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Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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>> GORDON STRACHAN



We go into this game tonight with the same remit as we have for all of our games in the remainder of this season and that is to win it.

There's no doubt we have been buoyed by the 4-1 win over Motherwell at the weekend but our recent performances have merited wins as the team seemed to be doing everything right except put the ball in the back of the net.

That looked like it was remedied on Sunday out at Fir Park and I was delighted with the application and commitment shown by the players in the 4-1 win.

In fairness though, they have created just as many chances in recent games and I think Motherwell's keeper had a busier time in goal when we lost 1-0 here a week-and-a-half ago.

What we have to do, though, is keep that goalscoring habit from Sunday in tonight's match against Rangers as we all know the importance of the points in this fixture.

If we can show the same commitment to performance allied to a hunger for goals then we can achieve our aim of collecting the points tonight.

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and Scott McDonald showed that by getting back on the scoresheet again after a couple of games without a goal so I was delighted for them - as I was for Stephen McManus for getting the ball rolling.

I was especially pleased at getting the win and attaining that level of performance on a pitch that has had its fair share of critics this season, so it was a game that we were happy to see done and dusted in such a positive manner and with a decent scoreline to match the play.

However, that is in the past now and we look forward to tonight's match against the team we are vying with for the title as we end our run of games before the SPL split.

That means we have more tough games, including another against Rangers, on the horizon but it is tonight's match that is obviously of paramount importance.

So we know you will play your part in the proceedings by raising the roof and getting behind the men on the park from the very first whistle.

They will be going all out for the win and giving it everything they've got but the supporters in the stands can help them take it that bit further.



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CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [41 times]

1892-93, 1893-94, 1895-96, 1897-98, 1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1918-19, 1921-22, 1925-26, 1935-36, 1937-38, 1953-54, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1976-77, 1978-79, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1985-86, 1987-88, 1997-98, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2006-07

Scottish Cup Winners [34 times]

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007

League Cup Winners [13 times]

1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83, 1997-98, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2005-06

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

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Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

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Home strip colours: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip colours: Green/black striped shirts, green shorts, green socks

Record attendance:

92,000 v Rangers, 1938

Record victory:

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

Record defeat:

0-8 v Motherwell, 1937

Most league goals in 1 season:

50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36

Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season:

35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87

35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

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A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly
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 - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Removal from the Stadium
- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

>> A WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

I'd be stating the obvious if I said we are going into tonight's game looking for a win but all of our recent games have come under the must-win variety and that stands even more so in this game.

We know that another three points tonight will strengthen our position as we head to the final run-in and we also know that this league is far from over as we are fully committed to bringing home the title for the third successive season.

At the weekend we enjoyed a 4-1 win over Motherwell at Fir Park and it was great to see Scott McDonald and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink get in on the goal action again.

I was obviously pleased to net our opener as well, although I didn't expect to do the same at the other end just a few minutes later but we put in a good team performance and our strikers played their part up front by converting that superiority into goals.

We will be aiming for more of the same tonight because, as I said earlier, this game comes under the must-win category and that is doubly so in the eyes of many because we are hosting Rangers this evening.

Games between Celtic and Rangers are always special occasions and these are the matches that every player looks forward to. Growing up as a Celtic supporter, you have the advantage of knowing, from an early age, just how important these matches are but even for the players who've joined the club in recent seasons, this quickly becomes a special fixture for them as well.

Both sides will be going all-out for the victory - I don't think anyone ever goes into this game thinking about anything else - and I'm sure it will be a very

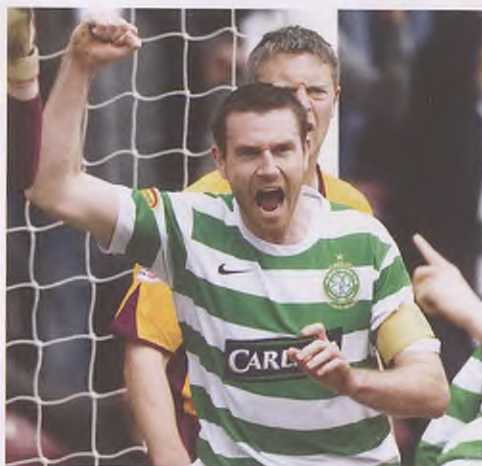
competitive encounter. With ourselves and Rangers battling it out at the top of the table, the chance to gain any sort of advantage by winning tonight is something we want to seize.

I've played in a few of these games now and have experienced the high of winning and the low of losing. You'll not be surprised to hear that I'd much rather experience the former tonight.

It's one of those games though when we don't need to fire up the supporters and I'm positive you will all be doing your bit tonight to roar us on to another three points against our oldest rivals.



Stephen McManus





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Where & how scored		When for & against		Where & how scored	
Close range	16			Close range	17
Inside 18yd box	48			Inside 18yd box	50
Outside 18yd box	9			Outside 18yd box	6
Shots	42			Shots	46
Headers	14			Headers	10
Volleys	5			Volleys	8
Penalties	4			Penalties	5
Free Kicks	3	Free Kicks	2		
Own Goals	5	Own Goals	2		

Last 6 results			Seasonal progress comparison			Last 6 results		
Opponents	W/L	Score				Opponents	W/L	Score
Motherwell	A	4-1				Dundee Utd	A	3-3
Motherwell	H	0-1				Celtic	H	1-0
Rangers	A	0-1				Hibernian	H	2-1
Gretna	A	3-0				Aberdeen	H	3-1
Dundee Utd	H	0-0				Hearts	A	4-0
Hibernian	A	2-0				Gretna	H	4-2

Set pieces & discipline		Rangers' last 10 years		Set pieces & discipline	
Scored from free kick	6			Scored from free kick	4
Conceded from free kick	2			Conceded from free kick	3
Scored from corner	6			Scored from corner	7
Conceded from corner	1			Conceded from corner	4
Fouls committed	356			Fouls committed	340
Average per game	11.13			Average per game	11.33
Yellow cards	49			Yellow cards	36
Red cards	0			Red cards	1

Head2Head stats since 1999/00 season

Last meeting at Celtic Park		Previous meetings		Where & how goals scored	
Celtic	0-1	Rangers			
Ehiogu 50		at Celtic		at Rangers	
Attendance 59,425 Referee Dougal		2007-08	3-0/1-0	Celtic	Rangers
Boruc, Pressley (O'Dea 78), Wilson, Naylor, McManus, Nakamura, Sno (Riordan 81), Lennon, McGeady, Miller (Jarosik 74), Vennegoor of Hesselink		2-0/0-1	2006-07	1-1/0-2	12
McGregor, Murray, Hutton, Weir, Ehiogu, Adam, Ferguson, Hemdani, Thomson, Novo (Rae 90), Sebo (Prso 74)		3-0/0-0	2005-06	1-3/1-0	23
Booked	Lennon, Sno none	1-0/0-2	2004-05	0-2/2-1	
Sent off	none	3-0/1-0	2003-04	1-0/2-1	
Att on target	3 Offsides 1	3-3/1-0	2002-03	2-3/2-1	
Att off target	12 Fouls 14	2-1/1-1	2001-02	2-0/1-1	
Corners	4	6-2/1-0	2000-01	1-5/3-0	
Fixture date	11/3/07	1-1/0-1	1999-00	2-4/0-4	
		Bhoys' goals to left of results line		Celtic: 10 Goals, 30 For, 6 For Rangers: 12 Goals, 23 Goals, 8 For	

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>> TONIGHT'S VISITORS

TONIGHT, Celtic face Rangers for only the third time this season, with many players in the visitors' ranks making their first appearance at Celtic Park.

Ahead of the latest Glasgow derby, we take a look at some of the Rangers players who could be featuring against Celtic in this SPL encounter.

ALLAN MCGREGOR

A product of the Rangers youth system, McGregor had to bide his time for regular top-team place and had loan spells with St Johnstone and Dunfermline before finally becoming the club's No.1 goalkeeper last season. This term, McGregor has been one of Rangers' best performers and is now established in the Scotland squad.

NEIL ALEXANDER

The experienced goalkeeper joined Rangers in January to provide competition for McGregor after the departure of Roy Carroll to Derby. Alexander has played for Scotland in the past and is waiting for a chance to show what he can do at Ibrox.

KIRK BROADFOOT

Signed from St Mirren on a Bosman last summer, Broadfoot had to bide his time for a regular game with Rangers. However, the January departure of Alan Hutton opened up a gap and Broadfoot has become Rangers' first-choice right-back in recent months.

CARLOS CUELLAR

The Spanish central defender joined Rangers from Osasuna in the summer after impressing in a UEFA Cup tie between the clubs last season. Quick and solid in the air, Cuellar has had an outstanding season and joined Aiden McGeady, Barry Robson and Scott McDonald in the shortlist for the SPFA Player of the Year award.

DAVIE WEIR

After completing a football scholarship in America, Weir began his senior career with Falkirk and had a

successful spell at Hearts before moving to Everton. He was a mainstay for the Goodison Park side for nearly eight years, before he joined Rangers in January 2007. The veteran partners Celtic captain Stephen McManus in the Scotland defence.

SASA PAPAC

Versatile Bosnian defender Papac joined Rangers from Austria Vienna in the summer of 2006 as one of Paul Le Guen's first signings. Since the start of the season, Papac has made the left-back position his own and has been a regular in the Rangers defence.

STEVEN WHITTAKER

A product of the Hibernian youth system, Whittaker is comfortable on either side of defence and midfield and has settled in well since making the summer move to Rangers. Athletic and composed on the ball.

CHRISTIAN DAILY

Man of many clubs Dailly started his career with Dundee United and has since played with Blackburn, Derby, Southampton, West Ham and now Rangers. Versatile and experienced, Dailly once played, and scored, for Celtic in the Ronnie Moran Testimonial against Liverpool in 2000.

BRAHIM HEMDANI

Formerly of Strasbourg and Marseilles, the cultured French-Algerian midfielder joined Rangers in the summer of 2005. Comfortable in defence and midfield, Hemdani has been used sparingly in the SPL this season, although he has played in almost every one of the club's European games.

BARRY FERGUSON

The Rangers captain made his debut for the club back in 1997 and became a regular in the side 12 months later when Dick Advocaat took over from Walter Smith. After establishing himself at Ibrox and enjoying success, Ferguson moved to Blackburn Rovers in 2003, before returning north 18 months later. He remains an influential player for Rangers. ►



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CHRISTIAN DAILLY

>> TONIGHT'S VISITORS

KEVIN THOMSON

After a short spell at Coventry as a youngster, Thomson played with Hibernian for six years, before joining Rangers at the start of 2007. This season, he has been a virtual ever-present - teaming up with Barry Ferguson in central midfield.

LEE McCULLOCH

McCulloch started his senior career at Motherwell and made his name as a target-man, before swapping the Steelmen for rising English side Wigan - who he helped reach the Premiership. McCulloch returned to Scotland with Rangers last summer and has become a key player in the wide midfield areas.

CHARLIE ADAM

After coming through the ranks at Rangers, Adam moved to St Mirren on loan in 2005, after a similar spell at Ross County. He returned to play a major role under Paul Le Guen and has continued to feature under Walter Smith. Adam is a real danger at set-pieces.

