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THURSDAY 28th



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# TOMMY BURNS



I WOULD like to welcome everyone who has travelled from Batumi in Georgia for tonight's game and hope they enjoy their trip to Scotland.

After Saturday's great result over Hearts at Tynecastle we are all looking forward to getting back into action again and hope this game will be as entertaining for the fans.

Saturday's victory was very pleasing indeed and the fact that it lifted us to the top of the table, made it all the better for us.

It was a very positive performance and the attitude of the players involved was excellent.

Tonight's line-up all depends on the injury situation, with Pierre van Hooijdonk, Andreas Thom and Phil O'Donnell all in the stand at the weekend.

But if none of those players make it, I won't be worried about playing the same eleven that gave us that win on Saturday.

I was especially pleased with Gordon Marshall who made two great saves and the youngsters, Chris Hay, Simon Donnelly and Brian McLaughlin. And to see Andy Walker scoring two brilliant goals made me very happy as he has had a hard time of it recently.

Obviously we want to put on a bit of a show in tonight's match, and extend the 3-2 lead we have from the first leg.

To win that game was a big achievement and I was very proud of the players in doing it and I hope we can now hold onto it and progress into the next round.

European football is something we have missed at Celtic Park and it is great to be involved in what promises to be a special night once more.

However, we will have to be on our guard and remain disciplined as Batumi will go all out in attack to try and get the goals they need.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank

the fans for their support at Tynecastle on Saturday and hope they are in the same voice tonight.

They have been very supportive this season and they are such an important part of the club.

So I hope that they get behind us tonight and we give them a game and result they can enjoy.

**European football is something we've missed here at Celtic Park**



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GRANT**



**SIMON  
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**PAUL  
MCSTAY**



**ANDY  
WALKER**



**ANDREAS  
THOM**



**JOHN  
COLLINS**



**BRIAN  
MCLAUGHLIN**



**PIERRE  
van HOOIJDONK**



**Referee:  
JT ORRESON  
Iceland**



**Linesman:  
EM MARKUSSON  
Iceland**



**Linesman:  
P SIGURASSON  
Iceland**

**Fourth official:  
E OLAFSSON  
Iceland**

**STAND-BYS:**  
Celtic: Phil  
O'Donnell, Mark  
McNally, Malky  
Mackay, Stuart  
Kerr  
Batumi: David  
UJMAJURIDZE



**ASLAN  
BALADZE**



**ZURAB  
MINDADZE**



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SHANIDZE**



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# + TONIGHT'S VISITORS +

**HOUSEHOLD** names they certainly are not. But that doesn't mean the Dinamo Batumi squad doesn't contain a liberal sprinkling of talented performers.

It shouldn't be forgotten that in finishing fourth in the Georgian League last term and reaching their national cup final they enjoyed their best time of it since Georgia formed their own football federation in 1990.



**BATUMI'S** park - The Dinamo Stadium - is currently undergoing reconstruction and now boasts dressing room and press room facilities that wouldn't be out of place in one of the big names in the European game.

For the opening leg of this European Cup Winners Cup tie in Batumi a fortnight ago they were able to attract an 18,000 sell-out crowd - despite the fact that the \$5 admission fee represented the best part of a week's wages.

So far, then, they appear to have been cushioned from the harsh realities of life in the Black Sea port, which is devastated by poverty and scarred by internal conflict and civil unrest.

For most of the Batumi players, tonight's visit to Celtic Park will represent their virginal trip to western Europe and the biggest footballing night of their lives as they try to over-turn a 3-2 deficit.

For the Georgian side are currently in the midst of their first European adventure, one which began in Serbia - of all places - in the Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round against Obilic, back on August 10.

The 1-0 win the Georgians secured that day demonstrated that they are good travellers - a fact that should strike a note of caution for Celtic in respect of this evening's proceedings.

Indeed it was in their own backyard - in the return leg on August 24 - that they showed their vulnerability, two early goals from a young Obilic side looking to have ended their interest in the competition for this year.

## From the Black Sea and into the unknown



**ASLAN BALKADZE**

But they demonstrated that they are a spirited bunch by taking the game to the Serbians and hitting back with the two goals they required to take them through - albeit their equaliser being a rather dubious penalty awarded by a referee who did not cover himself in glory that evening.

