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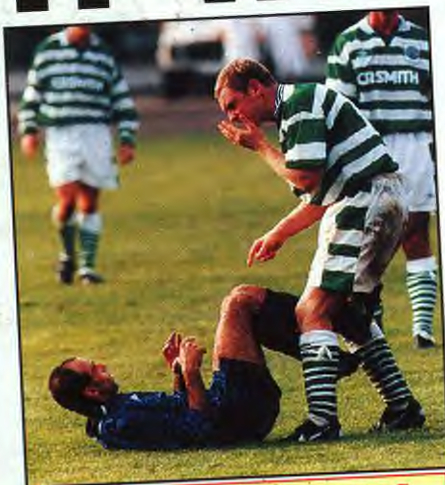


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# BILLY STARK



A WARM welcome to Hibernian and their supporters for today's match.

Hibs have approached games this season in a very positive style and fielded players intent on getting forward.

Hibs and their manager Alex Miller should be applauded for their football philosophy which has them producing attractive games.

We have been trying to play in a fluent, attacking manner ourselves so everything points to an exciting 90 minutes today.

We gathered eight points from a possible 12 against Hibs last season and of course our cup meetings meant we played each other half a dozen times, so we should be familiar with each other.

However, knowing Alex, I'm positive he will have one or two wee tactical changes seeing as our sides have met so often recently.

We go into the game on the back of two good wins against Falkirk and Partick Thistle and I was pleased with the way we played in those games, although on the whole we know there are still one or two things we can improve.

I think it's important to stress that in the first half hour against Thistle we had four or five good chances and if we had taken just one it would have had a different effect on the game. But equally we never gave anything away.

We recognise though that we got a bit slack in the last five or 10 minutes but I was pleased with Jackie McNamara's home debut as well as young Jamie McQuilken who also came in and did a great job.

A good performance and win today will set us up nicely to play Paris St-Germain in France but ultimately the League Championship is our main competition.

So in that respect today's game is more important than Thursday's in Paris.

It's another stage in the rehabilitation process but I certainly feel that the Hibs game

**'A good display this afternoon will set us up for the midweek Paris game'**

is more relevant at the moment and the European run is a bonus for everyone.

We want to keep things in perspective. We know that on Thursday we will be examined by players who took part in Champions League semi-final last year and the ultimate test will be seeing how we cope with that.



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# THE SQUADS



**GORDON MARSHALL**



**TOM BOYD**



**JAMIE MCQUILKEN**



**JACKIE MCNAMARA**



**JOHN HUGHES**



**PETER GRANT**



**SIMON DONNELLY**



**BRIAN McLAUGHLIN**



**PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK**



**ANDREAS THOM**



**JOHN COLLINS**



**PHIL O'DONNELL**



**ANDY WALKER**



**Referee:**  
**GA EVANS**  
(Bishopbriggs)



**Linesman:**  
**JG Frickleton**  
(Stirling)



**Linesman:**  
**D Main**  
(Bonnybridge)

**STAND-BYS:**  
Celtic: Pat Bonner, Malky Mackay, Chris Hay  
Hibs: Mickey Weir, Joe Tortolano

**JIM LEIGHTON**



**DARREN DODS**



**CHRIS JACKSON**



**PAT MCGINLAY**



**STEVEN TWEED**



**GORDON HUNTER**



**KEVIN McALLISTER**



**KEVIN HARPER**



**GARETH EVANS**



**DARREN JACKSON**



**MICHAEL O'NEILL**



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# + TODAY'S VISITORS +



**HIBERNIAN** will visit Celtic Park today intent on moving up to third place in the league and closing in on Celtic... But the home club will have other ideas with the top spot within their grasp this afternoon.

**ALEX MILLER'S** Easter Road side are currently sitting fourth in the Premier Division, a comfortable position attained after beating Falkirk 2-1 last week which was amazingly their first home win of the season.

There is no doubt though, that despite Hibs' attacking nature this season, the performances of the veteran **JIM LEIGHTON** between the sticks has had a lot to do with the resurgence of the Edinburgh greens.

In front of the international stopper who helped Scotland secure a place in next summer's European Championship finals in England may well be a solid back three of **GORDON HUNTER**, **STEVEN TWEED** and **DARREN DODS**.

Former under-21 internationalist Hunter has been an occasional skipper of the Hibs and his no-nonsense approach has seen him excel in the man-to-man marking, which could be the reason why he was being touted for the senior national squad last year.

The towering Tweed has come through the ranks at Easter Road and is prone to break forward from the defensive ranks in search of hitting the target at the other end.

