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It's back to league duty today after our rewarding Scottish Cup victory over Airdrie and the trip down to Newcastle to play in Peter Beardsley's testimonial.

I'm pleased to say that we carried on with the continuity we achieved at the turn of the year in the cup game which was always going to be a test for us.

The spark was there and the team played well and we are hopeful that they can prove themselves again today.

St Johnstone are a team who have so far been successful against us this season and as every game is different, we aim to have a scoreline in our favour this evening.

I feel that if the performance and quality shines through we will carry on with our recent run of good results.

As we saw against Airdrie, the team played well for 70 minutes of the game but lost a little bit of the possession when the opposition scored.

However, in the second half the team controlled the flow of the game as individuals and as a unit.

They showed creative play from defence through to attack and thoroughly deserved the win but we have to go on now and take each game as it comes by reaching our own demanding standards.



We also made the journey down to St James' Park and although it was termed as a 'friendly', the players had to perform against some class opposition.

The Celtic support expect a lot from the team on these occasions and I was delighted with the 3-1 victory.

“We must all pull together to keep up this run of results”

Peter Beardsley is a well-respected professional who deserved the accolade from the Celtic players and the Celtic supporters.

But we return to the business of picking up league points this evening and once again the live TV cameras are upon us.

So it is up to us together, as players and supporters, to pull together once more and keep this run of results and performances going.



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Assistant: JIM DUNNE (Barrhead)





WALK ON: How are you coping with the new arrival?

TOM BOYD: Are you talking about Mark Viduka or my son Tom? Seriously though it's been brilliant. Beforehand everybody warns you about the hard times and sleepless nights ahead but I can assure you that it's all worth it.

WO: How did it feel to join Motherwell on a Youth Training Scheme?

TB: I actually joined them on an s-form and then took the opportunity to sign professional on YTS. I think Motherwell were the first club to use the scheme and I was actually the first player to play professional football having taken part in the scheme.

WO: What was the last film you saw and what's your favourite film?

TB: I don't remember the last time we went out to see a film but we watched Titanic on video over Christmas. I tend to like Leslie Neilson type comedies but I suppose my favourite film has to be No Way Out starring Kevin Costner and Gene Hackman.

WO: Do you prefer reading factual books or fiction?

TB: Definitely fiction - factual books are mostly autobiographies and I wouldn't read any footballer's books as they are almost always exactly the same.

WO: Do you remember the first book you read all the way through?

TB: I can't remember although it must have been one of those ones you're made to read at school. Although I was never into reading much when I was young I tend to read now when away on trips with Celtic and Scotland - that's when I'm not locking horns with my chess computer.

WO: Apart from your house or your car what's the most expensive thing you've ever bought for yourself?

TB: I'm not really in to buying expensive things so I suppose last year's holiday to Marbella tops the lot.

WO: What's the most you've ever spent on another person?

TB: Again apart from holidays it must be jewellery for Rhona.

WO: Do you remember the first time you ever saw Celtic play?

TB: I can't remember the date or the score but I remember my father taking me down to the front of the Jungle to see Celtic play East Fife I think.

WO: If you were appearing on 'Stars In Their Eyes' who would you be?

TB: I can't sing a note but I might have a go at being one of the guys from ZZ



Ever wondered what it would be like to have a gab with one of the Celtic players - not necessarily about football? Well, we've done it for you, so read on and find out what WALK ON discovered when we chewed the fat with TOM BOYD.

time out

Tom's got a new kid on the block

Top as I went to the Christmas party dressed as one of them.

WO: While travelling in your car do you prefer listening to the radio or a CD?

TB: Although I sometimes listen to music I prefer Radio 5 as I like talk shows.

WO: Do you ever listen to radio phone-ins after the game?

TB: Absolutely not. They're mostly drivel, full of so-called experts talking out of a hole in their head. People who really should know better are now making stars of themselves by trying to be controversial. A few of the people who phone in have valid points to make but they're usually shot down.

WO: Ever had any serious hassle from a fan?

TB: Not really - the vast majority of supporters are fine but you might get the odd drunk coming up to you after a bad result.

WO: What's your favourite TV soap?

TB: I don't like soaps but as Rhona always has Brookside on I suppose it would have to be that as it's a bit more interesting than the rest of them.

WO: How did you feel when you picked up and kissed the League trophy last season?

TB: It was all I expected it to be - I reckon I went through every happy emotion as winning the championship last season was even more significant than it would normally be.

WO: What do you hope to do when your footballing days are over?

TB: I've never really given it a great deal of thought but after this season is over I'll think about it. Coaching might be an option but I'm open to suggestions.

WO: What would be the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

TB: Faint probably - but I'd certainly go out and party and then think about investments depending on when it happened and how much I had won.

WO: Do you or did you have any role-models?

TB: No - I admire people who've reached the top but you've got to set your own standards in life. If you aspire to some other person's achievements do you consider yourself a failure if you can't live up to them?