However longest serving player, goalkeeper **ASLAN BALKADZE**, pulled off some great stops that night to keep his team in the tournament and in Georgia a fortnight ago was a safe pair of hands.

In defence Batumi adopt the sweeper and two markers system, with captain **MALHAZ MAKHARADZE** and **SOSO MALANIA** the twin centre-halves

and **GELA SHEKILADZE** tucked in behind them.

On the flanks are likely to be **VALERIAN SHANIDZE**, patrolling the left, and Georgian internationalist **AMIRAN MUJIRI** on the right, both operating in midfielder-cum-defender roles.

The centre of the park is probably where Batumi are strongest and in the first leg the trio **ZURAB MINDADZE**, **ROSTOM TOR-GASHVILI** and, especially, **TEMUR TUGHUSHI**, who netted a superb second in the first leg.

The quality of that strike demonstrated exactly why he's been capped for his country and he is undoubtedly the main dangerman for the visitors tonight.

However the front two of **DAVID UJMAYURIDZE** and Batumi's other scorer in the 3-2 defeat **PAATA MACHUTADZE** buzzed around to good effect in the first game and are likely to be part of an attacking formation for the Georgians tonight.

In reserve they can call upon keeper **NIKOLAZ TOGONIDZE**, forwards **DAVID MAKHARADZE** and **AVTANDIL GLONTI**, midfielders **BADRI PHUTKARADZE** and **MIRIAN MALAKMADZE** and defenders **ALEXANDER KANTIDZE** and **TENGIZ SITCHI-NAVA**.



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## Batumi 'fired' up for European clash

DINAMO BATUMI is one of the oldest teams in Georgia. Originally formed during the early 1920s in the coastal resort of Batumi, the club was initially known as the Batumi Voluntary Fire Service.

At that time it was quite common for football clubs in the former USSR to be 'supported' by both public services or government departments.

Hence, it was not too long before the football team from Batumi came under the wing of the local Ministry of the Interior and along with other such clubs 'Dinamo' Tbilisi, 'Dinamo' Kiev, 'Dinamo' Minsk, and so on - who also bore the mark of the patronage of the Ministry - they became known as 'Dinamo' Batumi.

They were to keep that support until 1990 when the Georgian Football Federation decided to break away from the Soviet Football Federation and create its own league.

Thus, like 'Dinamo' Tbilisi, the prefix 'Dinamo' was dropped altogether simply became known as FC Batumi.

The last time that 'Dinamo' Batumi played in the old Soviet First Division, it never ever achieved promotion to the former USSR's Premier League.



Back in 1989 the club finished in 18th place out of a league of 22 teams. Had it not been for the break-up of the USSR, it is likely that within a couple more seasons it would have dropped into the ninth zone of the USSR's Second Division.

As a club Batumi made its debut in the old Soviet class 'B' league in 1939 and occupied 13th position out of a league then consisting of 23 teams.

It actually only gained promotion to the old Soviet First Division as late as 1984 and, in its first three seasons, occupied 11th position.

Arguably the club's most famous player, Revaz Chelebadze, was that division's top scorer in 1984, ending the season with a haul of 27 goals.

He has now become one of Georgia's most influential figures in football, being vice-president of the Georgian Football Federation.

Following retirement from the game in 1987, he was appointed president of his old club but recently gave up the post.

In a recent interview in the main Russian sports paper, Sport Ekspres, he pointed out a number of the main problems now facing clubs in Georgia.

Specifically the lack of money to pay the wages of the players as well as the lamentable state of refereeing in the country, quoting as an example a couple of games involving two of Georgia's top sides, 'Dinamo' Tbilisi and 'Dinamo' Zugdidi.

In one game both teams managed a 2-2 draw but very soon after 'Dinamo' Zugdidi were comprehensively beaten 11-1 by 'Dinamo' Tbilisi.

In his words, the only difference between the two games was that in the latter game, the referee was 'clean'.

In ending his interview, Chelebadze made a plea to all coaches that they should travel to Georgia to watch and, perhaps, buy a few of the good players Georgia still boasts.

Perhaps one day in the future we might see a player from the region end up in the green and white of Celtic!



# Gordon guns for Euro glory

## CELT in the SPOTLIGHT GORDON MARSHALL

CELT'S goalkeeper Gordon Marshall had one of his finest moments in football on a European night three years ago...

