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CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE

SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND REPLAY

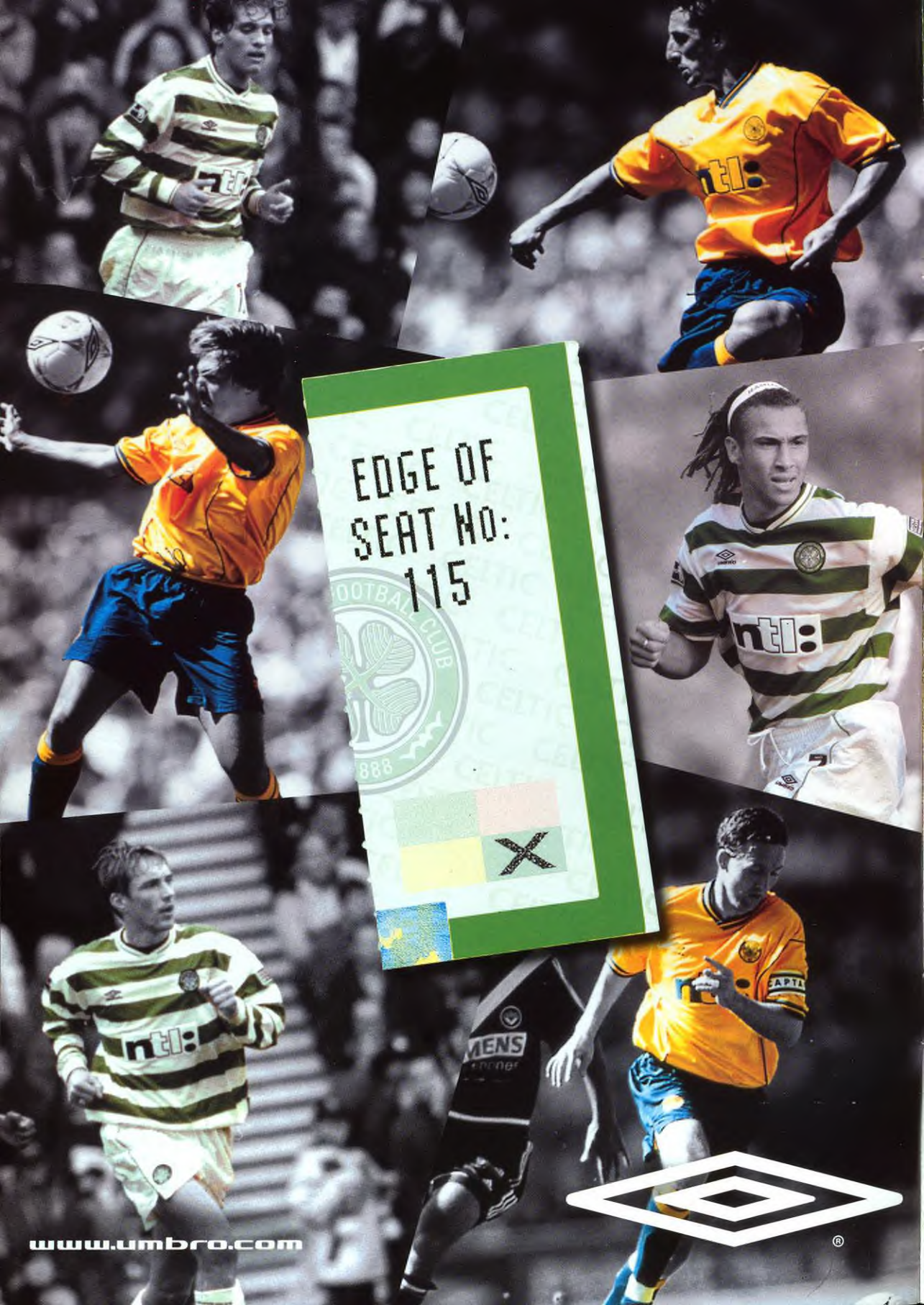
CELTIC PARK

WEDNESDAY, March 7, 2001

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A WARM welcome to all of you for what promises to be a cracking cup tie tonight.

Dunfermline are no doubt sick of the sight of us having twice offered us their hospitality in the last couple of weeks, but tonight at least gives us the chance to return the favour by acting as hosts to Jimmy Calderwood's side.

But let me begin by thanking those who travelled to support us at East End Park. We've become accustomed to finding thousands upon thousands of friendly faces wherever we go, and there's no doubt you all excelled yourselves yet again on both of our recent visits to Fife.

When we played the first installment of this fourth-round tie, the fact you all stayed behind to applaud the team even after a last-minute goal had seen victory snatched from our grasp did you and the club great credit.

