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Words cannot express my delight at our unbelievable achievements this

season, at the dreams which have come true through sheer hard graft, determination, teamwork and a firm belief in ourselves.

Let there be no doubt about it — our success is due to the participation of everyone concerned; players, management, directors, backroom staff and most importantly YOU, our supporters, for your encouragement.

It's back to our first priority in league duty today, as we compete for those valuable points which can see us climb above several teams just above us in the league table, and if we play as we have done over the past few weeks, that is a definite possibility!

Unlike ourselves, our visitors today have yet to qualify for European football next season, and will be anxious to secure the number two slot in the league table to obtain that goal.

Liam Brady has now established his own brand of skills into their play, with an attractive passing game of attacking football, having strung together an impressive run of results.

We will need to play to our absolute best today, to take the points which we desperately seek this afternoon.

Finally, may I add a special welcome to today's Match Sponsor for the second time this season, Sandy Watson and his party from the Royal Bar.



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Runners-up: 1975
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TODAY'S MASCOT



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LAST Saturday's 3-2 win over Dunfermline Athletic at Broomfield ensured that the club achieved its main objective of this campaign — to remain in the Premier Division for next season.

Thus, congratulations are in order all round, to the players, management and backroom staff, and I'm sure that there were quite a few celebrations going on in the town last weekend. This season has, of course, contained much more for us than just that essential struggle for survival, but, as these notes required to be written before Tuesday evening's Scottish Cup semi-final replay against Hearts at Hampden Park, I am unable to comment on that game.

We visited Easter Road on league business a few days after the original semi-final date, and came away with an excellent 2-0 victory, a repeat, in fact, of our Cup quarter-final triumph there a month earlier. Unfortunately, the proliferation of yellow and red cards tended to overshadow everything else about the game, but it was an important win for us, although Hibs were, naturally, very much up against it following the relatively early dismissal of Calum Milne.

We were without four first-team regulars against Dunfermline last weekend — the men from Flie were, of course, already resigned to life in the First Division next term — but the first half showing by the visitors was clearly that of a team who were not under any pressure. They had us under the cosh for much of the time until the interval, and there was considerable activity in and around our goalmouth.

Although we had begun to get back into the game, the visitors' 2-0 half-time advantage could hardly be grudging. It was plain, though, from early in the second half, that it was going to be different after the after the break, and we produced a first-class display to turn the game around.

Davie Kirkwood was influential again, and Sammy Conn, despite playing in defence, continued to mine the rich goalscoring vein which he has found recently. Wes Reid put in lot of running, to show one of the reasons why the manager wanted him at Broomfield, and young Mark Abercromby, although taken off at half-time, gave glimpses of a potential future talent.

The afternoon Celtic are our visitors for our penultimate home match of the season, and, obviously,

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	40	30	5	5	92	29	65
Celtic.....	41	25	9	7	85	40	59
Hearts.....	40	26	7	7	55	32	59
Aberdeen.....	41	17	12	12	53	38	46
Dundee Utd...	41	16	13	12	61	49	45
Hibernian.....	41	15	15	11	49	42	45
Motherwell....	41	10	14	17	40	54	34
St Johnstone..	41	13	8	20	50	69	34
Falkirk.....	41	11	10	20	51	70	32
Airdrie.....	40	13	6	21	46	66	32
St Mirren.....	40	5	11	24	29	66	21
Dunfermline...	41	3	10	28	18	74	16

they will provide formidable opposition. All of those in and around Parkhead will have had an interest in our Scottish Cup replay on Tuesday evening, but, clearly, with next season in mind, most of them, without any malice towards us, will have been rooting for Hearts!

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Aug 10	Dundee Utd.....	4-3
Aug 13	Dunfermline Ath.....	3-1
Aug 17	FALKIRK.....	4-1
Aug 20	Morton (SK).....	4-2
Aug 24	Aberdeen.....	0-1
Aug 27	RAITH ROVERS (SK).....	3-1
Aug 31	RANGERS.....	0-2
Sep 3	Airdrieonians (SK).....	0-0
Sep 7	ST MIRREN.....	0-0
Sep 14	St Johnstone.....	0-1
Sep 18	GERMINAL EKEREN.....	2-0
Sep 21	AIRDRIEONIANS.....	3-1
Sep 28	Hibernian.....	1-1
Oct 1	Germinal Ekeren.....	1-1
Oct 5	HEARTS.....	3-1
Oct 8	Motherwell.....	2-0
Oct 12	DUNDEE UTD.....	4-1
Oct 19	Falkirk.....	3-4
Oct 22	Neuchatel Xamax.....	1-5
Oct 26	St Mirren.....	5-0
Oct 30	ST JOHNSTONE.....	4-0
Nov 2	Rangers.....	1-1
Nov 6	NEUCHATEL XAMAX.....	1-0
Nov 9	ABERDEEN.....	2-1
Nov 16	Hearts.....	1-3
Nov 20	MOTHERWELL.....	2-2
Nov 23	AIRDRIEONIANS.....	3-0
Nov 30	DUNFERMLINE ATH.....	1-0
Dec 4	HIBERNIAN.....	0-0
Dec 7	Dundee Utd.....	1-1
Dec 14	ST MIRREN.....	4-0
Dec 28	Aberdeen.....	2-2
Jan 1	RANGERS.....	1-3
Jan 4	HEARTS.....	1-2
Jan 8	St Johnstone.....	4-2
Jan 11	Motherwell.....	0-0
Jan 18	Dunfermline Ath.....	1-0
Jan 25	MONTROSE (SC).....	6-0
Feb 1	FALKIRK.....	2-0
Feb 8	AIRDRIEONIANS.....	2-0
Feb 22	Hibernian.....	2-0
Feb 29	Hearts.....	2-1
Mar 14	ABERDEEN.....	1-0
Mar 17	MOTHERWELL.....	4-1
Mar 21	Rangers.....	2-0
Mar 28	DUNDEE UTD.....	3-1
Apr 4	Falkirk.....	3-0
Apr 8	St Mirren.....	1-1
Apr 11	ST JOHNSTONE.....	3-2
Apr 18	Airdrieonians.....	
Apr 25	DUNFERMLINE ATH.....	
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11	J. COLLINS	1 T. BOYD
6	P. McSTAY	C. MORRIS
4	T. CASCARINO	M. McNALLY
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PARKHEAD PEN-PICS

