



Celtic

Programme No. 1

v Newcastle United



Pre-season Friendly
Celtic Park, Wednesday 4 August 2004.
Kick-off 7.45pm

£2.





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LOVEFOOTBALL



“The players deserve real credit for their displays in the final two matches”

A WARM welcome back to Celtic for our first home fixture of season 2004/05, and our last ahead of the league season kicking off on Sunday against Motherwell.

Already, it's been a pretty hectic pre-season for us, and I think that I'm right in thinking that, by the time tonight's match is over, we'll have played six games in four countries in just 18 days. Quite a schedule.

There's no doubt it has demanded a great deal of the players - too much, in fact - and, with the benefit of hindsight, we might have made it a little less gruelling by arranging one fewer game for our time in North America.

But I must say that the lads have coped superbly, and it's a testament to their fitness and attitude that right up until the final whistle of our final Champions World match against Roma, they were still giving their all in search of a goal. That, of course, is the kind of character which has gone so far towards achieving the kind of success we've enjoyed at the football club over recent seasons, and the players deserve real credit for the manner in which they performed, certainly in our last two matches in North America, and against Fulham prior to their departure.

Even the performances in our first two Champions World games



against Chelsea and Liverpool, while not being of the standard we have come to expect, particularly in defensive areas, still served their purpose both in terms of fitness and, hopefully, in learning some pretty harsh lessons ahead of the start of the season.

It was also very encouraging to see some of the younger players coming in and making a genuine impact, and there's no doubt that the experience gained by the likes of Ross Wallace, Craig Beattie and Aiden McGeady will stand them in good stead for the nine months which lie ahead. They still have plenty to learn, but all three will undoubtedly play their part for us this season.

We now also have Henri Camara on board, and I'm delighted to have brought him to Celtic Park for at least the next season. He's an exciting player, quick and skillful, and I'm sure the fans here will take to him once he settles into life at the football club.

Naturally, we would also hope that Henri won't be the only player to be brought in before the transfer deadline at the end of

August, and rest assured that we're working extremely hard to ensure that further additions are made sooner rather than later.

Newcastle are our visitors tonight and, having already competed against four Premiership sides - and with one still to come in the shape of Tottenham Hotspur - as well as Roma from Italy's Serie A, no-one can claim that we haven't tested ourselves against opponents of the highest calibre.

Sir Bobby Robson has built an excellent side at St James' Park and, having added more world-class players to his squad in the shape of Patrick Kluivert, James Milner and Nicky Butt respectively, he'll justifiably feel confident of once again taking Newcastle into the upper reaches of the Premiership.

It's an intriguing fixture between two great clubs, and hopefully it will prove to be a terrific game.

Martin O'Neill



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, 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, 2004

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



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NEWCASTLE

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 Neil Lennon
 Stilian Petrov
 Robert Douglas
 David Marshall
 Stanislav Varga
 Shaun Maloney
 Ross Wallace
 Craig Beattie
 John Kennedy
 Liam Miller
 Stephen McManus
 Kevin McBride
 Aiden McGeady
 Michael McGovern

Shay Given
 Stephen Harper
 Robbie Elliot
 Andrew O'Brien
 Jonathan Woodgate
 Aaron Hughes
 Titus Bramble
 Steven Taylor
 Olivier Bernard
 Nicky Butt
 Jermaine Jenas
 Kieron Dyer
 James Milner
 Darren Ambrose
 Jamie McClen
 Lee Bowyer
 Laurent Robert
 Alan Shearer
 Craig Bellamy
 Patrick Kluivert
 Shola Ameobi
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TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: **WILLIE YOUNG**
 Assistant Referees: **MARTIN CRYANS**
ANDREW SEYMOUR

RECENT FORM

Pre-Season Friendly, July 31, 2004
CELTIC 0 v 1 AS ROMA
 Pre-Season Friendly, July 28, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 1 MAN UTD (Beattie, Sutton)
 Pre-Season Friendly, July 28, 2004
CELTIC 1 v 5 LIVERPOOL (Beattie)
 Pre-Season Friendly, July 28, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 4 CHELSEA (Beattie 2)
 Pre-Season Friendly, July 28, 2004
FULHAM 0 v CELTIC 2 (Hartson, Lennon)

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Premier League
CELTIC v MOTHERWELL
 SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2:00pm
 Pre-Season Friendly
CELTIC v TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
 TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 7:45pm
 Scottish Premier League
KILMARNOCK v CELTIC
 SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 3:00pm
 Scottish Premier League
INVERNESS CALEY THISTLE v CELTIC
 SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2:00pm



A TALE OF TWO CITIES

When Gullit arrived on Tyneside it was time for Terry to move on

Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

GIVEN that he'd spent the previous 16 years with just one club, it's no surprise that it remains a source of some regret to Terry Gennoe that his stint as Newcastle's goalkeeping coach proved as short as it was bittersweet.

Tempted by the opportunity to switch his part-time post at Blackburn for a full-time position at St James' Park, Gennoe was one of Kenny Dalglish's first signings and, while their alliance on Tyneside proved a little less successful than it had in Lancashire, it wasn't without its more enjoyable moments.

Nevertheless, with the arrival of Ruud Gullit - a manager who seemed to succeed in earning everyone's contempt - came a swift end to this briefest of love affairs, and in the end it was with some eagerness that Gennoe jumped at the opportunity to renew old acquaintances with Dalglish, John Barnes and Terry McDermott at Celtic Park.

It doesn't prevent him retaining genuine affection for the Magpies, however, and he admits to seeing plenty of similarities between the two passionately supported clubs who

will do battle this evening. He said: "Newcastle is an excellent club and, like Celtic, it has an excellent following which packs out St James' Park almost every week with season ticket holders. They have that same passion for football and get right behind the side in the same way the fans do here.

"At both clubs, the expectations are high and, when things don't go well, the disappointment is great. I experienced that in my first season at Celtic and also during my time at Newcastle, and there's no doubt that the fans' tension gets through to the players.

"Personally, I have nothing but good things to say about Newcastle as a club. I probably didn't have as many good times there as I would have liked, but there were some, particularly during my first season at the club. The Geordies are also terrifically warm-hearted people, and I enjoyed the brief time I spent in that area.

"And who knows? Maybe if the managerial situation had been different, it might have made my decision (to come to Celtic) a more difficult one. As it was, I just felt that I couldn't work under the person who was in charge at that time."

Not that he harbours any regrets about departing for Glasgow.

Over five years have passed since he first arrived in the



THE BACK FOUR: Michael McGovern, Rab Douglas, Magnus Hedman and David Marshall will all be hoping to convince Martin O'Neill that they are the man for the goalkeeper post

summer of 1999 and, having settled on the Ayrshire coast with his wife, Suzy, he can almost consider himself to have become part of the furniture in Paradise.

"Part of the furniture? Well, I don't know about that," he said. "But time has certainly flown. It only seems like 12 months since I first came in, but that's me into my sixth season now.

"Suzy and I are certainly very happily settled out on the West Coast, and I can't imagine moving away at this moment in time."

It helps, of course, that Gennoe

Irishman's emergence leaves Martin O'Neill with the prospect of three highly competent and unhappy goalkeepers sitting on the sidelines, Gennoe insists they'll simply have to accept competition for places as part and parcel of life at a club of Celtic's stature.

"It's the same as any other position in that respect," he said. "With a squad of 20-odd and only 11 places to play for, there will be times during the season when certain players won't be happy.

"I don't think the situation has really changed over the past year

"The situation hasn't changed much other than we now have another excellent keeper with first team experience under his belt in David Marshall"

enjoys a remarkably close relationship with the club's three senior goalkeepers, Douglas, Hedman and Marshall, all of whom have paid tribute to their ebullient big coach at various stages during their Celtic careers.

Young Michael McGovern also claims to owe his spectacular recent progress to Gennoe's guidance and, while the young

other than that we now have another excellent goalkeeper with some first-team experience under his belt in the shape of David Marshall. That means there are obviously three keepers who will be going for the No.1 spot and, come the start of the season, it will be up to the manager to pick who he feels can best do the job."

And O'Neill is hardly in a unique

position. Down the road on Tyneside, Bobby Robson has to face a similar dilemma with two excellent keepers in Shay Given and Steve Harper and, while full of admiration for the Irish internationalist he helped coax through at Blackburn and develop further at Newcastle, Gennoe admits Harper would likely have proved a star at most other clubs.

He said: "Shay's done particularly well at Newcastle, and I know that he has many very fond memories of his time at Celtic. He used to talk to me at length about the club when he first came to Blackburn as an 18-year-old, and I can certainly say that it was always a privilege to work with Shay and help him in whatever small way I did.

