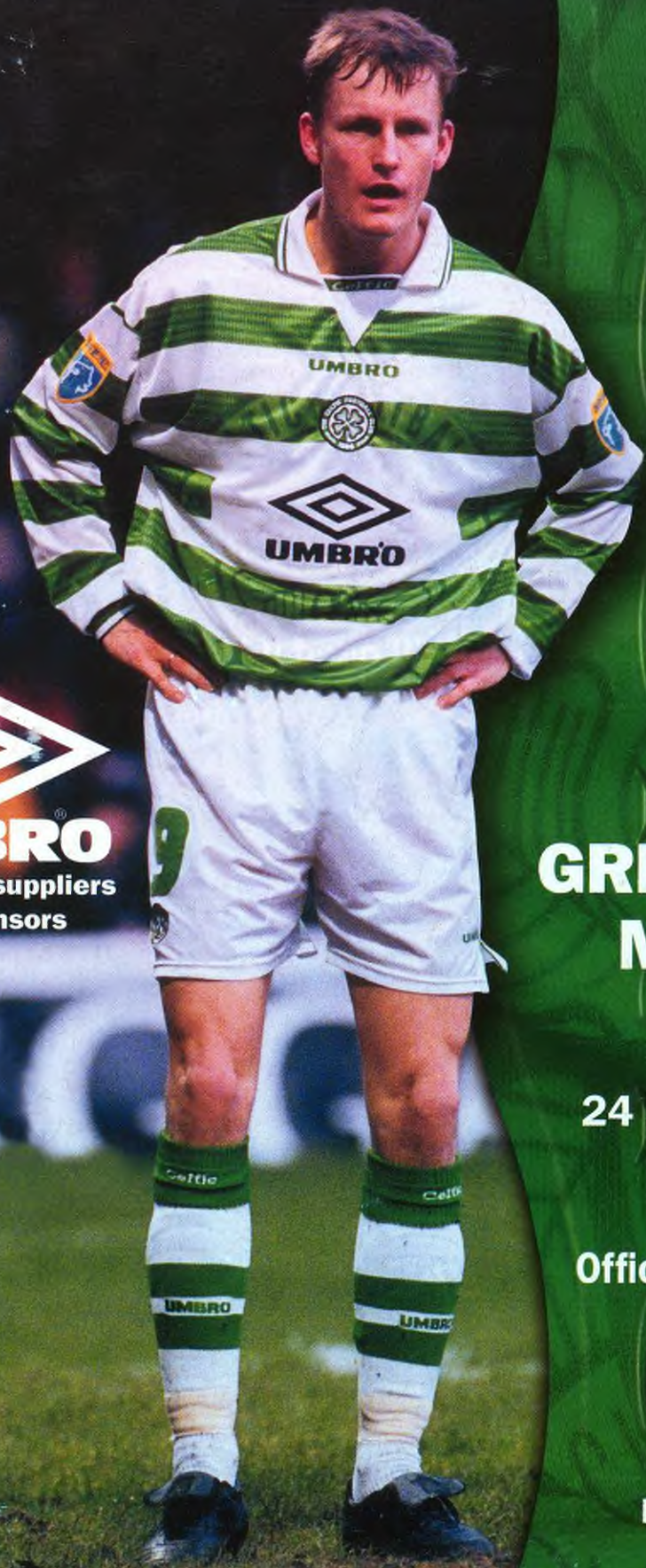




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The Coca-Cola Cup win was savoured by everyone connected with the club.

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It made all of us hungry for more and I said immediately after the final victory at Ibrox in November that we would bid to affect the same outcome in the two competitions that were still to be contested.

Today we are hoping to take the first step on the road to Scottish Cup success and I have heard much about this tournament and know it is close to the heart of Celtic fans because of the club's superb record in it over the years.

I was at Cappielow a week ago and watched today's opponents Greenock Morton hold the First Division leaders Dundee to a 0-0 draw. I must say I was impressed with their performance in difficult conditions.

They were well organised, worked hard for one another and certainly did not play like a side at the bottom of the league below us.

