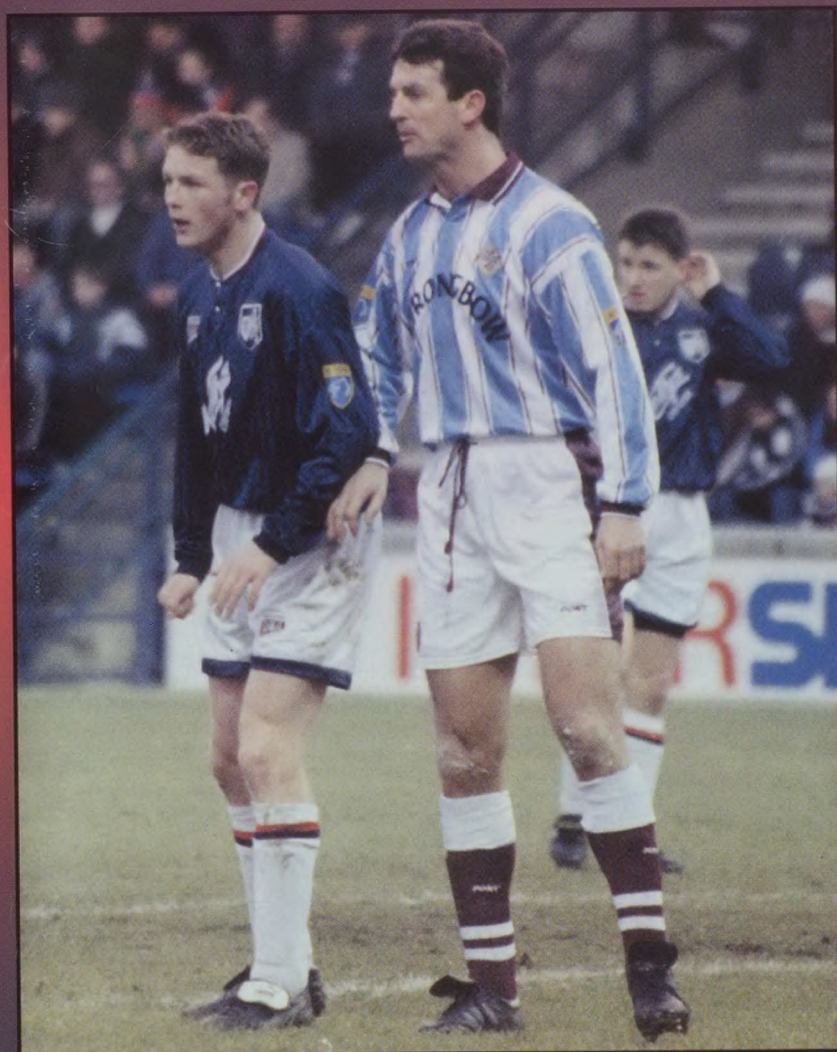


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Tuesday
14th January
'97

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7.30 p.m.



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Division '96/'97

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Founded 1883
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Admitted to League 1902

GROUND

Stark's Park
Pratt Street, Kirkcaldy

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Honours

First Division Champions

1994-95, 1992-93

Second Division

Champions

1948-49, 1937-38,

1909-10

1907-08

Scottish Cup

Runners up 1912-13

League Cup

Winners 1994-95

Runners up 1948-49



TEAM TALK

THANKS FOR THE GREAT SUPPORT

WELCOME to
Stark's Park
for what is
another important
game for the club.

It was not the best of festive seasons for us but I was delighted with your reaction to my plea for the fans to get behind us.

The backing you gave the team in the match against Hearts was great and the players really appreciated it.

I felt we played well and were a bit unlucky not to take something from the game.

However, we are still in there fighting and we will keep trying to turn things around.

Every game just now is



difficult but matches against Celtic and Rangers are always a bit different with a big crowd and a great atmosphere.

Of course, tonight's game should have taken place in December when we were on a good run and it might have suited us better to play it then.

However, rules are rules and we have just got to get on with it.

Tommy Burns' side is packed with top-class players but, after our recent disappointments, the match couldn't really come quick enough.

