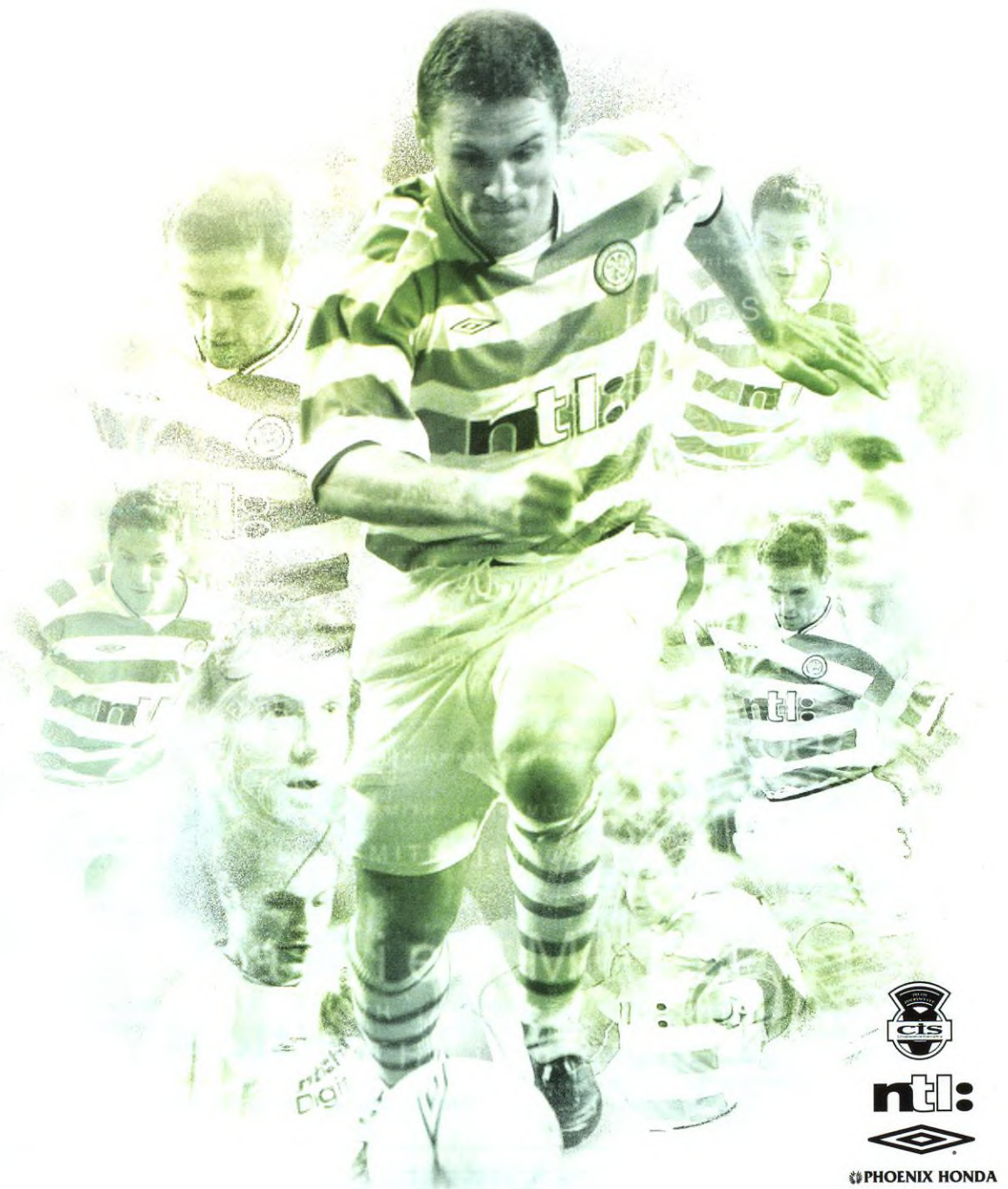


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v INVERNESS CT

CIS League Cup 3rd Round
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UNITING CELTIC SUPPORTERS WORLDWIDE



“There is an additional edge to tonight’s game”

IT was an excellent performance by the team at Tynecastle on Sunday.