Then, at the weekend, your backing of the players - and of Neil Lennon in particular - was nothing short of phenomenal. Of course, I'm sure anyone who was at East End Park on Sunday would agree the lads fully merited such support because, to a man, I thought they were absolutely magnificent.

We had gone into the game on the back of two very tight matches at Celtic Park, and perhaps some people were anxiously looking for chinks to begin appearing in our armour.

However, I thought we produced one of the outstanding performances of the season to come out on top against what we all know to be a very good Dunfermline side.

We looked extremely sharp from the start and took a deserved early lead thanks to a well-worked goal scored by the excellent Stilian Petrov, Henrik Larsson who had played a part in that goal doubled our lead with a truly sensational free-kick not long after, and we could have scored a few more.

As it was, we had to make do with witnessing the near miracle of Lennon hitting the target late on as he ended on a high note what had been an extremely difficult week for him.

His desire and commitment typified the attitude of the whole team, and we won't go far wrong with players of the character we have here. But of course, I'm always looking to strengthen the squad and, with the close season drawing ever closer, it's only right I should be looking to



EAST END BHOY: Petrov fires Celts' opener in the 3-0 win over Pars

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improve the strength and depth of our first team pool.

The need to do so was illustrated by the loss of Chris Sutton in Sunday's meeting after he picked up a shoulder injury. Jackie McNamara and Lubo Moravcik are back and champing at the bit to return to action. But we nevertheless must look towards strengthening the squad.

One of the people I will be working alongside towards achieving that is the club's new chief executive Ian McLeod, someone I wish all the very best in what I know is a difficult job.

I'm sure he would have enjoyed Sunday's match as much as anyone, and hopefully we will be able to maintain those standards here tonight.

But we will need everyone: each and

every individual Celtic fan pulling together if we are to progress to the next round. Your backing has, on the whole, been nothing short of excellent this season but, in our two most recent home games against Motherwell and Hibs, the atmosphere has been notably subdued.

I know it's frustrating when, with so much at stake, things aren't going our way but, considering what the players have put into this season already, I believe they have earned a little patience from everyone



Ian McLeod

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Referee: WILLIE YOUNG
Assistant Referees: JOE McDOWALL
PETER PEACE

celtic squad

- 1 Jonathan GOULD
- 2 Tom BOYD (*captain*)
- 3 Stephane MAHE
- 4 Jackie McNAMARA
- 5 Joos VALGAEREN
- 6 Alan STUBBS
- 7 Henrik LARSSON
- 8 Alan THOMPSON
- 9 Chris SUTTON
- 10 Eyal BERKOVIC (*Blackburn*)
- 11 Morten WIEGHORST
- 12 Tommy JOHNSON
- 14 Paul LAMBERT
- 15 Bobby PETTA
- 16 Olivier TEBILY
- 17 Didier AGATHE
- 18 Neil LENNON
- 19 Shilan PETROV
- 20 Rab DOUGLAS

- 21 Stewart KERR
- 22 Stephane BONNES
- 23 Dimitre KHARINE
- 24 Colin HEALY
- 25 Lubomir MORAVCIK
- 26 Paul SHIELDS
- 27 Mark BURCHILL (*Ipswich*)
- 30 Vidar RISETH (*on loan*)
- 31 Rafael SCHEIDT (*on loan*)
- 32 Simon LYNCH
- 33 John CONVERY
- 34 Mark FOTHERINGHAM
- 35 Johan MJALLBY
- 36 Ramon VEGA
- 37 Liam KEOGH (*on loan*)
- 38 Barry John CORR (*on loan*)
- 39 Jamie SMITH
- 40 Stephen CRAINEY
- 41 John KENNEDY

dunfermline squad

- 1 Marco RUITENBEEK
- 2 Michael DOESBURG
- 3 Jason DAIR
- 4 Justin SKINNER
- 5 Andrius SKERLA
- 6 Scott M THOMSON
- 7 Junior MENDES
- 8 Ian FERGUSON (*captain*)
- 9 Stephen CRAWFORD
- 10 Lee BULLEN
- 11 Stewart PETRIE
- 12 Steven HAMPSHIRE
- 14 David MOSS
- 15 Eddie MAY
- 16 Rob MATTHAEI
- 17 Owen COYLE

- 18 Andy TOD (*on loan*)
- 19 Brian REID (*on loan*)
- 20 Scott Y THOMSON
- 21 Barry NICHOLSON
- 22 David GRAHAM
- 24 Youssef ROSSI
- 25 John POTTER
- 26 Chris McGROARTY
- 27 Craig MARTIN
- 28 Colin NISH (*on loan*)
- 29 Chris TEMPLEMAN (*on loan*)
- 31 Kevin MCLEISH
- 32 Mark McGARTY
- 34 Russell TAYLOR
- 36 Steven BOYLE
- 55 John HYND



Former Celtic star Andy Walker runs the rule over Jimmy Calderwood's Dunfermline troops

Par excellence for East Enders

DUNFERMLINE'S achievements this season have surely exceeded all expectations of their fans but it is a measure of how far they have come in such a short space of time that many consider there to be a real chance of a Scottish Cup upset tonight.

