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TEAM CHECK

KILMARNOCK

- 1** Dragoje LEKOVIC
- 2** Gus MacPHERSON
- 3** Dylan KERR
- 4** Jim LAUCLAN
- 5** Kevin McGOWNE
- 6** Gary HOLT
- 7** Pat NEVIN
- 8** Mark REILLY
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- Tom BOYD 2**
- Stephane MAHE 3**
- Jackie McNAMARA 4**
- Alan STUBBS 5**
- Marc RIEPER 6**
- Craig BURLEY 7**
- Paul LAMBERT 8**
- Henrik LARSSON 9**
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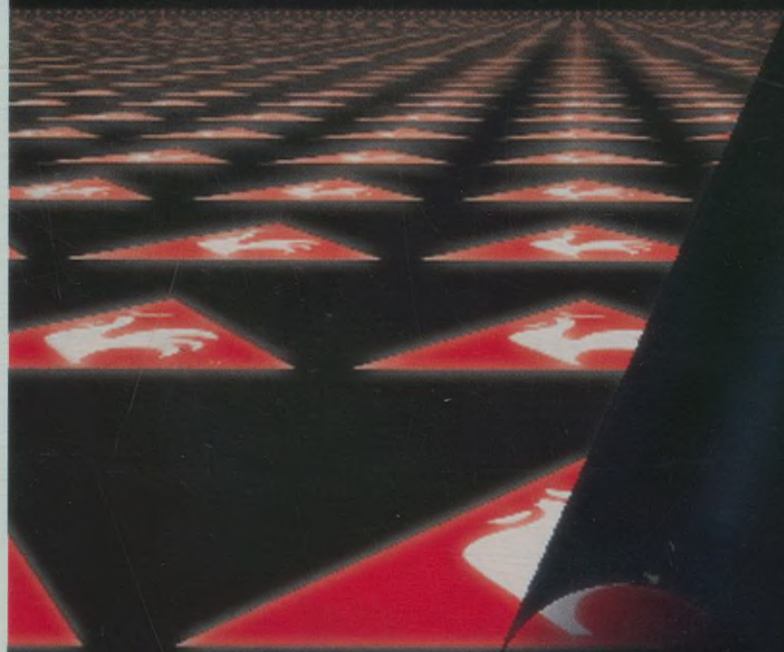
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FROM THE TOP

Our win over Dunfermline last Saturday was an important one, as it ended a run of a couple of matches in which we'd played well but hadn't taken any points. We made things difficult for ourselves last week, however, as we never really finished Dunfermline off, even after taking a 2-0 lead.

Those two strikes by Pat Nevin were a just reward for him as it's difficult coming to a new club, especially as the supporters expected a lot from him right away, but in recent weeks Pat's come through strongly. Overall I think we had over 20 attempts on goal last Saturday and we were desperately unlucky not to add to our lead. Credit to Dunfermline, though, they kept plugging away even when they were reduced to ten men, and it took a penalty save from Dragoje Lekovic to keep us in front. We had half a dozen great chances late on, with Paul Wright in particular very unlucky to hit the crossbar. Pat also blasted over a couple of times from good positions, but nobody could have grudged him his hat-trick!

Apart from Jim McIntyre and David Bagan, I now virtually have a full squad to pick from and although I wouldn't want to go back to the injury crisis we faced early in the season, competition for places causes its own problems. Quite rightly players who find themselves out of the starting line-up are banging on my door looking for a place. Paul Wright is a good case in point because Paul's now fit again and is desperate to play but Mark Roberts and Jerome Varelle have been doing well in recent weeks. I was like that myself as a player, always wanting a place in the side, and I was less than happy when I wasn't playing!

This afternoon we face a Celtic side who'll still be on a high after their Coca-Cola Cup Final win last Sunday. They gave us a bit of a going-over in the first half of the match at Celtic Park earlier in the season, but that was less than 48 hours after we'd played Nice. I prefer to look back to the last match with Celtic here, when we won 2-0. Another performance like that one would do just fine!

Bobby Williamson, Manager
Kilmarnock Football Club



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OUR VISITORS . . .