"He's recognised in the Premiership and around the world as one of the best in the business, and that's testament to the work he's put into improving his game to the very high level it's at today. I should also point, though, out that Newcastle have another excellent goalkeeper in Steve Harper, who I'm sure would have become a first-team regular at most other clubs. As it is, and largely because of Shay, his games have been limited."



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Ticketmaster link-up for Celtic Park ticket sales

CELTIC'S major overhaul of its ticketing systems to dramatically improve the level of service offered to fans is now up and running with tonight's game against Newcastle United being the first operation of the new structure.

The Club has linked-up with the UK's biggest ticket agency, Ticketmaster, in response to the unprecedented demand for tickets currently handled by Celtic's in-house ticket office.

Prior to the games against Barcelona in the UEFA Cup and Rangers in the SPL in March, almost 1.5 million phone calls were made to Celtic Park for information, putting considerable pressure on the limited number of staff in the ticket office, with a large number of calls having to go unanswered.

Celtic's Executive Director Peter Lawwell insisted the previous arrangements fell short of the standards fans should expect. He said: "The growth in demand for games has not only led to tens of thousands of fans queuing at the stadium for several hours to buy tickets in person, but often fans trying to get tickets by phone can

spend all day on the phone without getting through.

"The ticket office staff do a tremendous job in difficult circumstances and we feel that this new partnership with Ticketmaster will give our fans the high level of service they deserve."

The new arrangements will allow Celtic to take advantage of Ticketmaster's call centres, helping to ensure that enquiries

"We feel that this new partnership with Ticketmaster will give our fans the high level of service that they deserve"

Peter Lawwell

are dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Fans wishing to book tickets for all HOME friendly, SPL, domestic Cup and European matches (apart from Champions League games) should call the dedicated hotline on **0870 060 1888**.

Last season alone Celtic sold more than 600,000 tickets for home and neutral venues as well as over 170,000 for away matches.

Ticketmaster regularly handles bookings for some of the world's biggest music and sports events –

for the recent Red Hot Chili Peppers' UK gigs the agency sold 70,000 tickets in one day. The agency also deals with ticketing for the England team and for Arsenal.

John Paul Taylor, Head of Celtic's Ticket Services, said: "This tie-up with Ticketmaster will deliver major benefits for our supporters and, in particular, our season ticket holders.

"We regularly seek fans'

feedback on a range of topics affecting the club and it's clear that this is a major issue for them. We only have a limited number of staff in-house to deal with ticket enquiries and, while they do an excellent job, the growth in the number of calls means that it is impossible for them to deal with every enquiry.

"The new system will considerably reduce waiting time for supporters trying to get through to the ticket office. Similarly, it will avoid the need for



QUEUE JUMP:

The new Ticketmaster service - used by the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Arsenal - will allow quicker access to purchase Celtic tickets



fans to queue for hours to collect their tickets at the stadium.

"Ticketmaster has years of experience in dealing with bookings for some of the world's top music and sporting events and I'm delighted that they will now be helping to deliver the kind of ticket service which fans of one of the world's leading football clubs deserve."

Supporters currently pay a £1 booking fee to purchase tickets by phone and this will increase to approximately £1.70 per ticket in order to fund the improved system. The club itself will receive no additional revenue. John Paul Taylor added: "We've consulted with fans, thousands of whom currently spend hours travelling to the stadium, queuing and constantly trying to get through

by phone, and in terms of overall cost and quality of service, we're convinced this will be a major step forward.

"This new system will also enable season-ticket holders paying for additional games to reserve their usual seats for matches, which hasn't always been possible to date."

As an added alternative, supporters can also book tickets online – Celtic's initiative in encouraging fans to renew their season tickets online has been extremely successful with almost 7,000 fans renewing via the internet. The cost of online booking will remain the same – 2% of the ticket price.

Fans who do not wish to pay the additional charge for telephone or online booking can

continue to buy tickets in person at the stadium or by post.

All Home Match Ticket Sales telephone enquiries will now be handled by Ticketmaster on the Celtic ticket hotline on

0870 060 1888

All other ticket enquiries, away tickets and Celtic View subscriptions will be dealt with by Ticket Services on **0870 161 1888**

Other new numbers have been introduced and Merchandising can now be contacted on **0845 077 1888** and don't worry, a redial message has been activated.

Similarly, the main switchboard at Celtic Park can now be contacted on **0845 671 1888**

As with the Merchandising number, any calls dialed on the old numbers will receive activated redial message.





FIXTURES



Season's fixtures 2004/05

Scottish Premier Reserve League

Date	Venue	Opposition
Aug 10	A	Motherwell
AUG 24	H	INVERNESS CALEY THISTLE
Sep 14	A	Dundee
SEP 21	N	HIBERNIAN
SEP 28	H	DUNFERMLINE
Oct 19	A	Hearts
NOV 2	H	KILMARNOCK
Nov 9	A	Rangers
Nov 23	A	Aberdeen
NOV 30	H	LIVINGSTON
DEC 7	H	MOTHERWELL
Feb 1	A	Kilmarnock
Feb 15	A	Inverness Caley Thistle
FEB 22	H	RANGERS
Mar 8	A	Hibernian
Mar 15	A	Dundee United
APR 5	H	HEARTS
Apr 12	A	Livingston
APR 19	H	ABERDEEN
Apr 26	A	Dunfermline
MAY 3	H	DUNDEE
MAY 10	H	DUNDEE UNITED

*All fixtures are subject to change

All games scheduled to kick off at 2pm on the Tuesday dates

Season's fixtures 2004/05

Scottish Premier Under-19s

Date	Venue	Comp	Opposition
AUG 14	H	L	MOTHERWELL
Aug 21	A	L	Inverness Caley Thistle
AUG 28	H	L	DUNDEE
Sep 5	tb	YGr1	tb
Sep 18	A	L	Hibernian
Sep 25	A	L	Dunfermline
OCT 2	H	L	HEARTS
Oct 10	tb	YGr2	tb
Oct 16	A	L	Kilmarnock
OCT 23	H	L	RANGERS
OCT 30	H	L	ABERDEEN
Nov 7	tb	YGr3	tb
Nov 13	A	L	Livingston
Nov 20	A	L	Motherwell
Dec 5	tb	YGr4	tb
JAN 21	H	L	KILMARNOCK
JAN 29	H	L	INVERNESS CALEY THISTLE
Feb 5	A	L	Rangers
FEB 12	H	L	HIBERNIAN
Feb 20	tb	YGr5	tb
FEB 26	H	L	DUNDEE UNITED
Mar 5	A	L	Hearts
MAR 12	H	L	LIVINGSTON
Mar 12	tb	YGr6	tb
Mar 19	A	L	Aberdeen
APR 2	H	L	DUNFERMLINE
Apr 9	A	L	Dundee
Apr 16	A	L	Dundee United
Apr 24	N	YGr7	tb