WO: What's the saddest you've ever felt on a football field?

TB: Thankfully I've never been involved in any match where some tragedy occurred but when you're standing in the middle of the field during a minute's silence sometimes that can get to you.

WO: Do you remember the first record you ever bought?

TB: Actually I can't but it must have been in the early 80s. Either that or I'm too embarrassed to tell you.

WO: When you were at primary school what did you want to be when you grew up?

TB: I never wanted to be a train driver - I just wanted to be a footballer. Just about everybody in the game will tell you the same.

WO: Thanks Tom - now what about a question from yourself and what can you let us have for the prize?

TB: I can give you a very unusual prize - my goalkeeper's gloves! After I was sent off against FC Zurich earlier in the season for my brilliant save that prevented a certain goal, my agent presented me with a pair of gloves to commemorate being the only Celtic goalie that's never lost a goal. I'll sign them and send them on to the winner.

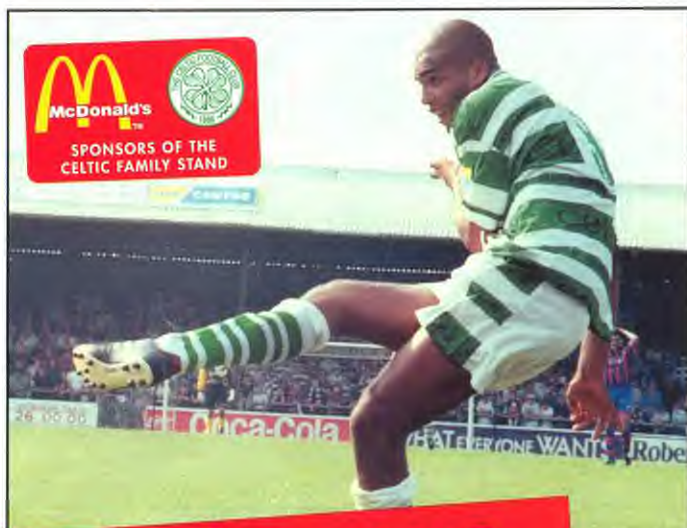
The question is: Which other player was involved in the swap-deal that brought me from Chelsea to Celtic? So if you want to smell Tom's gloves just jot down the answer on a postcard and send it to: **Tom Boyd Time Out Competition, Walk On, PO Box 2413, Glasgow G40 3YB. The sender of the first correct answer drawn out of the hat wins.**

"I'm the only Celtic goalie that's never lost a goal"





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Red card of the week

This week the Walk On Red Card goes to James Dean Bradfield of the Manic Street Preachers. The Manics swept the boards in the NME Readers' Poll and like all the winners, they also voted for each individual category in the celebrity poll. Under the category 'D***head of the Year', Bradfield had: Pierre van Hooijdonk (Er, I think he means van Hooijdonk, the rebel Nottingham Forest striker who refused to play for the team on the grounds that they were crap - Footie Ed). So it said in the NME but it's not that we don't agree with the sentiments - we just want to know why he couldn't have pointed this out three or four years ago!

PS: In the readers' 'D***head of the Year' poll, Paul Gascoigne scraped in at No. 20.

PPS: Sorry about the use of the ***s but we aren't allowed to say Dickhead!

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JONATHAN GOULD



LES BATTERSBY

★ The lucky winner of Tosh McKinlay's personally autographed jersey was Jonathan Healy from Grangemouth who correctly answered Tosh's question: I crossed the ball for the 1995 cup-winning goal against Airdrie - but who headed the ball in? The answer was of course Pierre van Hooijdonk. Jonathan will have his prize ASAP and if you fancy your chances of winning - you know it couldn't be easier - just try!



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spill the beans ... **JOHN McQUILLAN** gives the lowdown on his St Johnstone team-mates

Perth men go from Saints to winners

Saints? That's not what Celtic fans have called Perth's finest at times this season.

Six points out of six against the Hoops, including a 1-0 victory in which Celts finished the match with five strikers, have made sure of that.

So the men from the Fair City have enjoyed a decent time of it - 7-0 thrashing from Rangers aside. However, in the interests of diplomacy we'll gloss over that as we call on experienced Saints defender John McQuillan in his own words to fill us in on his team-mates and Spill the Beans...

We'll start with goalkeeper **ALAN MAIN**, the man I think has been extremely unlucky not to win international recognition. We all feel it's long overdue up here and he gives us defenders a lot of confidence. Of course it might have something to do with the fact that the guy's crazy in every sense. But then he's a keeper, what else can you expect?...

NICK DASOVIC might be struggling to make it with injury today, which will be good news for Celtic fans who remember him scoring the winner in our 1-0 win at Celtic Park in September. But he's worth talking about anyway. He's a bit of a character thanks to his musical tastes and his former band in Canada, The Virgin



BACK TO THE FORE... Main and Dasovic have been a thorn in Celtic's side

Whores. He played a bit of drums and guitars. Great name, terrible music, good defender.

