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WE will this afternoon be presented with the Scottish Premierleague trophy, the players' reward for a long, hard domestic season in which they have displayed remarkable consistency.

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The league title was obviously secured a fortnight ago at Kilmarnock's Rugby Park, and since then – as befits our ever-hectic schedule - we have played two very tough matches against Aberdeen and Hearts.

It goes without saying that the first of these represented something of a disappointment to us all.

Losing both our long unbeaten

record here at Celtic Park and our first match of this league season, having not played anywhere near as well as we are capable, was unfortunate and unnecessary.

I say unnecessary because it was a game we should have won, and one I'm sure we would have but for the fact that numerous excellent chances were spurned during the course of the match.

Fortunately, we did improve last Sunday for the visit to Tynecastle, and might well have emerged with more than the solitary point secured by an excellent debut goal from young Aiden McGeady.

It's always important to guard against hype when young players are just breaking into things – and I do think a sense of perspective requires to be applied in this case – but Aiden nevertheless played very well.

The same, too, could be said

for Ross Wallace, who was one of our better players against Aberdeen, and I do feel that there are some talented youngsters coming through at the football club.

However, it's our senior players who have made days like today possible, and they deserve massive credit for their efforts over the course of this season.

There is, of course, one more trophy up for grabs, and our opponents in the final of the Scottish Cup are also our visitors this afternoon.

Dunfermline are a strong and formidable side, and one for whom I have a great deal of respect.

They will be difficult opponents this afternoon, as they will at Hampden later this month, and we will have to play to our best if we are to win the match.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FACTFILE

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
 (capacity 60,506)

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

Away strip: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with gold trim

Third strip: Gold shirts, green shorts, gold 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 (1 season): 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season): 35, Brian McClair 1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

Website: www.celticfc.net

HONOURS

Scottish League (39)

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, 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2003/2004

Scottish Cup (31)

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

League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/2001

European Cup (1) 1967 **Coronation Cup (1)** 1953

CELTIC FACTS

● April 19, 1972 ranks as one of the most disappointing European Cup nights at Celtic Park. After 210 minutes of football, the Hoops and Inter Milan were still tied on 0-0, and the Italian club went on to win 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out.

● On April 21, 1934, right-half Peter Wilson played the last of his 395 matches for Celtic.

● On the same day, in 1917, Celtic lost to Kilmarnock by 0-2, the first defeat in 62 matches.

● Alec Thomson played his final game for the club against Hamilton, on April 22, 1934. He scored 98 goals in 450 appearances.

● The Scottish Cup final of 1969 attracted a crowd of 132,870, the biggest since 1956. Celtic beat Rangers 4-0 in this final leg of a 'Treble'.

● On April 28, 1909 Celtic played their sixth game in nine days. In the 5-0 win over Queen's Park Jimmy Quinn scored his second hat-trick in three days.

● On April 30, 1902, in the semi-final of the British League Cup, Celtic beat Sunderland 5-1.

● On the same day two well-known Celts made their debuts for the Hoops - Frank Haffey against Third Lanark in 1958, and George Connelly versus Dunfermline in 1968.



DUNFERMLINE FACTS

● Dunfermline FC was founded in 1885 by members of a cricket club and joined the League in 1912. The club, based at East End Park, had a long wait for the first piece of silverware, the Second Division title of 1926.

● Two Scottish Cup wins are the jewels in the crown of Dunfermline's history. The first came in 1961 when the Pars beat Berwick 4-1 in the first round, Stranraer 3-1 in the second and Aberdeen 6-3 in the third, all away from home. In round four, Alloa were trounced 4-0 and after a 0-0 draw in the semi-final against St Mirren, Dunfermline won the replay 1-0. They also needed an extra game in the final before disposing of Celtic by 2-0 in front of a crowd of 87,866.

● In 1968, Dunfermline beat Celtic again by the same score - this time in a shock first-round result at Parkhead. In what seemed like a case of déjà vu, Aberdeen were next up and again beaten (2-1); while Partick Thistle were the victims in the quarter-finals which the Pars won by a single goal. It took a second match at the semi-final stage before St Johnstone could be subdued but in the final, they only needed one attempt to beat Hearts 3-1. Unfortunately, the attendance of 56,366 was the lowest for a Scottish Cup final between 1921 and 1977.





TODAY'S VISITORS - DUNFERMLINE
MANAGER - JIMMY CALDERWOOD

CELTIC



DUNFERMLINE

Momo Sylla	3	1
Jackie McNamara	4	2
Joos Valgaeren	5	3
Bobo Balde	6	4
Henrik Larsson	7	5
Alan Thompson	8	6
Chris Sutton	9	7
John Hartson	10	8
Stephen Pearson	11	9
David Fernandez	12	10
Paul Lambert	14	11
Ulrik Laursen	16	12
Didier Agathe	17	14
Neil Lennon	18	15
Stilian Petrov	19	17
Robert Douglas	20	18
Magnus Hedman	21	20
David Marshall	22	22
Stanislav Varga	23	26
Shaun Maloney	29	29
Ross Wallace	33	30
Johan Mjallby	35	31
Craig Beattie	37	32
Jamie Smith	39	
John Kennedy	41	
Liam Miller	43	
Stephen McManus	44	
Aiden McGeady	46	
Michael McGovern	47	

Marco Ruitenbeek
Lee Bullen
Scott Wilson
Darren Young
Andrius Skerla
Scott Thomson
Barry Nicholson
Gary Mason
Stevie Crawford
Craig Brewster
Derek Young
Gary Dempsey
Noel Hunt
Greg Shields
Sean Kilgannon
Andre Karnebeek
Derek Stillie
David Grondin
Mark McGarty
Anthony Storrie
Scott Y Thomson
Billy Mehmet
Andy Tod

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CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CHAMPIONS	34	29	4	1	100	21	79	91
Rangers	34	23	6	5	69	29	40	75
Hearts	34	15	11	8	48	37	11	56
Dunfermline	34	13	11	10	38	43	-5	50
Motherwell	34	12	9	13	39	40	-1	45
Dundee Utd	34	11	10	13	42	54	-12	43
Livingston	34	9	12	13	40	48	-8	39
Hibernian	34	9	11	14	37	54	-17	38
Dundee	34	9	10	15	42	55	-13	34
Kilmarnock	34	10	5	19	41	68	-27	35
Aberdeen	34	9	7	18	38	54	-16	34
Partick Thistle	34	4	6	24	31	62	-31	18

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Premierleague	CELTIC v RANGERS	SAT 8 MAY 12:30pm
Scottish Premierleague	MOTHERWELL v CELTIC	WED 12 MAY TBC
Scottish Premierleague	CELTIC v DUNDEE UNITED	SUN 16 MAY 3:00pm
Scottish Cup final, Hampden Park	CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE	SAT 22 MAY 3:00pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Premierleague, April 25, 2004
HEARTS 1 v 1 CELTIC (McGeady)

