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**W**e all know that there has been plenty of speculation in the media this week but that won't deflect us from our task today.

Similarly, we all know about the importance of today's game and all we have been thinking about this week is the preparation for the visit of Hearts.

There is no doubt that we are in for a hard game today but we also had a hard test against Aberdeen last week.

We came out with the three points on that occasion and we need to show that same sort of motivation today.

The difference is of course that without doubt, today's game is the one that people have been talking about for weeks.

Obviously it is regarded as the match of the day but that is normal and it will be the same when any of the top three teams meet.

It has been a tough week for most of our players with many of them being away on international duty.

In that respect it hasn't been so easy to prepare for today's game but hopefully we will not be too hampered by injuries.

On the one hand it is pleasing that so many players have been recognised by their countries, as

## Our minds are on one thing only

that shows how well we have been doing as a team.

But the other side of the coin is that players could be tired or injured and that is something we obviously want to avoid, especially as our games against Hearts this season have been very tight affairs.

We hold the upper hand with two victories before that recent last-gasp 1-1 draw at Tynecastle when we had the lead until the dying seconds.

You never know how this type of game is going to go but they have all been very close until now.

But the most important thing is that we go out there knowing that we have the confidence and the ability to go for all three points.



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**Jose  
QUITONGO**



**Colin  
CAMERON**



**Jim  
HAMILTON**



**Lee  
MAKEL**



**Dave  
McPHERSON**



**W**hen Hearts visited Celtic Park in December last year, there were already a whole host of people writing off their title challenge, despite the Gorgie Road men sitting then at the top of the table.

They had yet to take any points off the Old Firm sides and on that day they also failed, losing 1-0 to Celtic.

But since then they have drawn with Celtic and Rangers, and are clear of the Ibrox club, just two points behind Celts in second place.

Despite having a squad that costs much less than either of the Old Firm's, the Tynecastle side are definitely in with a shout of winning their first trophy since 1962, as they are also in the Scottish Cup semi-finals against Falkirk next month.

# Real hope in their Hearts

So what about the players that have got the fans cheering in their newly refurbished stadium, and put a smile as wide as the length of the Royal Mile on manager Jim Jefferies' face?

Well, in goal they have an outstanding talent in big French keeper **GILLES ROUSSET**.

He can, like most goalies, be a bit erratic at times.

Veteran **DAVE McPHERSON** has recently returned to full fitness and has been important for the club in their last few vital matches.

Mr Hearts himself, **GARY LOCKE**, hasn't had the best of seasons with injury and will probably miss out today with an ankle knock.

One man yet to miss a game for Hearts this season is the young, but experienced defender **PAUL RITCHIE** who at the tender age of 22 is already a veteran of the first team.

If you really want young at the back, then look no further than 18-year-old full-back **GARY NAYSMITH** (right) - who incidentally this writer's mother taught at Primary School! Do you remember Mrs Brown, Gary!?

Whether he was an academic or not, my mother hasn't said, but he can certainly play football, and scored a fantastic goal at St Johnstone in the New Year.

**DAVID WEIR** is the brainbox of Tynecastle, did you know that he studied in America and played his football there in his younger years, before heading home to play the beautiful game professionally?

Midfielder **STEFANO SALVATORI** has fallen in love with Scotland's capital and has pledged his future



By MERLE BROWN

to Hearts, as he and his family have settled into a beautiful house overlooking Edinburgh Castle.

And he's also settled into some great performances for Hearts, shielding his defence from the midfield.

Beside him in the Hearts' engine room is former Celt **STEVIE FULTON** who is having a wonderful season.

On the flanks in the midfield you'll find **COLIN CAMERON** and **NEIL McCANN**. Former Raith player Cameron underwent stomach surgery but has bounced back and was included for in the Scotland B squad on Tuesday night.

Neil McCann has also had an excellent season - but has yet to turn it on against

Celtic. He was another Jambos to make the Scotland B pool.

With veteran goalscorer **JOHN ROBERTSON** on loan at Dundee the door has been opened for former Dens Park man **JIM HAMILTON** to take over in the scoring charts.

French striker **STEPHANE ADAM** and Austrian **THOMAS FLOGEL** provide the continental options up front and have helped Hearts be the most free-scoring team in the land.

Other players Jefferies can call on include pacy winger **JOSE QUITONGO**. He's so small it's no wonder he netted that injury time equaliser at Tynecastle the last time the two sides met - he was definitely hiding under the Celtic defence's armpits that day.

Seriously, this madman from Angola gives everyone a thrill with his jinky skills and then the crazy things he comes out with at the after-match press conferences.

Despite having a tight budget to adhere to Jefferies managed to loosen the purse strings a little recently to splash out £75,000 on former Blackburn Rovers midfielder **LEE MAKEL** from Huddersfield Town.

PS. Hi to my brother Stuart and his mate Innes in the Hearts end. Have a rotten day!