ALAN KERNAGHAN will return from his cup suspension and that's great for us, because he's been superb in defence. His partnership with Darren Dods has been very effective in the air and on the ground and he's not scared to get stuck in.

That's good news with **JIM WEIR** breathing down his neck and back in the frame. After nearly nine months off the scene injured, Jim will be

desperate to get back quickly, but he'll have to go some to displace big Al or **DARREN DODS**.

Doddy has been really solid for us at the back and has the confidence to play the ball on the deck as well as in the air. That used to cause palpitations for Paul Sturrock when he was the boss, cos he hated centre-halves trying to play, but Sandy Clark doesn't seem to mind too much. Just as long as we don't lose daft goals. When we do, watch out...

Fizzy, or **PHIL SCOTT** as he's

otherwise known, is just back in training after a foot injury and he's a very important player to us. When he plays well so do we and he's just as good crossing the ball from wide positions as he is in the engine room where he has a terrific motor and causes havoc with his charging runs.

Just as important for us this season has been **JOHN O'NEIL**. In fact he has been a revelation. Del, as we call him because of his alleged shady dealings off the park, is very versatile and neat and isn't scared to take people on.

That's in stark contrast to **GARY BOLLAN**, who concentrates on stopping people getting past him - at all costs. He's made the left-back position his own with his no nonsense style and very few have made it past him - and they're a' deid.

KEITH O'HALLORAN is back on the fringes of things and played in the cup game against Forfar where he showed his usual good skills on the ground. He's going for a decent run in the team now after being unfortunate to pick up a knee injury early in the season.

KIERAN McANESPIE is also likely to feature at some stage today. He's a young lad who is very enthusiastic and has a good future ahead of him if he keeps learning and progressing. Does a lot of silly things, but we're knocking that out of him bit by bit - almost literally.



We're also working on making our Portuguese boy **MIGUEL SIMAO** a bit less unpredictable than he's been so far. He has lovely skills, but he's totally infuriating. One minute he'll take five guys on and do brilliantly, the next the ball will bobble under his feet when he's in the clear. The gaffer is making him realise that when it's not his day he still has to work hard and stick in there to do what he's told!

NATHAN LOWNDES has missed a few games recently and we've missed him. I always think he's our answer to Ted McMinn, He's a terrific finisher, but never knows what he's going to do next, so how can we know?

No such problems with big **RODDY GRANT**. You always know exactly what you'll get with the cult hero of the fans. He's a great target man and will win 90% of

the balls pinged in at him in the air. What no one appreciates is that he's good on the ground as well. He's not the paciest in the world (you got that right - ed), so much so that the local paper recently said that it looks at times as if he's running in treacle! He recently had a five-yard start on Tony Vidmar, but ended up 10 yards behind the Rangers player by the time they got to the ball.

I don't know if **ALAN PRESTON** will be fit, but he's a real livewire, with the chat to match, while I'm far too modest to comment on the boy **JOHN McQUILLAN**.

I'm reasonably pleased with the season I've had so far and the way things have gone for the team. I've played most of the games, although I missed THAT 1-0 win at Celtic Park at the start of the season. I'd certainly settle for making up for that today and, after beating them again in Perth, why not?....

“St Johnstone have taken six points from Celtic in the two games”





It's an Escape to Victory *takin' the mick* to avoid Hollywood Bob



A Hollywood legend, Robert Duval was recently denied the opportunity to shadow Dick Advocaat to help him in a future role where he plays a manager of a US Soccer side.

I agree with the Rangers gaffer here and wouldn't have allowed it either.

I don't suppose in his film role Bob Duval has some numpty of an actor following him around!

Duval's movie is not the first time football and the movies have got together. Remember that classic 'Gregory's Girl' and that load of pure mince, 'Escape to Victory'?

A true ripping yarn that had an abundance of football talent with John Wark, Bobby Moore and Pele. The acting was dire and the mumbling worse which is hardly surprising considering the cast, but enough of Sly Stallone.

If you remember Sylvester's performance in goal, it's easy to see that the great man didn't exactly do a 'Duval' with the research of his character.

Sly could have taken a leaf from several actors who were to play saddle weary cowboys. They

By MICK O'BVIOUS

came to one of our racecourses as part of their research to capture that look of being saddle bound for days.

Unfortunately none of our jockeys displayed the bow legged characteristics they sought, but a couple of hours with big-hearted Jim Leighton ensured their trip wasn't wasted!

I hear that in his next film Duval plays God the Almighty, himself. I know he won't have any joy with his 'shadow' request this time either because he sent the letter to Peter Grant's old address!

Is it just me or is something bizarre going on? Here's a guy who is on the board of The National Stadium plc (i.e. Hampden Park) advising UEFA what stadiums (stadia surelia - Ed) European Finals should be played at.