Scottish Premierleague, April 21, 2004
CELTIC 1 v ABERDEEN 2 (Larsson)

Scottish Premierleague, April 18, 2004
KILMARNOCK 0 v 1 CELTIC (Petrov)

Uefa Cup 1/4-Final 2nd Leg, April 14, 2004
VILLARREAL 2 v 0 CELTIC

Scottish Cup Semi-final, April 11, 2004
LIVINGSTON 1 v 3 CELTIC (Sutton 2, Larsson)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	Dougie McDonald
Assistant Referees:	David Doig Jim Dunne
Fourth Official:	Eddie Smith

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, Tom Allison, Eric Hagman

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Feeling just Champion

Paul Lambert has enjoyed every minute of his career at Celtic Park ... especially those four league title wins. Now, as he prepares to collect yet another medal, he looks forward to the challenges ahead and another tilt at the Champions League

Exclusive Interview: ALISON McCONNELL

PAUL LAMBERT will collect his fourth Championship medal this afternoon and like most in the Celtic dressing room he has voiced his belief that this one carries with it a little extra sweetness.

It's not just the fact that the title was wrenched away from Celtic in the cruellest circumstances last year but also because this year's victory guarantees a group place when the fresh Champions League campaign begins after the summer break.

Lambert has watched as Martin O'Neill's side have made significant progress in European football over the last few seasons and he is eager to see those steps forward continued. Like his manager, Lambert feels that funds will have to be made available to strengthen the squad over the summer months and he has also maintained that keeping O'Neill in Glasgow is pivotal to Celtic's success.

To date, Celtic have lost just eight league games since the Irishman's arrival at the club in June 2000, and it can be no coincidence

that the two domestic defeats suffered at Celtic Park in that time have come after the League Championship has been won.

Dunfermline will doubtless attempt to adopt the role of party poopers this afternoon in a dress rehearsal for the Scottish Cup final later this month, but in an afternoon when the title is paraded in front of a capacity Celtic Park there is little that will dampen the mood of the hosts.

"It's been great this season," enthused Lambert. "It's not just this season though, it's everything that has happened over the last four years and the sheer consistency of the team throughout that time.

"We have lost so few games and worked hard and ensured that we approach every single game with the intention of winning



TOP MAN

Paul celebrates after clinching the SPL title at Rugby Park last month



“It is always going to be tough in the Champions League given the quality of sides taking part”

it and I think what has been achieved by this squad of players is pretty incredible.

“Now we want to continue it with another decent crack at the Champions League next season. It is such an important competition to be in, especially for a club the size and stature of Celtic's but you don't want to be in it just to make up the numbers.

“I'm sure that the manager will probably want to bring in some new players to add to the current squad and aim for a place in the second group stages. We have been so close to it on two separate occasions now and it has been disappointing to just miss out, but you know that it is always going to be tough given the quality of the sides that you are up against.

“The manager, along with John Robertson and Steve Walford, deserve a lot of credit for the way they have turned things around here over the last four years. They are the focal point of the club and as a team they work so well together too and it's so important that the club can keep them here.”

Lambert has another year on his Celtic contract and will see it out before pursuing a management career of his own. It goes without saying that he has his sights fixed on bowing out of Celtic on a high, but before that he is determined to make the most of the opportunities that lie in front of him over the next 12 months.

The former Scotland internationalist has been used sparingly this season by O'Neill,



VOTE WINNER
Jackie McNamara is Paul Lambert's choice for Celtic's Player of the Year



EUROCRATS
The Hoops are set for another crack at the Champions League in the autumn

“European football is special but the bread and butter comes with winning week in and week out in the league”

although his campaign has been interrupted by injury too. This afternoon he will enjoy the plaudits and the bows in front of the home support when he is first to get his hands on the trophy, and it is a moment that the squad as a whole have been pushing towards since the beginning of the season.

“Winning the league is always the most important thing for Celtic. European football is special and it is important but the bread and butter comes when you are winning week in, week out in the league.

“We felt that we were so unlucky last year to miss out on the title by a single goal, but to have won it three times out of the

last four seasons is impressive.

“I've enjoyed every minute of my career and every minute that I've been at Celtic. I'll never forget how important it was to stop ten-in-a-row that first season I was here and things like that stay with you.

“I am committed to being here for another full season and after that I do want to go into management and be my own man, but before that I feel that I've still got a bit to go just yet.”

Lambert, meanwhile, has revealed that his vote for the Celtic Player of the Year Award

would go to Jackie McNamara.

The 30-year-old has been deployed in a variety of positions over the last nine months and Lambert was eager to applaud the contribution of his colleague.

“The hardest thing to do in football is be consistent,” explained Lambert. “Jackie hasn't only been consistent throughout the season but he has done in from various different positions. He has done so well wherever he has been asked to perform and for that I would rate him worthy of the award.”

Hail, Hail, to the King.





Henrik Larsson's Farewell Fiesta

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*Carling would like to congratulate Celtic
as SPL Champions of 2003/04.*

LOVEFOOTBALL

Sharing his knowledge on all things Celtic, Lisbon Lion Jim Craig replies to your questions on Parkhead legends Charlie Tully and Paul Lambert, plus the Hoops' connections with South American players

Do you have a Celtic question you need answered or a pub argument you want settled? Well, Lisbon Lion Jim Craig is here to help you.

In every match programme this season, Jim will attempt to answer your queries on all things Celtic.

You can write to Jim at: Celtic View, Celtic Park, Glasgow G40 3RE or email your questions to: jrcraig@celticfc.co.uk

In the late 1980s, when Celtic were beaten in an Old Firm final 2-1, their only goal was a special one in the club's history. But I cannot remember just what it signified?

Jack Gallagher

It was the final of the 1986 League Cup and Brian McClair's goal was Celtic's 800th in the competition.

When did Charlie Tully score the goals from successive corners?

Brian Morton

These came in a Scottish Cup third round tie against Falkirk at Brockville on February 21, 1953. 23,100 were lucky enough to be present when he performed this feat around the 53rd minute.

How many caps did Paul Lambert win with his various clubs?

John Ryan

Two at Motherwell, seven at Borussia Dortmund and 31 at Celtic.

When did Pele play his last game?

Frank Callan

On October 3, 1974. He played the first 20 minutes of a game for Santos in Brazil then left the field in tears. It was supposedly his 1,365th match of a career in which he scored 1,282 goals.

Would Celtic have played matches when there were no penalty kicks?

James Carr

Penalty kicks were introduced for the 1891/92 season. Celtic had already taken part in the Scottish Cup campaigns of 1888/89,



CAP THAT
Paul has gained most of his international honours while with Celtic



RECORD BREAKER
Brian McClair scored Celtic's 800th League Cup goal in the 1986 defeat by Rangers and right, Rafael was just one of the South Americans who wore the Hoops



YOUNG STAR
A youthful looking Pele, who played his last game for Santos on October 3, 1974



1889/90 and 1890/91 plus the first league season of 1890/91.

