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ntl:

Having played Kilmarnock already this season, I know how difficult a game we face this afternoon at Celtic Park.

I can't explain what happened against Motherwell on Wednesday night and I don't think that the players can explain it either - hopefully it is a one-off.

But if we had won that game and gone top of the league I wouldn't have got carried away, so, with what is hopefully one blip, I won't get carried away either.

Hopefully it won't be repeated and I can't see us playing like that again in the future.

We are aiming to achieve the correct result this afternoon and put the Motherwell experience out of our systems.

Ian Wright has been training with us since Thursday and like everyone else who is fit he is in contention for a place today.

But it is not up to him solely to fill the void left by Henrik Larsson, that is the responsibility of us all as a team, and not any one player.

As a team we have to put in performances and get results - no one player is under pressure to replace Henrik.

It was a bad performance against Motherwell the other night but I still think that it is very disrespectful to the players to suggest that we are a one-man team.



What happened in the midweek match is history and while I am not happy about, we still have to put it behind us and concentrate fully on Kilmarnock today.

“No one player is under pressure to replace Henrik”

They gave us a good game back in September and it took us a while to break them down before we scored the only goal of the game.

I am aware that they are playing well at the moment and have shown in their last two matches that they never give up by coming from behind to earn draws against Aberdeen then Hearts.

So we have to be more than the match of that type of attitude and put in a performance which could lead to a victory - our supporters deserve that.



A blue-tinted photograph of a large crowd of people cheering and raising their arms. Three black rectangular redaction boxes are placed over the image: one at the top center, one on the left side, and one on the right side. The overall scene is energetic and celebratory.

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- 1 Jonathan GOULD
- 2 Tom BOYD
- 3 Stephane MAHE
- 4 Jackie McNAMARA
- 5 Marc RIEPER
- 6 Alan STUBBS
- 7 Henrik LARSSON
- 8 Craig BURLEY
- 9 Harald BRATTBakk
- 10 Eyal BERKOVIC
- 11 Morten WIEGHORST
- 12 Tommy JOHNSON
- 14 Paul LAMBERT
- 15 Bobby PETTA
- 16 Olivier TEBILY
- 19 Stilian PETROV
- 20 Regi BLINKER
- 21 Stewart KERR
- 23 Dimitre KHARINE
- 24 Colin HEALY
- 25 Lubomir MORAVCIK
- 27 Mark BURCHILL
- 28 Barry ELLIOT
- 30 Vidar RISETH
- 34 Alessandro SANNA
- 35 Johan MJALLBY
- 36 Mark VIDUKA
- 37 Liam KEOGH
- 38 Barry John CORR
- 39 Jamie SMITH



- 1 Gordon MARSHALL
- 2 Angus MacPHERSON
- 3 Dylan KERR
- 4 Michael JEFFREY
- 5 Kevin McGOWNE
- 6 Cristophe COCARD
- 7 Mark REILLY
- 8 Gary HOLT
- 9 Paul WRIGHT
- 10 Ian DURRANT
- 11 Alistair MITCHELL
- 12 Colin MELDRUM
- 13 Alistair McCOIST
- 14 Alan MAHOOD
- 15 Jerome VAREILLE
- 16 Martin BAKER
- 17 Frederic DINDELEUX
- 18 Sean HESSEY
- 19 Mark ROBERTS
- 20 Michael WATT
- 21 Chris INNES
- 22 Jim LAUCLAN
- 23 David BAGAN
- 24 Gary HAY
- 25 Alexander BURKE
- 26 James FOWLER
- 27 Gary McCUTCHEON
- 28 Stuart DAVIDSON
- 29 Colin STEWART



Referee: M McCURRY
Assistants: R JOHNSTON
G W HUNTER
Fourth Official: J A HERALD



Killie out to exact revenge after home defeat

Kilmarnock defender Jim Lauchlan is out for revenge this afternoon for his side's defeat at the hands of the Hoops at Rugby Park.

The East End of Glasgow lad believes that 'his mate' Mark Burchill's goal should never have counted when the teams met in Ayrshire in the middle of last month.

His family and friends however don't share his point of view.

And today, for Walk On, the 22-year-old is happy to put the past behind him and dish the dirt on his team-mates who are out to upset the huge home support.

