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CELTIC v ROSS COUNTY

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“We need to be focussed for every single game, starting today with the visit of Ross County”

OUR last match here at Celtic Park was obviously a wonderful victory, and it is one which should give us tremendous confidence going into this afternoon's vital Scottish Cup tie against Ross County.

Any victory over our great rivals is an achievement worth celebrating, but to have won with such style and aplomb was particularly gratifying. The players had to be focussed, and they were. Their performance was quite outstanding, and the margin of victory - secured by terrific goals from Stilian Petrov, Stan Varga and a sublime Alan Thompson free-kick - didn't flatter them slightest.

That it saw the team set a new club record of 18 consecutive league victories in what was also our 67th match unbeaten is also a testament to their consistency, and I must say again how delighted I have been with the manner in which they have gone about their business this season.

There will be no complacency, however. Naturally, I'm still very concerned that these standards are maintained because there is, without any shadow of a doubt,

still a great deal to play for. We are only now at the half-way stage of the season, after all, and there are no less than 57 league points still to play for.

Yes, we have something of an advantage as things stand, but I honestly believe that we may need every one of those 11 points as the race for the title goes down to the wire. You only have to look at our next four league games, four of which are away from home, to see that there are plenty of matches in which we could drop points. I've said already, and I will say it again, that this period just beginning is one of the most difficult and crucial periods of our entire season.

We cannot look any further than that at the moment, and I would hope that the players will realise as well as I do the likely consequences of losing concentration over the next few months. All it takes is losing a couple of matches for confidence to be dented, and that's why we need to be focussed for every single game, starting today.

No-one at this football club will need reminding of what happened

in our last game in this competition when we were brought back down to earth with something of a bump after the great euphoria which followed our victory at Anfield. We have also endured some uneasy evenings in the cup competitions here at Celtic Park - Partick Thistle springs immediately to mind - and will need to play very strongly if we are to progress this afternoon.

That's why, while we have one or two of our senior players with niggling injuries which might benefit from a slight rest, it will be a strong Celtic side that takes to the field today. And it will need to be.

All the reports I have received on Ross County from our Chief Scout Tom O'Neill have been very complimentary, and I understand that their derby against Inverness Caledonian Thistle last week was a terrific match. They will be full of confidence having claimed victory in that one, and I know that Alex Smith, for whom I have the utmost respect, will put a side that will not easily be beaten.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FACTFILE

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
 (capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts,
 white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with
 gold trim

Third strip: Gold shirts, green
 shorts, gold 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

- On January 8, 1910, Peter Somers played his last game before leaving the club to join Hamilton. He had played 219 games, scoring 62 goals.
- In one of the biggest-ever football shocks, Celtic lost 2-4 to non-league Arthurlie in the Scottish Cup on January 9, 1897.
- On the same day in 1981, Alan Sneddon was transferred to Hibs for £60,000. Hibs went on to win the First Division title, so Alan received a medal for that and also one from Celtic's Premier Division win the same season.
- On January 19, 1995, Pierre van Hooijdonk joined the club from NAC Breda for a fee of £1.5 million.
- In Celtic's 9-0 defeat of Dunfermline on January 14, 1928, Jimmy McGrory scored eight.
- On the same day in 1993, Jacki Dziekanowski was sold to Bristol City for £250,000. He had scored 22 goals in 66 appearances.
- Against Motherwell, on January 17, 1925, Charlie Shaw made the last of his 436 appearances, having previously made 223 for Queen's Park Rangers. In his time with Celtic, Charlie won six championships and two Scottish Cups but was never capped.
- On January 18, 1973, Lou Macari was sold to Manchester United for a Scottish record fee of £200,000. Lou had scored 57 goals in 102 matches.



ROSS COUNTY FACTS

- Ross County FC was founded in 1929 and play all their home matches at Victoria Park in Dingwall.
- The ground's record attendance is the 6,600 who turned up for the visit of Celtic in a benefit match on August 31, 1970.
- The club's best-ever victory came in the Scottish Cup against St Cuthbert Wanderers in December 1993, when Ross County won 11-0.
- Heaviest defeat was a 1-10 reverse at the hands of Inverness Thistle in a Highland League match.
- Ross County's biggest outlay was the £25,000 paid to Southampton for Barry Wilson.
- The record transfer fee received was the £200,000 paid by Aston Villa for Neil Tarrant in April 1999.
- Ross County first joined the Scottish Football League in season 1994/95 in Division 3. They won promotion to Division 2 in 1998/99 and then made the step to Division 1 a year later.
- The 'most league goals in a season' record is held by Derek Adams, with 22 in season 1996/97.
- David McKay made the most league appearances, with 157 between 1995 and 2001.





TODAY'S VISITORS - ROSS COUNTY
MANAGER - ALEX SMITH

CELTIC



ROSS COUNTY

Michael Gray	2	1
Momo Sylla	3	2
Jackie McNamara	4	3
Joos Valgaeren	5	4
Bobo Balde	6	5
Henrik Larsson	7	6
Alan Thompson	8	7
Chris Sutton	9	8
John Hartson	10	9
David Fernandez	12	10
Paul Lambert	14	11
Bobby Petta	15	12
Ulrik Laursen	16	14
Didier Agathe	17	15
Neil Lennon	18	16
Stilian Petrov	19	17
Robert Douglas	20	18
Magnus Hedman	21	19
David Marshall	22	20
Stanislav Varga	23	21
Shaun Maloney	29	22
Steve Guppy	30	23
Ross Wallace	33	24
Johan Mjallby	35	
Craig Beattie	37	
Jamie Smith	39	
Stephen Craigne	40	
John Kennedy	41	
Liam Miller	43	

Colin Stewart	1
Graeme Smith	2
Kevin Miller	3
Les Fridge	4
Sean Webb	5
Jordan Tait	6
Stephen O'Donnell	7
Jamie McCunnie	8
Stuart Malcolm	9
Jim Lauchlan	10
Steven Mackay	11
Hugh Robertson	12
Mark McCulloch	14
Martin Canning	15
Don Cowie	16
John Rankin	17
David Hannah	18
Conor Gethins	19
Steven McGarry	20
Graham Bayne	21
David Winters	22
Jim Hamilton	23
Sean Higgins	24

CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CELTIC	19	18	1	0	62	7	55	55
Rangers	19	14	2	3	43	18	25	44
Hearts	19	10	3	6	28	23	4	33
Dunfermline	19	8	6	5	25	27	-2	30
Motherwell	19	6	6	7	20	22	-2	24
Livingston	19	5	8	6	21	22	-1	23
Hibernian	19	6	4	9	20	33	-13	22
Dundee Utd	19	5	5	9	18	32	-14	20
Kilmarnock	19	6	2	11	24	41	-17	20
Aberdeen	19	5	4	10	23	34	-11	19
Dundee	19	4	6	9	21	27	-6	18
Partick Thistle	19	2	3	14	19	38	-19	9

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Scottish Premierleague HEARTS v CELTIC	SUN 18 JANUARY 3:00pm
Scottish Premierleague ABERDEEN v CELTIC	SAT 24 JANUARY 12:30pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v KILMARNOCK	SAT 31 JANUARY 12:30pm
Scottish Premierleague DUNFERMLINE v CELTIC	WED 11 FEBRUARY 7:45pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD	SAT 14 FEBRUARY 3:00pm
Scottish Premierleague PARTICK TH v CELTIC	SUN 22 FEBRUARY 3:00pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Premierleague, January 3, 2004
CELTIC 3 v O RANGERS (Petrov, Varga, Thompson)

Scottish Premierleague, December 28, 2003
CELTIC 6 v O HIBERNIAN (Sutton 2, Hartson 2, Larsson, Petrov)

Scottish Premierleague, December 21, 2003
MOTHERWELL 0 v 2 CELTIC (Hartson, Thompson)

CIS Cup 4th Round, December 18, 2003
HIBERNIAN 2 v 1 CELTIC (Varga)

Scottish Premierleague, December 13, 2003
CELTIC 3 v 2 DUNDEE (Larsson, Balde, Kennedy)

UEFA Champions League, December 10, 2003
LYON 3 v 2 CELTIC (Hartson, Sutton)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	Iain Brines
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Slovakian defender Stanislav Varga is desperate to bring the Scottish Cup back to Paradise but warns the Hoops will have to remain fully focused

Exclusive Interview: ALISON MCCONNELL

STANISLAV VARGA made his senior debut for Celtic in Inverness last April when John Robertson's Caledonian Thistle side eliminated the Hoops from the Scottish Cup.

It was an ignominious arrival for the Slovakian internationalist who had to bide his time for his chance to hold down a regular first-team place, but since breaking into Martin O'Neill's squad in the second league game of this season against Dundee United, Varga has been a mainstay.

This afternoon Ross County make the journey to Celtic Park in an attempt to repeat the giant-killing feats the Scottish Cup has occasionally thrown up in the past, and Varga is determined that Celtic will be doing their utmost to ensure they aren't one of the casualties this season.

O'Neill's side have now gone 67 games without defeat on their home turf while also notching 18 successive league wins this season, but such statistics haven't been created courtesy of any complacency on Celtic's part and Varga has insisted that this afternoon will require another concentrated effort.

"The Inverness match wasn't the best game that I would have wanted to have made my debut in and it was a terrible feeling going out of the Scottish Cup up there," recalled Varga. "I'm just glad that things have improved since then.

"I have watched Ross County a couple of times on TV at the weekend and I know that they are a decent team. They will be coming to Celtic Park wanting to give it their very best shot and we have to be ready for that.

"At the moment Celtic are a team that

everyone would like to beat because we have been doing quite well this season, but we have to make sure that we play our own game and keep our focus. We always take each game as it comes and we will give Ross County every respect because we know that anything can happen in football, especially in the cup competitions.

"Everyone involved in football knows that it will be a big thing for a First Division side to come down to Glasgow and play Celtic and we have to be on our guard and try to concentrate on nothing more than winning the game.

"We need to be aware of the threat that they bring and avoid a repeat of what happened up at Inverness last season."

Varga has a league and cup double to boast of from his time with Slovakian side Slovan Bratislava and the defender is inevitably keen to supplement that with silverware from Scotland.

Celtic remain in pole position at the summit of the league table and Hibs are so far the only team to beat O'Neill's side in domestic competition this season.

Nevertheless, Varga has maintained that the hard work of the opening half of the campaign that has taken Celtic into the enviable position they currently enjoy has to be continued before anyone can begin to think of success at the end of the season.

"The FA Cup is probably the most famous domestic cup competition around the world but the Scottish Cup is no different and it is something that everyone here would like to win," he said. "Every player wants to win every competition that they enter and going out of the CIS Insurance Cup against Hibs was disappointing last month.

"You want to win everything that you possibly can but right now we aren't looking any further than the next game. We expect it to be a hard game and we know



VARGA VALUE
Varga has been in fantastic form this season, not least last week against Rangers



that we need to be ready for it. "We have been pleased with the fact that we have lost just seven league goals this season, but the whole team deserves credit for that because of the way that everyone works together.

"It isn't just the defenders who should take pride in that because even the front players like Henrik (Larsson) and John (Hartson) work hard to win the ball and keep possession.

"In the game up at Dundee which we won 1-0 after Didier (Agathe) was sent off, Henrik was terrific in the way that he kept

"The team are pleased that we've only lost seven league goals, and we all deserve the credit for that because of the way that we all work together"

coming back and you can see how hard everyone works for the team. We need to keep that going over the next few months because we don't want any slip-ups."

Varga has put his name on the scoresheet four times already this season, the last occasion being last weekend's 3-0 Old Firm derby win, but he's not quite ready to

look for a change of position.

"It is always nice to score but as a defender my priority is a clean sheet," he said. "Coaches have always told me that I have the ability to go forward and I do enjoy that, although I don't go up too often. Martin O'Neill told me my first job is to defend and that is always my main priority."



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Sharing his knowledge on all things Celtic, Lisbon Lion Jim Craig answers your questions on the Hoops - from the pre-season clashes of the 1960s to the tragedy of the Bolton disaster of 1945

Do you have a Celtic question you need answered or a pub argument you want settled? Well, Lisbon Lion Jim Craig is here to help you.

In every match programme this season, Jim will attempt to answer your queries on all things Celtic.

You can write to Jim at: Celtic View, Celtic Park, Glasgow G40 3RE or email your questions to: jcraig@celticfc.co.uk

When was Eddie McGarvie Celtic's trainer?

Jimmy Ryan
Eddie held the post between 1923 and 1929. He died in 1952.

Did Celtic play any pre-season matches at the start of season 1967-68?

