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“We have all been delighted with the commitment and determination shown by the players this season”

FIRST of all, a warm welcome to Celtic Park this afternoon. Our last league game on home soil was against Rangers at the beginning of the month and it certainly seems like a long time ago.

Since then we have managed to stay in the Scottish Cup with a hard-earned victory over an enthusiastic Ross County team and we have also won two exceptionally difficult league matches away at Tynecastle and Pittodrie.

Victory over both Hearts and Aberdeen was vitally important. At both grounds last season we dropped points and we could so easily have done so again this time round. The Hearts game was very physical and but in the end a Stilian Petrov goal was enough to decide the issue.

Stilian is in wonderful form at the minute and has come up trumps recently with not only excellent performances but important goals as well. His breakthrough strike last week at Pittodrie was typical of the impact he is making just now.

However, there have been so many excellent individual performances throughout the season and without which it would

have been impossible to win 20 consecutive league matches.

On the back of those two away fixtures we come today to take on Kilmarnock. Make no mistake about it, this will be a big game for us this afternoon.

Jim Jefferies will have his side prepared as always and we have found in the past that the games have been pretty tight affairs.

We have all been delighted with the commitment and determination shown by the players this season, and since I have said repeatedly that January would be as testing a month as any we have experienced to date, I am obviously pleased to be in the position that we are at the moment.

There is plenty of hard work ahead of with today's game at the forefront of our minds but it might be worth stressing that the same commitment, determination and skill shown by the team have been contributing factors to the run that we are in at the moment.

They have shown wonderful ability to play terrific football as was the case with the move at Aberdeen in which the excess of 20 passes before the goal was reminiscent of the goal we scored here at Celtic Park against Lyon.

The fact we have scored 66 goals in 21 games bears testimony to the fact we have scored regularly, an obvious factor in winning games, but what is pleasing is that there have been goals from all over the park.

Stephen Pearson got his first goal for the club against Aberdeen and Petrov is back on scoring form, and that is pleasing.

There have been times when we have needed to be strong and resolute this season during games and we have been, but we have also played some entertaining football and there can be no question that we are playing well at the moment.

Some of the lads are in terrific form but we cannot afford to lose our focus as we have hard games before us on the horizon. Aside from today's encounter against Kilmarnock, we also have a trip to the plastic turf of East End Park to prepare for and it won't be long before we are once more looking forward to UEFA Cup football.

Right now, however, we look no further than Kilmarnock.

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 (38)

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

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

● On January 30, 1915, Jimmy Quinn played his last match for the club. In 331 appearances, he had scored 216 goals.

● And Quinn's replacement, Jimmy McColl, made his last outing in 1920, on January 31. Ironically, his 123 goals in 169 matches ratio was not considered good enough to earn him a Scotland cap.

● January 31 was also the birthdate of two top Celts. Jim Kennedy, who died last year, was born in Johnstone in 1934 and John Collins came into the world in Galashiels in 1968.

● On February 2, 1889, having reached their first Scottish Cup final, the Celtic players and fans were bitterly disappointed when snow fell in huge quantities, blanketing the pitch. The game went ahead as a friendly, which Third Lanark won 3-0 and, quite naturally, tried to force the SFA to accept the result. The authorities refused and the match went ahead the following Saturday.

● In the 6-1 thrashing of Keith in the Scottish Cup, on February 4, 1928, both Jimmy McGrory and Tommy McInally scored hat-tricks. It was rumoured that one player missed the bus on the way back, preferring to stay and enjoy some 'northern' hospitality.

● On February 6, 1963, Pat Crerand was sold to Manchester United for £56,000 after 120 appearances and five goals. And, on the same day in 1992, Tommy Boyd moved to Parkhead from Chelsea in a swap deal with Tony Cascarino.



KILMARNOCK FACTS

● Kilmarnock FC was founded in 1869, becoming Scotland's second club after Queen's Park.

● The club started playing at Rugby Park then moved to the Grange and Holm Quarry before returning to Rugby Park in 1899.

● The record attendance is the 35,995 who turned up for the Scottish Cup tie against Rangers on March 10, 1962.

● The record transfer fee received is the £300,000 from Motherwell for Shaun McSkimming in 1995 and the record paid out is also £300,000 to St Johnstone for Paul Wright in 1995.

● Killie's biggest win was the 11-1 victory over Paisley Academical in the Scottish Cup on January 18, 1930; and the heaviest defeat came against Celtic, 1-9 on August 13, 1938.

● The most capped player is Joe Nibloe, with 11 for Scotland. Alan Robertson made the most league appearances, 481 between 1972 and 1988 and Willie Culley scored most goals, with 148 from 1912 to 1923.

● Kilmarnock won their first title just before the start of the 20th Century. In 1898, they finished four points ahead of Port Glasgow to take the Second Division Championship. One year later, they repeated the feat, this time five points in front of Leith Athletic.

● Killie featured in the very first Scottish Cup tie, losing 0-2 to Renton in 1873. Playing the whole match with only 10 men hardly helped the team's chances.





TODAY'S VISITORS - KILMARNOCK
MANAGER - JIM JEFFERIES ASSISTANT MANAGER - BILLY BROWN

CELTIC



KILMARNOCK

Michael Gray	2	1
Momo Sylla	3	3
Jackie McNamara	4	4
Joos Valgaeren	5	5
Bobo Balde	6	6
Henrik Larsson	7	7
Alan Thompson	8	8
Chris Sutton	9	9
John Hartson	10	10
David Fernandez	12	12
Paul Lambert	14	13
Bobby Petta	15	14
Ulrik Laursen	16	15
Didier Agathe	17	16
Neil Lennon	18	17
Stilian Petrov	19	18
Robert Douglas	20	19
Magnus Hedman	21	20
David Marshall	22	21
Stanislav Varga	23	23
Shaun Maloney	29	24
Steve Guppy	30	25
Ross Wallace	33	26
Johan Mjallby	35	27
Craig Beattie	37	28
Jamie Smith	39	29
Stephen Craaney	40	30
John Kennedy	41	
Liam Miller	43	

Colin Meldrum	
Barry McLaughlin	
Gary Locke	
Gordon Greer	
Freddy Dindeleux	
James Fowler	
Steve Fulton	
Gary McSwegan	
Craig Dargo	
Kris Boyd	
Graeme Smith	
Alan Mahood	
Sean Hessey	
Martin Hardie	
Shaun Dillon	
Gary McDonald	
Stephen Murray	
Paul Di Giacomo	
Colin Nish	
Mark Canning	
Garry Hay	
Fraser Logan	
Craig Samson	
Danny Invincible	
Francois Dubourdeau	
Rhian Dodds	
Greg Gilroy	

CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CELTIC	21	20	1	0	66	8	58	61
Rangers	21	16	2	3	45	18	27	50
Hearts	21	11	3	7	30	24	6	36
Dunfermline	21	9	7	5	27	28	-1	34
Livingston	21	6	8	7	22	23	-1	26
Hibernian	21	7	4	10	22	34	-12	25
Dundee	21	6	6	9	25	29	-4	24
Motherwell	21	6	6	9	20	24	-4	24
Dundee Utd	21	6	5	10	22	36	-14	23
Kilmarnock	21	6	3	12	25	44	-19	21
Aberdeen	21	5	4	12	26	40	-14	19
Partick Thistle	21	2	3	16	20	42	-22	9

