



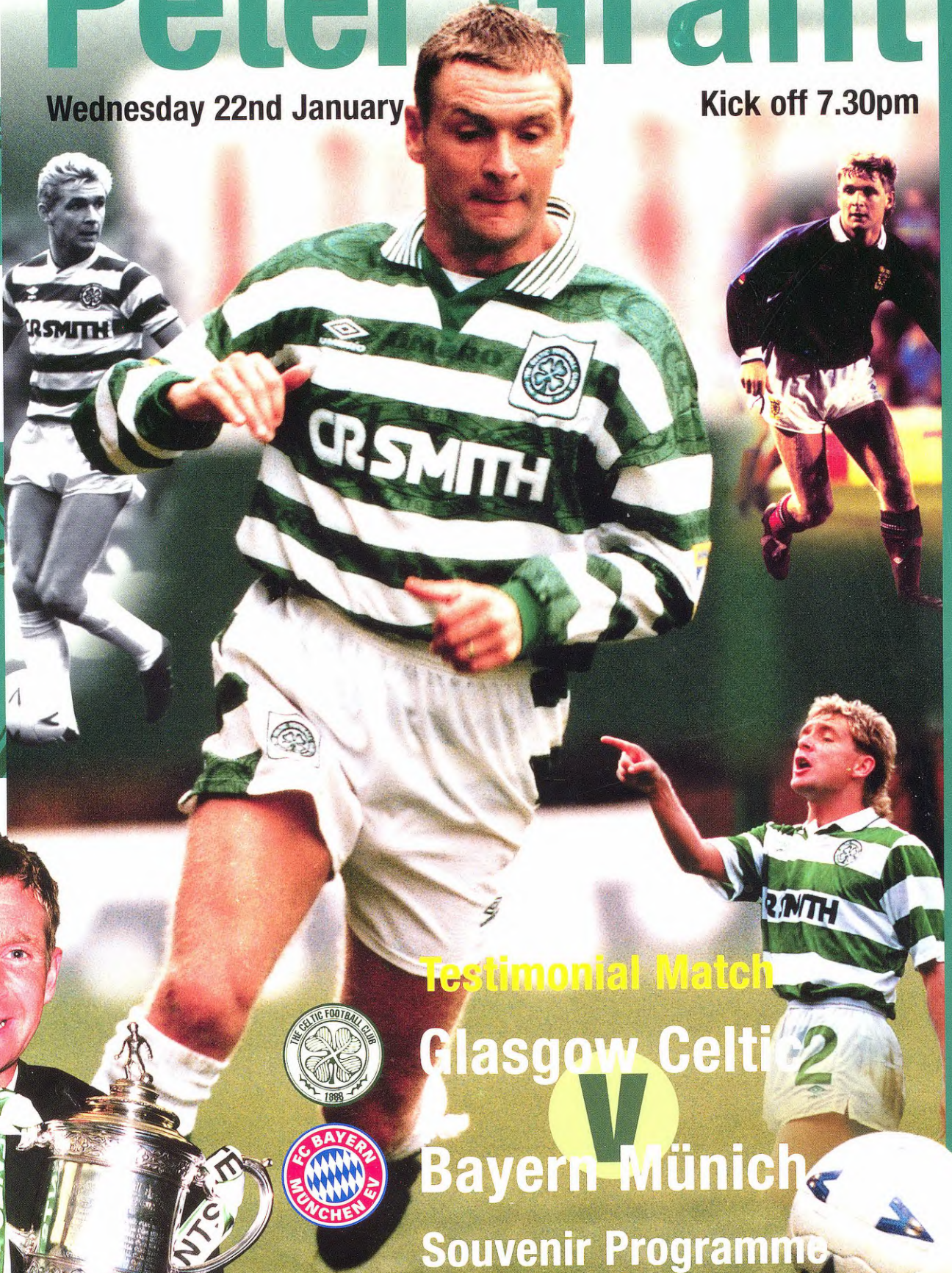
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WHEN ROY OF the Rovers picks his favourite team, Peter Grant will surely fill a midfield berth.

Peter's football experience has a similar feel to that of the fictional character but Peter is a career Celtic man – and that's a fact.

A supporter of the Club from an early age, he joined the Boys' club and then Celtic itself and continuing the story book theme, made his debut in an old firm derby!

Add a league cup double, an international career, including an appearance against England and a fairy-tale return from serious injury to help Celtic win the Tennents Scottish Cup in 1995 – and be named Man of the Match.



Chairman's message

He is a player who has devoted his life to the Club he loves and has demonstrated a determination and professionalism in everything he does as a Celtic player.

A few seasons ago I got to know another side of the man when my company, Peoples, sponsored the club for a couple of seasons. Then, I met the off-field Peter Grant who was always courteous, reliable and genuinely interested in other people, particularly those less fortunate than himself. I came to know a man devoted to his wife and family, the Club and its supporters.

When Peter's testimonial year was announced I did not hesitate when asked to become Chairman of the Testimonial Board. My colleagues and I undertook to organise the many events throughout his celebration year with the same enthusiasm and vigour as the player approaches a match.

Together we determined to set a standard and the invitation to Celtic Park of one of Europe's most famous clubs, Bayern München, is a testament to that

determination and provides the supporters with a night to remember.

This gala occasion will be

followed by a Valentine's Ball on Sunday 16th February and a golf day at Dalmahoy on 12th May.

Sandwiched between those events is Peter's Party, a vaudeville evening of entertainment at the King's Theatre, Glasgow, on Sunday 27th April with all proceeds going to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Yorkhill, a subject close to his heart – and a gesture typical of the man.

Tonight thousands of Celtic fans gather to pay tribute to Peter Grant. Throughout this souvenir magazine many famous names have added their support.

A truly dedicated Celt and a caring, compassionate man receiving praise from the football world – a praise he richly deserves.

By Brian P Gilda
Chairman
Peter Grant Testimonial Board

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BRINGING TOGETHER THIS tribute to Peter Grant was never anything but hectic and never anything but fun.

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Also thanks must go to the patient library staff at the Daily Record and Sunday Mail who dug out all the images past and present which grace these 48 pages.

Last but not all least thank you to every writer and top manager, player and pundit who willingly gave their time free, to honour a man who in my mind is thoroughly deserving of a night like this.

Iain King, Programme Editor





The early

By Andrew Smith
Editor



PETER GRANT WAS at MASS as Celtic Manager Davie Hay tried to reach him...to tell the 18-year-old that the thing he hadn't even pray for was about to become reality.

April 21, 1984 started out like any other Saturday in the life of the man to be honoured tonight, then a bright prospect on the groundstaff at Parkhead.

On graduating from Celtic Boys' Club, Grant had quickly established himself in the reserves and on the fateful day of his shock first-team call he was scheduled to be in action for the second string against Airdrie.

That morning, his match-day routine began with a trip to chapel, as it still does 13 years on. And no doubt the Celtic-daft youngster – like countless others besotted by

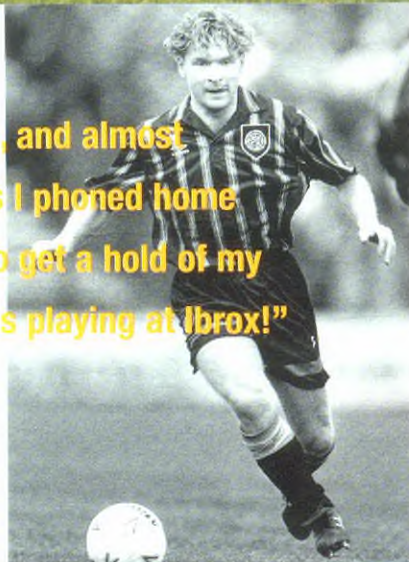
the Hoops up and down the country – made a few meditations to Him upstairs to help out his heroes, who were facing Rangers at Ibrox that afternoon.

However, it is fair to say that the last thought on his mind was that, by some divine intervention, six hours later HE would be playing in that game – the Old Firm derby considered by many the ultimate club match.

