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**LAST Tuesday evening we defeated Shakhtar Donetsk of the Ukraine to register some points on the Champions League board and to give ourselves the possibility of being involved in European competition after the winter break.**

We played some delightful football in the first half, as did our opponents when they had possession of the ball. David Marshall made a fine save from Matuzalem but we had some decent chances ourselves, and, when Alan Thompson gave us the lead after 25 minutes there is no doubt that the goal was fully merited.

Henri Camara looked a certainty to put us two goals ahead when he raced clear of the Shakhtar defence. But he was brought down by Tymoshchuk a yard outside the penalty box and the referee had no alternative but to send the Shakhtar midfielder off.

Like many Celtic fans in the stadium I might have preferred if Henri, given his recent record of scoring from similar positions in the SPL, had been allowed the chance to score and therefore increase our lead rather than being awarded a free kick outside the box and a reduction in their team.

However, neither was I complaining.

Early second-half play saw us once again create two wonderful goal-scoring opportunities but we were unable to convert them.

Then came a second sending off for Donetsk, forcing them to finish the game with nine players.

Late in the game tiredness set in after our team playing four games in nine days - incidentally, contrary to what was reported in some quarters, I did not castigate the SPL for fixture congestion, in fact I never even mentioned fixture congestion or the SPL.

The truth is, if European and international fixtures would allow



it, I would prefer it if SPL games could also be played midweek in the early stages of the season.

Despite the numerical advantage, we were unable to

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score the extra three goals that would have given us the edge over Shakhtar if the league table is ultimately decided on equal points. And that is my responsibility as manager of the club - as it should be.

But we won the game. And the result was vitally important. As it was when we outplayed AC Milan in the San Siro stadium in the second half of a recent Champions League match yet lost the game in the last minute after we had deservedly equalised some 15 minutes earlier...

As it was when we roared back against Barcelona with a Chris

Sutton inspired goal and performance in the opening fixture here at Celtic Park, forcing their goalkeeper Valdes to make a great save from Stan Petrov which would have put us in front, only to succumb to a deflected goal with not much time left on the clock.

If memory serves me well there was little talk afterwards in any quarter about the brilliant second-half performances of the team against those two clubs who have high expectations of landing the trophy next May. Just the result! And everything else that followed the result! Now this week it's the performance rather than the result!

Regardless, we deserved to win the game. We could have scored six against Aberdeen but we were chasing a victory in the fourth minute of extra time when we conceded a goal and lost the game. I thought we accepted defeat graciously.

Shakhtar Donetsk are a very capable team. They lead their own league by two points from Dynamo Kiev who gave Real Madrid a torrid time of it for long periods on Wednesday evening. If Shakhtar stay in European competition at our expense they will have deserved to do so.

Kilmarnock arrive here today on the crest of a wave. An excellent 3-1 victory last weekend over Hibernian has deservedly put Jim Jefferies' team into the top six. Our game at Rugby Park earlier this season was a see-saw affair which we eventually won 4-2. I think it will be every bit as exciting today.

*Alan Thompson*



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**Scottish League (39)**  
 1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15, 1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2003/2004

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 1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001, 2004

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Jackie McNamara	4	2	James Fowler
Joos Valgaeren	5	3	Garry Hay
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Juninho	7	5	Gordon Greer
Alan Thompson	8	6	Frederic Dindeleux
Chris Sutton	9	7	Gary McDonald
John Hartson	10	8	Gary Locke
Stephen Pearson	11	9	Kris Boyd
David Fernandez	12	10	Craig Dargo
Paul Lambert	14	11	Danny Invincibile
Bobby Petta	15	12	Allan Johnston
Ulrik Laursen	16	13	Graeme Smith
Didier Agathe	17	14	Gary Wales
Neil Lennon	18	15	Colin Nish
Stilian Petrov	19	16	Eric Joly
Robert Douglas	20	17	Shaun Dillon
Magnus Hedman	21	18	Simon Ford
David Marshall	22	19	Stephen Murray
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Henri Camara	27	21	Rhian Dodds
Shaun Maloney	29	22	Peter Leven
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Rocco Quinn	38	28	Francois Dubourdeau
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Scott Cuthbert	49		

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RECENT FORM

UEFA Champions League, Nov 2, 2004  
**CELTIC 1 v 0 SHAKHTAR** (Thompson)  
 Scottish Premierleague, Oct 30, 2004  
**MOTHERWELL 2 v 3 CELTIC** (McGeady, Thompson, Beattie)  
 Scottish Premierleague, Oct 27, 2004  
**CELTIC 2 v 0 ABERDEEN** (Hartson 2)  
 Scottish Premierleague, Oct 24, 2004  
**LIVINGSTON 2 v 4 CELTIC** (Petrov, Camara, Sutton, Hartson)  
 UEFA Champions League, Oct 20, 2004  
**SHAKHTAR DONETSK 3 v 0 CELTIC**

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

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**RANGERS v CELTIC**  
 WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 7.45pm  
 Scottish Premierleague  
**CELTIC v INVERNESS CT**  
 SATURDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 3pm  
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**RANGERS v CELTIC**  
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# CLEAN SHEET WAS JOOS THE TICKET

Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

**GIVEN what had preceded Tuesday's visit of Shakhtar Donetsk, the prospect of Celtic beating the Ukrainians with no reply would have seemed improbable, even fanciful.**

After all, and despite beginning October with consecutive clean sheets against Hearts and Dundee United, the four matches prior to the Hoops' make-or-break Champions League clash had seen the solid defensive base on which Martin O'Neill has built the club's recent success appear as brittle as the falling Autumn leaves.

Livingston, Aberdeen, Motherwell and Shakhtar all helped themselves to a combined total of 10 goals, the majority of which were not the result of any dazzling moment of inspiration but rather a result of sloppiness and a lack of concentration on the part of those in green and white.