STEVE DAVIS

The midfielder started his career at Aston Villa, where he broke into the Premiership side's first-team and earned rave reviews in his early days. From Villa Park, he moved to Fulham, before joining Rangers on loan in January. He has made an immediate impact at Ibrox.

NACHO NOVO

The Spanish striker joined Rangers in 2004 and initially formed a productive partnership with Dado Prso in his first season. Since then, Novo has been used in a number of positions, most recently on the right side of midfield. He started his career in Scotland with Raith Rovers and Dundee.

JEAN-CLAUDE DARCHEVILLE

The French striker joined Rangers last summer and has become a fans' favourite at Ibrox. Powerful and totally committed, Darcheville has had his injury problems but remains a key player for Rangers. He played with Bordeaux prior to moving to Scotland.

KRIS BOYD

Signed by Alex McLeish in January 2006, Boyd has continued the prolific form he showed with Kilmarnock at Rangers. An instinctive, penalty-box poacher, he has found a regular start hard to come by this season, but normally delivers when called upon.

DANIEL COUSIN

The Gabonese hitman was recruited at the start of the season from RC Lens and has played his part for the Ibrox club this season. Well suited to the lone striker role, Cousin almost joined Fulham in January before FIFA regulations halted the move. He has recently recovered from a broken jaw.

STEVEN NAISMITH

The Scotland Under-21 captain made his name with Kilmarnock and, after months of speculation, finally joined Rangers in the last hours of the summer transfer window. Fast and with an eye for goal, Naismith has been used in a variety of positions in his first season at Ibrox.

CHRIS BURKE

The winger made his Rangers breakthrough as a teenager and has gone on to be a regular over the last few years. Has been in and out of the side this season, but is normally used on the right side of midfield.



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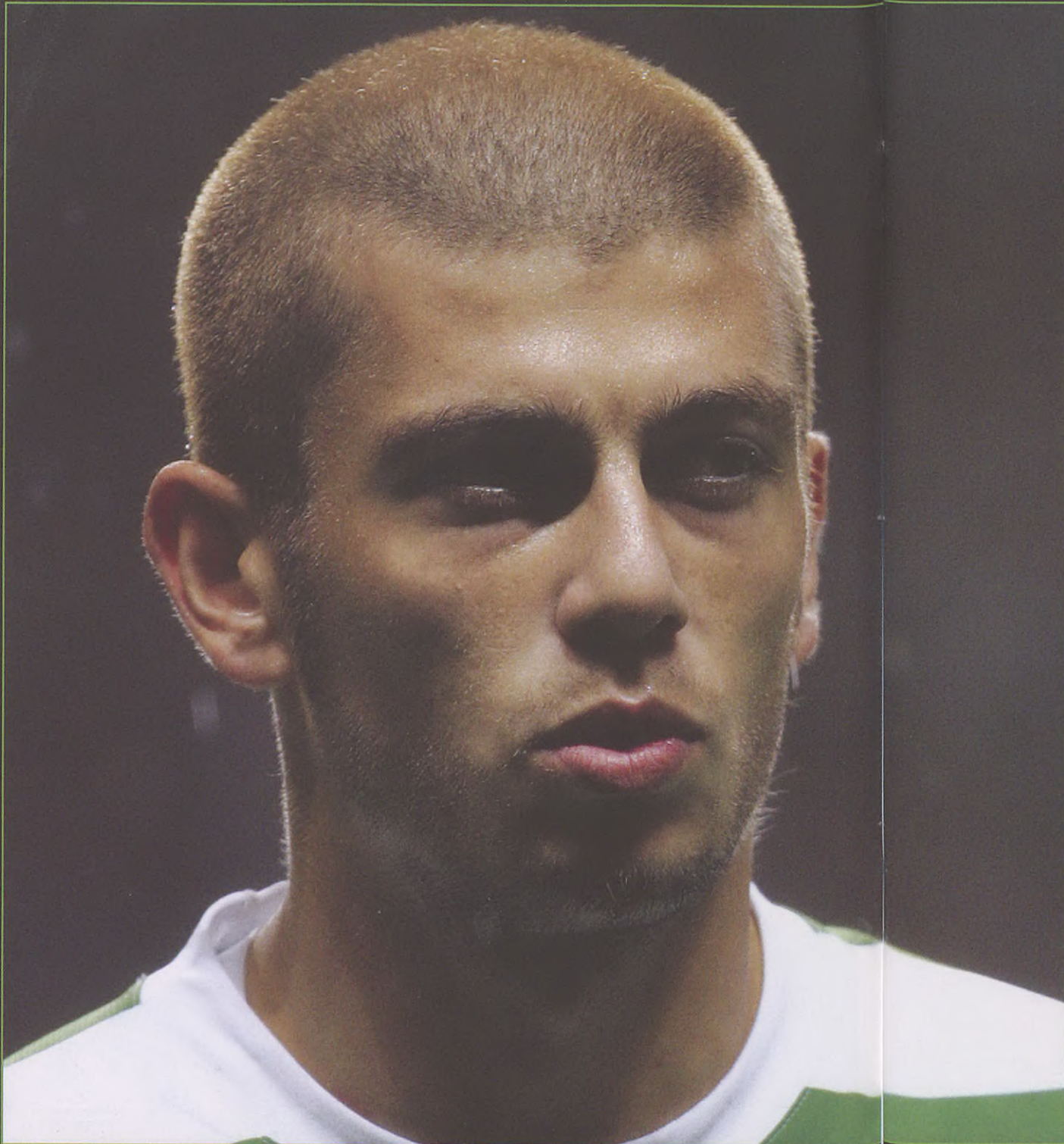
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MASSIMO DONATI AND HIS TEAM-MATES WANT TO HEAR A WALL OF SOUND TONIGHT AS CELTIC LOOK TO RE-ENACT THE GLORY NIGHTS OF EARLIER ON THIS SEASON

THE crescendo of noise reverberated around Celtic Park and up into the night sky. 'Mo Mo Massimo' was the chant and it could be heard all along London Road and beyond.

It was November 28, 2007. Celtic had just beaten Shakhtar Donetsk 2-1 to all but clinch their place in the last 16 of the UEFA Champions League and Paradise was bouncing.

For sheer drama, nights like that at Celtic Park are out of this world. Massimo Donati, the scorer of the winning goal in that match, would love another one of those special occasions tonight.

"It would be great if there was an atmosphere like the European nights for the Rangers game and I'm sure there will be," said the Italian, as he sat down with the Matchday Programme.

"Those games against AC Milan and Shakhtar Donetsk will always stay with me and we need that type of atmosphere tonight. In fact, we need it for every game.

"Winning those games were highlights for me and I hope to experience more nights like that over the next few years. The atmosphere was incredible.

"The fans are very good for us. Recently, there has been some frustration at results and we understand that. However, the fans are so important for us and I'm sure they will get behind us tonight."

Living in Italy, Donati would regularly tune into the Glasgow derby on television and admits he was always intrigued by the very nature of the fixture.

So far this season, he has had just one chance to sample it for himself - during Celtic's 3-0 reverse in October - and admits it lived up to his expectations, despite the obvious disappointment.

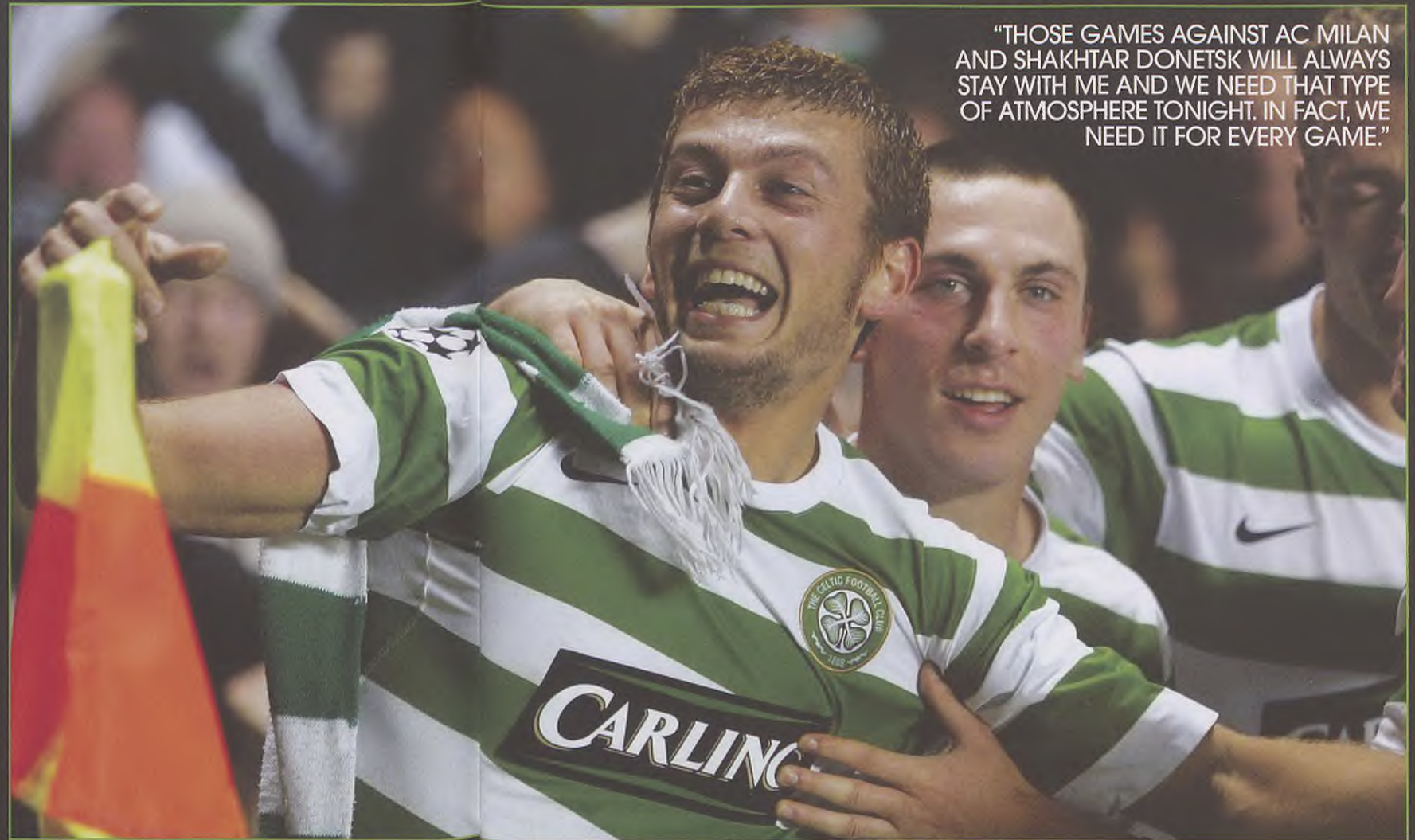
"It's a good game," he said. "There is a good atmosphere and you can see how important a match it is when you are out playing. For the city, for the players...for the people, it's very important.

"It's similar to the Milan derby, in terms of the rivalry. Everyone in the city watches the game and everyone wants to be able to beat their rivals.

"It's a big game for us and of course I am looking forward to it. We need a result, because it's important that we keep going until the end of the season.

"Of course, it's going to be very difficult to win the league now but this game is vital for us and we will do everything possible to win it."