Understandably the events of that morning are indelibly etched in Grant's memory banks and the player recalls them with a freshness and enthusiasm that is typically him – infectious.

He said: "When I got home from chapel, my mum told me I'd had a phone call from Celtic Park and I

"I was breathless, and almost breaking down as I phoned home to tell my sister to get a hold of my dad because I was playing at Ibrox!"



years

V Celtic
VIEW



"I had never even been allowed to go to Ibrox for an Old Firm game so I was in a total daze beforehand. The great thing was I was too excited to be nervous, and finding out so late in the day that I'd be making my debut in such a huge match probably worked in my favour."

The performance of the blond-haired midfielder

was the only plus point for the Celts on an afternoon when a Bobby Williamson goal settled the issue in the home side's favour.

The maturity Grant showed in handling what is considered the acid test for any Old Firm player led to him being retained in the squad as Dundee visited Celtic Park three days later.

He appeared as a substitute in a 3-0 win for the men in green and white that night – which set him up for a day he considers even more memorable than his Ibrox debut.

Grant explained: "All I ever dreamt about doing from any age was running out in front of The Jungle. And a week on from my Old Firm debut I did that, making the starting 11 for the game against Hibs.

"We won 3-2 but what made it so special was that my two grandads, John Murphy and Peter Grant, were along at Parkhead that day. Both completely steeped in the Celtic tradition, they had run supporters' buses and helped nurture my love for the club. They weren't in the best of health but made the effort because they were so determined to see their grandson playing in the Hoops. The fact they did will always be precious to me."



immediately assumed it was our reserve coach Bobby Lennox to tell me that the game against Airdrie had been brought forward."

The midfielder had no idea what was really going on until he was taken into Celtic manager Hay's office. And as the boss dropped the debut bombshell, religious observance temporarily went out of the window!

Grant explained: "When Davie told me I was playing, I swore at him – the only time I've sworn at a coach in my career! Shock simply got the better of me and I thought he was having me on. At that point I had never even TRAINED with the first-team.

"I was breathless, and almost breaking down as I phoned home to tell my sister to get a hold of my dad because I was playing at Ibrox! Just like me, she thought it was a wind-up and it took a lot to convince her I was being deadly serious.



It was the last time Yogi
ever nicked Granty's

WINNER! 



All the best to Celtic's Champion
from Scotland's Champion

Daily Record 



PETER GRANT'S UNDYING love for Celtic was never more clearly illustrated than on the day he quite literally bled for the club.

And the only surprise was that it did not spurt out in green and white.

The injury happened in the first minute of a match against Kilmarnock and Peter battled on, even scoring in the process, scoring what was clearly a very bad knock.

How bad was not revealed until physio Brian Scott spotted Peter's right

Bloody Marvel

sock was saturated with blood just as the teams were about to go out to renew the battle after the interval.

He had kept his injury to himself, declined treatment, and it was only after a detailed examination at the finish after his goal had sparked off a revival that led to a 4-2 victory, that it was found. The injury was so bad it needed 23 STITCHES.

That incident is typical of Peter's deep-rooted feelings for the club he joined from the Boys' Club 14 years ago fulfilling a lifelong dream and a prophesy he made to his astonished Guidance Teacher at school.

His declaration of intent came after the teacher asked his pupils to identify their long term ambitions and the young Grant stressed he was interested in one career only - that of a professional footballer.

His reply was dismissed as "Yes, yes, you and many thousands more."

But Peter had the last laugh when, after one of his hundreds of games in the Hoops, he met the teacher outside Celtic Park and without rubbing too much salt



By
John Quinn

**EVENING
Times**



Peter played on with 23 stitches

in the wounds announced proudly: "Made it, Sir!"

Now many years down the line, Peter admits when he drives up to the stadium every morning he still pauses and thanks God for the privilege of playing for the only team he has ever loved.

And when the time eventually comes for him to take off his strip for the last time he will replace it with a scarf and turn back the clock to the days of his early youth on the terracings that have acclaimed him as one of their own.



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The Heart and Soul of Celtic

By
Gordon Waddell

sunday
mail



THERE ARE THREE words you could stake your mortgage on Tommy Burns saying in a post-match Press conference, win or lose.

Peter, Grant and magnificent. Usually in that order, sometimes the odd "absolutely" thrown in for good measure but he can't stop himself.

And he doesn't care who knows it either. Peter Grant is a

man after Burns' own heart. A gentleman – and a one-club, single-minded, hates-losing Celtic man.

Ask the manager what he would have done if he'd come back to try to rebuild Celtic in 1994 and Grant HADN'T been there and he can only shrug. Tommy admits: "Since I came back, Peter has been the club's most influential player – no doubt.

"He's a wholehearted player who is not always given the credit he should be for his ability. The fans sometimes give him stick in games but he does a lot of the work that managers and team-mates appreciate more than people watching.

"And I made a point of letting them know – and more importantly letting Peter know – just how important he was to me when I singled him out after the games.

"He's a wholehearted player who is not always given the credit he should be for his ability."



"Granty was still chasing 90-yard lost causes in the 89th minute."

should play Peter in a game against Dundee United up at Tannadice in case he was booked and ended up suspended for the Final.

"He ended up getting STRETCHERED off with knee ligament damage and I turned to Billy Stark in the dugout and groaned "ANYONE but him". I was shattered.





but it hasn't been without taking his fair share of dressing-room slaughterings too.

Tommy grinned: "I still remember the first time I saw him. He was 16 and playing in a cup final for the Boys' Club. How could I forget the wee guy who stood in the centre circle pointing at everything that moved?"

"He takes his stick well, though. When you've got a face like his you have to, I suppose!

"And as for his haircuts? He's been everything from Little Lord Fauntleroy to Mike Flowers – but his wife Lorraine likes experimenting on him!"

But he's still here. And if Burns has his way he will be for a while.

He said: "The wonderful thing about Peter is that he's a one-club man. That's rare enough these days but he's been through some really tough times here as well as all the good ones yet he's stuck it out. He's devoted.

"And as a man he represents everything this club is all about. He carries the traditions of Celtic in his heart and I'm not just talking about on the pitch either.

"When you see the way he is with kids, with the handicapped, with old folk, he's a super ambassador.

"No-one deserves this night more." It's like the man says. Peter Grant – absolutely magnificent.

"But nothing was going to stop him playing in that game. I still don't know how he got himself fit for it but he played an unbelievable role for me at Hampden. He was still chasing 90-yard lost causes in the 89th minute.

"The whole Celtic support acclaimed him that day and rightly so. That one game summed up what Peter Grant means to this club and what it means to him."

Grant has grafted for years to earn tonight's magnificent testimonial game against Bayern Munich –

"It was vital for me to have someone of his presence in the dressing-room early on as well as on the park."



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Muller & Klinsmann – genuine world class



By
Billy McNeill

Interview:
Rodger Baillie,
The Sun

THINK OF GERMAN
international teams and
of Bayern München and

the names of strikers Gerd Muller and Jurgen Klinsmann spring to mind instantly. I played twice against Muller, nicknamed 'Der Bomber' for his legendary goalscoring prowess. The first in a friendly in America when Celtic played Bayern in 1966 and the second three years later in a vital World Cup qualifying tie when Scotland met West Germany in Hamburg.

We needed to win to qualify for the Finals in Chile. We lost 3-2 and it was four years before the Tartan Army had a chance to cheer at the World Cup Finals, when we qualified for the West German finals in 1974.

However I've a grievance about Gerd because when he scored West Germany's second goal that night I maintain to this day he fouled me as we went for a free-kick. Even German skipper Uwe Seeler felt that the goal should have been disallowed!

I must admit it still rankles. So does the result, for although my Celtic team-mate Tommy Gemmell was sent off ten minutes from time we hit the bar twice as well as scoring two goals.

By the way it wasn't Tam's night for our manager Jock Stein flew over to watch the game and wasn't too pleased and left him out the League Cup Final later that week. But back to Muller who was a world-class striker even although he didn't look a typical centre-forward for he was small and chunky. But he was so sharp and alert around the box.