Fortunately, however, and after numerous inquests - held both within Celtic Park and in the press - the Bhoys' rearguard proved with a solid and commanding performance on Tuesday, even before Shakhtar found their numbers depleted, that reports of their demise had indeed been somewhat exaggerated.

## Comeback star Valgaeren hopes Celtic's shut-out against Shakhtar will help end a worrying spell of dismal defending

Joos Valgaeren, a surprise stand-out, nevertheless admits that the bulk of the criticism to which he and his colleagues had been subjected can't be dismissed as unjustified.

"Playing for a big team, you expect a bit of criticism," he said. "I also think that, as a unit, the defence has also set very high standards here over the last few years and the fans have come to expect that, whatever happens elsewhere, at least they can count on the defence.

"The down side is that, as soon as that standard drops a bit, you get stuck. But that's the way it goes and I've no complaints. The criticism was probably fair because we had defended badly in the weeks before the Shakhtar game, but hopefully getting a clean sheet against such a good team will give David Marshall and all the defenders a big boost."

Psychologically, Marshall may benefit most of all. After all, and for the first time in his fledgling career, the 19-year-old goalkeeper had been receiving criticism of his

own - and hearing calls that he should be 'rested.'

That the mentally tough teenager confounded his critics with a flawless performance, the highlight of which was a quite brilliant 10th minute save from Matuzalem, didn't surprise Valgaeren in the slightest.

"Fair play to David," said the Belgian. "He came almost from nowhere and arrived on the scene as Celtic's saviour because of what happened in Barcelona. But I think he knew that, in some ways, that game would be easier for him than, for example, playing here against smaller Scottish teams.

"That's when the hard times can come, and what has impressed me about David is that he's put himself through that, taken the criticism and still been able to produce a great performance in the Champions League. I think that proves how mature he is, and his talent, well, that's obvious."

As it was, and for once, it wasn't at Celtic's defence that complaints





**CONFIDENCE BOOST:** David Marshall came to fame after a super show in Barcelona and will take heart after another clean sheet against Shakhtar



were directed on Tuesday. Instead, frustrated fans and unimpressed observers dedicated their grumbling to Celtic's apparent lack of urgency once Shakhtar had been reduced to nine men and O'Neill's refusal to commit men forward to erode the three-goal advantage established by the Ukrainians in Donetsk.

Nevertheless, an unapologetic Valgaeren had no hesitation in declaring Celtic's mission to have been accomplished.

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“The main thing was to get a win, that was it,” he insisted. “No-one even mentioned the goal difference beforehand because that would have been disrespectful to our opponents, and I think you saw from the way we played that the only thing that mattered to us was the three points.”

“I haven't read any of the papers since, so I don't know if we've taken a bit of stick for it, but all I can say is that the end scoreline

wasn't a problem in the dressing room. I can see why some of the fans might have been frustrated because, when you look at the statistics and see that it's nine versus 11, you probably expect the 11 to get a few more goals.

“But it's not always that easy, particularly when it's 1-0, because - even against nine men - one good ball over the top can cause a lot of problems.”

“We didn't want to risk the three points and I'm happy in the end that we got the result we set out to achieve.”

Valgaeren also had cause to be satisfied with an impressive and positive personal performance, one made all the more remarkable by



**IRON CURTAIN:** Joos teamed up with Stan Varga to keep the dangerous Ukrainians at bay on Tuesday and the Hoops won their victory thanks to Alan Thompson's scorer (below)



the fact it was his second outing in the space of three days after over a month on the sidelines. Not that he would have offered rustiness as an excuse in any case.

“Yeah, I enjoyed it,” he said. “It's tough to come back in so soon to a game like that, but that's how it goes when you're a professional player.”

“If you tell the manager that you're fit to play, you're fit and there's no excuses after that. It doesn't matter how long you've been out for or if you're maybe not at 100 per cent. If you say you're fit, the responsibility is on you to do your job.”

“If you show by your performance that you're not fit,

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my opinion is that it shows you to be very unprofessional and there's no excuse for that. Once you make yourself available, you should be just the same as all the other players.”

That same rule will apply this afternoon when Valgaeren and Celtic face up to a Kilmarnock side who provided the Hoops' first real fright of season 2004/05 by twice taking the lead before eventually succumbing to a 4-2 defeat on August 14.

The Belgian, who endured a particularly fraught time of it that afternoon, admits that ensuring Rangers are kept at arm's length is a must.

“The league is the most important thing to us and everyone expects that we'll win every game,” he said. “But Kilmarnock were very tough earlier in the season and we'll have to play very well to win. We're going for all three points, though, no doubt about it.”



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# A place in the SPL top six shows the quality of Jim Jefferies' side. Take a look at the crop of players who have propelled Kilmarnock to this lofty position

**ALAN COMBE** STARTED his career at Cowdenbeath before spending five years at Love Street with St Mirren. His breakthrough came with a move to Dundee United, where he made 80 appearances in five years.

An unhappy spell at Bradford followed. He played nearly 40 games but they were relegated.

Combe has been included in Scotland squads, although doesn't have any caps as yet.

He has a bit of a hot-head reputation but seems to have mellowed and learned from his mistakes. A good shot stopper who is not scared to come out for a cross and commands his area well.

**GORDON GREER** HAS had a bit of a whirlwind career and not really had long enough to settle into first-team football.

After 33 games with Clyde, Greer moved to Premiership Blackburn, scoring against Barcelona in a friendly on his debut!

He only ever made one other first-team appearance for the English big guns, in the League Cup, before being loaned out to Stockport. Greer signed for Killie on transfer deadline day of 2003 and was hailed as a future Scotland captain by general manager Davie Mackinnon. Gordon is a centre-half who can play a bit of football too.

**DAVID LILLEY** STARTED his career at Queen of the



South, where he spent four years before being picked up by Aberdeen. He was very unlucky with injuries at the Dons and was farmed out to Ross County to regain fitness.