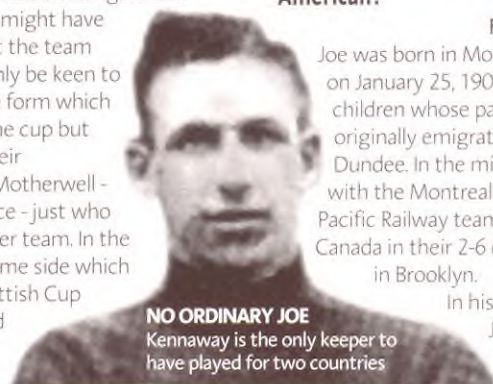
Hugh Kerr
Celtic drew 3-3 with Spurs on August 5, 1967 at Hampden, as Parkhead was being up-dated and they played another friendly with the forthcoming World Club Championship in mind against Penarol at Celtic Park on September 5. Celtic won 2-1.

Have Celtic ever gone through a season without losing a game?

Arthur Bradley
Yes, in season 1897/98, when the record read; P18, W15, D3, L0, F56, A13, Pts33

Did Celtic once get beaten 8-0?

Jim Crossan
Yes, and most surprisingly, it came only six days after Celtic had won the Scottish Cup against Aberdeen in front of a massive 147,365 at Hampden on April 24, 1937. The Bhoys were joint second at that point with no chance of catching the leaders Rangers but even so, you might have thought that the team would not only be keen to maintain the form which won them the cup but also show their opponents, Motherwell - in fourth place - just who was the better team. In the event, the same side which won the Scottish Cup was thrashed 8-0!



NO ORDINARY JOE
Kennaway is the only keeper to have played for two countries

Was Joe Kennaway Canadian or American?

Frank Campbell
Joe was born in Montreal, Canada, on January 25, 1905, one of four children whose parents had originally emigrated from Dundee. In the mid-1920s, while with the Montreal Canadian Pacific Railway team, he played for Canada in their 2-6 defeat by USA in Brooklyn.

In his Celtic career, Joe was



FRIENDLY FIRE
Celtic drew with Spurs 3-3 in this pre-season match in March 1967

capped by Scotland against Austria in 1934, becoming the only goalkeeper to have played for two different countries. Reports that he also played for USA are unsubstantiated.

What was the Bolton disaster?

Robert Andrews
Huge crowds flocked to football after WW2 and many grounds proved inadequate to cope with them. For the second round FA cup tie between Bolton and Stoke on March 9, 1945, it was reckoned that over 85,000 packed into Burnden Park, official capacity

65,419. Part of the terracing became so overcrowded that the crush barriers collapsed and within an area of a just few square yards, 33 people died and over 500 were injured.

Were Celtic the first Scottish team to do the double?

Jim Gemmell
Yes, in 1906/07. They repeated the feat one year later and were deprived of winning three on the trot the season after that. After winning the league championship and reaching the cup final again, the trophy was withheld

after the Hampden Riot of 1909.

Did Celtic play in the Pat Stanton testimonial and if so, what was the team?

John Gordon
Hibs met Celtic in this match on April 30, 1978 at Easter Road. The Celtic team was Baines, Sneddon, Aitken, Edvaldsson, MacDonald, Callaghan, Mackie, Bannon, McAdam, McCluskey, Wilson. 25,000 were present and Hibs won 2-1, thanks to a goal by guest Joe Jordan and a penalty by Pat Stanton.



We look at the Ross County players who are aiming to cause a shock in today's Scottish Cup showdown with Celtic

COLIN STEWART Goalkeeper

Signed for the club from Kilmarnock. Has already worked with manager Alex Smith when he was involved with the Scotland U-21 squad. The No.1 was on loan to Third Division side, Queen's Park last season. He is the son of former Scotland No.1, Jim Stewart. He was in excellent form this season until suffering a leg break in a recent game against St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park.

GRAEME SMITH Goalkeeper

Recently signed on loan for the club until the end of January. The Edinburgh-born youngster plays for Rangers and since his arrival he has turned in some excellent performances. He is certainly benefitting from getting a regular game in a very competitive First Division.

KEVIN MILLER Goalkeeper

Kevin has recently been featuring as the sub goalkeeper for the first team and came to the club in the close season from Hearts. Looks to be progressing well with the Under-19 squad and relishing gaining experience at the moment with the first team.

LES FRIDGE Goalkeeper

A former Scotland Under-21 internationalist who was an able deputy to



Tony Bullock last season. Since arriving at the club from ICT he has made the one first-team appearance against Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy where he kept a clean sheet in a Ross County win.

SEAN WEBB Defender

Sean has been involved with the Northern Ireland Under-19 side and is definitely a young man with a very bright future ahead of him in the game. He has gained a lot more experience and signed a new two-year deal with the club this season.

JORDAN TAIT Defender

23-year-old defender who signed for the club during the transfer window from Arbroath. Previously with Oldham Athletic and Darlington and he made his debut against Alloa Athletic in Dingwall. Signed a two-year extension towards the end of last season.

STEPHEN O'DONNELL Defender

The 20-year-old player has moved north on a six-month on-loan deal from Dundee United. A very versatile player who has made over 15 appearances for the Tannadice side. Has played in a good number of games for County and his performances have been excellent, scoring on a number of occasions.

JAMIE McCUNNIE Defender

Another 20-year-old player who has signed on a full-time deal

MIDDLE MAN: Don Cowie is showing a lot of promise in the middle of the park for County this season



at Victoria Park from Dundee United. He has played at Under-21 level for Scotland and is well known to Alex Smith. He had made over 90 appearances for Dundee United and made his first-team debut at 17. Settling in well at Dingwall and playing consistently well.

STUART MALCOLM Defender

He came through the youth development system at McDiarmid Park with St Johnstone. He has also played with English Nationwide side Plymouth Argyle. Signed a two-year contract in the close season. Missed last week's derby game through suspension.

JIM LAUCLAN Defender

Joined the club on the first day of the transfer window by signing a six-month deal. A very experienced

central defender who has played with Kilmarnock, Dundee United and Livingston. Has played for Alex Smith before when he was at Tannadice and was a big influence at that time on the United set-up.

STEVEN MACKAY Defender/Midfield

Longest-serving player at the club. Now beginning to make his mark in the first-team squad and to date has made close to 90 appearances and scored a few goals last season. Another of our young players eager to learn more about the game.

HUGH ROBERTSON Defender/Midfield

Just as happy playing in defence or the midfield which is an added bonus for the management team. A typical 90-minute man who gives his all during matches and the scorer of a number of fantastic

goals over the last few seasons. Signed from Dundee and had a spell on loan with Inverness CT.