Not all his goals were spectacular but how they added up to make him such a feared striker.



When Klinsmann arrived on the scene I wondered if at times he was too flash for he looked more spectacular, but I changed my mind on a winter afternoon at Sunderland.

Two years ago I travelled to watch Sunderland play Spurs in an FA Cup-tie. What an eye-opener! Roker Park in winter isn't the friendliest place on earth but Klinsmann treated it as a soccer stage where he was playing the leading role.

It was a wonderful exhibition as he showed all the skills and more. He fought, he worked, he ran and he never stopped showing great awareness and pace to leave defenders stranded. Klinsmann finished with a double, one from a penalty kick as Spurs won 4-1. When the ball comes into the box he knows where to put it and I marvelled at a supreme performance.

They were totally different in their styles but I'm certain if some football magician could wave a wand to play them together, at their peak, in the same team they would be a crackerjack combination.

Both genuine world class players, they possessed marvellous skills and radar-like awareness of how to get goals. But speaking as a defender maybe it's just as well they played in different eras... one at a time was quite enough!



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Name these six all-time-great German footballers.
(Answers on Page 35)

Name these Famous Players



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



Playing for the Jersey



By
Thomas Jordan

**Daily
Record**

IF PETER GRANT wasn't playing for Celtic you could bet your last penny he'd be at Parkhead every week anyway – as a fan.

At a time when players seem to be more interested in playing for the wage packet than the jersey, the Celtic support can be sure that's never been the case with Granty.

The die-hard midfielder made his first-team debut in an explosive Old Firm clash at Ibrox in 1984 and set a standard of commitment that has been hard to match.

Francie Hinton, President of the Celtic Supporters Association, said: "Peter Grant is a real Celtic man and he's always given 100 per cent to the club.

"There is a lot of talk about doing away with testimonials and if that's the case then it's great that Peter will be the last person to get one from Celtic. No-one deserves it more.

"He's not been a big earner and he's definitely entitled to get his big day."

Francie has dealt with most Celtic stars over the years but he insists Grant has been one of the most helpful to promote the club.

He said: "Any time we've asked him to help us out whether it be for charity or for something else he always makes himself available and is a true ambassador.

"He's first class in every way and we're all happy that he's being rewarded for his service over the years.

"The days of someone spending the whole of their career with one club are coming to an end so it's good that someone who's done so much for their club is rewarded.

"I hope and pray that he has a good night and I'm sure the Celtic fans will turn up to show their appreciation for him."



"Peter Grant is a real Celtic man and he's always given 100 per cent to the club."





From hardman



“He’s very quiet and very family-orientated and, basically, totally different to the idea people who watch him play every week must have of him.” – Peter’s wife Lorraine

FOOTBALL FANS PAYING tribute to Peter Grant tonight won’t realise they’re also watching a real-life Jekyll and Hyde character.

There’s the guy they cheer every week, the midfielder man who patrols Parkhead and never gives opponents a second’s peace and the bloke who has given blood, sweat and tears to the cause for more than a decade.

Then there’s the gentle family man – the husband to Lorraine and dad to Peter James and Raymond Michael.

And it’s the latter image that Mrs Grant will take time out to really appreciate tonight.

Lorraine has brought three-month-old Raymond Michael to his first ever football match this evening and the Grant family will watch thousands of supporters pay tribute to the head of the family.

She admitted: “He’s nothing like his on-field image when he’s at home.

“He’s very quiet and very family orientated and, basically, totally different to the idea people



to family man



who watch him play every week must have of him.

"Honestly, he's just a very nice guy!"

Lorraine first spotted that when Peter walked into Coles Bar in Coatbridge to break open a bottle for charity way back in the summer of 1987.

She takes up the story: "It was my dad's pub and I was managing it at the time.

"Things just seemed to go on from that first meeting and we got engaged in the December and married the next June.

"It was a fantastic time because Celtic had just won the double."

Since then, of course, there have been more highs and lows than a roller-coaster ride for the Grants.

And Lorraine admitted with a wry smile: "When Celtic lose I steer well clear of Peter. He takes it very badly and he's very solemn and quiet.

"But when the team wins he's on a high.

"I know how to put up with these moods and I understand that he eats sleeps and breathes Celtic."

Yet even now there are some who question Grant's right to be in the side and Lorraine accepts that criticism is the hardest part of being a footballer's wife.

She admitted: "I'm not made of steel. Yes, the flak Peter gets hurts me.

"It will break his heart when he finally has to leave.

"There was a time not all that long ago when he was on month-to-month contracts and it looked for a

while as if he might be going. It was awful.

"But happily that was resolved.

"The other really bad time we had was straight after our honeymoon in Lanzarote when he returned to Scotland and discovered he had contracted hepatitis.

"He was floored by it and it lasted for 18 weeks.

"THERE WAS GENUINELY A TIME THEN WHEN WE FEARED HE WOULDN'T PLAY AGAIN.

"I had to get a bit tough with him to keep him going but he came through that as he's come through so many other things."



By
Graham Clark



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Pierre Van Hooijdonk's goal won the 1995 Tennents Scottish Cup Final, but the inspiration and determination of Peter Grant was equally important in clinching a much-craved victory.

The Hampden final against Airdrie simply had to be won and Peter was the man who made sure it happened with a fabulous performance which typified his will to win and his love of the club.

His drive and enthusiasm have been key factors in Celtic's revival under Tommy Burns. Every club needs a Peter Grant, but few are lucky enough to have one.

THE EXPRESS

By
Lindsay Herron

Peter Grant has 'Celtic' down his backbone like a certain famous seaside rock has 'Blackpool'.

He's also worked very hard over the years at mastering the art from a Celtic stalwart's point of view of upsetting fans from the other side of the City of Glasgow, by simply running down the tunnel to face their favourites.

The Phrase, 'Like a red rag to a bull,' readily springs to mind on the very odd occasion when Peter and Rangers crop up in the same conversation.

P.G. obviously works on the theory... one man's meat is another man's poison.

By
Doug Baillie

THE SUNDAY POST

The Observer

By
Glenn Gibbons

Operating on the principle that you should never use 10 words when 10,000 will do, Peter Grant has endeared himself to those of us who came early to the realisation that a phone call to the garrulous Celt is short route to filling a large hole in a page. You can tell when Granty's been on holiday - his tongue is sunburnt.

Yet even the inevitable torrent of utterances never manages to sweep away the heartfelt sincerity of what he says. In this respect, he is a singular footballer - one who means whatever he says and most of whose sayings have meaning.

What the papers say

NOBODY has ever accused Peter Grant of holding back on the field, nor has he been reticent off it. For those of us who toil in the media vineyard, P.G. has been a rare vintage, a man willing to say his piece.

Grant has always had a shrewd appreciation of what publicity can do for him and his beloved club. In an era when loyalty has become as fashionable as winklepickers, Peter has remained committed to Celtic. It so happens he can play a bit, too.

By
Ian Paul

THE HERALD

SUNDAY Mirror

By
Don Morrison

I've known Peter Grant since he was knee high to a grasshopper. Come to think of it nothing has changed!

And in more years than I care to remember in football journalism I've met few to match his loyalty and integrity. And no matter the cynics he can play a bit. You don't hold down a place in any Celtic side for as long as he has if you can't fight your corner.

The 'Pointer' is a credit to his club, his family and most important of all himself. Tonight's game is surely testament to that.

Peter Grant has always been my kind of player. The honest, committed professional who would sleep in his jersey, if his wife allowed it. His service to Celtic has been immense, giving a guarantee of effort and loyalty which should be an example to those who come into our game from other shores.

Since the Bosman ruling Peter has become one of a dying breed, the long-service club player who still gets a buzz every time he walks into Celtic Park. My best wishes Peter.

By
Allan Herron

THE People

By
George Cheyne
Sports Editor

sunday mail

You can tell the affection a person holds for his workplace by the amount of time he spends there.

