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# TOMMY BURNS



**I would like to welcome all our supporters to our third Hampden "get-together" in eight days - and thank them.**

For they played a crucial part in our quarter-final victory against Dundee United on Wednesday and the backing we received from the packed stands made it just like old times at Hampden.

And I think the positive effect this had on the players was quite obvious for all to see in the second half.

With the crowd roaring them on, in a way to be honest they haven't for some time, the players responded by grinding out a deserved victory that takes us through to the semi-final of tournament.

It wasn't a vintage football display but it was a triumph borne out of resilience. In the second half we completely dominated and I can't remember United being in our half.

Considering we were without the services of both Phil O'Donnell AND Paul McStay I think it's all the more commendable.

## Ability

Hibs' defeat at the hands of Airdrie on Wednesday means we are the only unbeaten side left in the country.

And I think that's a great tribute to the players we have here. They've shown a terrific attitude and demonstrated they have a lot of ability along the way. We must go on and build on the base we've created through a solid start.

However I stress that no-one here suddenly thinks everything is rosy in the garden. In the eyes of our supporters we should be one of the top clubs in Europe, yet here we are trying to regain a position among the top clubs in Scotland.

So we're well aware that there is a long, long way to go before we get anywhere close to where we want to be.

I hope we see many more full houses and the same kind of enthusiasm that was evident against United, starting today of course.

**‘ We must go on and build on the base we have created through our solid start** ,

Whether we get the points this afternoon against Hibs depends on us performing to our capabilities. We're more than a match for any side on our day and that's how you win leagues and cups.

And in that respect the semi-final draw that paired us against Aberdeen at Ibrox simply provides us with the kind of obstacle you must overcome to be successful.





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**GARETH EVANS**



**DARREN JACKSON**



**MICHAEL O'NEILL**



**MICKEY WEIR**



**KEVIN McALLISTER**





# +TODAY'S VISITORS+



★ *AS a former Hibernian Pat McGinlay knows a lot of the men playing against Celts today. So who better than our star midfielder to run us man-for-man through the Easter Road squad.*

**HIBS** have had a good start to the season especially when you look at all the players they've been missing through injury. They've been scoring a few goals as well and aren't going to be easy opponents.

**JIM LEIGHTON** is a very good goalkeeper and shown himself to be a true professional the way he's put himself right back in the frame after going through a few bad years in the game.

He's Scotland's No.2 as well and that says a lot for his dedication to his sport.

**CHRIS REID** could do with losing a bit of weight! But seriously he could be a very good keeper. It's just unfortunate for him that it's someone of Jim's standard he's battling it out for the one position.

**WILLIE MILLER** should have no trouble getting a place in the team when he gets back to fitness considering he's the double of the boss Alex Miller! He's a good player on his own merit though and really hates a tackle! I think he has been missed from the Hibs side recently.

**DAVE BEAUMONT** is a bit blind without his contacts in, so I hope he forgets them today! He's one of those players who flits in and out of the team, but he's had a fair run recently because of injuries and he seems to be doing alright.

**JOE TORTOLANO** is the best impersonator in the Premier ... he knows what I mean.

I think he's been a bit unlucky at Hibs that he hasn't had longer run in the team, but like Dave Beaumont, he's been getting the chance recently and doing well.

**DAVID FARRELL** should stay out of the Tunnel disco and concentrate on football more! And he should also stop slagging off Alex Rae in the papers - everyone's getting bored with it! That's all I can say about him!

**STEVEN TWEED** had just broken into the first team around the time I was leaving and I reckon he's got a good future in the game.

He's a big tall defender who's always dangerous and he will make the grade.

**GORDON HUNTER** is a very good player and another one that's hard and aggressive on the pitch. But off it you really couldn't meet a nicer bloke.

He's been very unlucky with injuries throughout his career - groin and hamstring - and if it wasn't for that I'm sure he'd have had more recognition for his talent.

**BILLY FINDLAY** isn't the brightest of lads - I remember once being in a car and someone told him he had to belt up in the back seat and he tried to put the front seatbelt on! Get the gist. He gives footballers a bad name.

On the park though he's a good player and hasn't had a bad season so far.

I don't know **KEVIN McALLISTER** but I do know he's done really well since joining Hibs, although I think he's struggled a bit recently.

He's an exciting player to watch and he must be good as I heard he was almost a Celtic player!

**BRIAN HAMILTON** to my mind is the most underrated midfielder in Scotland. If I was a manager he'd be the first name down on my team-sheet every Saturday.

What he lacks in skill he makes up for in determination and will always give 100 per cent.



★ **COOL HAND ...**  
David Farrell will typify the Hibs battling spirit





# + TODAY'S VISITORS +

## Miller's mix has all the right ingredients ...

**KEITH WRIGHT** hasn't figured this season so far and that's a blow for Hibs. He's one of those out and out goalscorers you always want in your side.

And I think the fact that he's playing for the club he loves spurs him on even more. He's another guy who's great off the park.

**DARREN JACKSON** is a good player who will always score goals as well - he's hit a few so far this season. But he'd be a lot better off he could control his temper.

However, I think he has after last season when Alex Miller had a word with him about it.

**KEVIN HARPER** and I used to travel to and from training together as he's a Glasgow boy. *I hope he's sorted himself out with transport now that I'm not there.*

He's also a big Celtic fan and a great young player. He excites the crowd and at only 19 he's got time on his side to improve further. It's good to see him getting into the first team.

**GARETH EVANS** is a great guy, but has been a bit unlucky in that Keith Wright and Darren Jackson have had such a good striking partnership.

I reckon he deserves a run in the team though and he may be doing enough at the moment to keep Keith out.

