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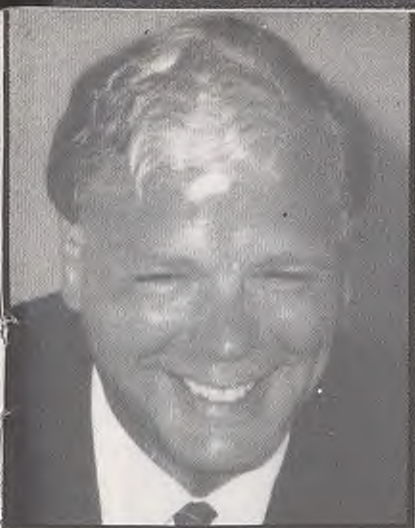


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Dear Supporter,

We welcome you to Tynecastle for the first League match of season 1989/90. In the last week we have met Sunderland and Dynamo Tbilisi at home. The latter team from were excellent and showed us the difference between playing a side who are half way through their seasonal championship and are 'match fit' and our teams who are preparing for the start of the season here. We were disappointed with the crowds as there was a guarantee to be paid to the Russians and we will have to give consideration to the number of pre-season friendlies we have at Tynecastle next year.

Now that the judge has issued his initial report on his findings into the Hillsborough tragedy you will note that certain security changes have taken place at Tynecastle at the request of the Chief Constable. As a Board we are surprised at the speed with which these changes are being incorporated into Scottish grounds, although we would have preferred a slightly longer period of consideration on certain aspects to ensure that the safety requirements of each ground were taken into account before a general policy was adopted. I, therefore, ask you to co-operate with the Police and the Club Stewards during the coming season. If anyone is tempted to go onto the field of play because a perimeter gate is open they should consider the reasons why the gate is open and the lives that were lost at Sheffield, although there can be no comparison in terms of the configuration of that stadium and the arrangements at Tynecastle.

This is going to be a competitive season and the players and management look forward to your support and encouragement, especially for our new players who will obviously take time to adjust and settled down to our style at Tynecastle.

I hope you enjoy today's game.

Yours sincerely,

A. WALLACE MERCER, CLUB CHAIRMAN

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**W**elcome to Tynecastle for the opening Championship fixture of the new season and it's doubtful if we could have had a tougher start. We have to meet all the top clubs at one time however so in the end it does not matter as all games in this League are difficult.

One thing we must avoid is the bad start we got off to last season that really put us under pressure for the remainder of the campaign. We actually played very well in many matches last season but failed to convert all our good outfield play into goals. One match that sticks in my mind is a game against Motherwell here at Tynecastle last season when we scorned enough chances to win a dozen games, missed a penalty and suffered in the end by dropping a point. That is only one example of many last season. We feel that our pre-season preparation has been good. While results are important in those matches for morale, don't forget that we have remained unbeaten in our warm up games. We have also tried out different ideas especially with our new signing David Kirkwood who we tried at full back and in midfield with favourable results. Another factor is that players have picked up knocks, Tosh McKinlay injuring a knee in a closed door game against Meadowbank and John Robertson is still recovering from his hernia operation. Other players have also picked up minor injuries and with the fine weather and hard grounds blistered feet is another problem to players and upsets training schedules.

So the season begins in earnest today and a difficult ninety minutes is on order. We are looking forward to the challenge and will give it our best shot.

I hope you enjoy today's game.



**MANAGER**

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# OUR VISITORS



Formed: November 1887  
First Match: 28 May 1888  
Ground: Celtic Park, Glasgow (Opened 1892)  
Capacity: 61,700 (9,000 seats)  
Pitch Size: 114 x 75 yards  
Record Attendance: 92,000 v Rangers 1/1/38 (some records say 83,500)  
Founder Members of the Scottish League 1890  
Chairman: John C. McGinn  
Manager: Billy McNeill MBE  
First Team Coach: Tommy Craig  
Reserve Team Coach: Bobby Lennox MBE.  
Colours: Green and White Hoops  
Nickname: The Bhoys  
Captain: Roy Aitken  
Honours: European Cup Winners 1967  
League Champions 35 times  
Scottish Cup Winners 29 times  
League Cup Winners 9 times  
Empire Exhibition Cup Winners 1938  
St. Mungo Cup Winners 1951  
Coronation Cup Winners 1953  
Record Victory: 11-0 v Dundee (League) October 1895  
Record Defeat: 0-8 v Motherwell (League) April 1937  
Most Points: 72 in 1987-88  
Most League Goals: 116 in 1915-16  
Most League Goals (Season): 50 by Jimmy McGroarty in 1935-36  
Record League Aggregate: 397 by Jimmy McGroarty (1922-1939)  
Most Capped Player: Danny McGrain 62  
Celtic have never been relegated.



**PAT BONBER:** Goalkeeper. Age 29. Height 6'2". Born in Donegal, Ireland. Signed in 1978 from Keadue Rovers, Pat made his debut in 1979 and has been a regular in the side since 1980-81 season. He is an excellent keeper who dominates the goal area and who has saved many games for Celtic over the years. Pat is also the number one choice for the Republic of Ireland.

**CHRIS MORRIS:** Defender. Age 25. Height 5'11". Born in Newquay, Cornwall. Signed from Sheffield Wednesday for £125,000 in 1987, Chris has developed into one of the finest attacking full-backs in the country. He is a tenacious tackler and his pace and crossing skills are a feature of the Celtic side. Although he was capped by England at schoolboy level, Chris qualifies to play for the Republic of Ireland through his family and he is now a Full Irish Internationalist.