Was Rafael the only South American player ever to come to Celtic?

Phil Anderson

No. In the mid-1960s, four Brazilians trained at Parkhead. Two did not receive work-permits but Ayrton Inacio and Marco di Sousa played several reserve matches. More recently, Fernando de Ornelas from Venezuela played in the Bayern Munich game in February 2000.

In your tribute to Ronnie Simpson, you mentioned that he played for Queen's Park against Celtic in the Victory-in-Europe Cup. Why were Queen's Park chosen?

Rob Watson

At the end of WW2, the Glasgow Cup committee invited Celtic and Rangers to play in this charity match. Rangers couldn't compete due to their preparations for a Southern League Cup final against Motherwell. Queen's Park replaced them at short notice.

The league trophy returns home to Paradise today – here we look back at Celtic's most recent SPL silver moments, after winning the Championship in seasons 2000/01 and 2001/02



TROPHY TEAM
Paul Lambert and Alan Thompson lead the parade after Celtic's league success in 2001



ULTIMATE PRIZE
Chris Sutton, Tommy Johnson and Alan Stubbs enjoy that winning feeling



HI-HO SILVER
Henrik Larsson lifts the trophy and thumbs up from Martin O'Neill

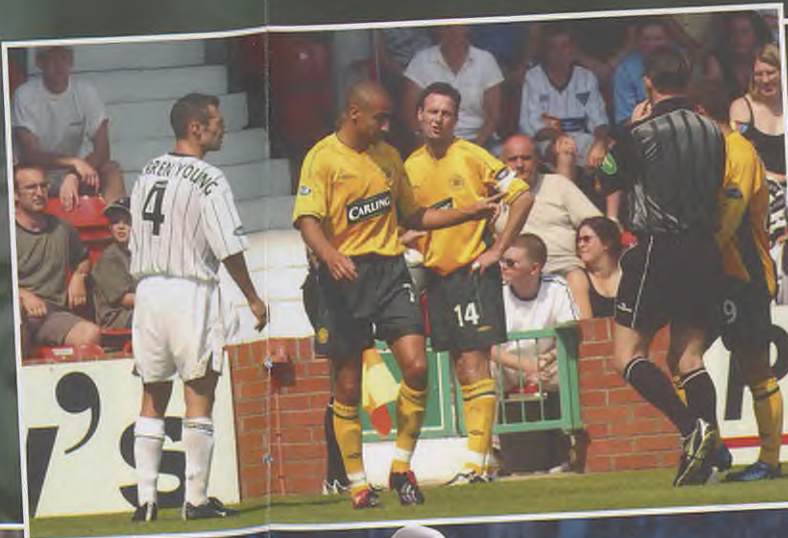


BOYS' OWN HERO
Johan Mjallby gets his son in on the act in 2001 as the Hoops make it a right family occasion



BOYD UP Tommy Boyd leads the 2001 party while right, Neil Lennon starts the 'Boys' chorus in 2002

From the first kick of the ball last July to the drama of the SPL Championship clincher at Rugby Park last month, it's been a league season of excitement and success for Celtic. They say a picture tells a thousand words, so here, in images from the past seven months, is the story of The Road to the Title.





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Put your football knowledge to the test with our super Celtic half-time quiz



1) Who is the only current player to net more goals in Europe than Henrik Larsson?

2) For which English club did Jimmy Calderwood play for eight years in the '70s?

3) Apart from Celtic and Rangers which club finished in the top six on four occasions since the SPL introduced the league split?

4) Who was the first non-British player to score for Celtic in a domestic cup final in Scotland?

5) Which former international keeper managed Dunfermline when they defeated Hearts and won the Scottish Cup in 1968?

6) Who was the last Celtic keeper to play a competitive game against England at Wembley?

7) Against which Spanish club did Dunfermline score six goals over two legs of a Fairs Cup tie, and not progress in the competition?

8) Other than Martin O'Neill and Jimmy Nicholl, which member of the Northern Ireland 1982 World Cup team became a manager in Scottish football?

9) Which two former Celts were awarded the English Football writers' Player of the Year title?

10) How many successive home matches did Dunfermline win in European competition between 1962/63 and 1968/69 to establish a Scottish record?

11) Who was the last player to score for Celtic in the League Cup final and the Scottish Cup final in the same season?



Q1



Q12



Q2

12) Other than Stevie Crawford, who is the only other Dunfermline player of the last 30 years to be capped by Scotland?

13) In which season did Glasgow last field six teams in the top division of Scottish football?

14) Which current Dunfermline player previously played against Celtic in a domestic cup final in Scotland?

15) Which two players from the 2002 World Cup final have played Celtic in European competition in the last two seasons?

- 1) Raul of Real Madrid with 46 goals.
 2) Birmingham City. 3) Hearts.
 4) Johannes Edvaldsson v Rangers.
 1977/78 League Cup.
 5) George Farnham.
 6) Pat Bonner, 1991, England 1 v Republic of Ireland 1.
 7) Valencia 1962/63, 0-4, 6-2, 0-1.
 8) John McClelland.
 9) Bobby Collins in 1965, Kenny Dalglish 1979 and 1983.
 10) Twelve matches.
 11) Henrik Larsson 2001/2002.
 12) Barry Nicholson.
 13) 1957/58 Celtic, Rangers, Partick Thistle, Queen's Park, Third Lanark and Clyde.
 14) Steve Crawford, 1994/95, Keith Rovers v Celtic, League Cup final.
 15) Ronaldinho for Barcelona, and Dietmar Hamann with Liverpool.



Congratulations Celtic!

Bank of Scotland congratulates Celtic Football Club on becoming Premierleague Champions 2003-2004.



League victory was no walk in the park for the Celts of 1982, but a trip to Hong Kong made the difference

IN the spring of 1982, Celtic made a quick trip to Hong Kong to play a local team for a special trophy.

The night before they travelled, in a league match against Morton, the Hoops had not found the going easy as the papers were quick to point out.

The *Daily Record* reported that "they (Celtic) will thank their lucky stars they scrambled two points at Parkhead. It was a going away gift before the smallest crowd of the season and Morton could count themselves unlucky not to have won a point."

The *Evening Times* said "But if it was hardly a stylish victory, it was still vital. Having dropped three points in their last two matches, Celtic just couldn't afford to slip again."

The *Glasgow Herald* wrote that "The players took the match much more seriously than the fans - a paltry 9,000 braved the elements at Parkhead last night - and therein lay the problem as Celtic's forwards looked anxious and over-hasty in front of goal, failing to turn their superiority into goals."