**MICHAEL O'NEILL** has been a good buy for Hibs and is very skillful.

He's had international honours for Northern Ireland and has shown that maybe Dundee United should have played him more.

**MICKEY WEIR** has been out for a long time through injury and it was good to see him getting on last week.

He's definitely the Hibs' fans favourite. They love him and he is good to watch when he's on his game.

★ **TOP MAN**  
... and  
**Darren Jackson** is a better player now that boss Alex Miller has persuaded him to curb his temper!



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**JIM LEIGHTON** (Age 36)

Signed from Dundee, 1993.

**CHRIS REID** (Age 22)

Signed from Hutchison Vale, 1988.

**WILLIE MILLER** (Age 24)

Signed from Edina Hibs, 1987.

**DAVID FARRELL** (Age 24)

Signed from Oxford Utd, 1988.

**DAVID BEAUMONT** (Age 30)

Signed from Luton Town, 1991.

**STEVEN TWEED** (Age 22)

Signed from Hutchison Vale, 1990.

**GORDON HUNTER** (Age 27)

Signed from Musselburgh, 1983.

**BILLY FINDLAY** (Age 24)

Signed from Kilmarnock BC, 1987.

**BRIAN HAMILTON** (Age 27)

Signed from St Mirren, 1989.

**GARETH EVANS** (Age 27)

Signed from Rotherham Utd, 1988.

**DARREN JACKSON** (Age 28)

Signed from Dundee Utd, 1992.

**MICHAEL O'NEILL** (Age 25)

Signed from Dundee Utd, 1993.

**MICHAEL WEIR** (Age 28)

Signed from Luton Town, 1988.

**KEVIN McALLISTER** (Age 31)

Signed from Falkirk, 1988.

**MARK McGRAW** (Age 23)

Signed from Morton, 1990.

**JOE TORTOLANO** (Age 28)

Signed from West Brom, 1985.





# Young Celt's a rising star

## The big INTERVIEW SIMON DONNELLY

**I have it all to learn and I want more ...**

**WHEN Celtic last met Hibs in March the teams served up a decidedly drab 0-0 draw which was wholly forgettable ... except to a young man by the name of Simon Donnelly.**

For the young striker was given his first taste of senior action that afternoon, appearing as a substitute 19 minutes from time.

**IN THE INTERVENING SIX MONTHS HIS LIFE HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY.**

And as Tommy Burns' men prepare to face the only other unbeaten Premier Division side in the country, Donnelly's threat will be well known to an Easter Road side that knew nothing of him the last time.

It's all happened for him since that Edinburgh debut. Outstanding displays for the senior side and five goals in 10 games last term, he's now an established member of the Scotland Under-21 side and has even been tipped for the full squad.

But right now his concern is simply games - and goals - for Celtic, with Simon having to settle for a place on the bench in many matches this season.

### Success

Speaking prior to Wednesday night's Cup Cola Cup quarter-final Simon explained: "The most important thing is that I contribute to the success of the team.

"Of course as a striker the best way I can do my bit is by scoring goals and I suppose it's at the back of my mind that I haven't found the net so far this season.

"But the Partick game aside I'd say that I haven't had any real opportunities to score.

"The chances will come though and I intend to make sure that when they do I'm composed enough to make the most of them."

Simon is taking nothing for granted. And despite all he's achieved since making the big breakthrough in March he claims it still hasn't sunk in that he's very much part of the first team squad.

### **Interview: ANDREW SMITH**

He said: "The last six months have been hectic but very enjoyable. The experience I've had, of both senior club football and the international scene, has been priceless and I just want more.

"I still have to keep reminding myself that I play first-team football at Celtic Park. But no way do I consider that I'm made simply because things have gone well for me in recent months.

**"I'm only a teenager, just starting out in the game really, and still have it all to learn.**

"But having said that I've enough confidence in my ability to believe that if I get the necessary consistency into my performances I can make a strong case for being in the side every week."

Despite manager Tommy Burn's desire to ease his young striking prodigy gently into the big time, Simon's aim this season is to play as many first team games as possible - and score as many goals as he can in the process.

But he insists he won't consider the term a disaster if his first-team starts don't quite come around every seven days.

He said: "As long as I'm in the 13 and as closely involved in the senior set-up

as possible I'll consider I'm on the right lines and gaining the experience I believe is vital to stride forward."

And he thinks fellow strikers Andy Walker and Charlie Nicholas are the best mentors he could ask for as he tries to develop his talents and improve his all-round game.

HE SAID: "I HAVE A LOT TO LEARN AND HAVING GUYS AROUND THE SCENE LIKE CHARLIE AND ANDY, WHO I REALLY RESPECT, IS AN ENORMOUS HELP."

"Even the wee tips you pick-up watching these experienced pros in training, never mind what you can add to your own game through turning out alongside them, is invaluable.

"I see Andy as a similar player to myself in that he's not the biggest in the world, likes the ball to his feet and doesn't win an awful lot in the air.

"He's had a great start to the season and hasn't just been scoring regular but has netted crucial goals.

### Potential

"So far he's the only forward who has got on the scoresheet and I'd love to change that and take a bit of pressure off him.

"Obviously there's plenty of lessons in there for me in the way he goes about his business and I hope certain aspects can rub off.

**"Both Andy and Charlie point things out to me, in training and during games, and every little helps."**

The hope of every Parkhead fan is that Simon continues his development and matures into the top class player his potential suggest he could be ... in Celtic colours.

Now in the final year of his present deal with the club he will not be rushing into anything.

He said: "A year's a long time and it's a matter of just seeing what happens."