Congratulations to the players, management, directors and supporters of Celtic F.C., today's visitors to Rugby Park, last Sunday they won the Coca Cola Scottish League Cup at Ibrox Stadium, impressively beating Dundee United by 3-0.

The League Cup Final win was Celtic's first in that particular competition since season 1982-83, when they beat Rangers 2-1 at Hampden Park, and it was their 10th success in 22 appearances in the final. It was a very deserved triumph, and they did so without conceding a goal in any of the five games played throughout the competition.

It meant an immediate success in domestic competition for their team manager, Wim Jansen. The modest Dutchman has quietly, but assuredly carried out a minor revolution at Celtic Park since he took office during the summer, and the hard work he and his assistant, Murdo McLeod, have put in with the rebuilding of the playing squad was proved to be "on the way" with last week's Cup win. Nobody at Celtic Park will be making rash predictions about further success, but with "the treble" a distinct possibility, then it would be foolish not to assume that they will be setting their sights on both the championship and Scottish F.A. Cup as well.

Last week's League Cup winning squad of fourteen, contained seven players signed by Wim Jansen since the summer, thus it is a further compliment to this judgement that the squad has already blended into not only a winning unit, but a trophy winning one at that!

The Premier Division championship, if of course, the top prize being sought by Celtic this season. They are currently a handful of points behind the leaders Hearts, and four points behind second place Rangers. The last few years it has been a "so near, so far" story as they have pushed Rangers nearly all the way before missing out in the closing stages. This season they hope to be more successful, but with Hearts also "eyeing up" their chances for the

title, then it looks to be an even tougher assignment than the last few seasons to win the championship. Celtic, however, are prepared for the challenge and Wim Jansen's recruits, such as Marc Rieper, Stephane Mahe, Craig Burley, Paul Lambert, Henrik Larsson, Regi Blinker and Jonathan Gould are all keen to repay his faith in them by delivering that elusive League title. The Celtic supporters certainly hope they can!

An exciting game is assured today as both Killie and Celtic require the points at stake for differing reasons. Celtic will want to continue their championship drive, whilst Killie will be hoping to move further up and away from the lower regions of the League. Thus the current holders of the Scottish F.A. Cup meet the new holders of the Scottish League Cup in a game which is vital to both in their respective quests in the Premier Division. Stand by for 90 minutes of entertaining football.

CELTIC'S RESULTS IN 1997/98

U.E.F.A. Cup

1st Qual Round

July 23 Inter Cabletel (A) 3-0
Thom (pen), Johnson, Wiegorst

July 29 Inter Cabletel (H) 5-0
Thom (pen), Jackson, Johnson, Hannah, Hay. Agg: 8-0

2nd Qual Round

Aug 12 Tirol Innsbruck (A) 1-2
Stubbs

Aug 26 Tirol Innsbruck (H) 6-3
Donnelly 2 (1pen), Burley 2, Thom, Wiegorst. Agg: 7-5

1st Round

Sep 16 Liverpool (H) 2-2
McNamara, Donnelly

Sep 30 Liverpool (A) 0-0
Agg: 2-2 (lost on away goals)

Coca Cola Scottish League Cup

2nd Round

Aug 9 Berwick Rangers (Tynecastle) 7-0
Jackson, Larsson, Blinker, Wiegorst, Thom, Donnelly 2

3rd Round

Aug 19 St. Johnstone . . . (A) 1-0 a.e.t.
Donnelly

4th Round

Sep 10 Motherwell (H) 1-0
Larsson

Semi Final

Oct 14 Dunfermline Athletic (Ibrox) 1-0
Burley

Final

Nov 30 Dundee United . . . (Ibrox) 3-0
Rieper, Larsson, Burley

Bells Premier Division

Aug 3 Hibernian (A) 1-2
MacKay

Aug 16 Dunfermline Athletic . . (H) 1-2
Thom (pen)

Aug 23 St. Johnstone (A) 2-0
Larsson, Jackson

Sep 13 Motherwell (A) 3-0
Burley 2, Donnelly

Sep 20 Aberdeen (H) 2-0
Larsson 2

Sep 27 Dundee United (A) 2-1
Donnelly, O'Donnell

Oct 4 Kilmarnock (H) 4-0
Larsson 2, Donnelly, Wiegorst

Oct 18 Hearts (A) 2-1
Rieper, Larsson

Oct 25 St. Johnstone (H) 2-0
Larsson, Donnelly (pen)