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Cup 4th Round HEARTS v CELTIC	SAT 7 FEBRUARY 3.00pm
Scottish Premierleague DUNFERMLINE v CELTIC	WED 11 FEBRUARY 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD	SAT 14 FEBRUARY 3.00pm
Scottish Premierleague PARTICK TH v CELTIC	SUN 22 FEBRUARY 3.00pm
UEFA Cup 3rd Round CELTIC v FK TEPLICE	THURS 26 FEBRUARY 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v LIVINGSTON	SUN 29 FEBRUARY 3.00pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Premierleague, January 24, 2004
ABERDEEN 1 v 3 CELTIC (Petrov, Larsson, Pearson)

Scottish Premierleague, January 18, 2004
HEARTS 0 v 1 CELTIC (Petrov)

Scottish Cup 3rd Round, January 10, 2003
CELTIC 2 v 0 ROSS COUNTY (Lambert, Hartson)

Scottish Premierleague, January 3, 2003
CELTIC 3 v 0 RANGERS (Petrov, Varga, Thompson)

Scottish Premierleague, December 27, 2003
CELTIC 6 v 0 HIBERNIAN (Sutton 2, Hartson 2, Larsson, Petrov)

Scottish Premierleague, December 21, 2003
MOTHERWELL 0 v 2 CELTIC (Hartson, Thompson)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	Tom Brown
Assistant Referees:	Gordon Middleton Andrew Seymour
Fourth Official:	Kevin Toner

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HAPPY TO BE AT HOME

In a week that saw the birth of his first son, Momo Sylla is delighted he stayed at Paradise rather than make the journey to the African Nations Cup with his Guinean team-mates

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

GIVEN that it has witnessed the birth of his first child, it's safe to assume that this week already ranks among the greatest and most significant of Momo Sylla's life.

All that's required now is a match to spark his season into life. The current campaign hasn't exactly been the most productive of the Guinean's career, with the sum total of his efforts amounting to just 11 appearances, seven of which have come from the bench.

Recently, however, he has glimpsed a little encouragement on

that front, coming in the shape of some sparkling performances for the under-21s, displays which have yielded four goals from the last three matches, not to mention generous praise from Kenny McDowall.

Much of this has centred on Sylla's focussed, professional attitude, and this has also been evident in his decision to forego the opportunity of aiding Guinea's African Nations bid in favour of pursuing a first-team role in Paradise.

Indeed, while many had suspected that supporting his

pregnant girlfriend was the sole reason for his reluctance to fly to Tunisia, Sylla insists that wasn't quite the case.

"No," he said, "Julie (his girlfriend) actually told me to go to the African Nations and enjoy it. She knows I am a footballer and that it means a lot to me to play for my country in such a big tournament.

"But I wanted to stay here. It was important for me to be with her, to be involved, and I also wanted to stay at Celtic to try and get in the team. I think that will be easier for me if I stay here and



train really hard rather than fall out of things for a few weeks.

"That was my decision at the time, and I regret nothing. Guinea have started quite well and I hope they go all the way to final, but I am happy that I stayed.

"From the first time I told the manager that I would not be going, there has never been a change in my decision. I'm happy to be staying, and hopefully it will help me persuade the manager to give me a chance.

"Anyway, although Julie had

"The manager watches the U21 games and I know he is looking to see if I am ready to get back into the first team"

told me to go, I think she was probably happy that I stayed because it would have been even tougher to go through something like that on her own.

"I also spoke to some of the guys in here, and they told me it was better that I stay. I've no regrets because my mind would not have been totally focussed on the African Nations if I had gone."

A perpetually cheerful and often zany character, Sylla's laid-back nature can often be misinterpreted as signifying a relaxed, carefree attitude with regards his Hoops career. Nothing could be further from truth, however.

So focussed is he on resurrecting his fortunes at Celtic Park, in fact, that, just hours after his girlfriend had given birth on Wednesday morning, he was Barrowfield-bound to report for training alongside some baffled team-mates.

"Yeah," he



admitted, "some of the boys were teasing me, asking what I was doing there, but it was where I had to be. It's my job, and Julie understands.

"Of course, I'm very, very happy. Wednesday was the best day of my life, and I am so grateful for my son. I knew the baby was going to

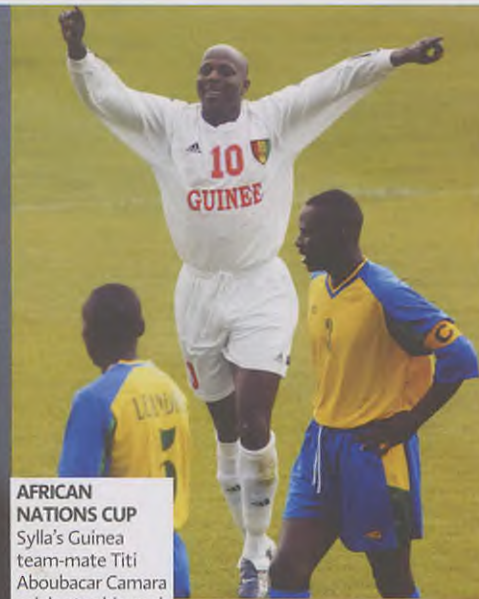
"We have a very good team there, with many good players like Shaun and Craig who can score goals"

be a boy, but I wanted to keep this just for me and my girlfriend.

"I'm going to let Julie choose the name because she has carried this baby for nine months and deserves to decide what he's called. That's what I want, although I don't know what she will choose yet. Every time I've asked her, she's said: 'No, you should choose the name,' but I think



FIRST-TEAM ACTION
Sylla has been in sparkling form for the U21s and is hoping to make his mark on the first team in the near future



AFRICAN NATIONS CUP
Sylla's Guinea team-mate Titi Aboubacar Camara celebrates his goal against Rwanda but Momo is happy to have stayed at home



she has an idea herself of what she would like the name to be."

Sylla, meanwhile, is preparing to once again turn his attentions to football as Celtic prepare for this afternoon's visit of Kilmarnock. Breaking into a side which has won 20 successive league matches and gone 68 without defeat at Celtic Park is, he admits, a daunting task.

However, having gained both fitness and confidence with the under-21s of late, it's one he confident enough to tackle.

"Yeah, I've been enjoying those games (with the under-21s), and scoring a few goals has been good for me," he said. "We have a very good team there, with many good players like Shaun Maloney and Craig Beattie who can score goals.

"It's better to play for the first team, of course, but I have been glad of the opportunity to keep my fitness level high. The manager watches these games anyway, and I know he is looking to see when I am ready to go back into the team.

"I obviously hope he thinks I am ready soon, but I realise the first team is doing very well. Fortunately, so are the under-21s, and I am sure that all the players in that team will have the same hopes as me.

"I hope to play. I am confident, my mind is focussed and I don't worry about things too much. The manager will know when I am ready, I am sure of that. Maybe it's next week, maybe next month, but hopefully it will be today. I want to do well and help the team win."



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Showing his knowledge of all things Celtic, Lisbon Lion Jim Craig answers your question on a range of topics, from John Hughes' Celtic career to Jimmy McGrory

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

HOW many times was Jimmy McGrory on the winning side against Rangers in his Celtic career?

Carl Gibson

During a career lasting from 1922/23 season to 1937/38, when he scored 472 goals, McGrory's record against Rangers reads won 3, drew 6 and lost 12. Only two of these matches were in the Scottish Cup – where the sides had one victory each. The rest were League matches. I have not included Glasgow or Charity Cup ties.

CAN I have details of Chris Morris's Celtic career, please?

Frank Sweeney

Chris joined Celtic from Sheffield Wednesday on July 8, 1987 and went on to make 206 appearances, with nine goals to his name.