CELTIC come to Broomfield today as the form team of the Premier Division. Since they lost 2-1 to Hearts at Parkhead on January 4 they have gone 14 league game without defeat — indeed that outstanding run contains only two draws.

New manager Liam Brady has certainly made progress this season, and the majority of Celtic fans will be happy with that, and will feel that the side is ready to make a sustained challenge for honours next season. Some supporters, of course, have less patience, and will be unhappy that the cupboard is bare again this term. Whatever, everyone in and around Parkhead will already be keen for next season to begin.

I'm sure that few people in Scottish football expected **PAT BONNER** to be out in the cold at Parkhead this season, but full credit to **GORDON MARSHALL**, who has established himself with a string of excellent displays in goal. He joined Celtic from Falkirk on the eve of this season for a fee of £200,000, and may yet find a place in the Scotland international squad for the trip to the European Championship Finals in Sweden this summer.

CHRIS MORRIS and **TOM BOYD** are the men in possession of the full-back jerseys at present, with Morris having re-established himself after a spell when he was out of the side. He is a Cornishman, despite being a Republic of Ireland internationalist, who was transferred to Celtic from Sheffield Wednesday in July 1987 for £125,000. Tom Boyd moved to Chelsea at the end of last season, having just helped Motherwell to their Scottish Cup triumph over Dundee United, but he returned to Scotland to join Celtic recently as part of the deal which took Tony Cascarino to Stamford Bridge. He is 26, and now a regular member of the full Scotland squad.

TONY MOWBRAY, **DEREK WHYTE** and **GARY GILLESPIE** are the three main contenders for the two central defensive slots, with Mowbray and Whyte having filled them in recent games. 28-year-old Mowbray was signed from Middlesbrough for £1 million, and, although he has missed a few games because of injury, he has looked a commanding figure. Whyte has been at Parkhead for almost seven years, but he is still only 23, and he has been attracting considerable praise recently after it had looked as if he might be the odd one out. Gary Gillespie is a classy defender who came to Parkhead from Liverpool for £900,000

last August. He previously played for Falkirk and Coventry City, and he has been capped by Scotland on 13 occasions.

PAUL McSTAY is, of course, the main man for Celtic in midfield, and he is also a vital member of the Scotland side. As everyone knows, the 27-year-old will be out of contract at the end of this season, and he has given no indication yet of his future intentions. If he decides to remain with Celtic, that will obviously be a huge boost to Liam Brady's plans for next season. Barring injury he will certainly be an important figure for Scotland in Sweden, where his strength, vision, accurate passing and powerful shooting should ensure that he will be one of the top players in the tournament.

JOHN COLLINS Has formed a wonderful partnership with McStay this season, and the extra bonus for Celtic is that the former Hibs man, who was signed in July 1990 has scored 11 goals so far this term. At 24, he looks to have a secure future, both with Celtic and Scotland.

The versatile **MIKE GALLOWAY**, who came to Celtic from Hearts for £500,000 in June 1989 has been lining up in midfield of late, although the Welsh-born 26-year-old is equally at home in the back four. He has been a member of the Scotland international squad on more than one occasion in recent years.

Young Greenock-born **STEVE FULTON** who arrived at Parkhead from Celtic Boys' Club in July 1987, has had his ups and downs this season, but he will obviously be hoping that the praise heaped upon him after his display last Saturday against St Johnstone at Parkhead will mark a turning point, although another youngster, **BRIAN O'NEIL**, is also looking for a permanent place in the Celtic midfield.

O'Neil is another product of Celtic Boys' Club, who signed for Celtic during October 1989. He made a big impression during the 1990 World Youth Cup Tournament, which was staged in Scotland.

Liam Brady's side has riches aplenty up front too, with **CHARLIE NICHOLAS** and **GERRY CREANEY** the men in charge just now. Nicholas has been scoring freely in recent weeks, and playing exciting football, while working superbly in tandem with 22-year-old Gerry Creaney, who is an important member of Scotland's Under-21 side.

They have each scored 23 goals so far this season in domestic competitions. Their form has been such that 19-goal **TOMMY COYNE**, who recently made a goalscoring debut for the Republic of

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★ **PAUL McSTAY**

Ireland, has been unable to command a place in the Parkhead club's starting eleven.

The former Clydebank, Dundee United and Dundee forward was transferred to Celtic from the Dens Park side for £500,000 in March 1989.

Young defender **MARK McNALLY**, who has been on the injured list recently, will also be a candidate for a place in the Celtic squad this afternoon, while **JOE MILLER**, **DARIUSZ WDOWCZYK**, and **BARRY SMITH** are also hopeful of being involved.



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