His improvement since making his first-team debut in season 1993/94 saw him honoured with a Scottish B cap in the recent victory over Northern Ireland at Easter Road which was earned with the help of a goal from the defender himself.

The 20-year-old Dods has been bubbling under the first-team ranks for some time now and is growing in confidence and, like Tweed, is another defender over the six-foot mark.

The five-man midfield operated by Hibs this season features players who are no strangers to getting forward and pressing the opposition goal.

Proof of that came in last Saturday's win when **KEVIN McALLISTER** not only knocked home his first goal of the season but, like John Hughes did for Celtic just three days earlier, put one over on former employees Falkirk.

He had two spells with the Brockville club and links up in the middle of the park with a team-mate who is on the Hibs books for a second time - **PAT MCGINLAY**.

Pat will be one player who will have no problem finding the dressing rooms today and needs no introduction to the Parkhead faithful as Celts were the club sandwiched between his two Easter Road signings.

He was top scorer in his only full season at Parkhead and will clearly have to be watched closely today, as will fellow midfielders **CHRIS JACKSON**, **DARREN JACKSON** and **MICHAEL O'NEILL**.

Jackson broke into the central midfield four season ago but while recently never a genuine regular he will be looking to impress Alex Miller and maintain his first-team place.



**HEAD BOY...** Michael O'Neill was Hibs top scorer last season



# + TODAY'S VISITORS +

## Jim keeps the defence in safe hands

The other member of Hibernian's 'Jackson Two' has hardly enamoured himself with the Celtic support but no doubt raised a few cheers when he recently netted a penalty to defeat Rangers at Ibrox.

He converted another last Saturday against Falkirk so here's hoping nothing is 'given away' at the back today.

O'Neill has fought his way back into the Northern Ireland international scene no doubt aided by the fact that he was top scorer for the Hibs last season - making the Irishman another midfielder the Celtic defence will have to keep close tabs on.

Hibs two-man attack in last week's victory consisted of **KEVIN HARPER** and **GARETH EVANS**. The pair failed to find the net against Falkirk but both will be looking to make amends today.

Harper in particular caused the Celtic defence, as well as others, problems last season and his play features a burst of pace that has been evident since his days with the youth side.

On his day one of the most dangerous young players in Scotland and has been duly rewarded by being called up to the national under-21 side.

At 5ft 7ins Evans is hardly your typical target but his tricky winger-like play always means he is more than a handful for defenders and like Harper he can really turn it on in creating goals from seemingly harmless situations.

The Englishman has had the nasty habit of finding the net against Celts and indeed is the Easter Road men's scorer against the Parkhead side.

Last week's bench was kept warm by a trio of youngsters in **GRAEME LOVE**, **GREG MILLER** and **GRAEME MILLER** but only Love went into the fray by replacing scorer McAllister.

All three were signed from local Edinburgh clubs and will be keen to be involved today and maintain their grips on the first-team scene at Easter Road.