So when Eurocrats decided to push for a maximum forty eight hour working week, it was obvious they didn't have Peter Grant in mind.

Down Kerrydale Street, Peter has been known to even beat the cleaning staff into Parkhead in the morning and still be there late on into the afternoon. He likes a blether, mind you, but it isn't the prospect of a chit chat with whoever's around that sees him turn up at the stadium earlier than any other player. Quite simply, he loves the place.

THE Sun

By
Gary Ralston

Peter Grant is one of my favourite players because he always shows respect to those around him.

I believe that written across his heart are the words Celtic Football Club and he's one of the most dedicated players ever to wear the famous Hoops.

I've seen the all-time greats at Parkhead and he is a player in their mould, there's no ego with him just love of his club. If anybody deserves a night such as this it's Peter Grant.

SCOTTISH Mirror

By
Jim Rodger

Prior to his death, Jim paid tribute to one of his favourites - we print it because that's the way he would have wanted it.

There are two images of Peter Grant that stick in my mind.

In the first he's standing in the middle of the pitch against Rangers directing play like a demented points duty policeman and totally committed to beating Celtic's bitter rivals.

In the second he's standing up at his testimonial dinner giving a special welcome to the Rangers table, his face a mask of humility and sincerity.

Celtic fans will appreciate the first, ALL football fans should appreciate the second.



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Granty's Half-Time Teasers

- 1 Which English club almost swooped to end Peter Grant's love affair with Celtic?
- 2 With which junior club did Hoops' boss Tommy Burns learn the ropes as a player?
- 3 Jurgen Klinsmann racked up which European record last season?
- 4 Can you name Bayern's ground?
- 5 Which club from the former East Germany did Celts' hero Andreas Thom help to a world record TEN in a row?
- 6 Name the two countries that Granty earned his caps against?
- 7 Who scored Scotland's goal in the 2-1 defeat from West Germany at Mexico '86?
- 8 Bayern legend Franz Beckenbauer was once Technical Director of which French side?
- 9 Name the other club in Munich?
- 10 Name the four Celts who starred for their countries at Euro '96?
- 11 Against which side did Peter Grant make his Celtic debut?

- 12 From which club did Celtic sign former goalkeeper Alan Rough?
- 13 Klinsmann lifted the trophy at the end of Euro '96 but which German star grabbed both goals in the Final win over the Czech Republic?
- 14 Raith Rovers made many friends with their gutsy display against Bayern last season, who scored the Scots' goal away from home?

Answers on Page thirty five

- 15 Beckenbauer was given which imperious nickname during his playing days?
- 16 Can you name the five clubs Celtic No. 2 Billy Stark starred for in his heyday – in the right order?
- 17 Who did Bayern beat in the UEFA Cup Final last season?
- 18 Who scored the only goal in our UEFA Cup triumph over Slovakia's IFC Kosice this season?
- 19 Which former German international midfielder was boss of our Euro conquerors Hamburg?
- 20 Name the last six keepers to hold the Celtic first team jersey?





Simply spot three differences in each pair of photographs. Answers on page thirty five.

Spot the Difference



Glasgow Celtic

The Glasgow Celtic team will be selected from:

- Peter Grant
- Tom Boyd
- Jackie McNamara
- Jorge Cadete
- Paolo Di Canio
- Brian O'Neil
- Andreas Thom
- Pierre Van Hooijdonk
- Simon Donnelly
- Gordon Marshall
- Alan Stubbs
- Tosh McKinlay
- Stewart Kerr
- Morten Wieghorst
- Phil O'Donnell
- Malky MacKay
- Paul McStay
- Stuart Gray
- Brian McLaughlin
- David Hannah



Managed by
Tommy Burns

FINAL SCORE	
GLASGOW CELTIC _____	
SCORERS: _____	

BAYERN MÜNICH _____	
SCORERS: _____	

Fill in the teams as they are announced.

Bayern München

Managed by
Giovanni Trapattoni



The Bayern München team will be selected from:

- Oliver Kahn
- Sven Scheuer
- Markus Babel
- Thomas Helmer
- Oliver Kreuzer
- Sammy Kuffour
- Lothar Matthäus
- Markus Münch
- Christian Saba
- Thomas Strunz
- Frank Wiblishauser
- Christian Ziege
- Mario Basler
- Frank Gerster
- Dietmar Hamann
- Stefan Leitl
- Christian Nerlinger
- Markus Oberleitner
- Mehmet Scholl
- Jürgen Klinsmann
- Carsten Jancker
- Ruggiero Rizzitelli
- Alexander Zickler
- Marcel Witeczek

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THEY SNAPPED AND snarled, they growled and grieved as Ally McCoist and Peter Grant got tore into one of the great Old Firm bust-ups. Tonight's testimonial hero has no bigger fan than striker McCoist yet they've gone head-to-head and heaped abuse on each other for years.

And their most celebrated clash came at Parkhead in a dramatic Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final showdown on September 19, 1995.

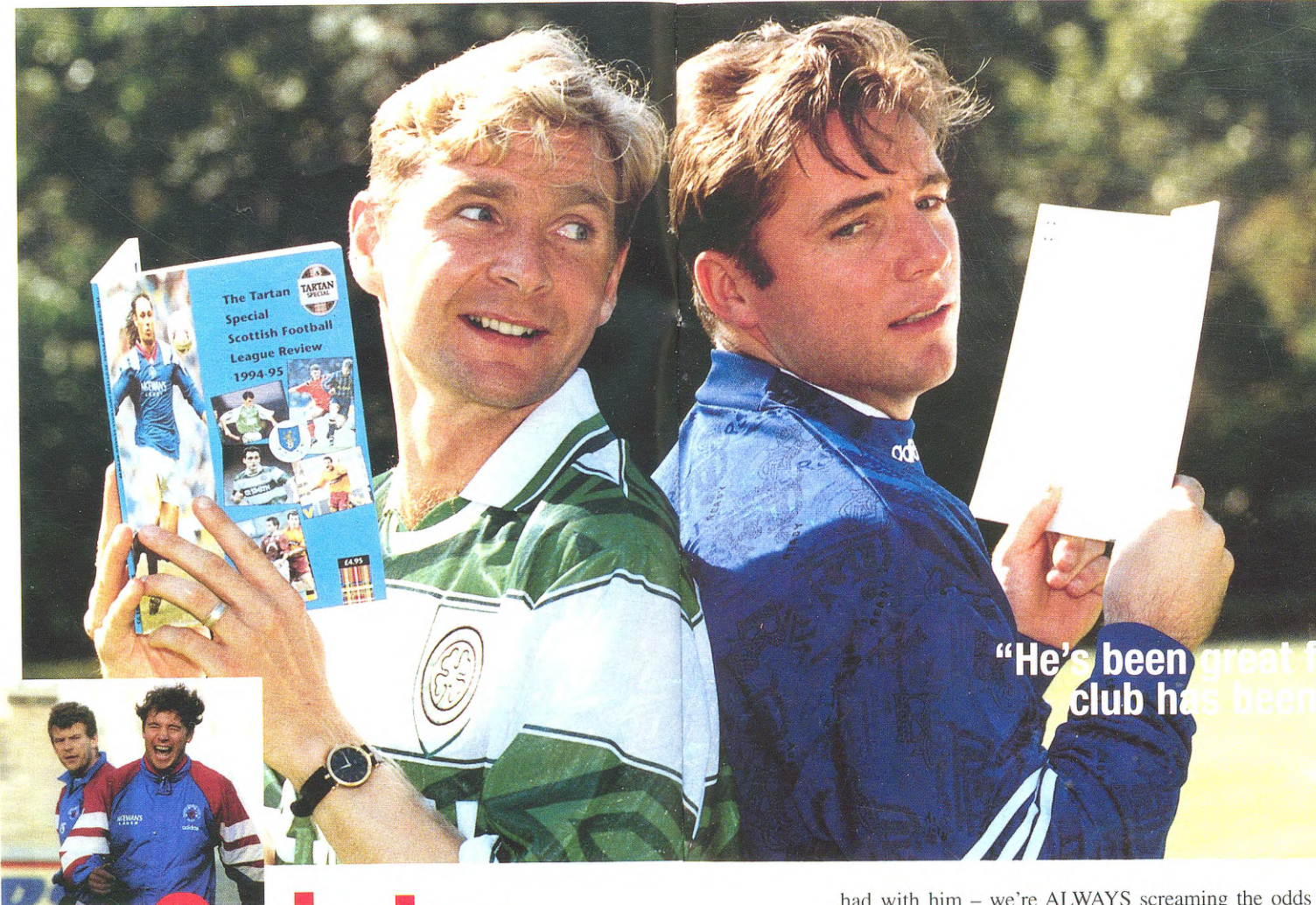
As the action surged in midfield, Grant showed his trademark commitment to roar into a tackle with Gers' star Gordan Petric before crumpling to the turf in agony.