David signed for Partick in 2002 and was rated as one of their best players – and he first came to the attention of Killie fans when being sent off for a shocking challenge on Danny Invincible at Rugby Park.

A few months later, when Greg Shields was shipped out to Dunfermline, boss Jim Jefferies swooped for Lilley as a direct replacement. It proved to be a real masterstroke as Lilley is a good full-back and an even better central defender.

He can tackle, man-mark, has decent distribution and above all is a great header of the ball. Does well coming forward at set-pieces.

**FREDDIE DINDELEUX** WAS tracked by then manager Bobby Williamson for a while during the summer of 1999 and

ranks as one of his finest acquisitions ever.

He was initially signed as a left-back but since moving to centre back he's proved that he should possibly be the first name written down on the teamsheet.

There was much transfer speculation surrounding Freddie when BW left and Hibs made an approach in the summer of 2003 – but the player refused to even discuss it! Credit to the Frenchman, he didn't court this publicity in an attempt to win himself a lucrative transfer, even though he'd have been well within his rights to do so.

He just knuckled down and got on with the job and indeed took a wage cut to sign his last contract.

It's said that if the defender had pace he would have played on a far bigger stage than the SPL, but his reading of the game makes up for any shortfall in speed... mostly!

**DANNY INVINCIBLE** A FORMER Australian Under-20

**NET GAIN:** Gary Wales bulges the net against Celtic (left) and Gary McDonald tries to see off Stan Petrov in the earlier clash this season



internationalist, Colin Todd signed Invincible for Swindon after spotting him playing in a trial match for West Ham.

He joined shortly before the 2000/2001 season and went on to finish that campaign as top scorer, becoming a firm favourite with fans. However, changes at management level saw him sign for Killie during the summer of 2003.

Danny started out his career as an attacking central midfielder but can play wide right or up front.

He seems to have adapted well to his move forward and, when played through the middle, he'll always get among the goals.

**GARY McDONALD** ANOTHER product of the youth system and, after coming through the ranks, looks as if he's definitely in with the chance of being a regular in the first team.

He can play on the right but is

preferred in a central midfield role and has been likened to his coach Ian Durrant.

He has a good engine, pace and can pass well and operates well coming through the midfield to support the front players.

**PETER LEVEN** SINCE his introduction to the first team by Williamson, the wee man's tricks and turns have entertained the crowds and he's fast become a fans' favourite at Rugby Park.

However, making it in any top division will never be easy for someone who is 'vertically challenged', and they have to have other talents to make up for their lack in height. Leven has talent in spades!

There is always a danger these days of a nippy winger becoming a one-season wonder, with defenders sussing out what they are going to do. Leven appears to

be no one-trick pony though, and as long as he keeps adding new dimensions to his game he'll prove an asset to Killie and give their 4-4-2 formation a better shape.

Not the fastest in the world but has real heart and links up well with Garry Hay down the left flank.

**GARRY HAY** IT seems ages ago that Garry made an impressive debut with a double against Aberdeen at Rugby Park.

He excels in the wing back role when Killie are playing with three centre-backs, but his lack of height is a problem when it comes to playing the more orthodox left-back role. He is a great crosser of and a good link up player when overlapping down the flank.

**CRAIG DARGO** BROUGHT in by Williamson during the close season of 2000 but, due to his age, Killie had to fork out a



reputed £100,000 in compensation because he was under 23.

The former U21 Scottish internationalist (with 10 caps) had a good scoring record at Raith and, when eventually given a sustained run in the first team, continued that form with Killie.

His Rugby Park career has been hampered by injuries, but Dargo will always be remembered for the fantastic goal he scored against St Mirren in the League Cup semi-final at a rain-soaked Hampden in February 2001.

He is a nippy wee striker who knows where the net is, but needs first-team football to return to the top of his game. He won the inaugural killiefc.com player of the year in 2000/01, just sneaking it from Dindeleux on the last day.

**COLIN NISH**

SPENT the majority of his early years trying to break into the first team at Dunfermline, but in six years he only managed two starts and 22 substitute appearances.

In a bid to maintain his fitness – or just get a game – he had two loan spells at Alloa and one at Clyde, where he managed to score 13 goals in 32 appearances.

Jefferies took Colin to Killie under freedom of contract during the close season in 2003 as a squad player and he managed 10 goals in 32 (17 starts) appearances in his first season. Along with Kris Boyd, he was the first Killie player to get into double figures since the days of Paul Wright.

While he is a very tall player, Nish is not a conventional target man and his heading skills are not the best part of his game. Needs regular first-team football to shine.

**JAMIE FOWLER**

ANOTHER product of the youth set-up and more proof that producing their own talent is possibly the best way forward for Kilmarnock.

He has three Scottish caps at Under-21 level but has not been called up to the 'big' team.

Has been utilised in the first



**IN FOR THE KIL:** The Ayrshire side can't stop Alan Thompson scoring in August (left) and Freddie Dindeleux had a real tussle with John Hartson

team in almost every position bar in goal and is a great asset to the Killie squad.

Unfortunately for Fowler, his versatility and the fact that he can't be easily pigeonholed to one position has held him back – he qualifies as the perfect substitute because he can play anywhere!

His preferred role is on the right side, either at full-back or wing back. His biggest asset is his pace, which can help him out of trouble every now and then.

**GARY LOCKE**

SIGNED for his boyhood heroes Hearts from Whitehill Welfare and spent nine years at Tynecastle, breaking the record for their youngest ever captain.

He also won 10 Scottish Under-21 caps while with the capital club.

When Jefferies moved south to Bradford it wasn't long before Locke followed him. Locke used to play at right-back but, through time, JJ has decided he prefers him

in a central midfield role, although he is still utilised in a variety of positions when deemed necessary.