Stand-in keeper **MICHAEL WATT** joined the club recently from Aberdeen and he is the third goalie I've worked with at Killie.

He is in for long-term knee injury victim **GORDON MARSHALL** and for **COLIN MELDRUM** who unfortunately picked up a facial injury against Hibs.

Michael came in against Rangers and did well and he will do fine with us.

Our Mr Reliable and Mr Consistent is **GUS MacPHERSON** who has been with us forever - well 13 years at least.

He seems always to keep his position and his cool at right-back.



Kilmarnock players Jerome Varelle, Ally Mitchell and Michael Jeffrey congratulate Christophe Cocard on his goal against Aberdeen last week

He is a very determined player and a great asset to the club.

I didn't really notice what people were saying about our Liverpool lad **MICHAEL JEFFREY** when he came on as a sub recently - I think that it was the Rangers fans who were booing him.

But he shut them up when he scored just like he did against Hibs. He is a fit lad and gets about well and is a good addition to the squad.

GARY HOLT meanwhile is another very fit player and he gets

up and down the park very well. He tends to win his fair share of balls in the air and tackles on the deck. He is one of the few players who have played every game and you need guys like that in your team. He plays a holding role similar to Paul Lambert's and he is always prepared to work hard.

Quality is the only word to describe **IAN DURRANT**. He is back in the international set-up, something he thoroughly deserves.

He creates a lot of chances for us

and has had a good start to this year after an excellent full season last term. He is our skipper and like the injured **ALLY McCOIST** is great in the dressing room.

His injury is unfortunate but he'll be back - those who say he is finished are wrong.

ALLY MITCHELL earned us an equaliser at Pittodrie last Saturday and is a real hard grafter. He really deserves the testimonial he is getting this year.

He has played in a few positions but now tends to play more inside, he always seems to get in the box and can play just as well with either foot.

One of our French blokes, **JEROME VAREILLE**, is very strong and quick. He is a good holder of the ball and has a great first touch.

He is a handful for defenders but if he has a fault it has to be finishing.

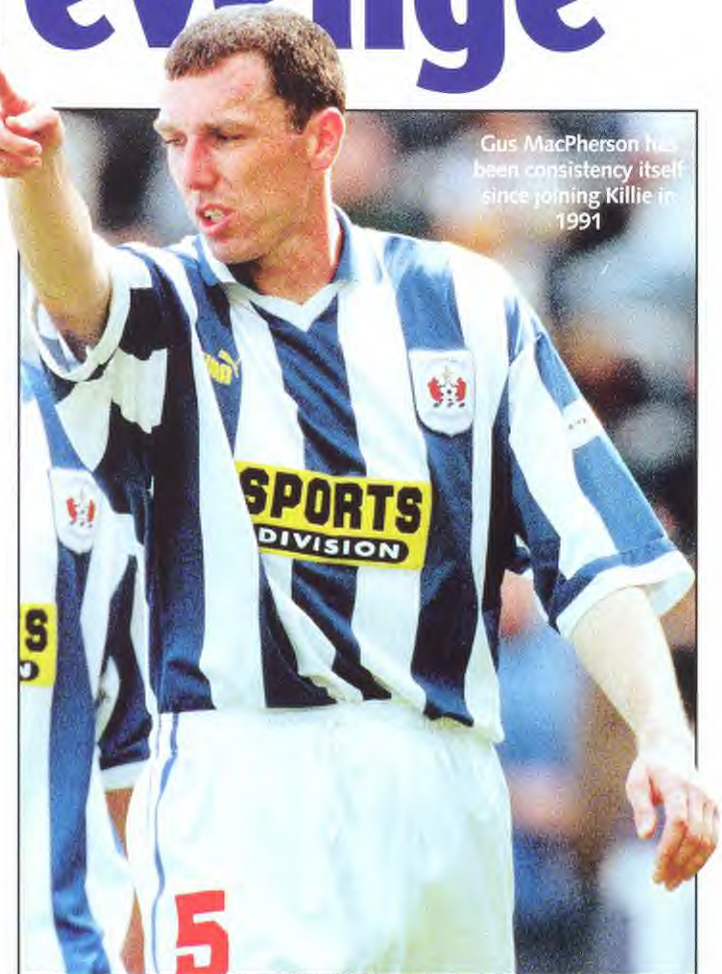
Having said that he did score against Celtic last year in the 1-1 game...