Try to get a bet on at a bookies if you can, that's if Glasgow is ever selected, Hampden is the venue. There's a clear conflict of interests here!! Don't hold your breath waiting for Celtic to be hosts.

This is as ridiculous as

having McCann or Murray picking the Glasgow venue. I suppose if I was busy doing good work improving Scottish Football knocking my pan in daily in my 'Think Tank', I might not still be thinking rationally. I wonder what Ernie's excuse is?

I'm all for a laugh and a bit of patter before a sporting event, but lately it's been getting out of order.

A couple of weeks ago Tyson's pre-fight promise was basically that he would kill his opponent.

How typically charming and understated.

This was followed by Clyde boss Ronnie McDonald slugging off Jimmy Nicholl's Raith Rovers by calling them a bunch of junior hackers before their cup tie at Stark's Park.

Of course, it was a ploy straight out of the Alex Ferguson big book of sneaky tricks to out psyche the opposition which worked as the 4-0 scoreline would suggest.

However, to MacDonald's credit, to

minimise any lingering bad feeling, the Bully Wee boss has since spent a fortune on the phone apologising to the insulted players.

I understand that his intention is to speak to every one personally and he only has one junior league left to contact!

I don't know what it is with the French lads in this country but they seem to get involved in the weirdest of incidents.

A few weeks ago at Ibrox, Stephane Mahe cheated a corner kick out of the ever vigilant Mr McCluskey by kicking the ball out of play himself and cleverly falling over Andrei Kanchelskis to confuse the issue.

Some of the more paranoid may even have mistakenly considered it a penalty kick.

Then we have his fellow countryman, David 'Big Girly's Hair' Ginola being denied five blatant penalties in a Wimbledon v Spurs clash.

Seriously, it was ridiculous behaviour from the one talented individual who makes Spurs tick. Some even say he puts the 'ham' into Tottenham.

My capital sources

inform me that despite the bad feeling at Wimbledon, Ginola tried to open a couple of pubs in the area but when the licensing board inspected each premises they said every one was a dive!

So Salt Lake City's success at capturing the winter Olympics in 2002 has been tarnished a bribery scandal.

Isn't Salt Lake City the centre of the Mormon religion? Don't most Mormon men have more than one wife?

For that alone don't they deserve the enormous commercial spin off from the winter Olympics every year and not just in 2002? Forget it lads, it's ok!

What's happening to the third force in Scottish Football? How easily the trophy that they waited so long to win was wrestled from their grasp by Motherwell.

What a contrast between the two teams with Hearts showing none of the confidence of last term and the 'Well, on the other hand, are brimming over in confidence stemming from



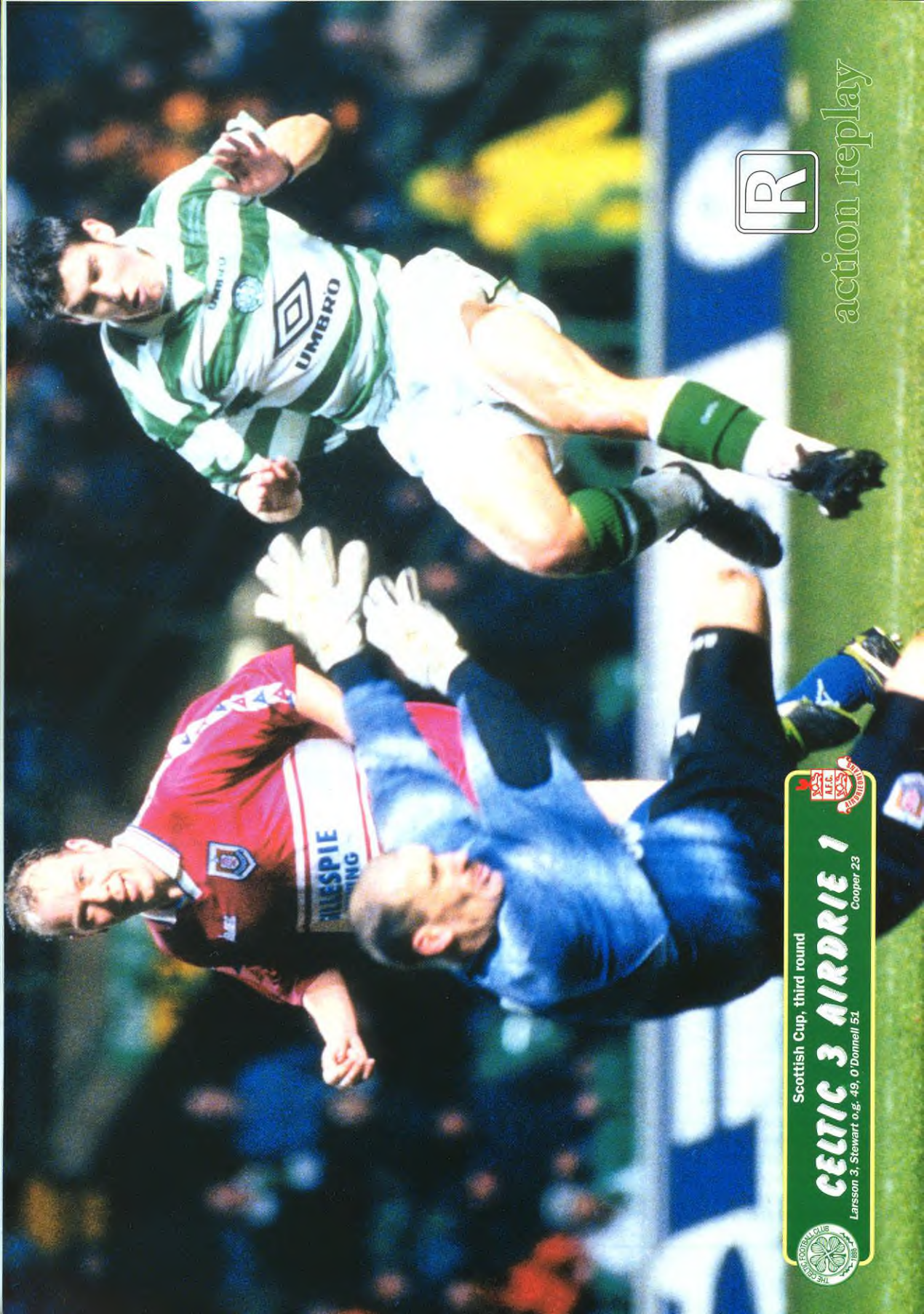
great team spirit.