Four days later, after travelling to the other side of Asia, Celtic took on Hong Kong Rangers at the Government Stadium. A long distance it might have been but the same papers had their reporters on the spot to give their views;

The *Evening Times* wrote "The Scottish champions warmed up a rather disappointing 5,000



TROPHY HERO
Tommy Burns' performance helped the Hoops clinch the cup

crowd with some exciting, flamboyant play but they met little resistance from a Hong Kong Rangers side totally out of its class. Hong Kong had drafted in winger Tommy Hutchison from rivals Bulova but although he showed a few class touches it was Celtic all the way."

The *Glasgow Herald* summarised the game by saying "Celtic turned on the style for the residents of Hong Kong, beating the local Rangers 5-0 with an exhibition of attacking football. The Scottish champions pressed from the start and took the lead after only six minutes through Frank McGarvey.

"The locals' defence could not cope with the continuous onslaught and Tommy Burns made it 2-0 six minutes later.

Tom McAdam added a third goal before the interval."

And the *Daily Record* wrote "In a match played in 'Scottish' conditions - cold and constant drizzle - Celtic wrapped up the match at half-time when they went three goals in front.

"Further goals from Burns and Roy Aitken - given a go-ahead midfield role - put the game way beyond the reach of the Hong Kong side. However, the biggest disappointment wasn't the scoreline but that only 5,000 fans turned up when a full house of 28,000 was anticipated."

The trip gave the players a boost. Of their remaining 14 matches, Celtic won 10 and drew two, their points total of 55 giving them the league title for the second consecutive season.

Comp	Fixture Date	Venue	Opposition	Score	Att	Teamsheet	Substitutes
CLQ2	July 30	A	Kaunas	4-0	3,000	Douglas Mjallby Varga Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CLQ2	August 6	H	Kaunas	1-0*	40,284	Douglas Mjallby Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	August 9	A	Dunfermline	0-0	10,082	Douglas Mjallby Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CLQ3	August 13	A	MTK	4-0	5,000	Douglas Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	August 16	H	Dundee Utd	5-0	57,658	Hedman Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	August 23	A	Partick Th	2-1	9,045	Douglas Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CLQ3	August 27	H	MTK	1-0	41,720	Hedman Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	August 30	H	Livingston	5-1	57,165	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	September 13	A	Dundee	1-0	10,647	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CL	September 17	A	Bayern Munich	1-2	48,500	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	September 20	H	Motherwell	3-0	58,013	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	September 27	A	Hibernian	2-1	12,032	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CL	Sep 30	H	Lyon	2-0	58,027	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	October 4	A	Rangers	1-0	49,825	Hedman McNamara Sutton Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	October 18	H	Hearts	5-0*	59,560	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CL	October 21	A	Anderlecht	0-1	27,200	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	October 25	H	Aberdeen	4-0	59,598	Hedman Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	November 1	A	Kilmarnock	5-0	12,460	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CL	November 5	H	Anderlecht	3-1	59,267	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	November 8	H	Dunfermline	5-0	58,328	Douglas McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	November 22	A	Dundee Utd	5-1	10,802	Hedman Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CL	November 25	H	Bayern Munich	0-0	59,506	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	November 29	H	Partick Th	3-1	58,202	Hedman Kennedy Mjallby Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CIS3	December 4	A	Partick Thistle	2-0	5,700	Marshall Kennedy Gray McNamara Mjallby Crainey Lambert Sylla	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	December 6	A	Livingston	2-0	9,523	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CL	December 10	A	Lyon	2-3	40,125	Hedman Varga Balde Mjallby Thompson Lennon Miller Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	December 13	H	Dundee	3-2	57,573	Douglas Varga Balde Mjallby Thompson Lennon Miller Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
CIS4	December 18	A	Hibernian	1-2	9,246	Douglas Varga Balde Kennedy Crainey Lennon Lambert Thompson	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	December 21	A	Motherwell	2-0	10,513	Douglas Varga Balde Mjallby Sutton Lennon Miller Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	December 27	H	Hibernian	6-0	59,609	Douglas Varga Balde Mjallby McNamara Lennon Petrov Thompson	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	January 3	H	Rangers	3-0	59,987	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SFA3	January 10	H	Ross County	2-0	30,565	Douglas Sutton Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	January 18	A	Hearts	1-0	13,753	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	January 24	A	Aberdeen	3-1	16,452	Douglas Varga Kennedy McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	January 31	H	Kilmarnock	5-1	59,138	Douglas Varga Kennedy McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SFA4	February 7	A	Hearts	3-0	15,372	Douglas Varga Kennedy McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	February 11	A	Dunfermline	4-1	11,201	Douglas Varga Keny McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	February 14	H	Dundee Utd	2-1	58,650	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	February 22	A	Partick Th	4-1	8,131	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Kennedy Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
UEFA	February 26	H	FK Teplice	3-0	48,947	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lambert Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	February 29	H	Livingston	5-1	59,973	Douglas Varga Balde Kennedy Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
UEFA	March 3	A	FK Teplice	0-1	10,000	Douglas Varga Balde Kennedy Agathe Lambert McNamara Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SFA5	March 7	H	Rangers	10-0	58,735	Douglas Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon McNamara Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
UEFA	March 11	H	Barcelona	10-0	59,539	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	March 14	H	Motherwell	1-1	47,563	Marshall Varga Balde Kennedy Wallace Lambert Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	March 17	A	Dundee	2-1	8,593	Marshall Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	March 21	A	Hibernian	0-0	9,456	Marshall Kennedy Balde McNamara Agathe 2 Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
UEFA	March 25	A	Barcelona	4-0	78,000	Marshall Varga Kennedy McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	March 28	A	Rangers	2-1	49,909	Marshall Varga Balde Kennedy Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	April 3	H	Hearts	2-2	59,348	Marshall Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lambert Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
UEFA	April 8	H	Villarreal	1-1	58,493	Marshall Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SFA6	April 11	N	Livingston	3-1	26,152	Marshall Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
UEFA	April 14	A	Villarreal	0-2	15,964	Marshall Varga Balde McNamara Valgaeren Lennon Pearson Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	April 18	A	Kilmarnock	1-0	14,516	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Mjallby Lennon Pearson Agathe	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	April 21	H	Aberdeen	1-2	51,000	Marshall McNamara Varga McNamara Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	April 25	A	Hearts	1-1	12,112	Marshall Varga Balde Mjallby Agathe Lennon Miller McGeady	Thompson Sutton Larsson Hedman Miller Maloney Smith
SPL	May 2	H	Dunfermline	3-0			
SPL	May 8	H	Rangers	13-0			
SPL	May 12	A	Motherwell				
SPL	May 16	H	Dundee United	3-0			
SFA7	May 22	N	Dunfermline				