A tad injury prone, Gary has spent much of his career on the treatment table, including a lot of his first season at Killie.

Tenacious in the tackle, he is no stranger to referees and can lose the plot at times, but that's not always necessarily a bad trait.

**KRIS BOYD**

HAS proved to be a bit of a goal scoring enigma at every stage of his career, including his record for the Scotland Under-18s and Under-21s.

He had a pretty slow start when introduced to the first team after working his way through the Killie youth system. But once he found his bearing there was just no stopping him and he's topped the hotshot charts ever since.

Such a prolific player is always going to attract the attention of 'bigger' clubs and indeed he went

on trial to Premiership club Wolves in 2003. Fortunately for Killie, they had to spend their cash on a new defence.

Boomer is good with his feet and in the air and has a real knack for hitting the target, scoring some spectacular goals. Winner of the killiefc.com Young Player of the Year Award 2002/03 and the Player of the Year Award 2003/04.

**ALLAN JOHNSTON**

A MAN of many clubs, Johnston has certainly done the rounds.

He spent over half a dozen years at Hearts and will probably be best remembered for scoring a hat-trick against Rangers at Ibrox.

One of the first Scottish players to take advantage of the Bosman Ruling when he moved to France in 1996, his stay at Rennes was short lived. Johnston signed for Sunderland and turned out for them over 100 times.

However, during his three-year stay he was loaned out to

Birmingham and Bolton. Rangers brought the attacking midfielder back north on another free transfer, but his ill-fated stay lasted only three months and less than 30 appearances, with Rangers cashing in to the tune of £600,000 when Magic was transferred to Middlesbrough.

He never had much to show from his time at the Riverside and a short spell at Sheffield Wednesday, and Johnson agreed to a massive wage cut with a move to Killie and former mentor Jefferies.

Magic has been capped 17 times for Scotland with two international goals as well. He has the rare ability of being able to play with either foot and, although normally utilised on one of the wings, he can play through the middle, behind the strikers or up front as well.

**GARY WALES**

LEFT Hamilton in 1999 to join Jefferies at Hearts, with £50,000 going in the opposite direction.

He spent just over four years at Tynecastle, making over 100 appearances and scoring 11 goals, hence Killie see him more as a forward than a striker!

He was freed by Jambos after a loan spell at Walsall and went down south to Gillingham. However, he never settled and stayed there only four months.

When Gary McSwegan opted for a longer contract at Ross County in the summer of 2004, Jefferies offered Wales the chance to move back north as a replacement, which, of course, he accepted.

Gary can be described as a decent squad player who has a good engine. He puts in a good shift whenever he plays and while not an out and out striker, he can be relied upon to be there and thereabouts when the team is attacking, looking to get in among the goals.

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# PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Words: JOE SULLIVAN

**OUTSIDE of Queen's Park, today's visitors Kilmarnock are the oldest surviving football club in Scotland. But although they were founded in 1869, they didn't finish above Celtic in the league until almost 90 years later.**

In season 1956/57 they were third to Celtic's fifth, although the 1960s regularly saw them top the Hoops' efforts for league glory.

Indeed, from season 1959/60 onwards the Rugby Park side were in the midst of the old 'always the bridesmaid, never the bride' complex with an impressive sequence as runners-up finishes.

Their positions in an 18-team league for the first half of the 1960s were:

KILMARNOCK				
59/60	60/61	61/62	62/63	63/64
2	2	5	2	2
CELTIC				
59/60	60/61	61/62	62/63	63/64
9	4	3	4	3

The following season things didn't get any better for Celtic as they came eighth in the league – well away from a classic tussle at the top as Kilmarnock and Hearts battled it out on the final day of the season at Tynecastle for championship glory.

The finish was so tight though, the outcome prompted a change in the rules after Kilmarnock won the game AND the title thanks to their 2-0 victory in Edinburgh.

The finishing table was:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Killie	34	22	6	6	62	33	50
Hearts	34	22	6	6	90	49	50

**“HEARTS WERE PIPPED ON THE LAST DAY BY CELTIC ON GOAL DIFFERENCE. IF ‘GOAL AVERAGE’ WAS STILL IN USE, HEARTS WOULD HAVE LANDED THE TITLE”**



## Kilmarnock took a long time to get the better of Celtic in the league – but enjoyed a real purple patch before the arrival of Jock Stein

Under today's regulations, Hearts would have topped the table thanks to their vastly superior goal difference of 41 to Killie's 29. But 'goal average' (goals for divided by goals against) was the order of the day and the Rugby Park side took the title by 1.879 to Hearts' 1.837.

Jambos prompted the change to the current system of goals difference, but fate decreed that the next time the Gorgie Road club would be near to winning the title would be 21 years later in season 1986/86, when they were pipped at the post on the very last day of the season by Celtic on goal

difference. If goal average was still in use the, Hearts would have lifted the title!

Those were barren years for Kilmarnock, though. Between seasons 1982/83 and 1993/94 they were strangers to the top flight – a long way from their flirtation with the championship in the mid-1960s.

Any hope Killie had of re-claiming their title and, apparently, the meagre hopes of any other side of similar glory, were put on the shelf for the time being as Jock Stein had joined Celtic and for nine glorious years the league flag flew above Paradise.

And if things were to improve all round at Celtic Park immediately after Stein's arrival, Kilmarnock, in particular, were to find that Celtic's salad days were over. For in



**ON TARGET:**  
Jock Stein watches John Hughes, a scorer against Killie in the 1965 Parkhead match, in training, while the other man on the mark that night for Celts was Joe McBride (left)

the seasons immediately prior to the Big Man's prodigal return, the Rugby Park side had battered Celtic a number of times:

**1962/63**

**March 27, Rugby Park**  
Kilmarnock 6 Celtic 0

**1963/64**

**March 21, Rugby Park**  
Kilmarnock 4 Celtic 0

**1964/65**

**October 28, Rugby Park**  
Kilmarnock 5 Celtic 2

The Celts were 5-0 down in that last game before Tommy Gemmell and Charlie Gallagher hit two late goals – but the next time both sides met in the league that season would be Jimmy McGrory's last league game in charge as the doors opened for Stein.