Ask the Italian about his debut season in Scotland and he



"THOSE GAMES AGAINST AC MILAN AND SHAKHTAR DONETSK WILL ALWAYS STAY WITH ME AND WE NEED THAT TYPE OF ATMOSPHERE TONIGHT. IN FACT, WE NEED IT FOR EVERY GAME."

responds with honesty in his distinctive, expressive manner. His English is improving daily and there is the slightest hint of a Scottish accent seeping into his words.

"Personally, it's been good, not great, but good," he said. "I've played badly at times - especially in Barcelona when we played there - and in a few other games.

"At other times, I feel I have played well, but to be honest that doesn't matter. I am part of a team and it doesn't matter if some people play well. What matters is that we win as a team.

"So far this season, that's not been good. We did well in Europe, but we went out of the CIS Cup, we are out of the Scottish Cup and we are behind in the league.

"For our team, that's not good. Personally, it's been very disappointing, because when we don't win, I am not happy."

With almost a season of Scottish football under his belt, Donati feels the experience of the past nine months will stand him in good stead for the future.

In the past, foreigners have often taken time to settle in the Scottish environment and the Italian believes Celtic will see a better player next term.

He said: "This season, my own performances have been not bad. Next season, I want to play a lot better and I want the team to improve.

"Back home, when a player leaves his country to come to Italy, it often takes him a year to settle and get used to playing there, because everything is different.

"Coming to Scotland has been different for me this season. The weather is different, your home life is different and the football is much different.

"In the summer, when pre-season training starts, I will not be getting used to things like I was this season. I will know the players, I will know the city, I will know the football and I think it will be better and a bit easier for me."

While there is still some mileage left in this campaign, Donati admits he is massively looking forward to next season and is adamant that Celtic's younger players can only benefit from this year's experience.

Looking at the Hoops squad, you can see why. With many members of Gordon Strachan's pool still in their early 20s, there is scope for massive progression and Donati is optimistic for the future.

"When you lose as a team, you have to learn," he said. "If we finish this season with no trophies, we have to learn from that experience. ▶"

MAIN INTERVIEW

"There are a lot of young players at Celtic and we can all get better as the years go on. Personally, I feel I can get better and the same goes for the rest of the players.

"There is a good group here and we can all use the experience and pressure of this season to become a lot better as a team. It is a young squad and the future is bright."

While the Italian sees much to be optimistic about in the coming years, three of his team-mates have been honoured by their fellow professionals for their performances this season.

Aiden McGeady, Scott McDonald and Barry Robson were joined by Rangers defender Carlos Cuellar in the four-man shortlist for the SPFA Player of the Year award.

Donati agrees with all the nominations, but reserved a special mention for winger McGeady, who seemingly has a new fan club in Italy.

"I think Aiden deserves the award," he said. "Scott has been brilliant for us and scored a lot of goals, while the other players have also done well.

"But when I watch Aiden, it's good for my eyes! He is creative, he entertains the fans and I would like to see him get rewarded for his performances.

"When I phone home to Italy, my family and friends are always talking about Aiden and his skills. He's very quick, very skilful and can get even better.

"I'm sure Aiden knows there are parts of the game he still has to learn about but he is getting better all the time. He is only 22 and he can go as far in the game as he wants.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

2006

CELTIC already had the championship and the League Cup tied up by the time they played their most recent game on this date when Hibernian came to the East End of Glasgow.

The Hibeels looked intent on spoiling the party mood though when Steven Fletcher opened the scoring for them in the 35th minute.

Maciej Zurawski pulled one back in the 76th minute though and the game finished 1-1.

1989

MICK McCarthy, Mark McGhee and Andy Walker all found the net as a young Stevie Fulton excelled in a 3-1 Scottish Cup semi-final victory over Hibs at Hampden.

The Hoops, cup holders as part of the Double from the previous season when the Centenary was celebrated, had already beaten Dumbarton, Clydebank and Hearts on their way to Hampden.

The Celts met Rangers in the final on May 20 and lifted the trophy thanks to Joe Miller's solitary goal in front of 72,069.

1937

CELTIC prepared for their 1937 Scottish Cup win, watched by a record 146,433 fans, by beating Arbroath 5-1 in the league at home on this day.

John Divers and Joe Carruth grabbed a brace each while Danny Dawson got the other in Celtic's final home game of the season.

The goals in the 2-1 final win over Aberdeen were scored by Johnny Crum and Willie Buchan.

1927

THE Hoops were in the Scottish Cup final where Second Division East Fife had amazingly made it to Hampden, they weren't even challenging for the title, and the game attracted a crowd of 80,070.

Celtic lifted the trophy thanks to a 3-1 win with the goals coming from Adam McLean and Paddy Connolly while Robertson of the Fifers had the misfortune to put the ball in his own net.

1914

IN the last Scottish Cup final before the competition was suspended for the duration of the First World War, the Celts met Hibernian at Ibrox.

The game on this date, a Thursday evening with a 5.45 kick-off time was, in fact, a replay as the teams had met on April 11 at the same venue where a crowd of 55,000 witnessed a 0-0 draw.

The Thursday contest, watched by a smaller crowd of 36,000, wasn't as profligate in front of goal as Jimmy McColl replaced Ebenezer Owers up front and scored twice on the night.

Johnny Browning also helped himself to a brace of goals

as the Hoops ran out 4-1 winners to take the league and cup double that season.

1904

ON this day in 1904 Celtic met Rangers in the Scottish Cup final in the third such meeting between Glasgow's big two.

Rangers had won the first one 3-1 a decade earlier while the 1899 final produced a 2-0 win for Celtic.

This 1904 final, the first to be played at the redeveloped Hampden Park, looked to be going the way of the Ibrox club as a massive 65,000 crowd saw them take a 2-0 lead against a lacklustre Celtic side.

Something stirred in the Celtic side though and the main force behind that was the inimitable Jimmy Quinn.

He pulled one back after a tremendous run in the 37th minute and the same player equalised just before the break.

Just 10 minutes from the end, the inevitable happened when the Mighty Quinn scored the first ever hat-trick in a Scottish Cup final - something that wouldn't be repeated until another Celt did likewise with Dixie Deans hitting three in the 1972 triumphant 6-1 final against Hibernian.

Quinn, of course, was to become a Celtic great and that final was the making of him after making his scoring debut in a 4-3 win over St Mirren three years earlier.

That was the first of 331 games in which he scored 216 goals over the next 15 years.



From left to right: Maciej Zurawski and Mark McGhee

1900

THE Celts celebrated consecutive wins over Rangers in the old Inter City League on this day.

On March 31 the Bhoys travelled to Ibrox and goals from Willie McOustra and Jack Bell, from the spot, gave them a 2-1 win on front of a crowd of 13,000.

The very next game in the competition was between the same teams at Celtic Park and recorded the same score in front of 11,000 people.

This time the goals came from Davie Russell and Johnny Hodge as the Celts went on to win that particular title in the first season of its five-term existence.

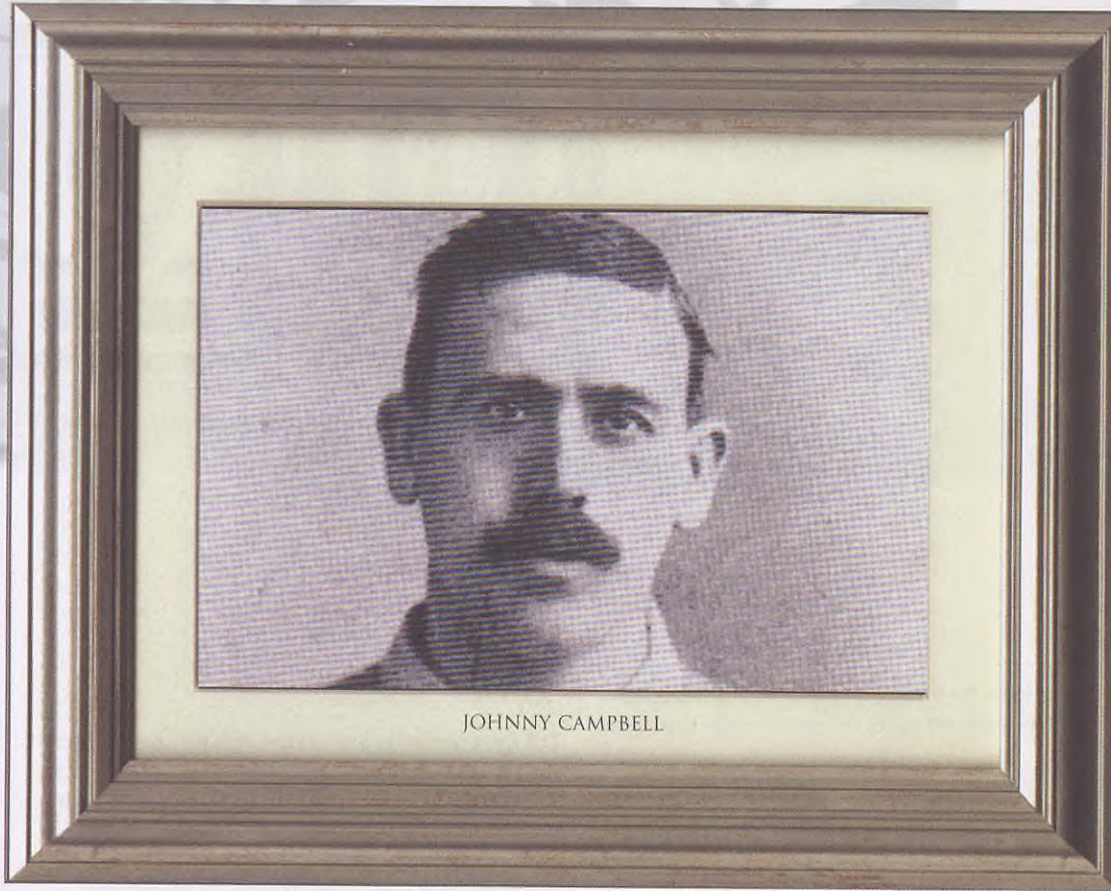
Third Lanark would lift the next title and Hearts the following two before the fifth campaign was abandoned.

1893

THE legendary Patsy Gallagher was born in Ramelton, County Donegal on this day in 1893 but while he was still an infant, his parents uprooted their family of seven children and decided to try their luck in Scotland.

Patsy signed for Celtic from Clydebank Juniors in June 1910 and in December of the following year he made his debut in a 3-1 league win over St Mirren.

That was the first of 464 games in which he scored 196 goals and while stories abound of his artistry with a ball at his feet, none are so graphic as the description of ▶



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Player after player he beat with the ball seemingly tied to his laces and when he eventually reached the goal-line, he somersaulted over the line with the ball between his heels.

That was the equaliser and Celtic went on to win the cup with a 2-1 win but sadly that was the last of 10 trophies (six Championships and four Scottish Cups) he lifted with Celtic.

1892

CELTIC'S very first game on this date was in 1892 when they entertained Cambuslang in the league.

This was the last of only four games between the two sides and, indeed Cambuslang had the honour of playing in the very first Scottish League game played at the old Celtic Park.

Fresh from beating Hearts 5-0 away in their very first league game, the Celts welcomed Cambuslang to the East End and won 5-2.

Cambuslang won the next game 3-1 and finished just below Celtic in that very first Scottish League campaign.