Manager Jimmy Calderwood has moved a million miles away from the Pars being regarded as a long ball team. For the most part of the season their passing has been excellent (7-1

defeat at Tynecastle excepted) and the players' ability to comfortably move into different positions has been a real feature of their recent play.

MARCO RUITENBEEK has been more or less an ever-present for the East End Park side in goal and is very comfortable in dealing with the ball at his feet. His physical presence also makes him stand out from the rest and, but for the Tynecastle debacle, their goals-against column would have been fair reading.

ANDRIUS SKERLA and **SCOTT THOMSON** have been very consistent

all season in their job of man marking and I'm sure Chris Sutton and Henrik Larsson would say they haven't been kept as quiet in any game this term as they were in the first meeting of the clubs this season at East End Park.

JUSTIN SKINNER plays in that free role at the back alongside the two markers and his composure on the ball makes him an ideal man for that job. More often than not, he's able to step forward when the team have comfortable possession and make an extra man in midfield.

MICHEL DOESBURG and **CHRIS MCGROARTY** usually play in the wider areas and while Doesburg is a tidy player who reads the game well, McGroarty is more of a threat going forward and his pace is one of his biggest assets.

An improvement in his crossing when he's in the last third has to be one of this youngster's aims to become a better player.

JASON DAIR can play in a number of positions and has performed as much on the right as he has on the left. He looks to get forward as much as possible to help out in attack and has a decent eye for goal.

IAN FERGUSON is guaranteed his usual welcome to Celtic Park tonight and his driving force in midfield has been crucial for the club this season. Fergie will relish the atmosphere in the ground this evening and it'll probably help his concentration because his team needs him tonight.



RAGING BULL: Dunfermline ace Lee Bullen challenges Celts' Johan Mjallby

TWO IN ONE GOES:
Ian Ferguson and
Junior Mendes
watch Lambert



BARRY NICHOLSON has got better as the season has gone on and he's beginning to improve on the timing of his runs forward.

Getting away from Ibrox and the experience of playing regular first-team football was a good decision and he's definitely an improved player for it.

STEVIE CRAWFORD has so many qualities that it's hard to find a weakness in his game, but like most strikers, he's sometimes judged on goals and this is certainly an area he can improve on.

In my view he receives the ball with his back to goal really well and brings others into play naturally, but if he then thought about getting into the box a bit quicker and more often, he'd be a better player.

LEE BULLEN offers something different up front with his physical presence and ability in the air.

I think he's better playing closer to Crawford and trying to link up a bit

more as a partnership but, one thing's for sure, there's plenty of effort in his play and he works hard during the 90 minutes.

DAVID MOSS has been unfortunate to be out of the first-team picture so often because if you're looking for a goalscoring threat from midfield, there are few better than the ex-Falkirk player.

Considering he's been out of the team so much this season, it's a credit to him that he has still chipped in with a few vital goals.

MARINUS DIJKHUIZEN is another option up front for the Pars and at 6'5" he's an obvious threat in the air but to be fair to the big man, his touch is decent and he does seem to have an eye for goal. He's likely to miss out on a starting spot but is a real handful coming on from the bench.

GARY MASON is on loan with the club until the end of the season and the former Manchester City player has yet to establish himself.

CHRIS IS IT:
Pars' rising star
McGroarty
is on the up





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Airdrie manager Alex MacDonald before a Tennent's
Scottish Cup tie against Dundee United, March 1994.