Although born in Newquay, where he became an England schools cap, Chris took advantage of his mother's background to join Jack Charlton's rather unusual Eire side. Between 1988 and 1993, Chris made 35 international appearances.

AT what age did John Hughes make his competitive debut for Celtic? How many games did he play and how many goals did he score for the club?

Nicole and Suzanne Greenan

John made his debut against Third Lanark in a league match on August 13,



LEGEND
Jimmy McGrory is Celtic's all-time top goalscorer

1960 aged 17 years, 4 months. By the time he moved on to Crystal Palace in October 1971, John had played 416 matches and scored 189 goals.

I KNOW that Spurs played Celtic in a pre-season friendly at Hampden at the start of 1967/68 season but were the English side not in either the Exhibition Trophy or the Coronation Cup? I have a feeling that they played Celtic before.

Jimmy Thomas

The English sides in the Exhibition Trophy were Sunderland, Everton, Chelsea and Brentford, and in the Coronation Cup, the visitors were Arsenal, Manchester United, Newcastle United and indeed, Tottenham Hotspur.

However, they went out 2-1 to Hibs in the first round.

On the 1957 tour of North America, Celtic played Spurs on four occasions, at New York (Celtic 3 Spurs 4), Vancouver (3-6), Toronto (1-2) and Montreal (2-2). And on the 1966 trip, the teams met on another three occasions, Celtic winning twice (1-0 Toronto; 2-1 San Francisco), the other drawn 1-1 in Vancouver.

IS the Celtic crest a four-leaf clover or a shamrock?

Sean McCann

The Celtic club 'crest' as opposed to the 'logo' was originally the Celtic Cross and this was worn on the first jersey in 1888.

Once the strip changed to stripes and later, hoops, the crest was omitted, only returning as the four-leaf clover in the 1970s.

The exception to this was the shamrock on the alternative strip worn throughout the late 50s and early 60s.

The club 'logo', however, was



CELTIC GREAT
John Hughes played 416 matches for the Hoops and scored 189 goals

originally a Golden Harp surrounded by Black Shamrock. This was later changed to the Celtic Cross and by 1908, the clover.

There have been spells in the club's history, though, when a combination of the various motifs was used. It is a clover that appears on the club blazer today.

WAS Kenny Dalglish the first player to score 100 goals in both Scotland and England?

Alec Timmons

No, Kenny was the third player to do so. Hughie Gallagher (Airdrie, Newcastle, Chelsea, Derby) and Alan

Gilzean (Dundee and Spurs) beat him to it.

WHEN did the African Nations Cup start and which teams have won it?

Mary Walker

The tournament started in 1957 and, with the odd exception, is held every two years. Previous winners were Ghana (5), Egypt (4), Congo (2), Nigeria (2), Cameroon (2), Sudan, Zaire, Morocco, Algeria and South Africa.

IT says on one of the boards in the Celtic Park foyer that Neilly Mochan wore the 'shamrock' strip when

Celtic won the League Cup Final 7-1. Is that true?

Hugh McCallum

No. Celtic wore the hoops that day. But two weeks later, they paraded the League Cup just before the home match against Kilmarnock, when they were wearing the 'shamrock' strip and I think many people not at Hampden for that famous victory assumed that the alternative strip had been worn. A closer look at the photo for that Kilmarnock would show one change of personnel from the Cup-winning side, with Peter Goldie at right-back in place of John Donnelly.



We take a look at the Kilmarnock squad who will be looking to end Celtic's remarkable home record in this afternoon's SPL clash

FRANCOIS DUBOURDEAU

The French goalkeeper signed for Kilmarnock from Motherwell, where he made a total of 30 appearances. He has so far chalked up 17 appearances for Killie, though he will not want to remember to the last time he faced Celtic, when Martin O'Neill's side hit five past him at Rugby Park earlier this season.

BARRY McLAUGHLIN

A long-serving St Mirren central defender, Barry became manager Jim Jefferies' first signing of the 2002 close season. Soon established himself as a regular in the first team, but a bad shoulder injury, picked up in the match against Rangers at Ibrox at the end of October, has kept him out for a while.

GARY LOCKE

An experienced midfielder, Gary joined up with Jim Jefferies for the third time when he signed for Killie at the start of this season. After a number of seasons at Hearts he went south to Bradford City but the South Yorkshire club's much publicised financial problems meant a return to Scotland. He has 10 Scottish U21 caps.

FREDDIE DINDELEAUX

Popular French central defender, signed from



Olympique Lille in 1999. Over the past few seasons Freddie has won a host of Supporters' Clubs 'Player of the Year' award, and has matured into a tough defender.

JAMES FOWLER

Yet another to come through the youth ranks at Rugby Park, James is a hard-working, tough player, who has been tried out in a number of positions on the flanks of the team. Rarely lets the side down when he's brought in. Three Scottish U21 caps.

STEVIE FULTON

Experienced midfielder, signed at the start of last season. Fulton made his mark as a youngster at Celtic, before moving south to play for Bolton Wanderers and Peterborough United (loan). Returned to Scotland to play under Jim Jefferies for first Falkirk, then Hearts, helping the Tynecastle club to the 1998 Scottish Cup. Seven Scottish U21 caps.

GARY McSWEGAN

Experienced forward, signed initially on a short-term contract. Previously served Rangers, Notts County, Dundee United, Hearts, Barnsley (loan), Luton Town (loan).

Injuries have meant that he's been in and out of the Killie side since arriving. Won two full Scottish caps

STEVIE FULTON
Started his career at Celtic Park



JIM JEFFERIES

Will be looking to cause an upset in this afternoon's game

whilst with Hearts.

KRIS BOYD

Kris has proved to be a regular goalscorer at all levels as he progressed through the youth ranks. He has a powerful shot and a tendency to 'go for goal.' The Scottish U21 internationalist has scored six goals for Killie this season.

GORDON GREER

The 23-year-old started his career at Clyde before joining Blackburn Rovers in 2001 for £200,000. He made just one appearance for Rovers before returning to

Scotland and Kilmarnock at the start of this season.

MARTIN HARDIE

The ex-Thistle man has been dogged by a series of niggling injuries since heading to Rugby Park at the end of last season. However, he back to fitness and was on the bench for Kilmarnock last weekend. Has scored one goal for Killie, in a 2-1 victory over Partick at the start of the season.

GARY McDONALD

The 21-year-old midfielder has come through the ranks at

Kilmarnock and has hit four goals for Jim Jefferies' side this season.

COLIN NISH

The 22-year-old forward began his career at Dunfermline and after loan spells with Alloa and Clyde, arrived at Rugby Park.

DANNY INVINCIBLE

The Australian midfielder with the impressive surname has yet to hit the net for Killie since joining from Swindon Town.

RHIAN DODDS

The young Englishman has made four appearances for Killie since joining the club in August last year.

ERIC SKORA

The 22-year-old Frenchman has joined Kilmarnock on loan from Preston North End and made his debut in the 2-0 home defeat against Hibs last weekend. He had made just three appearances for Preston prior to his move north.

COLIN MELDRUM

The 28-year-old goalkeeper joined Kilmarnock in 1993 and has made a total of 76 appearances for the club. In that period, he's also had loan spells with both Ross County and Stranraer. This season, he's made five first-team appearances for Killie.

