



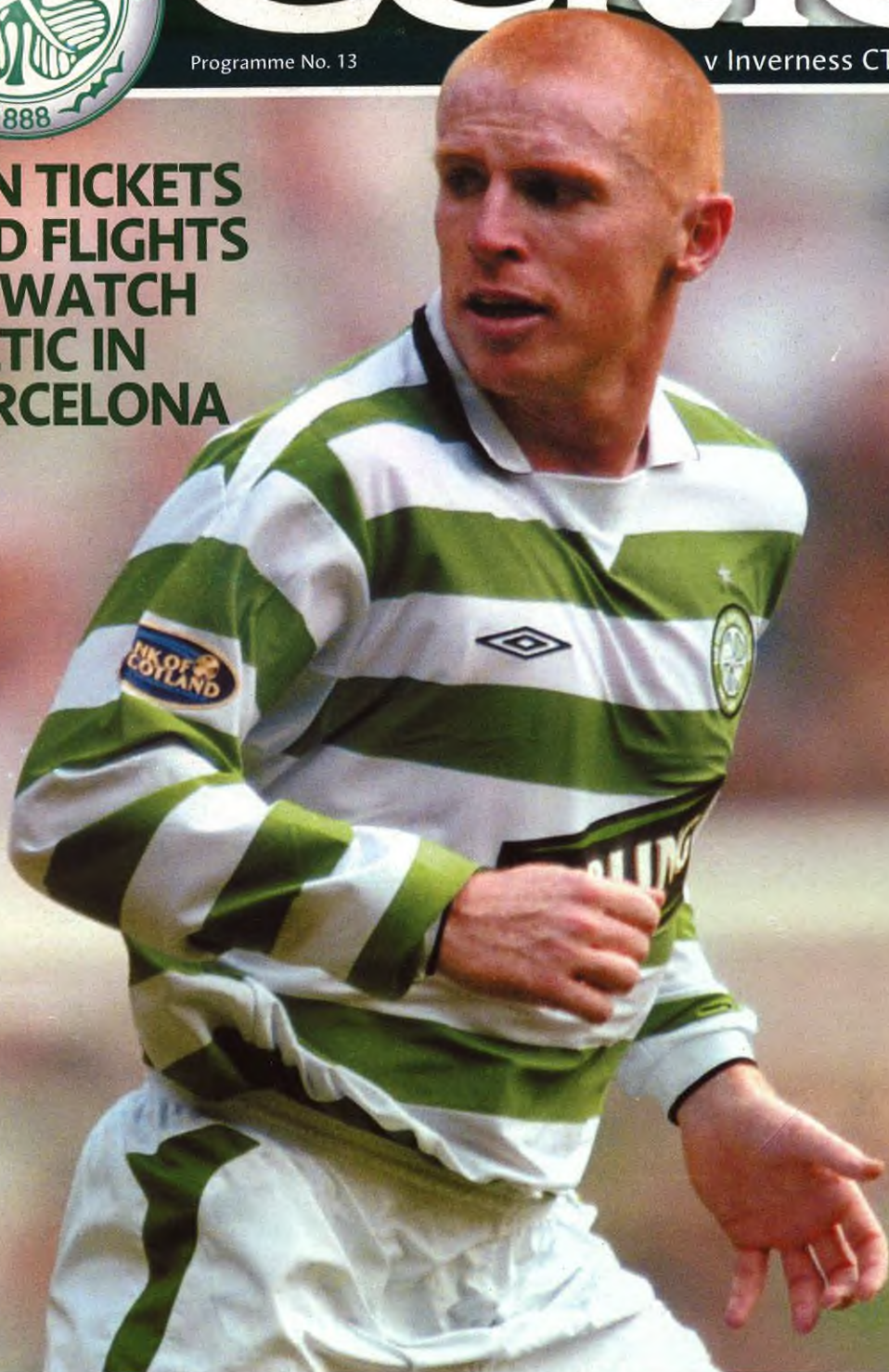
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The run was eventually ended in extra time at Ibrox when Rangers went through to the semi-final by a 2-1 scoreline.

John Hartson put us ahead in the 66th minute with a wonderful header and for a while it seemed as if that one goal would be sufficient.

However, Rangers forced an equaliser with just over five minutes to go and, as mentioned earlier, won the game in extra time.

It was naturally disappointing to lose the tie and the seven-game winning streak against our biggest adversaries but hopefully it is not a fatal blow.

The league obviously takes precedence over the CIS Cup and we travel back to Ibrox in a week's time to renew rivalry with three points at stake.

However, before that date, today's game against Inverness Caley takes on supreme significance.

We have many reasons to treat this game and the opposition with the utmost respect.



Inverness Caley have emerged triumphantly twice in the Scottish Cup in recent seasons against us,

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and on merit on both occasions.

Despite a CIS Cup victory at home a couple of years back and a league win at Pittodrie over them earlier this season, we have the

highest regard for what they have done, firstly, in getting in to the SPL, and secondly, in their brilliant efforts so far this season in trying to stay there despite being unable to play their home games at their own ground in Inverness. This will be a tough game for us today.

A week ago we managed to beat Kilmarnock here at Celtic Park. We didn't play well in that game and survived a couple of anxious moments but we eventually took all three points to stay in front in the league.

And that is what is necessary today against Caley Thistle.

Our visitors have been dealt a blow by the loss of their excellent young manager John Robertson who has left to take over at Hearts.

Even if they arrive temporarily managerless will make absolutely no difference to their approach to today's game.

It was a very positive one some months ago at Pittodrie against us. I see it being exactly the same today.



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NEIL'S LOOKING FOR PERFECT PICK-ME-UP

Interview: GREGOR KYLE

IT'S the morning after the night before and Celtic Park is in the grip of an Old Firm hangover.