MARTIN BAKER, in defence at left-back, has played most games for us this season and is a consistent player who never really does anything wrong.

He is good at going forward and good at putting in crosses and like Gus he never lets you down.

Two more new recruits not to mention two more French players in **FREDERIC DINDELEUX** and **CHRISTOPHE COCARD** have arrived.

Freddy has been playing



Gus MacPherson has been consistency itself since joining Killie in 1991

alongside me (when I'm playing) while **KEVIN MCGOWNE** was suspended and he has great technique like all our French players.

While lots of centre-backs would lump the ball away, he is happy to play it out of danger.

He will be even better when we are able to communicate more - his English is getting better.

As for Christophe, he has won 12 caps for his country and played with Lyon last year.

He has scored for us in his first

two matches and he is real quality. Like Durrant, he creates a lot of chances for us and takes the pressure off.

MARK REILLY had a spell at Reading and is now back with us. Mark is a good midfielder and is welcome back at the club.

We have many other good players in the likes of **PAUL WRIGHT** who is recovering from injury and **ALAN MAHOOD** and **GARY McCUTCHEON** and we are hopeful of a result.

bits & bhobs



Celtic's next domestic action at home will not be until after next month when the Bhoys take on Dundee in the CIS Insurance League Cup.

This will be the Hoops' first home match in the League Cup set-up since September 10, 1997 when a Henrik Larsson goal knocked out Motherwell in the quarter-finals of what was then the Coca-Cola Cup.

Celtic of course went on to lift the trophy that season so here's hoping this home tie will prove to be an omen.

The game takes place on Wednesday, December 1 and has a 7.45 kick off time.

This match is included in all season books and season book holders should use voucher 22 on the night.

There is however a public sale and these tickets are available now from Ticket Services during normal opening hours.



The first Scottish Premier League Old Firm meeting of the season takes place eight days from now at Ibrox.

The Sunday game has a 1pm Kick-off time and is being broadcast live on Sky.

All successful applicants for tickets should now have been notified.

The postponed home Old Firm league match originally scheduled for September 18 will now go ahead on Wednesday, February 23.

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what makes me 'tic



Today it's the turn of keeper **STEWART KERR** to reveal all to Walk On and let us know what clicks with him and what turns him the wrong shade of green.



Del Boy and Rodney from Only Fools and Horses make Stewart laugh and Elizabeth Shue is the Celt's favourite actress

what makes me 'tic

- CD Single: Wonderwall - Oasis
- CD Album: Definitely Maybe - Oasis
- Band: Oasis
- Singer: Liam Gallagher
- Film: Titanic
- TV Programme: Only Fools And Horses
- Actor: Bruce Willis
- Actress: Elizabeth Shue
- Book: Alex Ferguson's autobiography
- Holiday Destination: Jamaica
- Hobby/Pastime: Watching and reading about boxing
- Breakfast: Fry-up on a Sunday
- Food: Italian
- Comedian: John Cleese
- Board Game: Monopoly



Stewart's favourite actor is Bruce Willis



Stewart's favourite funnyman is former Monty Python star John Cleese



Jimmy Tarbuck really makes Stewart sick!



what makes me sick

- CD Single: Wonderwall - Mike Flowers' Pops
- CD Album: Anything by Kylie Minogue
- Band: Back Street Boys
- Singer: The singer in Aqua
- Film: Mary Poppins
- TV Programme: Gardening programmes
- Actor: Jean Claude van Damme
- Actress: Kylie Minogue
- Book: Lord Of The Rings type stuff
- Holiday Destination: The Highlands
- Hobby/Pastime: Learning to drive
- Breakfast: Continental breakfast
- Food: Gourmet
- Comedian: Jimmy Tarbuck
- Board Game: Bridge

Hugh's World Cup speech turns out to be a real flop



takin' the mick

There are many teams in our Scottish League that are rightly criticised for lacking any ambition, but Livingston are certainly not among their ranks.