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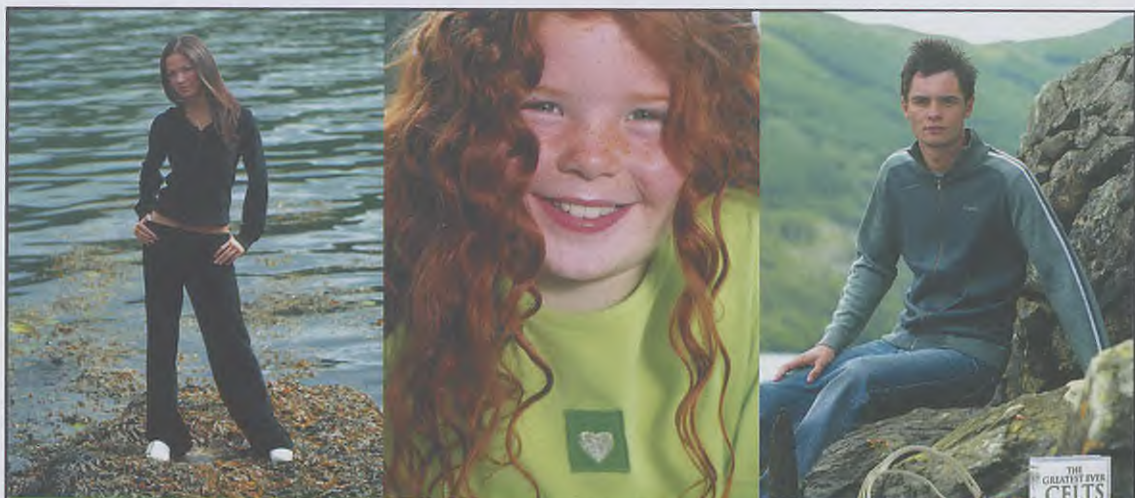
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Put your football knowledge to the test with our super Celtic half-time quiz



1. In which city did Celtic play Man Utd in a friendly in July?
2. Which five Celtic players have this season netted their first competitive goals for the club?
3. Celtic and Rangers both reached European finals in season 1966/67 but which team that term prevented Kilmarnock from playing in the Fairs Cup final defeating them in the semi final?
4. In which famous stadium did Paul Lambert appropriately win his 40th and last international cap for Scotland in October?
5. Which player in December was voted the European Player of the Year for the first time?
6. Who played in goal for Kilmarnock when they won the Scottish Cup in 1997?
7. Which team in 2003 won its league championship title for a record 12th consecutive time?
8. Apart from Henrik Larsson, which three other current SPL players have netted over 50 league goals in the top division?
9. Which team in December won the World Club Championship in Tokyo for a third time?
10. In the last eight years who is the only non Celt to have topped the Scottish Premier Division/SPL goalscoring charts?
11. Other than FC Lyon, which three clubs have been awarded penalties against Celtic in Champions League matches?
12. In the last decade which two



Celtic players have had the distinction of scoring FOUR goals against Kilmarnock in individual league matches?

13. Which current Kilmarnock player was the first British man to score a goal in the group stages of the Champions League ?

14. In which city is this year's UEFA Cup final to be contested?

15. Which father and son hold the unusual distinction of being sent off in European matches for Kilmarnock and Celtic respectively?

1. Seattle 2. Stan Varga, Liam Miller, Ross Wallace, John Kennedy & Craig Beattie 3. Leeds Utd 4. Westfalenstadion, Dortmund; Germany v Scotland 5. Pavel Nedved of Juventus, 6. Dragan Lekovic 7. FC Rosenborg of Norway 8. Billy Dods, Gary McSwegan & Stevie Crawford, 9. Boca Juniors & Marco Negri (Rangers) 1997/98 11. Juventus & FC Rosenborg (2001/2002) Anderlecht (2003/2004) 12. Bratibak (1997/98) & Larsson (2000/2001) 13. Gary McSwegan (1992/93) Rangers v Marseille 14. Gothenburg 15. Jackie McNally (Killing) v Antwerp 1966/67, Alan McNally (Celtic) v Rapid Vienna.

CELTIC go into today's game fully intent on stretching their unbeaten home run to a grand total of 69 games.

On a more particular note regarding today's meeting with Kilmarnock, the Celts aim to reach the Glam 69 by taking Route 56.

For there have been 55 matches played in Glasgow between the sides since the last time Kilmarnock took anything away from Celtic other than the odd draw among several defeats.

A total of nine of those 55 matches have been on domestic cup duty in the night on 50 years since Kilmarnock last left Parkhead with the full points' tally.

The game was played on December 10, 1955 when the following teams took to the park in front of a crowd of 15,000.

Celtic: Beattie; Haughney, Meechan; Conroy, Evans, Peacock; Higgins, Fernie, Sharkey, Collins, Mochan.

Kilmarnock: Brown; Watson, Rollo; Taggart, Toner, Mackay; Mays, Harvey, Curlett, Beattie, Fletcher.

The visitors, managed by Malky MacDonald and featuring former Celts Alex Rollo and Willie Toner, took a two-goal lead in at half-time thanks to goals from Curlett in the fourth and 38th minutes and held on to that scoreline for the rest of the game.

Since then though, there have been slim pickings for the Rugby Park side on their travels to play Celtic but that has always been par for the course in any case.

Killie first visited Celtic on December 19, 1899 and recorded a 3-3 draw after the clubs has previously drawn 2-2 in Ayrshire on August 26. A couple of months after the first Glasgow meeting they were back on Scottish Cup business and this time the Celts won 4-0 but all in all, Kilmarnock have only ever won five league games at Celtic Park.

Their best run was in seasons 1916/17 and 1917/19 when they won two games in a row here at Celtic Park (2-0 and 3-2).

A 2-1 win was recorded in season 1922/23 and their highest scoring win here was a 4-2 win in

WINNING FORMULA

We take a look at some of the previous meetings between the Hoops and Kilmarnock at Celtic Park, where Killie have only managed to beat the Celts 25 times in 178 league games

Words: JOE SULLIVAN



HART OF THE MATTER
Hartson is congratulated by team-mates after his goal against Killie

season 1936/37 before their final taste of victory in 1955.

The clubs have met 178 times in total on league duty and the Celts have emerged victorious on 113 occasions with 40 being drawn and Kilmarnock winning 25 times.

Today's visitors have fared moderately better in the Scottish Cup, with five successful games in that competition from the 17 played, with Celtic winning nine games and the other three finishing all square.

Meetings in the youngest of the three domestic tournaments are fewer and of the eight clashes, Celtic have won five League Cup games to Kilmarnock's one with the other two ending in stalemate.

The highest scoring game was in season 1938/39 when the Celts won 9-1 after recording an 8-0

victory in the same clash the previous season.

The Second World War and Kilmarnock dropping down a division shortly after meant the clubs only encountered each other for one season between that 9-1 game and the next high-scoring game in season 1954/55.

A total of nine goals were shared this time but the final outcome was a little bit closer with the Bhoys winning 6-3 at Celtic Park.

Kilmarnock's highest scoring victory arrived in season 1964/65 when they won 5-2 at Rugby Park on their way to lifting the championship that season.

It has to be said, though, that only one of today's teams has any real title aspirations at this stage of the season and the outcome from the last time Celtic and

Kilmarnock crossed swords would pay testament to that.

01/11/03

KILMARNOCK 0 v 5 CELTIC

Sutton 21 pen, 76 & 90 pen, Hartson 70, Maloney 84
KILMARNOCK: Dubourdeau, Shields, Greer, Hessey, Dindeleux, McLaughlin, Fowler (Canero 45), Fulton, McDonald, Di Giacomo (McSwegan 72), Invincible (Nish 63)
Subs not used: Meldrum, Hardie,
CELTIC: Hedman, Varga, Balde, McNamara, Miller, Lennon (Wallace 81), Petrov, Gray (Sylla 81), Larsson, Sutton, Hartson (Maloney 81) **Subs not used:** Douglas, Valgaeren
ATTENDANCE: 12,460

THERE was a 10-minute delay to allow fans caught up in A77 roadworks to make the kick-off and, despite Chris Sutton setting the ball rolling in the 21st minute, a similar wait ensued for Celtic to finally motor towards goal.