There was a little concern beforehand that the international break might disrupt preparations for the game and that it would take some time before players would get back into their stride.

Thankfully, it proved not to be the case. With the wonderful performance against Rangers having boosted confidence, the team was eager for the game and two early goals from Chris Sutton and Stilian Petrov gave us a dream start against Hearts.

Henrik Larsson added two more in a breathtaking first-half performance and, although we didn't add more goals in the second half, we ran out worthy winners. We have no intention of giving up the Championship without a fight.

Talking of the international week, most of the players had successful trips abroad with their respective nations.

Rab Douglas, Paul Lambert and Jackie McNamara were all in the Scotland line-up against Iceland and a great victory was gained in Reykjavik.

It was good to see Jackie back in the international set-up, although he sustained an injury

which will sideline him for a while.

Joos Valgaeren and Stilian Petrov did well with Belgium and Bulgaria while John Hartson was a major contributor in Wales' fantastic win over Italy.

Colin Healy and Bobo Balde had less fortunate results. Colin did well in the game against Switzerland in Dublin although the result was disappointing and Bobo travelled half way round the globe to play for Guinea against Ethiopia, although they lost the game.

Meanwhile, the CIS Insurance Cup might not have the same prestige attached to it as the Championship but, of course, every competition we enter is one in which we would like to win and tonight will be no different.

It almost goes without saying that there is an additional edge to tonight's encounter simply because of the result that Inverness Caledonian Thistle enjoyed the last time they came to Celtic Park.

John Robertson and I watched Inverness enjoy a 6-0 win over Alloa at the weekend, and they certainly have some useful players who wouldn't look out of place playing in the SPL.

I spoke to a couple of directors in the Boardroom after the game and they are certainly looking forward at the chance to repeat

their Scottish Cup win. They will need no motivation ahead of the match, but at the same time neither will we because it is the perfect opportunity to exorcise a ghost from the past.

Nothing in football is guaranteed, particularly in cup competitions, but I can assure you that whoever takes to the park tonight will treat Steve Paterson's side with the respect which they deserve.

We lost out in the semi-final of the competition last year in a pulsating meeting at Hampden, and it would be nice to take that a stage further again this season.

We have a demanding run of matches over the next few weeks with tonight's game followed on with a trip to Dunfermline for another Sunday afternoon meeting, and four days later we will be back at Celtic Park to face Blackburn Rovers in the UEFA Cup.

It is an exciting time, but before we start getting too far ahead of ourselves we will go out tonight and do our best to book a place in the next round of the CIS Insurance Cup.



Celtic FC Factfile

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
(capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts,
white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Gold shirts, green
shorts, gold socks

Third strip: White shirts, black shorts and socks

Record attendance: 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

Record victory: 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

Record defeat: 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

Most league goals (1 season): 50, Jimmy McGrory,
1935/36

Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season): 35, Brian
McClair 1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

Website: www.celticfc.net

Honours

Scottish League (38)

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

Scottish Cup (31)

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

League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68
1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98,
1999/2000, 2000/2001

European Cup (1)

1967

Coronation Cup (1)

1953

CELTIC FACTS

1. It was 45 years ago on October 19, Celtic won the League Cup when they beat Rangers 7-1. The has remained, the biggest victory ever in a cup final. Many people think that the players wore the 'Shamrock' jersey in the match but they wore the Hoops. A photograph was taken before the first home match after the final, when the team wore the 'Shamrock' strip to avoid a Hoops clash with their opponents Kilmarnock.

2. On that same date in 1975, the Celtic players were involved in another historical moment. The club's home league match against Hibs had to be abandoned after 83 minutes owing to fog. In the replayed match, in February 1976, the teams drew 1-1. The Celtic/Motherwell league match of December 6 1958 was abandoned for a similar reason. The Hoops were two ahead but were held to a 3-3 draw in the replay.

3. At Windsor Park, Belfast, on October 25, 1919, Patsy Gallacher made his debut for Ireland v England. He had been a professional for eight years with Celtic. There have been reports that Patsy, after seeing the size of the crowd present on the day and knowing well his own pulling power, refused to take the field unless he received extra payment. After some discussion, Patsy got his money, a record amount.