And 34-year-old Ibrox idol Ally smiled as he recalled: "I didn't think Gordan had touched Granty and I told him so in no uncertain terms.

"I ran over and shouted: "Get up, ya diving b*****d!" "Naturally, Peter took great umbrage at this especially since when I watched it later on TV he actually DID get clobbered."

The seconds that followed gave us some handbags-at-ten-paces soccer slapstick that still makes McCoist wince 16 months on.

Ally said: "We've all heard of Peter the Pointer – well that famous Grant finger was up in my face and he was shouting the odds as usual.



Coisty:

My bust-ups with Peter the Pointer

"I just said: "Take that finger down and we'll continue this conversation in the tunnel."

"It was all heat of the moment stuff because deep down he knows that if I'd hit him he'd have been off the school for a fortnight!

"I do believe I had the last laugh by scoring the winner that night.

"Seriously, I get on well with Granty off the park but that was just one of the many Old Firm squabbles I've

had with him – we're ALWAYS screaming the odds at each other."

Away from those bust-ups in the heat of the moment, the careers of two of the Old Firm's most committed players have followed similar routes through the peaks of triumph and the troughs of turmoil.

McCoist once sat in the Ibrox dressing-room in tears after suffering through a sack-load of stick from furious fans after a calamitous Scottish Cup defeat from Dundee in 1985. And as he pondered his rival's career Ally pointed out that Peter too has had to dig deep into



his personal reserves to come through some difficult times. He admitted: "Granty's taken a lot of flak, just like I did back at the start of my Rangers' career.

"You could say it's Mr Celtic against Mr Rangers when we meet because he's been at Celtic 14 years now, that's even longer than I've been haunting Ibrox.

"And he's been great for Celtic just as the club has been great for him."

The phrase "a player's player" could have been made for Peter Grant and proven stars like McCoist know just how vital he is.

Coisty has often watched in awe as lionhearted Grant ploughs through another sweat-soaked shift in the Celtic engine-room.



And Ally insisted: "He's underrated as a player and he takes a lot of stick because he's not flashy, he does so much work that goes unseen and unappreciated by the fans.

"Put it this way he wouldn't have been at Celtic Park since 1982 if he wasn't a good operator."

McCoist loved every minute going down Memory Lane as he paid his tribute to Granty – and as always he had to have the last laugh.

He grinned: "My best memory of Grant goes back to 1987 when we were down to nine men and Celtic were leading 2-1.

"I'll always remember Peter running past the Enclosure at Ibrox telling them he couldn't hear them singing.

"He was laughing away and hamming it up but then Richard Gough scored a late equaliser for us.

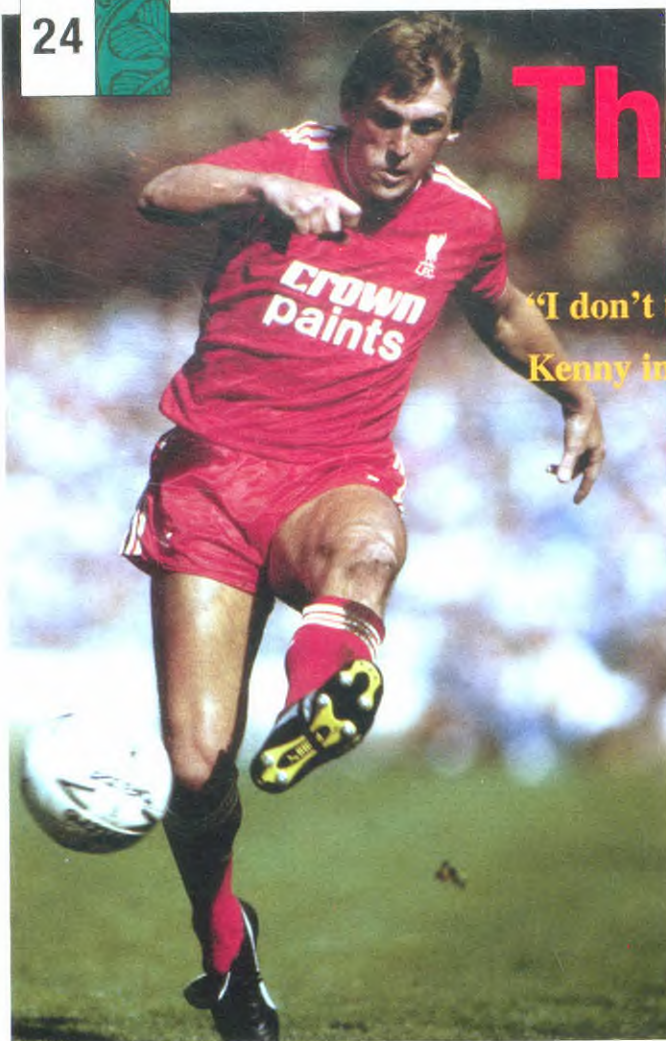
"I looked into the six-yard box and there was Granty a picture of dejection, it won't surprise Peter that's the way I love to remember him."



Interview by
Iain King
Chief Sports Writer



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The King and I

"I don't think we will ever see such a talented player as Kenny in Scotland ever again." – Peter Grant

Interview by
Hugh Keevins

THE SCOTSMAN

Kenny replaced Kevin Keegan at Anfield and he was treated like a God by the Liverpool supporters.

The same description could have been applied to Danny McGrain.

I felt so in awe of him that, when we started to play in the same team together, I couldn't bring myself to call Danny by his first name!

He was the best in the world in his position and yet never so big time that he could not spare a moment to give a teenager the benefit of his experience.

Danny was equally at home at right or left-back too and that was unusual.

Paul McStay would, like Kenny and Danny, have graced ANY club.

He's spent all of his senior career with Celtic, because he feels so strongly about the club.



THE INDIRECT EFFECT of a testimonial year is the way in which it causes you to think about the legendary players who have represented your club.

The three best players I have seen play for Celtic are Kenny Dalglish, Paul McStay and Danny McGrain.

Dalglish was up there with the very best, including Franz Beckenbauer from his days with the team we're playing this evening.

I don't think we will ever see such a talented player as Kenny in Scotland ever again.

He was not fully appreciated in this country until he left Celtic and signed for Liverpool.

It was a measure of his talent that everything went through him for a Liverpool team who had immense talents like Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen at that time.

I have shared rooms with Paul all over Europe and I know that our thoughts about playing for Celtic run along parallel lines.

He has been in Celtic's first team since he was a teenager and has been an example to everyone, young and old, at the club.

I would gladly settle for that description of my own contribution to Celtic.



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Bayern – Haunted by legends, driven toward glory

Daily Scottish Mail

By
Graham Hunter



BAYERN MÜNICH COME to Glasgow tonight with more than Peter Grant's testimonial as a shared experience with Celtic.

Bayern are a massive phenomenon in Southern Germany and a symbol of identity for large parts of that population.

But, like Celtic, the club is finding that its major goal, the league, is frustratingly elusive.