All other four goals in the 5-0 victory arrived in the final 20 minutes of the match as the Celts

marked up another three points.

Sutton netted a hat-trick with two spot-kicks sandwiching a close-range effort by the Englishman after being teed up by Henrik Larsson.

The striker's open-play goal arrived in the 76th minute to put Celtic three up

The first penalty was converted after Stilian Petrov was upended by Gary McDonald and the second arrived in the 90th minute to present Sutton with his first hat-trick for the Hoops.

In the 70th minute it was John

Hartson who headed home after Greer fouled Hartson. Petrov, Larsson, Michael Gray who crossed and finally Sutton with a nod were all involved before the Welshman headed past Dubourdeau.

With ten minutes remaining Martin O'Neill introduced Shaun Maloney, Momo Sylla and Ross Wallace. Within four minutes Maloney and Wallace had combined for the fourth before Larsson was tripped by Freddie

Dindeleux and Sutton completed the scoring for the afternoon.



HAT-TRICK HERO
Chris Sutton scored three for the Hoops against Killie earlier this season

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Playing against foreign opposition is a great experience for the young players as they could find themselves competing against the best in Europe for the first time in the future



THE learning experience for our young players will be turned up significantly over the next month as they take on the best that both Italy and England can provide.

The U17s' programme for the coming weeks looks like this:

v Brescia (U19)	26th Jan 04
v Brescia (U17/U18)	27th Jan 04
v A.C. Milan (U17/U18)	29th Jan 04
v Liverpool (U17)	2nd Feb 04
v Man Utd (U17)	9th Feb 04
v Arsenal (U17)	16th Feb 04

The U19s will travel to Northern Italy to compete in the 'Liberadores' tournament against some of the top European youth teams. It is key to the development of our players that they experience competition against the best teams and players possible. It gives them vital experience of playing against different styles and different systems of play. It also gives them experience of playing

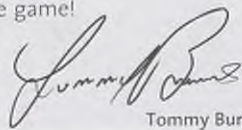
EXPERIENCE IS THE KEY FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS

against players who have a different and sometimes wider technical repertoire.

Why is it so important that they get exposure of this kind? Well it is very simple. These players may one day have to compete for our club in the Champions League or the UEFA Cup, and the knowledge that they gain in these fixtures at this young age will stand them in very good stead when that time comes. Playing week in week out against Scottish opposition in the SPL Youth Initiative will provide them with the background they need to play in the SPL, but Champions League and UEFA Cup games will deliver different challenges to them.

It is also very important that we

use these games against foreign opposition to measure the progress that our young players have made since they became full time. Against Scottish opposition we have been reasonably happy with the way things have gone. In their fitness assessments things have gone really well, but the games coming up will provide competition against very strong opposition and this will be a test that we will want our young players to come through with flying colours. I hope that when I write in future programmes and in the *Celtic View* that I am able to report that our youth teams have been successful. Enjoy the game!



Tommy Burns

CELTIC POOLS: HELPING TO DRIVE THE CELTIC YOUTH INITIATIVE



PRE-SCHOOL STRIKERS (AGE 4)

VENUE (reference number)	DAY	TIME
Easterhouse Sports Centre (PSS1)	Monday	4-5pm
Gorbals Leisure Centre (PSS2)	Monday	4-5pm
Donald Dewar Centre (PSS3)	Tuesday	4-5pm
Glasgow High School (PSS4)	Tuesday	6:30-7:30pm
Holyrood Sports Centre (PSS5)	Tuesday	5-6pm
Powerleague (Paisley) (PSS6)	Tuesday	4-5pm
Scotstoun Leisure Centre (PSS7)	Wednesday	4-5pm
Castlemilk Sports Centre (PSS8)	Thursday	4-5pm
Parklands Country Club (PSS9)	Thursday	4-5pm
Firhill Complex (PSS10)	Friday	4-5pm
KX7 Rouken Glen Park (PSS11)	Sunday	9-10am
Firhill Complex (PSS12)	Sunday	10-11am
Bellahouston (PSS13)	Sunday	1-2pm

FOOTBALL CENTRES IN GLASGOW

(FIRST HOUR AIMED AT 5 TO 7 YEARS, SECOND HOUR AIMED AT 8 TO 12 YEARS)

VENUE	DAY	TIME
Easterhouse Sports Centre (GPC1 or 2)	Monday	4-6pm
Donald Dewar Centre (GPC3 or 4)	Tuesday	4-6pm
Holyrood Sports Centre (GPC5 or 6)	Tuesday	5-7pm
Powerleague (Paisley) (GPC7 or 8)	Tuesday	4-6pm
Scotstoun Leisure Centre (GPC9 or 10)	Wednesday	4-6pm
Castlemilk Sports Centre (GPC11 or 12)	Thursday	4-6pm
Firhill Complex (GPC13 or 14)	Friday	4-6pm
KX7 Rouken Glen Park (GPC15 or 16)	Sunday	10-12m
Firhill Complex (GPC19 or 20)	Sunday	10-12am
Bellahouston (GPC17 or 18)	Sunday	1-3pm

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VENUE	DAY	TIME
Gorbals Leisure Centre (TB1 or 2)	Monday	4-6pm
Glasgow High School (TB3 or 4)	Tuesday	6.30-8.30pm
Parklands Country Club (TB5 or 6)	Thursday	4-6pm
Powerleague (Hamilton) (TB7 or 8)	Friday	4-6pm

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VENUE	DAY	TIME
Carronvale, Larbert (PC1 or 2)	Wednesday	4.15 - 6.15pm
Linwood Sports Centre (PC3 or 4)	Wednesday	4.30 - 7.15pm
Queen's Centre Galashiels (PC5 or 6)	Thursday	4-6pm
Kilmarnock College (PC7)	Friday	6-7pm
Powerleague (Hamilton) (PC8 or 9)	Friday	4-6pm
Guys Meadow C'nault (PC10 or 11)	Saturday	9.30-11.30am

- Term-time programme commences week beginning 2 Feb 04 until week ending 14 March (6-week block).
- Queens Centre, Galashiels commences week beginning 9 Feb until week ending 14 March (5-week block).
 - New members for Tommy Burns £30, £18 for existing members.
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- Look out in the Celtic View for forthcoming details of the Easter & Summer Programme.

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YOUTH PLAN MOVING FORWARD

UNDER 17s

AS we go to press, the 17s are in Brescia in Italy, preparing for the second half of the season.

They have been playing closed door games, and last Monday drew 0-0 with the Brescia Under 19 team. On Tuesday they played Brescia at their own age group and won 2-0. By all accounts the performances, so far, have been outstanding and the boys next match is against AC Milan under 17s. On their return a number of matches have been arranged against English opposition, and over the next few weeks they go down south to play Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal. All of the aforementioned matches should be excellent in gauging the boys progress, and should lead nicely into their SPL fixtures at the end of February.

Prior to going to Italy they had a testing match against Stockport County, which was much more physical than they are used to in Scotland, but equally rewarding in terms of development.

UNDER 15s/16s

BOTH squads have been over to Dublin since the turn of the year and played against the FAI at their own age groups.