**WE NEED YOU TO SUPPORT
THE SUPER TEN LOTTERY**



Founded: 1888

**Ground: Celtic Park
Address: 95 Kerrydale
Street, Glasgow G40
3RW**

Manager: Tommy Burns

**Colours: Green and
white**

**Record attendance:
92,000 v Rangers, 1938**

**Record victory: 11-0 v
Dundee, 1895**

**Record defeat: 0-8 v
Motherwell, 1937**

**Most capped player:
Paul McStay (73)**

HONOURS

**European Cup winners
1967**

**League champions
35 times**

**Scottish Cup winners
30 times**

**League Cup winners
Nine times**

TEN-YEAR RECORD

	League	Scottish Cup	League Cup
1986-87	2nd	4th rd	Final
1987-88	1st	Winners	4th rd
1988-89	3rd	Winners	4th rd
1989-90	5th	Semi-final	Final
1990-91	3rd	Semi-final	Final
1991-92	3rd	Semi-final	4th rd
1992-93	3rd	4th rd	Semi-final
1993-94	4th	3rd rd	Semi-final
1994-95	4th	Winners	Final
1995-96	2nd	Semi-final	4th rd



CELTIC

DEFEAT in the Old Firm derby earlier this month left Celtic trailing their great rivals by 14 points.

With two games in hand over Rangers, Tommy Burns' side had the chance to cut that gap slightly and tonight provides them with the second of these opportunities. The game was scheduled to take place in December but was called off at the Parkhead club's request with strikers Pierre Van Hooijdonk and Jorge Cadete away on international duty and their availability this evening will ensure a tough time for the Raith defence.

Currently holding on to the goalkeeper's jersey at Celtic Park is 22-year-old STEWART KERR, an under-21 internationalist who made his competitive debut against Motherwell after GORDON MARSHALL was sent off.

The youngster, who signed for the club on an X form in 1991, has been the first choice ever since and performed heroics in November's Old Firm derby despite finishing up on the losing side.

Marshall will undoubtedly be disappointed at losing his coveted No.1 spot having battled hard to win it from Pat Bonner. The



Jorge Cadete



Paolo Di Canio

former East Stirling and East Fife keeper, who was with Rangers as a youngster, was signed from Falkirk for £270,000 in 1991. Now aged 32, he has one Scottish cap to his name.

Celtic's defence has come in for some criticism over the years but, with the back unit now boasting three full Scottish caps, Burns certainly seems to be getting it right.

The latest recruit to the international ranks is JACKIE McNAMARA (23), a £800,000 signing from Dunfermline just year ago, who has made such an impression during his short time at Celtic Park that he is already being touted as the new Danny McGrain and was recently introduced into the Scotland set-up.

TOSH McKINLAY, who turned 27 earlier this month, had been linked to Celtic several times before he eventually signed from Hearts in a £350,000 deal in November 1994. The former under-21 was a surprise call-up to the international scene but has performed well in his outings at that level.

The final member of the Scotland trio is 31-year-old TOM BOYD who joined from Chelsea in a swap deal which saw Tony Cascarino make the opposite journey.

CELTIC AIM TO CUT THE GAP

Boyd, who can slot in anywhere in defence, began his career with Motherwell and captained them to the 1991 Scottish Cup.

In an effort to find his best combination at the back, Burns has occasionally teamed up with BRIAN O'NEILL with ALAN STUBBS in the centre of the defence.

Although only 24, O'Neill is one of Celtic's longest-serving players having joined from the Boys' Club in 1989. He suffered under former boss Lou Macari who shunted him about the team but he now seems to have found his best position.

Stubbs (25) turned down offers from several leading English clubs to move from Bolton during the summer in a £5.5 million deal.

The robust stopper made his debut for Wanderers during the 1990-91 season taking over as captain while just 21.

Injuries have deprived Burns of two of his most influential midfielders this season, club captain PAUL McSTAY (32), who has been with the Hoops all his career, and 24-year-old PHIL O'DONNELL, a £1.75 million capture from Motherwell in September 1994 but both are now back in action.

In their absence, the creative role in the middle of the park was taken by PAULO DI CANIO, a £3 million summer signing from AC Milan.

The 28-year-old former Lazio and Juventus star, who has also had loan spells with Ternana and Napoli, is one of the most talented foreigners playing in Scotland and had been the scourge of many defences already this season.

While Di Canio is enjoying his first season at the club, teammate PETER GRANT (31) is now in the 14th year of his Parkhead career.

He looked set to leave the club when he signed monthly deals for over a year but is now an important part of the side, where



Pierre Van Hooijdonk

he plays a sitting role in the middle of the park, and he can also deputise in defence.

Next midweek his loyalty will be rewarded when Celtic take on Bayern Munich in his testimonial match.

Others to have featured this season have been SIMON DONNELLY and MORTEN WEIGHORST.

