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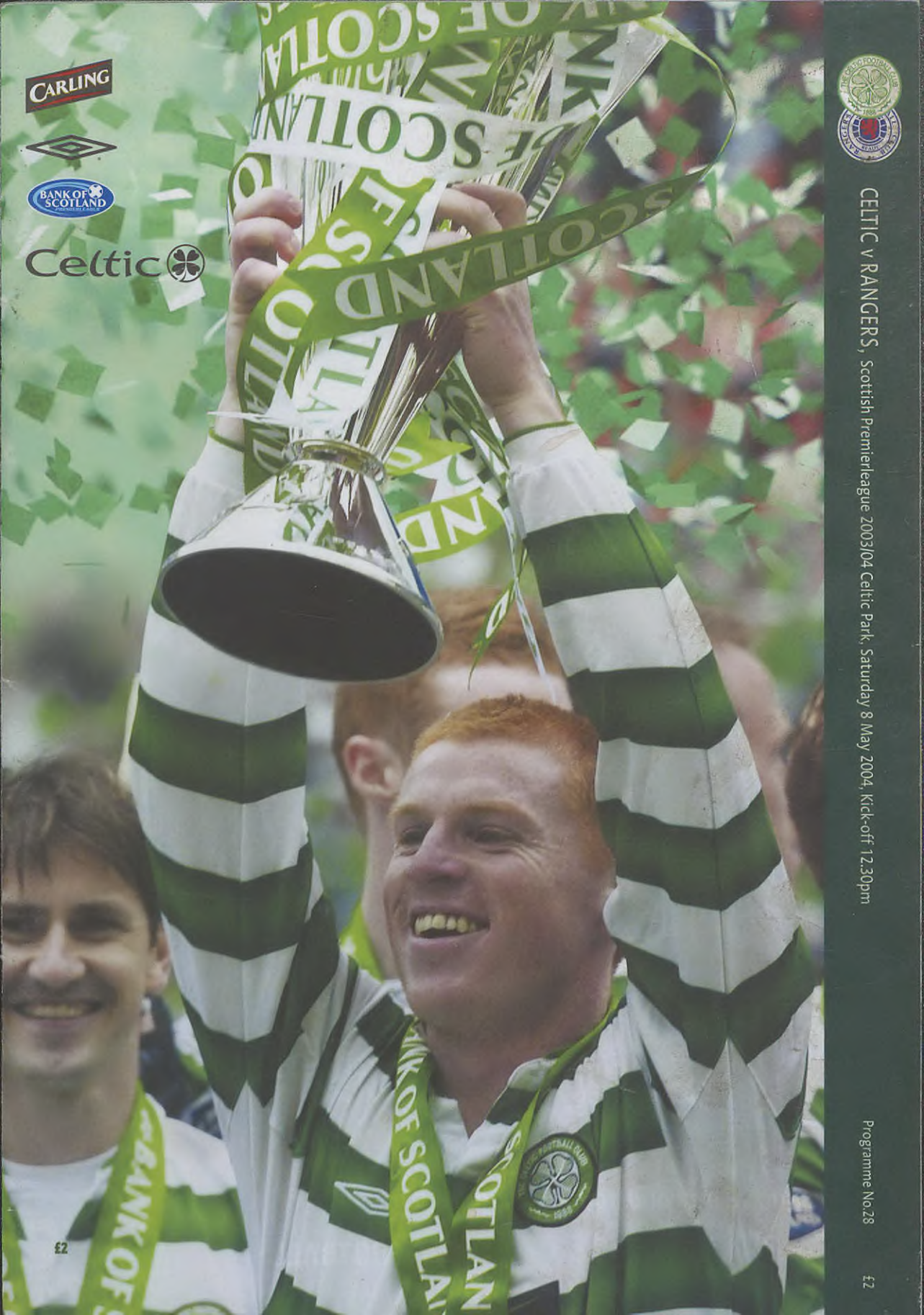


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“To have missed out last season by a solitary goal was, from our viewpoint, very disappointing but Sunday’s events here at Celtic Park more than made up for it.”

**FIRST of all, welcome to Celtic Park for final Old Firm game of the season.**

After a couple of home defeats here against Aberdeen and Dunfermline we are looking to bounce back this afternoon with a victory over our oldest rivals.

However, despite the defeat last weekend the scenes afterwards were very special indeed.

It takes 10 months of massive effort just to earn the right to lift the Premierleague trophy and takes just half an hour parading it to the four corners of the ground, but that half hour is worth every single second of effort during the season.

To have missed out last season by a solitary goal was, from our viewpoint, very disappointing but Sunday’s events here at Celtic Park more than made up for it.