OLD BHOY...Pat McGinlay



JUST CAPITAL...Darren Jackson

## Lowdown + Lowdown

**JIM LEIGHTON** (Goalkeeper)  
Aged 37. Signed from Dundee in 1993.

**GORDON HUNTER** (Defender)  
Aged 28. Signed from Musselburgh Windsor in 1983.

**STEVEN TWEED** (Defender)  
Aged 23. Signed from Hutchison Vale BC in 1990.

**DARREN DODS** (Defender)  
Aged 20. Signed from Hutchison Vale BC in 1992.

**KEVIN McALLISTER** (Midfielder)  
Aged 32. Signed from Falkirk in 1993.

**PAT MCGINLAY** (Midfielder)  
Aged 28. Signed from Celtic in 1994.

**CHRIS JACKSON** (Midfielder)  
Aged 22. Signed from Salvesen BC in 1991.

**DARREN JACKSON** (Midfielder)  
Aged 29. Signed from Dundee United in 1992.

**MICHAEL O'NEILL** (Midfielder)  
Aged 26. Signed from Dundee United in 1993.

**KEVIN HARPER** (Forward)  
Aged 19. Signed from Hutchison Vale BC in 1992.

**GARETH EVANS** (Forward)  
Aged 28. Signed from Rotherham United in 1988.

**GRAEME LOVE** (Midfielder)  
Aged 21. Signed from Salvesen BC in 1991.

**GREG MILLER** (Forward)  
Aged 19. Signed from Hutchison Vale BC in 1994.

**GRAEME MILLER** (Midfielder)  
Aged 22. Signed from Tynecastle BC in 1990.





**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 3.10.74 in Glasgow  
**HEIGHT:** 5ft 10ins  
**WEIGHT:** 11st  
**SIGNED:** From Celtic Boys Club on June 28, 1991.  
**CAREER RECORD WITH CELTIC:** Three first team appearances, no goals.  
**BEST GAME PLAYED FOR CELTIC:** The recent game against Falkirk at Brockville.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** I don't want to give anyone the satisfaction of thinking they've got the better of me.  
**BEST PALS AT CELTIC PARK:** They're all great guys.  
**HAPPIEST MOMENT AS A CELT:** My debut against Falkirk in 1993.  
**FAVOURITE CELTIC SONG:** The Fields of Atherny.



# CELT in the SPOTLIGHT

Jamie McQuilken

**JAMIE McQUILKEN'S Celtic career may have burst to life in the past couple of weeks but the young left-back has been around a lot longer than some might think.**

Prior to this month Jamie had sampled some first-team action from the bench as well as replacing Dariusz Wdowczyk in a friendly against Shelbourne in Dublin, before making his competitive debut in a 1-0 win over Falkirk in April 1993.

However, following that start it was back to the reserves to continue his apprenticeship before his return 11 days ago - ironically against the Brockville club again.

But this time there was no elongated pause away from the limelight as only three days later he was back in the top team to face Partick Thistle in last Saturday's Premier Division clash.

The sure-footed 21-year-old - he celebrated his birthday on the eve of his first-team re-appearance - knows however, that he isn't guaranteed a slot in the senior side.

And he also realises that it was an injury to Tosh McKinlay which presented him with the opportunity to impress.

**Indeed his first inkling of a potential first-team place was the ideal birthday present for him.**

Jamie explained: "It was the day before the Falkirk game when the gaffer came up to me and told me that Tosh was struggling a bit so from then on I was psyched up for the game.

"But there is no doubt that Tosh is a hard act to follow as he has had a brilliant start to the season and has been playing out of his skin.

"So although I've been pleased with my form in the reserves I always thought that it would take an injury to Tosh to give me a chance in the left-back berth in the first team."

He added: "I'd love to be involved in the first-team plans for today's match but deep down I know that all depends on how Tosh is reacting to his injury.

"So I know that I could be back in the reserves this afternoon. But I realise that is all part of the learning process and I am more than ready to carry on plugging away there.

"When you are playing for the second team it's always in the back of your mind that the break will come

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## Interview: JOE SULLIVAN

and thankfully it has over the past couple of games."

There's no doubt that it will be hard for the youngster to maintain a first-team place as McKinlay's form has not only been a feature of Celtic's play this season but has also seen him get the nod on the international front as well.

However, Jamie's showings against Falkirk and Thistle have certainly presented Tommy Burns with options in that area of the field.

The youngster said: "I was very pleased with my performances - very surprised at getting the call-up but very pleased with what I did in both games.

"Especially in the first game at Brockville where I thought I did pretty well which made that game very satisfying."

The midweek meeting meant he had played against Falkirk both home and away - albeit the games being over two years apart.

*But he was delighted to make a return to the new look Celtic Park.*

He said: "That was amazingly loud! There was a fantastic amount of noise coming from the new stand which really added to the atmosphere of the game.

"That is the big difference between reserve and first-team football and it's something I'd love to sample more of."

There was another more important difference though.

Jamie pointed out: "There was a change of pace as the first-team

games are that wee bit quicker and you don't really get all that much time on the ball.

"You have got to be aware of what is happening all around you but, to be fair, you do come up against a fair amount of first-team players in reserve matches as well as playing alongside them in your own team."

He also admitted that the gradual moves up the ladder by the likes of Brian McLaughlin and Simon Donnelly have given him renewed hope for his first-team claims.

He said: "We were all reserve players together and Brian and Simon have more or less established themselves so now I hope I can do the same.

**"I've got my appetite for the game back now that I have finally got the break and I'd love to be given an extended run in the first team - but that is down to the gaffer.**

"I'm willing to play anywhere as at the end of last season I moved up to left midfield in the reserves and I would gladly play there in the first team.

"That said though I'm more comfortable at left-back - I'm a defender at heart!

"It's in my nature to be an overlapping defender and I'm pleased that in the last couple of senior games I was pushing up the flank and getting crosses in.

"I even got in the occasional shot, though I unfortunately didn't hit the target. But goalscoring has never been my strong point as my main job is to stop the opposition doing just that at the other end."

