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SCOTTISH CUP QUARTER FINAL

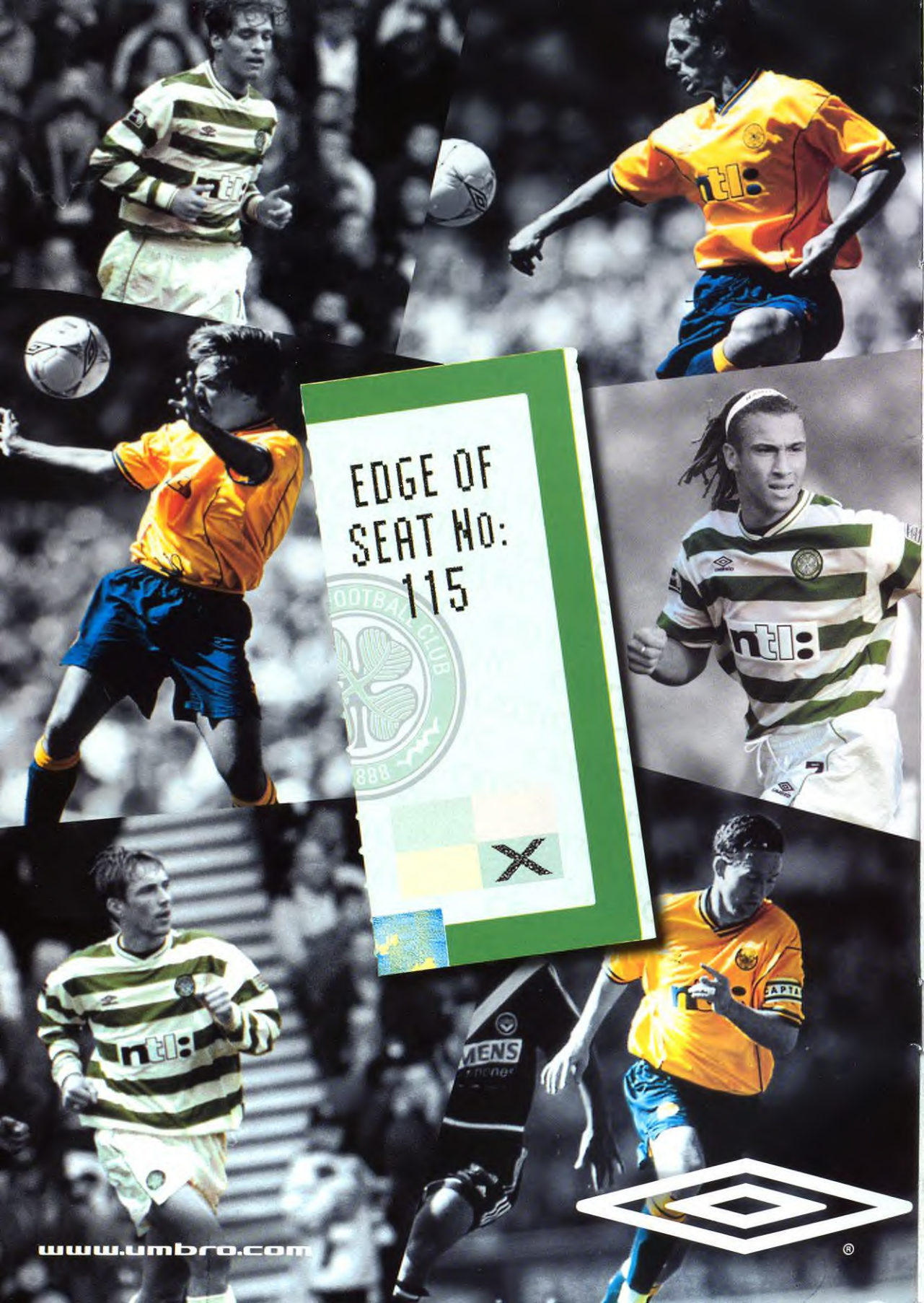
CELTIC PARK

SUNDAY, March 11, 2001

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**WE report back for Scottish Cup duty today just four days after we saw off Dunfermline in our fourth-round replay.**

That we are through and playing here today is the most important thing because no-one in the dressing-room expected anything other than a very difficult match on Wednesday night.

We had gone into the match brimming with confidence after having performed superbly at East End Park in the league just a few days before and we deserved to go through in the end.

Equally however, our performance lacked the cohesion and fluency that had made our previous encounter such a fine spectacle.

We had made three changes to our starting line-up, one of which was enforced as a result of an injury to Chris Sutton. In big Sutt's absence, the lads had played brilliantly at East End, with Paul Lambert and Stilian Petrov two of our best performers.

These two lads have played a lot of football with little respite, Paul having come straight back into the side from his ankle injury without much of a break and Stan having to endure a lot of travelling with his national side.