*All fixtures are subject to change

Season's fixtures 2004/05

Comp	Date	Venue	Opposition	Time
F	Jul 18	A	Fulham	2.0
F	Jul 24	N	Chelsea	2.4
F	Jul 26	N	Liverpool	1.5
F	Jul 28	N	Manchester United	2.1
F	Jul 31	N	Roma	0.1
F	AUG 4	H	NEWCASTLE UNITED	7.45pm
SPL	AUG 8	H	MOTHERWELL	2pm
F	AUG 10	H	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	7.45pm
SPL	Aug 14	A	Kilmarnock	
SPL	Aug 22	A	Inverness Caley Thistle	2pm
SPL	AUG 29	H	RANGERS	1PM
SPL	SEP 11	H	DUNDEE	
CL	Sep 14/15	tb	CL match 1	
SPL	Sep 18	A	Hibernian	
CIS	Sep 21/22	tb	CIS Cup R3	
SPL	SEP 25	H	DUNFERMLINE	
CL	Sep 28/29	tb	CL match 2	
SPL	Oct 2	A	Dundee United	
SPL	OCT 16	H	HEARTS	
CL	Oct 19/20	tb	CL match 3	
SPL	Oct 23	A	Livingston	
SPL	OCT 27	H	ABERDEEN	
SPL	Oct 30	A	Motherwell	
CL	Nov 23	tb	CL match 4	
SPL	NOV 6	H	KILMARNOCK	
CIS	Nov 9/10	tb	CIS Cup R4	
SPL	NOV 13	H	INVERNESS CALEY THISTLE	
SPL	Nov 20	A	Rangers	
CL	Nov 23/24	tb	CL match 5	
SPL	Nov 27	A	Dundee	
SPL	DEC 4	H	HIBERNIAN	
CL	Dec 7/8	tb	CL match 6	
SPL	Dec 11	A	Dunfermline	
SPL	DEC 18	H	DUNDEE UNITED	
SPL	Dec 27	A	Hearts	
SPL	JAN 1	H	LIVINGSTON	
SC	Jan 8	tb	Scottish Cup R3	
SPL	Jan 15	A	Aberdeen	
SPL	JAN 22	H	MOTHERWELL	
SPL	Jan 29	A	Kilmarnock	
CIS	Feb 1/2	tb	CIS Cup S/F	
SC	Feb 5	tb	Scottish Cup R4	
SPL	Feb 12	A	Inverness Caley Thistle	
SPL	FEB 19	H	RANGERS	
CL	Feb 22/23	tb	CL 1st knock-out L1	
SC	Feb 26	tb	Scottish Cup quarter-final	
SPL	MAR 2	H	DUNDEE	
SPL	Mar 5	A	Hibernian	
CL	Mar 8/9	tb	CL 1st knock-out L2	
SPL	MAR 12	H	DUNFERMLINE	
SPL	Mar 19	A	Dundee United	
CIS	Mar 19/20	N	CIS Cup Final	
SPL	APR 2	H	HEARTS	
CL	Apr 5/6	tb	CL quarter-final L1	
SPL	Apr 9	A	Livingston	
SC	Apr 9/10	tb	Scottish Cup semi-final	
CL	Apr 12/13	tb	CL quarter-final L2	
SPL	APR 16	H	ABERDEEN	
SPL	Apr 23	tb	SPL 34	
CL	Apr 26/27	tb	CL semi-final L1	
SPL	Apr 30	tb	SPL 35	
CL	May 3/4	tb	CL semi-final L2	
SPL	May 7	tb	SPL 36	
SPL	May 14	tb	SPL 37	
SPL	May 21	tb	SPL 38	
CL	May 25	N	CL Final	
SC	May 28	N	Scottish Cup Final	

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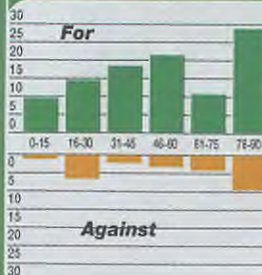
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When Scored

How & Where Goals Scored

When Scored



Discipline

Top Scorers in each Category

Discipline

Red Cards	2
Yellow Cards	44
Fouls Committed	467
Average per Game	12.29
Conceded from Free Kick	2
Fouls Suffered	580
Average per Game	15.26
Scored from Free Kick	17
Caught Offside	114
Average per Game	3

Larsson	9	Headed goals	Shearer	4
Thompson	5	Long range shots	Speed, Robert	2
Larsson	8	Inside 6 yards	Shearer	7
Larsson	15	Shots from 6-18 yards	Shearer	6
4 players	1	Volleyed shots	Robert	4
Sutton	7	Penalties	Shearer	7
Larsson	7	Scored 1st Goal in match	Shearer	6
Sutton	5	Most goals in last 10	Shearer	5
Larsson	24.25	Points gained from goals	Shearer	23

Red Cards	3
Yellow Cards	46
Fouls Committed	468
Average per Game	12.32
Conceded from Free Kick	3
Fouls Suffered	475
Average per Game	12.5
Scored from Free Kick	1
Caught Offside	107
Average per Game	2.82

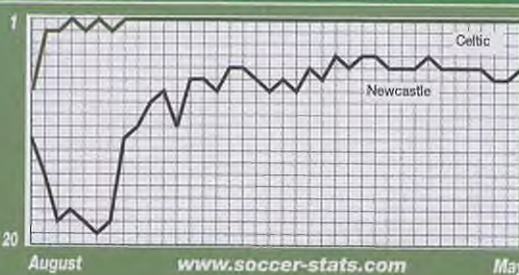
Last 6 & Swings

Seasonal Progress Comparison

Last 6 & Swings

Opponents	H/A	Score
Dundee Utd	H	2-1
Motherwell	A	1-1
Rangers	H	1-0
Dunfermline	H	1-2
Hearts	A	1-1
Aberdeen	H	1-2

Won when Behind: 4
Drawn when Behind: 3
Drawn when Ahead: 1
Lost when Ahead: 1



Opponents	H/A	Score
Liverpool	A	1-1
Southampton	A	3-3
Wolves	H	1-1
Man City	A	0-1
Chelsea	H	2-1
Villa	A	0-0

Won when Behind: 3
Drawn when Behind: 6
Drawn when Ahead: 8
Lost when Ahead: 1

Newcastle's Last 10 Years

Sir Bobby - Q1

Games Played	384
Won	168
Drawn	103
Lost	113
Goals Scored	585
Goals Conceded	466
Points Total	607
Biggest Win	8-0
v. Sheff Wed 99/00	
Heaviest Defeat	0-5 0-5
v. Chelsea 03/04	
Arsenal 00/01	



Top Scorers

Alan Shearer	132
Les Ferdinand	41
Nolberto Solano	29
Gary Speed	29
Rob Lee	27
Peter Beardsley	25
Craig Bellamy	20
Laurent Robert	19

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CELTIC'S shirt sponsors Carling are once more bringing the best indie music to the masses not only through their string of Carling Academies throughout the country but with the now legendary Reading and Leeds Festivals.

The annual events go ahead this August Bank Holiday 27th - 29th and in conjunction with Carling, your Celtic Matchday Programme has a PAIR of WEEKEND tickets to give away FREE for the Leeds shindig.

The pair of tickets (inc camping) would cost £210 but thanks to the View you could be watching the following for FREE!

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Carling Stage: The Kills, Soundtrack Of Our Lives.

Saturday

Main Stage: The Offspring, Ash, The Hives, The Distillers, Jurassic 5 etc

Radio One Stage: Graham Coxon, Super Furry Animals etc

Carling Stage: Kasabian, The Shins etc

Dance Stage: Roots Manuva

Sunday

Main Stage: The White Stripes, Morrissey, The Libertines, Franz Ferdinand, The Roots, New York Dolls, 5678's etc

Radio One Stage: Funeral For A Friend, Dizzee Rascal, MC5, Stereolab etc

Carling Stage: Mark Lannegan,

Mondo Generator etc.

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"Irish — English Heart"

a: Eyes

b: Stew

c: Blood

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kid Gloves

After his heroics last season, David Marshall is determined to fight for the number one jersey

Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

EVEN with his whole career ahead of him, David Marshall realises his name may always be synonymous with **THAT** night in the Nou Camp.

While many have dined out their whole lives on achievements considerably less remarkable, Celtic's 20-year-old keeper has no intentions of allowing his career to be defined by one performance, however magnificent.



Instead, he would prefer his heroics in Barcelona to be remembered years from now as merely the opening chapter in a glorious and epic tale and, as such, intends consigning memories of last season to the past so that he can focus on retaining the No.1 spot - starting with the weekend's visit of Motherwell.

And while the smart money would appear to be on him doing just that - with Magnus Hedman, one of his two principal rivals, among those suggesting it's all but inevitable - Marshall himself believes that solid performances in matches such as this evening's visit of Newcastle are the only way to make sure.

What is beyond doubt, though, is that the past 12 months have transformed this youngster from a promising hopeful content with playing the odd game into a goalkeeper desperate to quench his thirst for regular first-team football, for which he makes no apologies.

He said: "The three of us (Marshall, Hedman and Rab Douglas) are all good mates, but we know there's only one position and we all want it badly. And you'd have to say that things have definitely changed since last year.

"At this time last season, I was happy enough with a game or two, but now I want to be No.1 and I'd like to think I've put my name in the hat. It's up to the gaffer now

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to decide who he feels deserves the chance, and I know that I'll need to perform well in matches like this one if I'm going to get the chance.

"It was unexpected what happened last season, but I feel I showed in the games I was given that I'm up to the task. Now I want

to establish myself as the No.1 goalkeeper and hopefully I can start with the Motherwell game.

"Everything that happened last season is in the past now and I'd never want to be accused of living off it, so I know that I need to play well in these friendly games if I'm going to get the chance to show that I deserve to be in the team."

Marshall's desire to be recognised as Celtic's No.1 keeper

is beyond question, and yet it seems unlikely, given that Martin O'Neill has never done so with any of the youngster's predecessors, that he will ever be publicly declared as such. Fortunately, this is a situation with which the 20-year-old is entirely comfortable, with Marshall insisting he realises that, like all his outfield counterparts, his place in the starting XI will only be guaranteed by performances of a consistently high standard.

He said: "The gaffer doesn't tend to say 'Yeah, he's my number one,' but that's not a problem. I don't think anyone at Celtic, in any position, is told they'll be starting every week, so the keepers can't expect to be any different.

