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Of course we are pleased with the performance and qualities shown by the players last week in front of our own excellent supporters who are helping the team to display this form with their vociferous backing.

We have had a few high-scoring results in our favour at home this season, but what was particularly pleasing about last Sunday is that St Johnstone are a strong team who have troubled us earlier this term.

I'm also pleased that we have taken advantage of this run of home games, with the players showing good combinations and creative play which is rewarding to the supporters for getting behind the men on the park.

Hopefully we can continue that today, but we know that Hearts come here as a very competitive and experienced team and that it will be no easy game.

So it's important that we maintain the good individual and team unit play today in what will be a tough test for us.

If the players display the same commitment, determination and quality as they have done recently then we can look forward to a good game against very respected opposition.

As I have said, Hearts have some top quality players in their ranks and are the current Scottish Cup holders. They had an excellent season last year but have not done quite so well this term and will be out to prove themselves.

In combating that though we



now have a more balanced squad with players coming back from injury.

We also have new faces adapting to the situation and of course there are the experienced players from the squad of last year's successful season.

I feel that our recent results have shown the worth in having a bigger squad available and we now need to maintain the

“We must maintain the momentum of last Sunday's win”

momentum of last Sunday's 5-0 victory and the performances of the previous games.

Of course, having more players available ironically makes my job more difficult, but that is obviously the right kind of problem to have and this is what we have been aiming for.

So hopefully with the backing of the supporters the players will perform likewise again and once more repay the people who are spurring them on.



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spill the beans...**STEVIE FULTON** gives the lowdown on his Hearts team-mates

It's a Tyne-hassle to keep keepers happy

Our goalkeeper position has been the cause of a few huffs around Tynecastle recently. The possible return of **GILLES ROUSSET** today after injury is something I'm sure will please the fans a lot. They love the big man.

He's made his mistakes in the past, unfortunately all against Rangers, but he's been more than alright for us.

That doesn't help our other two keepers **RODDY MCKENZIE** or **MYLES HOGARTH** though. They were both in the huff in midweek when they found out

Rousset didn't need an operation and might be back. The pair of them had the voodoo dolls out sticking pins in it in the hope of getting a game against Celtic today. In our



Funny old side are Hearts. Win the Scottish Cup (in case you hadn't heard), set themselves up as red-hot title contenders - and then blow it big time.

Even stranger is the fact that they've finally beaten their poor record against the Old Firm at the very time when all the rest have conquered their poor records against Hearts.

Stevie Fulton doesn't know why - he only plays for them.

However, he does know a little about his esteemed team-mates and for that reason we've asked the former Celtic midfielder to come firmly out of the closet in order to Spill The Beans....

defence **GARY NAISMITH** is, I think, one of the best around. The team as a whole has not been playing that well, but Gary has been one of our most consistent performers. When you consider a player like **ROB MCKINNON** was brought in and Gary has kept him out then you can see how good he's been doing.

And what about **DAVIE WEIR**? I travel to training with the big guy and every day there's another story saying he's going here or there, but I honestly don't think any of that stuff bothers him. There's always talk of clubs coming in for him with the latest chat surrounding Liverpool, but he's a laid-back big guy and he'll play today the way he plays any game. He won't do anything until he's ready.

STEFANO SALVATORI is the ultimate typical Italian. He was good for us last year, but like everyone else, he's found it harder this term. There was talk of him buying a restaurant and settling here, but even then I bet he wouldn't treat us all to a free meal....

Maybe **PAUL RITCHIE** will treat me though after I say I think he has probably been our best player this season - certainly our most consistent. Last year he played in every game and this season, despite the fact the team has been playing badly, he has defended as consistently as ever.

STEVEN PRESSLEY was in and out the team when he first arrived, but he's enjoying a wee run now and that probably coincides with shaving off that crazy beard he

had for a while. He was our best player last week against Motherwell and, even though he still has that mad Stone Roses hairdo, he is settling in now.

We've had a few new players in this season and **LEIGH JENKINSON** is another of them. He came into our side at a difficult time and was immediately compared to Neil McCann, which is a bit unfair. Wee Neil relied on his speed, but Leigh isn't as fast - no one is! But Jenks puts over a good cross and that's always great to have.

If the manager decides to flood the midfield against Celtic to snuff out their threat there's a chance that **LEE MAKEL** will get a game. Kenny Dalglish took him to Blackburn and a lot of people thought a lot of him, so there's no fears over Lee.

Likewise is another late arrival **DEREK LILLEY**. He came to Tynecastle looking for a game first and foremost and played well when he scored against Dundee. Not scared to put himself about and another who has suffered through playing in an off-form team.

Mind you anyone would suffer in comparison with **STEPHANE ADAM**. After scoring in the cup



RITCH PICKINGS: Paul gets the better of Henrik Larsson

final our French maestro could score three own goals today and still be forgiven by the fans - maybe. Another linked with a move away, but I've no idea how the talk affects Stephane. When he's ready he'll decide, but he's a great player and we all hope he stays. **THOMAS FLOGEL** is another who has been doing alright this season despite it all. We had a wee break in Portugal during the shut-down and he was unbelievable, with amazing goals in training and so on.

We couldn't wait to get him off the plane and back playing again. Unfortunately it must have been the hot weather that did it for him. Still, he's a great athlete and can still score spectacular goals.

Could you say the same of **JIM HAMILTON**? Well, big Hammy has been our top scorer this

season. That's good considering the lack of chances we've made for him at times.

VINCENT GUERIN would normally be in with the defenders, but he's been injured for a while so it's hard to say if he'll play. He was playing well before we beat Celtic at Tynecastle earlier this season and, after watching him for PSG, everyone knows he's a good player. Shame if he's not fit.

And finally, with apologies to anybody missed out there's me **STEVE FULTON**. So far this season has been pretty poor and I suppose I haven't played that well.

I was out injured earlier this season and that's when everything came crashing back to earth for me after the cup win, but there's no better place than Celtic Park to recover my form. Watch this space.

"Adam could score three own goals today and still be forgiven by the fans"





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In a recent Just A Tic article in Walk On we highlighted the dubiety in lavishing millions on the national stadium and it would seem that some signwriters of a Rangers persuasion (allegedly) have invested in a tin of Dulux to show just how much they agree with us.

But was there any reason to go absolutely bloody mental and voice their opinions in such a distasteful manner? I mean, the paint could jam up the blades of the national lawn mower!



Will Craig Brown still be smiling when he sees what has happened to the Hampden pitch?

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Que? Que?

Win a mystery Celtic prize by translating the mystery phrase which has been translated into a few different continental languages thanks to the club's foreign legion. Answers please on a postcard to Walk On Mystery Phrase (19), PO Box 2413, Glasgow, G40 3YB.

- 'Manden pa barstolpen.' uttered **Vidar Riseth**.
- 'An fair ar an post deirneach' chipped in **James Gallagher**.
- 'L'Homme au deuxierre poteau' said **Stephane Mahe**.
- 'Uomo allespalle.' thought **Rico Annoni**.
- 'Man by de tweede paal' stated **Regi Blinker**.
- 'Hansom vaktar bortre stolpen' said **Johan Mjallby**.
- 'Mander pi basstolpen' cried **Marc Rieper**.

★ The lucky winner of Tom Boyd's personally autographed gloves was Steven O'Connor from Irvine who correctly answered Tom's question: Which other player was involved in the swap that brought me from Chelsea to Celtic? The answer was of course Tony Cascarino. Steven will have his prize ASAP and if you fancy your chances of winning - you know it couldn't be easier - just try!



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