INVERNESS CT FACTS

1. For decades, there had been talk of the three Inverness teams, Thistle, Caledonian and Clachnacudden, joining forces and not only when the prospect of Scottish League football emerged. The town had nearly got a place in the Scottish League in 1973 when Thistle lost out by a single vote. That the place in question went to a works team called Ferranti Thistle (changed to Meadowbank and now, Livingston) led to bitter denunciations of unfairness in the Highlands.

2. In the spring of 1993, it was announced that talks between the three parties over a possible merger were imminent. Clach eventually dropped out and Thistle and Caley joined forces on September 9, 1993. On January 8, 1994, ICT were elected to the Scottish League.

3. The club won the 3rd Division Championship in 1996/97, was runner-up in Div 2 1998/99, reached the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup in 1996 and was runner-up in the Challenge Cup 1999/2000. What made the club's name famous throughout Britain, however, was the shock defeat of Celtic in a third round Scottish Cup tie in February 2000. The 3-1 win not only raised the club's profile but precipitated the demise of John Barnes as Celtic manager.

TONIGHT'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **INVERNESS CT**



SEASON 2002/03 - First Division
CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Falkirk | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 7 | 25 |
| 2. INVERNESS CT | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 7 | 19 |
| 3. St Johnstone | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 18 |
| 4. Clyde | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 10 | 15 |
| 5. Ayr | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 14 |

TEAM SPONSOR: SHARP

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|  | MANAGER STEVE PATERSON | STADIUM CALEDONIAN STADIUM | CAPACITY 6,200 | PREVIOUS RESULT CELTIC 1 v INVERNESS CT 3 |  |
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CELTIC



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| JONATHAN GOULD | 1 | |
| TOM BOYD | 2 | |
| MOMO SYLLA | 3 | |
| JACKIE McNAMARA | 4 | |
| JOOS VALGAEREN | 5 | |
| BOBO BALDE | 6 | |
| HENRIK LARSSON | 7 | |
| ALAN THOMPSON | 8 | |
| CHRIS SUTTON | 9 | |
| JOHN HARTSON | 10 | |
| DAVID FERNANDEZ | 12 | |
| PAUL LAMBERT | 14 | |
| BOBBY PETTA | 15 | |
| ULRIK LAURSEN | 16 | |
| DIDIER AGATHE | 17 | |
| NEIL LENNON | 18 | |
| STILIAN PETROV | 19 | |
| ROBERT DOUGLAS | 20 | |
| MAGNUS HEDMAN | 21 | |
| COLIN HEALY | 24 | |
| PAUL SHIELDS | 26 | |
| JON PAUL McGOVERN | 27 | |
| SHAUN MALONEY | 29 | |
| STEVE GUPPY | 30 | |
| SIMON LYNCH | 32 | |
| MARK FOTHERINGHAM | 34 | |
| JOHAN MJALLBY | 35 | |
| JAMIE SMITH | 39 | |
| STEPHEN CRAINEY | 40 | |
| JOHN KENNEDY | 41 | |
| LIAM MILLER | 43 | |

INVERNESS CT



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| MARK BROWN |
| ALLY RIDGERS |
| ROSS TOKELY |
| BOBBY MANN |
| STUART McCAFFREY |
| GRANT MUNRO |
| CHRIS MILLER |
| STUART GOLABEK |
| ROY McBAIN |
| BRIAN GILFILLAN |
| CHARLIE CHRISTIE |
| BARRY ROBSON |
| DAVID BAGAN |
| GRAEME STEWART |
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| TONY LOW |

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RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 20 OCTOBER 2002
HEARTS 1 v CELTIC 4 (Sutton, Petrov, Larsson 2)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 6 OCTOBER, 2002
CELTIC 3 v RANGERS 3 (Larsson 2, Sutton)

UEFA CUP 1st ROUND 2nd LEG 3 OCTOBER 2002
SUDUVA 0 v CELTIC 2 (Thompson, Fernandez)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 28 SEPTEMBER, 2002
CELTIC 5 v KILMARNOCK 0 (Larsson 3, Sutton 2)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 22 SEPTEMBER, 2002
DUNDEE 0 v CELTIC 1 (Larsson)

