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# Welcome

Welcome to Somerset Park for today's Coca-Cola Cup tie with Celtic. Hopefully, the big crowd which is expected will enjoy an entertaining match.

The league campaign opened with a 1-1 draw with Clyde last week, in a match that could have gone either way, but it is obviously very disappointing when you consider the penalty miss near the end.

We extend a warm welcome to all players, officials and fans of Celtic, who have been boosted by their recent move back to Parkhead and superb signings in the shape of Andreas Thom and John Hughes, along with excellent showings in their various pre-season matches.

Tuesday night sees our opening match in the Scottish League Challenge Cup, (formerly B&Q Cup), against Dunfermline at home, but in the meantime lets concentrate on today's match.

Enjoy the game!!!

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# THE BOSS WRITES . . .



Today Somerset Park will be full to capacity with some of the best players in Europe in action.

A visit from Celtic is always a special occasion for everyone connected with the club and our loyal supporters can rest assured I will not be content until Tommy Burns brings his stars south on a more regular basis, on Premier League duty.

Cup competitions allow a break from the pressures of league football and it should be an attractive and interesting contest this afternoon. Celtic boast superstars such as John Collins, Tommy Boyd, Pierre van Hooijdonk and now Andreas Thom. Yes, I am, more than a little envious of their spending power. In fact the price of just one of those mentioned would allow me to purchase all the new signings I need - and have some change left over to keep a smile on the chairman's face!

But this is a challenge to relish. An opportunity to prove that we can perform on a higher stage. It is an afternoon to enjoy our football and appreciate the very

special talents which those Celtic players have.

We won't be holding back though. We'll give as good an account of ourselves as we possibly can and, with your important backing from the stands and terraces, our Premier League opponents will know they have been involved in a real old-fashioned cup tie.

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## CELTIC

FROM:

Pat Bonner  
Gordon Marshall  
Tom Boyd  
Peter Grant  
Tosh McKinlay  
John Collins  
Rudi Vata  
Simon Donnelly  
Phil O'Donnell  
Mark McNally  
Pierre van Hooijdonk  
Andreas Thom  
John Hughes  
Willie Falconer  
Brian McLaughlin



*Referee:* T.M. McCURRY (Glasgow)  
*Linesmen:* B.W. CASSIDY (Carmunnock)  
J. T. McELHINNEY (Glasgow)







# HISTORY OF CELTIC



Celtic Football Club was established in the late nineteenth century by a Mariat Brother known as Brother Walfrid principally as a means of using the game of football to raise money to provide food for the poor in the East End of Glasgow. Celtic's first game was played on 28 May 1888 against Rangers, with Celtic winning 5-2. In its first season, Celtic won its first trophy - the North Eastern Football Association Cup. In 1892 Celtic Football Club moved to its current ground, Celtic Park, situated in Parkhead, Glasgow, which became known as "Paradise" to its supporters due to its proximity to the local cemetery.

The Celtic Football and Athletic Company, Limited was incorporated on 12 April 1897 to acquire the trade, assets and liabilities of the original Celtic Football and Athletic Club.

Over the next 50 years, Celtic won numerous cup victories and league titles in Scotland. In 1937 it was victorious in the Scottish Cup in front of around 147,000 spectators and, in the following year, marked its Golden Jubilee by winning the League Championship as well as the Empire Exhibition Trophy (defeating Everton in the final). Celtic had some success in the 1950's including victory in the Coronation Cup in 1953 when it beat Hibernian 2-0 in the final. It was in the period 1965 to 1974, however, under the management of a former player, Jock Stein, that Celtic achieved the reputation of being one of Europe's premier clubs. In that period, fielding some of the UK's best known players of their time including McNeill, Dalglish, Johnstone and McGrain, Celtic won the League Championship for nine successive seasons and more notably, the European Cup in 1967. Celtic were finalists in the European Cup again in 1970 losing to Feyenoord, having beaten Leeds United in the semi-finals at Hampden Park in front of over 133,000 spectators (a European Cup attendance record).

Success continued in the 1980's with four League Championship wins, four Scottish Cup wins and League Cup victory. Celtic won the League Championship and the Scottish Cup in its centenary year of 1988 and the Scottish Cup again in 1989. In the early 1990's there was, however, a marked change in Celtic's fortunes. By 1993, it was clear that Celtic was losing support as a result of its poor performances in all the major competitions.

After internal disputes, shareholder and supporter unrest and with Celtic facing financial ruin, the Directors agreed on 4 March 1994 to Fergus McCann joining the Board and providing an immediate cash guarantee to stabilise the Company's borrowings. On 11 March, Christopher White, Michael Kelly, and David Smith, members of Celtic's existing board resigned. By June, following a rights issue and other subscriptions which raised in aggregate over £12m for the Company, eliminating bank and other major debts, Fergus McCann and a group of new investors, who had underwritten a substantial part of the rights issue, took control of Celtic. By mid September the remainder of Celtic's former board had also departed.

