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pep talk

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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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.

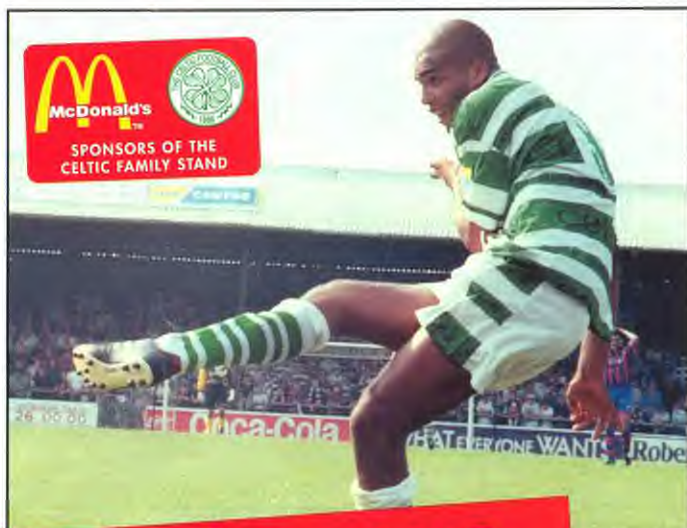
The question is: Which other player was involved in the swap-deal that brought me from Chelsea to Celtic? So if you want to smell Tom's gloves just jot down the answer on a postcard and send it to: **Tom Boyd Time Out Competition, Walk On, PO Box 2413, Glasgow G40 3YB.** The sender of the first correct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

Ticket news

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Season book holders should use voucher 33 to apply, the prices are £12 adults and £6 concessions (OAP/Child). The closing date for anyone making a postal application was Friday 29th January. The closing date for season holders to get their own seat is Sunday 7th February. The public sale begins Monday 8th February. The office opening hours are as follows:

Week Commencing 25th January
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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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