Any Celtic supporter will know well the gnawing pain that follows defeat against Rangers, the nagging angst as you go through your working day, picking over the bones of the previous night's game and trying to block out the jeers and jibes of blue-blooded colleagues.

The taste of defeat is never sweet, but in the wake of this fixture the flavour is made all the more bitter.

The day after a match there are few places of work that the pain of losing an Old Firm game is more keenly felt than at Celtic Park.

Everyone in the stadium seems to suffer and the knowledge that this defeat followed a run of seven back to back wins against Rangers does little to alleviate the stress.

Among the players, that pain manifests itself in the grim determination with which they concentrate on training and look ahead to today's Premierleague fixture against Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Getting everything back on track after this week's Old Firm CIS loss is a priority for midfielder Lennon

"It's hard, it's never nice to lose an Old Firm game, but you just have to get on with things," said Neil Lennon as he looked back on this week's League Cup defeat. "We had a good run, an excellent run against Rangers but now we just have to concentrate on the games ahead.

"I felt we were a bit unlucky in the game. We didn't play well in

immediately from the Old Firm defeat in the cup with a win in the league.

Coming so quickly after Wednesday's game it is an opportunity to refocus and get back to business in the SPL, which is undoubtedly where the club's priorities lie at the start of each season.

Looking back on Celtic's

progress in the league so far Lennon is happy with the way the season is progressing, but

urged for concentration in today's game against an in form Caley Thistle.

The Highland side arrive in Glasgow coming off the back of two wins and two draws and are starting to show signs that they are now adjusting to life in the SPL.

"We've done well this season so far," said Lennon. "We're four points clear at the top of the table

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the first half but I thought we did well in the second and it was just unlucky the way the result turned out.

"We were feeling bad, but that passes a little day by day and now we've got the game this afternoon."

Today's match against Inverness Caledonian Thistle could be the perfect curer for a Celtic side determined to bounce back





ON LEAVE: John Robertson guided Caley to the SPL but has left the Highland club to take over the hotseat at Hearts



and have been beaten just once in the league and you could say that we threw that one away.

"Caley will no doubt give us a hard game this Saturday. John Robertson has done an excellent job with the team and they've managed to put a bit of a run together lately. They've not been beaten now in four games and I am sure they'll come here with a lot of confidence."

In the wake of the departure of manager John Robertson for Hearts, Lennon believes that Celtic will have to be particularly wary of Caley and fully expects their players to emerge with points to prove.

"When a manager leaves a club it can go either way really," said Lennon. "But a lot of times you find that there are players getting a chance that didn't under the previous manager and they come out with a point to prove. The players will also be playing to impress the next guy who is coming in to the job."

"But every game is hard for us. It doesn't matter who the team is or where they are positioned in the league. You find that they'll always raise their game when they come to Celtic Park. We just have to be prepared for that."

The Caley side that Celtic are preparing to face is one that is

hitting its best run of form this season and looks to be close to establishing itself as an SPL side.

Undeniably hampered by the league's decision to make the club play its "home" fixtures over 100 miles away at Pittodrie in Aberdeen, the club is now starting to put together the run of wins needed to keep their place in the top flight.

Right winger Barry Wilson is the club's top goal scorer with five in the league this season and Caley will bring with them two former Celts eager to make their mark at Parkhead.

Having been voted last season's player of the year by ICT fans online, Liam Keogh is a vital cog in their midfield engine room and has impressed with his tireless running and pace. Meanwhile Bryan Prunty will return to Celtic Park looking to bag his first goal of the season against his former club.

Team



HIGHLAND FLING: Stilian Petrov is mobbed by his team-mates after netting in Celtic's defeat of Inverness at Pittodrie earlier in the season

captain Stuart Golabek has also been in excellent form at the back

alongside Darren Dods and Ross Tokely and Juanjo will no doubt arrive with a point to prove this afternoon having been sent off during Caley's 3-1 defeat by Celtic in August.

Having enjoyed two celebrated results against Celtic in recent years Caley may also fancy their chances against a home side that has

PACKING A PUNCH: Stuart Golabek will lead his troops out at Parkhead today hoping to keep Caley's fine recent run of form going



HIGHLIGHT NEIL: Lennon's celebration with John Robertson after his first ever Hearts goal at Dunfermline was memorable

YOU WANT TO BE DIFFERENT, NEIL? THEN GO AND SCORE A HAT-TRICK!

WHAT do Marco Ruitenbeek and Tony Caig have in common?

Well, even Neil Lennon himself would admit that curling the ball in from an acute angle and rippling the back of the net isn't one of his strong points.

Indeed, when the Irishman turned up with peroxide blond hair for the first time, Martin O'Neill questioned him as to why the change and the answer was: "I want to be different boss."

The manager replied: "If you want to be different, get out there and score me a hat-trick!"

A hat-trick from Neil Lennon may be more than wishful thinking considering he has hit the back of the net only twice since arriving at Celtic Park in December 2000 – but we can but dream. Those two goals were delights to savour though, and the first came only couple of months after he joined the Bhoys.

It was against Dunfermline at East End Park on January 12, 2001, and Lennon had just returned from earning one of his 39 Northern Ireland caps (his international goals tally also stands at two goals) in a 4-0 home defeat to Norway. Stilian Petrov in the 14th minute and Henrik Larsson in the 26th had already put the Celts 2-0 up when Lennon struck in 77 minutes. And if every picture tells a story then the snap of the midfielder running towards the Celtic speaks volumes.

His second strike was just as sweet and it was here at Celtic Park in a game against Hibernian later that same year. It was on December 1 when the Hibeas came calling, but their hosts were in no pre-Christmas present-giving mood. John Hartson had struck twice in the 11th and 40th minutes before Lennon got in on the act by tucking the ball away for another 3-0 win for the Bhoys.