Season 1994/95, has seen the start of a new era for Celtic, selling around 18,500 season tickets and conducting the most successful share issue in the history of British Soccer amounting to £9.4m.

A new state of the art Stadium has been designed and is currently under construction which will eventually see Celtic Park having 60,000 seats.

Major rebuilding work, on the football pitch, is also underway with around £4,000,000 being spent on new players to date.





# THE VISITORS

Goalkeeper **Pat Bonner** is easily the veteran of the Parkhead squad after 17 years with Celtic. Was Jock Stein's last signing for the club in May 1978. Made his debut against Motherwell in March 1979 and has gone on to play more than 600 times for Celtic. Pat is 35, 6ft. 2in tall and 13st. The Republic of Ireland's most capped player.

Defender **Tom Boyd** already has a cup medal - from his days with Motherwell, when he was in the side that beat Dundee United 4-3 in 1991. Left Fir Park soon afterwards for Chelsea, but within a year was brought back to Scotland by Celtic. Has now won 27 Scotland caps. Tom, 29, has now moved from full-back to central defence and looks like playing out his career in that role. He is 5ft. 11ins and 12st. 8lbs.

Defender **Brian O'Neil** is one of the rising young stars of Scottish football, a fact confirmed by the Celtic decision recently to offer him a long term contract. Only 22, he has already been capped at all youth and Under-21 levels. Started out as a midfielder man, but has now found his real berth in central defence. He is 6ft. 1in. and 12st. 4lbs. Has played nine Scottish Cup ties - and is still looking for his first goal. Currently injured his cruciate ligament and will be out until New Year.

Full-back **Tosh McKinlay** took 15 years to get to where he always wanted to be in football - in the Celtic team. He was a Celtic Boys Club player when he signed for Dundee back in 1981. Seven years later he moved on to Hearts. In November last year, Tommy Burns moved in and signed him for £350,000 and he has quickly become established as a pacy left back with a powerful left foot. He is 30, 5ft. 10ins. and 11st. 9lbs.

Defender **Rudi Vata**, the Albanian internationalist, only forced his way back into the first team squad two months ago, after spending the season in the reserves. A versatile player, he was signed in 1992 from Dinamo Tirana. He is 26 years old, 6ft. 1in. and 12st. 5lbs. Has been granted a six month extension to his visa to stay in Scotland, and is expected to feature in enough games from now on to earn him a further period next season.

Midfield man **Peter Grant** joined Celtic as a teenager 13 years ago from the Boys Club and was a first team man by 1984. His relationship with the various managers, and sometimes the fans, has been tempestuous at times. But no-one has ever been able to fault his efforts for the team cause. Today will be his 31st Scottish Cup tie for Celtic. He is 29, 5ft. 10ins. and 11st. 4lbs.

**Paul McStay** is one of Scotland's greatest midfield players. He has won 72 caps and has been a first team regular since he made the breakthrough in 1982, aged just 17. After being an outstanding schoolboy and youth player, has helped the team to cup and championship success. He is 30, 5ft. 10ins and 11st. and is the third generation McStay to captain Celtic.

**Brian McLaughlin** is the latest product in Scottish football to earn the Glasgow compliment "The Wee Barra". Only 5ft. 4ins. tall, he is a tricky, twist and turn type of player the fans love. And at just 8st. 9lbs. he has to be quick off his mark to evade big defenders. Just 21, he won the admiration of the Celtic support for his wonderful run and pass to van Hooijdonk, in the victory over Rangers at Hampden earlier last season. A winger in the old style.

Midfield man **Phil O'Donnell** is Celtic's costliest signing so far at £1.7 million from Motherwell last September. Scored two goals on his debut against Patrick Thistle, but has been 'blooded' slowly at times by manager Tommy Burns, who has long-term plans for the 23 year old. He is 5ft. 10ins and 11st.



Midfield man **John Collins** is an established star at both club and country level. He is the rare combination of skilled play-maker with a scoring punch. He has banged in 12 goals this term which makes him easily the club's number one marksman. Has now won 24 Scotland caps. Borders-born, John is now 27. Cost Celtic £1 million from Hibs in July 1990. He is 5ft. 7ins. and 10st. 10lbs.

**Pierre van Hooijdonk** has made a big impact - what else would you expect from a 6ft. 5ins. striker - since his £1.2 million signing from Dutch club, Breda in January this year. Has a skilful touch for such a big man. Cracked a fine drive into the net to help Celtic on their way to their fine 3-0 win over Rangers, in what was the club's last league match at their temporary Hampden home. The 25 year old is a Dutch internationalist. Scored winner in Scottish Cup Final v Airdrie.