However, despite Kilmarnock's

**“DESPITE KILLIE’S FAIRLY REGULAR DRUBBINGS OF CELTIC IN THOSE IMMEDIATE PRE-STEIN YEARS, ONLY ONCE HAVE THEY EVER HAD A CLEAN SWEEP”**

fairly regular drubbings of Celtic in those immediate pre-Stein years, only once have the Rugby Park side ever had a clean sweep over the Bhoys during a season and that was away back in 1922/23.

Then they won 2-1 at Celtic Park on December 23 and 4-3 in Ayrshire on February 3.

Kilmarnock, as reigning champions and customary kingpins over Celtic, may have thought the first clean sweep in nearly 40 years was a distinct possibility and that would only have strengthened when McIlroy put the new title-holders ahead after 57 minutes in their first meeting of the season at

Celtic Park on November 27, 1965.

John Hughes and Joe McBride had other ideas though, and 10 minutes after Killie opened the scoring, Big Yogi equalised from the spot. Super striker Joe McBride then tied things up in 83 minutes.

The teams lined up against each other again at Rugby Park on March 29 and this time the outcome was a bit more cut and dried as Bobby Lennox, in the 10th and 35th minutes, ensured that Celtic were well on the way to lifting the first on the nine-in-a-row titles.







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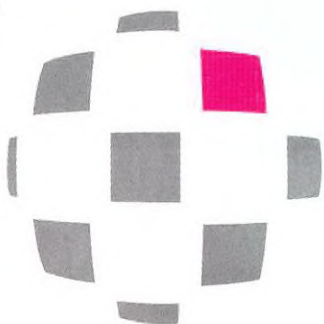
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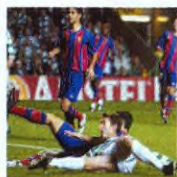
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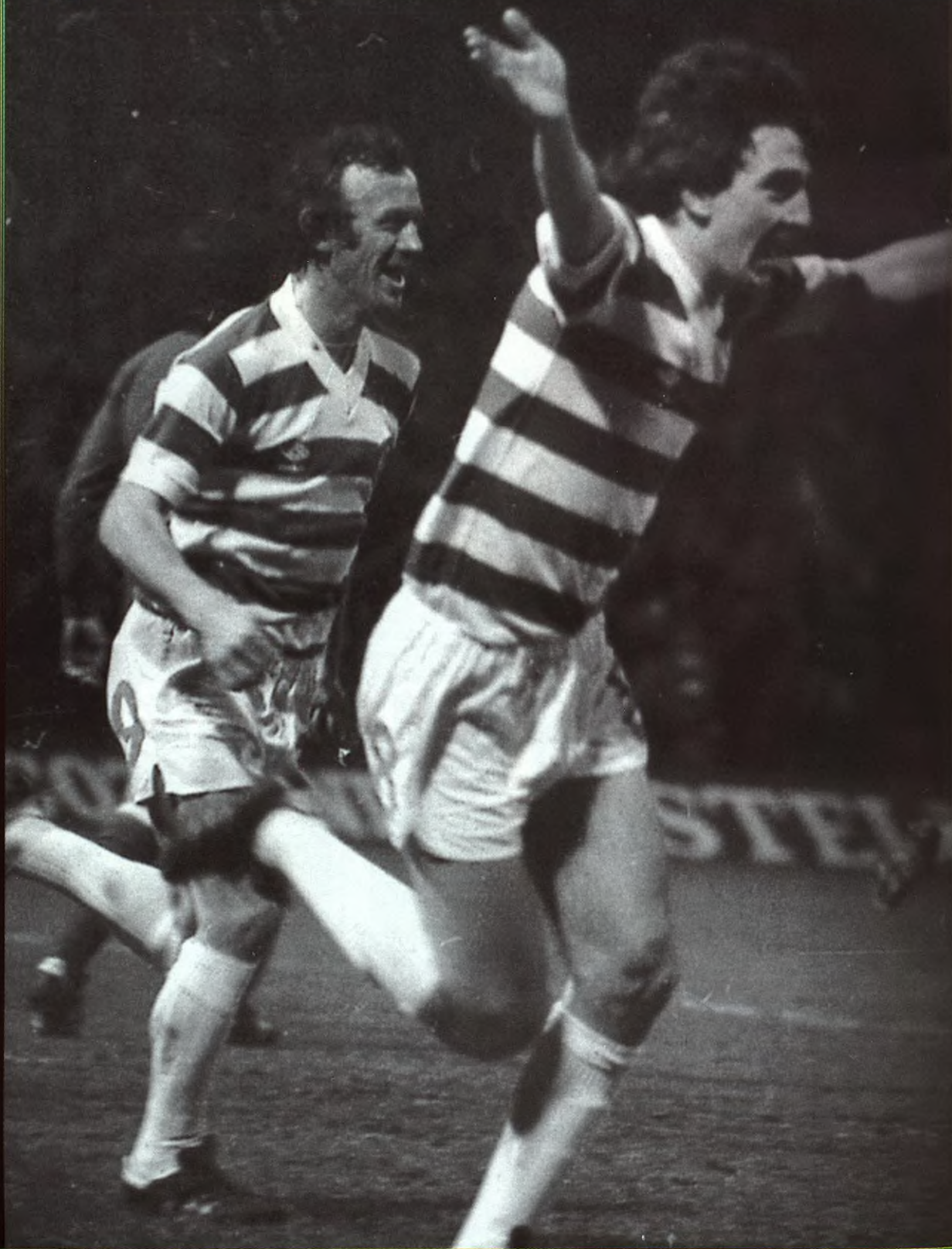
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# THE CELTIC CONNECTION

Exclusive Interview: GREGOR KYLE

**ALTHOUGH Kilmarnock fans may be reluctant to admit it, the Ayrshire club owes a debt of thanks to its Celtic connections.**

Since being guided into the Premier League by Tommy Burns in 1993, Killie have never looked back, establishing themselves as an SPL side to be reckoned with and winning the Scottish Cup at Ibrox in 1997.