"The gaffer just lets us know that, as long as we're playing well, the chances are we'll stay in the team. But I know that I've only played about 14 or 15 competitive matches and that I'm up against two very experienced goalkeepers, so I still have a long way to go.

"I want to push on and establish myself, but I don't need the gaffer to tell me that I'm his number one. As long as I'm in the team when it's read out, that'll be enough."

Marshall admits, however, that the battle for that solitary place between the sticks, having previously been contested by just Hedman and Douglas, is now



PLAYING FOR KEEPS: There is a friendly rivalry at Celtic Park for the goalkeeping position in Martin O'Neill's starting XI



STATE OF MIND: Celtic's tour of the USA has been hard work but sets the players up for the season ahead

developing into a four-horse race. The latest combatant is another 20-year-old, Michael McGovern, and having come up through the ranks alongside the Northern Irish under-21 internationalist, Marshall knows only too well that he's a worthy rival.

He said: "I was actually surprised Michael wasn't brought over to America because he has done really well recently. He's had a lot of experience training with the first team and I think that's helped his confidence.

"There's no doubt he's improved and I certainly consider him to be one of my rivals for the first team now. Obviously Rab and Magnus are more established, but Michael's progressed really well and I'm sure he's in the manager's thoughts."

Yet, for the moment at least, the pecking order appears still to be headed by Marshall, who, having returned to Glasgow on Sunday from the club's tour of North America, claims to be feeling good ahead of the big kick-off. Indeed, while admitting that trekking across a continent to play four Champions World Series games in the space of a week has taken its toll on the players, the young keeper insists he'd happily go through it all again next season.

He said: "I definitely think the tour was a worthwhile thing for us to have done, especially with the quality of teams we were playing and personally I would hope we're invited back next year. Obviously it was hard and playing four games in the space of a week has definitely taken it out of the boys.

"But we don't have a qualifier for the Champions League and there's no doubt that playing teams like Man United, Liverpool, Chelsea, Roma and Newcastle sets you up for taking on the very best. Those teams are as good as any we'll play all season, and that can only help us going into the Champions League.

"I know there are other people who would say that it's better to play against weaker teams pre-season and get your confidence up, but that doesn't teach you anything about where you're falling short.

"Hopefully, having made our mistakes on the American trip, we can now correct them before we start playing games that actually matter."

THE HOMECOMING

ONE of world football's most experienced managers, Bobby Robson returned home to Newcastle United in 1999 for what he called 'my last job'.

A Newcastle supporter since childhood, County Durham-born Robson managed England for eight years between 1982 and 1990 as well as top European clubs Sporting Lisbon, FC Porto, Barcelona and PSV Eindhoven.

He started out as a player with Fulham, whom he joined from his local club Langley Park Juniors in 1950, and as an inside-forward he scored 68 goals in 152 games.

In March 1956, Robson joined West Bromwich Albion, where he played 239 times, netting 56 goals, before returning to Fulham in 1962, where he played a further 192 games, scoring nine goals. With West Bromwich, Robson made his England debut against France at Wembley in November 1957, scoring twice in a 4-0 victory. Despite that success, he had to wait six months for his second cap - against the USSR in Moscow - and was then elevated to the 1958 World Cup squad, playing a second time against the Soviets, then Brazil and Australia, and

How Sir Bobby's European journey led him back to the club he loves

going on to total 20 caps over the next four years.

In 1967 Robson left Fulham to become player-coach of Vancouver Royals, but the job fell through and he returned to take over as manager of Fulham in January 1968. Already well on the way to relegation, Robson carried on into the 1968/69 Second Division season but was sacked after a moderate start.

Within two months he was appointed Ipswich Town manager and after two difficult years he embarked on a run of success which catapulted the Suffolk club into the top flight of English football. Playing

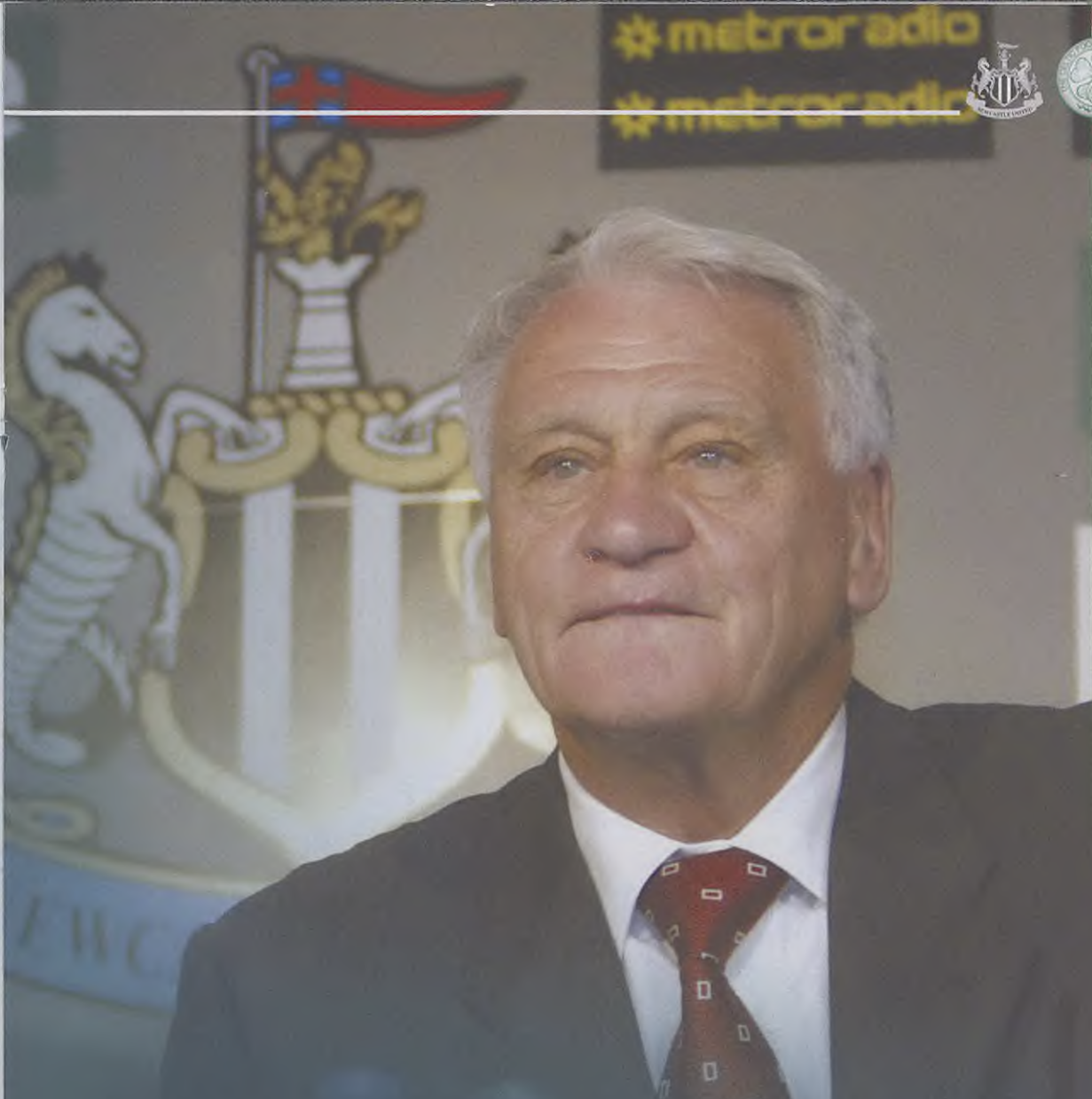


THE BEGINNING: Sir Bobby in 1956 playing for West Bromwich Albion

stylish football, Ipswich took the 1978 FA Cup and the 1981 UEFA Cup to Portman Road. Robson also led Ipswich to successive runners-up positions in the Football League in 1980/81 and 1981/82.

After the 1982 World Cup, Robson was the FA choice to replace Ron Greenwood as England manager and in 1986 he led them to the World Cup quarter-finals. Four years later, in Italy, he steered England to the semi-final, where they were beaten only on penalties by West Germany.

With PSV Eindhoven, Robson won the 1991 and 1992 Dutch Championships then switched to Portugal to take over Sporting Lisbon. The Lisbon episode ended in a sensational and controversial sacking in December 1993. Even though Sporting stood top of the league, President Jose Sousa Cintra dismissed him in the aftermath of UEFA Cup defeat by Casino Salzburg. Within weeks, Robson was appointed head coach at FC Porto - and masterminded their Portuguese Cup final victory over Sporting Lisbon. He then led Porto



to two League Championships and two Portuguese Super Cups in 1994 & 1995 before resigning to take over at mighty Barcelona.