We will have to be fully concentrated on our task today and I will be impressing upon the players that there is no room for complacency.

At this stage of the season it is important for us to go out and perform well in every game, regardless of what competition we are playing in.

Good displays in the cup can have help our league form and vice-versa and we must attempt to get into a winning groove in the vital months ahead.

Respect is the key to victory

Confidence and consistency often go hand in hand in football and a cup run undoubtedly would be a big plus in terms of our championship aims.

It has been pointed out to me that a total of nine players could turn-out in their first Scottish Cup match for Celtic this afternoon. That is a measure of the major changes that have taken place this season on the football side.

We are a new team – in both the playing and coaching senses – and as such there are bound to be hitches as we become accustomed to one another and learn about the environment we are operating in.

Therefore, I think we have made good progress over a short period but we want to continue to do so.

And we know that for that to be the way – games like today's cannot be treated lightly – we have too much respect for our opponents for that to happen and I'm sure that also applies to our supporters.



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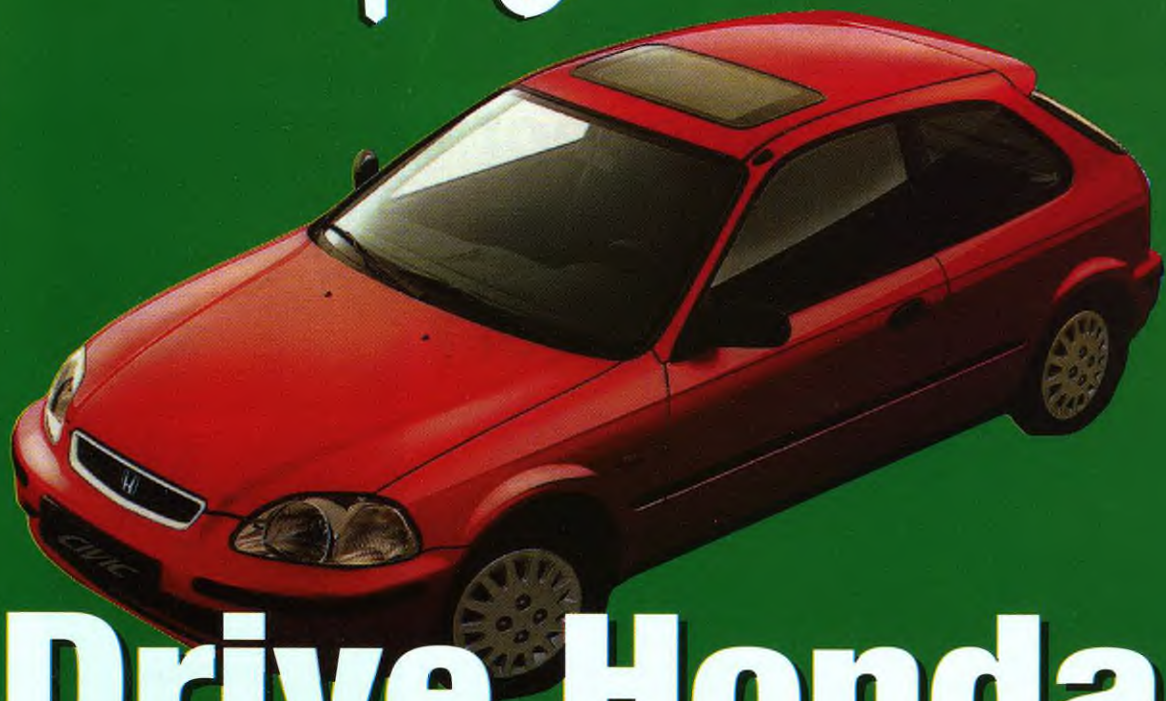
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All Bhoyped up for a Celtic Park return



I'm really looking forward to this game as it is a big day for us, and all the players can't wait to get there.

Personally I am delighted to be taking them there and to be coming back myself.

I'll have two keepers travelling today, **DAVIE WYLIE** and **JOHN HILLCOAT**. John has the No.1 jersey at the moment, after just arriving at the club a few weeks ago. He has earned his chance and has done well.