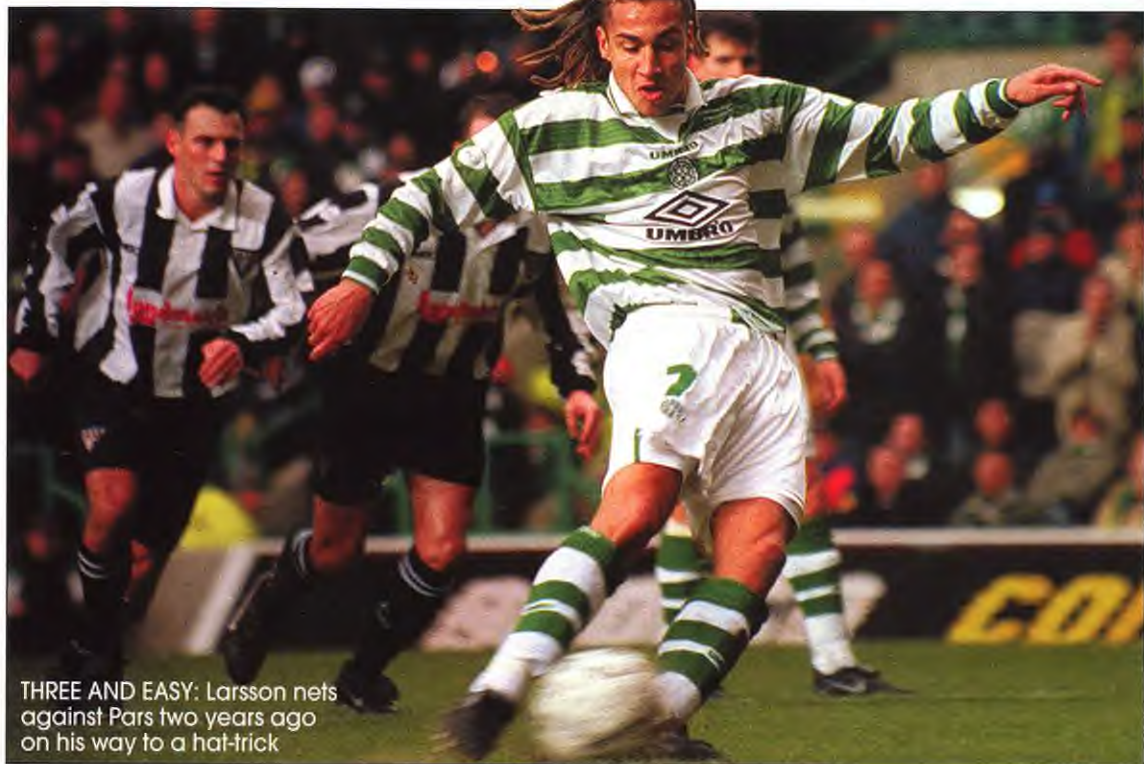
**"AND I DON'T WANT TO READ ANY OF THAT
'PLUCKY WEE BANKIES' S**** TOMORROW"**

Clydebank coach Jim Fallon after losing 4-3 to Aberdeen
in the Tennent's Scottish Cup, March 1993.

**WHO SAID, "I WAS REALLY IMPRESSED HE
(KILMARNOCK'S JOHN HENRY) SCORED
A HAT-TRICK AGAINST MORTON IN THE FIFTH
ROUND, UNTIL I REALISED BRIAN REID HAD
BEEN PLAYING FOR MORTON"**

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THREE AND EASY: Larsson nets against Pars two years ago on his way to a hat-trick

Larsson inspired Celts to Hen party

The last time the two clubs met at Celtic Park on Scottish Cup duty was just two years ago when a first-half Henrik Larsson hat-trick helped Celtic to a 4-0 victory. Harald Brattbakk netted the other.

CELTIC and Dunfermline meet tonight for the 17th time in the Scottish Cup. Of the previous 16 encounters, Celtic have won 10 and lost two, scoring 31 goals and conceding 12.

THE Hoops have been involved in 83 Scottish Cup replays, winning 61 and losing just 14. Celtic's last three replay defeats have been in semi-finals:

Falkirk 1996/97, Motherwell 1990/91 and Dundee United 1980/81.

CELTIC have only ever lost one Scottish Cup replay at Celtic Park. That was in 1978/79 when Aberdeen won 2-1 after a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie.

CELTIC'S biggest Scottish Cup win over Dunfermline came in the first round in 1932/33 when they won 7-1 away from home. The Bhoys lifted the trophy that season with a 1-0 win over Motherwell in the final.

THE two clubs have met twice in Scottish Cup finals, both in the 1960s. The first was in 1961 when a Jack

Stein-inspired Dunfermline won 2-0 after a 0-0 draw. The second was in 1965 when a Stein-inspired Celtic won 3-2, with Billy McNeill heading an 81st-minute winner.

DUNFERMLINE'S only other Scottish Cup win over Celtic came in 1968 when they won 2-0 at Celtic Park. The Pars went on to win the cup, beating Hearts 3-1 in the final.

CELTIC and Dunfermline have met in just one Scottish Cup semi-final. That was in 1966 at Ibrox when goals from Bertie Auld and Stevie Chalmers gave the Hoops a 2-0 win.

David McDonald