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Today's retro programme cover is a throwback to the 1973 original above. Read about it in our feature on page 42



SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.



THE LIGHTEST TOUCH





Manager's Notes

NEIL LENNON



WE'RE FACING IN-FORM OPPONENTS TODAY - BUT WE'RE REFRESHED AND READY

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's Premiership game against Motherwell. It's a game we're all looking forward to, and after our short winter break, it's also good to be back home.

The break we've had was a timely one, in order to give the players a chance to rest, recuperate and recharge the batteries for the second half of the season.

We still did a lot of work, however, which we hope will prove beneficial, while the two games we played offered great encouragement, not least in the performances of some of the squad players and younger ones that were with us.

There were a lot of positives from the trip and I'm sure we'll see the benefits in the months ahead as we look to retain both the league title and the Scottish Cup.

We have our unbeaten league record to defend as well. It currently stands at 20 games and we would dearly love to make it 21 this afternoon.

However, we face one of our toughest tests in the shape of Motherwell, who are coming here in the middle of their own great run, having won their last six league games in a row.

Stuart McCall has done a brilliant job again this season

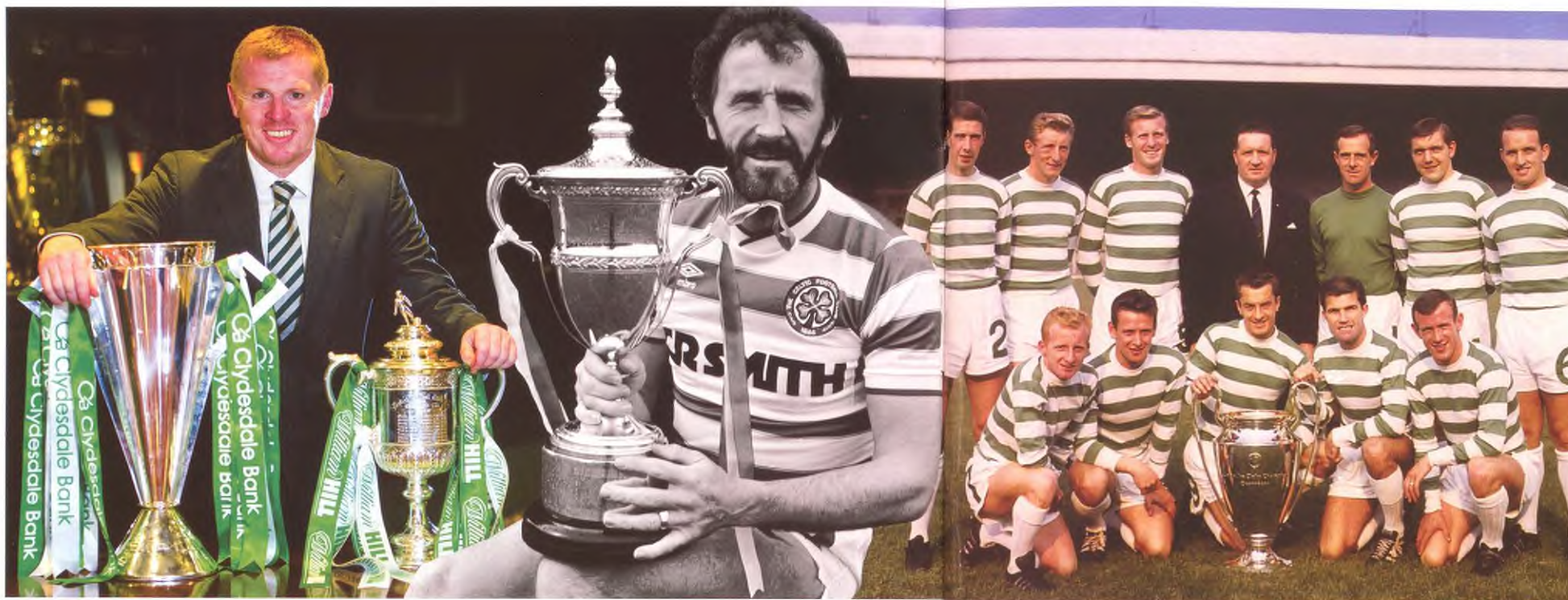


with Motherwell, and they look to have found a real bit of form just now.

Games against Motherwell are always difficult, and today's match will be no different. We know that we'll have to be at our best this afternoon if we want to gain all three points.

I'm also delighted to welcome Stefan Johansen to Celtic, and I'm sure you'll give him a great reception when he takes a bow at the stadium today.

We have a squad of players who have performed superbly well on a number of fronts for a number of seasons, and Stefan will further strengthen that squad.



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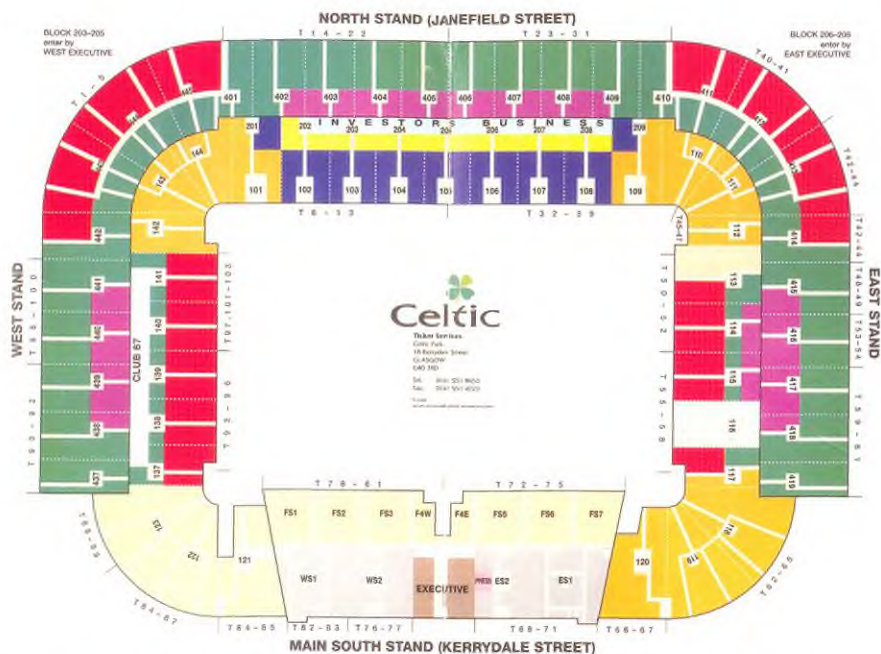
SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (44 Times)
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LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (14 Times)
1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2005/06, 2008/09

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A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888*.

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This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

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Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

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MOTHERWELL:



The story so far...

Comp	Date	Result
Europa League	01 Aug	Motherwell 0-2 Kuban Krasnodar
SPFL	04 Aug	Hibernian 0-1 Motherwell
Europa League	08 Aug	Kuban Krasnodar 1-0 Motherwell
SPFL	11 Aug	Motherwell 1-3 Aberdeen
SPFL	17 Aug	Inverness CT 2-0 Motherwell
SPFL	24 Aug	Motherwell 1-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	31 Aug	Motherwell 2-1 Kilmarnock
SPFL	14 Sep	St Mirren 0-1 Motherwell
SPFL	22 Sep	Dundee United 2-2 Motherwell
League Cup	25 Sep	Livingston 1-2 Motherwell
SPFL	28 Sep	Motherwell 3-1 Ross County
SPFL	05 Oct	Celtic 2-0 Motherwell
SPFL	19 Oct	Motherwell 2-1 Hearts
SPFL	27 Oct	St Johnstone 2-0 Motherwell
League Cup	30 Oct	Motherwell 0-2 Aberdeen
SPFL	03 Nov	Motherwell 1-0 Aberdeen
SPFL	09 Nov	Motherwell 0-4 Dundee United
SPFL	23 Nov	Kilmarnock 0-2 Motherwell
Scottish Cup	30 Nov	Albion Rovers 1-0 Motherwell
SPFL	06 Dec	Motherwell 0-5 Celtic
SPFL	14 Dec	Ross County 1-2 Motherwell
SPFL	21 Dec	Motherwell 3-0 St Mirren
SPFL	26 Dec	Aberdeen 0-1 Motherwell
SPFL	29 Dec	Partick Thistle 1-5 Motherwell
SPFL	01 Jan	Motherwell 4-0 St Johnstone
SPFL	11 Jan	Hearts 0-1 Motherwell





MOTHERWELL



ONES TO WATCH

Words: Laura Brannan

MOTHERWELL have been flying high this season, challenging at the top end of the table with Aberdeen, Dundee United and Inverness for second spot. They have proved to be one of the toughest sides to come up against, with one of the best scoring rates away from home.

But despite their attacking prowess they have also conceded a few goals this term, making their goal difference one of the closest to breaking even.

So far this season Celtic have a 100 per cent record against Stuart McCall's side, winning 2-0 at home and 5-0 at Fir Park, but here we look at the key players who will be looking to stop that run this afternoon.

Stephen McManus **1**

A name that the Celtic fans will know well is Stephen McManus, but it's the claret and amber he dons these days. A graduate from the Hoops' Youth Academy, McManus broke into the first team during Martin O'Neill's 2003/04 season. It was under Gordon Strachan, though, that he became a regular in central-defence. After impressing as stand-in captain to Neil Lennon he took over the reins when the Irishman left the club in 2007. McManus went on loan to Middlesbrough in 2010, and made the move permanent in the summer of that year. Following loan moves to Bristol City, the 31-year-old moved back north and joined Motherwell in the summer. He instantly became a regular in the backline for Stuart McCall's side and netted his only goal of the season so far in a 1-0 win against Hibs in November. He has scored twice for the opposition though, scoring own goals against Kuban in the Europa League qualifiers and then Kilmarnock three weeks later.



Stewart Carswell

A product of Motherwell's youth system, Carswell was a star for their Under-19 side in the 2009/10 campaign, the year they battled it out with Celtic for the league title. They finished second that season but he caught the eye of the first-team coaches in the process and he was soon being pushed into the senior squad. At the end of the 2010/11 season, Carswell finally made his debut in the 0-0 draw against Hearts, playing the full 90 minutes. He continued to feature in the closing games of the campaign before playing an even bigger role in the first-team squad the next season. His appearances continued to build over the years and he was rewarded with a contract extension in 2012. The 21-year-old midfielder then extended that contract again in March 2013, which will see him stay at the club until the summer of 2015.



John Sutton

The striker has looked really back at home in his second spell at Fir Park, proving to be their star striker yet again. Brother of former Celtic star, Chris, he is 10 years younger but there was a spell when the pair both played in Scotland at the same time. John first made an impact on the game north of the border when he joined Raith Rovers in 2003 before spells at Dundee and St Mirren. His goals with the Paisley side helped them win the then First Division and Challenge Cup in 2006. He joined Motherwell two years later, having spent a year back down south, and quickly became one of the most prolific strikers in Scotland's top flight. Helping the Steelmen qualify for Europe and reach a Scottish Cup final, he attracted the attention of Hearts who signed him in the summer of 2011. But a change of management saw his game-time limited in the capital and he never managed to recapture the form he showed at Fir Park. When the Tynecastle side entered administration in June, Sutton was released. On his return to Motherwell he picked up where he left off, and his goal tally is already into double figures.



Henri Anier

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The Estonian internationalist made a dream start to his Motherwell career, bagging a late winner on the opening day of the season against Hibs at Easter Road, and he has continued to impress since then. Hot on the heels of John Sutton he too has provided a goal threat for the Steelmen this season. The striker is on loan from Norwegian side, Viking, after Stuart McCall was alerted to his potential by former Motherwell star, Henrik Ojamaa. His fellow Estonian instigated the move for Anier and following a successful trial period, the 23-year-old penned a six-month loan deal. Scottish football is just the latest destination for the much-travelled striker who has spent time in several European countries since graduating from the youth set-up at Tallinn side Flora. After trial periods at Hannover, Palermo and Ascoli, Anier joined Sampdoria on a season-long loan, but when that failed to materialise into a permanent move he signed for Norwegian outfit, Viking FK. In early 2013, he had a profitable loan stint with Fredrikstad before earning his chance at Motherwell.



James McFadden

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The stylish attacking midfielder is one of the most high-profile Scottish players in the current game, most notably for his time with Motherwell and the national team. His talismanic performances have earned him hero status among the Tartan Army, and he was already a firm favourite before he slammed home a 40-yard winner against France in Paris six-and-a-half years ago. The 30-year-old is now in his second spell with the Steelmen, signing a short-term deal last February which he extended during the summer, much to the delight of the Fir Park faithful. It has been 13 years since McFadden made his Motherwell debut and won a place in the supporters' hearts with his skills, swagger and spectacular goals, making him one of the hottest properties in Scottish football. Everton won the race for his signature in 2004 and he spent five years on Merseyside before joining Birmingham City in a big-money move. However, injuries plagued his career down south and when a return to Everton didn't pay off he had a short stint at Sunderland before returning to Motherwell in a bid to resurrect his career. The versatile goalscorer is most lethal when he is playing off the strikers or on the left wing and netted two goals in two games over the New Year period.