Squad List

3	MOMO SYLLA	Midfielder
4	JACKIE McNAMARA	Defender
5	JOOS VALGAEREN	Defender
6	BOBO BALDE	Defender
7	HENRIK LARSSON	Forward
8	ALAN THOMPSON	Midfielder
9	CHRIS SUTTON	Forward
10	JOHN HARTSON	Forward
11	STEPHEN PEARSON	Midfielder
12	DAVID FERNANDEZ	Forward
14	PAUL LAMBERT	Midfielder
15	BOBBY PETTA	Midfielder
16	ULRIK LAURSEN	Defender
17	DIDIER AGATHE	Midfielder
18	NEIL LENNON	Midfielder
19	STILIAN PETROV	Midfielder
20	RAB DOUGLAS	Goalkeeper
21	MAGNUS HEDMAN	Goalkeeper
22	DAVID MARSHALL	Goalkeeper
23	STANISLAV VARGA	Defender
29	SHAUN MALONEY	Forward
33	ROSS WALLACE	Forward
35	JOHAN MJALLBY	Defender
37	CRAIG BEATTIE	Forward
39	JAMIE SMITH	Midfielder
41	JOHN KENNEDY	Defender
43	LIAM MILLER	Midfielder
44	STEPHEN McMANUS	Defender
46	AIDEN MCGEADY	Midfielder
47	MICHAEL MCGOVERN	Goalkeeper

Statistics

Name - goalscorer

- - player booked
- - player sent off

Name^{TS} - sub used

* own goal scored

FIRST TEAM STATS 03/04

Name	League	CIS Cup	Scot Cup	Europe	Total
HENRIK LARSSON	33 1 27	1 0 0	4 0 3	15 0 6	53 1 36
STANISLAV VARGA	32 0 6	1 0 1	3 0 2	15 0 0	51 0 7
STILIAN PETROV	31 2 6	0 0 0	3 1 2	15 0 1	49 3 9
NEIL LENNON	31 0 0	0 0 0	4 0 0	12 1 0	47 1 0
BOBO BALDE	28 1 2	3 0 0	3 0 0	14 0 0	46 1 2
DIDIER AGATHE	34 1 5	0 0 0	4 0 0	14 0 1	42 1 6
CHRIS SUTTON	22 0 18	1 0 0	3 0 2	14 0 7	40 0 27
ALAN THOMPSON	23 0 11	1 0 0	3 0 0	13 0 2	40 0 13
JACKIE McNAMARA	24 1 1	1 0 0	3 0 0	11 0 0	39 1 1
RAB DOUGLAS	15 1 0	1 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0	25 1 0
JOHN HARTSON	14 1 9	0 0 0	1 0 1	6 1 1	21 2 11
STEPHEN PEARSON	13 0 3	0 0 0	3 1 0	5 1 0	21 2 3
MAGNUS HEDMAN	12 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	7 0 0	19 0 0
LIAM MILLER	12 11 2	1 0 0	0 0 0	5 8 3	18 20 5
PAUL LAMBERT	7 4 1	2 0 0	1 0 0	6 0 0	16 4 2
JOHN KENNEDY	9 3 1	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 2 0	14 6 1

SPL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CELTIC	34	29	4	1	100	21	79	91
Rangers	34	23	6	5	69	29	40	75
Hearts	34	15	11	8	48	37	11	56
Dunfermline	34	13	11	10	38	43	-5	50
Motherwell	34	12	9	13	39	40	-1	45
Dundee Utd	34	11	10	13	42	54	-12	43
Livingston	34	9	12	13	40	48	-8	39
Hibernian	34	9	11	14	37	54	-17	38
Dundee	34	9	10	15	42	55	-13	34
Kilmarnock	34	10	5	19	41	68	-27	35
Aberdeen	34	9	7	18	38	54	-16	34
Partick Thistle	34	4	6	24	31	62	-31	18

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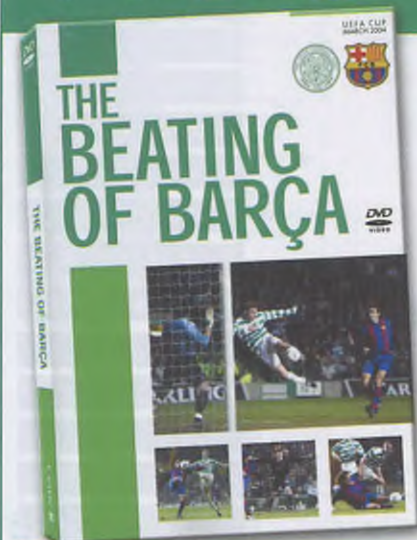
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The SPL Championship was clinched at Kilmarnock last month after a 1-0 victory, Stilian Petrov's goal sparking jubilant scenes at Rugby Park. Relax, look back and enjoy the day the league title was won.



GRAND STAN FINISH
Petrov takes off after his vital goal sealed the points for the Celts



WORD IN YOUR EAR
Goal-hero Petrov shares a joke with Didier Agathe



NET BOUND
Petrov, right, forces the ball over the line



HANDSHAKES ALL ROUND
Martin O'Neill accepts the congratulations of his bench as the whistle sounds at Killie



LENNY'S FLAG DAY
Neil Lennon waves a Hoops banner as the delighted players parade for the fans

Kenny's U21s make it three league titles in a row as their Old Firm rivals are held to a draw at Livingston