MARK McCULLOCH Defender/Midfield

A player with a lot of experience which will be much needed as County look towards youth for the future. Won a number of Championship-winning medals with previous clubs. Signed from Partick Thistle. Also seen service with Inverness and Livingston.

MARTIN CANNING Defender/Midfield

A competitive player who plays most of his football down the right hand side of the pitch, linking up well with the front men and was in outstanding form last season. He signed a new, two-year deal in the close season. Just returned to the squad after injury.

DON COWIE Midfield

A young man with a big future in the game. Currently one of a number of bright young stars at Victoria Park who are all eager to learn from manager Alex Smith. Signed a two-year extension just before the end of last season.

JOHN RANKIN Midfield

Starred for Manchester United reserves for two seasons before moving north just after the winter transfer window. Trained with the team although he couldn't play and eventually signed in the close season. Tipped by Sir Alex Ferguson to have an outstanding future. Has proved a tremendous signing and scorer of a few very important goals this season. Recently played for the Scotland Under-20 side.

ONES TO WATCH
Graham Bayne and David Hannah will be looking to impress County's management team of Alex Smith and Jimmy Bore



DAVID HANNAH Midfielder
Ross County's club captain. Played for County in our last six games of last season and has now signed a three-year contract. He was previously with manager Alex Smith at Dundee United. A quality player who has also played at one time for Celtic.

CONOR GETHINS Forward
Another of County's very gifted young players who had his fair share of injuries last season. He also signed a new two-year deal with the club during the close season and now that he is fully fit he will be looking to make a big impression in the first team this season.

STEVEN MCGARRY Forward
Took his time to get on the scoresheet at Dingwall but eventually started to hit the back of the net and looked a very dangerous player who links up well with his fellow forwards. We're

now starting to see the real McGarry with his darting runs, clever play and excellent finishing.

GRAHAM BAYNE Forward
He is a very skilful player who also uses his height to great advantage in the opposition penalty area. The only player to score a hat-trick last season and that came in a game against St Mirren. Given half a chance he can find the back of the net.

DAVID WINTERS Forward
Another player well-known to manager Alex Smith. Signed for Dundee United from the United Boys' Club and made a good number of first-team appearances, mostly from the substitute bench. After a successful on loan period he has signed a new contract with the club. Scorer of two hat-tricks this season, one in the Bell's Cup and the other in the league match v. Raith Rovers, County winning 7-1.

David is currently County's top scorer.

JIM HAMILTON Forward
Signed a two-year deal with the club. The former Keith, Dundee, Hearts, Aberdeen and Dundee United star will be an excellent addition to the County first-team pool. Won a Scottish Cup winners medal with Hearts. Has had his fair share of injuries since signing but now starting to feature more regularly.

SEAN HIGGINS Forward
Signed in August 2002 from St Johnstone and waited patiently for his first-team chance. Featured towards the end of last season and has featured in all but one of the games this season and his performances have been of the highest order. Sean is lightning quick and a deadly finisher and he is definitely a young man with a big future in the game.



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1) Who was the last Celtic player to score a hat-trick in the Scottish Cup?

2) Since the Second World War, which four Celts have won Scottish and English FA Cup winners' medals?

3) Which are the two clubs that Ross County manager Alex Smith has already won the Scottish Cup with as manager?

4) Who was the first Celt to be utilised as a substitute in a Scottish Cup final?

5) Who are the two members of the Ross County squad that have already won Scottish Cup winners' medals?

6) Which was the first team to defeat Celtic after a Scottish Cup final replay?

7) In Scottish Cup terms what links seasons 1923/24, 1967/68 and 1993/94 for Celtic?

8) Which 32-time capped English internationalist played for Ross County in 1999/2000?

9) Not including Pat Bonner, who was the other Republic of Ireland internationalist that played for Celtic when they won the 100th Scottish Cup final in 1985?

10) In which season did Ross County join the Scottish Football League?

11) Who are the only three Celtic goalkeepers to have won three or more Scottish Cup winners' medals?

12) Since 1990, which three sides



other than Rangers have TWICE knocked Celtic out of the Scottish Cup tournament?

13) Which member of the Ross County squad played against the Hoops in a Scottish Cup match an incredible 19 years ago?

14) To the present day, how many goals has super-striker Henrik Larsson scored in the Scottish Cup for Celtic?

15) Which team was the last non-league club that have come up against Celtic in a Scottish Cup match?

- 1)** Henrik Larsson v Dunfermline 98/99. **2)** Ronnie Simpson, Lou Macari, Kenny Dalglish, Brian McClair, **3)** St Mirren (1987), Aberdeen (1990), **4)** John Clark (1969), Celtic v Rangers, **5)** David Hannah 1994 (Dundee Utd), **6)** Clyde Brian Irvine 1990 (Aberdeen), **7)** Celtic were 1955 after 1-1 draw, **8)** Celtic were eliminated from the tournament without scoring a goal, **9)** Pierce O'Leary, **10)** 1994/95, **11)** Davie Adams 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911; Peter Latchford 1975, 1977, 1980; Pat Bonner 1985, 1989, 1995, **12)** Motherwell 1991, 1994; Falkirk 1993, 1997; Inverness Caledonian Thistle 2000, 2003, **13)** Les Fridge for Inverness Caledonian Thistle, **14)** Eighteen goals, **15)** Whitehill Welfare 1995/96.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES SEASON 2003/04