The 16s won 4-1 and the performance was most pleasing as our squad had five under-15s playing. The goals were scored by John McGeough, Barry Colvin and Mark Millar (2), who was outstanding throughout the match. The following weekend the 15s lost 2-1, again playing really well and using boys from the younger age group as well as three trialists from Northern Ireland.

This proved to be an excellent exercise, and as well as giving the boys the opportunity to play against the best players in Ireland, was very worthwhile from a PR point of view, and gave us the chance to access the standard of players coming through in Ireland.

Hopefully in the near future we can repeat this with younger age groups.

IN HOUSE MATCHES

OVER the last few weeks we have played a number of matches between our Academy boys, where we have mixed boys from two age groups.

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Brian Meehan



UP FOR THE CUP Chic Geatons delivers a cross despite a tackle from Mills in the Scottish Cup final of 1937

BACKGROUND: The season of 1936/37 had ended spectacularly for Celtic with a 2-1 victory over Aberdeen in the final of the Scottish Cup at Hampden before a record crowd of 147,365.

The opening months of 1937/38 started equally well, as the club piled up the points in the league and prepared for the Golden Jubilee celebrations pencilled in for June 1938. One man, however, knew he would not be there as a player on that night. The career of Jimmy McGrory was coming to an end.

His last match was against Queen's Park at Parkhead, when he scored one in the 4-3 victory. Ironically, the Queen's keeper that day was Desmond White, the future Celtic chairman.

THE MOVE: No doubt Jimmy McGrory had several options up his sleeve. He eventually decided to move to Kilmarnock, where he became manager on 18th December 1937. Everyone seemed happy with the arrangement except, for some unknown reason, Celtic's manager Willie Maley.

FIRST BIG MATCH: After having been in the job for little over a

The Pupil strikes back at the Master

week, McGrory found his new side up against his former club. Celtic were at their imperious best that afternoon, putting eight goals without reply against Killie, who had no answer to the Bhoys' pace and power. At the end, McGrory sought out his former boss and offered his congratulations but found Maley quite aggressive and gloating in his manner. It was a sad and disappointing ending to McGrory's afternoon, which had begun with a rousing reception from the crowd to their former hero.

SECOND MEETING: The two sides were drawn to meet again in the third round Scottish Cup in early March, again at Parkhead.

This time McGrory got his revenge, although Kilmarnock did seem to be really lucky and also got the benefit of several dodgy refereeing decisions as they won 2-1.

Unfortunately, at the end of the match, Willie Maley refused to shake McGrory's hand; and

later, when the Killie manager looked into Maley's office just before the team bus left, the Celtic boss made a point of busying himself in paperwork to avoid speaking or looking up at his former star.

FURTHER MEETINGS: In the first match of the following season, Celtic beat Kilmarnock 9-1 in a League match at Parkhead.

11 days later, the teams met again at Rugby Park, when the match finished in a 0-0 draw.

Just over a year later, Willie Maley was asked to leave the post he had held for over 40 years; his immediate

replacement would be ex-Celt Jimmy McStay, who had the difficult

task of keeping Celtic's spirits high in spite of an unhelpful Board during the war years. On July 24, 1945, though, back came Jimmy McGrory, this time as manager.



DESMOND WHITE
The future Celtic chairman played for Queen's Park

FIXTURE LIST 03/04

Comp	Fixture Date	Venue	Opposition	Score	Att.	Teamsheet
CLQ2	July 30	A	Kaunas	4-0	3,000	Douglas Mjallby Varga Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	August 6	H	Kaunas	1-0*	40,284	Douglas Mjallby Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	August 9	A	Dunfermline	0-0	10,082	Douglas Mjallby Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CLQ3	August 13	A	MTK	4-0	5,000	Douglas Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	August 16	H	Dundee Utd	5-0	57,658	Hedman Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	August 23	A	Partick Th	2-1	9,045	Douglas Varga Balde Valgaeren Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CLQ3	August 27	H	MTK	1-0	41,720	Hedman Varga Balde Crainey Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	August 30	H	Livingston	5-1	57,165	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	September 13	A	Dundee 1230pm	1-0	10,647	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Crainey Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CL	September 17	A	Bayern Munich	1-2	48,500	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Thompson Lennon
SPL	September 20	H	Motherwell	3-0	58,013	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Thompson Lennon
SPL	September 27	A	Hibernian 1230pm	2-1	12,032	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CL	Sep 30	H	Lyon	2-0	58,027	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	October 4	A	Rangers 1230pm	1-0	49,825	Hedman McNamara Sutton Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	October 18	H	Hearts	5-0*	59,560	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CL	October 21	A	Anderlecht	0-1	27,000	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	October 25	H	Aberdeen	4-0	59,598	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CL	November 1	A	Kilmarnock 1230pm	5-0	12,460	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Gray Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	November 5	H	Anderlecht	3-1	59,057	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	November 8	H	Dunfermline	5-0	58,328	Douglas McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	November 22	A	Dundee Utd	1-0	10,802	Hedman Varga Balde Mjallby Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
CL	November 25	H	Bayern Munich	0-0	59,506	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	November 29	H	Partick Th	3-1	58,202	Hedman Kennedy Mjallby Varga Sylla Lennon Lambert Petrov
CIS3	December 4	A	Partick Thistle	2-0	5,700	Marshall Kennedy Gray McNamara Mjallby Crainey Sylla
SPL	December 6	A	Livingston 1230pm	2-0	9,523	Hedman McNamara Balde Varga Gray Lennon Lambert Petrov
CL	December 10	A	Lyon	2-3	40,125	Hedman Varga Balde Mjallby Gray Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	December 13	H	Dundee	3-2	57,573	Douglas Varga Balde Mjallby Thompson Lennon Lambert Petrov
CIS4	December 18	A	Hibernian	1-2	9,246	Douglas Varga Balde Kennedy Crainey Miller Lambert Thompson
SPL	December 21	A	Motherwell	2-0	10,513	Douglas Varga Balde Mjallby Sutton Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	December 27	H	Hibernian	6-0	59,609	Douglas Varga Balde Mjallby McNamara Lennon Lambert Petrov
SFA3	January 3	H	Rangers	3-0	59,087	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	January 10	H	Ross County	2-0	30,565	Douglas Sutton Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Lambert Petrov
SPL	January 18	A	Hearts 300pm	1-0	13,753	Douglas Varga Balde McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov
SPL	January 24	A	Aberdeen 1230pm	3-1	16,452	Douglas Varga Kennedy McNamara Agathe Lennon Pearson Petrov
SPL	January 31	H	Kilmarnock			
SFA4	February 7	A	Hearts			
SPL	February 11	A	Dunfermline 145pm			
SPL	February 14	H	Dundee Utd			
SPL	February 22	A	Partick Th 300pm			
UEFA	February 26	H	FK Teplice			
SPL	February 29	H	Livingston 300pm			
UEFA	March 3	A	FK Teplice			
SUSFAS	March 6	A	Dundee			
UEFA	March 11	H	Motherwell			
SPL	March 13	A	Hibernian			
UEFA	March 20	H	Hibernian			
SPL	March 25	A	Rangers 1230pm			
SPL	March 28	H	Hearts			
UEFA	April 8	H	Aberdeen			
SPL	April 10/11	H	Aberdeen			
UEFA	April 14	A	Kilmarnock			
SPL	April 17	A	Kilmarnock			
UEFA	April 22	A	Kilmarnock			
SPL	April 24	A	Kilmarnock			
SPL	May 1					
UEFA	May 6					
SPL	May 8					
SPL	May 12					
SPL	May 16					
UEFA	May 19					
SFAF	May 22					