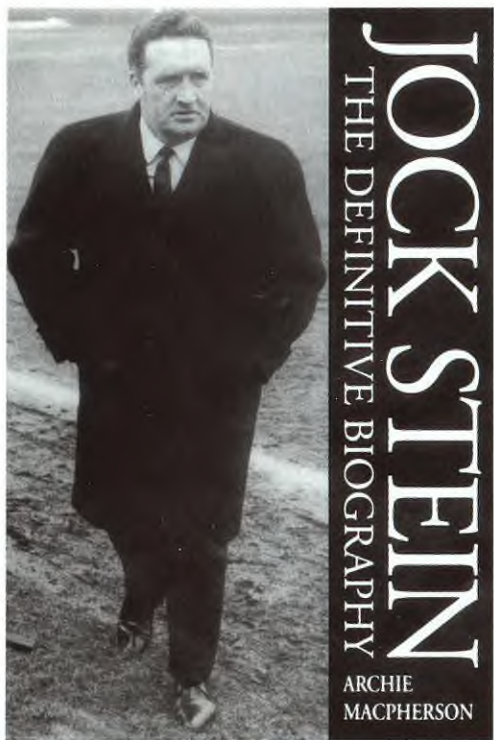
So what do Marco Ruitenbeek and Tony Caig have in common?

Well, apart from being keepers, they both had to pick the ball out of the net after Neil Lennon put it past them – and neither of them couldn't care less what colour Lennon's hair was at the time!

been hit hard by injuries. But looking at the present situation Lennon presents no excuses and is determined that Celtic get back to winning ways at home today.

"That's what playing for a club like Celtic is about," said Lennon as he reflected on the fixture congested months of October and early November. "The more successful you are as a team, the more games you play and you can't complain about it."

"We've suffered a bit through injuries and at times lost goals through a lack of concentration, but you can't think about these sort of things. When you get out there you have a job to get on with and that's what we will do on today."



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Inverness Caledonian Thistle will be hoping to take something from today's game despite losing their manager John Robertson to Hearts

1 MARK BROWN *Goalkeeper.* LAST season Mark was the only player to start in every match for the club playing 47 times. He was Man of the Match in the 1-0 win over Celtic at Caledonian Stadium in the Tennent's Scottish Cup quarter-final two years ago. His outstanding and consistent form last season saw him voted the Supporters' Player of the Year, the Players' Player of the Year and joint winner of the Matchday Programme Player of the Year.

21 MICHAEL FRASER *Goalkeeper.* SPENT the first half of season 2002/03 on-loan to Brora Rangers and then acted as cover for Mark Brown for the remainder of the season. He made his first appearance for the club in the recent 2-1 win over Dundee when he came on as a late sub for Mark Brown who had to go off injured. Signed a new three-year deal during the close season.

2 ROSS TOKELY *Defender.* TOKELY made his 250th appearance for the club in the game against Raith Rovers at Caledonian Stadium on October 4, 2003 where he celebrated by scoring the opening goal in a 2-1 win. He was voted Supporters' Club Player of the Year for Season 2003/04.

3 STUART GOLABEK *Defender.* A CLASSY full-back who has



improved with age. Club captain from season 2004/05. Scorer of ICT's first-ever goal in the Scottish Premier League in the 2-0 win over Dunfermline at Pittodrie.

5 STUART McCAFFREY *Defender.* ARRIVED at the club on-loan from Aberdeen in September 2000 and

was eventually transferred to the club at the beginning of December that year. A very influential and highly-rated centre back who has gone on to play a major part in Caley Thistle's success over the last four seasons. He was a major influence in ICT winning the Bell's Cup this season along with getting



to the Scottish Cup semi-final and winning the First Division Championship. He's adapted to life in the Premierleague superbly well and his performances are of the highest order.

14 GRANT MUNRO *Defender.* MADE his first appearance for the club in a Scottish Cup third-round defeat at the hands of Livingston in Inverness on January 2, 1999, with John Robertson playing for Livvy that day. Since then Grant has become one of the most accomplished young players at the club and his enthusiasm for the game and his hard work has certainly paid off during the last three seasons. Signed a new two-year deal in the close season. He's grabbed his chance at playing first-team football in the Premierleague and is in superb form this season. Made his 100th app. for the club in the 2-1 win over Dundee.

18 DAVID PROCTOR *Defender.* HE joined the club at the start of last season from Hibernian on a one-year contract. Recovering from a shoulder injury last season, he was involved with the first team until the end of the season

and his return to full match fitness was a massive boost both to himself and the club. He has a great future with the club and signed a new two-year deal in the close season.

4 DARREN DODS *Defender.* SIGNED for the club during the close season on a one-year deal. Began his career with Hutcheson Vale Boys' Club before signing for Hibs in June 1991. He was at Easter Road for seven years, making 65 appearances, before moving to join St Johnstone in July 1998. He has also won five Scotland under-21 caps.

16 RICHARD HASTINGS *Defender.* CANADIAN internationalist who played for Canada when they won the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2000. The youngest player to play for the club - 17 years, 94 days.