Words: Stephen Sullivan

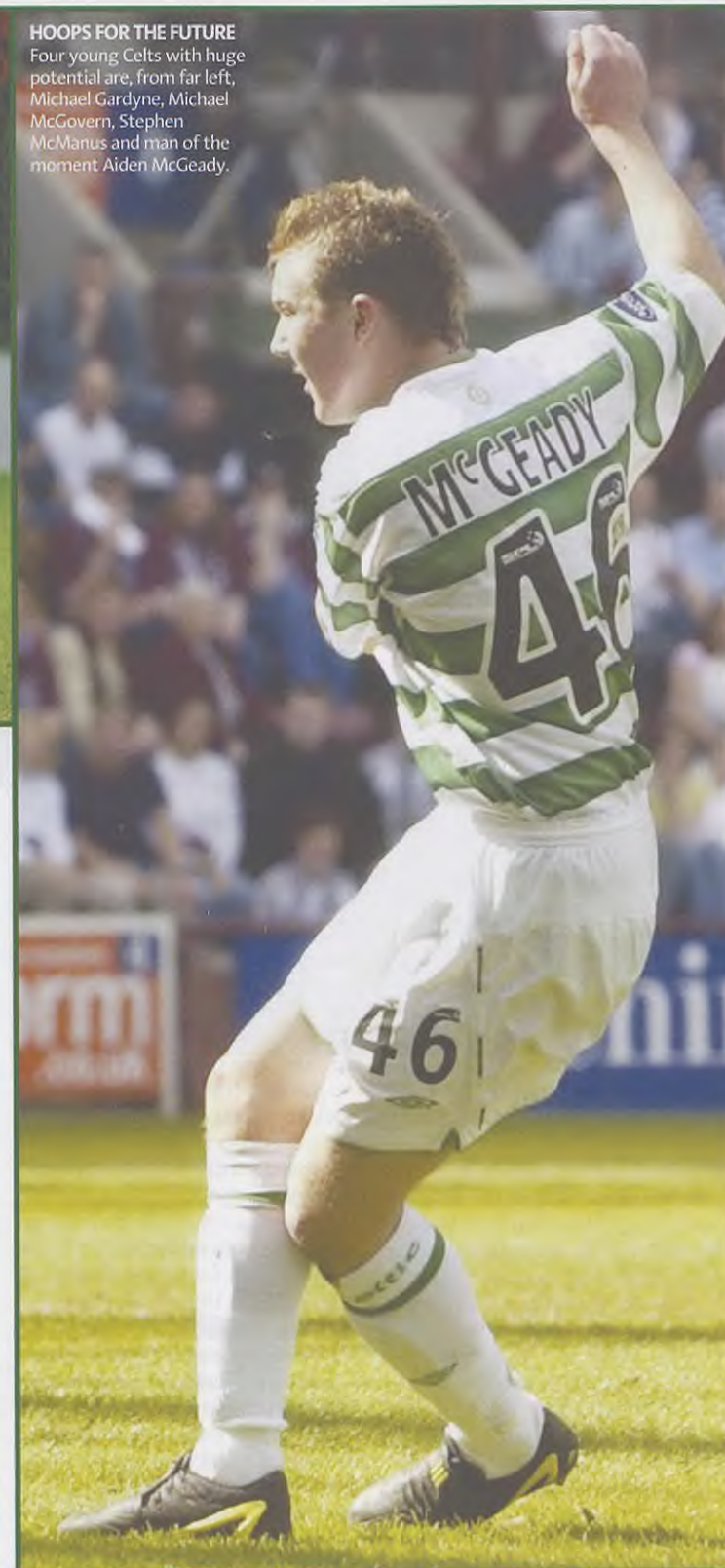
IT'S OFFICIAL. Celtic are Scotland's Under-21 Champions for the third season in succession after Rangers handed them the title on Wednesday by dropping another two points, this time at home to Livingston.

With Kenny McDowall's side boasting a vastly superior goal difference, the Championship had been all but secure in any case, but this removes any lingering doubts – and allows the young Celts to begin celebrations a little earlier.

They won't, however, be presented with the trophy today. As this programme went to press, it appeared certain that McDowall's players will take their bow before Celtic Park either during the half-time interval in the Old Firm game or, as seems more likely, at some stage during the Hoops' final home game against Dundee United.

Fortunately, for the under-21 coach, such matters represent mere trivial details. He's simply delighted to have secured yet another title and – like his senior counterpart, Martin O'Neill – McDowall considers this one to have been the sweetest yet.

"Yeah, I think it probably is," he said. "We made a terrific start, the best we've ever made to a season, but since Christmas it's been a real toil, getting squads together and getting games on. So I'm delighted. "Ever since November, I've been



HOOPS FOR THE FUTURE

Four young Celts with huge potential are, from far left, Michael Gardyne, Michael McGovern, Stephen McManus and man of the moment Aiden McGeady.

hearing people saying: 'Oh, so I see your boys have won the league again.' But I knew all along that there was a lot of football left to be played so I was always wary of that kind of talk.

"I also knew that our squad wasn't as big as it had been, and that meant when Martin started to suffer through injuries, so did we. In previous seasons I've had a core of lads to fall back on, but this time our only regulars were Stephen McManus, Kevin McBride, Gary Irvine and Michael McGovern.

That meant I had to draft up the likes of Michael Gardyne, Aiden McGeady, Stephen Low and Rocco Quinn to make up that core. They have taken us over the finishing line.

"I also have to give great credit to the boys who've come up from the youth development teams and their coaches. They've

all been a credit to themselves and to the club. And I've always appreciated the professionalism of the senior lads who've played for us such as Momo Sylla, Ulrik Laursen and Paul Lambert. They've all played their part in achieving this."

So too, insists McDowall, has his legendary assistant, Danny McGrain. "Danny's been fantastic," he said. "We've been together five years now, and he's a brilliant guy to have around. He's always there to lend a hand or offer a bit of advice, and it's been great for me to have someone to offer a different perspective. He's a legend here, and he's been terrific for me"

What McDowall and McGrain, not to mention Martin O'Neill, want to see most now is more players rolling off the production line, and last Sunday the Celtic fans were introduced to the latest



JOY BHOYS:

Kevin McBride celebrates a goal with Jamie Smith

Bhoy wonder when Aiden McGeady took his senior bow. As debuts go, it was certainly one of the more spectacular.

McDowall said: "Aiden was fantastic but it wasn't a great surprise to any of us because we've all known about his ability for some time now. With Aiden, it's always just been a case of waiting on him physically.

"He's certainly an exciting player, a one-off. You can't coach the kind of ability he has. It's something you're born with.

"All we've attempted to teach him is how to become a better team player and a more rounded footballer. There's no doubt he has a massive future ahead of him."

UNDER 21 LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CHAMPIONS	30	22	5	3	73	22	51	71
Hearts	32	19	6	7	56	27	29	63
Rangers	31	19	6	6	56	29	27	63
Dunfermline	31	14	8	9	48	36	12	50
Kilmarnock	30	11	7	12	40	50	-10	40
Dundee Utd	31	11	7	13	47	56	-9	40
Aberdeen	30	11	6	13	34	47	-13	38
Partick Thistle	32	10	7	15	37	52	-15	37
Livingston	30	9	9	12	36	38	-2	37
Hibernian	33	8	8	17	41	45	-4	32
Dundee	30	5	7	18	37	71	-34	22
Motherwell	31	4	8	19	22	56	-34	20

the YOUTH ACADEMY

IT is a day for congratulations. The manager, staff and players deserve huge credit for winning the Championship and I'm sure they will receive a cheer from the supporters today.

Congratulations are also in order for Aiden McGeady who made his scoring debut against Hearts last weekend. It is another step in what we all hope will be an excellent career for him.

On Wednesday we took a very young U17 side to the Bolton Wanderers Academy to play another English Premiership Academy side. Congratulations to Jim McNally and his team.

Ablly assisted by Pat Gardner the lads delivered an excellent first-half performance in a 1-0 win. In the second-half things were a little more even.

Some of the football played was exceptional, with good passing and movement.

Paul Caddis (U16) and Alan Lindsay (U16) acquitted themselves well and it was pleasing to see a solid central defensive performance from Gareth Christie and Paul Hutchinson.

Gareth has had a difficult season with injuries and Paul seems to have adjusted well to full-time football and has become one of the most consistent performers over recent months after a tricky start.

These games against the English academies (five so far) have been a useful yardstick for our young players.

The performances and results have been pleasing, and have convinced us we are on the right track both on and off the pitch.

Complacency will not set in and



we still have many challenges ahead of us. Newcastle United are the next Premiership academy team our U17's will play against.