Despite winning the Spanish Cup,

Technical Director in charge of transfers. His loyalty to Barcelona had by then precluded him from taking charge at Newcastle following the departure of Kevin

Philips Stadion he won the Dutch Super Cup for PSV.

And finally, aged 66 in September 1999, after the resignation of Ruud Gullit at St James' Park, Robson joined the club he supported as man and boy, Newcastle United. In his first season, he rescued United from almost certain relegation, in his second season United finished 11th but would have been a lot higher had the club not suffered such cruel luck with injuries and in 2001/02, led the Magpies to fourth place in the Premiership, and with it, a place in the Qualifying Round of the Champions League.

“IN SEPTEMBER 1999 AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF RUUD GULLIT, BOBBY ROBSON JOINED THE CLUB HE SUPPORTED MAN AND BOY”

being runners-up in the League and winning the 1997 European Cup-Winners' Cup with Barca, Robson had to concede his role as coach to Louis van Gaal and was appointed

Keegan in January 1997.

In 1998, Robson returned to Eindhoven on a one-year contract to replace the departing Dick Advocaat. During his time at the



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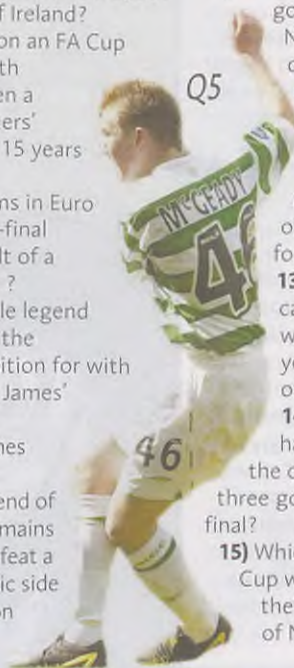
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half-time QUIZ

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

- 1) Other than Newcastle which three clubs has Sir Bobby Robson also managed in competitive and friendly matches against Celtic at Celtic Park?
- 2) How many international goals did Henrik Larsson score during his seven years at Celtic to establish a club record?
- 3) Which famous former Celt managed Newcastle in an FA Cup final and also in the Champions League tournament?
- 4) Which two influential members of the Celtic centenary double winning team of 1988 would within 18 months move to play for Newcastle?
- 5) Against which country in June did Aiden McGeady make his debut for the Republic of Ireland?
- 6) Which player won an FA Cup winners' medal with Newcastle and then a Scottish Cup winners' badge with Celtic 15 years later?
- 7) Which two teams in Euro 2004 won quarter-final matches as a result of a penalty shoot-out?
- 8) Which Newcastle legend did Celtic provide the testimonial opposition for with a 3-1 victory at St James' Park in Jan 1999?
- 9) In over 20 matches against English opposition to the end of last season who remains the only side to defeat a Martin O'Neill Celtic side actually doing so on two occasions?



Q5



St James' Park - Q8

10) Which club in 1968/69 did Newcastle defeat to win their only European trophy?

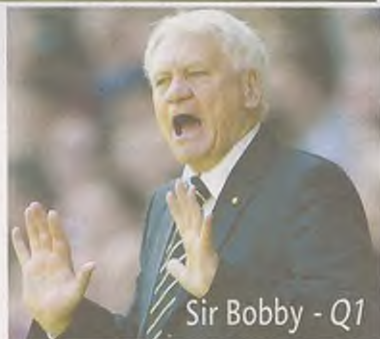
11) Which two players netted the goals in the 1-1 draw when Newcastle played in the opening match of the refurbished Celtic Park in July 1995?

12) Prior to Stilian Petrov in Euro 2004 who was the last Celt to be ordered off in a major international football tournament?

13) Which Newcastle captain of the mid '70s would later spend seven years as assistant manager of Celtic?

14) Which Newcastle player has the distinction of being the only British man to score three goals in a major European final?

15) Which two holders of World Cup winners' medals have in their careers been managers of Newcastle United?



Sir Bobby - Q1

ANSWERS

1. Ipswich Town (76/77) Sporting Lisbon (93/94) Barcelona (96/97)
2. Nincsen. 3. Kenny Dalglish. 4. Roy Aitken & Mark McChae. 5. Jamaica. 6. Aitken & Mark McChae. 7. Portugal beat Ronnie Simpson. 8. Portugal beat England & Holland beat Sweden. 9. Manchester United. 10. Peter Beardsley. 11. Manchester United. 12. Aug 2001, Jul 2003. 13. Peter Beardsley & Les Ferdinand. 14. Craig Burley. 15. Tommy Craig. 16. Bobby Moncur. 17. 1968/69 v Ujpest Dozsa. 18. Jack Charlton & Ossie Ardiles.



We take a look at Sir Bobby Robson's side and highlight the key players who will be out to cause Celtic problems tonight

DARREN AMBROSE

Joined United in March 2003 from Ipswich, the former England U16 International is an attacking midfielder who learnt his trade at the Ipswich School of Excellence from the age of 11.

FOLUWASHOLA (SHOLA) AMEObI

Talented striker with a penchant for the unpredictable who made his first team debut in the Premiership meeting with Chelsea in September 2000. Shola went on to make 22 appearances in total that season leading the line in the absence of the injured Alan Shearer and Carl Cort. He is a product of the Newcastle United Academy and Walker Central Boys' Club. Finished last season as United's second top scorer in the Premiership with 7 goals.

CRAIG BELLAMY

Craig joined United from Coventry in July 2001. Craig was born in Cardiff on 13 July 1979 and joined Norwich as a trainee in 1996. Before the start of the 2000/01 season Bellamy joined Coventry in a £6.5m transfer and scored eight goals for the Sky Blues. He struck a rich vein of form at the end of the 2003/04 season until a torn hamstring kept him sidelined for 6 matches until the final day of the season at Liverpool.

OLIVIER BERNARD

Attacking left back who joined United from Lyon in October 2000 after a contractual dispute with the French club. Made his first

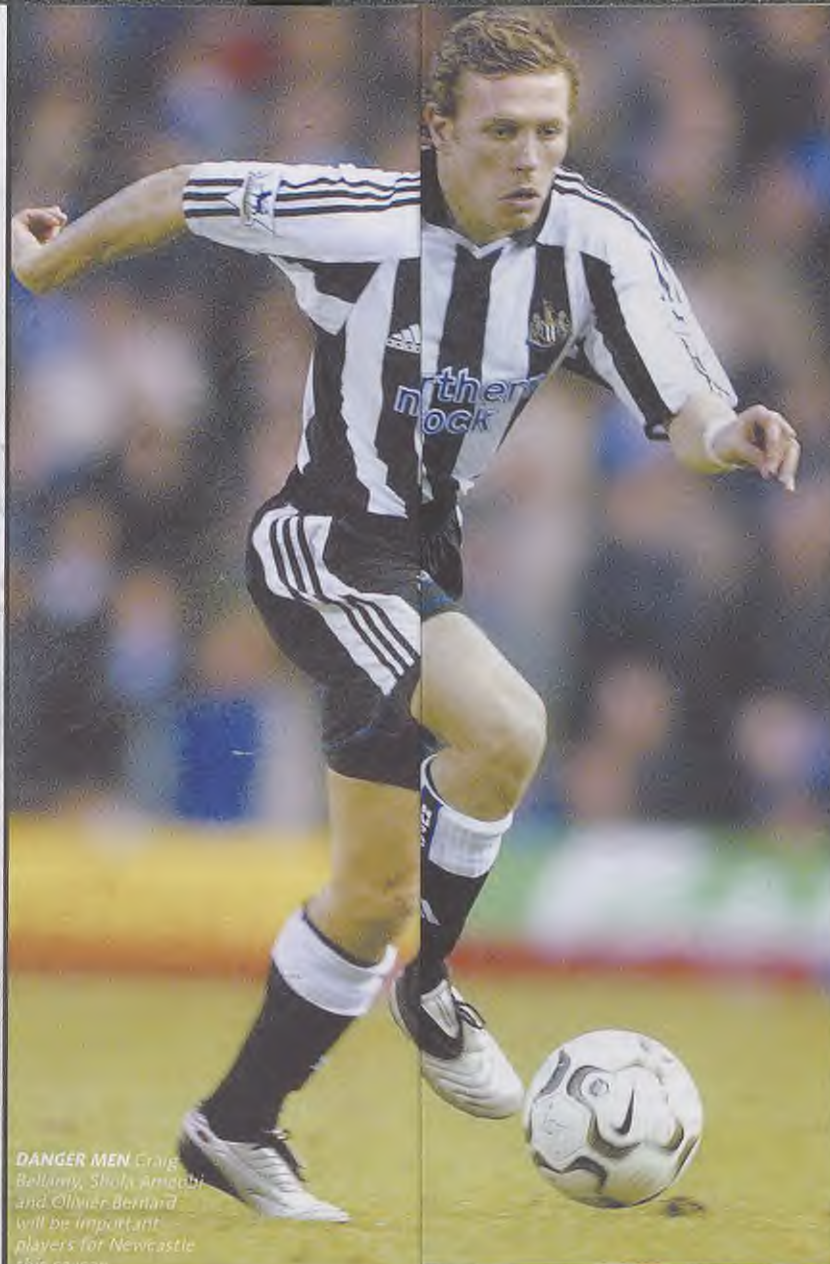
Premiership start against Blackburn on 15 December 2001 and scored his first senior goal in that game. After being close to joining West Ham United, Olivier signed a new three-year contract at St. James' Park in July 2002. Was one of United's most consistent performers throughout 2003/4, racking up 51 appearances.