Three years ago when the league was won we lost two games in the final run-in that ultimately had no bearing on anything. The same has happened this season also.

But, the fact is that the league was won on our 32nd game of a 38-game campaign.

That in itself speaks volumes for the ability of the players and I am delighted to see some of them have been honoured just recently.

Chris Sutton won the Players’ Player of the Year with Stephen Pearson taking the Young Player of the Year award from both his fellow professionals as well as the Scottish sportswriters. Jackie McNamara rounded off a particularly excellent season by winning the Player of the Year from the sportswriters and it is nice to see their efforts acknowledged.

This afternoon will be another massive game for us and regardless of the normal incentive that exists when you play your oldest rivals, there is the additional aim of going for six consecutive Old Firm victories - a feat that has not been achieved in the post-war period.

Rangers are currently enjoying some excellent form and it goes without saying that this is a huge match for both sets of players. It is an afternoon that we are all looking forward to and, as always, I thank you for the support you have given the team this season.

# CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FACTFILE

**Formed:** 1888

**Stadium:** Celtic Park  
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**Home strip:** Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

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**Third strip:** Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

**Record attendance:** 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

**Record victory:** 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

**Record defeat:** 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

**Most league goals (1 season):** 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

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

**Website:** www.celticfc.net

## HONOURS

### Scottish League (39)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15, 1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2003/2004

### Scottish Cup (31)

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

### League Cup (12)

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

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

## CELTIC FACTS

- On April 30, 1907, in a match against Hearts, Willie Orr became the first player to score from a penalty in a Scottish Cup final. Peter Somers got the other two in the 3-0 win, which gave Celtic Scottish football's first ever double.
- On the same day in 1910, Celtic drew 0-0 with Dundee at Dens Park to seal a sixth consecutive League Championship. At that time, they had only lost 29 games out of 192 matches.
- Against Clyde, on May 1, 1971, Bertie Auld made the last of his 279 appearances for the club. He scored 89 goals, won five League Championships, three Scottish Cup and 4 League Cup medals.
- Although Celtic lost 1-2 to Falkirk on May 2, 1987, Brian McClair scored from the penalty spot, his final goal for Celtic in his penultimate match. That made his total 120 in 199 matches.
- At Hampden, against Airdrie on May 3, 1975, Billy McNeill's last task as a Celtic player was to lift the Scottish Cup after the 3-1 win. In an 18-year career, he played 790 times.
- In 1963, for the first time since 1928, an Old Firm Final attracted a crowd of 129,643 to Hampden on May 4. A strong wind rather spoiled the occasion, which ended in a 1-1 draw. The man-of-the-match that day was undoubtedly Celtic keeper Frank Haffey.



## RANGERS FACTS

- Rangers first entered the Scottish Cup in its inaugural year of 1874, but didn't win the trophy for twenty years. They reached the final in 1877 but after two draws they were beaten 3-2 by Vale of Leven in the second replay.
- Their first victory in the competition came in 1894, when they beat Celtic 3-1 in the first Old Firm final. Unfortunately for Rangers, there were no spaces left by that time to inscribe their name on the Cup itself, so their name went on the base.
- That set off quite a successful few years for the Light Blues in the tournament, as they won in 1897, 1898 and 1903. However, that was followed by an astonishingly barren period – all 25 years of it – before they won the Scottish Cup again. They did reach four finals in that time, in three of which they were beaten by Third Lanark, Partick Thistle and Morton; in 1909, the Cup was withheld after the Hampden Riot.
- Rangers had much more success in the League Championship. In the period from the end of Celtic's four-in-a-row run – 1913/1917 – to the start of World War 2, Rangers won 16 out of a possible 22 titles.
- Rangers were the second Scottish team to enter European competition. They played in the European Cup of 1956-57, receiving a bye in the first round, then drew 3-3 with Nice over two legs, before going out 3-1 in the third game.





