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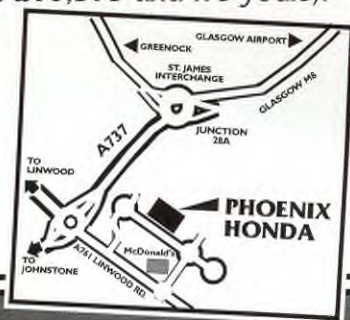
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# TOMMY BURNS



**I**T'S all about looking forward and beginning to see a positive framework emerging for us at the moment.

In our last four games we have played some good stuff and simply lacked the cutting edge which would have brought us full points from those encounters.

We know that though and that is why we have moved to sign Dutch striker Pierre van Hooydonk, a deal we hoped to put the finishing touches to yesterday to allow him to come into the running for tonight's game.

He is the kind of forward we have lacked, a powerful, skillful front man with a genuine aerial presence and with a couple of other quality additions we can start to believe we are heading in the right direction.

The youngsters we have brought into the side have been a real breath of fresh air, but more than that they have done all we have asked of them.

Jim Slavin on Saturday was a case in point. Forced to come in for his debut as the result of the unavailability of a number of our defenders the 19 year old grabbed his chance with both hands.

Not only did he take care of the Craig Brewster threat, he used the ball well and was a real bonus for us.

## Unbeaten

The left sided partnership that Stuart Gray and Brian McLaughlin have formed has also been very encouraging.

Stuart has looked comfortable in defence while Brian is turning on the kind of attractive wing play that comes with confidence and the security of knowing that one bad game isn't going to lead to him being dropped.

Starting tonight against Hearts we have to look to begin getting the wins under our belt.

Undefeated since October we have become a side that is difficult to beat. Now we must become a team that knows how to win.

I'd hope we can get it right and put together a real run in the Tennents' Scottish Cup and to do that we'll have to overcome St Mirren.

It won't be easy, but it's a home tie and that's as much as you can ask for.

I have the greatest respect for Jimmy Bone, who has brought through a number of talented youngsters at Love Street and in general done a terrific job.

Finally I would like to pass on my appreciation to the

**‘ In our last four games we simply lacked that cutting edge ’**

Celtic fans for the heartfelt sympathy extended to Tony Mowbray and the Doyle family since the passing of his wife Bernadette.

The conduct during the minute's silence held in Bernadette's honour on Saturday was exemplary from all sections of the ground and it was a nice for Tony, who was there with his family, to see that.

We will be helping him work his way back to fitness in the next few weeks and give him a new focus in his life.



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FRAIL**



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BOYD**



**Linesman:  
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MILLER**



**BRIAN  
O'NEIL**

**WILLIE  
JAMIESON**



**STUART  
GRAY**

**NEIL  
BERRY**



**PAUL  
BYRNE**

**DAVE  
MCPHERSON**



**PAUL  
MCSTAY**

**STAND-BYS:**  
*Celtic* - Gordon  
Marshall (GK),  
Chris Hay,  
Charlie  
Nicholas.

**JOHN  
COLQUHOUN**



**PHIL  
O'DONNELL**

*Hearts* - Henry  
Smith (GK),  
Tommy Harrison,

**JIM  
BETT**



**JOHN  
COLLINS**

**JOHN  
ROBERTSON**



**BRIAN  
MCLAUGHLIN**

**BRIAN  
HAMILTON**



**ANDY  
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**KEVIN  
THOMAS**



**PETER  
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MACKAY**



**TOSH  
MCKINLAY**

**DAVID  
HAGEN**



# + TONIGHT'S VISITORS +



**IT'S been all change at Tynecastle since Tommy McLean took over from Sandy Clark. So here's a rundown of the men the fans can expect to see in action at Hampden tonight**



★ **WING WONDER** ... former Celtic ace John Colquhoun typifies the spirit of the traditional Scottish wide man

HEARTS are having a bit of an up and down season so far and are seeming to struggle at putting a string of good results together.

But Tommy McLean's can never be ruled out when it comes to pulling off a surprise.

The former Motherwell boss has been gently reshaping the side since arriving at Tynecastle.