Davie as been at the club for a long, long time and is one of two part-time players in the first team. He has served Morton brilliantly over the years.

In the right-back position will be **DEREK COLLINS** who has been a great servant to

Morton and a very good First Division player. He is just back from injury and is bursting to play at Celtic Park, a real stalwart of our side.

At centre-back we have **BRIAN REID** (pictured left) who was of course a Rangers player after he left Morton, then came back here. He was suspended for a few games recently, but he's been back in in the last couple.

(Can I just add a bit in here - ED. Brian Reid won't need any direction to Celtic Park as a few years back when he was playing in a Reserve League West match at Grangemouth for Rangers against Celtic he missed the team bus back, and had to hitch a lift on the Celtic bus, who brought him back here!)

Alongside Brian we'll have **JOHN ANDERSON** who came into the game late. He was about 22 when he turned professional. He can play in the middle of the park and

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has scored a few vital goals for us from there this term, but he is doing well at the back.

We certainly think he has a future, but also has a lot to learn, which I am sure he will.

At left-back is **OWEN ARCHDEACON** who Celtic supporters will remember well. He came through the ranks at Celtic and won a league medal in 1985/86. He was a roving left-winger then, but has developed into a good full-back.

He played there in his career down south with Barnsley and Carlisle. Oweny is a happy man these days as well because he only has to travel 20 minutes to work and not 200 miles as he did when he was at Carlisle.

We signed **KEVIN TWADDLE** last week from Raith Rovers, but unfortunately we can't play him because of the signing deadline.

In the middle of the park though we have **ALAN MAHOOD** who is another in his second spell at the club. He is one of those players that has great ability but at



Former assistant boss Billy Stark returns to Celtic Park today with his new side Greenock Morton for the Tennent's Scottish Cup third round clash between the two sides.

We all know plenty about Stark, but what of the team he will bring with him from the West Coast this afternoon? Well, who better then the boss himself, so here is Billy Stark's view of his current Morton side.



times finds it a problem gaining consistency.

STEPHEN AITKEN is a youngster who made his debut last year. He's just featuring in the first team, and I can only describe him as the wee red-haired ball winner.

PAUL BLAIR plays out on the wing, has good close control and is quite industrious, but as you find with wingers it is consistency that is his problem.

CRAIG MCPHERSON is on the wide left and he has been instrumental in many our chances. He's created many goals since I've been here.

He's another that came into the game late, not until he was 24 and there are a few in that category down here.

WARREN HAWKE (pictured below left) has savoured the big game atmosphere before, having a place on the bench when Sunderland played

Liverpool at Wembley in the cup.

He came to Berwick Rangers before Morton and is our top scorer this season and one of the most consistent performers we have.

MARK MCGRAW hasn't really featured of late, another that is in his second spell. He went from Morton to Hibs then on to Falkirk before coming back here.

Up front I have **ALAN BLAIKIE** who again came from a junior club to Morton quite late. He's the other part timer, and is a very good athlete, who is still learning the game.

