDON MCLEOD



CRAIG SINCLAIR



LEE BAILEY



IAN LITTLE



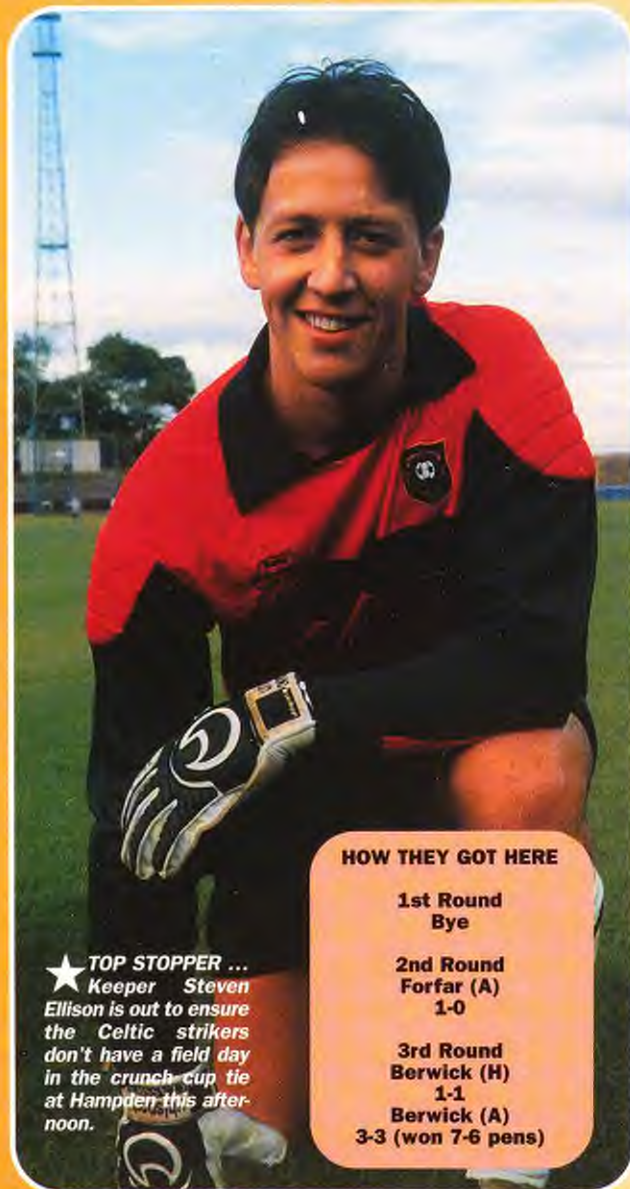
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+ TODAY'S VISITORS +



For the first time ever Celtic meet Meadowbank Thistle this afternoon. The Edinburgh club are currently struggling at the foot of the Second Division but will go all out to make this a memorable occasion. These are the men who will be going all out to try for a shock result.



★ TOP STOPPER ...
Keeper Steven Ellison is out to ensure the Celtic strikers don't have a field day in the crunch cup tie at Hampden this afternoon.

HOW THEY GOT HERE

1st Round
Bye

2nd Round
Forfar (A)
1-0

3rd Round
Berwick (H)
1-1

Berwick (A)
3-3 (won 7-6 pens)

STEVEN ELLISON or 'Elly' as he is known at the Bankies was the hero of the last round saving the final penalty kick against Berwick to set up today's clash.

In his fifth season with the club, Elly specialises in the spectacular and is a master when it comes to saving from the spot.

ROBERT DOUGLAS at 6ft 4in is one of the club's tallest players. Robert uses his frame to good effect within the six yard box. A broken arm cost him his place in Motherwell Boys' Club side when he was 18 and meant a slow return to the game via the amateur scene where Meadowbank spotted him two years ago.

TOM GRAHAM is uncompromising in the air and fearsome in the tackle. He has enjoyed a new lease of life under Micky Lawson's management following over three years as a reserve team stalwart.