Substitutes

Thompson	Sutton	Larsson	Hedman	Miller	Maloney	Smith	Sylla	McNamara	Crainey	Wallace
Thompson	Sutton	Maloney	Hedman	Kennedy	Crainey	McNamara	Beattie	Miller	Smith	
Thompson	Maloney	Larsson	Hedman	Varga	Crainey	McNamara	Smith	Sylla	Miller	
Thompson	Sutton	Larsson	Hedman	Maloney	Crainey	McNamara	Smith	Sylla	Miller	
Thompson	Maloney	Larsson	Douglas	Sylla	Beattie	Smith	Lennon			
Thompson	Maloney	Larsson	Hedman	Beattie	Petta	Miller	Sylla			
Thompson	Sutton	Larsson	Douglas	Sylla	McNamara	Maloney	Kennedy	Petta	Hartson	
Thompson	Maloney	Larsson	Douglas	Beattie	Crainey	Sylla	Hartson			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Miller	Maloney	Sylla	Kennedy	Petta	Maloney	Kennedy
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Miller	Gray	Sylla	Petta			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Marshall	Miller	Gray	Maloney	Beattie			
Thompson	Sutton	Larsson	Douglas	Miller	Gray	Hartson	Kennedy			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Miller	Gray	Sylla	Kennedy	Petta	Maloney	
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Maloney	Gray	Sylla	Kennedy			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Kennedy	Gray	Sylla	Maloney			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Miller	Valgaeren	Gray	Kennedy	Sylla	Maloney	
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Gray	Sylla	Maloney	Kennedy			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Valgaeren	Wallace	Maloney	Sylla			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Sylla	Mjallby	Maloney	Kennedy	Wallace	Gray	
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Hedman	Sylla	Mjallby	Wallace	Gray			
Thompson	Sutton	Larsson	Douglas	Maloney	Hartson	Wallace	McNamara			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Maloney	Sylla	Miller	Gray	Valgaeren	Mjallby	
Wallace	Hartson	Larsson	Marshall	Maloney	Gray	Petrov	Valgaeren			
Maloney	Beattie	Smith	Hedman	Laursen	Varga	Miller	Guppy			
Thompson	Sutton	Larsson	Marshall	Mjallby	Hartson	Maloney	Wallace			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Douglas	Kennedy	Wallace	Maloney	Crainey	Lambert	Sylla	
Maloney	Sutton	Larsson	Marshall	Kennedy	Wallace	Lambert	Smith			
Wallace	Sutton	Larsson	Marshall	Beattie	Maloney	Laursen	Guppy			
Thompson	Hartson	Larsson	Marshall	Smith	Gray	Maloney	Wallace			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Marshall	Miller	Wallace	Beattie	Smith			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Hedman	Miller	Wallace	Crainey	Maloney			
Wallace	Hartson	Larsson	Hedman	Pearson	Beattie	Petrov	Varga			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Hedman	Lambert	Maloney	Beattie	Crainey			
Sutton	Hartson	Larsson	Hedman	Lambert	Maloney	Sylla	Valgaeren			

Squad List

2	MICHAEL GRAY	
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
30	STEVE GUPPY	Midfielder
33	ROSS WALLACE	Forward
35	JOHAN MJALLBY	Defender
37	CRAIG BEATTIE	Forward
39	JAMIE SMITH	Midfielder
40	STEPHEN CRAINEY	Defender
41	JOHN KENNEDY	Defender
43	LIAM MILLER	Midfielder

Statistics:

Name - goalscorer

● - player booked

● - player sent off

Name - sub used

* own goal scored

FIRST TEAM STATS 03/04

	League	CIS Cup	Scot Cup	Europe	Total		League	CIS Cup	Scot Cup	Europe	Total
HENRIK LARSSON	21 0 17	1 0 0	1 0 0	9 0 3	32 0 20	PAUL LAMBERT	2 0 1	2 0 0	1 0 0	4 0 0	9 0 2
BOBO BALDE	18 0 2	1 0 0	1 0 0	9 0 0	29 0 2	JOOS VALGAEREN	4 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 1 0	7 1 0
STANISLAV VARGA	20 0 3	1 0 0	0 0 0	9 0 0	30 0 4	MOMO SYLLA	2 7 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	1 4 0	4 11 0
NEIL LENNON	20 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	8 1 0	29 1 0	MICHAEL GRAY	2 5 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 0	4 6 0
STILIAN PETROV	19 1 4	0 0 0	1 0 0	9 0 1	28 2 5	STEPHEN CRAINEY	1 1 0	2 0 0	0 0 0	1 1 0	4 2 0
CHRIS SUTTON	15 0 13	1 0 0	1 0 0	10 0 6	27 0 19	ROSS WALLACE	1 3 1	1 0 0	1 0 0	0 2 0	3 5 1
ALAN THOMPSON	16 0 7	1 0 0	0 0 0	8 0 1	25 0 8	JOHN KENNEDY	2 2 1	2 0 0	0 0 0	2 2 1	4 4 1
JACQUE McNAMARA	15 1 1	1 0 0	1 0 0	5 0 0	22 1 1	JAMIE SMITH	0 4 0	1 0 1	0 0 0	1 1 0	2 5 1
DIDIER AGATHE	13 0 1	0 0 0	1 0 0	8 0 1	22 0 2	CRAIG BEATTIE	0 3 0	1 1 1	0 0 0	0 1 0	1 6 1
JOHN HARTSON	13 1 7	0 0 0	1 0 0	6 1 1	20 2 9	STEPHEN PEARSON	2 0 1	2 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 1 1
MAGNUS HEDMAN	12 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	7 0 0	19 0 0	DAVID MARSHALL	0 0 0	3 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 0 0
LIAM MILLER	11 7 2	1 0 0	0 0 0	4 6 3	16 13 5	STEVE GUPPY	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
RAB DOUGLAS	9 1 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0	14 1 0	ULRIK LAURSEN	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
SHAUN MALONEY	7 6 4	1 1 0	3 0 0	1 2 1	10 9 5	BOBBY PETTA	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
JOHAN MJALLBY	6 2 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	3 0 0	10 2 0	own goals	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0

SPL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CELTIC	21	20	1	0	66	8	58	61
Rangers	21	16	2	3	45	18	27	50
Hearts	21	11	3	7	30	24	6	36
Dunfermline	21	9	7	5	27	28	-1	34
Livingston	21	6	8	7	22	23	-1	26
Hibernian	21	7	4	10	22	34	-12	25
Dundee	21	6	6	9	25	29	-4	24
Motherwell	21	6	6	9	20	24	-4	24
Dundee Utd	21	6	5	10	22	36	-14	23
Kilmarnock	21	6	3	12	25	44	-19	21
Aberdeen	21	5	4	12	26	40	-14	19
Partick Thistle	21	2	3	16	20	42	-22	9

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	97	91	112	7	62	66	264	27	3	3 (2)	3
Celtic	173	113	136	9	75	27	279	25	2	9 (8)	1
Dundee	120	94	143	3	54	82	264	32	1	3 (3)	4
Dundee Utd	96	76	104	2	56	71	283	42	1	4 (3)	8
Dunfermline	115	110	100	5	51	47	310	22	1	1 (1)	2
Hearts	123	86	111	4	56	81	371	49	0	1 (1)	0
Hibernian	104	109	114	5	43	117	309	36	1	2 (1)	3
Kilmarnock	99	85	107	2	66	85	309	35	3	2 (1)	6
Livingston	120	106	95	3	77	70	352	44	1	3 (2)	4
Motherwell	101	92	124	4	96	49	290	28	1	4 (2)	1
Partick	94	84	101	0	79	61	283	40	3	1 (1)	3
Rangers	176	123	144	8	94	53	266	28	0	4 (3)	2

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

The Player With The Most.....