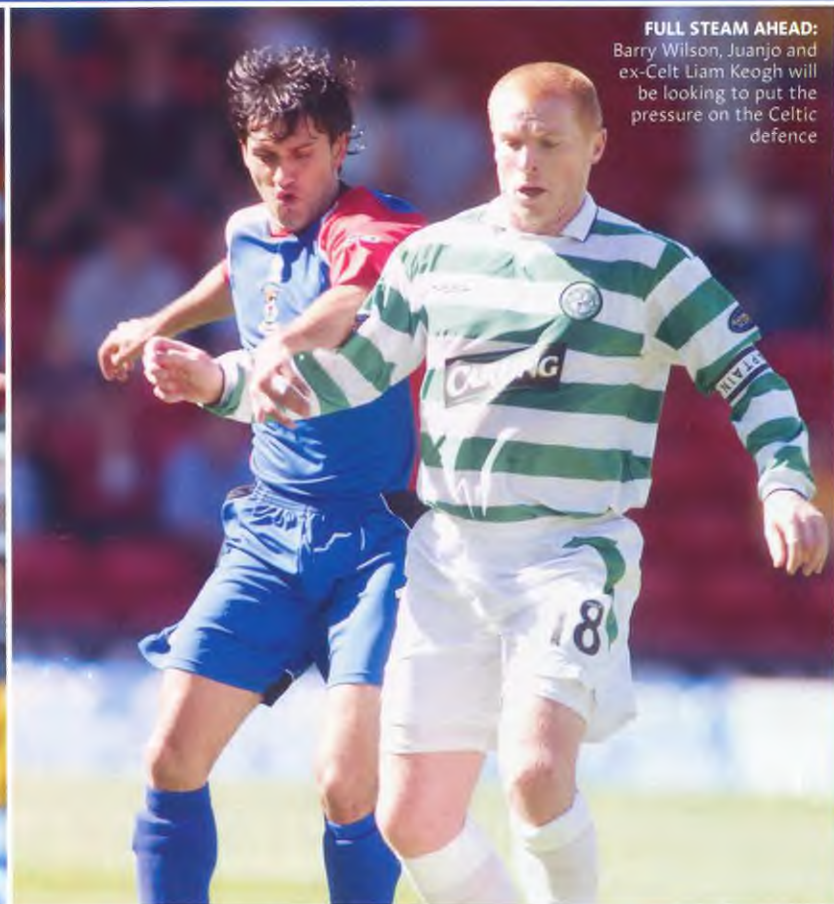
Re-signed after an absence of three seasons, signing a two-year deal. He was also a member of the Caley side who defeated Celtic in the Scottish Cup in February 2000. He's made a starting line-up appearance plus a substitute appearance so far this season.



HARD GRAFTERS: Ross Tokely, Richard Hastings and Roy McBain will try and keep Celtic at bay this afternoon

6 ROY McBAIN *Midfielder.* ONE of the best signings made by ICT since gaining League status. A hard-working and skilful player who is a mainstay in the Caley Thistle midfield. He is one of the most consistent players at the club and goes about his business quietly and very effectively. He scored a brilliant goal in the recent home match against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

12 RUSSELL DUNCAN *Midfielder.* A VERY hard-working and strong playing midfielder. He gives the midfield a bit of grit and determination and is a player who always gives 100% effort in every game. Once with Aberdeen before moving to Forfar but now enjoying playing his best football with ICT. He made his 100th appearance for ICT in the 2-1 home win over Ayr United on January 17, 2004. Signed a new three-year deal in the close season.



FULL STEAM AHEAD: Barry Wilson, Juanjo and ex-Celt Liam Keogh will be looking to put the pressure on the Celtic defence

17 DARRAN THOMSON *Midfield.* SIGNED for the club at the same time as his Hibs team-mate, David Proctor. Darran signed a two-year contract with ICT, having made a couple of appearances for the Edinburgh side. He also has been making steady inroads into the first team and has appeared in most of ICT's games this season, coming off the subs' bench on a regular basis. He is a confident player who has now become a very important part of the Caley Thistle first-team squad.

10 RICHIE HART *Midfield.* AN outstanding signing for the club and a player of undoubted ability. Richie is a dynamic and quick-thinking midfielder player who adds much needed forwardness to the ICT play. Again performing to a high standard.

15 LIAM KEOGH *Midfield.* FORMER Celt Liam is a lightning quick player whose overall play during 2003/04 was rewarded by former manager John Robertson with a new three-year deal - something that he fully deserves. Fans' favourite he was voted the Internet Player of the Year for Season 2003/04.

23 LIAM FOX *Midfield.* SIGNED a two-year deal with the club during the close season after being four years at Tynecastle, signing for Hearts straight from school. He is a Scotland schoolboy internationalist and was part of the Hearts squad which won the Under-18 league. Recently scored Caley's equalising goal in the 2-2 away draw against Kilmarnock after coming off the bench and did the same in last week's draw against Dunfermline.

24 IAN BLACK *Midfield.* HE signed a two-year deal with the club during the close season after being with Blackburn Rovers. Was a team mate of Fox's before when they both began their careers with Hearts Boys' Club. He has also shown up well in ICT's Premier Reserve games and looks to have a fine future in front of him.

22 PAUL McMULLAN *Midfield.* YOUNG Hearts player who signed for the club after playing a number of games for the club during the close season. Will be eager to make an impression with Caley Thistle and make a big contribution to the first-team squad over the season.

7 BARRY WILSON. *Midfield/Forward.* NOW installed back on the right

wing with ICT after three years with Livvy's Lions. A firm favourite with the ICT fans before he left and a player who can cause havoc for opposition defences with his speed and accuracy.

Scorer of a number of tremendous goals when he played with ICT first time around.

It came as a bit of a surprise when he re-signed for the club and he made his first appearance for Caley Thistle in the 2-1 home defeat by Queen's Park in the CIS Cup. Recently made his 200th appearance for the club in the 1-1 draw with Motherwell at Pittodrie.

20 CRAIG MacMILLAN *Forward.* A YOUNG player who has come into the first-team squad and has performed exceptionally well throughout last season. Fast, attack-minded and scorer of a

number of goals in the reserve side he looks to be an outstanding prospect.

Signed a one-year extension in May 2004. Craig is also benefitting from playing in the SPL Reserve League and has already scored a number of goals.

9 GRAHAM BAYNE. *Forward.* TALL, robust and skilful frontman who joined the club from Ross County.

Leading the ICT line superbly well in this their first season in the Premier League and all his hard work recently paid off when he scored ICT's two goals in the 2-1 home win over Dundee.