I'm predicting they'll win promotion and within five years will be up with the likes of Hearts. Next summer there will be an estimated 5000 people flocking to the Almondvale Stadium just to see a beam back of a Polish Goalkeeper doing his stuff in Italy. OK So the Goalie (not "The Goalie" surely -Ed) happens to be the Pope giving his Millennium address to the nation. It shows their ambition when they attempt to host other events in their fine stadium. The catering for the 5000 "fans" at the event is proving a bit of a nightmare as they aren't used to such numbers. I'm sure they could squeeze five loaves and two fishes into a freezer somewhere. I'm a bit concerned that the Lothian lads may have overestimated the numbers coming to hear the Pope give his Millennium address. Perhaps I'm missing something but is it not the same every year and the Millennium address will still be Vatican City, Roma, Italy?

● Like the vast majority of shareholders in our fine club, my shares are not for sale at any price so fluctuations in the market don't concern me. However, I was a tad concerned when told last Wednesday that you could buy Celtic for only £140. I was only persuaded in from my window ledge on Black Wednesday when it was explained that £140 is the price on the new



By MICK O'BLIVIOUS

Glasgow version of Monopoly. It's not a great price but as you make your way round to the other side of the city the real big shock is that our Govan chums are not there! They allegedly couldn't agree a fee, so their name cannot be used. Fair enough! There's only one team in Glasgow.

Although an ancient game it still is very entertaining particularly being Glaswegian myself. The makers have captured the spirit of Glasgow by replacing the Boot, the Iron and Top Hat and the Car with the Fried Pizza, the Jemmy, the Shellsuit and the Bucky Bottle. The Community Chest has also been adapted for Glasgow. You can imagine that picking up "Drop into the Louden Tavern for a pre-match drink...miss two turns" can really change a game! If you think that's good you should try the Aberdeen version of the board game. The Dons bought it over for their long

bus journeys around the country and keep a tube of superglue in the box. Apparently it's in case Jim Leighton lands on your property where you've put a house!

● Who'd be a FIFA representative checking out the World Cup 2006 bids? A delegation came to Engerland to be wined and dined in fancy hotels and restaurants including Claridges at £500 a night. (I'm sure it was only £430 for last years Celtic View Christmas night out -Ed). Don't think they're doing a John Prescott and walking of taking public transport! Oh my God no! There was a swarm of helicopters to ferry the FIFA lads around the country and I believe they even managed to look at some of the grounds where hopefully the action will take place. It's in the bag you might think and the Germans and Africans haven't a look in. Well in true Gareth Southgate tradition they blew it by making the delegates sit through a speech from floppy haired thespian Hugh Grant. We have it on good authority that having had so many freebies all week, they misunderstood their Glaswegian guide and thought they were going along to pick up some kind of footwear allowance.

● Now I haven't made up my mind about fox hunting. I can't decide if it's cruel or if it's barbaric! It's not only tough on the fox who runs for his life and then is ripped apart but also to the dogs and horses that get cut and scratched etc as the Toffs tear across the country. Some so-called big names have been lending their support to

both sides of the debate. Camilla Parker Bowles recently took part in such an event. At the start of the hunt, you know the bit when they all have a swig from their hip flask, her mount backed into a stable door and cut it's hind quarters on a protruding nail. One of the forelock tugging hunt supporters pointed out the bleeding horse's "backside" to the hunt leader. Charles heard the remark and said "OK She's not bonny but she's still ma burd!" and sent him to the Tower!...honest!

● A few weeks ago history was made in the sport of football and it happened in a Nationwide Conference league game. Kidderminster played Nuneaton, where for the first time ever in Britain for a men's game the match officials were all women. Wendy Toms was the referee with Janice Frampton and Amy Raynor running the lines. As expected there was the usual moronic or patronising sexist comment but hopefully as more and more females become referees, this pathetic trend will die out. In a bid to show that women are as knowledgeable and interested in football as us men, we caught up with pretty Wendy (28) to hear her comments on the Wednesday night highlights. Unfortunately she declined as ER and Ally McBeal were on the box at the same time. Seriously it wouldn't bother a MCP like myself if we had women officiating at Celtic Park because lets face it, it wouldn't be the first ref we'd come across that wears an apron in their spare time...allegedly (oh my God -Ed).



win 'n' grin



WIN!