Shots 76 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots on target** 46 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots off target** 30 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Assists** 12 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Crosses** 59 Alan Thompson (Celtic). **Offsides** 33 Nacho Novo (Dundee). **Fouls** 57 Mark de Vries (Hearts). **Free-kicks won** 62 Stilian Petrov (Celtic)

Player Stats

Most Shots On Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 46, Nacho Novo (Dundee) 36, Michael Mols (Rangers) 31, Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 29, Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline) 27, Shota Arveladze (Rangers) 26, Mikel Arteta (Rangers) 24, James Grady (Partick) 22.

Most Shots Off Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 30, Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline) 25, Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 21, Craig Brewster (Dunfermline) 20, Garry O'Connor (Hibernian) 19, Scott Booth (Aberdeen) 18, James Grady (Partick) 18, Lee Wilkie (Dundee) 18.

Most Assists

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 12, Alan Thompson (Celtic) 10, Michael Mols (Rangers) 7, Chris Sutton (Celtic) 5, Craig Brewster (Dunfermline) 5, Stilian Petrov (Celtic) 4, Garry Brady (Dundee) 4, Derek Fleming (Partick) 4.

Most Shots Without a Goal

Darren Young (Dunfermline) 27, Marvin Andrews (Livingston) 18, Garry Brady (Dundee) 17, David Fernandez (Livingston) 17, Mark Kerr (Dundee Utd) 16, Fabian Caballero (Dundee) 16, Paul Sheerin (Aberdeen) 15, Moises Emerson (Rangers) 13.

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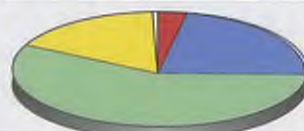


* Please note all stats up to and including 26/01/2004

Top Goalscorers

	Lge	FA	LC	Eur	Tot
Henrik Larsson	17	0	0	3	20
Chris Sutton	13	0	0	6	19
Nacho Novo	13	1	1	4	19
Stevie Crawford	11	2	2	0	15
Shota Arveladze	11	1	0	1	13
James Grady	9	2	1	0	12
Mark de Vries	7	0	1	2	10
Peter Lovenkrands	6	1	1	2	10
John Hartson	7	1	0	1	9
David Clarkson	6	2	0	0	8
Alan Thompson	7	0	0	1	8
Derek Lilley	8	0	0	0	8
Mikel Arteta	7	0	0	1	8
Derek Riordan	5	0	3	0	8
Scott Booth	7	0	1	0	8
Craig Brewster	5	1	1	0	7
Michael Mols	6	0	0	1	7
Andy Kirk	6	0	1	0	7
Billy Dodds	7	0	0	0	7

2003/04 Season Goals



Category	Count
Total Goals	350
Own Goals	11
Left Foot	77
Right Foot	201
Headers	59
Other	2

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	10	46	4.60
Pittodrie Stadium	Aberdeen	11	35	3.18
Ibrox Stadium	Rangers	11	35	3.18
Firhill Stadium	Partick	10	31	3.10
Rugby Park	Kilmarnock	11	32	2.91
Tannadice Park	Dundee Utd	10	29	2.90
Fir Park Stadium	Motherwell	10	27	2.70
Easter Road Stadium	Hibernian	10	27	2.70
East End Park	Dunfermline	11	26	2.36
Tynecastle Stadium	Hearts	11	26	2.36
Dens Park Stadium	Dundee	11	23	2.09
The City Stadium	Livingston	10	13	1.30

Fastest Goal Of The Season

From the start of a match	Time
Craig Brewster (Dunfermline vs Hibernian)	0:42
By a substitute after coming on	Time
Billy Dodds (Dundee Utd vs Rangers)	0:36

Attendance Watch

Team	Average	Best	Against
Celtic	58,479	59,609	Hibernian
Rangers	49,379	49,962	Aberdeen
Hearts	12,316	16,632	Hibernian
Aberdeen	11,392	16,452	Celtic
Hibernian	9,953	14,803	Hearts
Dundee Utd	8,247	12,292	Dundee
Dundee	7,912	10,948	Rangers
Kilmarnock	7,187	12,460	Celtic
Motherwell	6,597	10,824	Rangers
Dunfermline	6,368	10,082	Celtic
Livingston	6,316	9,627	Rangers
Partick	4,973	9,045	Celtic

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HITMAN
"Sniper"
Jimmy
McCull,
back row
far right,
scored 123
times for
the Hoops

One of Celtic's greatest ever strikers pulled on the famous green and white hoops for the last time in a league game against Dundee on this day in 1920

ON this day in 1920, one of the greatest ever strikers to play for Celtic pulled on the Hoops for the last time.

Jimmy McColl made his final appearance for the club in a Scottish League match away to Dundee. It was not to be a memorable finale for McColl as the Celts lost 2-1, with Joe Cassidy scoring Celtic's goal.

McCull, who was born in Glasgow on December 14, 1892, joined Celtic in 1913, signed by Willie Maley from St Anthony's (who also wore the green and white hoops). Dundee were also the opposition when he made his debut, in a 1-0 victory at Celtic Park on October 18, 1913, when Andy McAtee scored the only goal of the game.

While McColl didn't score on either his debut or his last game, in between he hit 123 goals in just 169 appearances.

Nicknamed 'the Sniper', McColl was not the tallest of forwards - his height is recorded at only 5ft 7", but he was an integral part of Celtic's Championship successes of 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1919.

He was a fitting successor to the

great Jimmy Quinn, who bowed out in 1915, having hit 217 goals in 331 appearances for Celtic.

McCull left Celtic in 1920, joining Stoke City for a year before returning to Scotland and Partick Thistle.

From there he joined Hibs in 1922, signed by Willie Maley's brother, Alec, who described McColl as "the best boy I ever signed."

And over the next few years, he was a consistent goalscorer for Hibernian. He was later to be part of their backroom staff before and after the Second World War, and he was awarded a gold watch in a public ceremony at Easter Road in 1971 in recognition of his service to the club. Jimmy died in Edinburgh in 1978.

BIRTHDAY BOY

JOHN COLLINS was born in Galashiels on this day in 1968.

Collins, a stylish, left-footed midfielder, joined Celtic in 1990 after spending six years with Hibs. He made his debut for the Hoops in a 4-0 home victory over Ayr United in the League Cup on August 22, 1990. He played for the Hoops for six years, a particularly fallow period in Celtic's history, before joining French side Monaco in 1996. He played under Arsene Wenger for a period. He returned to Britain in 1998 when he joined Everton and after a couple of years, he went to London and Fulham, where he stayed until retiring last year.

He made 58 appearances for Scotland, scoring 12 goals.

1606 Guy Fawkes convicted in the "Gunpowder Plot", executed aged 35

1788 Bonnie Prince Charlie dies at the age of 67

1919 Jackie Robinson Georgia, first black major league baseball player (Dodgers)

1923 Norman Mailer American author is born

1929 German Erich Maria Remarque publishes *All Quiet on the Western Front*

1951 Phil Collins singer/drummer born

1956 Johnny Rotten Sex Pistol John Lydon and star of *I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here*, born

1971 Minnie Driver actress (*Good Will Hunting*) born

1971 George Harrison's *My Sweet Lord* is No.1 in UK pop chart



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