The introduction (albeit short) of John Spencer to their ranks seems to have united the dressing room as never before.

An example of their growing confidence was seen in Owen Coyle who obviously was sure he'd

score and be able to show off his "give Spenny a job" T-shirt under his strip.

It's a pity Owen didn't score the two he was predicting thus denying us a view of his second T-shirt underneath with the rest of the message "please Walter!"



action replay



Scottish Cup, third round

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with David McDonald

★ St Johnstone's 1-0 win back on 23rd September was their first win at Celtic Park since 2nd October 1971 when they won by the same scoreline. On both occasions the winner was scored in the first half, last year by Nik Dasovic and in 1971 by John Connolly.

★ In between these two victories the Saints visited Celtic Park 17 times on league duty, losing 15 and drawing just two conceding 48 goals and scoring 12.

★ The above win was only St. Johnstone's third ever league victory at Celtic Park and like the other two it was by a 1-0 scoreline. Their first ever league win here was on 13th March 1965 when a goal from Duffy four minutes into the second half was enough to win the points.

★ Celtic and St. Johnstone first met on league duty in 1924/25 with the Bhoys winning 2-1 at home and the return ending goal-less at Muirton Park. Celtic finished the season in fourth place.

★ The last hat-trick scored in a league meeting between Celtic and St. Johnstone was netted by Bobby Lennox on 25th March 1968. Bobby scored the first four goals for Celtic in a 6-1 win at Muirton Park.

★ The last hat-trick at Celtic Park in a league match between the two clubs was scored by Bobby Murdoch on 7th December 1963 in a 3-1 win.



DREAD LOSS... Despite the best efforts of Henrik Larsson Celtic couldn't break down a stubborn Saints defence the last time the two sides met in September. It was the Perth side's first victory at Celtic Park since 1971.



★ Before this season, the only other time St. Johnstone have beaten Celtic twice in the league in the same season was in 1964/65 when they won 1-0 at Celtic Park and 3-0 at Muirton Park.

★ St. Johnstone's appearance in this season's League Cup Final was their first in a major final since 25th October 1969. Then they met Celtic again in the league Cup Final at Hampden Park and a Bertie Auld goal in the second minute was enough to win the trophy for the Bhoys.





with David W. Potter

Willie Maley's great Celtic side of the Edwardian era had two great wingers, both fast, alert and very dangerous.

On the right was Alec Bennett, whose performances for Celtic were all the more praiseworthy because Alec was an out and out Rangers supporter.

Alec certainly wasn't the last Rangers' fan to play well for Celtic - one thinks of Willie Wallace, Dixie Deans and Kenny Dalglish, but the difference was that on at least one occasion Alec actively campaigned for a transfer to Ibrox while actually playing brilliantly for Celtic.

In 1904, for example, a transfer to Rangers was considered so imminent (there was a clause in his contract allowing him to negotiate his own transfer) that he had to be left out of the Scottish Cup Final against Rangers.

For some reason or other the deal fell through, and Alec then played the best football of his career over the next four years, making Celtic's right wing triangle of Sunny Jim Young at right half, Alec Bennett on the right wing and Jimmy McMenemy at inside right absolutely invincible either to his beloved Rangers or anyone else.