Date	V	Comp	Opponent	Score
Jul 30	A	CL	FBK Kaunas	4-0
Aug 6	H	CL	FBK Kaunas	1-0
Aug 9	A	SPL	Dunfermline	0-0
Aug 13	A	UCL Q3/1	MTK Hungária	4-0
Aug 16	H	SPL (1pm k.o.)	Dundee United	5-0
Aug 23	A	SPL (12.30pm k.o.)	Partick Thistle	2-1
Aug 27	H	UCL Q3/2	MTK Hungária	1-0
Aug 30	H	SPL	Livingston	5-1
Sep 13	A	SPL (12.30pm k.o.)	Dundee	1-0
Sep 17	A	CL	Bayern Munich	1-2
Sep 20	H	SPL	Motherwell	3-0
Sep 27	A	SPL	Hibernian	2-1
Sep 30	H	CL	Lyon	2-0
Oct 4	A	SPL	Rangers	1-0
Oct 18	H	SPL	Heart of Midlothian	5-0
Oct 21	A	CL	Anderlecht	0-1
Oct 25	H	SPL	Aberdeen	4-0
Nov 1	A	SPL	Kilmarnock	5-0
Nov 5	H	CL	Anderlecht	3-1
Nov 8	H	SPL	Dunfermline	5-0
Nov 22	A	SPL	Dundee United	5-1
Nov 25	H	CL	Bayern Munich	0-0
Nov 29	H	SPL	Partick Thistle	3-1
Dec 4	A	CIS 3	Partick Thistle	2-0
Dec 6	A	SPL	Livingston	2-0
Dec 10	A	CL	Lyon	2-3
Dec 13	H	SPL	Dundee	3-2
Dec 18	A	CIS4	Hibernian	1-2
Dec 21	A	SPL	Motherwell	2-0
Dec 27	H	SPL	Hibernian	6-0
Jan 3	H	SPL	Rangers	3-0
Jan 10	H	SFA R3	Ross County	
Jan 18	A	SPL	Heart of Midlothian	
Jan 24	A	SPL	Aberdeen	
Jan 31	H	SPL	Kilmarnock	
Feb 7		SFA R4		
Feb 11	A	SPL	Dunfermline	
Feb 14	H	SPL	Dundee United	
Feb 22	A	SPL	Partick Thistle	
Feb 26	H	UEFA	FK Teplice	
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Ross County programme Editor Bryan Munro takes a look at County's Scottish Cup record since coming back into the league set-up in season 1994/95

SINCE coming into the Scottish League set-up back in Season 1994/95, Ross County have had a fair measure of success in the national tournament.

The first two seasons they were under the managership of ex-Dundee star, Bobby Wilson and in that first season they defeated Alloa Athletic 3-2 in a second round, match at The Recs with the goals coming from Gordon Connolly (2) and Jamie MacPherson. In the third round, they were defeated 1-0 by East Fife at Methil. In 1995/96, they travelled to meet First Division Ayr United at Somerset Park in a second round tie and came away with an excellent 2-0 win with goals from Cammy Robertson and a Sharples og. In the third round, they went down 3-0 at home to Forfar Athletic.

Season 1996/97 saw ex-Aberdeen and Rangers star Neale Cooper take over the reins at Dingwall and in his first Scottish Cup tie in charge County defeated Montrose 3-0 with Sandy Ross scoring a hat-trick. In the third round, County made the trip to meet Premier League opposition in the shape of Dunfermline Athletic at East End Park. The Pars were too strong on the day and ran out comfortable 4-0 winners. The following season, County were 3-1 winners in a second round tie against Brechin City in Dingwall with Derek Adams scoring a hat-trick. Round Three



ALL FIRED UP
Alex Bone celebrates his first strike against Rangers back in 2001

County were drawn to play Airdrie away from home and came away with a creditable 2-2 scoreline with Mark Haro and Steve Ferguson grabbing the goals. In the replay in Dingwall three days later, a solitary Derek Adams strike enabled County to move into a fourth round tie against Dundee. The game finished 1-1 in Dingwall with Adams again on target for County but in the replay three days later it was the Dens Park side who moved into the next round of the tournament with a comprehensive 3-0 win.

Season 1998/99 brought a quarter-final place in the League Cup but in the Scottish we could only reach the third round. The second round tie was at Palmerston Park against Queen of the South and our hat-trick hero that afternoon was Neil Tarrant who scored a quickfire threesome in nine minutes (30, 37, 39) to see away The Doonhamers 3-1. In the next round County drew 1-1 with Clydebank at Boghead, the goal again coming from Tarrant but in the replay the Bankies ran out 3-2 winners after extra-time. Tarrant and Roy McBain were County's scorers in the regulation 90 minutes that evening with MacMillan scoring the Bankies' winner in the 110th minute. The following season we went out at the first hurdle. Forfar Athletic were the opponents on December 11 in the first round at Dingwall and the match ended 2-2 with George Shaw and Brian Irvine scoring County's goals. In fact Brian scored in the last minute of the match. The replay was at Station Park on January 3 and was goal-less after extra-time. In the end it was The Loons who went through winning the penalty shoot-out 4-2.

Season 2000/01 saw County draw Highland League opposition for the first time since becoming members of the Scottish League with Buckie Thistle arriving in Dingwall. Being a First Division side after being promoted the previous season, it meant that County didn't come into the draw until the third round, but they were made to fight



SWEET & SOUR
County celebrate their cup victory over Airdrie in the third round in 1998 while, John McGlashan of Dundee celebrates the Dark Blues equaliser against County in the next round



“Ross County’s captain David Hannah is known to Celtic and is playing with style and enthusiasm”

all the way by a very plucky Thistle who recovered from a Darren Henderson second minute goal to equalise in 66 minutes through Rowley. County quickly recovered their composure to snatch a winner four minutes later through Eddie Cunningham. In the next round County were drawn at home against Rangers. The game was live on SkyTV on a Sunday evening and two goals in the opening 15 minutes through Tore Andre Flo had Rangers on easy street. The away fans were in full voice until Alex Bone scored the first of his

double after 19 minutes and from then on County gave their all and they were rewarded with an equalising goal eight minutes into the second half again from Bone. Panic began to set in in the Ibrox defence as County smelt victory but with eight minutes remaining Barry Ferguson grabbed the all-important winner. County were disappointed but certainly not dejected after what was a superb performance from all the players. The following season County were drawn against Hearts at Tynecastle in the third round and, despite

losing the match, ran the Jambos very close. A Ricardo Fuller double looked to have put the home side on easy street in the second half but a Mark Perry goal in the final minutes of the match ensured that the Jambos experienced a very nerve-wracking time before the final whistle.

Last season was Alex Smith's first Scottish Cup-tie as manager of Ross County and it certainly didn't go to plan. We were given a home draw against a rejuvenated Morton side and a goal in each half by their top goalscorer Alex Williams ensured that the Ton went into the fourth round of the competition.

Williams' first goal was scored in

“Alex Bone scored a double against Rangers in Dingwall and panic began to set into the Ibrox defence”

the 19th minute but a David Winters strike two minutes from the break brought County back into the match but Williams added a second in the second half to make the final score 2-1.

And so to this season. The first thing you look forward to is a home draw but if you don't manage to get this then an away trip to a Premier League side, preferably one of the Old Firm is the next choice. County definitely got the “big one” drawn against the best team in Scotland by a mile as was proved last Saturday...