I felt they could do with a little rest, however short. Of course, ideally, I'd love to give a few of our boys a wee break. But right now our squad isn't strong enough to facilitate that, so we will have to rely on the players who have served us well thus far.

One of the boys who has been playing his part in our recent success is Wednesday night's goal hero, Ramon Vega, and I was delighted to see him enjoying success in both penalty areas. Big Ramon certainly is a character, illustrated by his attempts to wrest one of the penalties away from Henrik. I must remind him, though, that playing centre-forward on a regular basis was never something I envisaged him doing!

The whole squad is in buoyant mood - just as they should be - but confidence is a brittle entity and can disappear from game to game and even from minute to minute.

Your role in keeping the players in a positive frame of mind can be considerable so please remain patient should things not go our way in the early stages this afternoon.

Certainly - judging by previous encounters against Hearts - you



TWO GOOD: Vega celebrates his Pars goal haul with McNamara

## Vega's leading from the back

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should be entertained. No less than 23 goals have been scored in our four meetings with Hearts this season, and our 6-1 victory here in mid-November ranks as one of our finest this term.

I watched their incredible match with Dunfermline a couple of weeks ago at Tynecastle, when they put in a brilliant performance to win 7-1.

Their midweek victory at Dens Park was another impressive result to say the least and, with Craig Levein now settled into the job, it looks as if Hearts are beginning to recover the kind of form that saw them challenge for the title just a couple of years ago.

● I KNOW the number of matches NOT being played on a Saturday is a real bone of contention among our fans right now. I myself would prefer to stay with, as often as we can, the traditional Saturday afternoon.

Sometimes it isn't possible, most obviously to allow teams a little more

time to recover from Thursday UEFA Cup matches.

Recently, of course, that hasn't been the case with us and I appreciate many of you are going to great inconvenience to come along and cheer us on. Equally, I would imagine that it is only natural - and beneficial for that matter - that the TV companies are keen to cover our matches when we are still very much involved in the race for domestic silverware.

In this sense, we are the victims of our own success thus far and all I can do is offer my sincere thanks for your continued support and patience in this difficult matter.



*John McGovern*

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**celtic:**  
probable formation 3-5-2

**hearts:**  
probable formation 4-4-2



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Referee: KENNY CLARK

Assistant Referees: GRAEME ALISON

ANDREW SEYMOUR



## celtic squad

- |                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Jonathan GOULD                      | 21 Stewart KERR                       |
| 2 Tom BOYD ( <i>captain</i> )         | 22 Stephane BONNES                    |
| 3 Stephane MAHE                       | 23 Dimitre KHARINE                    |
| 4 Jackie McNAMARA                     | 24 Colin HEALY                        |
| 5 Joos VALGAEREN                      | 25 Lubomir MORAVCIK                   |
| 6 Alan STUBBS                         | 26 Paul SHIELDS                       |
| 7 Henrik LARSSON                      | 27 Mark BURCHILL ( <i>Ipswich</i> )   |
| 8 Alan THOMPSON                       | 30 Vidar RISETH ( <i>on loan</i> )    |
| 9 Chris SUTTON                        | 31 Rafael SCHEIDT ( <i>on loan</i> )  |
| 10 Eyal BERKOVIC ( <i>Blackburn</i> ) | 32 Simon LYNCH                        |
| 11 Morten WIEGHORST                   | 33 John CONVERY                       |
| 12 Tommy JOHNSON                      | 34 Mark FOTHERINGHAM                  |
| 14 Paul LAMBERT                       | 35 Johan MJALLBY                      |
| 15 Bobby PETTA                        | 36 Ramon VEGA                         |
| 16 Olivier TEBILY                     | 37 Liam KEOGH ( <i>on loan</i> )      |
| 17 Didier AGATHE                      | 38 Barry John CORR ( <i>on loan</i> ) |
| 18 Neil LENNON                        | 39 Jamie SMITH                        |
| 19 Stilian PETROV                     | 40 Stephen CRAINEY                    |
| 20 Rab DOUGLAS                        | 41 John KENNEDY                       |

## hearts squad

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Gilles Rousset                     | 19 Scott Severin    |
| 2 Steven Pressley                    | 20 Juanjo           |
| 3 Austin McCann                      | 21 Robert Tomaschek |
| 5 Kevin James                        | 22 Steven Boyack    |
| 6 Gordan Petric                      | 24 Andy Kirk        |
| 7 Gary McSwegan                      | 25 Kieran McAnespie |
| 8 Steve Fulton                       | 26 Antti Niemi      |
| 9 Stephane Adam                      | 28 Kenny Milne      |
| 10 Colin Cameron ( <i>captain</i> )  | 29 Robbie Neilson   |
| 11 Darren Jackson ( <i>on loan</i> ) | 30 Kris O'Neil      |
| 12 Grant Murray                      | 31 Alisdair Graham  |
| 13 Roddy McKenzie                    | 32 Steven Reilly    |
| 14 Thomas Fogel                      | 33 Darren Goldie    |
| 15 Gary Wales                        | 34 Alan McIlroy     |
| 16 Lee Makel                         | 35 Craig Neeson     |
| 17 Gordon Durie                      | 36 Anton Smith      |
| 18 Fitzroy Simpson                   | 37 Stephen Simmons  |

# Hearts surgery not on agenda

Hearts, like Celtic, had to wait until Wednesday night before clinching their place in the cup quarter-finals and they did it the hard way: winning the replay away from home after being held at home by Dundee.