In 1908, having been a member of arguably Celtic's greatest ever side, Alec at last got his move across the city to Rangers in 1908 and won three League Championships with them to add to his four with

Right on form for the Bhoys



BRAVE... Bobby Templeton

Celtic.

Whatever his loyalties, Alec never gave less than his 100 per cent for Celtic and deserves his place as one of Celtic Park's all time greats.

He won 11 caps for Scotland.

His opposite number on the left wing was Davie Hamilton.

Davie was a fine player but prone to occasional loss of form, something that caused him to lose his place temporarily to the quixotic and charismatic Bobby Templeton (who once, for a bet, entered a lion's cage and tweaked its tail) and may also explain why he was never capped for Scotland.

Yet it would be wrong to think of Davie in any sense as the weak line of the Edwardian world-beaters.

It was simply that he was less flamboyant than some of the others, and it is significant that he was never under-rated by Maley who retained him after some of the others of that fine



WORLD BEATERS... Two of Celtic's most impressive right wingers, Andy McAtee and Alec Bennett

Celtic side had left the club.

By 1911, another great right winger had emerged for Celtic. This was young Andy McAtee, instantly recognisable for his billiard-table legs, a rarity in these under-nourished, consumptive days of pre-World War 1.

He came from the Celtic stronghold of Croy, and really made a name for himself when Maley drafted him in for the replay of the 1911 Scottish Cup Final against Hamilton Accies after a dull first game.

Andy was indirectly responsible for Celtic's two goals that night and from then on (with the exception of a brief interval for war service) he was an ever present for Celtic until

he decided to go to the USA in 1924.

As a player, McAtee had everything. His frame was robust enough to withstand even the most ferocious of challenges, he was fast, he could dribble round defenders (an important part in the armoury of wingers in these days) and most importantly, he could shoot.

In the team of 1913/14 which some historians rate even higher than that of 1908 or even 1967, Andy starred and when he was joined on the right wing by the prodigious talent of young Patsy Gallagher, there was nothing that could stop them, other than the Kaiser and the First World War.

He returned from the Front in

enough time to win another League Championship in 1919, scored a vital goal in the game at Greenock that won yet another in 1922 and his last big game was the 1923 Cup Final against Hibs.

No one can say who was Celtic's greatest ever right winger, but Andy McAtee is worth a mention at least beside Jimmy Delaney and Jimmy Johnstone.

On the left wing before the war, Celtic employed two men who are easily confused because one was John Brown and the other was John Browning, with Browning in particular unfortunate in that the war meant that the best of his Celtic days were in the unreal world of war-time football. He was a fine player though.

“Some historians rate the 1913 team as the best ever Celtic side”

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The winner from the Airdrie Walk On was Andrew Morrison from Kilsyth.

Before the game on Saturday, Craig Hughes, our nine-year-old mascot from Hillington confidently predicted that Henrik Larsson would score the first goal.

He was even more confident that Celtic would win after being told all week by friends at school that Airdrie would win. We hope you enjoyed going back to school and getting the last laugh.

As Craig was on a roll with his predictions, he reckons that in 10 years time he should be back as a player instead of the

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mascot. What made Craig's day more than everything else, was that he got the chance to meet one of his favourite players, Regi Blinker and to see him make his come back to the first team.

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By The Bhoys In The Know

The paper which likes to modestly describe itself as Scotland's Champion on Tuesday sported a back page which summed up the direction in which football and the players who play it are swimming.

There were three stories on the page in question - and every one of them told another tale regarding lurid sums of money available to players which are currently outwith the wildest dreams of the game's financial backers - the fans.

Assuming that each of the stories had a degree of accuracy in them at the very least, then perhaps we shouldn't so much be discussing the direction in which football is swimming so much as the direction in which it's sinking.

Motherwell's John Spencer, we were told, could see his move to Fir Park on a permanent basis go down the tubes unless he agreed to waive a £200,000 'loyalty bonus' from Everton. He had been at Goodison for just 12 months.

Rangers owner David Murray, it was said, may have to pay some £5 million back to Ibrox investors ENIC as part of an investment deal hatched when the company pumped £40 million into the then-champion club's coffers.

And, last but not least, Celtic's very own Mark Viduka was at the centre of new controversy as Croatia Zagreb, it was said, prepared to 'go to war' over the £3 million they believe is due to them from the recent convoluted transfer deal.

The dispute, it is alleged, revolves around suggestions that the player himself was promised well over £1 million by the Zagreb club if he moved for that price.

Viduka disputes that he has ever been motivated in his actions by money, but nevertheless he stands to become very rich irrespective of how much he eventually receives.

All of this, of course, points to the



fact that football has indeed gone mad. Are those of us who don't stand to earn anything like these amounts merely jealous? Bet your bottom dollar we are.

But, more worryingly, perhaps it's time that we began to listen to those, such as Fergus McCann, who believe that the Scottish game is currently living outwith its means.