**Willie Falconer** is a robust player who can operate in a variety of positions. Willie started with his home town team of Aberdeen back in 1982, then moved south to play with Watford, Middlesbrough and Sheffield United, before joining Celtic in February last year. He is 29, 6ft. 1in. 12st. 10lbs. and is handy in the air and strong on the ground. Has collected cup goals against St. Mirren, Meadowbank and Hibs.

**Andy Walker** is in his second time around at Parkhead. He joined them originally from Motherwell in July 1987 and played a valuable scoring part in the club's double celebrations in 1988, as they picked up the League and Cup. But his career then faltered for a while and he was transferred to Bolton in 1991 where he found the touch again - netting 33 goals from 44 games. He came back to Celtic in August last year on a £550,000 fee decided by tribunal. He is 30, 5ft.9ins and 10st. 3lbs.

**Mark McNally** has slipped out of the first team scene late last season after featuring prominently in the early part. Former Celtic Boys Club player, he has been with Celtic since 1987, but is currently playing on a month-to-month contract situation. He is 24, 5ft. 9 ins. and 10st. 8lbs.

**Simon Donnelly** is one of Celtic's hopes for the future. This youngster has the natural skill which Celtic fans appreciate. Had a great start to his career last season, but then shaded off and had injury problems. Has been nursed back to form again in the reserves and the Under-21 player is looking good again. He is 20, 5ft. 9ins. and 10st. 12lbs.

**Gordon Marshall** has shared the goalkeeping duties with Pat Bonner this season. His dad, Gordon, was Celtic keeper back in the early 1970s and christened his son Gordon George Banks, when he was born in 1964. So you could say goalkeeping certainly runs in the family. Gordon Jnr. started out at Ibrox as a boy, played with East Fife and Falkirk before ending up at Parkhead. Played the first 21 games in a row at the start of this season before losing the job to Bonner. He is 6ft. 3ins and 14st.

**Andreas Thom** was born on 7/9/65. His previous clubs were TSG Herzfelde, Dynamo Berlin and Bayer Leverkusen. He was the first East German to move to a West German club before re-unification when he joined Leverkusen in 1989 for £1.5 million from Berlin. Gained 51 caps for East Germany, netting 16 times. This made him the sixth top scorer in the GDR national side. He has represented the unified Germany on 10 occasions and scored twice. Played 158 matches in the GDR Oberliga (Premier League) and netted 77 goals for Dynamo Berlin. In 1988 he was voted GDR's footballer of the year and was top scorer in the Oberliga with 20 goals. Played 151 league matches for Bayer Leverkusen and scored 37 goals.

**John Hughes** was born in Edinburgh on 9/9/64. Started his career with Newtongrange Star before joining Berwick Rangers in 1988. First came in contact with Jim Jeffries at Berwick where he scored 14 goals in 41 league games in one-and-a-half seasons. Joined Swansea City halfway through season 1989/90 where he scored 4 goals in 24 league appearances, before returning to Scotland.

It was Jim Jeffries who brought him back north to Falkirk for £75,000 where he was signed as a striker but was soon converted to a central defender where he has made his name. Became skipper of the Brockville club and the fans' favourite, before his dream move to Celtic recently. His fee has still to be thrashed out between the two clubs, or at a tribunal if negotiations fail. John is nicknamed Yogi after the Celtic star of the 1960s with the same name. He stands tall at 6ft. and weighs 13st. 7lbs.





# SOMERSET

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Dear Sir,

It's my pleasure writing to you and the club. I hope it will be a big surprise for you to hear from this part of the world. I am a Zimbabwean young man and an Ayr faithful.

I thought I should write to you and ask if you could help me get in touch with other Ayr fans in Scotland who can keep me up to date on the team's progress. I am presently following the team's progress through our local paper but as you can guess there is very little information and one is left gasping for more. I think if I could get a few pen-friends this could be fine.

May I also take this chance to wish you the very best of success for the season and I promise to back you all the way. I am confident the team can make it. Once again I will be very glad if you could help me in touch with other Ayr fans at Somerset Park. I will welcome any match programmes if you have any.

Best wishes, Ayr faithful,

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*Yours in sport*

*Graeme Meldrum,*

*37 Viewforth Terrace,*

*Kirkcaldy, Fife KY1 3BW.*

## THE TREATMENT TABLE

The season has only just begun and already we are plagued by a host of injuries. However, the situation is beginning to ease. John Traynor should be fit in a couple of weeks, while Cammy's recovery is expected to take another three weeks. Neil McKilligan should hopefully be fit for today's game. But on the long-term front Gregg Hood is being sent to see a specialist at Lillieshall to assess his situation.



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