To Celtic fans, obsessed with Rangers' domination in Scotland, Bayern's one championship in the last six years might seem acceptable, even satisfactory. To the proud, demanding Bavarian fans, and the club's board of directors, it does not!

Last year's UEFA Cup victory was achieved in devastating fashion. But it is Champions League profile and revenue which Bayern desires more than anything.

Already the team has been knocked out of this season's defence of their UEFA Cup and failed to win the first half of the German Championship before their winter shutdown.

But there remains wonderful quality throughout the side. With players like Matthaus, Klinsmann, plus

keeper Oliver Kahn. But it is Christian Ziege who is regarded as their most outstanding footballer. He is Europe's finest exponent of the left wing-back position – but looks set for a move to Italy this summer. The age profile of the team means Bayern München must start rebuilding if their centenary celebrations in three years are to complement success on the pitch. By that time Bayern are likely to have been one of the architects of the first European League.

Before then they will want to spend time playing against the other champions of Europe, just as they have done on 13 previous occasions.

In fact, Bayern boast a consecutive trio of European Cup victories from 1974-76 when, with greats like Ruminegge, Beckenbauer, Breitner, Hoeness, Maier and Muller, this huge club dominated Europe. It was

Bayern who denied Glasgow a European double in 1967 when they beat Rangers in the

final of the Cup Winners Cup after extra-time.

On this evening, for Peter Grant's testimonial, Bayern are once again very welcome visitors to Scotland.

“Bayern boast a consecutive trio of European Cup victories from 1974-76.”



NOT MANY PEOPLE do their warm-up in a toilet but for Peter Grant it's a must - on the team's party nights.

Standing in front of the mirror, fingers running through his hair, unbuttoning his shirt and making sure his pants won't burst if he's bold enough to do the splits. Yes, Granty turns into his idol Tom Jones, minus the hairy chest, and struts his stuff, fairly well too, so I'm told.

He takes a slugging from the Hoops' young thrusters for it but for close pal Paul McStay, parties wouldn't be the same without it.

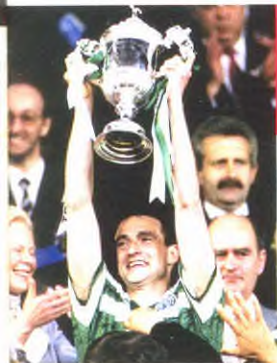
looked the part. The boys gave him the thumbs up and he came out and gave it the full repertoire from The Green, Green Grass of Home to the hip-swinging My, My, My Delilah. We've threatened to buy him the hairy chest and curly wig to top it all off and I'm sure one day we'll get round to it."

Paul is happier when Peter's on the field beside him and after 15 years at Celtic Park together, no-one knows him better. They grew up at the Celtic Boys' Club and then onto the Parkhead groundstaff where McStay

Live from Celtic Park: Tom Jones the lavvy cleaner

By
Mark Guidi

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revealed a top secret of their time there.

Paul McStay said: "On the groundstaff we had to do different duties from cleaning the boots to blowing up the balls but Granty excelled in something in particular - cleaning the lavvies. He seemed

McStay smiled: "Granty is a walking encyclopaedia of Tom Jones and loves imitating him, especially at our nights out.

"I remember at one Christmas party, for the players and our wives, he volunteered to entertain us. But when it was time for him to get up and do his stuff, he was missing. Some thought he'd bottled it but they should have known better. A couple of the boys went to the toilets to find him and burst in just as he was vocally warming up and making sure he

to love it and I'll always remember him with his head down the pan scrubbing away. But he's gone on to excel on the park for Celtic. This is a well-deserved honour and I'm delighted for Peter and his family.

"I was totally drained, mentally and physically, due to the overwhelming reception I received from the fans after my Testimonial night last season but it was worth it. I know Peter will feel, and receive, the same heartfelt emotions." Enjoy your night, Peter. YOU'LL never walk alone.

"...I'll always remember him with his head down the pan scrubbing away."





THERE MAY BE more exciting footballing environments than the Bundesliga, but the German way of playing remains one of the finest according to Partick Thistle manager Murdo MacLeod, who experienced life among the Teutons when he played with Borussia Dortmund for four years in the late '80s.

The Partick Thistle manager has fond memories of his time in Germany and believes Celtic's supporters won't be disappointed with what they see from Bayern München this evening. There is, he says, no likelihood of Bayern behaving as though this testimonial match is a chore.

Bayern don't play friendlies

"Bayern have too many good players and too many internationalists in their side for this game to be anything other than exciting," MacLeod said, "Even if one or two of Bayern's players feel they might be able to take it easy their minds will be changed when they emerge from the tunnel.

"When they see the crowd and the stadium they'll certainly know then there is a serious game to be played and won. Bayern are coming out of their winter break and might be slightly rusty, but they are top of their league and a proud side who won't want to be beaten. In fact, they might be anxious to do a bit of showing off at Celtic Park."

MacLeod still holds to his belief that playing in Germany was the best thing that happened to him, maintaining he learned more in his short spell there than he did playing in Scotland. His entire attitude changed for the better and his knowledge of the game's methods improved greatly also.

"The Germans just have a much more scientific and professional approach to football. Nothing is left to

Interviewed by
Chief Sports Writer
James Traynor

Daily Record



chance," he added. "I'm sure Paul Lambert, for instance, will benefit as I did now that he is playing in Germany and that can only be a good thing for Scotland also.

"In German football it is a crime to give the ball away as Celtic's fans will notice in this game. Peter Grant and the others will have to be careful with their own passing if they don't want to be given a hard time, but whatever happens it should be an interesting confrontation."



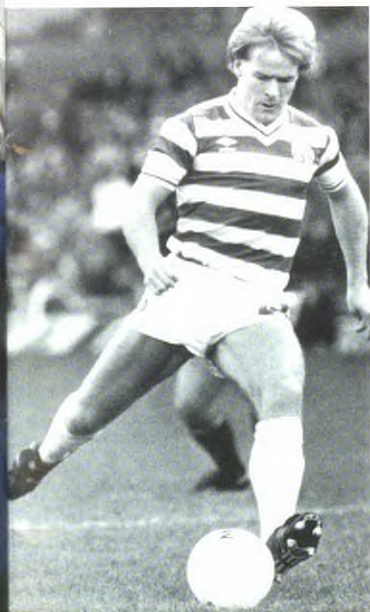
Don't take him for Grant-ed

WHAT CAN YOU say about Peter Grant that he probably hasn't said already?

We all know he likes to talk but I reckon his other favourite past-time must be Old Firm games. Peter made his debut in one alongside me at Ibrox in 1984.

We lost the match 1-0 but I remember being impressed by young Grant's attitude. It is probably one of the toughest games in the world to play in, never mind for your first appearance in the senior team. Granty took it all in his stride though. He clattered someone early on and I remember thinking, "Yep, he'll do for me."

MURDO MacLEOD



Peter Grant, for me, epitomises what being a Celtic player is all about. He plays with fire in his belly for the club he loves being part of.

He is one man you can ALWAYS rely on to give his very best. I remember him coming to the club as a young boy and he is as enthusiastic now as he was all those years ago.

He is also a very honest professional who never hides in a game and his hunger for success rubs off on the other players in the team.

ROY AITKEN

Interviewed by
Ian McGarry

EVENING Times



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HANDLING ADMIRATION IS part of the footballer's job. Whenever he steps outside the front door there will be autographs to sign and children around whom he must place an arm while a doting parent takes the photograph. A player such as Peter Grant, who has always represented the very essence of Celtic, is used to being the centre of attention, but he too has his heroes.

When it comes to listing his gallery of greats, though, he has little difficulty in tearing his mind away from the sport in which he has made his living. "This isn't going to surprise anyone," he said, "but the person I probably most admire is the Pope and I really regret the fact that I've never seen him in the flesh.