The Tynecastle outfit are gradually being reshaped by Craig Levein, who took up the managerial reins from Jim Jefferies back in November. Changes to the playing staff have been few but two signings, Steven Boyack and Austin McCann, have earned regular spots in a 4-4-2 formation while Kieran McAnespie, on loan from Fulham, has also been involved.

Goalkeeper **ANTTI NIEMI** is one of half-a-dozen former Rangers players on the Tynecastle staff and he won't

*New boss Levein hasn't really tampered with capital squad*

have the happiest of memories from Celtic Park: he was in goal the day Celtic beat Rangers 5-1 and was between the sticks for the 6-1 defeat Hearts suffered in November.

However, he has also been in a winning Hearts side at Parkhead - the 3-2 triumph last February - and has proved a very sound investment in becoming undisputed No.1 keeper.

**GILLES ROUSSET** has been ousted from active service by the consistency of Niemi and is more involved in coaching these days. Indeed it was the third Tynecastle keeper,

**RODDY MCKENZIE**, who deputised for the injured Niemi last Saturday.

**THOMAS FLOGL** arrived from Austria Vienna in July 1997 and took time to adjust to the Scottish game. The Austrian internationalist gradually settled in to play at wing-back, midfielder and striker, and his first-touch and shooting prowess made him a regular choice. Currently right-back.

Central defender **STEVEN PRESSLEY** was a regular Scotland under-21 internationalist who had a difficult start to his Tynecastle career after moving from Dundee United but impressed with solid defensive displays and has made the full Scottish squad.

**SCOTT SEVERIN** is a combative player who was initially considered a midfielder but his versatility has been invaluable for Hearts and he is currently performing with authority in central defence. He has also filled in up front with some effect. A mainstay in the Scottish under-21 set-up.

**AUSTIN MCCANN** has made the left-back berth his own since signing from Airdrie for £100,000 and gives a natural balance to the back four.

Defender **GORDAN PETRIC** is out of the side with a grain injury.

**GRANT MURRAY** is another versatile player - he can play in the centre of defence, at full-back or in midfield - to have come through the ranks at Tynecastle. He was called into the first-team squad last season as cover for the injured Gary Locke and made such an impression that he's now a regular.

At full-back or as a wide midfielder



**HE'S SCOTT YOU:** Moravcik is outfoxed by Tynecastle star Scott Severin

**A 21-GUN BOOT:**  
Hearts' Tomaschek  
and Cameron get  
stuck into Petrov



**ROBBIE NEILSON** has enjoyed a handful of first-team outings this term and played against Celtic in the League Cup clash earlier this season.

The arrival of **STEVEN BOYACK** for £40,000 from Dundee has expanded still further the Ibrox connection at Tynecastle. Frozen out at Dens Park by Ivano Bonetti this season after collecting numerous Player of the Year awards last term, he went on loan to Ayr before being signed by Levein. Is winning over the fans after a sticky start and will be a threat on the right.

Scotland internationalist **COLIN CAMERON** has won many admirers with the qualities that he adds to the Hearts squad. Most eye-catching is his ability to get forward from the middle of the park and threaten the opposition goal.

**LEE MAKEL** jumped at the chance to move to Edinburgh after falling out of favour at Huddersfield over two years ago but only featured fleetingly in Jefferies' selections. He has become a recent first-team regular and provides dig in midfield.

Slovakian internationalist midfielder

**ROBERT TOMASCHEK** joined Hearts over a year ago for £500,000 from Slovan Bratislava, where he was club captain, and has settled well at Tynecastle. He came into the team under Levein when Steve Fulton was injured and is playing regularly. Netted the Dens winner on Wednesday.

Ex-Celt **STEVE FULTON** is currently out of action with a knee injury.

Versatile **KIERAN McANESPIE** is on loan from Fulham. Has been involved with the first team in the past month but is likely to start on the bench.

Youngster **ANDY KIRK** has proved a real handful for the Celtic defence in the clubs' meetings this season. The striker, now involved in the senior Northern Ireland squad, has plenty of pace and an eye for goal, though he has not been as prolific in recent weeks apart from a double in the 7-1 Dunfermline rout.