Nov 1 Dunfermline Athletic . . (A) 2-0
Blinker, Larsson

Nov 8 Rangers (A) 0-1

Nov 15 Motherwell (H) 0-2

Nov 19 Rangers (H) 1-1
Stubbs

Nov 22 Dundee United (H) 4-0
Thom 2 (1 pen), Larsson 2

League Position - 3rd

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
14	9	1	4	26	12	28

PREVIOUS MEETING BETWEEN THE CLUBS THIS SEASON

4/10/1997 Premier Division

Attendance: 48,165

CELTIC 4 (Larsson 2, Donnelly,

Wiegorst) KILMARNOCK 0

Celtic: Gould, Boyd, Mahe, McNamara, Rieper, Stubbs (Annoni), Larsson, Burley, Donnelly, Thom (McKinlay), Wiegorst (Hannah).

Kilmarnock: Lekovic, Hamilton, Baker, Montgomerie, Whitworth, Reilly, Nevin, Mitchell (Findlay), Wright (Burke), Roberts, Henry. Sun not used: Anderson.

Referee: G. Simpson (Westhill).

Jonathan Gould (Goalkeeper) - Born 18/7/68 Paddington. Signed in August this year from Bradford City, this dependable and agile keeper has been a hard man to replace since coming into the side. The son of Welsh manager Bobby Gould, he previously served Gillingham (on loan), Coventry City, West Bromwich Albion, Halifax Town and Clevedon Town.

Stewart Kerr (Goalkeeper) - Born 13/11/74 Bellshill. Signed in 1993 from Celtic B.C., he has been unable to regain the first team place he held last season, due to injury problems and Jonathan Gould's outstanding form. A Scottish U21 internationalist, he had a loan spell with Brighton and Hove Albion some three seasons ago.

Enrico Annoni (Defender) - Born 10/7/66 Gloussand, Italy. Signed in February this year from A.S. Roma (Italy), this experienced defender is a solid performer. Capable of playing at full back or in central defence, he has also served in "Seria A" with Torino and Como.

Malcolm MacKay (Defender) - Born 19/2/72 Bellshill. Signed in 1993 from Queen's Park, this tall centre back is a reliable squad player, who is excellent in the air. A product of the Queen's Park youth set-up, he had four year with "the amateurs" before joining Celtic.

Stephane Mahe (Defender) - Born 23/9/68 Puteaux, France. Signed this summer from Rennes (France), this tall, mobile defender has fitted in well and enjoys overlapping down the left side. A French "B" internationalist, this full back had previously served Paris St. Germain and A.J. Auxerre (both France).

Tom Boyd (Defender) - Born 24/11/65 Glasgow. Signed in 1992 from Chelsea, he is the club captain and recently joined the S.F.A. hall of fame after gaining his fiftieth full Scottish Cap. A Scottish U21, "B" and full internationalist, he can be used at full back or in central defence in a sweeping role. Previously with Motherwell, he is a product of Celtic B.C.

Tom McKinlay (Defender) - Born 3/12/64 Glasgow. Signed in 1994 from Hearts, "Tosh" has been the subject of transfer speculation recently. An attack minded full back, he is dangerous on the overlap, supplying crosses for his strikers. A Scottish U21 and full internationalist he previously served Dundee. Another product of Celtic B.C.

Alan Stubbs (Defender) - Born 6/10/71 Kirkby. Signed in 1996 from Bolton Wanderers, this tall centre back has enjoyed better luck this season than he

did last term. Cool under pressure after being signed as a trainee.

Marc Rieper (Defender) - Born 5/6/68 Copenhagen, Denmark. Signed in September this year from West Ham United, this tall well built centre back has formed a formidable pairing with Alan Stubbs. Strong and resolute, he is a Danish internationalist. Previously served Brondby & A.G.F. Aarhus (both Denmark).