Iain Vigurs

Based on his impressive performances for Ross County over four seasons, Motherwell looked to have pulled off an astute piece of business snapping up the former Celtic youngster. The talented midfielder had been one of the main reasons for the Staggies' successful step up to Scotland's top flight, with his cultured left foot a frequent source of supply for his team-mates and a potent goal threat, especially from dead-ball situations. His senior career started at Elgin City, where he made his top-team debut aged just 15, before earning a move to Inverness Caley Thistle. He made the short journey north to Ross County one year later in search of regular first-team football, though, and a goal against his former employers in his first Highland derby stamped his authority in his new side. Vigurs went on to flourish in Dingwall, helping them win promotion from the then First Division and then enjoy a remarkable first season in the top flight. Since moving to Fir Park, he has featured regularly and started 2014 in style, netting his first goal for the club in a 4-0 win at home to St Johnstone.

THE OPPOSITION



THE TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Lee Hollis
Gunnar Nielsen
Ross Stewart

DEFENDERS

Steven Hammell
Simon Ramsden
Shaun Hutchinson
Stephen McManus
Adam Cummins
Zaine Francis-Angol
Fraser Kerr
Euan Murray

MIDFIELDERS

Paul Lawson
Iain Vigurs
Keith Lasley
Stuart Carswell
Lionel Ainsworth

STRIKERS

James McFadden
John Sutton
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PREVIOUS MEETINGS v MOTHERWELL



CELTIC meet Motherwell today for the third time this season and the Hoops will be keen to maintain their winning run of clean sheets against the

Lanarkshire side. Ahead of today's meeting, we take a look at some previous clashes between the sides over recent years.



SCOTTISH CUP FINAL HAMPDEN

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2011
MOTHERWELL 0-3 CELTIC

Celtic clinched their 35th Scottish Cup with a comfortable 3-0 victory against Motherwell inside a rain-soaked Hampden. The triumph also marked the first silverware for Neil Lennon in his first full season as Celtic manager. Amid the torrential downpour Ki Sung-Yueng struck from distance on the half-hour mark to net a sensational opener. Motherwell came close to equalising moments later when Gavin Gunning cracked an effort off the crossbar but the Hoops wrapped up the victory in the second half. Mark Wilson's 76th-minute shot deflected off Well captain Stephen Craigan to double their advantage and in the dying minutes Charlie Mulgrew completed the win with a slick free-kick from 20 yards out.

SPL FIR PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008
MOTHERWELL 2-4 CELTIC

A flawless first-half performance put Celtic on their way to victory over Motherwell, and despite a rallied comeback after the break, the visitors proved too strong in the end. Shaun Maloney put the Hoops ahead with a tap-in from close-range after four minutes. A breathtaking volley from Scott McDonald then doubled the advantage before Georgios Samaras netted a brace to give Celtic a four-goal lead at the interval. Motherwell did fight back, but despite goals from John Sutton and David Clarkson it was Celtic who wrapped up the points. And it was just the preparation they needed for their first Champions League fixture of the season days later. Gordon Strachan had raised some eyebrows by leaving out Andreas Hinkel, Paul Hartley, Shunsuke Nakamura and Aiden McGeady while Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink was suspended, but a new-look midfield, anchored by Marc Crosas in his first start, proved to be a good decision on hindsight.

SPL FIR PARK

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2005
MOTHERWELL 4-4 CELTIC

Craig Beattie's injury-time equaliser meant Gordon Strachan's first SPL game in charge, and the opening match of the 2005/06 campaign, finished as an eight-goal thriller. The Hoops were determined to bounce back from their 5-0 defeat to Artmedia Bratislava just three days earlier, but few expected such an open game at Fir Park. John Hartson netted the first three Celtic goals, slamming home a first-half hat-trick with two headers and a penalty kick. Brian Kerr briefly cancelled out Hartson's first with a fierce drive, but the second half was Motherwell's. They went 4-3 up through headers from Jim Hamilton, Scott McDonald and then Willie Kinniburgh but substitute Beattie prodded in the equaliser. At the time the point was a relief more than anything, but Strachan found his feet and Celtic strolled to title triumph that season.

SPL CELTIC PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2000
CELTIC 1-0 MOTHERWELL

Chris Sutton's home debut was a bittersweet mix of emotions as the striker was given a hero's welcome by the Celtic support, only to be sent off late in the second half. And he wasn't the only one who saw red that afternoon, John Davies was dismissed for the visitors early on, before Jackie McNamara was sent for an early bath just after the hour mark. Joos Valgaeren also made his home competitive debut, while Olivier Tebily replaced the injured Alan Stubbs. Stan Petrov put the Hoops ahead early in the first half, and with the one-man advantage it looked as though Martin O'Neill's side were on their way to a comfortable victory. The second half proved otherwise, but still, the Bhoys' maintained their 100% record under their new boss and set themselves up nicely for the first leg of the UEFA Cup clash against Jeunesse Esch.



STRIKING STEEL

There's a history of Motherwell hitmen transporting their finishing touches to Celtic Park

Words: Stephen Murray

THERE have been various occasions over the years when Celtic have been in need of a new striker.

More often than not Celtic managers have found their way to Fir Park to sign the best forwards that Motherwell have had to offer and they generally found tremendous success in doing so.

In 1965 one of the first things that new Celtic manager Jock Stein did was to secure the services of Joe McBride from Motherwell.

McBride was an outstanding success and the club's long time chairman Sir Robert Kelly regarded Joe as second only to the legendary Jimmy McGrory, which is quite an accolade.

Joe was unfortunate to miss Celtic's greatest day in Lisbon in 1967 when a knee injury deprived him of playing.

Stevie Chalmers scored the winning goal against Inter Milan and Celtic fans since then have pondered that if Joe had been playing then perhaps fate would have decreed that the Celts would not have prevailed in the end.

I prefer to share the view of a friend of mine who has long declared that 'If Joe had played then it would have been very different... we'd have slaughtered Inter 5-1.'

Joe McBride sadly passed away recently but his name will live long in the annals of Celtic's history.

In 1971 Jock Stein was left angry after Celtic were hammered 4-1 by Partick Thistle in that year's League Cup final.

He believed that his team was now in need of slight reconstruction and he purchased Motherwell striker Dixie Deans for a small fee. Deans was known to have had disciplinary problems in his career and this move created a huge shock within Scottish football.

However, Dixie toed the line under Stein and became a tremendously popular player for Celtic in the mid-1970s.

Dixie will always be remembered as 'the hammer of the Hibs' for his tremendous scoring record against the Edinburgh side, but perhaps Dixie's greatest contribution to Celtic was helping with the development of Kenny Dalglish.

He deserves a great deal of credit for assisting the young Kenny in the early stages of his career as Kenny was still very inexperienced when he was paired with Dixie in attack.

Their partnership blossomed immediately and they were a tremendous foil for each other. Dixie's experience and physical style perfectly complimented the more subtle talents of Dalglish and that attacking duo is comparable to any in the club's history.

When Charlie Nicholas moved to Arsenal in 1983

'CELTIC SIGN MOTHERWELL STRIKER'

Celtic fans were at a low ebb. Nicholas was thought to be near impossible to replace but, not long after, Billy McNeill, bought a young Brian McClair from Motherwell.

Within a matter of days McNeill himself had left for Manchester City and McClair must have been left wondering what was going on. Although he had not been signed as a direct replacement for Nicholas, McClair was a brilliant finisher and for all his four seasons at Celtic he was the Celts' top scorer.

McClair played mainly as an attacker but he was also capable of being deployed as a most effective attacking midfielder. During his spell at Celtic, he tended to be overshadowed by his strike partner, Maurice Johnston, certainly not on the field of play but more in terms of personality, which was in sharp contrast to McClair's quieter more studied nature.

McClair is fondly remembered as one of the best finishers of Celtic's modern era and it's a pity that the club did not make a greater attempt to retain his services before he left for Old Trafford in 1987.

Ironically, Celtic signed Andy Walker from Motherwell in the summer of 1987 with part of the fee that they had received from Manchester United for Brian McClair. Walker was an instant hit at Celtic Park and formed a magnificent partnership up front with Frank McAvennie and they were the attacking spearhead of a hugely successful Celtic side in the centenary season.

Walker's pace and close control played an integral part during that season and he scored many important goals in that period. Great things were expected of him. However, injury

and loss of form meant that he was never to fulfil his potential at Celtic but he went on to have a marvellous spell at Bolton Wanderers under Bruce Rioch before returning to Celtic for a second, more modest spell in the mid-1990s.

In 2005, Scott McDonald became the villain of the piece when his two late goals for Motherwell sunk Celtic's league championship bid on a very dramatic last day of the season at Fir Park.

One year later Celtic manager Gordon Strachan paid a handsome fee to bring the striker to Celtic Park and, like his four ex-Motherwell predecessors he was another outstanding success for Celtic.

McDonald was small in height but had a huge heart and his effective bustling, harassing style was perfectly suited to Strachan's Celtic.

He scored many important goals, perhaps none more so than when he found the net in the last minute of a Champions League match against AC Milan when Celtic beat the then European champions by 2-1.

McDonald was still an effective Celtic player when Tony Mowbray moved him on to Middlesbrough in 2010 and it was a pity he departed as it was felt that he had a fair bit of football left in him.

McBride, Deans, McClair, Walker and McDonald all had memorable careers at Fir Park but they will always be best associated with their Celtic connections.

It's quite remarkable that Celtic should have had so much success with signings from one particular club. If, in the future, Celtic purchase another Motherwell striker, he will have a great deal to live up to when he arrives.



TIME FOR ACTION

Dutchman **Derk Boerrigter** is determined come back and claim his place in the side on a regular basis

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson





DERK Boerrigter has been a regular at Celtic Park this season but most of the time he's been sitting in the stands rather than playing on the pitch.

Since joining the club from Ajax in the summer, the 27-year-old has made only 15 appearances for the Hoops in all competitions. Just six of those have come in Paradise.

The Dutchman is an affable character but his frustration when reflecting on this turn of events is palpable, and understandable.

A troublesome ankle injury, first sustained during a pre-season friendly for his previous employers, is the cause of his discontent.

Having subsequently completed his move to the Scottish champions, he made his bow in a home clash against Ross County. The early signs were encouraging as the winger turned in an impressive first-half display, coming close to a debut goal.

But before the interval, he took another blow to the same ankle and was forced to leave the fray. It has continued to hamper his progress, limiting his game-time and preventing from getting up to full speed.

As Celtic prepare to get their second half of the campaign underway, following their mid-season break in Turkey, Boerrigter only has one target, and it's simple – staying fit.

Once his fitness and confidence levels are replenished, he's determined to prove his worth to the Celtic supporters.

"I need to get my fitness right," he told the matchday programme in an exclusive interview. "When I came to Celtic I already had an injury and it was a bad one as I

kicked against the sole of an opponent and the impact was very hard.

"I don't know what happened in my ankle but I came out of it with a lot of pain. One week after coming to Celtic, I made my debut against Ross County, and in that game I got a kick on it again and I came out with the injury. Since then I have had a trouble getting my fitness back and that's been the problem.

"The trip to Turkey was good one for me, and hopefully I can get my fitness back to 100 per cent and people can enjoy my play. During this season I have sat in the stands more times than I've played in the team, and I want to change that.

"If I can get really fit now, and hopefully play more, then I can show my real quality. I still have to find my rhythm but it will come, and when I get really fit, people can enjoy my play."

Boerrigter got a jump start in his fitness drive during Celtic's six-day stay in Antalya last week. Not only did he get the chance to improve his conditioning by training in warm conditions at top-class facilities, significantly, he got some valuable match practice under his belt.

The wide-man started both games on the trip against Trabzonspor and Galatasaray, contributing to two excellent performances from Neil Lennon's men.

It proved an extremely worthwhile exercise for the Scottish champions and Boerrigter is looking to maintain the momentum he has built up over the coming weeks and months.

"It was good and the weather was nice, although I expected it to be a bit warmer, but it was fine," he said. "We have enjoyed ourselves. Training and the games have been good.



CROSS PURPOSES

DERK Boerrigter featured in both Celtic's games during the Antalya Cup last week and teamed up with fellow flying machine James Forrest to wreak havoc on Trabzonspor and Galatasaray.

The Dutchman relishes playing alongside the Celtic Youth Academy graduate and believes they have formed a good understanding in the final third of the pitch.

"I like him on the right side as when he breaks through I try to get in the box and try to header or score from his crosses," he said. "And it's the same if it's the other way round - if I get a one-v-one, break through and get the cross in."



"I'm not entirely over my injury but I'm working on it. Over there I got two kicks on it but this trip was good for me and I had the chance to work on my fitness.

"I want to get fit and stay fit and prepare myself for the second half of the season, where I can hopefully play more."

One of the purposes of going to Turkey was to allow the players an opportunity to relax and recharge, with many of them hitting the golf course, among them the manager and his backroom staff. Not Boerrigter.