The following season Celtic won 4-0 and then, on this April 16 date, won 3-1 thanks to goals from Neilly McCallum, Peter Dowds and Johnny Campbell.

Cambuslang finished 11th in the 12-team league that season and never returned to top-flight football.

HELLO

- 1889 Charlie Chaplin is born in Lambeth, London.
- 1918 Spike Milligan is born in Ahmed Nagar, India, because he wanted to be near his mother.
- 1939 Dusty Springfield is born as Mary Bernadette O'Brien in Hampstead, London.
- 1947 Singer/songwriter Gerry Rafferty is born in Paisley.
- 1963 Jimmy Osmond is born in Ogden, Utah.

GOODBYE

- 1879 St Bernadette, who saw the Virgin Mary at Lourdes dies in Nevers, France
- 1948 Baseball legend Babe Ruth dies.
- 1991 Classic film director David Lean dies of pneumonia aged 83.
- 1995 Comedian Arthur English dies aged 75.

TIMELINE

- 1705 The English Queen Anne knights Isaac Newton at Trinity College.
- 1724 The first Easter is observed.
- 1746 The Battle of Culloden takes place.
- 1965 Nine men are sentenced to between 25-30 years for the Great Train Robbery.

NO.1s ON THIS DAY

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| 1955 | Tennessee Ernie Ford | <i>Give Me Your Word</i> |
| 1960 | Lonnie Donegan | <i>My Old Man's A Dustman</i> |
| 1965 | Unit Four Plus Two | <i>Concrete And Clay</i> |
| 1970 | Simon and Garfunkel | <i>Bridge Over Troubled Water</i> |
| 1975 | The Bay City Rollers | <i>Bye Bye Baby</i> |
| 1980 | The Detroit Spinners | <i>Working My Way Back To You</i> |
| 1985 | Philip Bailey with Phil Collins | <i>Easy Lover</i> |
| 1990 | Madonna | <i>Vogue</i> |
| 1995 | Take That | <i>Back For Good</i> |
| 2000 | Craig David | <i>Fill Me In</i> |
| 2005 | Tony Christie featuring Peter Kay | <i>(Is This The Way To) Amarillo</i> |



Above: Charlie Chaplin



Above: Spike Milligan



Above: Madonna

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>> PREVIOUS MEETINGS

WORDS: GREGOR KYLE

WE now come to second of three meetings in quick succession between tonight's teams as the SPL season reaches a climax.

It goes without saying though that these meetings always set the pulses running no matter when they are played or how far apart the games are from each other.

There have been many thrillers down through the years and in tonight's match programme we take a look back at some Celtic highlights from the turn of the Millennium.

Celtic 2-0 Rangers

(Gravesen 35, Miller 74)

Scottish Premierleague, September 23, 2006

IT was described as a derby of 'new beginnings' and Gordon Strachan's new-look Celtic immediately made a statement of intent in this league victory.

No fewer than four new Celts made their derby debuts in this match, with Rangers running out with a new manager at the helm and a clutch of new arrivals in their starting XI.

The game proved to be a baptism of fire for Paul Le Guen's men as Celtic set a ferocious pace, with Thomas Gravesen grabbing the opener 10 minutes before half time.

The highlight of the match though came when Kenny Miller ran on to an Aiden McGeady pass, tore

towards goal and slotted the ball beneath Allan McGregor.

The strike was Miller's first goal in the Hoops and was greeted by an enormous roar from a home support who had backed him to the hilt during his opening months at the club.

Celtic 3-0 Rangers

(Hartson 12, Balde 56, McGeady 61)

Scottish Premierleague, November 19, 2005

THE three-goal scoreline suggests that this was a top-class performance from Gordon Strachan's men, but in truth, Celtic hardly broke sweat as they eased past Rangers for their second derby win inside a fortnight.

Having charged down a terrified Stefan Klos for a goal in the previous win, Bobo Balde added another in this match, heading home a Shunsuke Nakamura corner after John Hartson had been teed-up by Shaun Maloney for the opener.

The keeper's replacement, Ronald Wattereus, was beaten for a third time just on the hour mark by Aiden McGeady - who showed flashes of this season's inspirational form in this encounter.

The win opened up a 15-point gap at the summit of the Premier League table and even at this early stage in the season, the race for the title was all over bar the shouting.



November 19, 2005:
John Hartson celebrates his goal

Rangers 1-2 Celtic

(Petrov 21, Bellamy 34)

Scottish Premierleague, April 24, 2005

'WELCOME to the Craig Bellamy show' read the banner in the Celtic End and for 48 minutes of this match, the Welsh striker taunted and teased his opponents.

Bellamy joined the club on a short-term loan deal on deadline day that January, but had seen his involvement hampered by niggling injuries.

But as he had told the *Celtic View* in an exclusive interview just weeks earlier, this was the game he was waiting for.

Right from the off, the entire Celtic team looked up for the encounter and it took just over 20 minutes for Stilian Petrov to open the scoring, with Bellamy at the heart of much of the good work.

Then, in the 34th minute, came his moment as he breezed past his marker and curled a beautiful right-foot shot into the corner of the net.

The booking that followed for his muted celebrations was quite frankly ridiculous and even though the striker limped off injured shortly after the restart, the game still stands as one of his highlights during his brief stay at the club.

Celtic 1-0 Rangers

(Sutton 90)

Scottish Premierleague, May 8, 2004

HAVING been beaten in every single derby encounter that season, Rangers may have thought that they were on the verge of a face-saving point in this final derby of the 2003/04 season.

But as Martin O'Neill's team proved on many occasions, it's never over until the final whistle.

By the time the announcement had gone through the stadium that there would be two minutes of additional time the murmur of anticipation eased through the crowd.

The hunch was right and within 30 seconds Celtic Park erupted after a glorious chip from Chris Sutton beat Stefan Klos.

This was Celtic's sixth successive Old Firm win and was also the first time that a Celtic side had won all of their league games against Rangers since season 1971/72 and even then, that was when there were only two a season.

That winning run in the derby would be extended to a magnificent seven the following season, when Alan Thompson's 85th minute strike sealed a 1-0 win at Celtic Park.



April 24, 2005:
Craig Bellamy
celebrates his goal

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CELTIC PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Vote in the Celtic fans' award and YOU could win the opportunity to be there on the night

THE ravages of time come to us all and even nippers like Aiden McGeady can't stop the clock as he is no longer in the running for Celtic's Young Player of the Year.

So he can't pick up the award that he won last year but the good news is that he must be considered as one of the main contenders for this year's Celtic Player of the Year prize, sponsored by Kier Homes.

Last year's winner, Shunsuke Nakamura, wrapped up the honour even before he magically slotted home the dramatic late championship winner at Rugby Park, so the Japanese wonderboy will again be in the running this year.

It's not all about scoring goals though, and while a raft of Celts do their best to rattle them in at one end, Artur Boruc is doing his damndest at the back to keep them out and the ever-popular 'keeper is sure to bag a few votes this term even if he isn't likely to bag a few goals.

One player who fits into both categories, though, is Scott McDonald who has been terrorising defences throughout the country since he first donned the Hoops.

The striker is just one new Bhoys who could pull in votes this year as the likes of Scott Brown, Georgios Samaras, Massimo Donati, Andreas Hinkel and Barry Robson will join him in the running for the first time.

They have teamed up with longer-serving Celts such as Stephen McManus, Gary Caldwell, Lee Naylor, Paul Hartley

and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink among others in vying for this season's Celtic Player of the Year award.

The full list of candidates and their appropriate codes are on this very page so get voting now and, you never know, **YOU** could also be a winner.

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Artur Boruc	CELTPOTY 1
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Gary Caldwell	CELTPOTY 5
Bobo Balde	CELTPOTY 6
Scott Brown	CELTPOTY 8
Georgios Samaras	CELTPOTY 9
Jan V Of Hesselink	CELTPOTY 10
Paul Hartley	CELTPOTY 11
Mark Wilson	CELTPOTY 12
Derek Riordan	CELTPOTY 14
Evander Sno	CELTPOTY 15
Steven Pressley	CELTPOTY 17
Massimo Donati	CELTPOTY 18
Barry Robson	CELTPOTY 19
Mark Brown	CELTPOTY 21
Joe Doumbe	CELTPOTY 24
Shunsuke Nakamura	CELTPOTY 25
Scott McDonald	CELTPOTY 27
Chirs Killen	CELTPOTY 33
John Kennedy	CELTPOTY 41
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YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

A NEW and bright young star is guaranteed to step up to the podium this year and claim the Young Player of the Year award, with record-breaking three-time winner, Aiden McGeady, no longer in the running.

With the Irishman having turned 22 this season he is no longer eligible, leaving an impressive list of on-form young hopefuls to fight it out for the accolade.

Two recognised first-team players, Evander Sno and Darren O'Dea, are both in the hunt, with 19-year-old right back Paul Caddis another firm favourite, having stole the show on his debut against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park and produced a solid performance in the home game against Barcelona in the UEFA Champions League.

Willie McStay's reserve side is also well represented in the list of nominees, with Ryan Conroy, Scott Cuthbert and Michael McGlinchey having been involved with the first team in recent years, while Scott Fox, Mark Millar and Diarmuid O'Carroll having emerged as outstanding and consistent performers this season.

Also in the running are Under-19 stars, Kevin Cawley and Richie Towell, with the diminutive Cawley top scorer for John McLaughlan's youths and the 16-year-old Towell having surpassed every expectation.



YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Darren O'Dea
Evander Sno
Paul Caddis
Ryan Conroy
Scott Cuthbert
Scott Fox
Michael McGlinchey
Mark Millar
Diarmuid O'Carroll
Kevin Cawley
Richie Towell

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The Players' Player of the Year award, sponsored by Celtic FC Money, is chosen by the Celtic squad and in recent years it has proved to be a close-run affair.

Last time around Artur Boruc and Shunsuke Nakamura quickly forged ahead as the front-runners, with the Japanese playmaker completing a clean sweep of the annual gongs when he pipped Boruc at the post.

This year there are a number of outstanding candidates, with Celtic's world-class goalkeeper again in the running while several others are also jostling for pole position.

Aiden McGeady has emerged as another favourite, but several others are gathering support in the squad and there could well be a surprise winner on the evening. All will be revealed on the night!



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SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA
v Falkirk
Falkirk Stadium (11/8/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 1

Celtic's second league game of the season also saw the Hoops get off the mark in the scoring charts after the disappointment of a goal-less draw against Kilmarnock on the opening day of the season. Falkirk were the opposition and after just four minutes they took the lead through Michael Higdon. But a goal either side of half-time put the Celts in front before Shunsuke Nakamura stepped up with 10 minutes to go to make the points secure with a trademark free-kick. Jan Vennegeoor of Hesselink was brought down just outside the box, with the Falkirk defender red-carded as a result, and Naka stepped up to fire home another sublime set-piece.

PAUL HARTLEY
v Spartak Moscow
Luzhniki Stadium (15/8/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 2

Paul Hartley's only goal for Celtic so far proved to be a vital one as it helped the Hoops qualify for the group stages of the UEFA Champions League. Spartak Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium was the venue and on the artificial surface, Gordon Strachan's side put on an impressive performance to secure a 1-1 draw in the first leg of this qualifying round game. Hartley's goal came on 21 minutes and was set up by Scott McDonald. The Australian striker latched on to a ball down the right-hand and curled in a superb ball that Hartley, appearing in the box from midfield, met with a powerful header, giving the Spartak goalkeeper no chance.

SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA
v Inverness Caley Thistle
Celtic Park (15/9/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 3

It was a five-star showing from Celtic as they swept Inverness Caley Thistle aside, hitting five goals without reply. Shunsuke Nakamura weighed in with another spectacular strike though this one wasn't from a set-piece. There was just under an hour on the clock and the Hoops were already winning 2-0 when Naka stepped up with a superb goal. Picking up a lay-off from Scott McDonald the Japanese playmaker stepped forward and unleashed a stunning 30-yard effort that was in the top corner before the Caley keeper even had time to move. It was the goal which made the points secure for Celtic, who went on to add another two goals before the end of the game.

SCOTT McDONALD
v AC Milan
Celtic Park (3/10/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 4

Another dramatic night of European football at Celtic Park saw Gordon Strachan's side snatch a late win against the UEFA Champions League holders. Celtic had taken the lead through captain Stephen McManus before AC Milan equalised thanks to a controversial penalty award. And the game was heading for a draw before Scott McDonald netted the winner. The ball was played into Scott Brown inside

the penalty area and the midfielder slid a pass back out to Gary Caldwell. His precise shot was well saved by Milan's goalkeeper, Dida, but McDonald was first to re-act and pounced on the ball to score the last-gasp winner and defeat the European champions.

MASSIMO DONATI
v Shakhtar Donetsk
Celtic Park (28/11/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 5

Celtic left it late again to secure another three points in the UEFA Champions League and give them a great chance of progressing to the last 16 of the competition for a second consecutive season. This time it was Massimo Donati who was the Hoops hero. With the score tied at 1-1, Celtic pushed forward in search of an injury-time winner. Aiden McGeady jinked his way past the Shakhtar Donetsk defender on the right-hand side and steered the ball back across to Donati on the edge of the box. The Italian midfielder fired a first-time shot through the crowded penalty area and into the back of the net, sparking scenes of wild celebration at Celtic Park.

AIDEN MCGEADY
v Falkirk
Celtic Park (11/12/07)
Vote CELTGOTS 6

Hat-trick hero Aiden McGeady was in sparkling form as Celtic defeated Falkirk 4-0. He scored the first of his three



goals just before half-time and then the pick of the bunch came on the 68th minute when the Irishman conjured a goal up out of nothing. Picking the ball up wide on the left-hand side, McGeedy dribbled across the edge of the Falkirk penalty box before curling an exquisite shot beyond the reach of the Falkirk goalkeeper and into the far corner of the net. For good measure, he made it 4-0 and completed his hat-trick with eight minutes of the match remaining in what was an impressive Man of the Match performance.

GEORGIOS SAMARAS

v Kilmarnock
Rugby Park (2/2/08)
Vote CELTGOTS 7

A debut goal from the Greek internationalist as Celtic crushed Kilmarnock 5-1 at Rugby Park to move into the next round of the Scottish Cup. The Hoops were leading 4-1 when Georgios Samaras made his first

appearance, coming on as a substitute for two-goal hero Scott McDonald. And with five minutes of the match remaining, Samaras opened his goalscoring account for Celtic. He collected the ball on the right-hand side of the pitch and glided in past several Kilmarnock defenders before coolly passing the ball into the net from just inside the box. It was a superb finish from the striker and one appreciated by the Celtic support at Rugby Park.

SCOTT McDONALD

v Aberdeen
Pittodrie (10/2/08)
Vote CELTGOTS 8

Scott McDonald was the man who scored the goal but this counter, a header at the far post just a couple of yards out, will forever be remembered for a sublime piece of skill from Aiden McGeedy. The Irishman was outstanding throughout the afternoon

as Celtic crushed Aberdeen 5-1 and this goal just three minutes after half-time was a bit special. McGeedy took a Nakamura pass inside the box and despite being surrounded by Aberdeen defenders, spun past them with an audacious turn before chipping the ball to the back post where McDonald was lurking to head the ball home. McDonald took the acclaim for having finished the move but it was McGeedy's outrageous piece of skill which took many of the plaudits.

BARRY ROBSON

v Aberdeen
Pittodrie (10/2/08)
Vote CELTGOTS 9

Barry Robson wrote himself into the Celtic history books when he became the first Hoops player to score with his first ever kick of the ball for the club. Coming on as a substitute for Shunsuke Nakamura with 16 minutes of the match remaining, Robson's first



act was to take a free-kick that Celtic had been awarded some 25 yards out. This would normally be Nakamura territory but Robson proved to be more than an able deputy, stepping up and curling a left-foot shot into the back of the Aberdeen net to make it 5-1 for Celtic and ensure his unique place in the club's long and illustrious history.

JAN VENNEGOOR OF HESSELINK

v Barcelona
Celtic Park (20/2/08)
Vote CELTGOTS 10

A night of high drama at Celtic Park as the Hoops hosted Barcelona in the first leg of their UEFA Champions League last 16 clash. And despite the Catalan giants dominating proceedings from the start of the game, it was Celtic who took the lead after 16 minutes. Following good work between Aiden McGeady and Scott McDonald, the Australian striker laid the ball back to Lee Naylor, whose first-time cross was perfectly met by the head of Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, who showed great anticipation in getting between the Barca defenders to bullet home the ball and give the Hoops a 1-0 lead, much to the delight of the Celtic support.

SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA

v St Mirren
Love Street (24/2/08)
Vote CELTGOTS 11

Another Shunsuke Nakamura late show which gave Celtic a 1-0 victory over St Mirren at Love Street. The Japanese midfielder, who had come on as a substitute for Barry Robson, won the free-kick himself with just three minutes of the match remaining and the game still goal-less. Dusting himself down, Naka stepped forward and, from the edge of the box, curled in a perfect ball that evaded the St Mirren goalkeeper and nestled in the back of the net to give Celtic the three points. It was another moment of magic from the Japanese genius and proved once again just how valuable he is to the Celtic cause.

LEE NAYLOR
v Hibernian
Easter Road (1/3/08)
Vote CELTGOTS 12

If you're only going to score one goal for Celtic then you may as well make it a good one and that's exactly what Lee Naylor did in this game at Easter Road. With the game level at 0-0, the defender decided to open his account for the Hoops, gathering the ball just inside the Hibernian half, surging forward and then, having got the break of the ball after trying to play in Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, fired home a superb finish with his weaker right-foot that gave Celtic a 1-0 lead. No-one was more surprised at the goal than Naylor himself but he was happy to take the acclaim from his equally surprised but still delighted team-mates.



TOP GOALSCORER OF THE YEAR

THE award for Top Goalscorer of the Year, once again sponsored by Ladbrokes, is one that will only be settled when the dust settles on the season.

At the moment, however, the front runner is Scott McDonald, who has been in impressive form throughout this, his first season with Celtic.

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The big Dutchman, of course, won this award last season.

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MASCOT JOY FOR LEWIS

YOUNG Lewis Herd travelled all the way from Fife for the recent Motherwell game and had the honour of helping skipper Stephen McManus lead the Hoops out of the Paradise tunnel.

The five-year-old from Strathkinness was mascot for the day and helped with all the pre-match preliminaries.

He won't have been pleased with the result but it was still a day that Lewis will remember forever.



ASSOCIATION TRIBUTE TO PHIL

PHIL O'Donnell's father Bernard, brother James and children Megan and Luke were at Celtic Park for a Walfrid Wells presentation during the recent Motherwell game.

The club's Chief Executive, Peter Lawwell and Celtic and Motherwell legend Tom Boyd teamed up with the Celtic Supporters' Association's Joe O'Rourke for the presentation of four certificates.

Almost a year ago the Celtic Supporters' Association decided to honour the club's founding father, Brother Walfrid, and his charitable deeds by starting a project in conjunction with the Society of African Missions (SMA) to provide funds to dig wells in villages in Africa.

These wells are vital in providing clean water, especially for the children and the sick of these villages.

Joe O'Rourke said: "We thought this was appropriate, as Brother Walfrid looked after the needy of the East End of Glasgow.

"As of now, over 100 wells have been funded with donations of over £25,000, most of these wells are in Northern Nigeria and are greatly appreciated by the communities they provide water for.

"The last four wells have been dedicated to the late Phil O'Donnell as we think this is a fitting way to honour a man who placed the highest values on his own family and on the families of others.

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UNDER-13s

THE last time I gave you a report on the Under-13s back in August we were eagerly awaiting the start of the season.

Well here we are almost eight months down the line with a number of games now under our belt and ready to wind down for the summer break.

While we look upon the summer close season as an opportunity to recharge the batteries and to look forward to visiting another country with a bit of sunshine, I would like to think that the young players will continue to try and hone their football skills rather than sit around doing nothing.

In knowing this group of keen enthusiastic lads, I am more than positive they will do just that and, along with their friends, they will be getting the football out and heading off down the park for a sidey and the chance to develop their skills while having a bit of fun with their mates.

I think in this modern day and age that we live in there are fewer and fewer young people playing football after school or during holiday time with most of the football being played on the PlayStation. That is why at Celtic we encourage the young players to get the ball out as often as possible.

In the early part of the season I issued Personal Improvement Programmes (PIPs) for every individual. These are used in training sessions where the boys join up with one or two partners to practice developing the weaker techniques they may have. This has proved to be very beneficial in improving different aspects of the player's technique. PIPs are not defined to the Youth Players at Celtic and the initiative is mirrored by the first-team squad.

It is now standard that every player from the first team down to our Under-11s follows a personal improvement programme which is tailored to suit their developmental needs. Before we close for the end of season I will revise the Under-13s PIPs and may look to adjust them to use over the summer holiday.

One very positive aspect of this season has been the opening of our new training facility in Lennoxton. This has had very positive impact on the Youth Set up and now allows us to work between Barrowfield and Lennoxton and thus offer more training opportunities for our young players.

Apart from the fact that it is a magnificent state-of-the-art facility, its introduction has given the lads and the coaches a real lift since we started using it and gives them the opportunity to get more training

sessions in. So rather than two or three teams sharing a pitch we now have at least one night when we have the whole pitch to ourselves, plus the chance to use the indoor pitch at Lennoxton.

Lennoxton has also been of great benefit to the Sports Science Coaches and in particular the indoor area. It has allowed them to spend more time with the players and thus free up more football time for ourselves.

George McCluskey and I will still continue to include SAQ sessions in our training sessions as we see this as an important part of the modern football player's development.

Since the start of the season the Under-13s have made very good progress in their development as players and have worked extremely hard to achieve some of their goals. Up until now the 13s have worked with a very small squad of players and we have had to rely on bringing up some Under-12s to add to the squad on matchdays.

This has been a most successful exercise with the 12s showing that they are very capable of competing up an age group. It's also been a success with the 13s showing some great character and maturity in working hard to help the young players settle in.

We have also had the opportunity to look at some trialists this season with a view to strengthening the squad. This has helped us rotate a few players in different positions which can be beneficial for them in their development.

Tony Taylor, who Tommy Burns brought to the club at the start of the season to over see the Intermediate Academy, put together a programme of six Monday evenings at Barrowfield where, with the help of some of our scouts we identified a group of players playing boys' club football.