But they also go into this game on the back of a derby day win against a side who Celtic know a lot about - Inverness Caledonian Thistle. County played exceptionally well last week and got an ideal boost for today's tie by

HEARTBREAKER

Ricardo Fuller celebrates his second goal for Hearts which saw County's cup dreams fade in 2002



defeating ICT and getting themselves back into the Championship race. We have a lot of excellent young players in the squad with a mixture of experienced players and we are captained by a player who should be well known to all the Celtic

support - David Hannah, now playing with a lot of style and enthusiasm.

What's going to happen this afternoon? It's the Scottish Cup - dreams are there to be fulfilled!!

Bryan Munro, Programme Editor, Ross County FC



PARADISE
Celtic Park was almost built in Possil or Springburn before finding its permanent home in Glasgow's East End

THE NEW GROUND

BACKGROUND: The first Celtic Park was built on land leased on a yearly basis at the sum of £50 per annum. But in 1892 the landlord Lord Hozier demanded nine times that amount.

A JUSTIFIABLE INCREASE?

Some form of increase could certainly be justified. Crowds were huge, much bigger than any other club. For instance, in the first Scottish Cup run of 1888/89, 6,500 were present at the Cowliars game, a total of 16,000 watched the two matches against Clyde, while well over 30,000 were at the final and subsequent replay. The next two years turned out to be equally remunerative. But the committee decided that a rise from £50 to £450 per annum was nothing but sheer greed and said no!

POSSIBLE NEW SITES

Various sites were suggested, particularly in Possilpark and Springburn but Cowliars were

Celtic Park began as a hole in the ground, but the supporters rallied and created a Paradise

already established in that area so that idea was abandoned.

THE DECISION

The committee took a 10-year lease on a piece of ground between the then stadium and London Road. It looked an unlikely choice, a quarry hole half-filled with water. But the Celtic supporters rallied round as they did for the first stadium, clearing it out and filling the hole level with the surrounding land. Then the builders got to work.

THE OUTCOME

Eventually, a fine stadium arose on this unlikely site. The pitch was surrounded by two tracks, one for running and one for cycling, the latter banked at the corner. A barrier surrounded the tracks and beyond that stretched the terracing. This was constructed of wood with steps

three feet broad ascending gradually to twelve feet in height.

On the north side was a covered stand 320 feet long; to the west of this a two-story pavilion complete with verandah overlooking the playing surface and the tracks; the south side was left to settle but some seated accommodation and a press box was provided. The total capacity was 50,000.

THE OPENING

The stadium opened on March 20, 1892, and the centre sod of the new pitch, a shamrock-covered piece of turf brought from Donegal that morning, was laid in place by Michael Davitt, the Irish patriot.

- First Event: The Celtic Sports, in August 1892.
- First Match: Against Renton on August 20, 1892, Celtic won 4-3.

DAVID HANNAH



Roll out the big guns

Ex-Celt David Hannah can't wait to face his old club and hopes that Hoops boss Martin O'Neill plays his top stars as it would be a great learning experience for Ross County's young squad

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

IT may have escaped the notice of some Celtic supporters, but Martin O'Neill's side's Old Firm drubbing of Rangers wasn't the only derby triumph being celebrated last Saturday.

Just a couple of hours later, 180 miles north, fans of Ross County were toasting a 1-0 victory over old foes and First Division title rivals Inverness Caledonian Thistle, secured by a fortuitous second-half own goal by Stuart Golabek.

It was a result which both boosted Alex Smith's side's promotion push and handed bragging rights to the club's supporters, and yet the irony is that Caley Thistle may yet prevent their conquerors claiming another, even more significant scalp.

It is, after all, widely considered that, if anything is likely to dissuade Martin O'Neill from awarding his star players a well-earned rest, it's the memory of what happened the last time he did so against Highland opposition.

On that occasion, less than three days after humbling Liverpool in front of the Kop, a Celtic side showing eight changes from that memorable European triumph were themselves stunned as Dennis Wyness' solitary goal sent them tumbling out of the Scottish Cup.

Yet, while the County players have every right to tremble a little at hearing O'Neill vow ominously this week that a repeat performance will not be tolerated, one of them at least is hoping that the Celtic boss does indeed opt to wheel out his big guns.

Not that David Hannah is underestimating the task of subduing a full-strength Hoops team – he did spend over two years playing alongside the likes of Henrik Larsson, Paul Lambert and Jackie McNamara, after all. It's just that he believes that pitting their wits against a side he considers to number among the top 10 in Europe will be the perfect football education for County's talented young team.

"Maybe we should be hoping that Martin puts out a weakened side or that half his squad are struck down with food poisoning," Hannah said, "but

DERBY DAYS

David Hannah is tackled by Caley's Stuart Golabek in last week's clash

I'd actually like to see him go with his strongest XI. The truth is that we're going to be up against it whatever the Celtic team is, so you might as well go for it against the Larssons of this world.

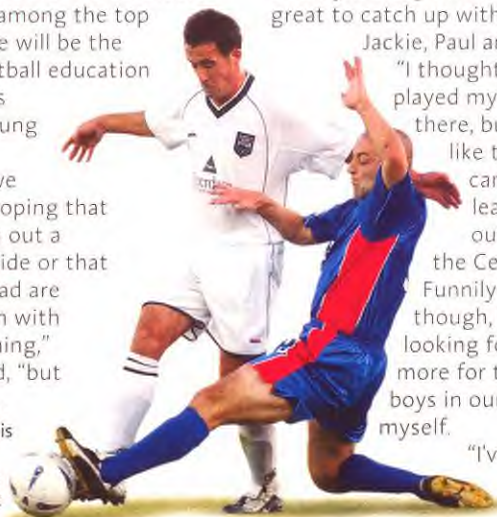
"Honestly, I hope Martin puts out the big stars against us. Why not? It's going to be a great occasion for our young players, and what an experience it would be for them if they were pitted against the likes of Henrik.

"Personally, I'm really looking forward to it. To be coming back to Celtic Park as captain of Ross County is a big thrill, and it will be great to catch up with the likes of Jackie, Paul and Henrik.

"I thought I'd probably played my last game there, but football's like that and I can't wait to lead the lads out in front of the Celtic fans.

Funnily enough, though, I'm almost looking forward to it more for the young boys in our team than myself.