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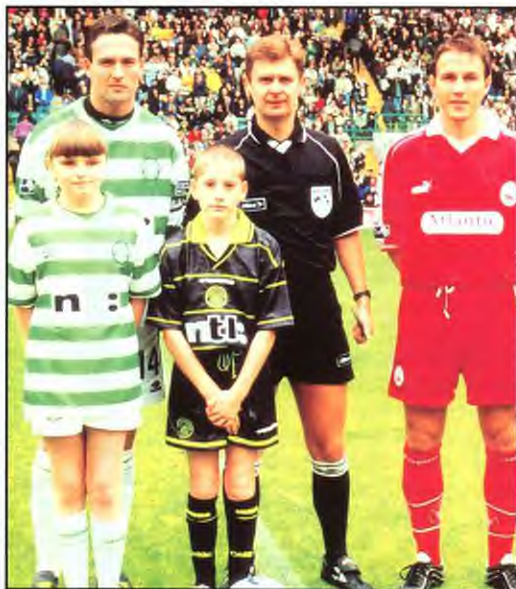
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Sports

meet the mascots

Just like every member that joins the Huddle Club, Dawn Marie and Christopher kept their fingers crossed that one day they would be leading out the Bhoys.

When the Huddle Club contacted Christopher, he couldn't believe his luck as he would be running out with the team on the day of his 11th birthday. What made it even more special was that it was Aberdeen and half of Christopher's family are Aberdeen fans. Dawn Marie however who enjoys nothing more than watching Friends or dancing along to her Steps CD was more concerned with getting her favourite player Henrik Larsson to autograph her lucky Beanie Baby. Dawn Marie informed us that she has quite a collection of these toys but the one signed by Henrik would now take pride of place in her display cabinet. Both of our mascots agreed that they had a fabulous day and Christopher said that with a result like that the journey back to Caithness would not seem so long.

If you would like the chance to be chosen as lucky mascot, contact the Huddle Club on 0141-551 4228.



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Gallagher

AGED: 11
FROM: Tollcross

GAME :

NAME: Christopher
Nicolson

AGED: 11
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with David McDonald

Last season Celtic scored just two goals in the four meetings with Kilmarnock, their lowest ever total against the Rugby Park club in a Premier season.

- The total number of goals scored by both clubs last season was just five, another record low.

Also last season Celtic failed to score in both visits to Rugby Park. The only other time this has happened was 1995/96.

- Since Kilmarnock were promoted back to the Premier Division in 1993, Celtic have yet to score in consecutive visits to Rugby Park. However with Mark Burchill scoring in the last meeting there in September, the Bhoys will be looking to put that right on their next visit to Ayrshire in January.

- In the last 13 league meetings at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock have kept 8 clean sheets against Celtic. Likewise in the last 12 league meetings at Celtic Park, Celtic have kept 7 clean sheets against Kilmarnock.

- When Celtic and Kilmarnock drew 1-1 at Celtic Park last season, it was only the eighth time in the last 25 league meetings anywhere that both sides have scored in the same game.

- Mark Burchill became the 34th player to score for Celtic against Kilmarnock in the Premier Division when he



Mark Burchill scored Celtic's only goal against Kilmarnock in their 1-0 victory back in September



netted the only goal at Rugby Park in September.

- Last season Kilmarnock were the only Scottish team that Henrik Larsson played against and failed to score. However he did net three goals in the four meetings in his first season as a Celt against Killie.

- The last time an own goal was scored in a match between Celtic and Kilmarnock was 21st April 1969. Kilmarnock led 2-0 at

half time at home, but then Frank Beattie scored an own goal to bring Celtic back into the match. They managed to hold out until the very last minute when Tommy Gemmill scored to salvage a point for Celtic.

- It is nearly 44 years since Kilmarnock last won a league match at Celtic Park. On 10th December 1955 they won 2-0 but since then Celtic have gone 36 games unbeaten.

potter's playback



with David W. Potter

This season's Walk On features **DAVID W POTTER'S** complete history of Celtic through the decades right up to the Millennium ... today, 1925-1930

Celtic began their 1925/26 season in rare good heart thanks to the breathtaking Scottish Cup Final victory of April 1925.

In addition the wayward genius of Tommy McInally had returned to the fold. Tommy had been a

great favourite in his first three years with the club between 1919 and 1922 but had fallen foul of Willie Maley and departed to Third Lanark. But now he was back to the delight of his fans.

He was much needed as well, for Patsy Gallacher's injured knee meant he missed the whole season apart from a handful of games.