"I'm not a good golf player," he said. "I can hit a ball but I only enjoy seeing how far it goes and not about getting it in the hole.

"On one of the days we went to Antalya and had some coffee and a walk around and it was nice, but I didn't do too much apart from that."

Celtic will be aiming to swing back into action with three points when they resume competitive action against Motherwell today.

Since being thumped 5-0 by the Hoops six weeks ago at Fir Park, the Steelmen have embarked on a six-game winning streak to propel them into second spot in the league.

It's been an impressive show of character from Stuart McCall's men and Boerrigter is expecting them to pose a severe test this afternoon, particularly if they employ a defensive strategy.

"When an opponent comes to Celtic Park they play differently than in front of their own crowd," he said. "They put 10 or 11 players behind the ball

and it's hard for us to break through.

"The good thing is that most of the times we have won these games but these are difficult games and much of the time it's not enjoyable to watch. But at least the three points are won and that's the most important thing."

Still, the Boys will be striving to put on a sparkling performance in front of their own supporters.

"Everybody wants that - we all want the same thing, but it's just hard to achieve that because teams are playing with 11 men at the back," added the Dutchman.

The Hoops, of course, will go 21 league games unbeaten should earn a positive result against the Lanarkshire outfit, a run the players have a burning desire to continue.

Asked what was behind such resilience and consistency, Boerrigter pointed to the individual ability which permeates the Celtic squad.

"We have just been putting in good team performances," he said. "We have lots of quality in the side, and if we don't perform well, there are always one or two players that can show their individual ability and win a game. This is an important strength of any side.

"We are unbeaten all season in the league and we want to keep it going," he added. "We have proven that we can keep it going as we have beaten every team in the league so far, so if we can keep up the good work then we can get the record."

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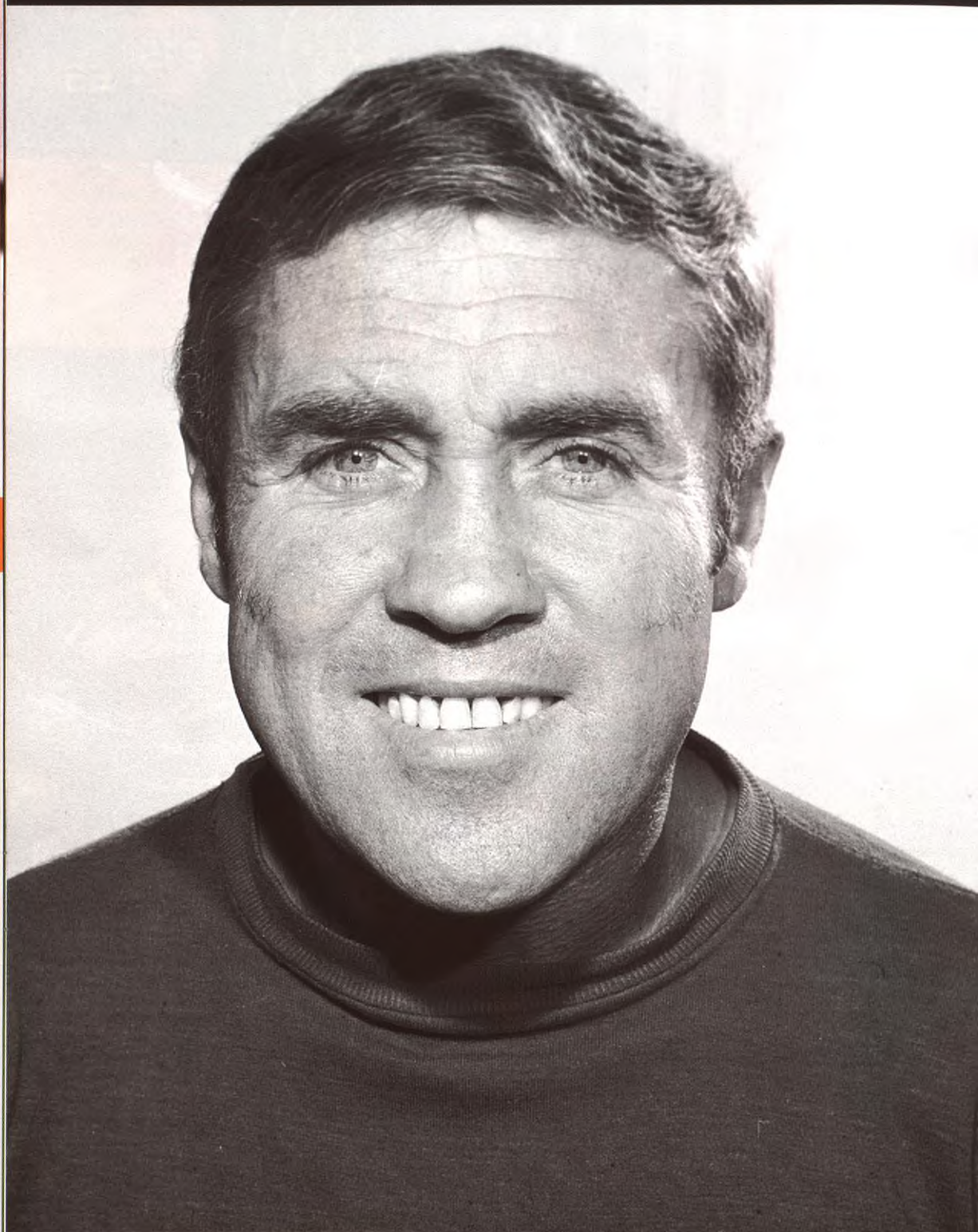
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THE WEE BARRA A CELTIC GIANT

Bobby Collins 1931-2014

IT'S all downhill when you leave Celtic. How many times have you heard that phrase over the years? How many times has a player left Celtic and been warned that his career would only get worse from then on in? Years later, said player comes out and says he was wrong to leave Celtic and if he could turn back time he would.

Yet, there are exceptions to the rule. Henrik Larsson left Celtic after seven miraculous years and went on to win the European Cup for Barcelona and play for Manchester United. Bobby Collins, while not scaling the heights of Larsson, also showed that there can be life after Celtic by writing his name into the history books at both Everton and Leeds United. He spent 10 years at Celtic and is a legend of the difficult post-war period, but Collins is fondly remembered by fans of all three clubs, most notably Leeds, where he won the Footballer of the Year award in 1965.

Collins' Celtic career was a frustrating experience for the player. The 'Wee Barra' was a wonderful talent, a gifted forward who was adored by the supporters but the collective performance of the Celtic team in the 1950s did not lead to the honours he deserved. His overall record of 117 goals in 320 appearances shows that Collins, brave as a lion, played his own part, but only one league title, in 1954, was won by the Celtic great.

It remains a mystery why a Celtic side containing Collins, Charlie Tully, Bertie Peacock, Willie Fernie, Bobby Evans and Billy McPhail had such little team success, but history shows that it was one of the most disappointing eras for the club. There were a few highs in the cup competitions - not least Celtic's landmark 7-1 mauling of Rangers in the 1957 League Cup final - but Collins' record of one league title, one Scottish Cup and two League Cups still seems extremely meagre for someone of his talents.

It would also be remiss to fail to point out that Collins didn't actively seek to leave Celtic in 1958. He was a star at the club, a genuine fans' favourite who was content with life, but the Celtic board apparently needed money

to finance the erection of new floodlights. Collins was sacrificed when Everton knocked on Celtic's door and dangled a cheque for £25,000. It was a huge loss for the club, but Collins enjoyed a new lease of life down south.

His reputation rose despite a tough period at Goodison Park, but it was with Leeds United that Collins really made an impression on the English game. He arrived when the club was in a state of decline and helped kick-start a glorious era at Elland Road under Don Revie.

The paucity of silverware has led to a strange perception of Celtic players from the 1950s. They were a talented bunch, of that there is no doubt, yet the trophies they ought to have won simply never materialised. This should probably be a criticism levelled at the club's powerbrokers, not players. Collins should be exempt from any blame.

He was an inspirational presence for Celtic during this time and would have been a major asset to any of the successful teams that followed. Bobby settled down south after his retirement, living in the Yorkshire area, though in recent years he faced a battle with illness.

FIRST GOAL

Based on the south side of Glasgow, Pollok Juniors have always had a reputation as being one of the best clubs of their kind in Scotland. Of the many players who represented Pollok and went on to play in the senior game, few have achieved as much as Bobby Collins. Raised in Polmadie, Collins split his football affections between Celtic, Rangers and Third Lanark. He maintains he was simply in love with football and had no real favourites in the game. He just liked watching good players.

Born on February 16, 1931, Bobby was a regular at Celtic Park, Cathkin Park and Ibrox during the early 1940s, but had also developed a talent for the game himself. Despite his diminutive frame - Bobby peaked at 5ft 4in - junior clubs started to show an interest in this tigerish young forward from Polmadie and Bobby opted





for Pollok. It soon became abundantly clear that senior clubs were keeping tabs on Collins and Merseyside seemed his next destination. At 17, he travelled down to Liverpool to meet with Everton, who showed real interest. Collins seemed to have made his mind up that Goodison Park was his best option.

Then came a twist. Bobby suddenly had a change of heart. He wasn't sure whether Everton was the right club for him but was on the verge of taking the plunge when Jimmy McGrory made an approach and asked Collins to sign for Celtic. Everton and Celtic went to war over his signature.

Two giants of the game were both determined to get their man and eventually Celtic triumphed, although Collins had to serve a six-week suspension for his role in the transfer battle. Everton officials, bitter at the public knockback, claimed: "He's not big enough anyway".

He eventually made his Celtic debut in a 3-2 League Cup win over Rangers on August 13, 1949. It was a huge occasion for the teenager but he was instrumental in Celtic's win, giving Rangers defender Jock "Tiger" Shaw a torrid time. Bobby's Celtic career was off and running in the best possible fashion and his first goal arrived against Motherwell on October 3, 1949. Celtic won 2-1 at Fir Park that day and Bobby's goal would be the first of many in green and white. He made an instant impact but Celtic would end the season with nothing to show for their efforts.

100th GOAL

Bobby Collins' Celtic career had just months remaining when he scored his 100th goal for the club. It came against St Mirren at Love Street on March 8, 1958, in a 1-1 draw and was a deserved milestone for a talented, brave and committed forward. It also sat perfectly alongside the trophies he had won for Celtic, even if his own huge personal contribution seemed out of place next to the few team medals he got his hands on.

Collins' first major honour for Celtic came in 1951 when he helped the club win the Scottish Cup. Bobby's 15 goals made him Celtic's top league scorer that season and he also scored twice in the cup run that ended with a 1-0 win over Motherwell at Hampden. On cup final day, he played inside-right and formed a dangerous partnership with Jock Weir. Despite his early days as a wide man, Bobby would prosper as an inside-right for Celtic.

He excelled in the 1953 Coronation Cup win as Celtic beat Britain's best in some style and helped Celtic to the double in 1954, although a prolonged injury absence robbed him of a place in the cup final side against Aberdeen. "I'd been out for 10 weeks through injury, so I couldn't complain at being left out," said Collins, who sadly never played even a minute of that triumphant cup run.

With Celtic struggling to make an impact in the league after that double-winning season, the League Cup



Right: Bobby Collins (left) and Willie Traame doing a bit of heading practice.

provided some welcome solace for Collins and his team-mates. He played in the 7-1 win over Rangers in 1957, just 12 months after scoring as Celtic beat Partick Thistle 3-0 in a League Cup final replay. Hampden in the Sun, then, proved to Collins' Celtic swansong. The 100-goal milestone would come and several more goals would follow, but Collins left Celtic with plenty of spaces in his trophy cabinet. It's a shame, for he deserved to win more silverware.

LAST GOAL

It's a unique Celtic anecdote, but one that sums up the unique history of the club. In 1958, Celtic wanted to refurbish the club's home stadium. They wanted new floodlights - the biggest in the world apparently. They needed money to do all this, so a decision was made. Bobby Collins would be sold to Everton. These claims have never been fully substantiated and never probably will, but there is no doubt that Collins' departure owed much to the need for extra finance at the club. For those in charge, it seemed a good business decision. Football-wise, it was disastrous.

Collins was a bona fide superstar. His subsequent exploits with Everton and Leeds United proved this fact on a grand scale. He was one of the best players in Britain between the mid-1950s and mid-1960s. Sadly, the Celtic players and supporters were robbed of his talents for the bulk of that period. "I had just finished a game of golf when I was told that Celtic had been looking for me and I was to phone Jimmy McGrory," said Collins, when asked about the reasons for his Celtic departure. "So I phoned him and he said 'Everton want to buy you, so you can go'. Simple as that."

Why would Celtic let him go? It wasn't for his football ability, so it must have been financially-motivated.

Collins was in his prime at that point. He had scored his 100th goal for Celtic in March 1958. Even with the summer break, he had added another 17 to his tally by September, when he departed for Everton. In the month that preceded his exit, he scored seven times, including one against Rangers in a 2-2 league draw.