"Of course, there was the papal visit to Glasgow in 1982 when he said Mass in Bellahouston Park and I can

"I am in awe of people like the Pope who don't care about their own well-being and just want to be of service to others. It's the same with Mother Teresa of Calcutta. We read that she's been in hospital recently but her own health doesn't matter to her. She's desperate to get back out to help the poor in Calcutta.



Heroes who help

By
Kevin McCarra

THE SUNDAY TIMES



remember my family virtually rising at dawn to get there early. I was just a youngster with Celtic then and I was too afraid to ask Neilly Mochan for the day off because I thought it might look as if I wasn't completely dedicated to my career.

"You only have to put on the TV to hear about the awful things that are happening in Rwanda and other places all over the world," but in these situations people always appear who are trying to make some kind of difference. In our country, I feel the greatest respect for the people who are dedicated to making the peace process work in Northern Ireland."

Inevitably, however, the individuals who have had the most immediate impact on Grant are to be found in the world of football. Some might have imagined that





"I am in awe of people like the Pope who don't care about their own well-being and just want to be of service to others."

Tommy Burns has fallen in Grant's esteem since removing the captaincy from him, but the midfielder laughs at the very idea.

"We could have a battle every single day," said Grant, "but he will always be a great friend." Their relationship began in the days when one man was a trainee with Celtic and the other was a star at the club. "I used to rush home and tell my family, 'Tommy Burns spoke to me today.' He's always been concerned with other people. When he was away at Kilmarnock and I spent 14 months out of contract at Celtic he was forever 'phoning up to see what was happening."

There is one particular hero, however, who reduces Grant to old-fashioned adulation. "I get dreadful stick for it from the rest of the team,"

me keep the faith



he said, "but I think Tom Jones is just magnificent. I didn't buy tickets for his last concert in Glasgow because we were playing Kilmarnock that night, so I was fuming when our game was postponed. I could have gone after all.

"I've seen him before, though, and I love people like him who are 100% committed to what they do and put on a great show." One wonders if his wife, Lorraine, has to be dragged along to the concerts.

"Not at all," said Grant, "she thinks he's brilliant as well. Mind you, Lorraine is an Engelbert Humperdinck fan from way back. So if you want to hear great music, keep well away from our house!"



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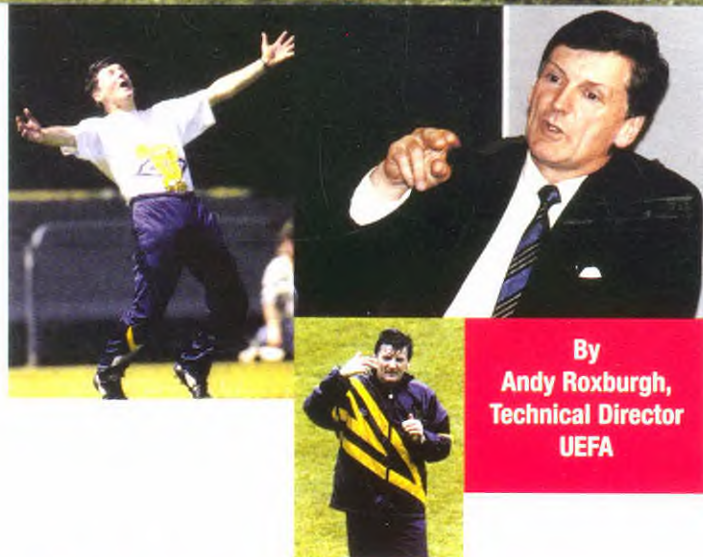


A Lionheart with guts to match

AS A COACH, you need to be very careful about the words you use when you're communicating with players, especially if they are young, brave and totally committed. On the occasion of Scotland's opening match in the UEFA U-18 European Championships at the Hawthorns in West Bromwich (1983) I asked the young Peter Grant to "eliminate" the Soviet Union's star midfield player. It was on a par with telling Napoleon to take Vienna. Within ten minutes the midfield area was calm and the 'angelic looking' Peter was in complete control of the proceedings. The Soviets reluctantly capitulated to the "blond bombshell" and Scotland went on to win 3-0.

The public image given to Peter Grant is of an uncompromising, emotionally charged 'Stallone' of the football pitch. There is some truth in this representation, but it leaves out too many praiseworthy qualities. In all my dealings with Peter, including his contribution to the national team, I came to appreciate his loyalty, strength of character, abundant energy, sense of humour, and overwhelming passion for his club and Scotland. He could also play a bit, although for this to happen he needed his full level of confidence, and not to be restricted to a purely destructive role. Peter has had an outstanding career, but with his innate talent for leadership, I wonder if even more could have been achieved.

Peter Grant, the person, is a genuine, big-hearted character and it was a delight to work with him. He is no *prima donna* – he is the real McCoy, made from girders. On this occasion, his testimonial, I am very happy, indeed honoured, to join in the salute to Peter Grant, both the player and the man.



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ANYONE WHO HAS spent even a few minutes in Peter Grant's company will know that he's hardly short of a word or 20. Shy he isn't.

So when I asked him to pick out his favourite game in a Celtic jersey it's hardly surprising that he came back with not one but three.

The matches, spaced evenly through his Parkhead career, were all vital, even if two of them – as he freely admits – were hardly classics.

And, team player to the last, Peter didn't even think about picking the games he'd played best in.

He said: "The first one I'd have to select would easily be the best performance of the three.



By
Ewing Grahame

Daily
Record

"It was our win over St Mirren on the last day of the 1985/86 season which gave me my first championship medal.

"The circumstances surrounding that day will probably never happen again in my lifetime.

"Hearts were on a fantastic unbeaten run and, for us to take the title, they had to lose at Dundee while we won by at least four goals. We demolished Saints that day and raced into a 5-0 lead with goals from Mo Johnston, Brian McClair and Paul McStay. We'd been told at half-time that Hearts were losing. Then someone said they were winning. Neither turned out to be true.

"Then, towards the end of the match, there was a huge roar from the crowd. Saints' keeper Jim Stewart nearly dropped the ball in shock. Our fans were going berserk because the news that Albert Kidd had scored for Dundee had filtered through. And when he scored a second one soon after, it was pandemonium and we were champions again.

"The next game would have to be my first Scottish Cup Final, against Rangers in 1989. This wasn't a classic but after missing out on our wins in 1985 and 1988 I didn't care about that. We'd done the double the season before and the win meant that we stopped Rangers doing the treble, which is a great way to end a season!

Plus it was the fulfilment of a schoolboy dream to beat Rangers in a cup final. Joe Miller's winning goal was the most memorable moment that day and he was a picture when he caught up with us at Parkhead later that evening. He'd been kept behind at Hampden for the drugs test and although he'd only been given a couple of beers to help him provide a sample he had so much adrenaline pumping through him he was absolutely blitzed!

From Love Street down memory lane

"Finally, for obvious reasons, I'd have to pick the Tennents Scottish Cup Final win over Airdrie in 1995. Again, it was far from a classic – in fact, it was a rotten game. But nobody wearing the Hoops cared too much about that.

"People might think that I'd go for that game because I won the Man of the Match award but that pales into insignificance compared to the fact we'd won our first trophy for six years.

"Some of us had to live through the whole period, others were lucky enough to be in their first six months at the club. I never thought we'd go so long without even being in contention but it just goes to show that, whether you're Celtic, Juventus or Real Madrid, there are no guarantees in football."



QUIZ ANSWERS

PAGE TWELVE – Name these famous players

1. Andreas Brehme 2. Thomas Hässler 3. Klaus Augenthaler
4. Berti Vogts 5. Sepp Maier 6. Lothar Matthaus

PAGE EIGHTEEN – Granty's half-time teasers

1. Norwich City. 2. Maryhill. 3. Top Scorer in a single Euro campaign with 15 in the UEFA Cup, beating the mark of Ipswich's John Wark by one. 4. The Olympic Stadium. 5. Dinamo Berlin. 6. England and Chile. 7. Gordon Strachan. 8. Marseille. 9. TSV Munchen 1860. 10. Tom Boyd, Tosh McKinlay, John Collins (Scotland – Collins was under contract with the club until June 30 when the tournament ended) and Jorge Cadete (Portugal). 11. Rangers. 12. Orlando Lions. 13. Oliver Bierhoff. 14. Danny Lennon. 15. Der Kaiser. 16. St Mirren, Aberdeen, Celtic, Kilmarnock, Hamilton Accies then

Killie again. 17. Bordeaux. 18. Jorge Cadete. 19. Felix Magath. 20. Stewart Kerr, Gordon Marshall, Packie Bonner, Carl Muggleton, Ian Andrews and Alan Rough.