11 JUANJO *Forward.* BECAME the sixth new member of the ICT squad when he signed a two-year deal.

Began his career at Barcelona before moving to Scotland to play with Hearts. He eventually left the Edinburgh side and moved down to play with Bradford City before moving back home to Spain. A highly skilful and quick front man who will be looking to settle in quickly in the ICT set-up and show off his many skills.

19 BRYAN PRUNTY *Forward.* SIGNED a two-year deal with the club. The Scotland Under-21 internationalist began his career with Celtic where he was a prolific goalscorer in the reserves before joining Aberdeen on a free transfer. Signed for ICT and looking to play a major part in ICT's season.

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Celtic and Inverness Caledonian Thistle have played each other four times but the game everyone remembers in THAT game back in 2000 that sent shockwaves throughout Scottish Football

Words by Joe Sullivan

OF all the sides Celtic meet regularly on Scottish Premierleague duty, Inverness Caledonian Thistle are the club the Bhoys have faced on the least number of occasions.

Even Livingston have played the Celts no fewer than 13 times now, so with a paltry FOUR competitive meetings against Caley, there's no surprise which game springs to mind when they go head to head.

Yes, THAT game stands out from the handful of meetings between Celtic and Caley but, to be fair, if we had played each other a HUNDRED AND FOUR times then THAT game would still stick out like a sore thumb.

No prizes for guessing the game in question is the infamous 3-1 shock Scottish Cup win for Caley when the new side, barely six years old at the time, played their first ever competitive game against the Celts.

The match was at Celtic Park on February 8, 2000 and John Barnes' first Scottish Cup game as Bhoys manager proved to be his 29th and last match in the Parkhead hotseat.

Those four meetings include another Scottish Cup defeat when the teams clashed in Inverness and the home side won 1-0 in March 2003. But that game paled into insignificance compared to the events of February 2000 and the sea change that engulfed Celtic Park following the debacle.

Away from the Scottish Cup

though, the other two games delivered rather more customary results for the Celts.

A mixture of youth and experience brought Celtic a 4-2 win in the League Cup at Celtic Park in October 2002 and, in the first ever league clash between the clubs, the Celts ran out 3-1 winners at Caley's temporary SPL Pittodrie base earlier this season.

It would be misleading, however, to strictly maintain that these four games represent the entire competitive history between Celtic and Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Like the aforementioned Livingston, the Celts played Caley when the opposition conducted their business under another moniker.

Celtic played a pre-Livingston era Meadowbank Thistle in the Scottish Cup in February 1995 and similarly performed against BOTH factions of the Highland town's Caledonian/Thistle before they united - although the games were over 55 years apart.

However, that yawning time chasm would seemingly

correspond with Celtic's meetings against all of the then Highland League sides as since the earliest such

game, against Keith in 1928, they have been relatively few and far between.

Indeed, by the time Celtic met Ross County for the first time ever on competitive duty it was in last season's Scottish Cup and by then,



IN THE BALANCE: Celtic and Inverness Caledonian Thistle have played each other four times with both sides winning two games each



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of course, County were a Scottish League outfit.

Celtic, however, trod upon new territory when they travelled north to play Keith on February 4, 1928 on Scottish Cup duty.

Hat-tricks from Jimmy McGrory and Tommy McInally steered the Celts to a 6-1 win in front of 5,800 at the Highland League ground.

The next trip north under similar circumstances was on January 18, 1930 when another McGrory hat-trick with singles by Peter Wilson, Paddy Connolly and Charlie Napier gave the Bhoys a 6-0 win over Inverness Caledonian in front of 6,500.

There were no more inter-league meetings until February 2, 1957 when Celtic travelled up and beat Forres Mechanics 5-0 as 7,000 saw another hat-trick, this time by Billy McPhail being added to with counters by John Higgins and Neilly Mochan.

The next inter-league action featured a double-header spanning

seven years against Elgin City.

In the first game on March 5, 1960, John Divers and Eric Smith scored in a 2-1 win in front of 11,200 and on February 18, 1967 over 34,000 were at Celtic Park to see Bobby Lennox (3), Willie Wallace (2), John Hughes and Stevie Chalmers score in a 7-0 win.

The most recent such meeting was on February 16, 1985 when Celtic played host to the other half of the Inverness partnership in the Scottish Cup.

CELTIC: Latchford; W McStay, McGrain; Grant (Archdeacon), McAdam, O'Leary; Provan, P McStay, Johnston, MacLeod, McGarvey (McInally).

INVERNESS THISTLE: Fridge; Skinner, Wilson; Sanderson (Fraser), Milroy, Andrew; Black, Hay, MacDonald, Oliver, McLean (Calder).

A crowd of 14,927 saw the Celts take on the a side who had unexpectedly disposed of Kilmarnock in the previous round as just a week earlier the Highland League team thumped the First Division side 3-0.

Any possibility of a further shock was allayed in the ninth minute when Frank McGarvey scored the first of Celtic's goals.

The next to find the net was Paul McStay in the 15th minute and he was to go on and maintain a healthy Celtic habit of hat-tricks against Highland sides (of the six games against Highland League sides, only the 1960 tie v Elgin didn't feature a Celtic hat-trick).

McStay added to his opener in the 63rd and 85th minutes but by the time the Maestro hit his third another two goals had been added to the Celtic tally.

Maurice Johnston hit on the half-hour mark and Murdo MacLeod got in on the act 10 minutes from time.

It was McStay who ran the show and it was mooted at the time that the Thistle players wanted to watch him rather than tackle him.

Despite the scoreline, the hero for Thistle was 'keeper Les Fridge who helped stop them from taking a right hammering.

Fridge played with Chelsea, St Mirren and Clyde before returning to the Highlands with his six years at Love Street perhaps being the most memorable of his career.





