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**Tennent's Scottish Cup
Quarter Final
Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC
v. Celtic**

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Front Page Picture: Former Celtic player and now ICT star, Liam Keogh was only on the field a matter of minutes before he sent this superb drive just inches past the Hamilton Accies post.

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Manager's Message

"It's a great draw for us and it's a game we are looking to win. Having the cup-tie shown live on TV throughout the UK is an added bonus and helps to give the club a higher profile."

After defeating Raith Rovers and Hamilton Academical here at the Stadium in the previous two rounds of the competition, I was hoping that we were going to be lucky enough to again secure another home tie in the Quarter Final. Well we managed to get the home draw and were then given our opponents - Celtic for the second time this season. The added bonus then came in the form of Sky TV broadcasting the game live and that has also given the club another boost. I would like to warmly welcome Martin O'Neill and his squad to the Caledonian Stadium for this evening's cup-tie and I am sure that they will be as well prepared for this match as they were for the recent double headers with Rangers and Liverpool. What happened between the two sides three years ago is now well documented but it does give this tie an added bit of spice. All my players will have worked hard in the run-up to the match and they will be well prepared and it will be up to each and every one of them to go out and enjoy what is a terrific occasion.



John.

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Captain's Column

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the Caledonian Stadium for this evening's Tennent's Scottish Cup Quarter-Final tie against Celtic FC. It's every team's dream from the Bell's First, Second and Third Division to draw one of the Old Firm in a cup competition but for ourselves, we have been very fortunate to have drawn the might of Celtic on two occasions this season - the other being, as we all know, in the CIS Cup 3rd Rd. down at Celtic Park.

I thought we played extremely well in that cup-tie and had we had a wee bit of luck and maybe if the game had gone on for another 10 minutes we might have managed to take the tie into extra-time, but on the night I thought it was another excellent performance by the lads who once again played good, open, attacking football.

But this evening is something special for everyone concerned with ICT. We all



know what happened back in February 2000 and to draw Celtic once again in the Tennent's Scottish Cup, in a quarter-final tie, and this time in Inverness is tremendous for the officials, management, players and also for you, the fans. This tie has generated a huge amount of interest, especially with what happened before, and let's all hope that the extra fans that we attract for this game will then

come along on a normal Saturday afternoon to support and cheer on the team.

It's also tremendous that the game is being shown live on Sky TV and we welcome them back to Inverness. It's got all the makings of being a fantastic match and we will be going all-out to enjoy the occasion and to hopefully reach our first Scottish Cup semi-final.

I would like to finish by asking you to get right behind the lads, give them plenty of encouragement and to create a fantastic cup-tie atmosphere.

Bobby.

Good Luck to John, Donald and all the lads for tonight's Tennent's Scottish Cup Quarter-Final.

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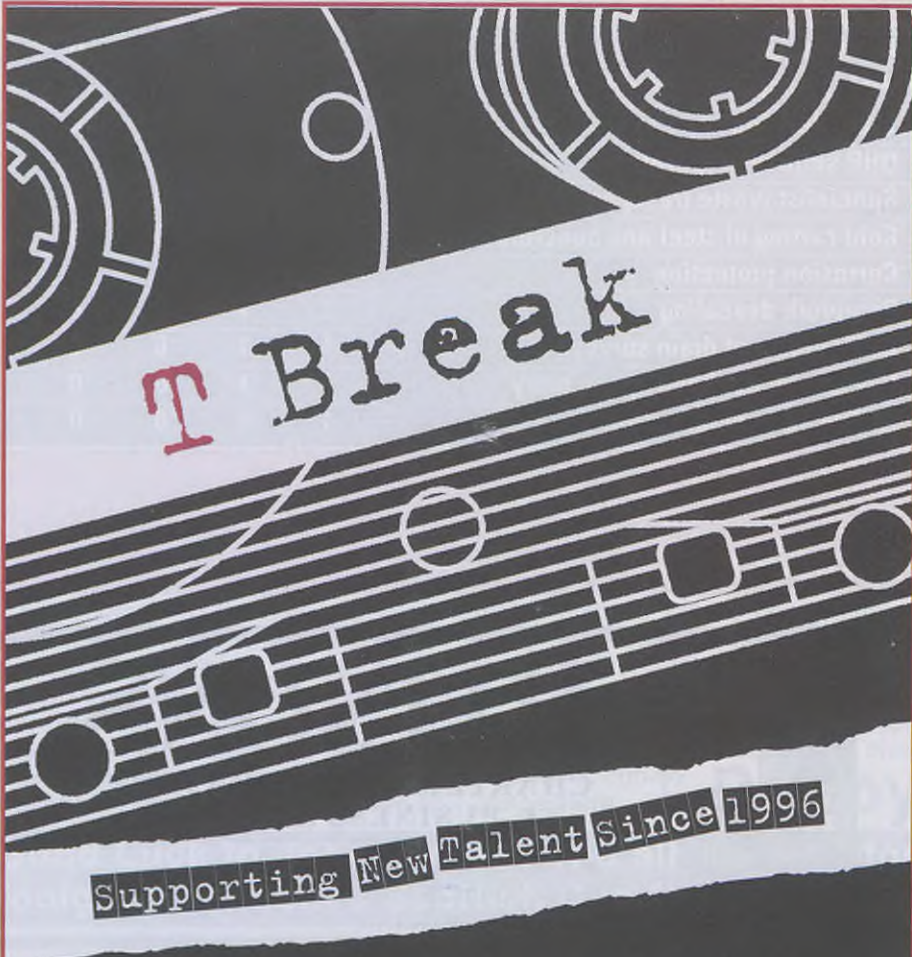
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Many congratulations to Dennis Wyness who played his 150th match for the club last week in the 3-1 league win over Arbroath where he celebrated with two goals to take him to within three of Iain Stewart's grand total of 82. It was also his 110th consecutive match for the club which is another phenomenal statistic and one that will be very, very difficult to overtake.

HOW DENNIS REACHED "150" -

League			Cup		
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Half-Time TSC Teaser

In last season's Quarter-Final between ICT and Partick Thistle which Maryhill Jags player scored in the game at Firhill and the replay in Inverness?

Answer on Page 19.

Programme Player of the Year Season 2002-03

22.02.03 HAMILTON ACADEMICAL (TSC4)
Programme Editor Bryan Munro picked his Top Three at our last cup-tie v. The Accies.
5 D. Wyness, 3 B. Robson, 1 S. McCaffrey.
■ League games in next week's programme.

The Directors of the club would like to give a very warm Highland welcome to the representatives of Match Sponsors, Tennent's; to the officials, management, players and supporters of Celtic FC and also to everyone concerned with Sky TV. It's another great night for Inverness Caledonian Thistle so let's hope we see another "classic" cup-tie with a similar result to what we had the last time we met in this competition three years ago.

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