As a result of the exercise we now have four trialists training and playing with us who are progressing nicely and hopefully enjoying the experience of the step up to playing at Professional Youth Level.

Although a few of the players have played constantly in certain positions, it should be recognised that the boys are still very young and inexperienced in football, so it's important not to stereotype them to specific positions. To that end we will continue to try and give them an appreciation for the game by changing positions whenever possible.

As is normal practice here at Celtic, we always try to measure our talents against some of the top European teams when we take part in tournaments abroad. This

season is no exception and at the end of May the 13s will take part in a tournament in Cologne against opposition the likes of, Ajax, Anderlecht and Everton, to name a few.

I have had the good fortune to have been at a lot of tournaments in my seven or so years here and am positive that getting the chance to play in the tournaments is very beneficial to the young players' development and gives them that opportunity to pit their wits and skills against foreign opposition.

I recently took our 15s to Ostende in Belgium to take part in a tournament where we played some strong opposition with Ajax, Bayer Leverkusen, Standard Liege, Anderlecht and Ostende.

To the boys' credit they missed out on going to the final losing only to Ajax and Standard Liege who went on to play each other in the final. The 15s went on to play PSV Eindhoven for fifth place and won 1-0 - a

very credible placing to finish considering the start to the competition.

I have no doubt that if the players had just a bit more belief in themselves and had managed to take their chances in the games, they would have competed in the final.

One of the best performances was against Leverkusen who were in our half of the pitch twice and managed to score two goals. But that's football.

We did have the pleasure of seeing our goalkeeper Robbie Thomson winning the GK of the tournament and Callum McGregor missing out on player of the tournament by one vote.

All the youth players work very hard over the season and thoroughly look forward to the tournaments. Here's to an enjoyable and eventful time.

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LEARNING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS

EVEN AT RESERVE LEVEL, SCOTT CUTHBERT HAS PARTNERED A STRING OF INTERNATIONALISTS AND HAS RECEIVED A DEFENSIVE EDUCATION SECOND TO NONE

If Scott Cuthbert ever sits down to write an autobiography at the end of his football career, a special chapter should be devoted to the period between the ages of 16 and 20. That part of the book could be entitled, *'The Apprentice'*.

As the Celtic defender rattles off a list of the players he has partnered in reserve games since 2004, it becomes clear that Cuthbert has served a traineeship many youngsters could only dream of.

"Johan Mjallby, Stan Varga, Joos Valgaeren, Stephen McManus, John Kennedy, Bobo Balde, Steven Pressley...I've played with them all," he tells the Matchday Programme as

"THROUGHOUT THE LAST FOUR YEARS, I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO PLAY ALONGSIDE REAL EXPERIENCED PLAYERS. I FEEL THEY HAVE HELPED ME PROGRESS AND I FEEL I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE GAME AND HOW TO DEFEND."

he settles into a seat at Lennoxtown.

"It's just been a massive learning experience. Every time you play with one of these guys, it helps you improve and I'm trying to take on board everything I can.

"Recently, I've been beside Elvis (Pressley) a lot and you learn about being vocal and talking your way through games. That's been brilliant, while Bobo has different attributes.

"He's maybe not as vocal, but his experience is vast. A lot of forwards are just scared of Bobo and that's a great asset as a centre-half. When he tackles a player, they know all about it and his bravery in the air is unbelievable.

"He wins everything and that's down to timing, bravery and commitment. You can learn from all of that and that's what I'm trying to do.

"Throughout the last four years, I've been fortunate enough to play alongside real experienced players. I feel they have helped me progress and I feel I've learned a lot about the game and how to defend."

It seems an age since Cuthbert burst on to the scene as a teenager when he took part in Celtic's pre-season tour of America in 2004 and featured from the start in a game against Liverpool in Connecticut.

Much has changed in the intervening years at Celtic, but

remarkably Cuthbert will not celebrate his 21st birthday until the summer, with the defender still a regular for the Scotland Under-21 side.

Naturally, at this stage of his development, Cuthbert is itching to get involved in first-team football, but his understandable impatience is also tempered by the fact that central defenders are notoriously late developers.

Gordon Strachan has often gone on record to state that defenders don't peak until their late 20s, while the football world shows that those at big clubs often make the first-team breakthrough later than those adopting other roles ▶

SCOTT CUTHBERT



on the pitch, with Celtic captain Stephen McManus a prime example.

"I think I sometimes forget my own age, because I feel like I've been playing reserve football forever," smiled Cuthbert.

"I made my first-team debut in America just after I turned 17 and I've been in the reserves for about four seasons now - and I'm still 20.

"I basically missed out on the Under-19s and I suppose that contributes to the way I look at my situation. I do feel as if I'm older and when I'm getting impatient, I do need to remind myself of my age.

"There is still time for me. Look at big Stephen McManus. He was 23 when he broke into the team and that shows you that time is on my side. I just need to get some first-team experience."

Whether that first-team exposure will be at Celtic or on loan at another club, only time will tell. The defender has been offered a new deal and is keen to stay, with the view to making a breakthrough into the manager's plans.

However, should the Celtic boss sanction it, he would also be willing to move out on loan at the start of the new season as he bids to embark on the next stage of his development.

"It's looking good just now and I'd like to get something sorted out to stay at Celtic," said Cuthbert.

"I'd be happy to stay, but I'd obviously like to go on loan. It was close to happening at the start of the season and unless I make the move up to the Celtic first-team, I think a loan move would be the natural step for me.

"It has to be the right move though. You don't want to go somewhere and not play. Likewise, you want to play at a good standard and the SPL or somewhere down in England would be ideal.

"We'll see what happens. I just want to play regularly and if that means a loan move then we'll look into it. The main thing is that I play every week and show the manager what I can do."

While Cuthbert has had to content himself with reserve-team football at club level, he remains a mainstay of the national side at Under-21 level and thanked manager Billy Stark for keeping faith with him.

He said: "I've really enjoyed the Scotland games. We had a good win over Finland in the European Championship qualifiers recently and it's great to be involved.

"In the last game, I think I was the only player who hadn't played a competitive first-team game and it's great that the gaffer keeps picking me. He watches the reserve games and that gives you a boost."

Yet, while national service is a welcome bonus, Cuthbert remains committed to Celtic and his current target is leading the Hoops to an unprecedented seventh consecutive title at that level.

Given their recent form, the young Hoops are on course to achieve that. In their first six games of 2008, they racked up maximum points and scored 19 goals along the way. Last week's 3-1 win over an experienced Kilmarnock side was the latest positive result.

"It was a great three points for us against Killie," said Cuthbert. "That gave us six wins in a row since the start of 2008 and it was especially pleasing considering the amount of experienced players they had.

"They are always a physical side and I thought we handled that pretty well. We had a fair bit of experience as well, so we took care of that and played some good football.

"It's always better when you go up against some experienced players and Kilmarnock had Paul Di Giacomo and Paul Dalglish playing. You learn more from being up against guys like that and it can only make you better.

"It would be good to win the reserve league again, especially given the circumstances of the season. With all the postponements, we hardly had a game in the first half of the season.

"On top of that, we didn't have the best of starts, but in recent weeks we have started scoring goals and winning games. To get a seventh straight title would be brilliant and that's what we are aiming for."



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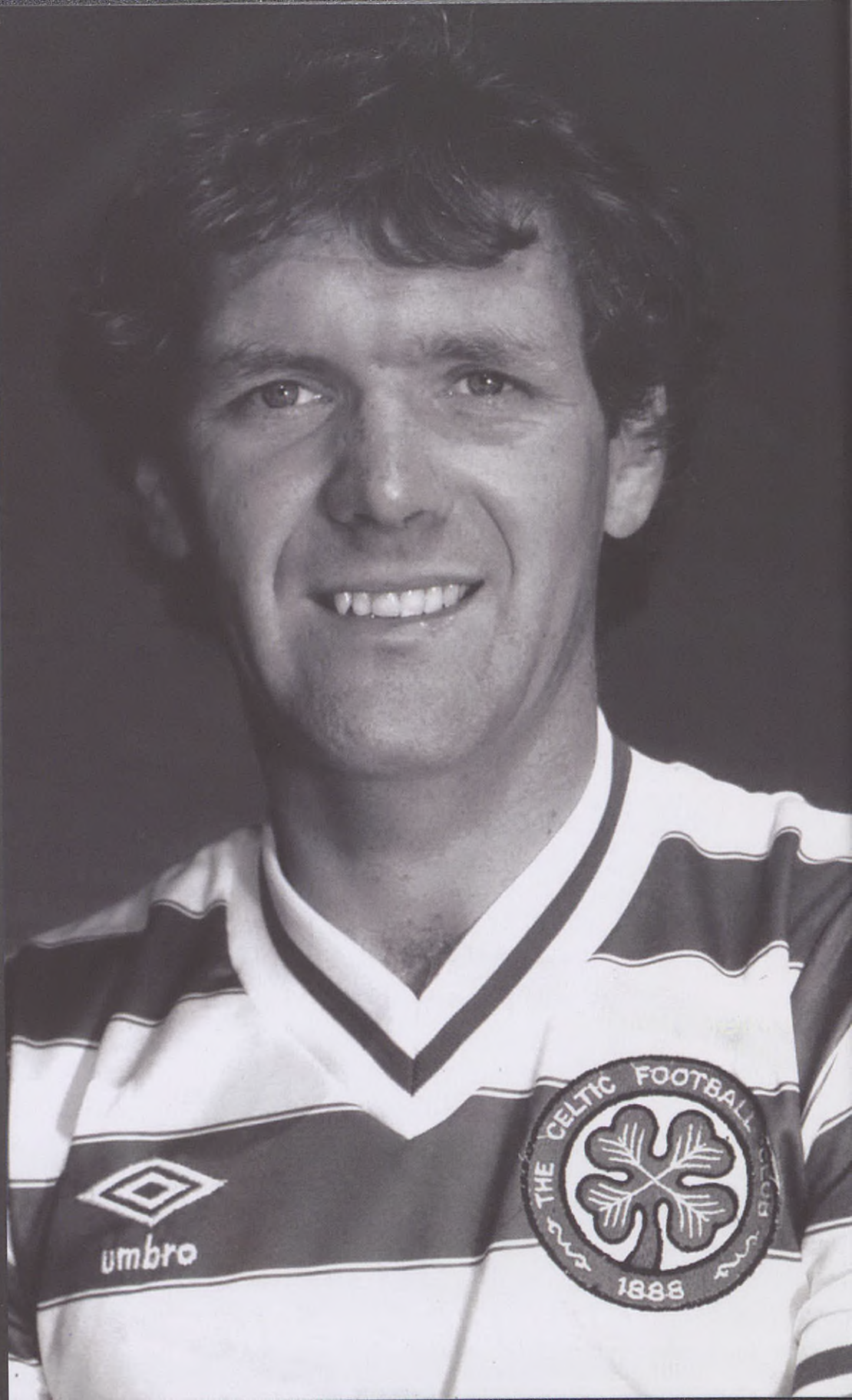
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ROY AITKEN IS HOPING FOR SOMETHING IF A RERUN FROM ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE DERBY GAMES IN HIS CAREER - THE 4-2 FINAL LEAGUE GAME OF 1979

It was a night for heroes. It was a night when a Celtic side faced Rangers knowing that nothing less than a win would suffice. It was a night like tonight.