"I've played at Celtic Park a good



CAREER HIGHLIGHT David Hannah celebrates with his Celtic team-mates after the Hoops clinched the league title in 1998



number of times before, after all, and we've a lot of lads here who are still under 20 who've been looking forward to this game ever since the draw was made. You can't blame them, can you? It's a chance to play against one of the top teams in Europe in a stadium which, at its best, has an atmosphere which is second to none."

By 'at its best,' Hannah is referring to Celtic Park on European nights, and more specifically in his case, the evening when Liverpool came calling in September 1997.

Only a stunning last-minute goal from Steve McManaman prevented Celtic claiming a memorable victory on that occasion, and it proved a turning point from which Wim Jansen's side began a dramatic and ultimately successful bid to halt Rangers' seemingly inexorable march to 10-in-a-row. Hannah remembers those heady days as the best of his career.

He said: "I was quite fortunate in that, even before I went to Celtic, I'd been in the Dundee United team that won the Scottish Cup in 1994. But everyone dreams of moving to a massive club, and I enjoyed every minute of my time at Celtic Park.

"The club went through three managers in my two years there, and I never really became an established regular, but I left with only good memories. I suppose the highlight was winning the league in '98 because the pressure on everyone throughout that season was unbelievable.

"All that mattered was stopping

"I'd like to see O'Neill go with his best XI. We're going to be up against it whatever their team is, so you might as well go for it"



Rangers beating the nine-in-a-row record, and when we messed up at Dunfermline on the second last day of the season, it only made things worse. But fortunately we managed to pull through and, because of what was at stake, I think the team from that season will always be remembered well.

"The Liverpool games were also terrific. I played pretty well against McManaman at Anfield, but it was the game at home that I remember most – the

atmosphere that night was the best I've ever experienced, better even than for Old Firm games."

Yet, proud as Hannah undoubtedly is to have been a part of the team which helped wave cheerio to 10-in-a-row, he's candid enough to admit that Wim Jansen's class of '98 aren't in the same league as the Hoops' current side.

He's full of admiration for the team that has been pieced together in Paradise by Martin O'Neill, and concedes that every player in green-and-white will have to endure a personal

nightmare this afternoon if County are to return to Dingwall with a famous victory.

He said: "This Celtic team at the moment is miles ahead of the team I won the league with in '98. We had some good players, some of whom, like Jackie, Henrik and Paul, are still going strong, but the team these days is on another level altogether.

"In my opinion, they're one of the top 10 sides in Europe right now – I mean that. I thought they were desperately unlucky not to go through in their Champions League group, and the game last weekend only went to show how far in front they are from the rest of Scottish football.

"But we want to walk off that

pitch with a bit of credibility, and the only way we'll do that is by putting absolutely everything into the match. Realistically, we'll probably still need all 11 of Celtic's players to have an off-day if we're going to get a victory, but the main thing for us is to give a good account of ourselves."

Even more important for Hannah and his team-mates is building on last week's derby victory, one which took them to within three points of Inverness Caley and left them seven adrift of league leaders Clyde. It's a challenge the former Celtic midfielder is relishing.

"I enjoyed my time abroad (Hannah spent one season with AEL Limassol), but I'm happy to be back,

even if the temperature up here isn't quite as warm as it was in Cyprus," he joked. "I do think that we are probably the best football side in the First Division. We like to get the ball down and pass it, and hopefully that's a style which will translate well to a big pitch like Celtic Park.

"We also have some very quick strikers at this club, and I'll be interested to see if they thrive on the space as they should."

With a £5 million football academy promising a bright future, Ross County are undoubtedly a team going places. However, Martin O'Neill will hope to ensure that the only destination they're heading this afternoon is out of the Scottish Cup.





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The members of the Academy have been hard at work throughout the festive period

IN most Academies around the UK the young professionals will just be returning for a mini pre-season.

For the most part people would expect the backroom staff in Academies to be having a quiet time of it. No chance!

During holiday periods for players, the backroom staff are frantically taking the opportunity to do some planning. We are no exception to that.

Over the last few weeks I have been building our Personal Improvement Programmes for our young players. Each one totally personalised to address the individual weaknesses of the young professionals at the Academy. Kenny McMillan has been heavily involved in this from the sports science aspect.

John Stephenson has been working extremely hard updating and revising our strategy to ensure that it fits in with the direction the club wishes to head over the

coming years. He has also produced action plans for the Recruitment Network and the Development Centres to drive these forward in the short term.

Robert Docherty had been devising the business plan for the Community Programme, and he has also spent time constructing the Development Centre audit report. This work will help both areas to work efficiently and effectively over the coming months and years.

John Cushley has been working very hard to prepare for the introduction of a self-assessment process for all of our young players. This will encourage each youngster to look at and analyse his own performance and provide feedback for the coach. The results of this will feed into a scaled down version of the Personal Improvement Programmes I am putting together.

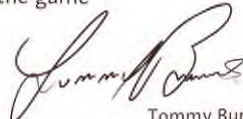
I am delighted to welcome Michael O'Halloran and Greig Robertson to the full time staff.

They have been appointed to work within the Community Programme focusing on the "New Opportunity" project in which the club is involved. These two have been working very hard on a syllabus for the coaching aspect of the project.

The Academy games and training sessions are the exciting bits that everyone wants to be involved in. However, we all understand that these cannot take place effectively unless the other work is done. Without that other work the whole thing becomes a rudderless mess. With this work we continue to be the premier Academy in Scotland and we are able to challenge the best in the UK and beyond.

So a quiet time while the players are on a break... I don't think so, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

Enjoy the game



Tommy Burns

UNDER 12s

OUR first match of 2004 for the Academy, was at Barrowfield last Sunday, January 4.

Our 12s Squad played against Paul Elliott's Soccer Academy, who came up from London for the weekend. The match was an excellent affair between two teams displaying a high degree of technical ability. All who watched the match were very impressed with two sides intent on playing passes, with a number of first-class goals being scored. At the end of the match Paul enthused about his weekend in Glasgow, where he had commentated on the Old Firm game followed by watching his boys play against his former club. It is intended to repeat this fixture and Paul has invited us down to play in London in the near future. As we chatted after the match, Paul identified Ryan Scanlon as the Man of the Match, and felt that Ryan's level of performance throughout had been of real high quality.