CRAIG MARTIN advanced from Arbroath eight months ago in a part exchange for the experienced Malcolm Murray. A no-nonsense defender who has struck fear into the heart of many a winger.

MARK THOMSON is a Celtic fan but he will be trying to stop his heroes this afternoon. From public parks to Hampden Park in the space of six weeks. That is the phenomenal tale of 28 year-old Mark who made his debut at Forfar in the second round of the competition. A tall centre back, he was particularly impressive during January's home defeat of Morton.

STEWART WILLIAMSON is an influential stopper and former skipper. This 33 year-old BT engineer is Meadowbank's longest serving player having signed from Cowdenbeath in 1988. A former player of the year he is verily much a fans favourite.

GRAEME DAVIDSON signed from Berwick Rangers two years ago but is only now establishing himself in the side after a lengthy injury lay-off. An experienced campaigner who was once on Dunfermline's books, he adds strength to the defence.

GORDON McLEOD is now established in the part-time ranks after a promising start to his career when he was twice involved in £100,000 transfer deals. The club captain, he leads by example from midfield. Played his 100th game in the replay against Berwick.

DOUGIE SAMUEL is the proverbial late developer and is determined to make the most of his belated entrance into senior football



+ TODAY'S VISITORS +

Jags who are all out for cup shock

which only began last year at the age of 28. A midfield player who was an inspiration in the East of Scotland league. Started well by scoring twice on his debut.

CHRIS SINCLAIR is a left-sided skill-merechant who has the ability to turn a game on his own. Likes running at defenders but must show more consistency if he is to return to the grade of soccer he enjoyed previously at Dunfermline. Aged 23 he still trains full time with the Pars.

STUART SORBIE made an instant impact with a debut goal at Brechin last August. Previously with Alloa, St Johnstone and Raith Rovers he moved to the capital from Arbroath.

STUART WILSON is the man whose stoppage time penalty against Berwick Rangers in the first tie kept Meadowbank in the cup. A hard working midfielder he has given good service since joining from East Fife in 1992. He may be nearing the end of his Thistle career following the news that he is to be posted to England when his current tour of duty with the RAF ends in February.

COLIN HARRIS is a vastly experienced striker who was lured from Clydebank in January with the promise of involvement in the coaching side of things. Formerly with Hamilton and Hibs, 34 year-old Bomber got off the mark with a stunning strike in the home defeat of Queen of the South.

IAN LITTLE or 'Yano' as he is known has packed a fair amount into his 21-years. A regular in the first division when he was 16 he has also been capped at youth level and is keen to progress. Came close to signing for Morton last summer.

LEE BAILEY is a former Hibs kid who still harbors hopes of a return to full-time football. Lee is a 22-year-old student who started the season in great form with a hat-trick at Brechin.

★ **TOP STAR ...**

Gordon

McLeod has tasted the big time with but is happy to lead Thistle to cup glory ... he hopes!



+ Lowdown + Lowdown +

STEVEN ELLISON (Aged 24)

Signed from Lochend BC, 1990

ROBERT DOUGLAS (Aged 22)

Signed from Lanark, 1993

TOM GRAHAM (Aged 26)

Signed from Cavalry Park BC, 1990

CRAIG MARTIN (Aged 23)

Signed from Arbroath, 1994

MARK THOMSON (Aged 28)

Signed from Spartans, 1994

STEWART WILLIAMSON (Aged 23)

Signed from Cowdenbeath, 1988

GRAEME DAVIDSON (Aged 27)

Signed from Berwick Rangers, 1993

GORDON McLEOD (Aged 27)

Signed from Dundee, 1992

DOUGIE SAMUEL (Aged 28)

Signed from Whitehill Wel, 1994

CHRIS SINCLAIR (Aged 23)

Signed from Dunfermline

STUART SORBIE (Aged 31)

Signed from Arbroath

COLIN HARRIS (Aged 34)

Signed from Clydebank, 1995

IAN LITTLE (Aged 21)

Signed from Tynecastle BC, 1990

LEE BAILEY (Aged 22)

Signed from Hibs, 1992



Out to beat the injury blues

The big INTERVIEW

CHRIS HAY

“ I am trying to play well in the reserves and get a top team call-up ”

FRINGE striker Chris Hay is hoping to get back in the current first team pool by using the currents at Rutherglen swimming baths...