This will be their last game of the season and will be one that John Stephenson will be keen for us to do well in. John is a Sunderland fan, and will be anxious for us to put one over on the Magpies.

I am looking forward to going back to Newcastle to see how their academy programme has improved since I was there, and I am looking forward to seeing their new facilities, which include a full-size indoor pitch.

Our search for young players intensifies at this time of year as we continue to sieve through the players recommended by our scouts.

John and I will have been in Ballymena for the U16 International tournament. There are lots of quality players on show, and hopefully we can persuade one or two that Celtic is the best programme for them, offering

them the best chance of first team football, European competition, and success.

The manager hasn't been afraid to play home-grown talent this season. John Kennedy, Shaun Maloney, Ross Wallace, David Marshall, Craig Beattie, Liam Miller, Aiden McGeady, Jamie Smith, Stephen McManus, and Stephen Crainey (now at Southampton) have all featured. If I have missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

At least 10 home-grown players have featured in the first-team this season and that is credit to the young players who have managed to get in there. If you are good enough then Celtic will give you your chance, and that is a great message for anyone considering Celtic as an option.

Enjoy the game.

Tommy Burns

Assessment Evening

On Wednesday May 5, we will have our final Assessment Evening of the current season.

Parents of all the boys in our squads have been invited to come along to Celtic Park, to meet with the coaches and discuss the club's plans for next season.

Tommy Burns, John Stephenson and other Academy Staff will also be on hand to offer advice on various aspects of the Academy.

Under 17s

The 17s continued their excellent form in England, beating Bolton Wanderers 1-0 in a friendly last Wednesday.

In previous matches they beat Liverpool, drew with Arsenal, and had only been defeated by Manchester United Under 19s.

In all these games, the lads were a credit to the club. Arsenal equalised in the last five minutes, and our boys more than held their own against a Manchester United team who were two years older.

The match against United was tight until we lost two goals in the last 20 minutes, when the strength of the older boys told.

Although this squad have had some excellent results and performances, the most pleasing aspect for Jim McNally and Pat Gardner has been the number of boys who have moved up to play for our 19s and 21s.

Under 10s

The selection process for this group continues, and we are now well on our way to firming up our squad for next season.

The boys have played a number of games for Celtic and Martin Miller is absolutely delighted with the standard on show.

Over the next few weeks those who commit to joining the Academy next season will be invited along to Celtic Park along with their parents to get a flavour of what lies ahead.

We will explain our expectations for the season, and

**SWEET SEVENTEENS**

Charles Grant and the rest of the U17 squad have delighted their coaches with their performances

endeavour to answer questions pertaining to life in the Academy.

We will also give them the chance to watch the younger squads working in the gym with staff from the club's Science Team.

Tours

May is a busy month with our squads going abroad.

The first group to go will be the 15s, who are heading to Italy's top youth tournament held at Lake Garda.

Due to SQA Exams, a few players are unable to travel, and

will be replaced with boys from the 14s squad.

Later in the month, the 19s head to Terborg in Holland, to take part in the ABN Amro Tournament, sponsored by the company that sponsor Ajax.

We are the only Scottish club to be invited to this tournament, as invitations are restricted to teams who have won the European Cup (Champions League) or Copa Libertadores (the South American equivalent), which of course will guarantee top quality opposition for our boys.

Brian Meehan

SEASON STATS 2003/04

TEAM STATS

Club Name	shots On	shots Off	corners	HW	caught offside	off trap	fouls	yellow cards	red cards	pens award	pens con
Aberdeen	173	154	208	13	104	101	408	33	3	4 (2)	4
Celtic	262	174	224	14	110	43	423	35	2	12 (11)	1
Dundee	176	136	196	4	84	119	422	58	1	3 (3)	10
Dundee Utd	175	122	162	4	94	133	443	59	2	5 (4)	10
Dunfermline	177	155	169	7	73	70	484	37	1	1 (1)	4
Hearts	195	150	190	6	88	119	598	66	1	4 (4)	1
Hibernian	166	165	182	6	82	176	487	62	3	7 (5)	8
Kilmarnock	171	134	166	4	115	131	510	54	3	3 (2)	7
Livingston	181	159	162	4	112	101	548	66	1	3 (2)	6
Motherwell	171	143	191	4	140	71	477	42	1	7 (4)	2
Partick	148	150	160	5	128	114	434	58	3	3 (2)	5
Rangers	281	193	235	12	145	89	436	48	0	8 (7)	2

The Player With The Most.....

Shots 106 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots on target** 65 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots off target** 41 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Assists** 16 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Alan Thompson** (Celtic). **Crosses** 95 Alan Thompson (Celtic). **Offsides** 60 Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock). **Fouls** 81 Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock). **Free-kicks won** 89 Stilian Petrov (Celtic)

Off Trap - number of times a side has caught the opposition offside. Pens award - number of penalties the side have been awarded (penalties scored is shown in brackets). Pens Con - number of penalties awarded to opposition HW - Hit Woodwork

Player Stats

Most Shots On Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 65, Nacho Novo (Dundee) 50, Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 49, Michael Mols (Rangers) 44, Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock) 37, Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline) 34, Peter Lovenkrands (Rangers) 30, David Zdrilic (Aberdeen) 30.

Most Shots Off Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 41, Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 32, Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline) 30, Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock) 25, Lee Makel (Livingston) 25, Nacho Novo (Dundee) 25, Garry O'Connor (Hibernian) 23, Craig Brewster (Dunfermline) 22.

Most Assists

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 16, Alan Thompson (Celtic) 16, David Fernandez (Livingston) 9, Barry Robson (Dundee Utd) 8, Michael Mols (Rangers) 8, Chris Sutton (Celtic) 7, Scott Morrison (Aberdeen) 6, Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline) 6.

Most Shots Without a Goal

Marvin Andrews (Livingston) 28, Garry Brady (Dundee) 21, Moises Emerson (Rangers) 18, Scott Muirhead (Aberdeen) 18, Patrick Kisorbo (Hearts) 17, Derek Fleming (Partick) 16, Stuart Lovell (Livingston) 16, Markus Heikkinen (Aberdeen) 15.