The Rugby Park side enter today's fixture at Parkhead straight off the back of consecutive wins over Motherwell and Hibs. And, having netted twice against Celtic in the sides previous meeting in August, the stage is set for another exciting clash.

Established in 1869, Killie are one of the oldest club sides in the SPL, but were stuck with the unwanted tag of perennial under-achievers after lifting the League Championship in season 1964/65.

They may have been the last side to lift the trophy before Celtic's nine-in-a-row run under Jock Stein but latterly, in the 1980s, Killie suffered several years in the wilderness of the lower divisions.

Then followed the club's re-emergence as an SPL side in the early 1990s.

Earning a reputation for free-flowing attacking football, the

## George McCluskey forms part of a strong link between the Hoops and Kilmarnock

Killie revival was masterminded by ex-Celt Burns, with the help of a number of his former teammates.

Billy Stark served as player and assistant during the Burns years, while the Kilmarnock side that gained promotion included the talents of midfielder Danny

of a side who he believes have 'top six' potential.

"We were under a lot of pressure at the time," said McCluskey as he looked back on his time at Kilmarnock.

"Tommy didn't have many finances to work with but managed to steer us from the First Division into the Premier League and, since then, they haven't looked back.

"I've got great memories from my time there. It was a great club to be at and the camaraderie between the players had a lot to do with the success we had there. I've always thought of Kilmarnock as a sleeping giant.

"They've got a great support out there and took 30-35,000 to the Scottish Cup final under Bobby Williamson, which was incredible for them. It's a great club and is very family-orientated.

"We managed to get them into the Premier League and it was a struggle to keep them up at times. I think we drew with Hibs in the last game of the season to stay up once. But that's the base they have built on and the club just hasn't looked back."

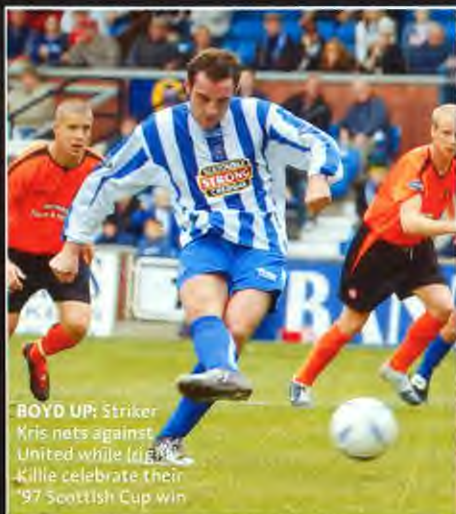
Kilmarnock are a side now

**"THEY'VE GOT A GREAT SUPPORT OUT THERE AND TOOK 30-35,000 TO THE SCOTTISH CUP FINAL BACK IN 1997"**

Crainie, striker Dugald McCarrison and, leading the line throughout those years, George McCluskey.

One of the most gifted players to pull on the Hoops in the '70s and '80s, McCluskey was Burns' first signing at Rugby Park, and later went on to serve as youth coach under Alex Totten.

Today's fixture brings back fond memories for McCluskey, who now works as a community coach at Celtic, and he says the home team will have to be wary



**BOYD UP:** Striker Kris nets against United while the Killie celebrate their '97 Scottish Cup win



finding form in the SPL and have caught the eye with a number of high-scoring performances – including a 5-2 win over Dundee United at the end of September.

All five goals in that match were scored by striker Kris Boyd, who looks set to miss today's fixture after a training ground injury.

But McCluskey sees a lot of potential in the present Killie side and believes they're well led by the management team of Jim Jefferies and Billy Brown, and also club captain Freddie Dindaleux.

"They've been a bit up and down with their results this season, but they seem to be getting on their feet now," said McCluskey.

"I honestly think that they could be a top six side – no problem. One of the mainstays of the side in recent years has been Dindaleux, who is a steady player. But the guy who has stood out for me this season has been Kris Boyd.

"For a player to be up at the top of the scoring charts, only three behind John Hartson, for a team like Killie is just amazing... and long may it continue.

"Jim Jefferies has done well and he works well with Billy Brown. They've built a good partnership together and have a great knowledge of the game. They had a few tough results but seem to

building things up again now."

Celtic's recent league record or, more specifically, the number of goals conceded, has been a cause for concern for supporters, though Tuesday's clean-sheet against Shakhtar was an impressive achievement. McCluskey, however, believes Celtic will have to be vigilant against a Kilmarnock outfit who have shown their ability to find the net this season.

**"JIM JEFFERIES AND BILLY BROWN HAD A FEW TOUGH RESULTS BUT THEY SEEM TO BE BUILDING THINGS UP AGAIN NOW"**

He said: "The last couple of league games we've lost goals and that's really unlike Celtic and very unlike a Martin O'Neill team. But I am sure Martin knows better than anyone about that."

McCluskey was a raw 17-year-old when he made his debut for Celtic in the league against Rangers in November 1975.

There were few signs of nerves that day as he set up Paul Wilson for the Celtic equaliser – but the former Celt is well aware of the

pressure on young players these days, particularly those with either of the Old Firm. Several of the younger players at Celtic Park have caught his eye this term and if they're drafted into the first team, McCluskey has no doubt that they will rise to the challenge.

"Losing John Kennedy has been a real shame," he said. "I feel heartfelt sorry for him. He was breaking into the Celtic team, had forced himself into the Scotland side and looked a real player for the future.