**ANTON ROGAN:** Defender. Age 23. Height 5'11". Born in Belfast. Hard-working, hard-tackling full-back who was signed in 1986 from Belfast Distillery. Anton's performances have improved rapidly since turning full-time and he is now in the Northern Ireland International side.

**ROY AITKEN:** Defender. Age 30. Height 6'. Born in Irvine. Strong, experienced and inspirational captain of Celtic who is starting his 15th season at Parkhead. He is always a key player whether holding the defence together or driving-on the midfield. Roy came from Celtic Boys Club in 1975 and is now heading for his 500th appearance. He also has nearly 50 caps for Scotland.

**DEREK WHYTE:** Defender. Age 20. Height 5'11". Born in Glasgow. Good on the ground, strong in the air, Derek has the qualities to become a great central defender and has already earned two International caps. Derek signed from Celtic Boys Club in 1985 and made his debut against Hearts in February 1986.

**PETER GRANT:** Midfielder. Age 23. Height 5'9". Born in Bellshill. Tough and aggressive ball-winner who is vital to the Celtic midfield and who has now added Full International honours to his Youth and Under-21 caps. Signed from Celtic Boys Club in 1982, Peter made his debut in April 1984 and has won all the domestic trophies with the club. Never gives less than 100%.

**MIKE GALLOWAY:** Midfielder. Age 24. Height 6'. Born in Oswestry, Shropshire. A hard-working and versatile player who is effective in defence, midfield or at centre-forward. Signed, of course, from Hearts in June for £550,000 Mike will hope to make as big an impact on Glasgow as he did in Edinburgh. His first senior club was Mansfield Town and he moved from there to Halifax Town in 1986. Mike came to Tynecastle in November 1987 for £60,000. Has



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won Under-21 honours.

**PAUL McSTAY:** Midfield. Age 24. Height 5'10". Born in Hamilton. An attacking midfielder of International quality whose vision and passing skills make things happen for Celtic and Scotland. Paul was developed by Celtic Boys Club and made his debut in January 1982 for the first team. Even then, he was an outstanding playmaker and he made his Full International debut the following year when only 18. Paul now has nearly 40 caps and has helped Celtic to every domestic success.

**DARIUSZ DZIEKANOWSKI:** Forward. Age 26. Born in Warsaw, Poland. Signed during the summer from Legia Warsaw for £550,000, "Jacki", as he known, is a superb acquisition. This strong and skilful striker has been capped 51 times by Poland, despite his age, and he played in the 1986 World Cup Finals. He is capable of great individual skills and is expected to become a real personality player at Parkhead.

**TOMMY COYNE:** Forward. Age 26. Height 6'. Born in Glasgow. Experienced Premier Division footballer with Clydebank and Dundee United before moving to Dundee in December 1986 for £75,000. Has scored goals for all his clubs and last season he hit 9 for Dundee prior to his £500,000 move to Celtic in March.

**TOMMY BURNS:** Midfield. Age 33. Height 5'10". Born in Glasgow. Industrious and creative midfielder who has an outstanding record of service at Celtic Park, playing in some 350 League matches since signing from Maryhill Juniors in 1975. Tommy's classy left-foot has assisted Celtic to win all the domestic honours - including 6 Championships - and has earned him 8 International caps. His wealth of experience is important to the squad.

**ANDY WALKER:** Forward. Age 24. Height 5'8". Born in Glasgow. Scored 15 competitive goals last season, despite injury problems - one of which caused him to miss the Cup Final. Now fully fit, Andy's pace and power will be important to Celtic. Began his senior career with Motherwell in 1984 and was signed by Celtic in the summer of 1987 for £350,000. Andy has earned one Full International cap.

**STEVE FULTON:** Midfield. Age 19. Height 5'10". Born in Greenock. Signed from Celtic Boys Club in 1987, Steve has been outstanding in the reserves and is expected to challenge for inclusion in the squad this season. Mature and strong in midfield.

**PAULELLIOT:** Defender. Age 25. Height 6'2". Born in London. Former England Youth and Under-21 Internationalist who



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started his career with Charlton Athletic, moving to Luton Town and then Aston Villa in December 1985. Two years later, the powerful stopper was transferred to the Italian First Division side, Pisa, from whom Celtic signed him in July for £600,000. He was troubled by injuries in Italy and hopes to revive his International career with Celtic.

**JOE MILLER:** Forward. Age 21. Height 5'8". Born in Glasgow. Fast and elusive ball player who can use his skill to effect, either on the wing or through the middle. In this latter role he opened-up the Rangers defence to score the inner in last season's Cup Final. The former Under-21 Internationalist started his career with Aberdeen in 1984 and such was his potential, that Celtic paid £650,000 for his transfer in 1987.

**DAVID ELLIOT;** Midfield. Age 19. Height 5'9". Born in Glasgow. Stepped-up from Celtic Boys Club in 1987 and has been outstanding in the reserves either in midfield or at full-back. Challenging for promotion this season.

**STEVE McCAHILL:** Defender. Age 22. Height 6'2". Born in Greenock. Former Youth International centre-half who was signed from Dumbarton in February 1989 for £100,000. Dumbarton was his only other senior club, although Steve once had trials with St. Etienne in France. Another young player who could breakthrough this season.

**BILLY STARK:** Midfield. Age 32. Height 6'1". Born in Glasgow. Signed from Aberdeen in 1987 for £70,000, Billy has proved to be one of Billy McNeill's most astute signings and has assisted Celtic to two Scottish Cup victories and the League Championship. He is a midfielder with the goal touch and is one of the select few to have scored more than 100 Premier League goals. Also gained honours with his previous clubs St. Mirren and Aberdeen.



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