His last Celtic goal came on September 10, 1958, in a 2-0 League Cup win over Cowdenbeath, the team he regularly trained with in the early 1950s. Collins would be gone within 48 hours of that match.

Everton, happy to get over their bitterness from a decade previously, were thrilled to have Collins in their squad at last and he helped the Goodison Park men avoid relegation as he took to the English game like a natural. He stayed on Merseyside for close to four years, before finding a new home at Elland Road. Leeds were in dire straits at this point, but Collins became an iconic figure at Elland Road as he helped revive their fortunes. Don Revie's side were a force to be reckoned with in the 1960s and Collins led from the front, from the very start of that era.

Revie called him 'the professionals' professional' and when he was voted Footballer of the Year in 1965, those Celtic directors who allowed Collins to leave seven years earlier must have looked on sheepishly. Collins is a Celtic great, but should have been allowed to achieve so much more.



Collins captained Leeds United in the 1965 FA Cup final against Liverpool

HIGHS AND LOWS

So much has been written about Celtic's 7-1 win over Rangers in the 1957 League Cup final that you don't always know what to believe. Bobby Collins played in that match, but his contribution has since been labelled as both "peripheral" and "magnificent". What's the right answer?

The man himself seems happy with his display. "I never scored in that game, although I hit the bar a couple of times and I set up a few," said Collins. "Remember too, I had scored in a few of the previous rounds and you have to win them before you get to the final." He makes a good point.

That historic cup final win was the major highlight from Collins' Celtic career but he also thrived in the famous Coronation Cup victory in 1953. Held to mark the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, Celtic upset the odds to reach the final at Hampden against a gifted Hibernian side. Given that the likes of Arsenal, Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur were involved, it's safe to say the 'Battle of the Greens' from Glasgow and Edinburgh was not exactly the cup final the organisers envisaged when the idea for the tournament was floated.



Whatever the case, Collins relished the chance to showcase his talents on the big. His dynamite size four boots helped him score direct from a corner in a 1-0 win over English champions Arsenal, while Manchester United were beaten 2-1. In the final against Hibs, Neilly Mochan and Jimmy Walsh were on target as Celtic, with Jock Stein in the squad, won 2-0. If the leading English clubs never knew much about Collins before that tournament, they did afterwards.

The several trophies acted as major highlights for Collins, especially the 1953/54 title, but there were real low points as well, with the 1955 Scottish Cup final replay against Clyde being the nadir. Celtic drew the original match 1-1 and Collins had played 90 minutes. Yet, when the team was named for the replay, Collins was conspicuous by his absence. No explanation was given, but it's understood that the Celtic board felt Collins had been too aggressive when charging Clyde goalkeeper Ken Hawkins, who towered above him, and decided to remove him from the team. It was hardly an inspired decision as Clyde won the replay.

"I remember meeting my Dad outside Hampden, he asked me what was up and I told him I'd been dropped from the side," recalled Collins. "He was all for going

Bobby in action during his Everton days



away from the game but I insisted we stay and watch it. Clyde ended up winning 1-0. I do remember that one newspaper report said that I'd played very well for Celtic in the replay, even though I was sitting in the stand watching. It was nice of them all the same."

AND ANOTHER THING...

Bobby Collins finished as Celtic's top league scorer in 1950/51 and 1951/52. In the latter season, he was an ever-present in the league for Celtic. During his Celtic career, he scored three hat-tricks, including a trio of penalties against Aberdeen in September 1953. During his Celtic career, Bobby often took the spot-kicks and, given that the power of his shot was legendary, he rarely gave goalkeepers a chance with his penalties.

His Scotland career was quite unique. He went on to make 31 appearances and score 10 goals, but there were large periods of inactivity. Collins won three caps in 1950 but then had to wait five years for his next appearance. He was then a regular in the Scotland side between 1955 and 1959, before being shunned until 1965 when he was recalled for a few games. However, Collins did score for Scotland in the 1958 World Cup against Paraguay.

He played for 24 years in the senior game and also played for Bury, Oldham and Shamrock Rovers in the final days of his career. Naturally, he had success and was respected at each of those clubs. When you add in

his days in the Junior game, Bobby played at a high level for over a quarter of a century.

He moved into the coaching and management circles and had spells with Huddersfield, Hull City and Barnsley. After a spell coaching in Australia, Collins returned to Leeds to become part of the youth set-up in the 1970s.

Collins also played for Morton in the closing years of his career and scored in his last game against Rangers at Ibrox. The Greenock side won 2-0 and Collins relished the chance to score against his old rivals.

In 1965, Bobby made an emotional return to Scotland as guest of honour at the Celtic Supporters' Association rally. He was greeted by a standing ovation from the thousands in attendance. Although he had supported Third Lanark as a boy and had attended Celtic and Rangers matches, he developed a strong bond with the supporters, who never forgot his talents.

Former team-mate and Lisbon Lion, Bertie Auld summed up the thoughts of many when he said: "Whenever Celtic supporters recall great stars from the '50s, they nominate the Wee Barra. The term 'legend' is used far too much these days, but not in the case of Bobby Collins, both as a team player and as an individual. His name is up there with the very best, and I know it's the same at both Everton and Leeds United where he was just as sensational. Bobby Collins could have graced a team in any era; he was one of British football's greatest stars."

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LISBON LION'S TRIBUTE TO THE WEE BARRA



BERTIE Auld paid tribute to Bobby Collins, describing his friend and former Celtic team-mate as 'among the very best players ever to have worn the Hoops.'

The former Celt passed away last Monday at the age of 82 after a long battle with illness. A legendary figure with both Celtic and Leeds United, the man

nicknamed 'The Wee Barra' played 320 times for the club, scoring 117 goals between 1948-58.

And Lisbon Lion Bertie, who joined Celtic for the first time in 1955, considers himself lucky to have played alongside Collins and other club legends such as Charlie Tully, Bobby Evans, Willie Fernie and Neilly Mochan.

"Bobby Collins was such a big player," Bertie said. "Whenever you talk about any era, The Wee Barra would have been there. He had so much quality and passion. He was larger than life. He was about five foot, five, but he was a giant.

"He was somebody you looked up to at all times. He had a tremendous passion for every sport that he wanted to play. I've never seen anybody coming off the park so elated or depressed after a game.

"The amount of effort he showed, whether in the game or in training, was there for all to see and I can't speak highly enough about him.

"I was so lucky because in that era I played with Bobby Evans, Charlie Tully, Willie Fernie, Neilly Mochan, the McPhail brothers and The Wee Barra. There was an abundance of talent, yet they didn't win an awful lot. Unfortunately, back then it wasn't always the best team that went on the park."

After a decade at Celtic, Collins was transferred to Everton in 1958, and Bertie Auld revealed that he could have joined his fellow Celt at Goodison.

"I was to get transferred to Everton with Bobby Collins. He was going for £24,000 and I was getting sold for £15,000 but I just said I wasn't going."

And the friendship fostered at Celtic Park back in the 1950s was something that remained after both men had finally hung up their boots.

"I met Bobby a few times in Majorca after we'd both

stopped playing - he'd be there with his family and I'd be there with mine - and we'd have a few nights out," said Bertie.

"The word 'legend' comes very easily nowadays, but he was so special. Everything about him was geared to be a star. The way he conducted himself on and off the park - on the park he was hard as nails - the way he spoke to everyone, the way he dressed, and he had that love of football - he was very like Jinky in that respect.

"I met the likes of Billy Bremner, Peter Lorimer, the Gray brothers, and they never stopped talking about Bobby Collins, and he was the foundation of Leeds United's success under Don Revie.

"Bobby Collins up there among the very best players ever to have played for Celtic."





Bobby Collins 1931-2014
'Oh Hampden in the Sun'



NEW BHOY CHECKS IN

Norwegian **Stefan Johansen** is the latest signing to join Celtic

Exclusive Interview: Laura Brannan

THEY say age is just a number but it's not quite the same story when it comes to what is printed on the back of a football strip.

Squad numbers hold prestige and tradition, and at Celtic there are certain numbers that also go hand-in-hand with both responsibility and expectation. No.25 is one of them.

Having been the number on the back of legends, Lubo Moravcik and Shunsuke Nakamura in the past, a degree of pressure naturally travels with the shirt. But new owner of the number, Stefan Johansen, isn't daunted by the big shoes he has to fill.

He's aware of the history but won't let that impact on his arrival in Paradise. Instead, he wants to show the Celtic support what he can do, and hopes to eventually make a name for himself, regardless of what number sits between his shoulders.

"It's an important number, I know that," he told the official matchday programme, "But I want to be my own player who can continuously improve, do my best and succeed. I'm looking forward to wearing it.

"But most of all, I'm looking forward to wearing the Celtic jersey because it's a very important thing for me.

"I'm a passing player, a possession player, but I'm also a winner - I like to win, so the culture here is perfect for me and Celtic are a team who always try to play football so I think it will be a perfect match."

The attacking midfielder knows his new squad is full of talent, and doesn't expect to walk into the starting XI, but feels he has what it takes to compete with them for a place.

"In good teams there is always competition and that's how it should be," he continued. "It was like that in Norway but Celtic are one of the biggest clubs in Europe, so of course the competition is on a bigger scale. We all want to play so I will be working hard in training.

"I hope I can show why they wanted to sign me, I like the way Celtic play football. It's my type of football

so I want to improve, become a better player, and add something to their play.

"I hope I will play as soon as possible as well. It's been a while since I played a match but I have been doing my work in the vacation, did some training with Stromsgodset, and came straight from training with the national team in Abu Dhabi. The fitness tests weren't too bad so I hope it won't be too long before I play."

The 23-year-old has never been to Scotland before, and missed out playing against the national side in November, but he has watched Celtic in action and knows what to expect.

He is ready to adapt his style of play to suit the game here, and with a new three-and-a-half-year deal to look forward to, he expects to be constantly learning and progressing on the job.

"I've watched some games," he said. "Obviously when I heard that Celtic were interested in me I watched a few more games, but I've seen many of the Champions League games on TV and it looked fantastic.

"The league is better in Scotland, and there are no clubs in Norway who are as good as Celtic, but the type of football is quite similar. They have the passion, but this is very many steps up."

When Celtic came calling in December, the Norwegian internationalist was on holiday in Thailand. But once he heard about their interest it naturally didn't take long for him to get to ball rolling.

"I talked with some of the guys in the national team and they all said that Glasgow is fantastic, the fans are unbelievable and the club is one of the biggest in the world so it was a pretty easy choice," Johansen explained.

"I'm looking forward to playing at Celtic Park. Celtic fans are known everywhere as being the best in the world so I'm looking forward to playing for them, and I hope I can give something back to them, and keep on winning trophies with Celtic.

“When you’re young, you just dream about something like this happening. The club is so big so it’s an unbelievable feeling to be here.”

“As a Norwegian youngster, you dream about playing for the national team and also for a big club in Europe, and now I have the chance to achieve both of these things, so I’m very happy.”

Johansen becomes the fourth Norwegian player to join Celtic, behind Harald Brattbakk, Vidar Riseth and Thomas Rogne and hopes to become a fans’ favourite over the coming years.

“I don’t know the other Norwegians personally,” he said. “Well, I know Thomas from playing with Norway’s Under-21s. The other two are a bit older than me but they are famous in Norway because leaving to play for such a big club makes them big personalities.”



UNBEATEN RUN

THE Hoops go into this afternoon’s match searching for their 10th consecutive Scottish Premiership win against Motherwell, which would ultimately stretch their unbeaten run in the league this season to 21 games.

It’s a stat which has impressed new signing, Stefan Johansen, and he hopes to work his way into the side as soon as possible so he can help maintain, and be a part, of their incredible their run of form.

“It’s pretty amazing,” he said. “They are leading the league by many points but you have to keep working hard.”

“The main thing is to stay at 100 per cent, prepare hard and be ready for all the games coming up. If you are unbeaten it should be a trigger to remain unbeaten for the whole season.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

HE may never have set foot in Scotland before he touched down at the start of the week, but since Johansen finalised talks with Celtic and put pen to paper, he’s been impressed with his new surroundings.

“So far it’s been very good,” he said. “I had dinner with my agent before I signed, I walked around the shops and the people seem very kind. The city looks fantastic. You can see around the city and by the press that this is a big club.”

The 23-year-old has been rapidly gathering Twitter followers since becoming a Bhoys and has already experienced being recognised on the streets. But it’s something he is looking forward to happening even more in the future.

“I have had a few fans ask me for pictures and of course I will do that because it’s important to give something back to the fans,” he said. “They are the ones supporting you every weekend so you have to give them something back.”



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LEAGUE CUP

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

Our cover today comes from an old Glasgow derby when Celtic hosted Rangers in a League Cup sectional game on

Saturday, August 25, 1973. The 12-page programme cost all of 5p and contains an advert for the 3p *Celtic View*.

Ahead of today's game we take a trip down memory lane back to 1973.

So enjoy a few pages from that 1973 match programme.

JOCK STEIN says...