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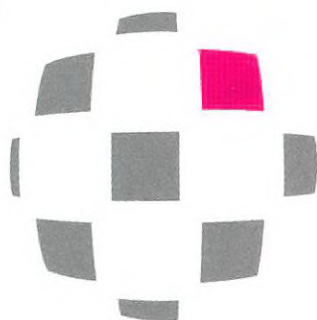
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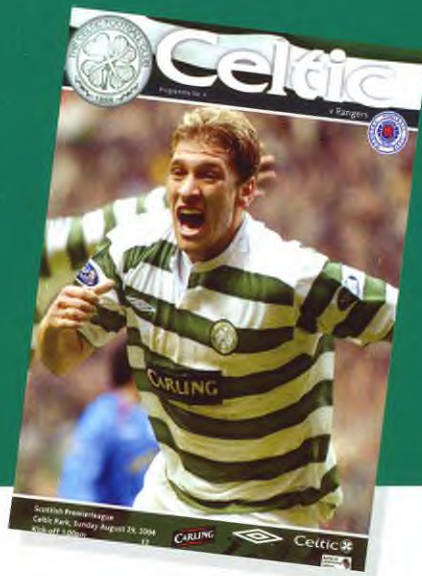
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Celtic



ON November 13, 1968, Celtic faced Red Star Belgrade in the second round of the European Cup. Jock Stein's side had progressed thanks to a victory over St Etienne.

Despite losing the first leg 2-0 in France, Celtic stormed back in the return match, recording an impressive 4-0 win.

The first leg of the game against Red Star was at Celtic Park was played in front of a crowd of 67,000 and after just three minutes, the Hoops took the lead through Bobby Murdoch, one of Celtic's outstanding performers on the night.

But the Yugoslav side equalised six minutes before the break through Lazervic to level the game at half-time.

The match, however, has come to be remembered for Jimmy Johnstone's second-half performance.

Jinky was renowned for his fear of flying and an apparent pact was struck between the player and Jock Stein, where the Celtic manager told Jinky that if Celtic won the game by four clear goals he wouldn't have to fly to Belgrade for the second leg.

Duly fired up, Jinky came out for the second-half and scored a goal within two minutes which put Celtic back in front. Bobby Lennox scored number three just minutes later and Willie Wallace made it 4-1 with 15 minutes of the match remaining.

The goal of the game, however, came with just nine minutes remaining and was scored by the wee man himself.

Latching onto a through ball from Murdoch, he outpaced the chasing Belgrade defenders and crashed the ball into the net to make it 5-1.

On November 13, 1968, Celtic Park witnessed a mesmerising performance by Jimmy Johnstone as Celtic destroyed Red Star Belgrade 5-1 and saved Jinky the bother of flying to Belgrade for the return leg



SAYING GOODBYE: Jim Kennedy was released by Celtic on this day in 1965 after making 241 appearances for the club

Stein was as good as his word and Johnstone did not fly to Belgrade two weeks later, where a Wallace goal was enough to tie the game 1-1 and see Celtic through to the next round and a meeting with AC Milan.

Unfortunately, that match was decided by a solitary goal in the second leg at Celtic Park, and it was the Italians who grabbed the decisive strike to put Celtic out of the tournament.

CELTIC'S first ever game on November 13 came in 1897 against Rangers at Ibrox in the Glasgow Cup.

The teams had already drawn 2-2 at Celtic Park, with Pat

Gilhooley and Davie Russell getting the Celtic goals. In the 1-1 draw at Ibrox, it was Adam Henderson who was on target for the Celts. The tie went to a third game, again at Ibrox, and it was Rangers who won 3-1. George Allan scored Celtic's consolation strike that day.

THE last time Celtic played on November 13 was back in 1993 when they visited Rugby Park to take on Kilmarnock.

The game finished 2-2, with Pat McGinlay and Charlie Nicholas scoring the goals for the Hoops.

Celtic finished a lowly fourth in the league that season, though the campaign will be remembered more for what was happening off the park.

In March 1994, Fergus McCann took over the club, saving it from financial ruin and the road back to recovery slowly began.



HAPPY LANDINGS: A wonderful performance against Red Star, Jimmy Johnstone didn't have to travel with the squad to Belgrade

ON November 13, 1954, Celtic thrashed Stirling Albion 7-0 in a league match at Celtic Park.

Willie Fernie, Charlie Tully and two goals from John Higgins helped the Hoops on their way, though the hero was Jimmy Walsh, who hit a hat-trick.

Two years later to the day, Walsh was sold to Leicester City, having made 144

appearances for Celtic, scoring 59 goals.

JIM Kennedy was another player released by Celtic on this day.

He was sold to Morton in 1965 after 10 years with the Hoops, during which time he made a total of 241 appearances for the club, scoring just two goals.

He later worked for the club for

a number of years. 'Pressie' sadly passed away December 2, 2003 at the age of 69.

AND IN THE BIG BAD WORLD

Robert Louis Stevenson was born on this day in 1850. He wrote classic books such as *Kidnapped*, *Treasure Island* and the *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.

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It pained lifelong Hoops fans Bryan Prunty to leave Celtic Park. However, his career is now back on track at Caley and he is determined to help the Highlanders secure SPL survival

IF there is no education like adversity, then Inverness Caledonian Thistle should be among the most learned sides in the SPL.

As if making the step up from the First Division was not a hard enough task in itself, the SPL's new boys have been faced with over a 200 mile round trip to Pittodrie for every one of their 'home' fixtures.

This situation would be obstacle enough for any side, let alone one adjusting to life in a new league, but after a tough start to the term Caley are showing signs that they are beginning to acclimatise to their new surroundings.

Two wins and two draws in their last four fixtures shows a consistency that many relegation threatened sides struggle to attain, but just when the fans were being given reason for optimism, manager John Robertson left the club, taking the low road south to Hearts.