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* Please note all stats up to and including 26/04/2004

Top Goalscorers

	Lge	FA	LC	Eur	Tot
Henrik Larsson	27	3	0	6	36
Chris Sutton	18	2	0	7	27
Nacho Novo	16	1	1	4	22
Derek Riordan	14	0	3	0	17
Stevie Crawford	12	2	2	0	16
Derek Lilley	11	3	2	0	16
Shota Arveladze	12	2	0	1	15
Mark de Vries	10	0	1	2	13
Alan Thompson	11	0	0	2	13
James Grady	10	2	1	0	13
Peter Lovenkrands	9	1	1	2	13
Colin McMenamin	10	1	1	0	12
Including 5 for Falkirk					
Kris Boyd	12	0	0	0	12
John Hartson	9	1	0	1	11
Michael Mols	9	0	1	1	11
Jim McIntyre	9	0	2	0	11
David Clarkson	9	2	0	0	11

2003/04 Season Goals



Goals Per Match Ratio (By Ground)

Deals with total number of goals scored on each ground

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/M
Celtic Park	Celtic	16	70	4.38
Ibrox Stadium	Rangers	17	54	3.18
Rugby Park	Kilmarnock	17	50	2.94
Firhill Stadium	Partick	17	50	2.94
Easter Road Stadium	Hibernian	17	49	2.88
Tannadice Park	Dundee Utd	17	48	2.82
Pittodrie Stadium	Aberdeen	17	47	2.76
Fir Park Stadium	Motherwell	17	44	2.59
Tynecastle Stadium	Hearts	17	41	2.41
East End Park	Dunfermline	18	42	2.33
Den's Park Stadium	Dundee	17	37	2.18
The City Stadium	Livingston	17	33	1.94

Fastest Goal Of The Season

From the start of a match

Craig Brewster (Dunfermline vs Hibernian) 0:42

By a substitute after coming on

Billy Dodds (Dundee Utd vs Rangers) 0:36

Attendance Watch

Team	Average	Best	Against
Celtic	57,407	59,609	Hibernian
Rangers	49,165	49,962	Aberdeen
Hearts	12,031	16,632	Hibernian
Aberdeen	10,748	16,452	Celtic
Hibernian	9,528	15,060	Hearts
Dundee Utd	8,010	12,292	Dundee
Dundee	7,341	10,948	Rangers
Kilmarnock	7,196	14,576	Celtic
Dunfermline	6,204	11,201	Celtic
Motherwell	6,165	10,824	Rangers
Livingston	5,273	9,627	Rangers
Partick	4,854	9,045	Celtic

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ON this day in 1977, Celtic legend Danny McGrain was presented with the Scottish Football Writers' Player of the Year award.

The Players' Player of the Year wasn't established until the following season, and Danny was the fifth Celt to pick up the writers' honour since it began in 1965.

Billy McNeill won the first ever award, and two years later the great Ronnie Simpson was the recipient. Another two years went by and Bobby Murdoch lifted the 1969 honour.

The Celts took up the torch again in 1973 when George Connelly was the first of the new breed at Paradise to win the votes of the pundits. The following year a couple of Celts took some credit when the Scottish World Cup team won the award for their endeavours in the 1974 Germany tournament.

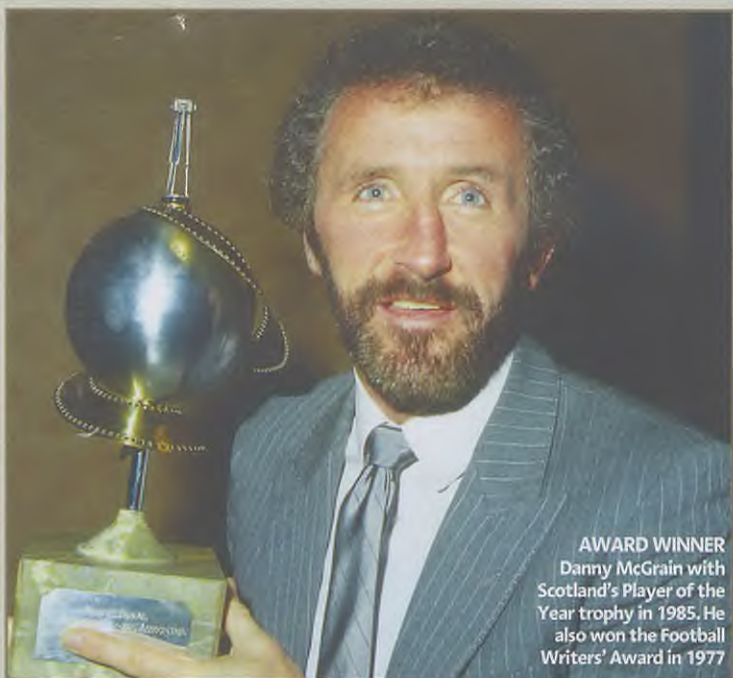
McGrain was, of course, part of that World Cup sortie and it was no surprise to anyone at all when he lifted the Player of the Year trophy in '77.

Perhaps the most startling thing was that it took the journo so long to pick him out from the crowd in the first place.

Considering he had just lifted the Player of the Year award and the Celts were in the midst of completing the league and cup double, many players would consider this a career high – but when your name is Daniel Fergus McGrain and you've spent 20 years at Celtic Football Club, then your career is truly littered with highpoints.

McGrain made his debut in a 2-2 League Cup draw with Dundee United at Tannadice on August 26, 1970. In May 1987, 663 Celtic appearances later, he parted company with the club almost 20 years to the day he joined (May 13 1967 – May 12 1987).

In this time Danny earned 62 Scottish caps, one Scottish League cap, two under-23 caps and on the



AWARD WINNER
Danny McGrain with Scotland's Player of the Year trophy in 1985. He also won the Football Writers' Award in 1977

DANNY WAS THE CHOICE OF OUR FOOTBALL WRITERS

club front he was part of a squad that lifted six League Championships, five Scottish Cups and two League Cups.

It was also on this day in 1891 that an Old Firm league meeting was cut and dried for the first time.

The Glasgow clubs had met before and the Celts won the first ever friendly 5-2 in May 1888. In October of the same year, Celtic upped the ante by winning 6-2 in the Glasgow Cup.

However, the league didn't begin until 1890/91 and the first league clash was a 2-2 draw, with

Peter Dowds and Johnny Campbell scoring the Celtic goals.

But the deadlock didn't last for long as on May 2, goals from Dowds and Johnny Madden gave the Bhoys a 2-1 win in front of 10,000 at Ibrox. The same Johnny Campbell played his last game for the club on May 2, 1903 in a 2-2 home draw with Dundee in the Inter City League.

In two spells with the club, sandwiching two years with Aston Villa, the Possil Bhoys made 215 appearances for Celtic, and scored 109 goals.

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- 1935** Cult guitarist Link Wray is born
- 1955** Rezillo Joe Callis and Jay Osmond are born
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- 1962** Benfica win the European Cup
- 1964** The Beatles *Second Album* hits No. 1 in the States
- 1969** West Indies cricketer Brian Lara is born
- 1972** J. Edgar Hoover, the former head of the FBI, dies



Brian Lara

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- 1 Henrik Larsson
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- 2 Jackie McNamara
H - Dundee United - 16 Aug
- 3 Bobo Balde
A - Dundee - 13 Sept
- 4 Shaun Maloney
H - Motherwell - 20 Sept
- 5 Henrik Larsson
A - Hibernian - 27 Sept
- 6 Chris Sutton
H - Olympique Lyonnais - 30 Sept
- 7 Alan Thompson
H - Rangers - 3 Jan
- 8 Stilian Petrov
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