Jackie McNamara (Def/Mid) - Born 24/10/73 Glasgow. Signed in 1995 from Dunfermline Athletic, this clever player is capable of performing as a defensive full back, an attacking wing back or in a wide midfield role. Pacy, with skillful touches, he is a Scottish U21, "B" and full internationalist. His dad Jackie is a former Celtic player, now assistant boss with Hibernian.

David Hannah (Def/Mid) - Born 4/8/73 Coatbridge. Signed in 1996 from Dundee United, he is a versatile player who can turn out in a scheming midfield position or play at the heart of the defence in a sweeping role or at full back. A Scottish U21 internationalist, he was five years with United after stepping up from Hamilton Thistle.

Craig Burley (Midfielder) - Born 24/9/71 Ayr. Signed this summer from Chelsea, with whom he had been almost ten years after going South as a trainee. Strong, hard working midfielder, he is a Scottish U21 and full internationalist, being used more as a full back by his national manager Craig Brown. Always capable of snatching a goal with his timely late runs and powerful shot.

Morten Wieghorst (Midfielder) - Born 25/2/71 Glostrup, Denmark. Signed in 1995 from Dundee, this tall, slim midfielder has a deceptive style and can create chances with his strong runs at defences. A Danish U21 and full internationalist, he previously served Lyngby B.K. (Denmark).

Phil O'Donnell (Midfielder) - Born 25/3/72 Bellshill. Signed in 1994 from Motherwell, he has had a terrible time with injuries over the past couple of years. A powerful, hard running midfield schemer, he is a Scottish U21 and full internationalist, who can be used in a wide or central midfield role.

Paul Lambert (Midfielder) - Born 7/8/69 Glasgow. Signed last month from Borussia Dortmund (Germany), with whom he won a European Cup winners medal last season. A classy midfield schemer with subtle touches and silky passing skills, he previously served Motherwell and St. Mirren, moving abroad last year through the "Bosman Ruling"

from "Well. A Scottish U21, "B" and full internationalist.

Brian McLaughlin (Mid/For) - Born 14/7/74 Bellshill. Signed in 1991 from Giffnock North A.F.C. This small dangerous winger can also be used in a creative midfield role. Possesses the natural jinking style of dribbling skill, likened to Jimmy Johnstone and Pat Nevin. A Scottish U21 internationalist.

Andreas Thom (Mid/For) - Born 7/9/65 Rudersdorf, Germany. Signed in 1995 from Bayer Leverkusen (Germany), he causes great problems to defences with his quick, darting runs, and is capable of both creating and scoring goals. Capped by both East Germany and Germany, he has also served other German clubs, Dynamo Berlin and T.S.G. Herzfelde.

Tommy Johnson (Forward) - Born 15/1/71 Newcastle. Signed in March this year from Aston Villa, this pacy front runner has not had the best of luck with injuries since joining the club. An England U21 internationalist, he previously served Derby County and Notts County. He has recently been linked with a possible move back South.

Simon Donnelly (Forward) - Born 1/2/74 Glasgow. Signed in 1993 from Celtic B.C., this pacy striker has had a fine season so far, and is always capable of causing problems with his busy, restless style. A Scottish U21 and full internationalist.

Darren Jackson (Forward) - Born 25/7/66 Edinburgh. Signed this summer from Hibernian, this fine, skillful front runner has happily recovered from a brain disorder which threatened his career earlier this season. A clever striker with great touches, he is a Scottish "B" and full internationalist. Previously served Dundee United, Newcastle United and Meadowbank Thistle.

Henrik Larsson (Forward) - Born 20/9/71 Helsingborg, Sweden. Signed in July from Feyenoord (Holland), he is another quick and skillful front runner who is capable of scoring and creating goals. A Swedish internationalist, he previously served Helsingborgs B.K. and Hogaborg B.K. (both Sweden).

Regi Blinker (Forward) - Born 2/6/69 Surinam. Signed in August from Sheffield Wednesday with Paolo Di Canio going to Hillsborough. A fast raiding winger, he is a tricky customer when on song. A Dutch U21 and full internationalist, he previously served Feyenoord and F.C. Den Bosch (both Holland), having a couple of spells with Feyenoord either side of his single season (1988-89) at Den Bosch.



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