Our League Cup section games have so far produced a 100% record and that is something about which we can be reasonably happy. Today's match with Rangers is only of academic interest so far as the League Cup qualifying stage goes but it will nevertheless be a very important encounter from a prestige point of view.

Last week's tussle at Ibrox produced an exciting match and overall could be classed as one of the better games involving the two teams. Considering the way the teams played it was tragic to see a hard fought but sporting game spoiled as a spectacle by the sickening scenes produced by crowd misbehaviour.

Returning to the match itself, both teams had good chances and scorned them until the closing stages of the game when our two quick goals put the issue beyond doubt. I hope today's match produces as good a game as that of last week.

Both clubs may have qualified for the next stage of the League Cup but a win is still a win in an 'Old Firm' match and this will ensure a competitive game.

Whilst on the subject of the League Cup I sincerely hope the two teams qualifying from each section rule is changed at the end of the season.

Reflected

The competition has lost its competitive edge and this is being reflected by the attendances on the terracing.

Apart from that there is something wrong with a cup competition in which a club can conceivably be beaten three times by opponents and still win through with one victory.

The directors and officials of The Celtic Football Club take this opportunity to congratulate the Rangers Football Club on achieving their centenary in Scottish football.



This situation could come about if a team was beaten twice in sectional games and in the first leg of the quarter final and then produced a second leg win big enough to win on aggregate.

The fact that Celtic and Rangers were drawn together gave our section some interest but there will be little to attract and excite football followers on Wednesday night when the majority of games will have no bearing on qualification for the next stage of the League Cup Competition.

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Celtic	4	4	0	0	8	3	8
Rangers	4	3	0	1	9	4	6
Arbroath	4	1	0	3	5	8	2
Falkirk	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

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Celtic and Rangers Matches in League Cup Tournament

It's a remarkable fact that since 1947-48 the 'Old Firm' clubs have been drawn in the same section of the League Cup no fewer than twelve times. Indeed on two occasions, twenty years apart, they have been paired in the same section of the competition three seasons in succession—1947-48-1949-50—and again from 1967-68-1969-70.

Apart from sectional matches they have faced each other in five League Cup finals and once in the semi-final of the tournament. Altogether they have played 29 games in the competition including last Saturday's game at Ibrox of which Celtic have won 16—Rangers have won 11 and two have resulted in draws.

The two clubs have previously met eleven times at Celtic Park in League Cup matches and not one of these games failed to produce an outright win. As a matter of fact Rangers have only managed three victories at Celtic Park in the tournament and the last one was in 1963.

Looking back on the clashes of the two clubs we find that two games, eleven years apart saw squandered penalty kick chances by both clubs. The first game was in August 1956 and the team line-ups were as follows:—

Celtic—Beattie, Haughney and Fallon, Evans, Jack and Peacock, Higgins and Collins, McPhail, Fernie and Tully.

Rangers—Niven, Shearer and Little, McColl, Young and Rae, Scott and Simpson, Murray, Baird and Hubbard.

Celtic were on top early in the match but they were unable to turn their out-field superiority in to goals until the 34th minute when a glancing headed pass from Billy McPhail was quickly despatched to the net by Bobby Collins.

Rangers fought back and just before the interval Max Murray scored from close in to equalise the Celtic counter.

In the 65th minute came the penalty incident when George Young floored John Higgins in the box. Mike Haughney took the kick but blasted his shot over the bar. All was forgiven ten minutes later, however, when Charlie Tully scored with a cleverly lofted shot over George Niven's outstretched hands. Celtic's 2-1 victory helped them to win the section and they went on to lift the trophy for the first time beating Partick Thistle in the final by 3-0 after a 0-0 draw.

The occasion of the Rangers missed penalty was in August 1967 and the teams in that game were:—

Celtic—Simpson, Craig and Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill and Clark, Johnstone and Wallace, Chalmers, Auld and Lennox.

Rangers—Sorenson, Johanson and Provan, Jardine, McKinnon and Greig, Henderson and Penman, Ferguson, D. Smith and Johnston.

Rangers took the lead after only eight minutes with a goal scored by Willie Henderson. Despite wave after wave of Celtic pressure the Ibrox

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BHOYS HAVE A DOUBLE

The Hoops lost this League Cup game but they had already beaten Rangers at Ibrox and both sides qualified from the section. The teams met again in the semi-final and Celtic won 3-1 with Harry Hood scoring all three Hoops goals.

Unfortunately, in a dismal final, Celtic lost 1-0 to Dundee but they lifted their NINTH successive championship and also lifted the Scottish Cup by beating Dundee United 3-0.



1973... THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

Celtic may have been electrifying on the pitch but 1973 was the year that the three-day week was introduced and worries about petrol shortages eventually led to power cuts.

It was, however, the year of Slade and the Bover Boys from Wolverhampton went straight in at No.1 in the singles charts three times that year - a feat unheard of since the days of The Beatles.

The songs were, *Cum On Feel The Noize*, *Skweeze Me Pleeze Me* and *Merry Xmas Everybody* but, unfortunately, on the day of this programme, the No.1 was *Young Love* by Donny Osmond - who wasn't a Bover Boy from Wolverhampton.

TEAMS AND OFFICIALS FOR TODAY'S GAME

Scottish League Champions (28 times)
1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973.
Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)
1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970.

CELTIC

(Goal)

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JOHNSTONE
McLAUGHLIN
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LENNON
HOOD
CALLAGHAN
HAY
LYNCH

Referee:

J. R. P. GORDON
(Newspaper Day)

Liaison:

T. T. GRAY
(Glasgow)
J. RANNERMAN
(Kilmarnock)

RANGERS

(Goal)

McCLROY
ZARGONE
MATHIESON
GREG
JOHNSTONE
FORSYTH
SMITH
McLEAN
CONN
SCOTT
FARLANE
McDONALD
MURIE
YOUNG

Scottish Cup

Winners (22 times)

1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972.

European Cup

1967.

Continental Cup

1955.

Empire Exhibition Cup

1958.

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

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Celtic and Rangers Matches in League Cup Tournament (cont'd)

team retained their slender lead and then, with only 14 minutes remaining Henderson was tripped in the box and Rangers were awarded a penalty kick.

Kai Johanson took the kick and cracked the ball against the Celtic bar.

It proved a costly miss for the Light Blues because in the remaining 13 minutes Wallace, Murdoch and Lennox scored to win the match for Celtic and sew up the section.

Celtic went on to win the League Cup that year defeating Dundee 5-3 in the Hampden final.

THE OLD FIRM LEAGUE CUP RESULTS

1947-48 Section	Rangers 2 Celtic 0
1948-49 Section	Rangers 2 Celtic 1
1949-50 Section	Rangers 2 Celtic 0
1951-52 S. Final (Hampden)	Rangers 3 Celtic 0
1955-56 Section	Rangers 1 Celtic 4
1956-57 Section	Rangers 0 Celtic 0
1957-58 Final (Hampden)	Celtic 2 Rangers 1
1960-61 Section	Rangers 2 Celtic 1

1963-64 Section	Rangers 3 Celtic 0
1964-65 Final	Celtic 0 Rangers 3
1965-66 Final (Hampden)	Rangers 2 Celtic 1
1966-67 Final (Hampden)	Celtic 2 Rangers 1
1967-68 Section	Celtic 1 Rangers 0
1968-69 Section	Rangers 1 Celtic 1
1969-70 Section	Rangers 3 Celtic 1
1970-71 Final (Hampden)	Rangers 1 Celtic 0
1971-72 Section	Rangers 0 Celtic 3
1973-74 Section	Celtic 2 Rangers 0
	Rangers 1 Celtic 2



Kenny Dalglish scores against Rangers in Celtic's 'home' game at Ibrox in 1971. Both League Cup sectional games were played at Ibrox because the new stand development at Celtic Park was incomplete.



DUTCH OF CLASS

Pierre van Hooijdonk was a sensation when he joined the Hoops in 1995 and he immediately became a fans' favourite

Words: Laura Brannan

LAST Saturday marked a whole 19 years since Pierre van Hooijdonk made his Celtic debut but in the words of the Dutchman himself, "When I talk about it, it feels like yesterday, but if I watch it, it looks like 30 years ago."

The striker came in with a bang - scoring just 12 minutes into his debut against Hearts in the league. Unfortunately his opening night was marred by a second-half equaliser from the visitors, but he still has special memories from that evening at Hampden, and the two-and-a-half seasons that followed.

Looking back almost two decades to the time he spent in Glasgow, van Hooijdonk spoke exclusively to the matchday programme. And with his many different involvements in football, he's still taking a keen interest in what goes on in the Scottish game.

Taking you back 19 years, to January 11, 1995, do you remember your debut against Hearts?

Yes, of course. It was a cold Wednesday evening and we were playing Hearts. The game was played at Hampden because all the games were played there at that time. I think it was a long ball from Mike Galloway that I received, I did some twisting and turning, which wasn't particularly my speciality, but

it all worked out well and I finished with one of my best goals at Celtic. It went right into the top corner.

What was it like coming into Celtic but having to play at Hampden because of the stadium renovation?

For me playing at Hampden was already great because I came from a very small club in Holland. Playing in the national stadium, one that was much bigger than what I was used to, for me was a great experience. I had nothing else to compare it to. Everyone kept telling me that the atmosphere wasn't as good as it would be at Celtic Park when we returned, but for me it was great.

Scoring a goal so soon is what strikers' dreams are made of. Did you sense the fans warming to you quickly?

I scored after 12 minutes and to do that on your debut is a very big confidence-booster. The crowd always expects a lot from any new striker so if you score after just 12 minutes then it takes the pressure off for at least a month! They probably thought they had signed a new Ronaldo after that goal! The good thing about it was that it was a good goal as it was a big difference from a tap-in so I think the supporters were thinking 'This guy isn't a bad player.' It helped me settle in and took a lot of pressure off me for the coming games.

What was it like in terms of settling into Celtic, was it quite an easy process?

It was quite easy because the players were all nice, good guys, who made me feel very welcome, very quickly. Three days after my debut I had another game so we had a very busy schedule. When you have to play three games in a week you go from one game to another and you don't have time to get bored.

Did the club live up to your expectations after you signed?

I didn't know a lot about the club at the time, I only knew some of the history, like they had won the European Cup and had lost another final to Feyenoord a few years later. That was all I really knew because we didn't see anything from the Scottish leagues in Holland. It was difficult to know what to expect because of that. The size of the club really caught me by surprise, you only realise when you are playing for the club, but to be really honest I don't think you will know how big the club is until you retire. I've been travelling quite a bit and wherever you go people know the club, there are Celtic fans everywhere.

How long was it until you got the chance to play at Celtic Park?

It was only half-a-season because we moved back in the summer.



> We only had the two main stands though, there were temporary stands behind the goals. The players kept saying 'Wait 'til you go back to Celtic Park, the atmosphere is unreal', and of course it was a big difference compared to Hampden Park, but it still wasn't right. You could see the shape it was going to be but it didn't look very nice because the North Stand was so big, and behind the goals were so small. That lost some of the atmosphere a bit.

Did you ever play inside the new Celtic Park once it had been finalised?

A stand was built behind one of the goals during that season but it wasn't completed until after my Celtic career was over. As a Celtic player I never got the chance to play in the completed stadium, which was unfortunate, but many years later I played there for Feyenoord. We had a friendly for the Lisbon Lions at Celtic Park and that was my first experience playing in the new stadium.

What was it like playing under Tommy Burns?

I enjoyed it because after I left Celtic I came across two really old-fashioned English managers. Tommy was my first, let's say, UK manager. He was so far in front of

these old-fashioned guys I had at Nottingham Forest, he was open-minded and was going to other countries to watch other coaches taking training sessions. It was all to help himself improve. He was one of the lads as well, he would laugh and joke with you but on the other hand he could really stand above you and be dominant. He's one of these guys you just know is a nice person even without speaking to him - and within about two minutes of actually speaking to him you knew you were right.

How did it feel to be a part of a squad boasting so much talent, but never managing to actually win the league title?

The only silverware we won was the Scottish Cup, but we didn't win the league unfortunately. It's weird when you think about it because we only lost one game and drew 11, yet we still ended up four points behind Rangers. That makes it difficult to accept, although in those days Rangers had a strong team. We really enjoyed how we were playing football, we had good foreign players but also good Scottish players like Jackie McNamara and John Hughes. Tommy Burns transformed the team in a very short period and made us a very enjoyable team to watch, and play for.

What are you doing with yourself these days, have you stayed in the game?

I am coaching the reserve team of Feyenoord as well as working for the Dutch FA. I have some projects in Africa and South America with them. I am on the television for the Dutch league, and another channel for the Champions League matches. I'm also co-owner of a sneaker brand - Gino-b. It's a brand that's closer to fashion than sports. I am the co-owner and there are four of us, I have been busy with that - I go to Berlin and then Munich for fairs this month.

Have you stayed in contact with any of your former team-mates?