Neil McCann

## Lowdown

**GILLES ROUSSET** (Goalkeeper)  
Age 34 - Signed from Rennes in 1995

**RODDY McKENZIE** (Goalkeeper)  
Age 22 - Signed from Stenhousemuir in 1996.

**PAUL RITCHIE** (Defender)  
Age 22 - Signed from Links United in 1992

**ALAN McMANUS** (Defender)  
Age 23 - Signed from Links United in 1992

**DAVE McPHERSON** (Defender)

Age 33 - Signed from Rangers in 1994

**GARY LOCKE** (Defender)  
Age 22 - Signed from Whitehill Welfare in 1992

**DAVID WEIR** (Defender)  
Age 27 - Signed from Falkirk in 1996

**GARY NAYSMITH** (Defender)  
Age 18 - Signed from Whitehill Welfare in 1996

**STEVE FULTON** (Midfield)  
Age 27 - Signed from Falkirk in 1995

**STEFANO SALVATORI** (Midfield)  
Age 29 - Signed from Atalanta in 1996

**LEE MAKEL** (Midfield)  
Age 25 - Signed from Huddersfield in 1998

**COLIN CAMERON** (Midfield)  
Age 25 - Signed from Raith Rovers in 1996

**NEIL McCANN** (Midfield)  
Age 22 - Signed from Dundee in 1996

**THOMAS FLOGEL** (Midfield/Forward)  
Age 26 - Signed from Austria Vienna in 1997

**STEPHANE ADAM** (Forward)  
Age 28 - Signed from Metz in 1997

**JOSE QUITONGO** (Forward)  
Age 23 - Signed from Hamilton in 1997

**JIM HAMILTON** (Forward)  
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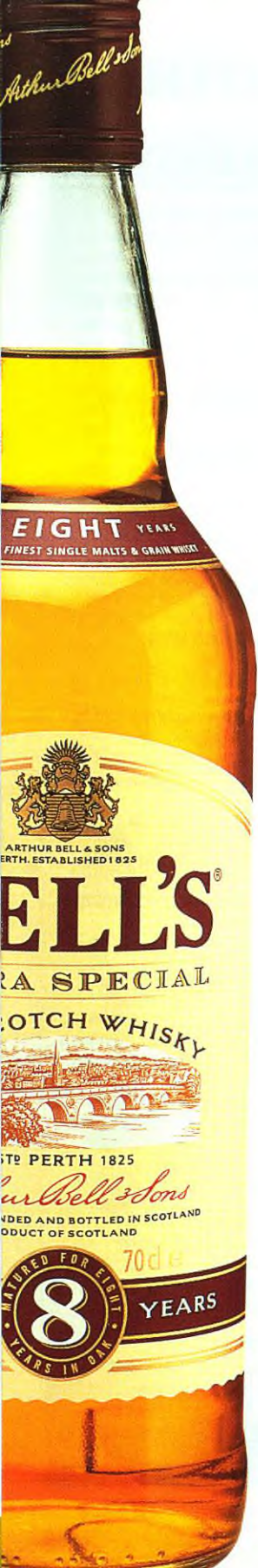
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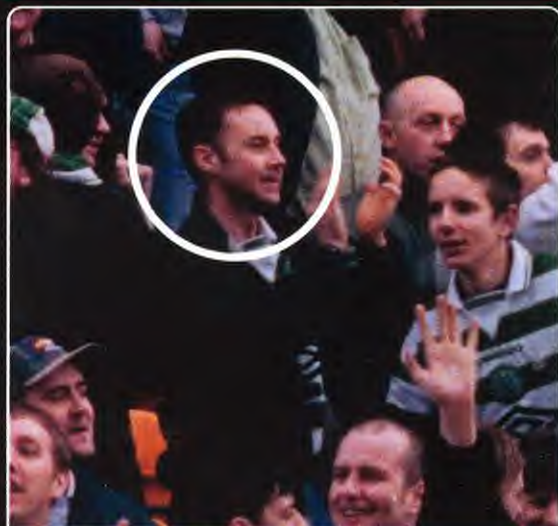




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## **A** note to all journalists – watch this space!

When young Suzanne Wright made her debut visit to Celtic Park as lucky mascot at the game against her home city's team, Dundee United, she managed to impress just about everyone she spoke to with her knowledge of the game.

She is a very ambitious young lady who starts her morning by reading the local paper from the back page in the hope of discovering some new information, however small, about her favourite players.

And she hopes that some day when she is a wee bit older, she can

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fulfil her ambition and work as a journalist on, guess what, the *Celtic View!*

Suzanne became a local celebrity when she appeared in the *Dundee Evening Telegraph* in full Celtic attire before her dream trip to Celtic Park. Her lucky mascot dream day was also a belated birthday present for this budding young journalist, who recently celebrated her ninth birthday.

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