The Scottish League was seen as the priority because Rangers had now won it for the last three

years. After a few inconsistent results in the autumn, the team settled to a good run of form and was very lucky in that injuries did not cause many problems.

McInally was of course on song that season but even more encouraging was the goal scoring ability of Jimmy McGrory who found the net 46 times in all competition that year.

The League was indeed won in 1926 but there was a major disappointment in that the Scottish Cup triumph of the previous year was not replicated.

Celtic reached the Final and were made firm favourites but inexplicably chose to play very badly and lost to the incredulous St Mirren. They did, however, manage to lift the Glasgow Charity Cup.

The following year 1927, the roles were reversed.

The league campaign was a major disappointment as Celtic finished third behind Rangers and Motherwell but Tommy McInally masterminded the Scottish Cup victory.

East Fife from the Second Division had delighted their fans by reaching the Final but they were sadly outclassed that day by Celtic in the first game ever broadcast live on radio in Scotland.

The next three years were dismal ones for Celtic who felt more than most teams the effects of the worldwide slump.

Nothing was won apart from the Glasgow Cup on two occasions and Celtic failed to offer any real resistance to Rangers.

And 1928 was the year in which Rangers at last broke their Scottish Cup hoodoo beating Celtic 4-0 in the Final but it could



McGRORY
... blasted an amazing strike-tally of 46 goals during the 1925/26 season



McINALLY
... glorious goal-scoring return to Celtic Park after a spell at Third Lanark



Celts blue as Depression hits

have been so different if Hamilton had not saved so brilliantly from Tommy McNally in the first half.

Earlier that year on January 14 McGrory had broken all records by scoring eight goals in a thrashing of luckless Dunfermline but Celtic had too many inconsistencies to mount a strong league challenge.

There were inconsistencies too at managerial level with Maley selling his left wing pair of Tommy McNally and Adam McLean to Sunderland and trying with less success to unload red-hot McGrory to Arsenal.

The supporters were upset and distressed at all this asset stripping and it was hard not to see a connection between what was going on and the need to finance the new main stand which was being built on the London Road side of the ground.

It was opened in 1929 – a fine new structure indeed – but the supporters preferred a good team on the field. In this they were sadly disappointed for 1929 and 1930 were barren years and the crowds dropped accordingly.

In particular 1930 was poor with the team finishing fourth in the league. Yet there were some encouraging signs.

Keeper John Thomson was inspiring and one or two fine players like Charlie Napier and Peter Scarff had arrived at Celtic.

Perhaps the rest of the 30s might be better?



INSPIRATIONAL ... immortalised Hoops keeper John Thomson

Match statistics

Celtic v Kilmarnock
12th September 1999
BY OPTA

Celtic last played Kilmarnock on the 12th September at Rugby Park and came away with a narrow 1-0 win, courtesy of a goal from young sensation Mark Burchill.

The exclusive analysis of the game by Opta reveals much more about the pattern of play. It shows that Celtic's main problem last month was keeping their shots on target. Apart from the goal, the Bhoys only managed to fire two other efforts on goal, both by Olivier Tebily. Ironically the main

culprit was Henrik Larsson, who put four attempts high and wide of the Kilmarnock nets.

● But Killie were unable to get a single effort on goal, leaving Jonathan Gould with an easy game between the sticks. He had a good view of the hooped shirts in fine fettle, running with the

ball well, and completing 85 per cent of their dribbles. Vidar Riseth was particularly impressive, making nine dribbles and finishing them all.

● Riseth was also busy defensively, making 21 clearances, one less than Alan Stubbs. Both players conceded just one foul, something that Olivier

Tebily can learn from, as the ex-Sheffield United man committed four offences during the game.

● Celtic comprehensively out-passed Kilmarnock in the first fixture and star man was Paul Lambert, who touched the ball 84 times, more than anyone else on the pitch. If he and his green-and-white

companions play to their ability today, then they should enjoy a considerably more comfortable game than last month.