Roy Aitken smiles as his mind is cast back to May 21, 1979. Under the floodlights, Paradise glowed as '10 men won the league' and Celtic, against the odds, were crowned Scottish champions.

Almost 30 years later, as the two sides meet again, the circumstances are not exactly the same - the 1979 clash was an actual league decider - but comparisons can naturally be made.

"TONIGHT, THERE WILL BE A FULL HOUSE, THE FANS WILL PACK INTO THE STADIUM AND GET BEHIND THE TEAM, AND EVERYONE WILL BE LOOKING TO DRIVE CELTIC TO VICTORY."

"Celtic just have to win," is Aitken's take on the current scenario and this is a man who knows a thing or two about beating Rangers, with that 1979 derby triumph among the sweetest in a glittering career in the Hoops.

"Winning the championship at Celtic Park in 1979 was incredible. It was like a cup final for the league title and so much was at stake.

"There was no margin for error. We knew that if we won the game against our main rivals, we would win the league.

That was the beauty of that game.

"Then, with the way the game started - with the late John Doyle being sent off - we were up against it. Rangers also scored an early goal.

"The odds were against us, but because we had a lot of belief and character, there was no way we were going to accept a second prize. We wanted that league title so badly and we got it with the 4-2 win.

"It's difficult to compare the two fixtures. Tonight's game is different because it's not an actual decider, but it's still a must-win game for the team.

"Gordon will know that and I'm sure the players will be approaching it in the same way as we did all those years ago.

"I've been in this situation a few times and sometimes it comes down to who is the hungrier team, who wants it the most - that happens a lot in derby games.

"From a Celtic point of view, the target is simple - win the match. Rangers could possibly afford a draw, but Celtic need all three points to keep the race alive. Hopefully, that will drive them on." ►

Midweek games are always special at Celtic Park and Aitken expects another memorable occasion tonight. With the floodlights on and the stadium bouncing, the stage is set for an explosive showdown.

The impact of the result will be felt all around the world, not least in Birmingham, where Aitken and his managerial colleagues Alex McLeish and Andy Watson - formerly of Rangers - will be backing their respective teams.

"I always think a midweek game at Celtic Park, under the floodlights...you just can't beat it," said Aitken. "It's fantastic.

"Tonight, there will be a full house, the fans will pack into the stadium and get behind the team, and everyone will be looking to drive Celtic to victory.

"I'm busy looking at players just now, so I doubt very much if I'll get up to Celtic Park for the game, but you can rest assured that I'll be keeping a close eye on it.

"I'm sure there will be a bit of banter about the game in the dressing room at Birmingham as well. Alex and Andy have fond memories of Rangers, while my allegiances are quite clear. It will be good fun."

Aitken had a special affinity with the Glasgow derby. He made his debut in the world-famous fixture as a teenager and was still beating Rangers into his 30s.

There are numerous highlights from his 15-year Celtic career and they can be book-ended by 1-0 Scottish Cup final wins against Rangers in 1977 and 1989.

"I don't know for certain, but I think I must have played in about 50 Glasgow derbies over the years," said Aitken. "I was fortunate enough to have a lot of success in those games.

"The three Scottish Cup finals we played against Rangers all ended in 1-0 victories for us and those were great occasions.

"Over the years, my record against Rangers was quite good. I scored two goals at Ibrox as an 18-year-old and there are some great memories.

"Against your main rivals, there will be good times and bad times, but I'm delighted to say I probably had more ups than downs.

"Aberdeen and Dundee United had a flurry in the 1980s, but it normally came down to Celtic and Rangers and we were on top a lot of the time.

"The success spanned a fair period as well. I won a Scottish Cup final against Rangers in 1977 and then again in 1989. It's not a bad span of games, but the main thing was winning, and we did that a lot of the time."

THE BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE

NOW back in the English Premiership, Aitken is relishing life as part of the Birmingham City managerial team and sees a bright future for the club.

Sitting above the drop-zone, his side are still involved in the fight to avoid relegation and the Celtic legend admits the Blues are trying to marry short-term survival with long-term progression.

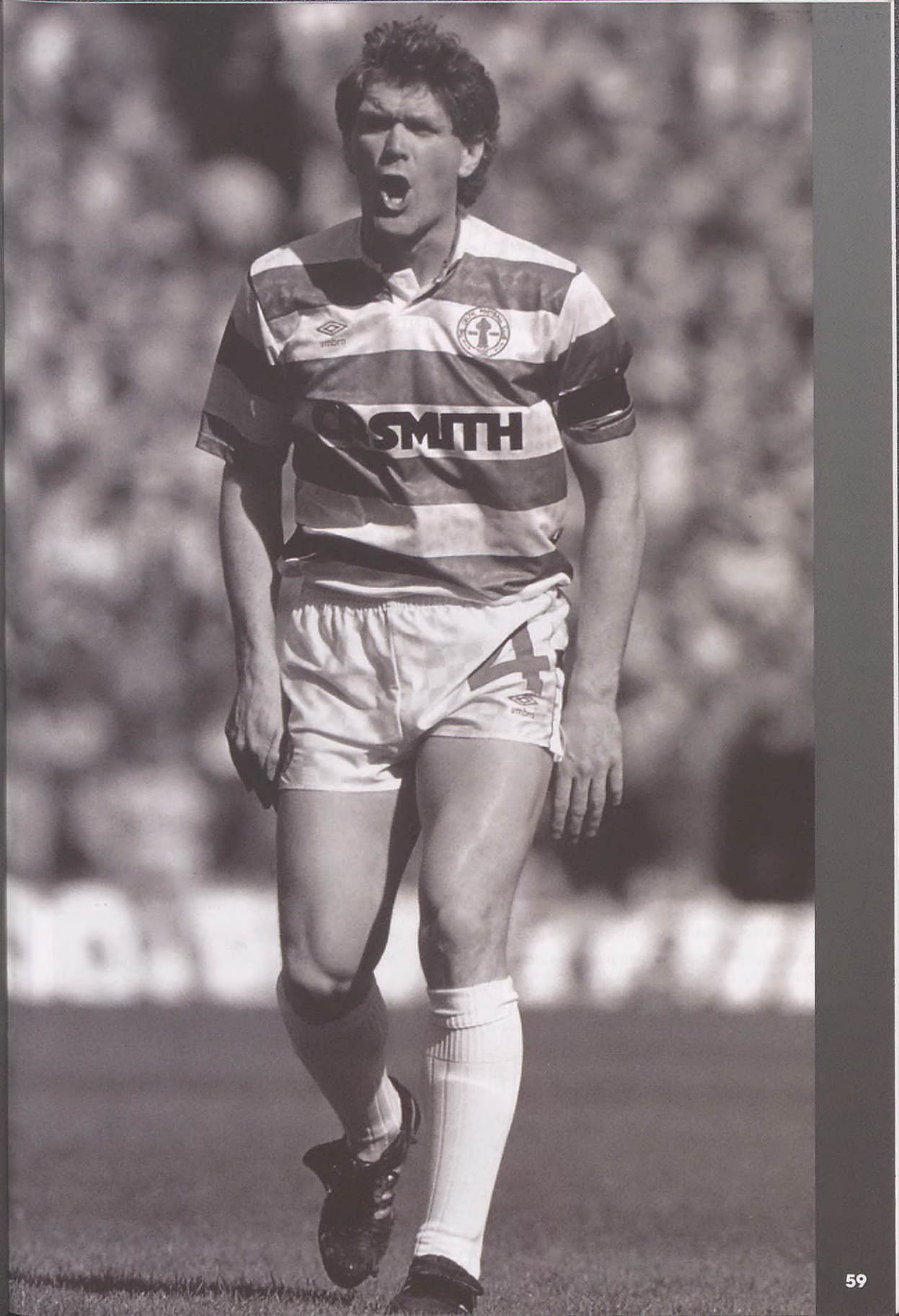
Aitken said: "It's a tough job. The team we took over were very much in a relegation dogfight and we've managed to get ourselves out of the drop zone, albeit we're still among the three or four teams in danger.

"We'd like to think that over the next few weeks we'll pick up the required points to move away from the relegation places, but it's going to be hard.

"We've brought in a few players who have improved the team and we're looking at long-term improvement. We don't just want to look at making changes short-term, we want to look at creating some stability over a number of years.

"It's been a great move and a big challenge. The Scotland role was brilliant and now we're back into the day-to-day involvement. It's a great league and it would be even better if Celtic and Rangers could come down. Hopefully, that will happen one day."







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Aberdeen

CELTIC will play host to Aberdeen for the third time this season when the clubs meet once more in the SPL.

The Bhoys have had the upper hand in all three previous SPL meetings this season with the only blip on the screen being the recent Scottish Cup meeting here at Celtic Park that went the Dons' way despite incessant Hoops pressure throughout the 90 minutes.

Indeed, with that game being a replay, today the teams will clash for the sixth time this season as a 1-1 tie at Pittodrie was the precursor to Aberdeen's last visit here.

In the league though, the Celts have notched up some comfortable victories both home and away against the Pittodrie side with 3-1, 3-0 and 5-1 scorelines marked in the card.

Still, the Dons will be buoyed by their subsequent 'SPL cup final' against Falkirk that put them through to the top six.

In recent years, the Dons have gone from finishing bottom of the top six two seasons ago to qualifying for Europe last term and although that looks like a tall order at this stage, the Pittodrie side will still certainly prove to be formidable opponents this weekend.



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KEY

- 1 Number of Goals scored
 - 2 Booked
 - 3 Sent Off
 - 4 Home games in bold
 - 5 1st 2nd 3rd Sub
- CBPL - Clydesdale Bank Premier League
 CL - Champions League
 SC - Scottish Cup
 CIS - CIS Insurance Cup

CELTIC STATS 07/08

FIXTURES & RESULTS



CLYDESDALE BANK PREMIER LEAGUE 2007/08								
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Rangers	30	24	3	3	73	24	75	+49
Celtic	32	22	5	5	73	22	71	+51
Motherwell	32	16	4	12	42	39	52	+3
Dundee Utd	33	14	8	11	48	38	50	+10
Hibernian	33	14	8	11	47	38	50	+9
Aberdeen	33	12	8	13	43	53	44	-10
Falkirk	33	11	9	13	40	44	42	-4
Hearts	33	11	9	13	42	48	42	-6
Inverness CT	33	11	3	19	41	58	36	-17
Kilmarnock	33	8	9	16	34	46	33	-12
St Mirren	32	8	9	15	22	48	33	-26
Gretna	33	4	5	24	29	76	7*	-47