"But then that knee injury happened to him. He was a player that had stood out for me and it really is a tragedy.

"There are a lot of great kids at Celtic and I am sure Martin is very careful about bleeding them.

"On one hand, if you are good enough then you should be playing, but at the same time it's better for a young player to be coming in to a winning side."

There is also one certainty about today's fixture and that is when the teams emerge, McCluskey's heroes will be wearing Hoops.

"I still have a real affection for Killie," he added. "I always look for their results and want them to do well. Just not this afternoon!"





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**NOVEMBER 6 is a special day as Celtic celebrate their 117th birthday.**

The club was officially formed at a meeting in St Mary's Church hall in the Calton on this day in 1887.

Brother Walfrid, a Marist brother from Sligo who was working in the East End of Glasgow, had seen the way in which Hibernian's Scottish Cup triumph had been celebrated by the Irish community in Glasgow in 1887.

And his idea was for a club to be formed in the city that would raise money to help alleviate the poverty among his community, but also give it a focus and a sense of pride.

One man's vision and a meeting at St Mary's Hall in Abercromby Street on November 6, 1887 grew far beyond the cobbled streets of the Calton, and now that dream lives on in the hearts of Celtic supporters of every faith and colour, creed and race on every corner of the globe.

The new club played its first game the following year, May 28, 1888, when the new Celtic Football Club beat Rangers 5-2, with Neilly

**The date November 6 is one of the most important in the history of Celtic FC as it was on a that day 117 years ago that Brother Walfrid confirmed the club's formation. It's also notable for other, if less significant reasons – remember 0-0 with Thistle?**

McCallum having the honour of scoring the first ever goal for the club.

The club that Brother Walfrid helped to start has grown to be one of the most famous in the world and continues to be a sense of pride to everyone who is a Celtic supporter.

Celtic have enjoyed success in Scotland, winning the league 39 times, the Scottish Cup 32 times and the League Cup 12 times.

They have also scaled the heights of Europe, winning the European Cup in 1967.

And in 2003, when the team reached the final of the UEFA Cup in Seville, over 80,000 supporters descended on the southern Spanish city in a show of support unrivalled anywhere in world

football. Brother Walfrid's vision for a club that would be a source of pride to his community has certainly come true. That community now extends all over the world. Happy 117th birthday, Celtic.

**CELTIC'S first game on November 6 came back in 1897 when they played an away game against Dundee.**

And it was the Hoops who ran out 2-1 winners, both of the goals coming from Adam Henderson.

He made 10 appearances, scoring six goals, including two he netted on his debut against Hibs in September of that year.

**GOALKEEPER John Bonnar made his debut for Celtic against Clyde in 1948.**

He kept a clean sheet as the Hoops recorded a 4-0 victory at Shawfield, with two goals apiece from Jackie Gallagher and Johnny Paton. Bonnar joined Celtic from Arbroath and was with the club for 10 years, making 180 appearances, with 49 shut-outs, a 27 percent success rate.

He played in a difficult era for Celtic when success was thin on the ground, although he helped the club to the league and cup double in 1953/54.

But perhaps his greatest achievement, and something for which he continues to be remembered, was his performances in helping the Hoops win the Coronation Cup in 1953.

His showing in the final, defying a strong Hibernian team, helped Celtic to an unexpected success in

**“THE NEW CLUB PLAYED ITS FIRST GAME ON MAY 28, 1888, WHEN CELTIC BEAT RANGERS 5-2, WITH NEILLY MCCALLUM SCORING THE FIRST EVER GOAL”**



**TRAINING DAY:** John Bonnar, who served Celtic for a decade, is pictured going through his paces with Jock Stein



**WARM WELCOME:** Liam Brady brought Tony Mowbray to Celtic Park in 1991. He is pictured here greeting the popular defender on November 6.

the competition. He left Parkhead in 1958 for Dumbarton and joined St Johnstone a year later before returning in 1960.

He sadly died earlier this year at the age of 80.

**CURRENT Hibs manager Tony Mowbray signed for Celtic on this day in 1991 from Middlesbrough.**

The central defender made a total of 103 appearances, scoring five goals. He is perhaps best remembered as the man who started the Huddle, which began on a pre-season tour in Germany.

Mowbray also suffered tragedy off the field when his wife died of cancer. He moved to Ipswich and

**“TONY MOWBRAY IS PERHAPS BEST REMEMBERED AS THE MAN WHO STARTED THE HUDDLE, WHICH FIRST BEGAN ON A PRE-SEASON TOUR IN GERMANY”**

joined their coaching staff after finishing his playing career.

Mogga moved to Easter Road as manager at the start of this season and his team have shown signs of improvement on last season.

**THE last time Celtic played on November 6 was two years ago in a CIS Cup quarter-final tie against Partick Thistle at Celtic Park.**

The Hoops took the lead just before half-time through Paul

Lambert, but Alex Burns equalised for Thistle five minutes after the break. There was to be no further scoring in the match, even after extra-time, and it went to penalties.

Celtic won the shoot-out 5-4, although that only tells half the story as the victory was secured when Momo Sylla converted the Hoops' NINTH penalty, while Rab Douglas saved the corresponding one from striker from David Lilley.



# the YOUTH ACADEMY

Youngsters in Ireland enjoy the chance to learn to play the Celtic way and Club Development project also enhances coaches' knowledge

**DURING the October half-term the Celtic Youth Academy was very active in Ireland through their Community Programme.**

At three locations in Ireland, three large boys' football clubs benefited from our Club Development programme in their own backyard.

During the holiday period over 130 players – selected by their clubs – were coached by Robert Docherty and his team of Celtic youth coaches.

They had the full "train and play the Celtic way" experience.

Multi-functional warm up, technical drills, and tactical sessions were delivered, enabling each of these young players to maximise their footballing potential.