	Burchill	Burley	Gould	Lambert	Larsson	Mc'mara	Mjallby	Moravcik	Petrov	Petta	Riseth	Stubbs	Tebily	TOTAL	Killie
Time on pitch	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	64	14	26	90	76	90	990	990
GOALS															
Goals	1													1	0
Shots on target	1												2	3	0
Shots off target		1		1	4		1				1	1	1	10	5
PASSES & CROSSES															
Total passes	28	56		73	35	58	27	48	10	12	42	35	45	469	329
Pass completion %	68%	82%		89%	66%	88%	74%	63%	7%	75%	74%	91%	84%	79%	67%
TACKLES & CLEARANCES															
Tackles		2		3	2	2	3	1	1		1	1	1	17	28
Clearances, blocks & interceptions		6		3		14	17		6		21	22	19	108	95
DRIBBLES AND RUNS															
Dribbles attempted	4	3		3	4	5	2	3	1	1	5	3	3	37	31
Dribbles success %	100%	100%		33%	75%	40%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	85%	81%
DISCIPLINE															
Fouls	1	3			2	2	2	1		1	1	1	4	18	21
Offsides	2	3								1				6	0
Bookings		1		1		1							1	4	2
GOALKEEPERS															
Distribution		20												20	38
Distribution success %		20%												20%	26%
Saves														0	2
Catches/punches		2												2	1
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By The Bhoys In The Know

There were few if any surprises here at Celtic Park last Monday morning in reading how the popular press interpreted the club's winning 'goal' at McDiarmid Park the night before.

Many writers were up in arms over Morten Wieghorst's header and even more irate that head coach John Barnes had said after the game that TV evidence pointed towards it not being a goal.

"Celts get out of jail with goal that never was", "Hugh really got lucky Bhoys" and "Celtic live without Henrik but only just" were some of the headlines waiting to greet our supporters.

And as for Barnes, you just can't win sometimes. He was propped in front of a TV monitor minutes after the game and then asked for his opinion which he delivered honestly.

Should he then be condemned for his straight talking when the blame, if there is any to be apportioned, lies with the match officials?

Sure it would be unfortunate for St Johnstone if this result had any bearing on a European place at the end of the season.

But by the same token it is wrong for the media to blame Celtic when they know it is impossible to question a referee's decision – even one which gives you an unfair advantage.

New SFA Chief Executive David Taylor told the Celtic View this week that he has commissioned a full enquiry with



WAS IT OR WASN'T IT? . . . St Johnstone players argue with referee Hugh Dallas while Morten Wieghorst looks on

a view to possibly allowing match officials to explain themselves – albeit in a controlled environment.

And about time to. For too long have we given referees and linesmen far too much responsibility to make crucial split-second decisions without any form of redress.

It would help them too if they could explain their thinking but what would help them more is television evidence which is available from the majority of big matches like the one last Sunday.

Maybe not so much the Sky TV pictures which appeared to have been ripped off a Playstation FIFA 99 advert, but a concrete form of evidence which allows everyone to come to some form of consensus – if such a thing is possible in the footballing circles of the West of Scotland.

If nothing else then the incident at Perth ought to act as a form of balm to Celtic

supporters convinced of some form of officialdom conspiracy.

As John Barnes rightly pointed out, these things invariably even themselves out over the course of the season.