And in between the sticks this afternoon will be one of his new arrivals, CRAIG NELSON. The young goalkeeper moved to the capital from Partick Thistle where some fine performances had made him a fans' favourite.

A talented shot-stopper, Craig has had an edgy start for Hearts but Celtic know from previous encounters against Partick Thistle that it will take a fine effort to get past him.

STEPHEN FRAIL is a very underrated player and is one of the most consistent defenders in the country. He has played well since arriving at Tynecastle from Dundee a year ago and also packs a goal threat as Celts discovered last term.

Canadian international COLIN MILLER is another newcomer and he has proved to be an inspired buy. His wealth of experience is a real asset for Hearts and he's a good tackler as well as being very mobile.

WILLIE JAMESON is yet another newcomer, arriving in the same deal that brought Nelson to Edinburgh. arriving at Hearts with Craig Nelson. Willie is one of those ultra-consistent types who never seems to have a bad game and his ability in the air is always a threat.

NEIL BERRY is another who never knows when he is beaten and always gives 100 per cent. A tough tackler, his distribution is also above average.

Scotland international DAVE McPHERSON proved a rock in the Hearts defence during his first spell at Tynecastle and since his return from Ibrox, he has shown himself to be a steady influence in the side and in real command in the centre of the park.

Former Celtic star JOHN COLQUHOUN is part of a dying breed – the pacy winger. He may be small but his shot packs a mighty punch and his ability to get a cross in from nowhere means he is always a threat to opposing defences. One of the country's most skillful players.

JIM BETT has been around and if you are counting on a cool head to get a team out of sticky situations then you couldn't turn to a better man. Just a few years ago he was one of the best midfielders in the country and, although he may have lost a bit of pace, his footballing brain ensures he keeps ahead of the game.

In JOHN ROBERTSON Hearts have a striker who has a real eye for goal – his record for finding the net really does take some beating. John can always be relied on to pop up and stick the ball away and defenders have to concentrate



# + TONIGHT'S VISITORS +

## Mac's new Hearts are shaping up

and keep an eye on him. Seems also to do well against Celtic.

JOHN MILLAR arrived at Hearts on a free transfer from Blackburn Rovers and has more than paid his way. A cool-headed midfielder, he has been known to find the net from time to time. Guarantees 100 per cent effort, he is always involved.

KEVIN THOMAS is one of the young players to have broken through the ranks at Tynecastle. A bit of an unknown quantity but always seems to get his name on the scoresheet.

GARY MACKAY has been a top man for Hearts over the years and his tough tackling in midfield plus his eagerness to have a pot at goal make him one to watch.

McLean's recent round of transfer activity saw the arrival of DAVID HAGEN, not long ago regarded as one of the rising stars at Ibrox. Failing to get a first team berth meant there meant a move was on the cards and he has picked a good club in Hearts. A real talent for the future.

The most recent arrival of all is one for the record book. BRIAN HAMILTON, on month-to-month contracts with Hibs since the start of the season, joined the select band who have moved across the capital city.

Good judges have said that Hamilton will have his hands full handling the hype surrounding that move but the same folk reckon the former St Mirren midfielder is up to the job.

McLean will look to Brian to add a silky touch to the engine room.

### ★ LOOKING FORWARD ...

there's a goal threat from all departments as typified by full-back Stephen Frail (top), and midfield ace Gary Mackay



## + Lowdown + Lowdown

**CRAIG NELSON (AGE 23)**

Signed from Partick Th, 1994

**STEPHEN FRAIL (AGE 25)**

Signed from Dundee, 1993.

**COLIN MILLER (Age 31)**

Signed from St Johnstone, 1994

**WILLIE JAMIESON (AGE 31)**

Signed from Partick Th, 1994

**NEIL BERRY (AGE 31)**

Signed from Bolton, 1984

**DAVE McPHERSON (AGE 31)**

Signed from Rangers, 1994

**JOHN COLQUHOUN, (AGE 31)**

Signed from Sunderland, 1993.