I have stayed in touch with Malky Mackay, Simon Donnelly, Jackie McNamara, Jorge Cadete, Peter Grant and John Collins. I have been working closely with Jackie and Simon at Dundee United, and that was because of John Collins actually. I am looking after Nadir Ciftci, so I got in touch with Jackie last summer because John Collins had told me he was short on strikers. I told him I was looking for a club for Nadir Ciftci, he passed on the number I got in touch with Jackie and he asked to bring him on trial. He's done well since signing and that makes it even better, I would not throw away my reputation by selling Jackie a poor player. He took Nadir on trial because he trusts me, he believes in me and he knows I am not taking him for a ride. It worked out well for the player, myself and Jackie too. His team is doing well and they play some decent football.

Have you managed to also keep up to date with Celtic recently?

I have seen some games, some Champions League games, but it's difficult for me sometimes. Celtic did really well to qualify for the Champions League this season, they have been there for a while now and people are starting to think it is normal for them to qualify. But that isn't the case, it was a good job by Neil Lennon to get through, because you have to play early in the season, often against teams who've already been playing for weeks and months.



FAITHFUL THROUGH AND THROUGH

Sean Fallon's contribution to the Celtic cause was pivotal to the club's success

IT was one year ago today, on January 18, 2013, that Celtic lost one of his greatest sons with the passing of Sean Fallon.

There was sadness within the Celtic family, though in looking back on his extraordinary life, there was also immense gratitude for his incredible contribution to the club over many, many years.

Of course, Sean's passing was felt most keenly by his family, and today our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Myra, his children and grandchildren.

And on this day, we look back at just a few of the many highlights of the Irishman's career, remaining, as always, grateful for all that Sean Fallon did for his beloved Celtic Football Club.

CELTIC DEBUT

Ever since he was told the Celtic story by the son of Jimmy McMenemy in Sligo as a boy, Sean Fallon had a dream - that dream was to wear the green and white of Celtic. He freely admitted that he was never the most gifted of footballers but what he lacked in natural talent he made up for in drive, commitment and desire. His impressive display in a match for the Irish League against the League of Ireland persuaded Celtic to bring him to Glasgow. On April, 15, 1950, he fulfilled that lifelong ambition by making his Hoops debut in a 2-2 draw away to Clyde. This was a proud moment in Sean Fallon's life. There would be many more highlights to follow.

FIRST TROPHY

Sean had already achieved one dream by wearing the green and white Hoops but within his first year with the club he also won his first winner's medal. In the post-war years, Celtic had struggled to challenge for silverware and in 1948 they had actually come perilously close to relegation, preserving their top-flight status through a last-day win over Dundee. But three years later, helped by Sean's never-say-die spirit, they had the chance to get their hands on a trophy again in the 1951 Scottish Cup final. The Irishman starred





at right-back at Hampden as Celtic finally gave their long-suffering fans something to celebrate with a 1-0 victory over Motherwell. A Celtic player and in possession of a Scottish Cup winner's medal, Sean had accomplished another of his lifelong goals.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL GOAL

Sean Fallon made 254 appearances and scored 14 goals for Celtic during his illustrious eight-year playing career. For the most, the Irishman operated in a defensive role, but Sean would have played anywhere for the club he loved - and he often did, always offering the same commitment and determination. In the 1953/54 double-winning season, that type of fighting spirit saw the now Celtic captain break a collarbone in a game against Hearts in October - incredibly, he came back on the field to play the remainder of the match in a sling! However, by the time of the Scottish Cup final against Aberdeen, Celtic's 'Iron Man' had returned to full fitness and he was tasked with spearheading the Hoops attack against the Dons. With the score tied at 1-1, the Sligo Bhoy emerged as the hero by firing home the winner with 27 minutes remaining in front of 130,000 fans at Hampden.

A PROUD IRISHMAN

Although Sean Fallon was fiercely proud to play for his beloved Celtic he was also a proud Irishman and represented his country on eight occasions. In another example of his versatility, he starred five times for Ireland as a full-back and three times as a striker. In one of these instances, he was on target in an international match against France at Dalymount Park, Dublin in 1952, firing home in the 20th minute.

HAMPDEN IN THE SUN

Celtic weren't even regarded as favourites for the 1957 League Cup final, so their 7-1 rout of their great rivals stunned Scottish football. It had taken the Hoops 11 attempts before they had lifted the trophy in the previous year, having struggled to even qualify from the group section during the initial years of the competition. Sean, who was now approaching the end of his playing career, started that game at full-back and will go down on folklore as one of the 11 heroes who humiliated the Ibrox side in the Hampden sun. He would retire from the game the following year but Sean certainly went out for a bang, and 10 years later he would be assistant manager for another momentous moment in Celtic history. This time the venue would be Lisbon.



THE PERFECT DOUBLE ACT

In 1958, injury finally got the better of Sean and forced him to call time on his playing days but it was far from the end of his association with Celtic, becoming an important member of the coaching staff. When Robert Kelly decided to bring Jock Stein to Paradise in 1965, the initial proposal was that Stein would act as Sean Fallon's assistant. However, Stein would only return on condition that he would be number one with complete authority over all team matters. The Celtic chairman eventually relented and offered Stein the job, and the first thing that the new manager did was ask Sean, who was Jock Stein's great friend in the Celtic dressing room during his playing days, to be his assistant. It was a potent partnership which transformed Celtic into the dominant force in Scotland and to European success 1967. Sean never aired any disappointment at this decision, stating once again that he was happy to serve 'my club' in any role he was asked.

THE LIONS OF LISBON

May 25, 1967 remains the greatest day in the history of Celtic Football Club as the team from the East End of Glasgow became the Kings of Europe. The 11 men who faced Inter Milan in the Estadio Nacional in Lisbon were all born within a 30-mile radius of Celtic Park, and they were about to create football history. Jock Stein, with Sean Fallon alongside him, had produced a team which, in Stein's words, would win the European Cup by 'playing football; pure, beautiful, inventive football'. It was the pinnacle of a glorious managerial partnership that would also see the club secure nine league titles in a row.

TALENT SPOTTER

Although Jock Stein oversaw the construction for the most successful-ever Celtic sides, his trusty second-in-command, Sean Fallon, was the man who put the pillars of these teams in place. During his near 20 years on the Celtic coaching staff, he was responsible for recruiting some of the greatest names to have graced Paradise, including several of the Lisbon Lions and many of the 'Quality Street Gang'. He organised a vast scouting network which was able to unearth the brightest young talent around the country. Fallon's powers of persuasion were legendary and even those who weren't fans of the club were enticed to choose to become a Bhoy. Among the players that the Irishman signed for Celtic were Tommy Gemmell, Lou Macari, Davie Hay, George Connelly, Kenny Dalglish, Danny McGrain and Pat Bonner. His contribution to Celtic's success during this period was invaluable.

Words: Joe Sullivan



JAN 18

On This Day

1896

Celtic's first game on this day didn't produce a great result as, despite goals from Dan Doyle and Sandy McMahon, the side lost 4-2 to Queen's Park in the Scottish Cup first round in 1896. A massive 28,000 fans, Celtic's biggest crowd to date, took in the game and there was celebration that season as the Celts won their third championship from the six that had been played so far.

1919

On this day in 1919, the Hoops were on their way to their sixth title in a row and a visit from St Mirren did little to stop them. Goals from Adam McLean, Andy McAtee, Hugh Brown (his only goal for the club) and Patsy Gallacher gave the Celts a 4-0 win in front of a crowd on 16,000.

1930

The old Inverness Caledonian provided the opposition in a competitive game for the one and only occasion on this day in 1930. It was in the first round of the Scottish Cup up in the Highlands and a Jimmy McGrory double was added to by goals from Charlie Napier, Peter Wilson and Paddy Connolly plus an own goal for a 6-0 win.

1969

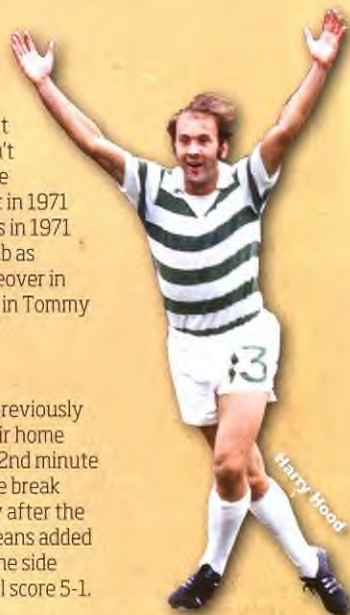
Dundee United hosted Celtic on this day in 1969 and Bobby Lennox opened the scoring in front of a 23,000 crowd in the 20th minute. The home side equalised with 10 minutes to go but John Hughes put Celtic back in front four minutes later and, a minute from time, Pat McMahon made it 3-1 for the champions.



Bobby Lennox

1973

It was on this day in 1973 that Lou Macari left Celtic to join Manchester United after scoring 57 goals in 102 games for the Hoops. He made his debut in 1967 but, like his Quality Street Gang peers, wasn't a regular until the advent of the '70s. He won league championship medals in 1970 and 1972, missing out in 1971 through a series of injuries, and Scottish Cup medals in 1971 and 1972. At the end of 1993, he returned to the club as manager and although he initially survived the takeover in March '94, Fergus McCann replaced him by bringing in Tommy Burns that close-season.



1975

On this day in 1975, Celtic visited Ayr United after previously beating them 5-3 in the East End of Glasgow. On their home patch, the Somerset Park side took the lead in the 32nd minute and that's the way it stood until a minute before the break when Stevie Murray equalised. Almost immediately after the break, Harry Hood put Celtic in front before Dixie Deans added another two in the 60th and 70th minutes. The home side kindly chipped in with an own goal to make the final score 5-1.

1997

In season 1996/97, Celtic recorded league scores of 5-0, 4-0, 4-1 and 3-1 against Hibernian and the third of those results occurred on this date. Pierre van Hooijdonk opened the scoring in the 21st minute as a crowd of 49,092 looked on at Celtic Park. Brian McLaughlin scored another three minutes before the break and van Hooijdonk struck again three minutes after the resumption of play. Kevin Harper pulled one back for the visitors in the 63rd minute but Jorge Cadete made it 4-1 just five minutes later.

2004

On their way to their third title in four years, Celtic visited Tynecastle on this day 10 years ago and came away with all three points following a 1-0 win. Stiliyan Petrov put Celtic ahead after 27 minutes when Henrik Larsson supplied the Bulgarian midfielder who cut inside from the right channel and speared a low shot under Craig Gordon and into the net.



AND ANOTHER THING...

It was on this day in 1964 that *I Want To Hold Your Hand* debuted at No.35 in the Billboard charts in America. It was the first of 29 Beatles songs to make that chart that year. It made No.1 and two months later The Beatles held all top five positions in the chart as well as having another seven singles in the chart and the top two LPs. A week later they had 14 songs in the singles chart. By the end of the year they had eight albums in the chart at the same time.

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2014 - A LANDMARK YEAR FOR CELTIC AND SCOTLAND

FOLLOWING a successful Double-winning 2013 – which incorporated Celtic's 125th anniversary season - 2014 promises to be another exciting year for Celtic, and for Scotland too, with a number of unique and momentous events taking place in the coming 12 months, many of which will highlight the global standing of our proud club.

Celtic are leading Scottish football on and off the field. This year, the Hoops will be striving to capture a third successive Scottish League Championship and are currently making very good progress in their bid to retain the title, having secured a commanding lead at the top of the Scottish Premiership as we enter the New Year.

The team have now completed their 20th league game of the season and with it have maintained an impressive unbeaten league record, with a total of 17 wins and three draws – Sunday's 4-0 victory over St Mirren being the club's ninth straight league win in succession. A total of 45 goals have been scored during that run, with just 12 conceded, as Neil Lennon's men continue to break records in their title drive.

The club are also focused on retaining the Scottish Cup – a trophy they have won a record 36 times – with the added incentive that this year's final will take place here at Celtic Park on May 17, 2014.

This event is one of many that Celtic 2014 will recognise as key events in a unique year for the club. The opportunity for Paradise to host the Scottish Cup final to

contest the world's oldest domestic football trophy comes about as a result of Hampden Park being renovated as it prepares to host the forthcoming Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

July and August will see Glasgow host the 20th Commonwealth Games as some 4,500 athletes will descend on the city to compete in 17 sports over 11 days of competition.

Over one million tickets will be sold for the events and Celtic Park will take centre-stage on Wednesday, July 23 when it proudly becomes the host venue for the opening ceremony.

Before the Games kick-off in Glasgow, some of Celtic's first-team squad will travel to be among the world's best footballers representing their countries at the FIFA World Cup finals in Brazil.

It's the ultimate honour for any player and once again, Celtic will be represented on the world stage by some of the many recognised internationalists who pull on the Hoops each week.

However, 2014 is a year when many of the world's top events will take place closer to home. The Commonwealth Games is just one of a number of world-renowned events that Scotland will host this year.

When golf's Ryder Cup takes place at Gleneagles in September, Celtic supporter Paul McGinley will captain the European team hoping to win the famous trophy for a third consecutive time.

Later in the year, the MTV European

Music Awards will arrive in Glasgow in November with a number of stars from the worlds of music and Hollywood who have previously declared their allegiances to Celtic expected to make an appearance at one of the most glamorous events of the year.