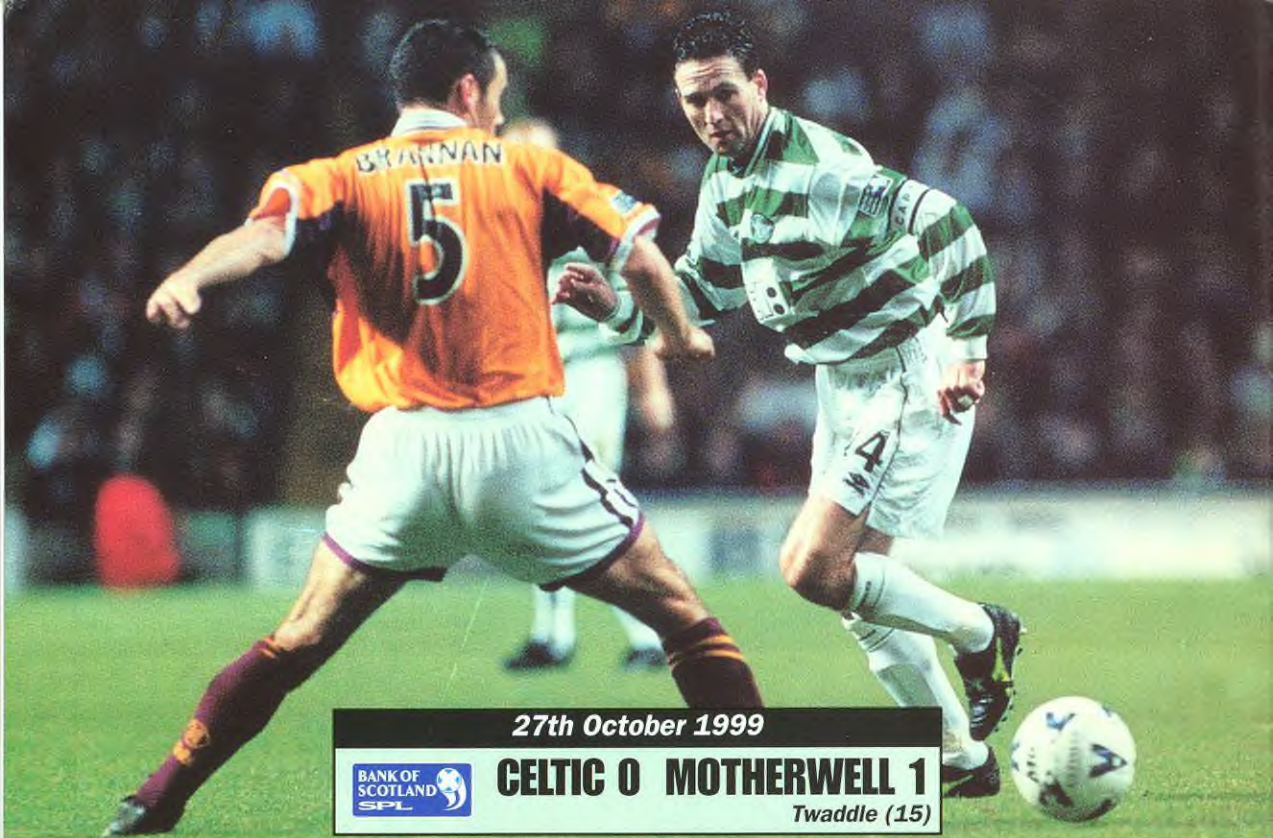
Fair play as well to the Head Coach and Wieghorst for answering honestly by suggesting they were less than certain the Dane's effort was actually a goal.

Figures in the game so often indulge in a peculiar form of forked double speak which camouflages their real feelings after games – albeit not always voluntarily.

All too often people are happy to speak out when they feel they've been wronged but maintain a conspiratorial silence when luck goes their way.

A little more honesty all round would do no one any harm in the game and would go some way to evaporating the poisonous suspicion which seeps through the game in this city all too often.





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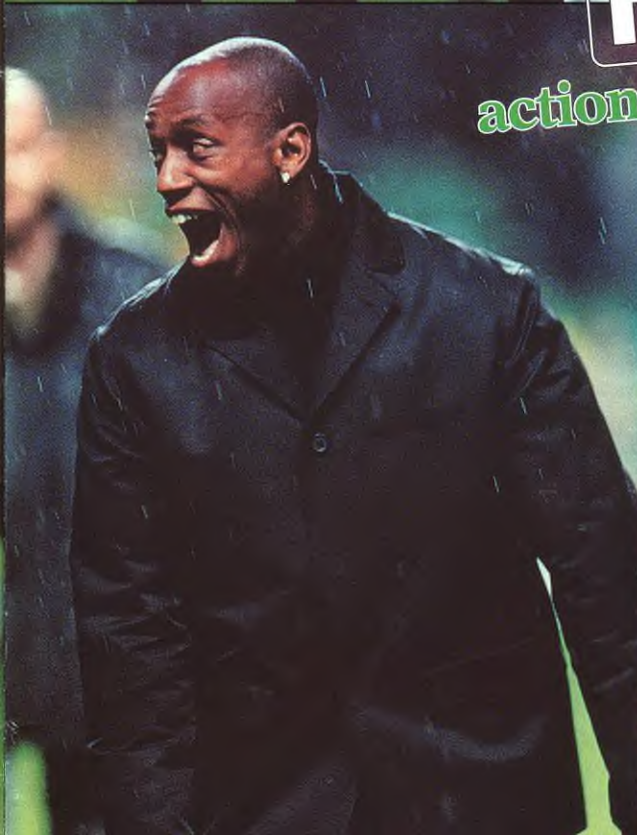
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