UEFA CUP 1st ROUND 1st LEG 19 SEPTEMBER, 2002
CELTIC 8 v SUDUVA 1 (Larsson 3, Petrov, Sutton, Lambert, Hartson, Valgaeren)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
DUNFERMLINE v CELTIC SUN 27 OCTOBER 2002

UEFA CUP 2nd ROUND 1st LEG
CELTIC v BLACKBURN THUR 31 OCTOBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v ABERDEEN SUN 3 NOVEMBER 2002

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| REFEREE: | MIKE McCURRY |
| ASSISTANT REFEREES: | GRAEME ALLISON BRIAN McDUFFIE |
| FOURTH OFFICIAL: | DOUGLAS SMITH |



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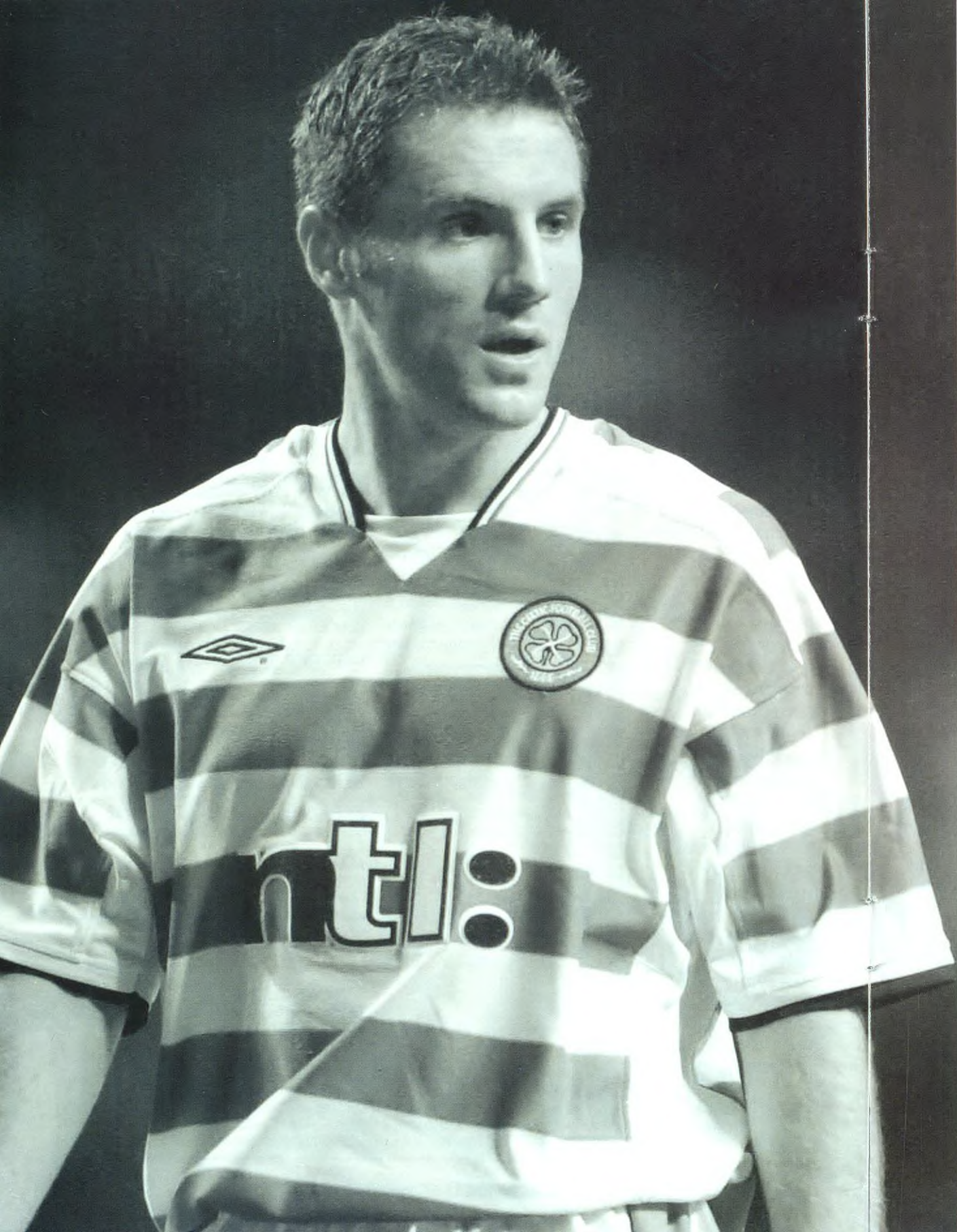
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JAMIE SMITH