**GORDON DURIE** is another

ex-Ranger who signed up at Tynecastle in search of first-team football earlier this season. His ability to lead the line provides the perfect foil for Kirk.

Striker **JUANJO** took a while to adapt to Scottish football but the Spanish kid, who is generally used off the bench by Levein, has good control and pace.

Frenchman **STEPHANE ADAM** was prevented from making any sort of impact this season through injury until he returned to score twice in the 7-1 win over Dunfermline, only to pick up another thigh injury.

Striker **GARY McSWEGAN** is unlikely to be involved today, also through injury. **GARY WALES** is yet another striker to have been sidelined by injury for almost the whole of this term but is battling back to fitness.

**DONALD COWEY**

**JUAN TO WATCH:**  
The Spanish ace  
and Kirk celebrate





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**"DURRANT SAID THE DOG WAS CALLED TO THE MEDICAL ROOM BECAUSE THE BALL HAD HAD IT. HE COULDN'T SAVE IT..."**

Bobby Williamson after Killie's poor performance against Partick Thistle in the Tennent's Scottish Cup, January 2001.

**"IT WAS ONLY A SLIGHT DEFLECTION - DARREN'S BUM IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MISS AS IT IS!"**

Eddie Cunningham stakes his claim for Ross County's Tennent's Scottish Cup 2nd Round winner after it went in off Darren Henderson's backside.

**"I NEVER SCORED AGAINST GORAM IN TRAINING IN FIVE YEARS AT IBROX SO IT WAS NICE TO FINALLY GET ONE PAST HIM"**

An elated Charlie Miller after securing Dundee United's place in this year's Tennent's Scottish Cup Quarter Final.





## Celtic's recent Scottish Cup quarter-final record

<b>1998/99</b>	Morton (A)	<b>3-0</b>	<i>Viduka 2, Larsson</i>
<b>1997/98</b>	Dundee United (A)	<b>3-2</b>	<i>Brattbakk, Weighorst, Pedersen og</i>
<b>1996/97</b>	Rangers (H)	<b>2-0</b>	<i>Mackay, Di Canio</i>
<b>1995/96</b>	Dundee United (H)	<b>2-1</b>	<i>van Hooijdonk, Thom</i>
<b>1994/95</b>	Kilmarnock (H)	<b>1-0</b>	<i>Collins</i>
<b>1991/92</b>	Morton (H)	<b>3-0</b>	<i>Creaney 2, Collins</i>
<b>1990/91</b>	Rangers (H)	<b>2-0</b>	<i>Creaney, Wdowczyk</i>
<b>1989/90</b>	Dunfermline (H)	<b>3-0</b>	<i>McStay, Coyne, Miller (after 0-0 draw)</i>
<b>1988/89</b>	Hearts (H)	<b>2-1</b>	<i>McGhee, Aitken</i>
<b>1987/88</b>	Partick Thistle (A)	<b>3-0</b>	<i>Walker, Burns, Stark</i>
<b>1985/86</b>	Hibernian (A)	<b>3-4</b>	<i>McClair 2, McGhee</i>
<b>1984/85</b>	Dundee (H)	<b>2-1</b>	<i>McGarvey, Johnston (after 1-1 draw)</i>
<b>1983/84</b>	Motherwell (A)	<b>6-0</b>	<i>Reid, Burns, McClair 2, MacLeod, McGarvey</i>
<b>1982/83</b>	Hearts (H)	<b>4-1</b>	<i>MacLeod, McGarvey, Nicholas 2</i>
<b>1980/81</b>	East Stirlingshire (H)	<b>2-0</b>	<i>Conroy, MacLeod</i>
<b>1979/80</b>	Morton (H)	<b>2-0</b>	<i>Casey, McCluskey</i>
<b>1978/79</b>	Aberdeen (H)	<b>1-2</b>	<i>Lennox (after 1-1 draw)</i>
<b>1976/77</b>	Queen of the South (H)	<b>5-1</b>	<i>Glavin 3, Craig, Dalgligh</i>
<b>1974/75</b>	Dumbarton (A)	<b>2-1</b>	<i>Glavin, Wilson</i>
<b>1973/74</b>	Motherwell (A)	<b>1-0</b>	<i>Deans (after 2-2 draw)</i>
<b>1972/73</b>	Aberdeen (A)	<b>1-0</b>	<i>McNeill (after 0-0 draw)</i>
<b>1971/72</b>	Hearts (A)	<b>1-0</b>	<i>Macari (after 1-1 draw)</i>
<b>1970/71</b>	Ralith Rovers (H)	<b>7-1</b>	<i>Lennox 3, Gemmell, Callaghan, Wallace, Davidson</i>
<b>1969/70</b>	Rangers (H)	<b>3-1</b>	<i>Lennox, Hay, Johnstone</i>