LEE BOWYER

England midfielder who joined United in July on a free transfer having been released by West Ham United after the end of the 2002/03 season having been signed from Leeds United in January 2003. Lee was born and bred in East London but joined Charlton as a youngster and became Britain's most expensive teenager when he moved to Elland Road for £2.8m in July 1996. Lee, a hard working player with a keen eye for goal found his best form towards the end of the 2003/04 season.

TITUS BRAMBLE

Powerful centre-half who joined United on a five-year deal from Ipswich in July 2002 and became the Magpies' second major purchase of the close season after Hugo Viana. Made his full United debut in the Champions League Qualifier in Sarajevo against Zeljeznicar on 14 August. Scored his first United goal in the 5-0 UEFA Cup win over NAC Breda on 24 September 2003, going on to hit three goals in United's run to the UEFA Cup semi-finals.



DANGER MEN Craig Bellamy, Shola Ameobi and Olivier Bernard will be important players for Newcastle this season



MARTIN BRITAIN

Has been with the Newcastle United Academy since the age of 9 and has come up through the junior ranks. Martin is an attack minded full-back and was the only ever present with the Under 17s in 2001/02 playing all 31 games, and scoring 3 goals. The victory in the Play-Off Final against Manchester United in May 2002 was the highlight of his Newcastle United career until he made his first team bow on 3 March 2004 against Valerenga in the UEFA Cup.

ANTONY CAIG

United's third choice goalkeeper. Tony joined United from Hibs on 31 January 2003. Tony began his career at Carlisle in 1992 and spent seven years with the Cumbrians before moving to Blackpool in 1999. Signed a one year contract in June 2004 keeping him at St. James' Park until the end of 2004/05.

MICHAEL CHOPRA

Former England Schoolboy international with superb skill and an eye for goal who signed a professional contract in December 2000. Became the 100th player to represent Newcastle in the Premiership when he made his league debut at West Bromwich Albion on the last day of the 2002/03 season.

ROBERT ELLIOTT

Robbie, who had an eight-year spell with United from 1989-97, rejoined the Magpies from Bolton on a free transfer on 1 July 2001. Left back Elliott played 99 games for United scoring 9 goals in his first spell at St. James' Park and signed a four year contract with the Magpies keeping him at United until the end of the 2004/05 season.

SHAY GIVEN

Republic of Ireland international who started at Celtic and joined Newcastle from Blackburn Rovers in July 1997. Unable to replace

England international Tim Flowers at Blackburn, Shay went on loan to Swindon and Sunderland in 1995-1996 and performed magnificently, earning a reputation which spread throughout the game. Played in the 1998 FA Cup Final and then missed out on the 1999 Final when displaced by Steve Harper, but after sitting out the start of the 1999/2000 season, ended the campaign in possession of the first-team place. In 2000/01, Shay was once again in magnificent form for club and country and earned most supporters' awards as their Player of the Season.

STEPHEN HARPER

Steve signed for United from non-league football in 1993 but took six years to break into the first team and then played in the 1999 FA Cup Final against Manchester United in his 10th senior match. Before making his first-team debut, Steve went out on loan to Bradford City, Hartlepool and Huddersfield and made a good enough impression for manager Kenny Dalglish to turn down Huddersfield's bid to take him full-time. Captained United for the first time in the Carling Cup match with West Bromwich Albion on 29 October 2003, one of only two appearances he made during 2003/04.

AARON WILLIAM HUGHES

A Northern Ireland international at the age of 18, Aaron cemented a regular place in the national side while still fighting for a regular berth with Newcastle United. But his 34 first-team appearances throughout the 1999/2000 season suggested he was at last getting the recognition he deserved under Bobby Robson.

KIERON DYER

One of England's brightest young stars, Kieron joined United from Ipswich Town in July 1999 and quickly demonstrated the talent which made him such hot property. Only 20 when he joined



TALK OF THE TOON: Kluivert, Dyer and Shearer are some of the international stars Celtic could face tonight



United, Kieron quickly added full England caps to the collection of Youth, U21 and B caps he had built up at Ipswich, though he narrowly missed out on Kevin Keegan's final squad for Euro 2000. Captained United for the first time in a competitive game, and scored twice, against Everton in the Worthington Cup on 6 November.

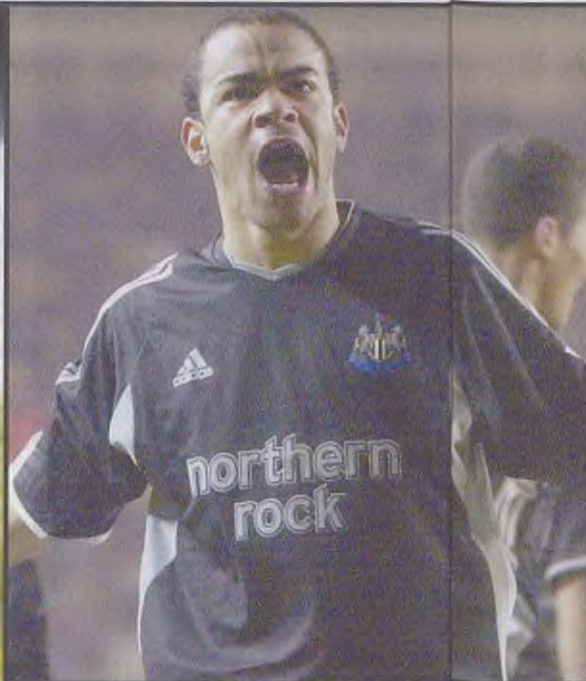
JERMAINE JENAS

Joined United on a 5-year contract on 4 February 2002 from Nottingham Forest. Nottingham born Jenas, formerly captain of the England Under 19 team, is one of the country's outstanding young talents. JJ, as he is known, made his debut for Forest as a 17-year-old in January 2001 against Wolves in the FA Cup and made his league debut the following week against Crystal Palace, his only senior league appearance during the 2000/01

season. Made his United bow as a substitute in the 3-1 home win over Southampton on 9 February 2002 and three days later won his first cap at England Under-21 level in Slovenia. Was an ever present for much of the 2003/04 season before missing the final 7 games with a thigh injury.

PATRICK KLUIVERT

The Dutch striker joined the Magpies on 21 July 2004, signing a three-year contract. An outstanding international talent, he is noted for his tremendous goal scoring skills. Kluivert is a quick thinking and intelligent player. Patrick is no stranger to playing, and scoring, at St. James' Park. He scored one in Barcelona's 3-0 friendly win at Newcastle on 7 August 2002 and added a second in their 2-0 Champions League win on Tyneside later that season.



United hope there's plenty more where they came from!

JAMES MILNER

James, Leeds born and bred, joined The Magpies on 2 July 2004, signing a five-year contract. A promising left sided midfielder, James was fast-tracked into the Leeds first team squad during the 2002/03 season. All in all he made 30 Premiership appearances last season for Leeds, scoring three times and is now looking to continue his progress at St. James' Park.

JAMES DAVID McCLEN

James played nine times in the first half of the 1999/2000 season but dropped out of Bobby Robson's first team picture until the final run-in, when he played three more games. During 2000/01, which included a loan spell at Motherwell he failed to make it onto the pitch for a first team game but his good form for the Reserves pushed him back into the first team picture. Signed an extended contract with United in June 2002 keeping him at United until the summer of



2005 although he only made one substitute appearance in the Premiership during the 2002/03 campaign.

ANDREW O'BRIEN

Signed for the Magpies on 19 March from Bradford City. The highly-rated central defender came up through the ranks and was a product of the youth set-up at Valley Parade. After playing for the Republic of Ireland Under 21 side, and scoring his first goal for his country on 23 March in Ireland's 1-0 win in Cyprus, he won his first full cap at the end of the 2000/01 season against Estonia in Tallin having been promoted from the Under 21 set-up a few days earlier. Signed a new contract with United in March 2002 which ties him to the Club until the end of the 2006/07 season.