**JIM BETT, (AGE 35)**

Signed from Reykjavik, 1994

**JOHN ROBERTSON (AGE 30)**

Signed from Newcastle, 1988

**BRIAN HAMILTON (age 27)**

Signed from Hibs, 1995

**JOHN MILLAR (AGE 28)**

Signed from Blackburn, 1991

**KEVIN THOMAS (AGE 18)**

Signed from Links Utd, 1992

**GARY MacKAY (AGE 30)**

Signed from Salvesen BC 1980

**DAVID HAGEN (AGE 22)**

Signed from Rangers, 1994

**HENRY SMITH (AGE 38)**

Signed from Leeds Utd, 1981.







# Skipper looks ahead with confidence

## The big INTERVIEW

PAUL McSTAY

‘The penalty miss is in the past and forgotten about as far I’m concerned’

TRADITIONALLY this is the time of year when people take stock of their lives and make plans for the future. And club captain Paul McStay, who made his 600th top team appearance at Ibrox last Wednesday, is no different.

But he prefers to put his personal hopes second to looking ahead to the greatest period of change the club is ever likely to go through.

For 1995 will see a reshaping not just of the team but of the stadium too, as well as the share issue, and Paul believes this as not only the start of a new year but the dawning of a new era.

He said: "The club was probably at its lowest ebb last year and changes were definitely needed.

"The progress off the field has been unbelievable - everything's now taking shape for the future and it's all looking very good.

"We will have to show a bit of patience though as the manager will need time to build the team the supporters deserve.

### Proved

"But I can already see things taking shape. Obviously Tommy Burns, as well as the fans, wants a few faces in. But he will bring this about gradually.

"He will take his time and not rush out and buy just anybody for the sake of it."

The skipper believes it's not just all about new faces - as Burns has proved over the last few weeks.

Paul said: "The manager has been introducing plenty of youngsters and that has been very pleasing.

"Celtic have always been well known for producing players and bringing them through.

"There have been one or two who have grabbed the chance recently and they have proved they can play.

**"BUT AGAIN THE BOYS HAVE TO BE GIVEN TIME AS THINGS WON'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT."**

He said: "The lads who are being

### Interview: JOE SULLIVAN

drafted in just now are aged around 20 and 21 and have come from a successful reserve side.

"So they already know what's required to win games and trophies.

"They have also learned a lot in their short time in the first team. In the 1-1 draw with Rangers they proved themselves more than capable and you can't beat that sort of experience at such an early age.

"Over the last two or three years the team have proved that they love going to Ibrox.

"With us having so many youngsters in the side I would have to say that it was a moral victory.

"But if you looked back at the game you would have to be disappointed at us not picking up the full three points.

"If we keep up that level of play by getting a bit of consistency then hopefully others will follow.

"Before last week's game we had no fears. We just hoped it would go well on the night and it did as we kept the ball down and played it around a bit."

Last year brought disappointments on the park, not least the Coca-Cola Cup Final which Celts lost to Raith Rovers on a penalty shoot-out.

History will dictate that Paul's penalty miss settled the issue and there are those outwith the club who have gleefully seized upon the missed penalty as a big stick with which to beat McStay.

But he admirably rises above any petty retorts.

He comments: "The Coca-Cola Cup is in the past and forgotten about as far as I'm concerned.

"THE IMPORTANT THING WAS I PLAYED WELL. I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT ANYONE SAYS ABOUT MY CONTRIBUTION."

Paul hopes by the time the new stadium is complete the club will be admired on and off the field - and that he will be here to see it.

### Breakthrough

He said: "I can't wait to get back playing at Celtic Park in front of the new north stand. Obviously, that will be dependant on me signing a new contract when my current one expires in the summer.

**"I'm hopeful something will be sorted out as I'd love to stay and see out my career at Celtic."**

"Even though the stadium won't be fully completed in time for next season it will be so much better and I'm sure the fans feel the same way.

"Especially as they can now be part of the club by buying shares which is the real breakthrough of 1995.

"I will be buying shares myself and it will be nice to own a wee part of the club after all these years.

"Again I'm sure the fans feel the same way.

"And I'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all A Happy New Year on behalf of everyone at the club."