Bert Paton, the former Dunfermline manager, recently resigned from his post at East End Park on the back of a run of bad results. As part of his going-away speech Paton had a blast at the demands of modern players and agents and suggested that the balance of power had swung too far away from clubs towards players.

Naturally players will be entitled to dispute the point to his argument.

They are the star turns, the men with the talent and the guys in demand. Why shouldn't they seek their pound of flesh? They have short careers and if Arsenal can shell out £2 million for a 15-year-old then it's the clubs themselves who are driving the market relentlessly onwards and they only have themselves to blame surely.

All perfectly true of course, but it doesn't change the fact that something, somewhere has to give.

Fergus McCann was memorably asked a question in a radio interview earlier in the season to

which he gave a priceless answer.

When the interviewer put it to him that Rangers had spent £32 million on new talent whereas Celtic had procured only £1.5million at the time, the Celtic chief fired back, "so who are you criticising?"

There may well be those who despair of Celtic's alleged penny pinching ways, but, if Bert Paton is to be believed then perhaps there is method in the madness.

English football enjoys huge benefits from television and can sustain its own excesses. Scottish clubs earn nothing like the same amounts and yet are trying to compete on a level footing with the Premiership giants. Is this realistic?

Once again the answer appears to be staring us in the face. Until clubs give genuine consideration to their youth policies and rear their own then they'll continue signing their own death warrants in huge signing-on fees and wages.

Rangers' plans to change direction from carefree spending towards building new training facilities for youth should be applauded. Celtic have already emphasised their desire to set the pace and the SPL are at least trying to keep with it...

No one wants a return to the past when players were virtual slaves. All anyone really wants is the prospect of some kind of future....

"The balance of power has swung too far away from the clubs now"



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DATE	OPPONENT	COMP	SCORE	CROWD
18 July	Kilmarnock	TS	2-1	6,860
22 July	St Patrick's Ath	CL1	0-0	56,864
25 July	Tottenham	FR	2-1	53,872
29 July	St Patrick's Ath	CL2	2-0	9,700
1 Aug	Dunfermline Ath	SP	5-0	59,220
4 Aug	Bottom Windors	TS	1-1	17,479
8 Aug	Liverpool	FR	0-1	59,727
12 Aug	Croatia Zagreb	CL	1-0	51,782
16 Aug	Aberdeen	SP	2-3	16,640
19 Aug	Airdrie	LC	0-1	9,500
22 Aug	Dundee United	SP	2-1	59,738
26 Aug	Croatia Zagreb	CL	0-3	27,000
29 Aug	Dundee	SP	1-1	9,853
12 Sept	Kilmarnock	SP	3-1	59,361
15 Sept	Vitoria Guimarães	UEFA	2-1	9,000
20 Sept	Rangers	SP	0-0	50,026
23 Sept	St Johnstone	SP	0-1	55,889
26 Sept	Hearts	SP	1-1	60,027
29 Sept	Vitoria Guimarães	UEFA	2-1	38,076
3 Oct	Motherwell	SP	2-1	12,103
17 Oct	Dunfermline	SP	2-2	10,968
20 Oct	Zurich	UEFA	1-1	44,121
24 Oct	Aberdeen	SP	2-0	60,081
31 Oct	Kilmarnock	SP	0-2	16,695
3 Nov	Zurich	UEFA	2-4	19,000
7 Nov	Dundee	SP	6-1	58,093
14 Nov	St Johnstone	SP	1-2	9,762
21 Nov	Rangers	SP	5-1	59,783
28 Nov	Motherwell	SP	2-0	59,227
6 Dec	Hearts	SP	1-2	17,334
12 Dec	Dundee United	SP	1-1	11,612
19 Dec	Dunfermline	SP	5-0	59,024
26 Dec	Dundee	SP	3-0	10,043
3 Jan	Rangers	SP	2-2	50,059
23 Jan	Airdrie	SCR3	3-1	43,642
31 Jan	St Johnstone	SP	-	-
6 Feb	Hearts	SP	-	-
13 Feb	Dunfermline	SC	-	-
17 Feb	Kilmarnock	SP	-	-
20 Feb	Motherwell	SP	-	-
27 Feb	Dundee United	SP	-	-
6 March	Dundee	SP	-	-
14 March	Aberdeen	SP	-	-
21 March	Kilmarnock	SP	-	-
3 Apr	Dundee	SP	-	-
10 Apr	Hearts	SP	-	-
17 Apr	Motherwell	SP	-	-
24 Apr	St Johnstone	SP	-	-
1 May	Rangers	SP	-	-
8 May	Dunfermline	SP	-	-
15 May	Aberdeen	SP	-	-
22 May	Dundee United	SP	-	-
29 May	Final	SC	-	-