And he's hoping to add another like it this evening in Celtic's European Cup Winner's Cup tie against Dinamo Batumi.

Back in September 30, 1992, Marshall was in goal for Celts in their UEFA Cup win over Cologne that saw Celts overturn a 2-0 deficit from the first leg and progress to the next round with a stirring 3-0 victory.

He savoured the atmosphere that night and he's determined to ensure another Parkhead European glory night tonight.

He said: "The Cologne game was one of the most enjoyable I've ever played in. Everything about it was great - the result, the atmosphere and the fact that it was a rare thing for a German club to lose a two goal lead, made it an even better achievement for us.

"Also it was my first taste of European football, and we were playing one of the bigger names in world football, so it was all the more satisfying for me.

"Hopefully this tie with Batumi will be more of the same.

Everyone is looking forward to the game, because of the way we have been playing recently and the lead that we have given ourselves should see us through.

"The stadium should be full and I am sure the fans will be very noisy and that will help us a lot.

"They have been making a fair bit of noise this term already and I am sure they are enjoying the games with the football we have been playing. So long may it continue."

**Celtic's nightmare journey to Georgia to play Batumi didn't affect them that much as goals from Simon Donnelly and a brace from Andreas Thom gave them a well earned victory.**

But Gordon is hoping that if Celtic see off the Georgians tonight the draw for the next round will give them a less arduous trip.

He said: "We've all read about the conditions over there, but the most

### Interview: MERLE BROWN

important thing for us to remember was that we won and set ourselves up for this leg.

"And if we get through hopefully we will get a good draw, somewhere the fans can travel to, as I am sure there were a lot of people a wee bit disappointed that they couldn't get to the game out there.

"The trip was tough. It's bad enough going somewhere where you can't speak the language, but to not be able to go out at all, or to eat the food, and have to take your own, makes it harder on everyone.

**"But there were a lot more positive than negative things to be had from being out there.**

"As for the Batumi players trip here, I am sure they will be coming over to enjoy themselves. Apart from the couple of internationalists they have, they won't have travelled that much and will be out to have a good trip."

The Georgians will have to score twice without reply to win this tie on aggregate and Gordon knows that will mean they will come here and have a real go.

But he reckons Celtic will be a match for any attack they produce, saying: "They have a few dangerous players up front, but if we do the right things and play as we know we can I don't see any reason why we won't go through."

Following tonight's game, Celtic meet Rangers in the league at

The Cologne tie was one of the most enjoyable games I've EVER played in

Parkhead - in a chance to make up for last week's Coca-Cola Cup defeat by their greatest rivals.

**And Gordon believes there was plenty to take from that game, despite the result.**

He said: "There is a fine line between winning and losing. We scored late against Raith in the league and then in the cup as well, and came from two goals down to Aberdeen to win, but it could have easily gone the other way in all these games.

"Rangers didn't really have a shot at goal in the second half but got the one break they needed to win.

"Now we have to look forward. At the start of the season we set out to win everything, we're now out of one competition, but still have three to aim for and we will be doing our best to succeed in all of them."

Gordon is back in the No1 position this term after losing his place to Pat Bonner last December.

And the former Falkirk keeper is determined to hold onto his top team place.

He said: "From a defensive point of view it has been disappointing to lose the goals we have, even when we've won the games.

"I still analyse my own performance every time I lose a goal, and see if I could have done better and if that is the case, I get out on the training park and work on the weaknesses.

"I always want to do my best no matter what level I am playing at."

**GORDON MARSHALL RUNDOWN**  
**DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH:** 19.4.64 in Edinburgh.  
**WEIGHT:** 14st 4lbs  
**HEIGHT:** 6ft 3ins  
**SIGNED:** From Falkirk for £270,000 in August 1991.  
**CAREER RECORD WITH CELTIC:** 75 starts, 32 shut-outs (as at 22.9.95)  
**BEST GAME PLAYED FOR CELTIC:** I'm still waiting for that special one!  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS AS A CELT:** The ball!  
**BEST PALS AT PARKHEAD:** We're all one big happy family here!  
**HAPPIEST MOMENT AS A CELT:** Every time I play in the first team and we win.  
**FAVOURITE CELTIC SONG:** It's a toss-up between 'The Fields of Athenry' and 'You'll Never O'Walk Alone'.