Now, as the search continues for a successor, the fans' attentions have been diverted from the pitch to the boardroom by a power struggle. SPL life was expected to be tough, just perhaps not this tough.

But if you talk to striker Bryan Prunty about life at the Caledonian Stadium, the situation sounds anything but gloomy.

The holder of one of the most prolific reserve scoring records at Celtic Park in recent years is now revelling in the opportunity to play first-team football and, speaking exclusively to the matchday programme, told how he has

Interview by Gregor Kyle

rediscovered his love for the game in the Highlands.

"It's been great," said the 21 year-old. "I am really enjoying myself up here. It's a laid back club, there's certainly not as much pressure as there is at a club like Celtic, it's just a great place to play football."

Emerging from the same youth team as Ross Wallace, Craig Beattie, Stephen McManus and David Marshall, the Celtic support had high hopes for the Coatbridge youngster.

A free-scoring forward for Celtic's u21s, Prunty unfortunately broke through at a time when the likes of Sutton, Larsson, Hartson and Maloney stood between him and a place in the first team.

Desperate to play SPL football, there was no shortage of takers when he announced his decision to leave the club but an ill-fated spell in Aberdeen was to lead to further disappointment.

At the end of last season Prunty again found himself looking for a new club and when Caley came calling he was in no doubt that his future lay in Inverness. He has arrived at a club on the rise and found himself gripped by the enthusiasm and passion that abounds at this small but forward-thinking outfit.

As Prunty explains, in their debut season in the SPL, he and his teammates are fully focussed on the unusual task of ensuring that they will taking SPL football to Inverness for the first time next season.

"We're in a difficult position

because there are no home games for us," said Prunty. "Every week for our 'home' games we have to travel over two-and-a-half hours on the bus to Pittodrie, which is a bit strange. At the start of the season I think it had a bit of an affect on us, but we're getting used to it and it's something we just have to get on with.

"Over the past few weeks we've managed to put a few results together, we've had a couple of wins and a couple of draws, and hopefully we'll be able to maintain that. Everybody here is staying positive.

"The supporters have been coming down in reasonable numbers to Aberdeen and nobody can blame them if they can't make it to every game, it's a lot of time and money, but they are still giving us great support.

"The whole situation is really out of our hands and we've just got to get on with it. They are working on the stadium up here and it's our job

to do our best to make sure that we are bringing SPL football back to Inverness for the first time next season."

Prunty added: "The supporters here are realistic. They know that the standards rise every time you step up a division and they are aware of how hard it is to move up to the SPL. Everybody is behind us.

"If we can get to 11th place this season and stay in the SPL then it will be like winning the league for us."

Prunty was taken to the club by John Robertson and admits that the former Hearts striker was proving to be a big influence. But the shock of the manager's departure is one which the players are determined will not impact on their recent run of form.

"It came out of the blue really, but when we heard that Craig Levein had left Hearts for Leicester and heard the manager's name linked with the job we knew deep down that that's where he'd want

LIFE OF BRYAN:
Prunty was a real hot prospect in the Celtic reserves, but had to move on and has found happiness leading the line for Inverness (left)



to go. I really appreciate what he has done for me here. He was the one who brought me to the club and got me enjoying my football again. When I came here from Aberdeen that was all I wanted and that was what John Robertson and his assistant Donald Park have encouraged me to do."

It hardly needs to be mentioned, but with a couple of noteworthy results in recent years against Celtic it could be said that the Caley fans and team will be relishing this trip to Parkhead.

Their previous victories have admittedly come in cup competitions, but those results have succeeded in expelling the fear that many teams are gripped by when they travel to Celtic Park.

He said: "The supporters are looking forward to this one. The club have had some really big results against Celtic that the supporters will never forget.

"Inverness Caley Thistle have nothing to fear down here. We will show Celtic respect, which is what they deserve, but there will be no fear. We're just going to work hard, play our game and get on with things. Anything we get from the game will be a bonus."

The return to Parkhead will have added meaning for Prunty, a lifelong Celtic fan, and his family will be at the ground en masse today to see him run out against his boyhood heroes.

"You've put a big grin on my face just mentioning it" he commented. "My family are all massive Celtic fans and they will all be there for the game. It's going to be great just running out on to the pitch if I play. I might not be running out in the Hoops, but Celtic Park is one of the greatest stadia that you can play at and it will be great to play there.

"But it won't overwhelm me. I've got a job to do for Inverness and hopefully we'll be able to get something from this game."

"I REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT JOHN ROBERTSON DID FOR ME. HE WAS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME TO THE CLUB AND GOT ME ENJOYING MY FOOTBALL AGAIN"



the YOUTH ACADEMY

Youngsters in Ireland are defying unfavourable odds to blossom as footballers, and the trend looks set to continue. But will Celtic benefit?

AMID news that Fran Rooney has resigned as Chief Executive of the FAI, we can safely say the game in Ireland is producing top players capable of performing on a world stage – and looks likely to continue doing so.

How do we know this? It is pretty obvious that the current group of international players are top quality.

Many of them play in the Premier League in England, and the national team has just delivered a comfortable draw in the World Cup qualifying game against France at the Stade de France. More impressively, the Irish national team is ranked around 13th in the world.

For the future, they look to be similarly well equipped.

We have recently trialed four Irish 15-year-olds and found their standard of ability to be very high.

Each of them have caps at U16 level and look like having a future in the game at some professional level.

Whether that happens to be at Celtic remains to be seen.

The point I am making is that each of them were at a very high standard, and the likelihood is there are more of this standard still to be unearthed and trialed, making the depth of emerging talent very impressive.

The question is: Why is Ireland producing top talent? They have many disadvantages, for example:

- There's no professional league.
- They have a population of only three million people.
- Approx 50% of these are female.
- Approx 50% of the males are too old for professional football.
- Approx 50% of those males of the correct age don't play football.