For the 20-year-old is recovering from injury and has joined physio Brian Scott's school of water babes who have taken the plunge in an aquatic bid for fitness.

The forward said: "It's my right ankle that's injured and I've just been doing the usual training in the gym with no specific work done on the ankle.

"The gym work consists of weights and stomach exercises which will keep the strain off the injury but I can concentrate more on the ankle while in the water.

"Scotty takes the injured players along nearly every day so there are usually about five of us and I started the very first day after I was injured.

"We wear these sort of harnesses called Aqua-Joggers which wrap around you and enable you to float on the water at the right height while running on the floor of the pool.

"That means I can get my leg muscles moving whereas if I was running in the gym or on the track I would be putting all my weight on my injured ankle.

Therapy

"It's a bit different to what we are used to but it's definitely good therapy although the only thing I have to say against it is that after an hour and a half in the water you come out absolutely itching all over because of the chlorine.

"And it doesn't even come off in the shower so you are still itching on the way home!"

He added: "I used to go swimming with my parents when I was younger and then there was holidays and I obviously swam at school as well during PE but that was just for fun whereas this training is a lot different.

"Big Malky Mackay has probably benefitted from it the most with his bad knee injury as he is now able to stretch his leg and his knee is definitely improving.

Interview: JOE SULLIVAN

"But it has helped me as well though as I started running on Tuesday and that may possibly have been later if it wasn't for the water treatment. But I think it is more therapeutic for muscle strains rather than bone injuries like mine.

"It seems to be working though as I am back training hard again although I don't know if Scotty would agree with that!"

The youngster has had two first-team starts this season against Aberdeen and Falkirk with substitute appearances against Rangers, Dundee United and Kilmarnock.

He looked set to improve on that until a hamstring injury ruled him out of any team plans.

He also now leads the reserve goal-scoring charts with a tally of eight gained in the same number of starts with three bench appearances added on.

But his road to recovery hit a snag when he injured his ankle in the recent second string game against Motherwell.

Chris had replaced fellow striker John O'Neill and immediately got involved by setting up the second goal in Celtic's 2-1 victory.

But minutes later any chance of getting on the scoresheet himself was all but blocked by a 50/50 tackle.

He explained: "My hamstring had improved and I was just getting back into the swing of things when my right ankle took a knock.

"It was a 50/50 ball and my foot bent right back - I had been on the field for little more than five minutes at the time.

"I could hear the bench shouting to ask me if I was alright and did I want to come off but I was determined to stay on especially as I had just started and I wanted to play on after being involved in the second goal.

"It was my very first touch and just managed to get there before the defender.

"It was really a toe-poke but luckily enough it got through to Andy Walker and it turned out to be the perfect pass.

"I tried to get it to him and fortunately the direction was right and Andy did the rest with a very good finish.

Recovery

"But it seemed as if I was hardly on before I got injured so there was no way I wanted to come off.

"But I'm just getting over the worst of it now and it's beginning to get better.

"I don't know how long I will be out for but I do know that I am well on the road to recovery."

And he has that first-team spot in his sights as well.

He said: "Hopefully I'll be back playing as soon as possible and I'll be trying to play well in the reserves in the hope of another first-team call up.

"But obviously at this moment in time the reserves come first and I will have to fight to gain my place back there never mind the first team.

"But when I do start back with the second team I will be going all out to find my way to the net as I want to keep up my scoring ratio."