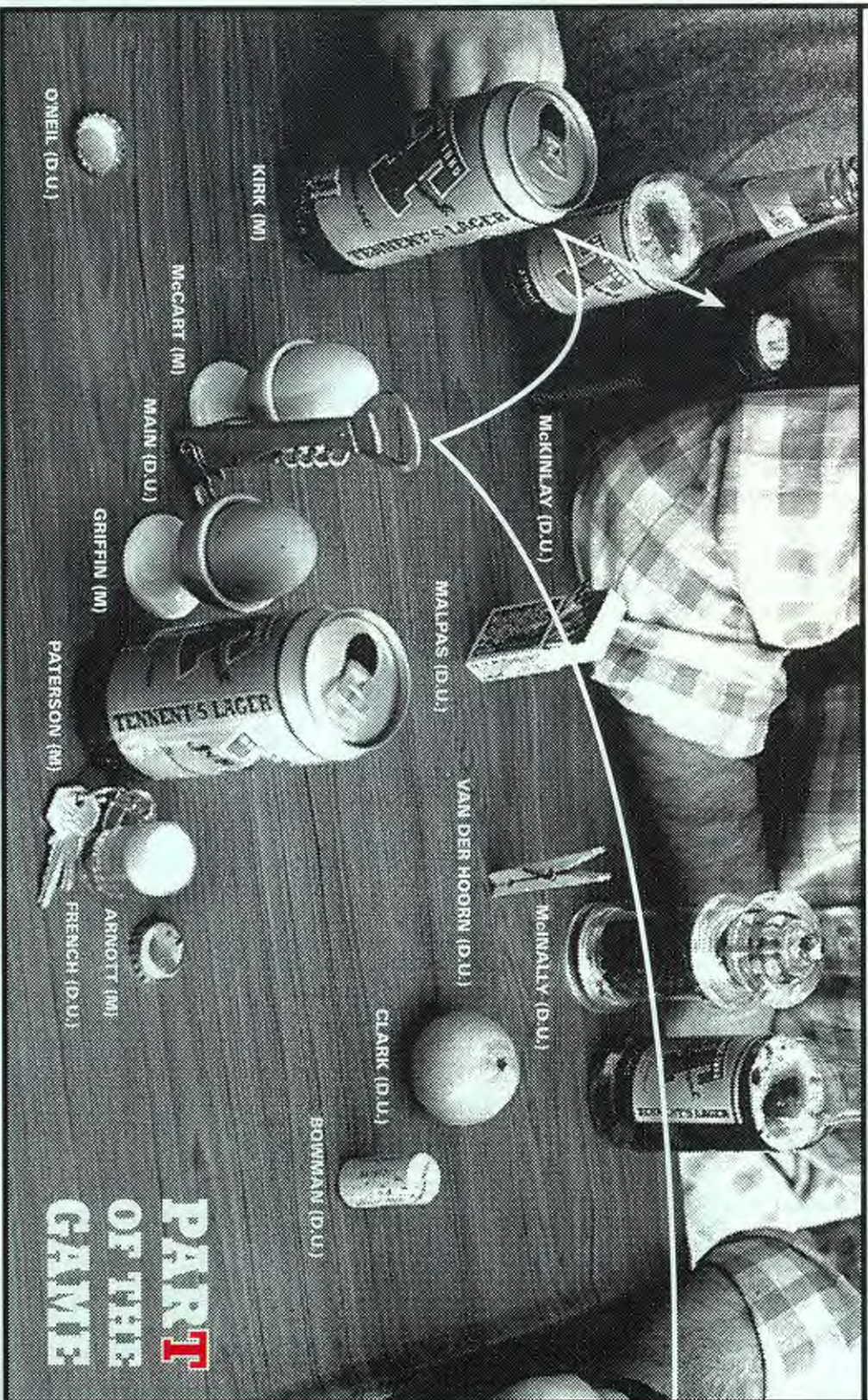
PETER DUFFIELD is the only one out of my team that has played at Celtic Park before with Raith Rovers. He played there the other season when Celtic won 4-1 and he scored the Rovers goal and would doubtless love to score again. He is a proven goalscorer and has found the net at all the clubs he's been with.

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- BRIAN REID** (Defender)
Age 27 - Signed from Rangers in 1996
- JOHN ANDERSON** (Defender)
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- OWEN ARCHDEACON** (Defender)
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- KEVIN TWADDLE** (Midfield)
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From the moment Catriona arrived at Celtic Park, the excitement was clearly too much for her to endure. She had made the journey from Hamilton on most home match days with her mum to watch her hero, Henrik Larsson in action, but nothing came comparatively close to meeting him in person. Catriona had 100 per

MEET THE MASCOT

cent faith in her footballing heroes to get the result they long awaited in the Old Firm New Year Derby. She confidently predicted a 2-0 victory on arrival at Celtic Park and what a lucky mascot she turned out to be!

Well done, Catriona, perhaps you could give us your lucky predictions for the remainder of the season!

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