PAGE NINETEEN – Spot the difference

Pictures 1: Logo from the SFL badge on his left sleeve, builder in the background and Peter's front teeth are all missing.
Pictures 2: Peter's right hand is missing, hair clip above Peter's nose is missing and Ian Durrant's right ear has been enlarged.
Pictures 3: Middle of the Umbro logo is missing, longer sideburn and his ring is missing.
Pictures 4: 'G' at the top right of the stand is missing, Peter's left eye is closed and he has long hair.
Pictures 5: Lorraine's watch is missing, Lorraine's hair and Peter's mustache.

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Parkhead rocked me more than any gig

I know too that Celtic will always be in Peter Grant's heart. Football has always been in my blood, ever since I had trials with Brentford as a kid.

And I've lapped up my recent trips to Parkhead, arranged courtesy of my old mate Bill McMurdo.

Bill fixed it for me to help open the new North Stand when the Hoops returned to Paradise to take on Newcastle and that was my first experience of meeting a guy called Yogi!

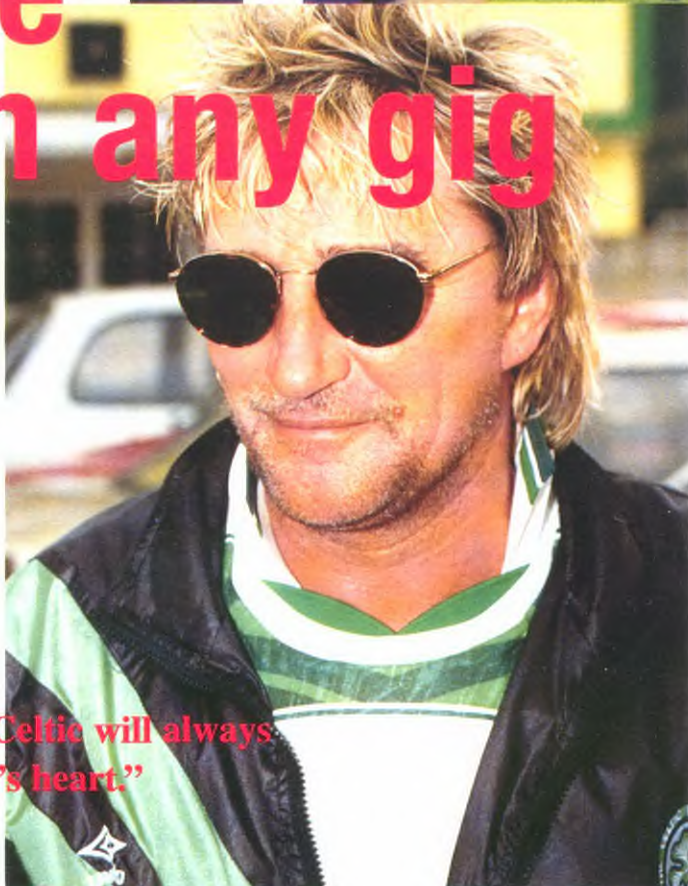
John Hughes had signed for the club that day and

it was great to see his face when Bill brought him out to meet us at the airport. That day was special and I've also now had the privilege of taking in an Old Firm game with my mate Dean Holdsworth of Wimbledon.

Deano was knocked out by the atmosphere and who can blame him?

Peter, I don't know how you have coped with playing in that wonderful arena week in, week out!

I'm never nervous at my concerts – no matter how big the venue – but the day I walked out at Celtic before the Newcastle game was different.



"I know too that Celtic will always be in Peter Grant's heart."

I've NEVER been more nervous and the whole experience was fantastic, you're a lucky man to play there Peter – but I guess you've always known that.

There's an incredible devotion to the club among the Celtic fans and I know it must mean a lot to them to see a guy, who'd be in among them if he wasn't playing, achieve what you have.

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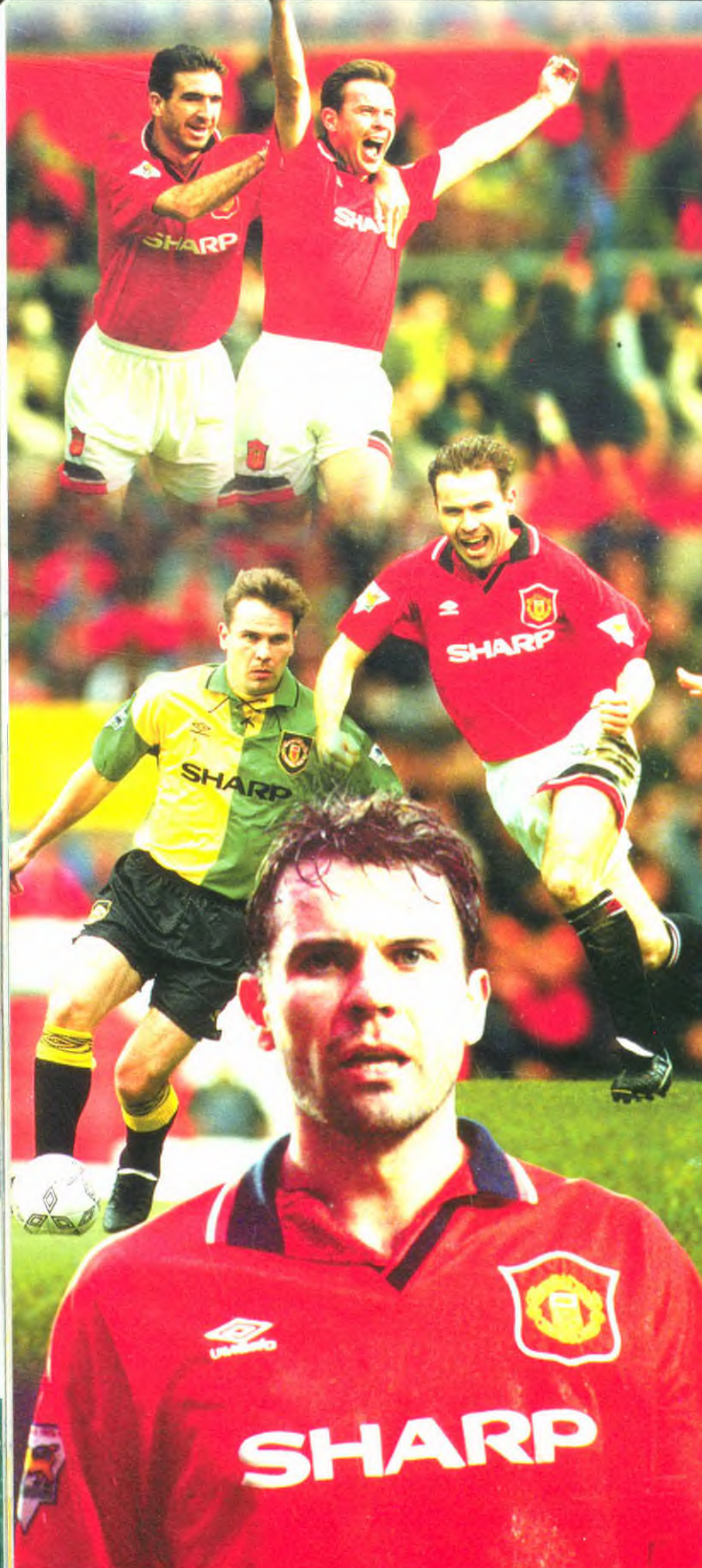
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