UNDER 11s

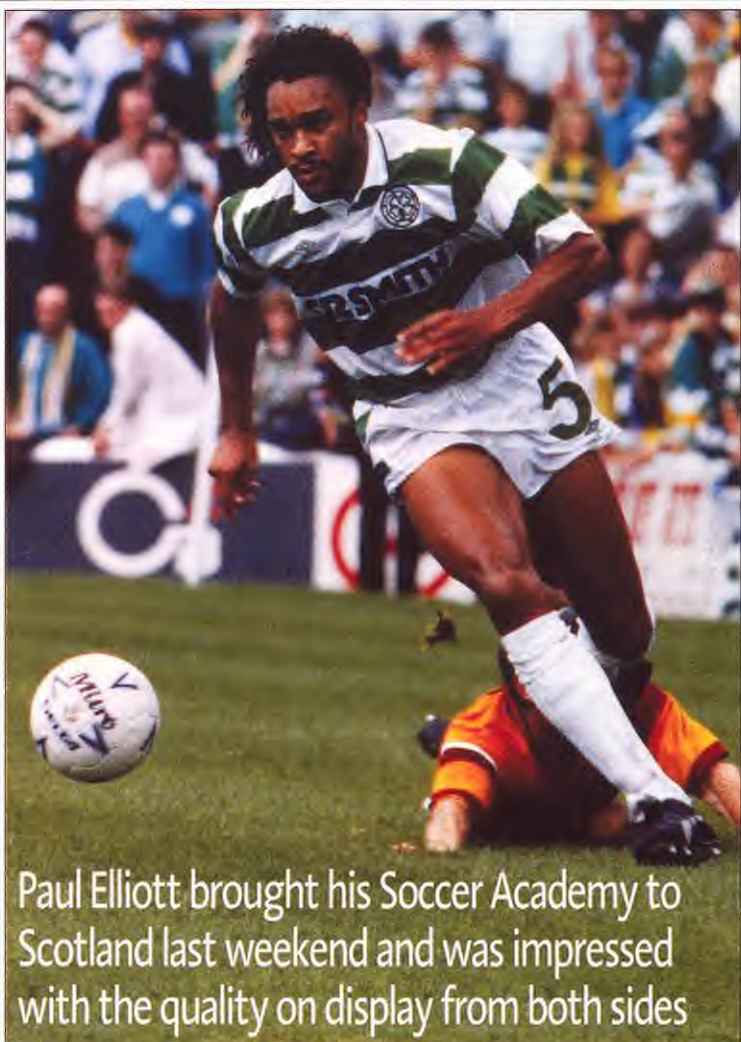
This weekend the 11s are travelling down to Lochar Thistle's ground in Dumfries to play their first game of the New Year.

We have been invited down by Dumfriesshire Schools to play against their Primary Schools Select. It's a great opportunity for our kids and an ideal opportunity to see the best kids in the Dumfriesshire area.

UNDER 16s

THE 16s are off to Dublin to play a practice match, behind closed doors against the Irish Under-16 team.

This should be an excellent weekend for Martin Clark's squad, and both he and Larry Haggart will combine the match with coaching, in preparation for the second part of the season. Last season we signed four boys from the Republic of Ireland, hopefully this match will lead to others joining our Academy in the near future.



Paul Elliott brought his Soccer Academy to Scotland last weekend and was impressed with the quality on display from both sides

UNDER 12s - UNDER 15s

ALL of our squads returned to coaching this week, and our intention is to have a couple of bounce games to ease the boys in this weekend.

The Under-12s and 13s will play together at Barrowfield with the boys being mixed to ensure a well balanced match. The same will happen with the 14s and 15s at the Science Park, and this will precede the fixtures arranged in preparation for the remainder of the season.

COACH EDUCATION

A number of our coaches will enhance their current qualifications during January and February by

being put through their paces at various coaching levels.

This will lead to us having better qualified coaches than any other club in the country, and augurs well for the development of the kids in our care. All of our coaches are well qualified at the moment, but our intention is to ensure that they have qualifications specific to the age groups they are working with, furthering the technical and tactical awareness at various levels. In-house training will also take place in the near future for our coaches, with Tommy Burns currently working on a number of projects which will ensure that progression between age groups is ensured.

Brian Meehan

The Celtic side of 1931 achieved some incredible victories over their rivals, like a 9-1 defeat for East Fife at Celtic Park, but many of the legendary players met with tragedy early in their short lives



BITTERSWEET MEMORIES
The Celtic squad of 1930/31

PICK just about any day of the year and it's almost guaranteed you'll come across a fantastic statistic involving Jimmy McGrory. January 10 is no different.

On this day back in 1931, the Hoops defeated East Fife 9-1 in a league match at Celtic Park. Among the scorers that day were Peter Scarff, who grabbed a hat-trick, and Bertie Thomson, who chipped in with one.

But it was the legendary McGrory who made all the headlines, scoring an incredible

"McGrory scored 36 league goals that season, and added a further eight"

five times in the victory.

Overall, he scored 36 league goals that season, and added a further eight as the Hoops won the Scottish Cup with a replay victory over Motherwell.

The Celtic side that defeated East Fife on January 10, 1931, was: J. Thomson, Cook, McGonagle, Wilson, J. McStay, Geatons, R.

Thomson, A. Thomson, McGrory, Scarff, Napier.

Looking back at those names, there is a poignancy to the line-up. Within eight months, goalkeeper John Thomson was dead, after the tragic, accidental collision with Rangers player Sam English during an Old Firm game at Ibrox. He was only 22 years-old.

His namesake, Bertie Thomson, who scored a goal against East Fife, died in 1937 from heart trouble at the age of just 30.

And hat-trick hero, Peter Scarff, succumbed to tuberculosis in 1933. He was only 25.

BIRTHDAY BHOY

'Sunny' Jim Young is a Celtic legend.

The right-half played 443 times for the Hoops between 1903-17, and scored 13 goals in the process. He was born in Kilmarnock on January 10, 1882, and joined the

club in May 1903, making his debut on May 16 in a 0-0 Charity Cup tie against Hibs.



JOHN THOMSON

side had one of the greatest half-back lines ever seen in football - Young, Loney, Hay - and their collective and individual contributions to the green and white cause must not be underestimated.

Sunny Jim retired in 1917, and sadly died in his hometown only five years later at the age of just 40, due to injuries he received when the motorbike he was travelling pillion on was involved in an accident.

498C Julius Caesar crosses the Rubicon, invades Italy

1917 Buffalo Bill Cody army scout & Indian fighter, dies

1945 Singer and celebrity Celt Rod Stewart born

1949 George Foreman, world heavyweight boxing champ, and the man behind the 'lean, mean, grilling machine', born

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