Rounding off a unique year in style, the club will be represented at BBC's Sports Personality of the Year Awards, taking place in Scotland for the first time at The Hydro in Glasgow.

Off the field we will continue to honour the charitable ambitions of the club's founding fathers through Celtic FC Foundation – and keep making a positive difference to the lives of so many people in need who are deserving of our support.

2014 will also see the completion of the eagerly-anticipated public realm works here at Celtic Park. These works will form the first stage of the redevelopment of the area around the stadium, as we provide our supporters around the world with a modern and dynamic new look to the entrance area of the stadium.

To stay on top of developments and further events as they are announced across this exciting year in prospect, visit www.celticfc.net/celtic2014 where we'll regularly be updating our supporters with all the latest news and information as Celtic get ready to play their part in some of the world's biggest events in the coming year.

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EASTERN PROMISE

Turkey trip proved a real winner for **Joe Chalmers** after injury

Exclusive Interview: Mark Henderson

CELTIC'S mid-season trip to Turkey was a worthwhile exercise for many members of the squad, but it proved particularly memorable for young defender Joe Chalmers. It was when he started playing football again.

The 20-year-old had been out of action for nine months, having gone under the knife for a hip injury before spending a long and frustrating period in rehab.

Enduring such a lengthy absence at an important time in his development was deeply disappointing for the full-back, and he also suffered several set-backs along the way to compound his gloom.

But, with the help of the club's physios and sports scientists, he persevered and remained positive. And, after getting a few weeks of training under his belt, he travelled to Turkey and finally pulled on the Hoops again, coming on as a substitute against both Trabzonspor and Galatasaray.

In the clash with Roberto Mancini's side, he replaced his close friend Marcus Fraser, who was making his comeback after spending an almost identical amount of time on the sidelines.

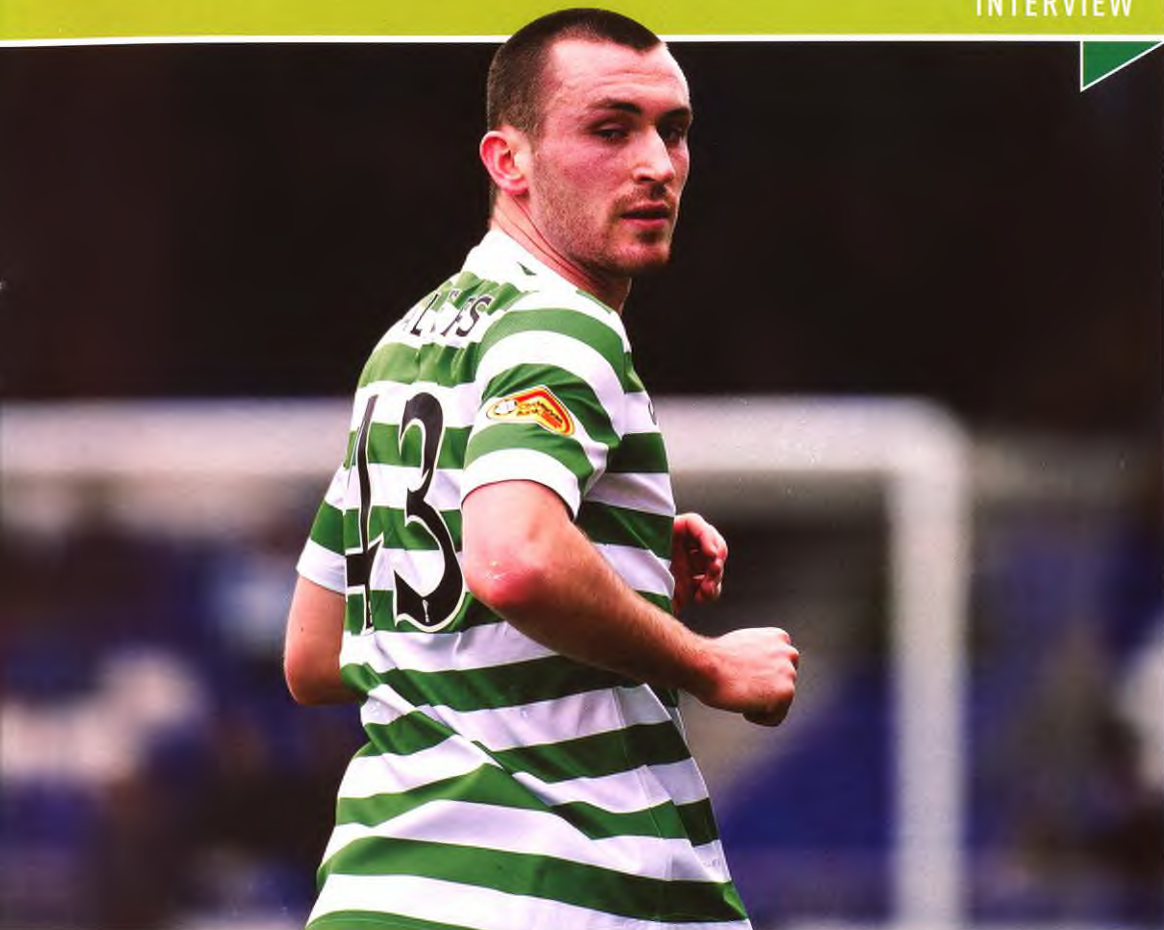
Simply playing football again was a huge relief for Chalmers, enabling him to look forward to the remainder of the campaign with optimism as he targets further top-team appearances. His season starts now.

How did it feel to be back playing football again?

It's a great feeling to be back. It's been a hard nine months with the injury, so it makes even sweeter and a bit more special when you come back. I was just happy to get the strip back on, never mind playing!

What were the reasons behind your long spell on the treatment table?

I was just training one day and broke down. They found



out that I had to get an operation on my hip. I got that done and when I have been on my way back there have just been a couple of wee problems that have caused me to be out for another while. I just need to get my fitness now and the only way to do that is to play games.

How frustrating was it to suffer such a set-back at an important time in your career?

It was especially tough, as I was due to come back twice and broke down again, and that made it even tougher. But the physios and staff were brilliant, and obviously I had my good friend Marcus Fraser who was out the same length of time and it helped a lot having him about as well.

Did you both encourage one another to keep going?

It was good as the two of us always push each other. We grew up together and always want to beat each other at stuff, whether it was in the gym or doing the runs. So that boosted us both and was a big help.

When did you return to training?

I started training about a week to 10 days before

Christmas and then we had a wee break and I did a bit more before the game. But you can do as much training as you want but when you go on the pitch, nothing compares to it.

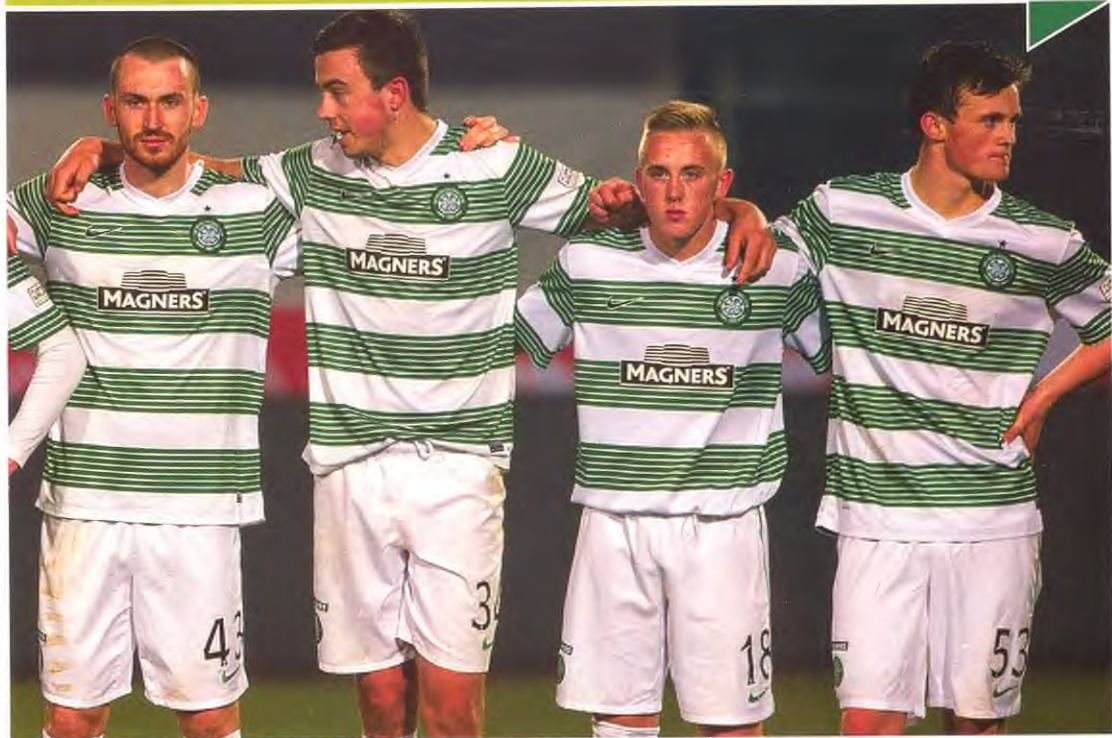
When did you discover that you were going to Turkey?

It was just a few days before we due to travel. Stevie Frail pulled me aside and said I would be travelling. I was delighted to get the shout. Then, at the Trabzonspor game, I was told that I was on the bench but didn't know if and when I would come on and get any time. So I was just delighted to get on the pitch, even it was just for 10 minutes.

It must have been encouraging to know you were in the manager's thoughts and that you hadn't been forgotten about?

Definitely, that's one of your worries when you are out for so long, that you can forgotten about, and it's up to me to push myself back in there, and hopefully this will be the start of me keeping myself involved regularly. I was delighted not to be forgotten.





» **How much of a confidence-booster was it to feature in both games out in Turkey?**

Any game-time for me in Turkey was a big bonus. It was nice to come back in a friendly as you can get your fitness up and there isn't as much pressure on you. I just want to play more now - when you have had that wee bit you just want to keep going and get more time on the park. No matter who you are playing or what game it is, you just want to play.

Overall, how much did you enjoy the trip to Turkey?

It was brilliant. The hotel was nice and it was very relaxed. We trained early in the morning and then had a bit of time to relax among ourselves - and it was good to see a bit of sun again!

Did the more experienced players in the squad make all the younger ones feel welcome?

The senior boys are brilliant. I have been here for a while and know most of them anyway, but they have always been good. They are a good laugh and when you are on the pitch they look after you and tell you what you are doing, so it makes it easier.

Does it feel that your season is starting now?

It does and over the next few weeks I have to get my head down, build on this and just make sure I keep impressing and keep catching the eye. So long as I can do that then hopefully there will be opportunities there for other games. Of course, I can still play for the Under-20s,

and I'm looking forward to getting back playing with all the boys again, and hopefully we can have a good last six months of the season.

Will it be nice be experiencing the camaraderie and team spirit in the dressing room again?

There is a good team spirit among all the boys at the 20s and you miss being about the changing room, even after the game if you win, having a laugh and things like that. When you are injured you don't really as big a part of it.

I had my good friend Marcus Fraser who was out the same length of time and it helped a lot having him about

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CELTIC FC FOUNDATION SPORTING DINNER

CELTIC FC Foundation is delighted to confirm that tickets for our 2014 Sporting Dinner are now officially on sale.

This has been a flagship initiative in the charity calendar for over 15 years and the 2014 event will take place on Thursday, March 27, in the Kerrydale Suite, here at Celtic Park.

It will be an evening of top-class entertainment with after-dinner speakers Willie Allan and Peter Brown, an auction and raffle hosted by Andy Cameron, silent auction and fantastic four-course meal. We are exceptionally conscious of the continued challenges of the financial climate so the cost of the event has been held at the same level for the seventh year in a row - £800 for a table of 10 or £80pp.

Celtic Charity recently joined forces with the Celtic Foundation and the charity is now known as Celtic FC

Foundation. This means our enhanced remit includes direct delivery of social projects in our local communities.

The main beneficiary of the 2014 dinner will be our 'Ability Counts' project. Operating since 2011, this successful partnership programme between Celtic FC Foundation and Down's Syndrome Scotland includes the provision of football and dance for children with Down's Syndrome.

The programme won the 2012 People's Choice Award at the Scottish Charity Awards.

To secure your place at our Sporting Dinner, please call 0141 551 4262 or email: cfcfoundation@celticfc.co.uk

Thank you for your ongoing and invaluable support of Celtic FC Foundation.

Aberdeen - Scottish Cup Ticket Update

CELTIC face a tough battle with Aberdeen in the fifth round of the Scottish Cup next month at Celtic Park, as Neil Lennon's men aim to retain the famous old trophy.

Season Ticket holders can purchase tickets for the match at a reduced rate of £15 for adults, and just £5 for concessions but these can only be purchased at the Ticket Office or on the enquiry line on 0871 226 1888* (Option 1/Option 2).