GETTING TECHNICAL:
Ex-Celtic No.1 Pat Bonner is spearheading Ireland's new football development scheme

- Facilities for football are poor.
- There's a lack of qualified coaches.

Yet the country is delivering a conveyor belt of talent to pro clubs in the UK, and Ireland have a fantastic record at international level going back almost 20 years.

I have some theories as to why they have been so successful but, interestingly, Packie Bonner (FAI Technical Director), has launched a technical development blueprint to improve the game in Ireland.

This plan is geared towards increasing the number of

youngsters wanting to play, and providing more – and better – coaching for those who show aptitude. If this has the desired results then the Irish can look forward to a very successful future for some time to come.

In some respects you could argue that "if it isn't broke don't fix it".

Well, we are hoping that Packie's plan produces even more talented young Irish players, and, more importantly, we hope we can benefit.

Enjoy the game!
Tommy Burns



A form guide on all the promising young Hoops

Under 10s

THE Under10s continue to impress as we look towards next season's 11s squad.

As well as attending our Development Centres since last season, the boys have played regularly in our Development Centre Games Programme most Sundays since August.

More recently, those who have impressed most have taken part in a number of coaching sessions under the watchful eye of Tommy Burns, and we will now invite them in for regular games and coaching on Monday evenings at Barrowfield.

Although the selection progress is fairly long winded, everyone in the Academy feels that it is vitally important to make the correct selection at this age group, in our

quest to have the best players representing Celtic in the future.

Under 11s

ONCE again Martin Miller and Greig Robertson have been delighted with the boys in recent matches against the likes of Hibs and Aberdeen, and have highlighted the play of David McAlinden, Craig Aitchison, Craig Wallace, Jack Smith and Joe and Johnny Chalmers.

Under 12s

ANTHONY MERENGI, Liam Madden, Sean Byrne, Callum Tapping and Callum McGregor have been most consistent for the 12s, who have turned in some first-class displays over the past few matches.

This weekend, this group and the 11s are playing Dunfermline on the

controversial East End Park plastic pitch. For the 12s, this will be one of their last games at seven-a-side as they move to 11-a-side after the winter break.

Under 13s

THIS Sunday we have managed to arrange a game at Stirling University for the 13s, against Falkirk. This will give Reid Brown, Lewis Toshney, Kieran Brennan and Grant Mosson the chance to continue with their fine vein of recent form.

Coaches Owen Archdeacon and Willie McStay have enjoyed the first half of the season and have been delighted with the progress the boys have made.

Under 14s

JOE McBRIDE and John Sludden have been extremely pleased with the boys of late, and have been waxing lyrical about the performances of David Aitken, scorer of a superb goal against Aberdeen at the weekend, Angus Cochrane and James Forrester.

Under 15s

WITH the departure to Morton of Martin Clark, the 15s have been coached by Danny Crainie and Colin Mitchell. Both feel the top performances recently have come from Carlo Monti, Darren McGeough and Michael Graham, with his usual high scoring ratio.

Last Friday night Tommy Burns introduced Paul Lambert to the boys, and Paul will be taking over the running of the team with Danny, with Mitch standing in when necessary.

This is an excellent appointment by Tommy and has given everyone in the Academy a massive boost.

Paul sees it as the ideal opportunity to introduce his own ideas on coaching, as he comes to the end of his UEFA Coaching License in Germany.

Brian Meehan



half-time QUIZ

Put your football knowledge to the test with our super Celtic quiz

- 1) Who was the last Scot to be top league goalscorer for Celtic?
- 2) Other than Inverness Caledonian Thistle, which four teams have played in the Premier Division and also the third Division?
- 3) Who was the first Celt to score in three successive Scottish Cup finals?
- 4) Against which country did Bertie Vogts manage Scotland for the last occasion?
- 5) Since 1970 who was the only club other than Inverness Caledonian Thistle to defeat Celtic at home in a Scottish Cup match?
- 6) Who are the only two players to have won a Scottish League and Cup Double in both Scotland and England?
- 7) Which player holds the distinction of scoring Inverness Caledonian Thistle's first goal in the SPL?
- 8) Which of the Celtic Lisbon Lions side would win most League Championship medals?
- 9) Which three clubs has winger Steve Guppy played for in the 14 months since he moved on from Celtic?
- 10) Which two Celts are the only current SPL players to have appeared for Scotland in a World Cup Finals tournament?
- 11) Which English club did former Inverness Caledonian Thistle



manager John Robertson play for briefly in 1988/89?

- 12) Which two players this season have netted their 50th league goal for Celtic?
- 13) Who played against Scotland in the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain and later in his career featured for Inverness Caledonian Thistle?
- 14) In which season did Celtic last play an all Scottish team in a competitive match?
- 15) Who are the only two Inverness Caledonian Thistle players to feature against Celtic in both recent Scottish Cup matches as well as the first SPL matches between the sides?

ANSWERS

1. Tommy Coyne 1990/91 18 goals. 2. Morton, Dumbarton, Livingston & Hamilton. 3. Sandy McMahon 1899, 1900 & 1901. 4. Moldova. 5. Aberdeen 1978/79 2-1 after 1-1 replay. 6. Kenny Dalglish after 1-1 replay. 7. Liverpool Celtic 71/72, 73/74, 76/77 85/86, Andrei Kanchevskis Manchester United 93/94 Rangers 98/99, 99/2000. 7. Stuart Colabek v Dunfermline. 8. Bobby Lennox 11 titles. 9. Leicester City, Leeds United & Stoke City. 10. Paul Lambert & Jackie McNamara 1998. 11. Newcastle United. 12. Chris Sutton & John Hartson. 13. Sergi Baltacha. 14. 1994/95 v Motherwell 2-2. 15. Ross Tokeley & Stuart Colabek.



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