However, from our point of view, the most important component was delivered in the evenings.

This was the coach education element of the Club Development programme.

This included training for coaches in areas such as:

- Preparation for performance
- Diet and Nutrition
- Player Maturation
- Technical development
- Tactical development

Why is this so important? Well, it is important because it is residual.

Each of those coaches will now coach the young players the Celtic way for many years to come.

That means that Celtic can begin to shape the football development of hundreds, maybe even thousands, of young players as the coaches move from club to club, and take additional



age-groups year on year. Club Development is available in Scotland as well, and the Community Programme has, in fact, delivered this to a number of boys' clubs during the spring and summer of 2004.

The product has been enhanced since then, and will be rolled out further in Scotland over the coming months.

How does this help the Celtic Youth Academy?

It is obvious really. Having more coaches that are equipped to deliver

quality coaching to young players means a greater population of properly developed players available to our Academy.

The kids still have to be good enough, but they have a better chance if they are being coached to do the things that we are looking for.

A joined up youth development strategy is what we think we have got. Club Development is more evidence of it.

Enjoy the game

*Tommy Burns*



## Matches remain crucial as trialists make their mark

### FIXTURES

AS we near the winter shutdown from our SPL Fixtures, we are in the process of arranging fixtures to tide us over through the three-month break.

This period will be used to catch up on a few fixtures that were postponed due to bad weather, and will also give us the opportunity to play against some of the SFL clubs.

As in previous years, some of our squads will play top English clubs during the break, and we will be sending teams over to Dublin to play in a couple of matches.

Today, our 11s and 12s are at home to Aberdeen, and our 13s-17s also have fixtures against the boys from the North East this weekend.

The 13s and 14s have to make the long journey north, with the two younger squads playing at the Science Park.

As well as our SPL Fixtures, we

have managed to get a number of games played against English opposition in recent weeks.

The 11s and 12s have played Wallsend Boys' Club from Newcastle, and the 12s have also managed a game against Cheltenham Town.

The 17s also enjoyed an encounter against Wallsend, with our boys running out 6-0 victors.

### TRIALISTS

WITH the English and Irish schools having their mid-term break this week, we have managed to get a number of boys in on trial.

Tommy Burns has been working all week with the 17s squad and has included the trialists in the programme followed by our full time professionals in the Youth Academy.

Tommy has been delighted with a number of the boys and has been assessing them in training matches

and closed-door games we have arranged.

The boys reinforce the extent of our recruiting, coming from Dublin, Tipperary, Derry, Newcastle and Stoke, as we continually pursue the best players throughout the UK and Ireland.

Our extensive coverage of mainland and Northern Europe has seen us having boys on trial from Sweden, Finland and Spain in recent months.

As the net widens, the aim of providing homegrown players to play at the top level in Europe looks more achievable.

### TOURNAMENTS

AS we aim to take each of our squads to a European tournament each year, Tommy Burns is now sifting through the numerous invitations we receive at each age group, to compete with Europe's best.

Tommy, over the next few weeks, will decide which tournaments best suit our requirements, to further develop the Academy players.

Usual destinations are France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Germany, and once again we have been invited to these countries, along with invitations from Spain, Austria and a few others.

These tournaments have always been of great benefit to the club, and the likes of David Marshall, Aiden McGeady and Scott Cuthbert have been representing Celtic in competitions abroad since their Under-10 seasons!

All of the other players who have come through the Youth Academy and made their debut in the first team have also represented the club in numerous tournaments on foreign soils.

These have helped them to become better players and allowed to experience the European game at a young age.

*Brian Meehan*





# half-time QUIZ

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

- 1) Since the war who remains the only Celt to score six goals in a competitive match for the club?
- 2) Which former European Player of the Year did Celtic face during their European Cup campaign of 1967?
- 3) Which two Scottish international goalkeepers of the last three decades have played for both Celtic and Kilmarnock?
- 4) Which striker in October became the Republic of Ireland's top international goalscorer with his 23rd strike against the Faroe Islands?
- 5) In which city in Spain does Johann Mjallby now play his league football with Levante?
- 6) Which five Celtic players were in the Scottish side that defeated Czechoslovakia 2-1 at Hampden in September 1973 to qualify for the 1974 World Cup Finals in Germany?
- 7) Which member of the Celtic Empire Exhibition Cup winning team of 1938 would lead to Kilmarnock to the 1957 Scottish Cup final?
- 8) Since the inception of the Premier Division which two Celts have scored goals in an Old Firm match within a minute?
- 9) Which current opponent of Celtic in the Champions League has made more appearances in the history of European Football than any other player?
- 10) At which stadium did Kilmarnock defeat Falkirk to win



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the Scottish Cup in 1997?

- 11) Who to date remains the only club to prevent a Martin O'Neill Celtic side netting at Celtic Park in domestic competition?
- 12) Which four Celts have played against England in World Cup finals tournaments?
- 13) When did Celtic last win the League and Scottish Cup double in successive seasons?
- 14) Which holder of a World Cup winners' medal faced Kilmarnock in a UEFA Cup tie in 1996/2000?
- 15) Against which country did Henri Camara score two goals for Senegal in a World Cup qualifying match in October?

## ANSWERS

1. Dixie Deans v Partick Thistle : Nov 73
2. Josef Budapest of Dukla Prague
3. Ally Hunter & Gordon Marshall
4. Robbie Keane
5. Valencia
6. Danny McGrain/Kenny Dalglish/George Connolly/Ally Hunter & David Hay
7. Malcolm MacDonald
8. Danny Crainie
9. Paolo Maldini : AC Milan 138 matches
10. Ibrox Park
11. Dundee 2000/2001
12. Pat Bonner & Chris Morris : Republic of Ireland
13. 1990 Henrik Larsson & Johann Mjallby : Sweden 2002
14. Youri Djorkaeff (Kaiserslautern)
15. Liberia





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