Tickets are now on general sale at £20 for adults, and £10 for concessions.

The Dons are one of the form teams in the country - currently vying with Motherwell for second spot in the SPFL table - and Derek McInnes' side will be trying to produce a positive result when they come calling on Saturday, February 8.

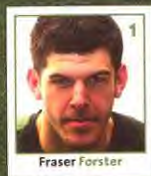
Tickets are available to purchased online at www.celticfc.net, by calling 0871 226 1888* (Option 1/Option 2) or by visiting the Ticket Office. Booking fees apply online and via booking line.

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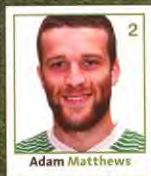
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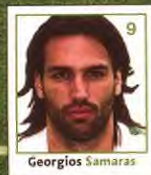
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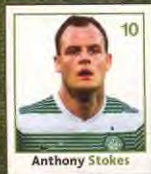
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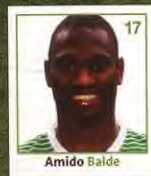
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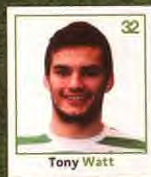
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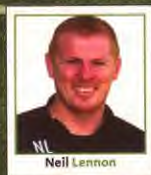
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HEARTS' CHANCE TO BE POSITIVE

Action-packed day ahead for the SPFL as the traditional kick-off time takes precedence today

THERE'S a full card in the Scottish Premiership today and they all kick off at 3pm.

There's an exciting meeting in Aberdeen as two sides from the top six battle it out, while two from the wrong end look to break away from the danger zone. Hearts, meanwhile, are desperate to get into positive numbers at the foot of the table.

Aberdeen v Inverness CT

Everyone predicted a tasty encounter when the sides met just before Christmas, but no one quite expected the drama which unfurled at the end. With the Dons leading 4-0 at half time, the points looked to have been wrapped up in a surprisingly one-sided affair. But a comeback by Caley Thistle saw them claw the game back to 4-3. They weren't able to find an equaliser in stoppage time, though, and the points went to the Granite City. Derek McInnes' side have been on a fantastic run this season, especially since the start of December. And considering John Hughes is still finding his feet at his new club, it's difficult to see anything other than an Aberdeen win.
Prediction: Aberdeen win

Hibernian v St Mirren

Hibs have enjoyed a positive turnaround since Terry Butcher took charge, and that has moved them up to mid-table. They have also been conceding fewer goals and are beginning to form a strong threat in the Scottish Premiership again, with the defeat to Aberdeen last weekend

their first since Butcher took over. St Mirren, however, are still going through a spell of mixed results. Not many expected them to be coupon busters when they defeated Dundee United 4-1 on Boxing Day so it just shows anything can happen when the Saints are in town. On this occasion, though, Butcher and his side could prove too much for them.
Prediction: Hibernian win

Partick Thistle v Kilmarnock

Two sides who find themselves at the wrong end of the table. Thistle have a poor home record this season, but in reality Kilmarnock's away record isn't much better. The Jags started 2014 well, with an impressive performance at Celtic Park, before going on to beat Hearts and record a 3-3 draw last weekend against Ross County. Kilmarnock, meanwhile, have continued their mixed bag of results. The free week for Killie last week, due to Celtic's winter break in Turkey, could go in their favour though, but the chances are this one will be a low-scoring draw.
Prediction: Draw

Ross County v Dundee United

Ross County made an excellent start to the year, picking up not only their first three points since the beginning of October, but also their first two consecutive wins this season. Their confidence will have grown as a result, especially considering the first of those wins was in the Highland derby. A surprise victory against St Johnstone just three days later

helped them edge up the table and a point in the 3-3 draw with Partick Thistle last weekend was another big result. Dundee United on the other hand, have been going through a poor run since Boxing Day and are desperate to find their feet and the form they showed through November and most of December. The lack of a prolific goalscorer has been the Tannadice club's downfall this season, but the arrival of January loan signing, Farid El Alagui, could help the side click back into place again.
Prediction: Dundee United win

St Johnstone v Hearts

Middle of the table St Johnstone put up a fight against Celtic on Boxing Day, and recorded a surprise 3-0 win against Dundee United, but then went on to suffer a 4-0 defeat to Motherwell on New Year's Day. Their results have been unpredictable of late which can't be said for Hearts, who haven't won a game since the start of November. They have been fighting to claw back their 15-point deficit though, relying on draws lately to do so. The Perth side's home record is a lot better than when they are on their travels, so that could make them even stronger favourites. But on the other hand, Hearts are due a breakthrough at some stage, and depending on which team turns up this afternoon - the one which lost heavily to Celtic, or narrowly to Hibs, - could see the Edinburgh club pull off a share of the spoils.
Prediction: Draw

CELTIC FC FIXTURES & RESULTS

Key

- 1 Number of Goals scored
- Booked
- Sent Off
- Home games in **bold**
- 1st 2nd 3rd Sub
- SPFL - The Premiership
- UCL - Champions League
- SFA - Scottish Cup
- SLC - League Cup

Stats correct up to and including 15/01/2014



2013/14

Comp	Date	Opposition	Result	Starting 11
UCL	17 Jul	Cliftonville	3-0	Forster, Lustig 1, Wilson, Ambrose, Izaguirre
UCL	23 Jul	Cliftonville	2-0	Forster, Lustig, Wilson, Ambrose 1, Izaguirre
UCL	31 Jul	IF Elfsborg	1-0	Forster, Lustig, Wilson, Ambrose, Izaguirre
August				
SPFL	03 Aug	Ross County	2-1	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, Mulgrew, Izaguirre
UCL	07 Aug	IF Elfsborg	0-0	Forster, Lustig, Wilson, Ambrose, Izaguirre
SPFL	17 Aug	Aberdeen	2-0	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, Mouyokolo, Izaguirre
UCL	20 Aug	Shakhtar Karagandy	0-2	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	24 Aug	Inverness CT	2-2	Forster, Matthews 1, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	28 Aug	Shakhtar Karagandy	3-0	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, Lustig, Mulgrew
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee United	1-0	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
September				
SPFL	14 Sep	Hearts	3-1	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	18 Sep	AC Milan	0-2	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	21 Sep	St Johnstone	2-1	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SLC	24 Sep	Morton	0-1	Zaluska, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Mulgrew
SPFL	28 Sep	Kilmarnock	5-2	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
October				
UCL	01 Oct	Barcelona	0-1	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	05 Oct	Motherwell	2-0	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	19 Oct	Hibernian	1-1	Forster, Fisher, Ambrose, van Dijk, Mulgrew
UCL	22 Oct	Ajax	2-1	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	27 Oct	Partick Thistle	2-1	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
November				
SPFL	02 Nov	Dundee United	1-1	Forster, Fisher, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	06 Nov	Ajax	0-1	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	09 Nov	Ross County	4-1	Forster, Fisher, Ambrose, van Dijk 2, Izaguirre
SPFL	23 Nov	Aberdeen	3-1	Forster, Fisher, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	26 Nov	AC Milan	0-3	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
December				
SFA	01 Dec	Hearts	7-0	Forster, Lustig 1, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	06 Dec	Motherwell	5-0	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose 1, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	11 Dec	Barcelona	1-6	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, Matthews, Izaguirre
SPFL	14 Dec	Hibernian	1-0	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	21 Dec	Hearts	2-0	Forster, Fisher, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	26 Dec	1-0	Forster, Fisher, Ambrose, van Dijk 1, Izaguirre	
SPFL	29 Dec	Inverness CT	1-0	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
January				
SPFL	01 Jan	Partick Thistle	1-0	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	05 Jan	St Mirren	4-0	Forster, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	18 Jan	Motherwell		
SPFL	26 Jan	Hibernian (12.45pm)		
SPFL	29 Jan	Kilmarnock (7.45pm)		
February				
SPFL	02 Feb	St Mirren		
SFA	08 Feb	Aberdeen (Fifth Round, 12.45pm)		
SPFL	15 Feb	St Johnstone		
SPFL	22 Feb	Hearts		
March				
SPFL	01 Mar	Inverness CT		
SFA	08 Mar	Quarter-final		
SPFL	16 Mar	Kilmarnock		
SPFL	22 Mar	St Mirren		
SPFL	26 Mar	Partick Thistle (7.45pm)		
SPFL	29 Mar	Ross County		
April				
SPFL	05 Apr	Dundee United		
SFA	12/13 Apr	Semi-final		
SPFL	19 Apr	TBC		
SPFL	26 Apr	TBC		
May				
SPFL	03 May	TBC		
SPFL	07 May	TBC		
SPFL	11 May	TBC		
SFA	17 May	Final		
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Domestic games kick off at 3pm unless stated, European matches at 7.45pm. Celtic score shown first. All fixtures subject to change.

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Quiz

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1

Which three current Celtic players have in their careers netted their first goal for the club against Motherwell?

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2 Which Celtic player has won most international caps for Scotland with a total of 76?

3 Which player established the Motherwell transfer record when signing for £500,000 from Everton in 1999?

4 Which two countries will play in the opening match of the 2014 World Cup in June 2014?

5 Which three men have in their career managed both Aston Villa and Celtic?

6 Which two goalkeeping brothers played against each other when Celtic faced Motherwell in 1978/79?

7 Who is the only former Motherwell player to be currently managing a team in the English Premier League?

8 Who in 1995/96 was the first non-British player to be the top goalscorer in a league campaign for Celtic?

9 For which club in League One in England has Callum McGregor netted 12 goals while on loan from Celtic?

10 Which three current Motherwell players have been capped by the Scottish international side?

11 Against which club has Emilio Izaguirre netted his only goal for Celtic to date?

12 Since the Millennium, which three Norwegian players have appeared for Celtic?

13 Who is the only man to win the Golden Boot for being the top scorer in European football on three occasions?

14 Who, eight matches ago, was the last player to score against Celtic in domestic football?

15 Which three Celtic managers have in their careers won the English Football Writers' Player of the Year title?

ANSWERS

1. James Forrest, Tony Watt and Bohrdin Alajic.

2. Paul McCloy.

3. John Spencer.

4. Brazil and Croatia.

5. Billy McNeill, Dr Jo Venizos and Martin O'Neill.

6. Peter and Dave Latchford.

7. Roberto Martinez (Everton).

8. Pierre van Hooijdonk (25 goals).

9. Notts County.

10. James McCadden, Stevie Hammill and Stephen McManus.

11. St Johnstone (2010/11).

12. Harald Brattbakk, Vidar Riseth and Thomas Rogne.

13. Lionel Messi (Barcelona).

14. Niall McGinn (Aberdeen), Celtic 3-1 Aberdeen.

15. Kenny Dalglish, John Barnes and Gordon Strachan.



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- Fraser Forster 1
- Adam Matthews 2
- Emilio Izaguirre 3
- Efe Ambrose 4
- Virgil van Dijk 5
- Nir Biton 6
- Kevin O'Donnell* 7
- Scott Brown 8
- Georgios Samaras 9
- Anthony Stokes 10
- Derk Boerrigter 11
- Kris Commons 15
- Joe Ledley 16
- Amido Balde 17
- Tom Rogic 18
- Holmbert Fridjonsson 19
- Teemu Pukki 20
- Charlie Mulgrew 21
- Steven Mouyokolo 22
- Mikael Lustig 23
- Lukasz Zaluska 24
- Stefan Johansen 25
- John Herron 31
- Beram Kayal 33
- Bahrudin Atajic 37
- Denny Johnstone 39
- Darnell Fisher 41
- Joe Chalmers 43
- Marcus Fraser 44
- Dylan McGeouch 46
- James Forrest 49
- Liam Henderson 53



Manager: Stuart McCall

- 1 Lee Hollis
- 3 Steven Hammell
- 4 Simon Ramsden
- 5 Shaun Hutchinson
- 6 Stephen McManus
- 7 James McFadden
- 8 Paul Lawson
- 9 John Sutton
- 11 Iain Vigurs
- 12 Gunnar Nielsen
- 14 Keith Lasley
- 16 Robert McHugh
- 17 Zaine Francis-Angol
- 18 Stewart Carswell
- 20 Fraser Kerr
- 21 Ross Stewart
- 22 Craig Moore
- 23 Euan Murray
- 24 Henri Anier
- 25 Lionel Ainsworth
- 26 Jack Leitch
- 27 Frazer Johnstone
- 28 Paul McCafferty
- 29 Dale Shirkie
- 30 Dominic Thomas
- 31 Steven Higgins
- 32 Morgyn Neill
- 33 Ross Kellock
- 34 Chris Caden
- 36 Danny McNulty



*Magners Number 7 winner

18.01.2014

Result: H/T F/T Scorers:

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Motherwell	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

NEXT GAME:

v Hibernian
 Sunday, January 26th, 2014
 Scottish Premiership
 Easter Road, kick-off: 12.45pm

MATCH OFFICIALS:

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 Assistant 1: Alan Mulvanny
 Assistant 2: Graeme Leslie
 Fourth Official: Don Robertson