* Gretna deducted 10 points

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES & GOALS 2007/08

	SPL LEAGUE	SCOTTISH CUP	LEAGUE CUP	CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
B BALDE	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
A BORUC	24 (0) 0	4 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	9 (0) 0
P CADDIS	0 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
G CALDWELL	30 (0) 1	4 (0) 1	2 (0) 0	9 (1) 0
R CONROY	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S CUTHBERT	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
M DONATI	21 (3) 3	3 (1) 0	2 (0) 0	7 (3) 1
P HARTLEY	18 (4) 0	1 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	9 (0) 1
A HINKEL	11 (0) 1	3 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
B HUTCHINSON	0 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
J JAROSIK	6 (2) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	5 (0) 1
J KENNEDY	5 (2) 0	0 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	4 (1) 0
C KILLEN	2 (1) 1	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	1 (4) 0
M BROWN	8 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
S McDONALD	29 (1) 21	4 (0) 3	2 (0) 1	8 (2) 2
A McGEADY	29 (1) 7	4 (0) 0	1 (0) 0	8 (2) 1
M McGOVERN	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
P McGOWAN	0 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S McMANUS	32 (0) 3	4 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	10 (0) 1
K MILLER	1 (1) 3	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
K MIZUNO	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
S NAKAMURA	18 (2) 5	4 (0) 1	0 (0) 0	5 (1) 0
L NAYLOR	28 (0) 1	3 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	9 (0) 0
J O'BRIEN	0 (1) 0	0 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0
D O'DEA	3 (2) 0	1 (1) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (1) 0
J P DOUMBE	2 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 0
S PRESSLEY	5 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (1) 0
D RIORDAN	2 (6) 1	0 (1) 0	1 (0) 0	0 (1) 0
B ROBSON	3 (6) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	1 (0) 1
G SAMARAS	4 (6) 3	0 (3) 1	0 (0) 0	0 (2) 0
S BROWN	31 (0) 3	3 (0) 0	2 (0) 0	9 (0) 0
E SNO	3 (9) 0	1 (1) 0	1 (1) 0	0 (5) 0
J V O HESSELINK	26 (1) 13	4 (0) 3	2 (0) 1	7 (1) 1
M WILSON	6 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	4 (1) 0
M ZURAWSKI	1 (4) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (0) 0	0 (3) 0

COMP	DATE	OPPOSITION	RES.	ATT.	STARTING 11	SUBS
CBPL	04 AUG	KILMARNOCK	0-0	58,730	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR HARTLEY DONATI S BROWN McGEADY HESSELINK ZURAWSKI
SPL	11 AUG	FALKIRK	4-1	6,329	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY MILLER HESSELINK
UCL Q3	15 AUG	SPARTAK MOSCOW	1-1	67,000	M BROWN WILSON KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK
SPL	18 AUG	ABERDEEN	3-1	16,232	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	25 AUG	HEARTS	5-0	57,300	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
UCL Q3	29 AUG	SPARTAK MOSCOW	1-1	57,854	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	01 SEPT	ST MIRREN	5-1	7,840	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR SNO HARTLEY RIORDAN S BROWN McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	15 SEPT	INVERNESS CT	5-0	56,020	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
UCL	18 SEPT	SHAKHTAR DONETSK	0-2	30,000	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR DONATI HARTLEY NAKAMURA S BROWN McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	23 SEPT	HEBERNIAN	2-3	16,125	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR HARTLEY S BROWN DONATI McGEADY HESSELINK
CIS	26 SEPT	DUNDEE	2-1	8,203	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR	KENNEDY McMANUS S BROWN SNO DONATI RIORDAN HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	29 SEPT	DUNDEE UNITED	3-0	57,006	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR S BROWN HARTLEY DONATI McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
UCL	03 OCT	AC MILAN	2-1	58,643	BORUC DOUMBE CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR HARTLEY S BROWN DONATI McGEADY JAROSIK McDONALD
CBPL	07 OCT	GREINA	2-1	6,011	BORUC HARTLEY CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY KILLEN McDONALD
CBPL	20 OCT	RANGERS	0-3	50,428	BORUC O'DEA CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA DONATI S BROWN SNO JAROSIK McDONALD
UCL	24 OCT	BENFICA	0-1	35,000	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR HARTLEY JAROSIK S BROWN DONATI McGEADY KILLEN
CBPL	27 OCT	MOTHERWELL	3-0	57,633	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY McDONALD KILLEN
CIS	31 OCT R4	HEARTS	0-2	21,492	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR McGEADY S BROWN DONATI HARTLEY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	03 NOV	KILMARNOCK	2-1	8,250	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR	KENNEDY McMANUS JAROSIK HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
UCL	06 NOV	BENFICA	1-0	58,214	BORUC NAYLOR CALDWELL	KENNEDY McMANUS S BROWN HARTLEY JAROSIK McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	24 NOV	ABERDEEN	3-0	58,350	M BROWN CALDWELL KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR S BROWN DONATI JAROSIK McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
UCL	28 NOV	SHAKHTAR DONETSK	2-1	59,146	BORUC CALDWELL KENNEDY	McMANUS NAYLOR McGEADY S BROWN HARTLEY JAROSIK McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	01 DEC	HEARTS	1-1	16,454	BORUC CALDWELL PRESSLEY	McMANUS O'DEA McGEADY S BROWN HARTLEY JAROSIK HESSELINK McDONALD
UCL	04 DEC	AC MILAN	0-1	38,409	BORUC CALDWELL PRESSLEY	McMANUS O'DEA JAROSIK DONATI S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY McDONALD
CBPL	08 DEC	ST MIRREN	1-1	55,747	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY	McMANUS O'DEA JAROSIK DONATI S BROWN HARTLEY JAROSIK McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	11 DEC	FALKIRK	4-0	54,291	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY	McMANUS CONROY McGEADY S BROWN DONATI HARTLEY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	16 DEC	INVERNESS CT	2-3	7,004	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY	McMANUS CONROY S BROWN HARTLEY DONATI McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	22 DEC	HEBERNIAN	1-1	58,016	M BROWN CALDWELL PRESSLEY	McMANUS NAYLOR S BROWN DONATI HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK
CBPL	26 DEC	DUNDEE UNITED	2-0	12,357	M BROWN CALDWELL BALDE	McMANUS NAYLOR McGEADY S BROWN HARTLEY JAROSIK McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	29 DEC	GREINA	3-0	57,171	BORUC CALDWELL BALDE	McMANUS NAYLOR McGEADY DONATI S BROWN RIORDAN McDONALD HESSELINK
SFA	12 JAN	STIRLING ALBION	3-0	32,310	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA DONATI S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	19 JAN	KILMARNOCK	1-0	56,618	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI HARTLEY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	27 JAN	FALKIRK	1-0	6,803	BORUC CALDWELL NAYLOR	McMANUS HARTLEY S BROWN NAKAMURA McGEADY DONATI McDONALD HESSELINK
SFA	02 FEB	KILMARNOCK	5-1	6,491	BORUC CADDIS NAYLOR	McMANUS CALDWELL DONATI McGEADY S BROWN NAKAMURA HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	10 FEB	ABERDEEN	5-1	14,651	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	16 FEB	HEARTS	3-0	56,738	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA DONATI S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
UCL	20 FEB	BARCELONA	2-3	58,345	BORUC CADDIS CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA HARTLEY S BROWN McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
CBPL	24 FEB	ST MIRREN	1-0	7,213	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR ROBSON S BROWN DONATI McGEADY SAMARAS McDONALD
CBPL	27 FEB	INVERNESS CT	2-1	56,787	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA DONATI S BROWN McGEADY McDONALD SAMARAS
CBPL	01 MAR	HEBERNIAN	2-0	15,735	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY HESSELINK McDONALD
UCL	04 MAR	BARCELONA	0-1	75,002	BORUC WILSON CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN HARTLEY DONATI McGEADY HESSELINK
SFA	09 MAR	ABERDEEN	1-1	10,909	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS O'DEA NAKAMURA HARTLEY SNO McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	12 MAR	DUNDEE UNITED	0-0	45,000	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN SNO McGEADY McDONALD SAMARAS
SFA	18 MAR	ABERDEEN	0-1	33,506	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	22 MAR	GREINA	3-0	3,561	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN ROBSON McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	29 MAR	RANGERS	0-1	50,325	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN HARTLEY McGEADY HESSELINK SAMARAS
CBPL	05 APR	MOTHERWELL	0-1	56,624	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA S BROWN DONATI McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	13 APR	MOTHERWELL	4-1	9,771	BORUC HINKEL CALDWELL	McMANUS NAYLOR NAKAMURA ROBSON HARTLEY McGEADY McDONALD HESSELINK
CBPL	16 APR	RANGERS				
CBPL	19 APR	ABERDEEN				
CBPL	27 APR	RANGERS				
CBPL	03 MAY	MOTHERWELL				
CBPL	11 MAY	HEBERNIAN				
CBPL	18 MAY	DUNDEE UNITED				

>> HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Which two sides have Celtic and Rangers had to play in European football competition behind closed doors?
2. Under the management of Gordon Strachan, which two Scots have netted for Celtic in league matches with Rangers?
3. Which six clubs have both Celtic and Rangers now played in the Group Stages of the UEFA Champions League?
4. Who was the last Celt to score against Rangers in three different domestic finals?
5. Under Martin O'Neill, how many successive matches did Celtic score against Rangers to establish a record for the fixture?
6. Which two men have played for both Celtic and Rangers in the Champions League tournament?
7. Which two Celtic managers have in their career played against Rangers in European competition?
8. Who was the last Rangers player to score against Celtic in all three domestic competitions?
9. Which three Celts made their derby debut in the most recent meeting between tonight's teams?
10. Who in the last 14 years are the only two Rangers player to top the Premier Division/SPL goalscoring charts?
11. Since the inception of the Premier Division/SPL which player has made most appearances in the big derby fixture with a total of 66?
12. Which five Celts played in all the seven competitive matches in which Celtic defeated Rangers to establish a record between 2003 & 2005?
13. Who was the last player to have the distinction of scoring a League hat-trick against Celtic and Rangers within a calendar year?
14. Which two former Celtic and Rangers players have this season netted for other clubs in the Champions League?
15. Who were the last two Celtic and Rangers players to score an international goal at Wembley stadium?



ANSWERS 1 Atletico Madrid (Celtic) 1984/85, Inter Milan (Rangers) 2005/06, 2 Shaun Maloney & Kenny Miller, 3 Juventus, Bayern Munich, Porto, Manchester United, Lyon & Barcelona, 4 Bobby Lennox 1966/67 League Cup, 1968/69 Scottish Cup, 1970/71 Scottish Cup, 5 23 games, 6 Stephen Pressley & Kenny Miller, 7 Liam Brady (Inter Milan) 1984/85, Gordon Strachan (Leeds United) 1992/93, 8 Peter Lovrenkanads, 9 Andreas Hinkel, Georgios Samaras and Barry Robson, 10 Marco Negri (1997/98) 32 goals, Kris Boyd(2006/07) 20 goals, 11 Paul McStay, 12 Neil Lennon, Didier Agathe, Alan Thompson, Stilian Petrov & Jackie McNamara, 13 Frank McDougall (Aberdeen) 1985, 14 Vidar Riseth (Rosenborg v Valencia, Julien Rodriguez (Marseille) v Besiktas, 15 Kenny Dalgish v England 1977, Paul Gascoigne v Scotland 1996.

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RANGERS

1	ALLAN McGREGOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	DAVID WEIR	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	THOMAS BUFFEL	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	SASA PAPAC	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	BARRY FERGUSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
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36	DEAN FURMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	GIORGOS EFREM	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Referee: Kenny Clark

Assistant 01: Martin Cryans

Assistant 02: John Gilmour

Fourth official: Calum Murray