Donnelly, 22 this month, made an instant impact when drafted in to the first team, scoring both goals in a 2-1 win over Rovers on his home debut in 1994, while 25-year-old Weighorst is a Danish internationalist bought for £600,000 from Dundee last December.

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN (22), another Boys' Club recruit, is a tricky winger in the old-fashioned mould but has been in and out of the team recently, while the club bolstered their squad recently with the signing of DAVID HANNAH from Dundee United.

Celtic's strength has always been their attack and this season is no exception with the foreign trio of ANDREAS THOM, PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK and

JORGE CADETE posing plenty of problems for Premier League defences.

Thom (31), who cost £4 million to lure from Bayer Leverkusen last July, is a German internationalist who has played for both the East and unified teams.

He has delighted the Celtic fans with his creative play and he links well with Van Hooijdonk (27), a bargain £1.5 million signing from NAC Breda in January 1995.

The 6' 4" striker is beginning to make his mark in the Dutch team and topped the Premier League scoring charts last season. However, he is still in dispute with the club over a new contract and all Celtic fans will be hoping things can be sorted out quickly.

Portuguese internationalist Cadete's move to Celtic from Sporting Lisbon in February hit problems but after the red tape was cleared he hit five goals in six games and, despite injury problems, has shown some impressive form this season.

Others who may feature are MALKY MACKAY and STUART GRAY.

CELTIC PAST RESULTS

The clubs met four times in the Premier League and once in both the Coca-Cola Cup and Scottish Cup last season with Rovers managing to take just one point from Celtic.

STARK'S PARK

Raith Rovers 0 Celtic 1

(Van Hooijdonk)

Raith Rovers 1 Celtic 3

(Cameron) (O'Donnell, Collins, Van Hooijdonk)

CELTIC PARK

Celtic 2 Raith Rovers 1 (aet)

(Van Hooijdonk, Rougier)

Celtic 0 Raith Rovers 0

Celtic 2 Raith Rovers 0

(Thom, Donnelly)

Celtic 4 Raith Rovers 1

(Cadete 2, Duffield)

Gray, Grant)



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Must be
s a t u r d a y then.



THE SPIRIT OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.



BYGONE DAYS

A CELTIC LEGEND REBORN IN FIFE

David Potter looks back on the careers of some of Rovers' greatest ever players.

THERE was a certain amount of incredulity on the eve of season 1965-66 when it was announced that manager George Farm had persuaded Bobby Evans to join Raith Rovers.

True, Evans had been a household name in the 1950s, earning 48 Scottish caps and loads of medals with Celtic, but he was now 38, having been a professional footballer for over 20 years.

Moreover, since leaving his beloved Celtic in 1960 under a cloud, his career had apparently fizzled out. Chelsea, Newport County, Morton and the doomed Third Lanark had not been great successes for the ageing redhead who had been such a classy and stylish centre-half.

But he was still a big name and Kirkcaldy in 1965 thirsted for such players to get Rovers out of the mire of the Second Division.

In the first big game of the season, Rovers were torn apart in a League Cup game against Celtic with Evans visibly outpaced by the speed of Bobby Lennox and the other men who would soon tear all Europe apart.

At full-time, however, Evans was seen to talk for a long time with former comrade in arms Jock

Stein and some cruel Langtonians hoped that Jock was offering him a job at Parkhead which would take this old man out of their sight.

But Evans was still a fine professional and, as he and Farm developed a mutual respect, the form of the team settled.

Evans, although now lacking the pace he once had, used his brain and exercised a calming influence on the developing talent around him in the shape of Ian Porterfield and Pat Gardner. There was something re-assuring about Evans, the famous red hair now going grey, at the back, reminiscent of McNaught a decade earlier.

But Rome was not built in a day and respectability was all that 1966 brought. The following year, however, would do it. With the astute signing of Gordon Wallace in the autumn, as well as one or two other good buys, Rovers peaked at the right

time and by thrashing Queen of the South at home on the last day of the season edged the second promotion spot from Arbroath.

Evans was visibly in tears at the full-time whistle and probably felt that this was as a fine moment in his career as any.

Certainly the veteran had given a conspicuous and conscientious lead to the youngsters in the team and it was felt that if only he had come to Stark's Park on leaving Celtic in 1960, the horrors of the 1963 relegation would have been avoided.

In retrospect, Evans should perhaps have announced his retirement on that bright April evening but he continued into the next season.

The First Division however was a different matter and the whole team struggled, Evans more than most.

He was well past his 40th birthday when he decided to call a halt in December 1967.