WORDS: Alison McConnell

worth the wait

After enjoying a CIS Cup win two seasons ago, Jamie Smith is happy to sit tight for his next glory day

JAMIE SMITH picked up his first senior medal in March 2001 when Celtic beat Kilmarnock 3-0 in the CIS Insurance Cup.

It proved to be the first in a trio of celebrations and Smith still cites the experience as one of his greatest moments to date.

Celtic's defence of the trophy came unstuck last season at the national stadium after a thrilling Old Firm encounter, settled by a Bert Konterman injury-time winner. But Smith has set his sights on bringing the trophy back to Celtic Park this term.

The 21-year-old said: "You want to win every single competition you enter, no matter what it is.

"All you can do is take each game as it comes and do what you can to make sure your name is in the draw for the next stage.

"In the past, the manager has given some young lads a chance in the CIS Cup. But at this stage of my career it doesn't matter what competition you're playing in, you are desperate to be involved at some stage.

"The final against Kilmarnock was brilliant and there's no doubt it's one of the highlights of my career to date. Just playing in a final at Hampden was superb and then getting the chance to lift the trophy in front of the Celtic fans was great."

That season saw Smith,

JAMIE SMITH

Stephen Crainey and Colin Healy all score at Tynecastle as Celtic won 5-2, while last term Shaun Maloney used the competition to boost his striking tally when he netted four against Stirling Albion.

Given the obvious edge that tonight's game will have, it remains to be seen how many young faces will be on display against Inverness Caledonian Thistle as Celtic go out to book their place in the next round.

Less than three years ago Steve Paterson's side unceremoniously dumped Celtic out of the Scottish Cup. And Smith has echoed the rest of the words emanating from the dressing room by insisting no-one will treat tonight's encounter lightly.

"I was in the under-21s at the time but obviously I remember the game well," said Smith. "Every club goes through times like that but

"I believe I am good enough and hopefully one day it will happen for me here at Celtic"

it's how you come back from it that's the important thing.

"I'm sure everyone can see we did that in the correct manner, with the right manager coming in.

"There are guys who played in that game who are still at the club but you can be sure everyone will give Inverness the respect they deserve.

"There has been plenty said in the run up to the



match but everyone here is treating it as they would any other game.

"Everyone is expecting a difficult time tonight. Inverness are a good team, they proved that the last time we faced them.

"It's a big game and we'll be 100 per cent focussed on making it into the next round."

Smith, meanwhile, hasn't found first-team chances easy to come by this season, but the midfielder maintains he has remained upbeat and fully concentrated on doing what he can to force himself into the side.

"You can't let it get to you," he said. "You just need to get your head down and keep working hard. I've always said that if you're good enough then you'll come through.

"I'm not being big-headed, but I have the self-belief that I am good enough and hopefully one day it will happen for me.



NO ACTION REPLAY

Jamie Smith is convinced Celtic won't make the same mistake twice after losing to Inverness Caley Thistle less than three years ago

"The manager sees you every other day in training and knows what you're capable of. I am obviously still learning but when I first broke through into the team, I was really eager and maybe tried too hard to impress.

"Sometimes that can be a disadvantage but as you get more experienced you relax and are more comfortable. When you go on you want to do well but know what is expected of you. There's a fine line between wanting to express yourself and being too eager.

"I obviously haven't featured as much as I would like to but, I try and not let it get to me. The minute you let it get to you then that's when the problems start.

"This is the club I have been at since I was a kid and the club I supported growing up. This is where I want to break through and make an impact."

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