Back again ... Viduka



Goal... Phil O'Donnell

Scottish Premier League										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
RANGERS	21	13	5	3	39	19	44			
KILMARNOCK	21	11	7	3	30	12	40			
CELTIC	21	9	7	5	44	22	34			
ST JOHNSTONE	22	8	9	5	28	28	33			
MOTHERWELL	22	6	8	10	22	29	26			
HEARTS	22	6	6	10	23	35	24			
ABERDEEN	22	6	5	10	20	32	23			
DUNDEE	22	5	7	10	22	27	22			
DUNFERMLINE	22	2	12	8	17	33	18			



Celtic first team player stats

PLAYER	PD			LC			SC			EURO			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Paul LAMBERT	20	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	30	-	1
Henrik LARSSON	21	-	15	-	-	-	1	-	1	8	-	4	30	-	20
Tom BOYD	20	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	28	-	-
Jonathan GOULD	17	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	8	-	-	27	-	-
Simon DONNELLY	19	-	5	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	3	1	26	3	6
Stephane MAHE	16	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	24	-	-
Alan STUBBS	15	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	1	23	-	2
Craig BURLEY	12	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	20	-	5
Harald BRATBAKK	9	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	2	15	6	4
Phil O'DONNELL	9	2	3	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	1	15	2	5
Jackie McNAMARA	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	14	1	-
Vidar RISETH	13	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	1
Marc RIEPER	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	12	-	-
Lubomir MORAVCIK	9	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	5
Darren JACKSON	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	1	9	6	1
Regi BLINKER	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	9	1	1
Tosh McKINLAY	4	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	7	7	-
David HANNAH	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	7	4	-
Johann MJALLBY	7	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	1
Mark BURCHILL	4	8	4	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	10	4
Rico ANNONI	3	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	7	-
Malky MACKAY	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	1
Tony WARNER	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Andy McCONDICHIE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Stewart KERR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-

Youth stats

PLAYER	YD			BP			GC			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
McCOLLIGAN	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
SMITH	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
MURRAY	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	1	-
CORR	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
KEOGH	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
L MILLER	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-
MORIARTY	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	1	-
HEALY	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
McGOVERN	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
McCANN	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
CONVERY	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
GOODWIN	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
CRAINY	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
NICOL	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
CROSSLEY	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
COCOZZA	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
GALLAGHER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
HAYES	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
FRASER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
SULLIVAN	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
K MCBRIDE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
S MILLER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
trialist	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Under-21 player stats

PLAYER	RFD			RLC			TOTAL		
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G
Paul BORLAND	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
John POTTER	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Colin HEALY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Andy McCONDICHIE	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Brian VAUGH	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Gerry CROSSLEY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Marc ANTHONY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
John Paul MCBRIDE	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Alessandro SANNA	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Graeme MORRISON	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Jamie SMITH	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
John CONVERY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Liam KEOGH	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Marco CORTANI	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Peter McDONALD	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Mark BURCHILL	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Barry ELLIOT	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Brian McLAUGHLIN	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
James GALLAGHER	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Liam MILLER	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Stephen MURRAY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Tagg MORIARTY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Stephen CRAINY	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Barry John CORR	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
David HANNAH	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Joe HAYES	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Scott KELLACHER	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Stewart KERR	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Phil O'DONNELL	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Brian McCOLLIGAN	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Jim GOODWIN	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Ryan McCANN	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
John Paul McGOVERN	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Stephen McMANUS	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Stephen MILLER	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-
Vincent SULLIVAN	10	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-



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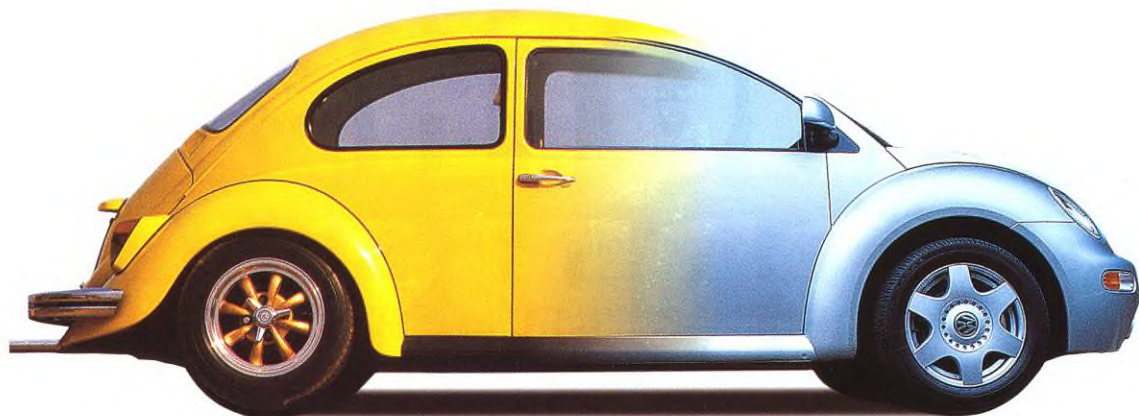
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