LAURENT ROBERT

French International who joined United from Paris St Germain on 1 August 2001. Robert was born in Saint-Benoit, on the Indian Ocean Island of La Reunion, on 21 May 1975 and has won International

caps at Youth, B and first team level. He began his career at Montpellier in 1994 before moving to Paris St Germain in 1999. Grabbed his first two goal haul for United with two stunning strikes against Spurs on 13 December 2003, the first of which was voted Premiership Goal of the Month.

ALAN SHEARER

One of the most famous players in the game today, Alan was also the world's most expensive footballer at the time of his £15m move from Blackburn to Newcastle in the summer of 1996. Many believed Kevin Keegan's addition of Shearer to a squad which had just missed out on the 1995-96 Championship would seal the title, but another second place finish in 1996-97 denied United that honour. Shearer has finished either top scorer or joint top scorer for his club in each of the past 13 seasons, covering spells at Southampton, Blackburn and Newcastle United. Signed an extension to his United contract taking him through until the end of the 2004/05 season.

STEVEN TAYLOR

Steven plays centre-half and was honoured with the captaincy of the England Under 16 and 17 teams as he first began to make a name for himself in the game. Signed new three-year contract with the Club until 30 June 2007 on 23 March 2004.

JONATHAN WOODGATE

Jonathan came through the junior team ranks at Leeds after signing for the Elland Road club at age 13. Initially a midfielder, he switched to centre-half and was part of the 1997 Leeds FA Youth Cup-winning side. A year later he made his debut for the England Under-18s and went on to captain the side. He made an assured United debut against Chelsea on 1 March. Started the last season promisingly but a hernia operation in 2003 kept him out of the side for two months. After a number of dominating performances towards the end of the 2003/04 season, he missed the last five matches (and Euro 2004) with a torn thigh muscle.

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THE origins of Newcastle United belong to Victorian Tyneside and two local sides, Newcastle East End and Newcastle West End.

Situated on either side of the city, these two pioneering teams developed from humble beginnings as offshoots of cricket clubs during the early years of the 1880s. A great rivalry between the two factions took place for a number of years, but by 1892 it was the east enders who had become the dominant force. West End ran into financial problems and on their demise East End moved across the city and took over West End's ground, St James Park. Very soon they changed their name to Newcastle Utd and changed their red and white colours to black and white stripes.

1900s

JUST prior to the turn of the century, Newcastle gained promotion to the top division after a series of Test Matches - an early version of the present-day Play-offs.

United then developed a side which became Edwardian England's master outfit, but not before the Tynesiders went through a worrying period due to lack of support at the turnstile and lack of money at the bank.

But through the help of their directors the club was propped up and they survived.

Newcastle started to purchase talented players, especially from Scotland, and soon had a squad to rival all of England. Players like Colin Veitch, Jackie Rutherford, Jimmy Lawrence and Albert Shepherd.

The Magpies lifted the League Championship on three occasions and reached five FA Cup finals in the years leading up to the First

We take a look through Newcastle United's proud history which has produced many memorable moments

World War in 1914. Geordie fans had enjoyed 10 years of being the team everyone wanted to topple. They played a style of football celebrated in the game's history, entertaining and rousing.

1920s

AFTER World War One, Newcastle lifted the FA Cup at Wembley in 1924 defeating Aston Villa - only the second ever final to be staged at the famous stadium.

And a record signing of Scottish internationalist Hughie Gallacher made sure United collected another Championship trophy three years later in 1927.

Famous names continued to pull on the Newcastle striped shirt. The Magpies fielded the likes of Neil Harris, Stan Seymour and Frank Hudspeth. Seymour was to become an influential figure for the next 40 years as player, manager and director.

1930s

IT was back to Wembley in 1932 to compete in the infamous "Over the Line" FA Cup final with Arsenal.

United won the game 2-1 after scoring a goal following a cross from Jimmy Richardson which appeared to be hit from out of play. The referee allowed the goal, a controversial talking point in FA Cup history.

Newcastle boasted master players like Sammy Weaver and Jack Allen, as well as the first player-manager in the top division in Scottish internationalist Andy Cunningham.

But after glory at the Twin Towers of Wembley, Newcastle's form slumped and by 1934 they had been relegated for the first time in their history.

1940s

A REBUILDING process took place in the years leading up to the Second World War and by that time former star winger Stan Seymour had been appointed to the Board of Directors.

He set the foundations of United's next great period. In 1945, Seymour was at the forefront of affairs, manager in all but name. He ensured the Magpies had an entertaining XI full of stars, talent like Jackie Milburn, Bobby Cowell and Ernie Taylor, as well as George Robledo, Bobby Mitchell, Joe Harvey and Frank Brennan.

Promotion was achieved in 1948 in front of crowds of almost 57,000, a national record for years to come.

1950s

DURING the Fifties, United lifted the FA Cup three times within a five year period.



FAMOUS BLACK AND WHITE: The infamous 1932 FA Cup Final v Arsenal saw Newcastle lift the cup, while their rich history has produced stars like Bryan 'Pop' Robson, Malcolm MacDonald, Jackie Milburn and Stan Seymour



In 1951 they defeated Blackpool 2-0, a year later Arsenal were beaten 1-0 and in 1955 United crushed Manchester City 3-1.

The Magpies were known in every corner of the country, and so were their players; "Wor Jackie" Milburn and Bobby "Dazzler" Mitchell the pick of a side that was renowned the nation over.

1960s

DESPITE having quality players throughout the era, United slipped from the First Division in 1961 under the controversial management of ex-Manchester United star Charlie Mitten.

It was a huge blow to the club. An old war-horse returned to

revitalise the Magpies in the shape of Joe Harvey who had skipped the club to much of their post-war success.

He teamed up with Stan Seymour to rebuild United and the Black'n'Whites returned to the elite as Second Division Champions in 1965.

United then became very much an unpredictable side, always capable of defeating the best, but never quite realising their huge potential until very recently.

Joe Harvey's side qualified for Europe for the first time in 1968 and stunned everyone the following year by lifting the Inter Cities Fairs Cup; the forerunner of the UEFA Cup.

United possessed a solid XI and Newcastle's tradition of fielding a famous Number 9 at centre-

forward since their earliest years continued as big Welshman Wyn Davies was prominent along with the likes of Bryan "Pop" Robson, Bobby Moncur and Frank Clark.

1970s

IN THE years that followed European success, manager Harvey brought in a string of talented entertainers who thrilled the Gallowgate crowd.

Pleasers like Jimmy Smith, Tony Green and Terry Hibbitt. And especially a new centre-forward by the name of Malcolm Macdonald. Nicknamed "Supermac", Macdonald was one of United's greatest hero figures. Brash, arrogant and devastating in

front of goal, he led United's attack to Wembley twice, in 1974 and 1976, against Liverpool in the FA Cup and Manchester City in the League Cup. But on each occasion the Magpies failed to bring the trophy back to Tyneside.

1980s

AT THE start of the Eighties, United had declined dramatically and were languishing in the Second Division.

Gordon Lee had replaced Harvey as boss yet he in turn soon gave way to Richard Dinnis and then Bill McGarry. But it was Arthur Cox who steered United back again to the First Division with ex-England skipper Kevin Keegan the focus of the side having joined the Magpies in a sensational deal in the summer of 1982.

Keegan captivated everyone on Tyneside and United stormed into the top division in a style only bettered by Kevin's own brand of football in the next decade.

Alongside Keegan were youngsters Peter Beardsley and Chris Waddle, as well as seasoned campaigners like Terry McDermott and David McCreery.

Paul Gascoigne soon followed, as did Jack Charlton as manager. Newcastle consolidated their place in Division One but then a period of selling their best players - Beardsley, Waddle and Gazza - rocked the club, as did a share-war for control of Newcastle United. The Magpies tumbled back into the Second Division and were in a perilous state. They had little money, star players headed south and crowds dwindled.

1990s

WITH the club hovering on the brink, Newcastle United needed a saviour.

They not only found one, but

two, as Sir John Hall and Kevin Keegan joined forces to create a formidable duo.

When Keegan returned to Tyneside to replace Ossie Ardiles as manager on a short-term contract in 1992, United were struggling at the wrong end of Division Two.

Sir John had all but taken control of the club and he needed a small miracle to stop the Magpies from tumbling into the Third Division for the very first time in their history. If Sir John was to transform the near bankrupt club they simply had to survive relegation.

Just as before, Keegan's mere presence captivated the region.

United's disgruntled supporters became excited, expectant ones overnight.

They packed St James Park again and United survived. Sir John Hall now turned his attention to a master plan to develop Newcastle United into one of the superclubs of Europe.

Kevin Keegan stayed on as manager and immediately the powerful duo swung into action. The club's finances were transformed and St James Park redeveloped into a stadium as good as any, now accommodating over 52,000.

Keegan brought in new players, many international superstars. It was the start of a special five years under his guidance.

The First Division Championship was secured and Premier League clubs were faced with a new influence in the game.

The Black'n'Whites joined the elite for the 1993/94 season and United very quickly became recognised as a force claiming two Runners-Up spots and just missing out on the Title trophy.

The club invested heavily in players and United's squad has been a virtual all international one containing players from throughout the globe. Players



like David Ginola and Tino Asprilla from abroad, and British stars like Alan Shearer and Duncan Ferguson.

The Tyneside club has built up a reputation of playing an attacking brand of soccer and under the management of Kenny Dalglish, Newcastle entered the Champions League and reached the FA Cup final in 1998 only to fall to Arsenal.

With another world personality in control, Ruud Gullit, Newcastle again reached the FA Cup final only to lose, this time to Manchester United.

2000s

NOW with Sir Bobby Robson at the helm, the Magpies are a major power in the game with finishing positions of fourth and third in the Premier League in 2001/02 and 2002/03 respectively.

The Magpies also reached the second group phase of the 2002/03 Champions League and in 2003/04, United reached the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup.

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the YOUTH ACADEMY

As the Hoops take on Newcastle our scouts are searching the North East for the best talent

TONIGHT'S game against Newcastle is a special one for both myself and John Stephenson for very different reasons.

It will be good for me to see one of my old clubs playing at Paradise - for John he will be gnashing his teeth if the Bhoys don't turn over the Mags. John is a fanatical Sunderland man and I can vouch that the rivalry between the two North East giants is almost, but not quite, the same as between the Old Firm.

Newcastle United have access to some of the best young players in England. Geordies are like us Glaswegians - they eat, sleep and drink football - young kids from there have only one ambition and that is to play for their beloved Toon or down the road at the

Stadium of Light, the home of the Mackems. It's part of our plan here at the Youth Academy to tap into the young playing resources in England, Ireland, Wales and beyond. It is tough to attract committed Geordies to Celtic but we think that the tradition and

Willie McStay will take our U19s to a tough tournament in Jersey, taking on Man United amongst other top names, and Jim McNally will take the U17s to Holland for a tournament. Expectations on our youngsters will be high as it is for all Celtic players but they should

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size of our club cannot be overlooked and should appeal to all young players who aspire to play at the highest level.

I'm happy to report that pre-season for our young pros has been hard, but interesting. This week

treat these competitions as part of their pre-season and if the wins come their way then it's a bonus.

The younger players start back this week and go straight into weekend fixtures. They are all excited about what the season has in store for them all, and hopefully what they deliver will match their expectations and ours.

The season has not yet started and John Stephenson is already bending my ear about the intake of professionals for next year. He was at the Milk Cup in Northern Ireland and was impressed by some of the players he saw there. He'll be getting the scouting network to follow up on what he saw with a view to getting some of them in on trial.

No sooner have we started the season with one group than we are setting our stall out for the next season. The wonderful merry-go-round of professional football - I wouldn't have it any other way.

Enjoy the game!
Tommy Burns



ON THE LOOK OUT: Tommy Burns and the rest of the Youth Academy staff are scouting for young talent



WITH the season not even started, the Youth Academy has had a major boost with the inclusion of Scott Cuthbert and Darren O'Dea in the Squad for the American Tour.

Exactly one year ago Scott was awaiting his Standard Grade results, having just left school in Clydebank, and similarly Darren had just signed a full time contract on arriving from Dublin. The progression for both boys, thus far, has been beyond their wildest dreams, having started last season in the 17s, finished in the 21s and representing their respective countries in between. The experience gained working with the first team squad over the past 2 weeks will be invaluable in their progress, and will serve them well when they go back to play at their own age group. What a fantastic incentive for all the kids in the Academy, seeing how quickly they can be rewarded with promotion through the age groups. May 2003 both boys were ballboys at Celtic Park. July 2004 both have made their first-team debuts.

PRE SEASON IN THE ACADEMY

ALL of our squads have now started preparing for the new season.

With a number of friendlies arranged and our SPL fixtures starting this coming weekend August 7/8. 11s and 12s are due to play Dundee away. The 13s and 14s are at home to Aberdeen whilst 15s and 17s are faced with the long journey to Aberdeen for their first matches.

PRE SEASON TOURS

THREE squads will be on tour over the next couple of weeks, with the first group to go away, being the 19s, heading once again to play against top-class opposition at the Jersey Tournament.

The following weekend sees the 17s heading for Holland and the 13s going to Brussels. Teams we will be competing against in these



PART OF THE GANG: Darren O'Dea has done well in the US.

Young Celts take first step to stardom

tournaments include, Manchester United, Arsenal, Everton, Borussia Dortmund, Bayer Leverkusen, Feyenoord and Anderlecht, to name but a few. Again this will be another major factor in developing first-team players for Celtic, and enhances the Coach Education Programme put in place by Tommy Burns. If the development of our players continues at its current rate, some of the boys playing in the above tournaments could be involved with the first team before too long.

PASTURES NEW

AS is always the case, some boys move on at the end of each season

as we continue to improve the standard of our squads.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have left us, and their parents, for all the hard work they have put in over the years they were with us. We hope that all of the boys have had a positive experience and that they continue to enjoy their football with their new clubs. A couple of our part time staff have also moved on, and again we would like to thank them for the service they have given the club and the contribution they have made in helping develop future Celtic players.

Brian Meehan



Celtic recently expanded their UK scouting network to spot young talent. Now they're taking the chance to look at what US kids have to offer

IT'S hot, sticky and almost unbearably humid in the suburbs of Philadelphia as the storm clouds begin to lift, and yet, from the frenetic pace at which the football around us is being played, you'd never know.

This is Celtic's latest soccer camp, and this 200-strong group of children and young teenagers are getting stuck right in. It's terrific to see, and also surreal.

We are, after all, witnessing countless pre-match huddles converging, hearing Celtic songs sung in thick American accents and even watching one group hold a minute's silence to mourn the departure of Henrik Larsson!

But, whisper it, you'd have been lucky if even a couple of these kids could have told anything whatsoever about the club when they arrived earlier this morning.

Responsible for the change they've undergone is exiled Bothwell Bhoys Darren Gallagher, who along with his fellow coaches from the New York-based company Pro-XL and Celtic's own Joe McBride and John Holt, has been giving these American youngsters a crash course in being a Hoops fan.

That means, according to Gallagher, that as well as going

By **STEPHEN SULLIVAN**

away with a free t-shirt and a complimentary ticket for that night's game against Manchester United, the club's newest supporters have also been educated on why Celtic is more than just a football club.

He explains: "The idea of these camps is to get the Celtic name and brand out there and let the kids know just what kind of club Celtic is, which isn't as easy as some people back home might think. To be quite honest, when we first came out here last year, none of the kids really knew anything about Celtic or even who Henrik Larsson was.

"That's why, as well as giving the kids some good coaching, we've also been trying to help them understand that Celtic isn't just another football club - it's a culture. To do that, and instill a bit of passion in them for the club, we've been teaching them songs and getting them into the things that make supporting Celtic so special. And they've loved it.

"These kids are from all different types of background too, and today we've had a lot coming out from the inner cities, including a busload from a



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: Joe McBride, John Holt and Darren Gallagher (below) have been spreading the Celtic message to the American children

children's home. To see in their faces that they're enjoying themselves so much has been satisfying from our point of view, and I think it's been a good thing for Celtic to be involved in."

McBride agrees. The Celtic youth coach, who by the end of the week expects to have helped coached around 1000 kids in every one of the cities the club is visiting, has been hugely impressed with his pupils' raw enthusiasm, and even admits to doing a bit of scouting on the sly.

"Yeah," he said. "There's a couple of the older lads who've perhaps done enough to warrant looking at a little further, and while we're out here principally to promote

the club and the brand name, you don't ignore a good player if he's right in front of your nose.

"Obviously the main point is getting the kids out here enjoying themselves and learning a little bit about Celtic. They're definitely a lot more aware now of the club and what it stands for and some of the things we've seen during our time here have just been fantastic.

"To give you an example, we ask the kids to do half-time presentations and, in Seattle, four little girls got up and staged a re-enactment of the club's history. It was fantastic to see and it's been the enthusiasm of the kids from start to finish which has most impressed me."



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