**TODAY'S VISITORS - RANGERS**  
**MANAGER - ALEX MCLEISH**

**CELTIC**   **RANGERS**

Momo Sylla	3	1	Stefan Klos
Jackie McNamara	4	2	Fernando Ricksen
Joos Valgaeren	5	3	Craig Moore
Bobo Balde	6	5	Frank de Boer
Henrik Larsson	7	7	Shota Arveladze
Alan Thompson	8	10	Michael Mols
Chris Sutton	9	12	Robert Malcolm
John Hartson	10	14	Ronald de Boer
Stephen Pearson	11	15	Zurab Khizanishvili
David Fernandez	12	16	Paolo Vanoli
Paul Lambert	14	18	Michael Ball
Ulrik Laursen	16	19	Steven Thompson
Didier Agathe	17	21	Maurice Ross
Neil Lennon	18	22	Allan McGregor
Stilian Petrov	19	23	Mikel Arteta
Robert Douglas	20	25	Henning Berg
Magnus Hedman	21	26	Peter Lovenkrands
David Marshall	22	27	Stephen Hughes
Stanislav Varga	23	32	Alan Hutton
Shaun Maloney	29	36	Chris Burke
Ross Wallace	33	37	Hamed Namouchi
Johan Mjallby	35		Gary Mckenzie
Craig Beattie	37		Ross McCormack
Jamie Smith	39		Bajram Fetai
John Kennedy	41		
Liam Miller	43		
Stephen McManus	44		
Aiden McGeady	46		
Michael McGovern	47		

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**CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>91</b>
Rangers	35	24	6	5	73	29	44	78
Hearts	35	16	11	8	50	37	13	59
Dunfermline	35	14	11	10	40	44	-4	53
Motherwell	35	12	9	14	39	44	-5	45
Dundee Utd	35	11	10	14	42	56	-14	43
Hibernian	36	10	11	15	39	56	-17	41
Livingston	35	9	12	14	42	52	-10	39
Kilmarnock	35	11	5	19	45	70	-25	38
Dundee	35	9	10	16	42	56	-14	37
Aberdeen	35	9	7	19	38	56	-18	34
Partick Thistle	36	6	6	24	35	63	-28	24

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**RECENT FORM**



Scottish Premierleague, May 2, 2004  
**CELTIC 1 v DUNFERMLINE 2** (Larsson)

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

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

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

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

**TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS**

Referee: **Hugh Dallas**  
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# ALL FIRED UP

After being a ballboy in Celtic's famous 6-2 victory over Rangers in 2000, David Marshall is looking forward to playing his part in today's Old Firm clash

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

**PRIOR to starring in Celtic's 2-1 victory at Ibrox at the tail end of March, David Marshall's most memorable Old Firm experience came not in goal, but behind one.**

The date was August 27, 2000, and Marshall, then just 15, was one of two ballboys - the other being Stephen Low, Celtic's current under-19 captain - seated at the rear of a goal which greeted three goals inside the opening 12 minutes, scored by Messrs. Sutton, Petrov and Lambert.

Yes, it was 'the 6-2 game,' the match which announced the birth of the Martin O'Neill era at Celtic Park and left thousands of Hoops fans, and an aspiring young goalkeeper, with well-founded hope for the future. Today, this same youngster is likely to be playing alongside some of the stars of that famous victory - among them Larsson, Sutton and Petrov - and facing him in the opposite goal will be Stefan Klos, the highly respected Rangers keeper who endured a personal nightmare that sun-drenched August afternoon.

Indeed, while his Gers counterpart has doubtless spent the past three-and-a-half years attempting to forget it, Marshall insists the game which set O'Neill's



**"I can't wait to play because every Celtic fan dreams of playing in an Old Firm game"**

side on the road to a Treble is one he'll always remember.

"The 6-2 game will always stick in the memory for me. I was obviously a ball boy down behind the goal over there (in front of the Lisbon Lions Stand), and it was a magnificent experience. Who wouldn't want to play in an Old Firm derby after experiencing something like that?"



"I also have great memories of the 5-1 game when Johan made his debut and Lubo scored a double and tore Rangers apart a wee bit. If today's half as good as either of those two games, I'll be happy."

Marshall also wouldn't complain if there was a repeat of his first Old Firm experience as a player, one which began with him shouldering an unjustly heavy weight of expectation following his Nou Camp heroics and ended with his burgeoning reputation having been strengthened yet further. It was an experience the youngster would later put on a par with keeping Ronaldinho and co at bay.

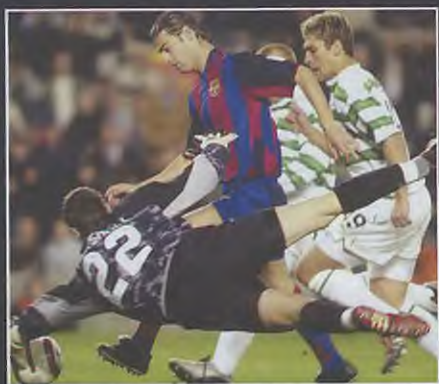
He said: "To go to Ibrox and win was brilliant, especially as it was just after we'd come back from Barcelona. That had been an unbelievably tough game for the lads, and I don't think anyone would have been surprised if we'd shown a bit of tiredness.

"But I thought we thoroughly deserved the victory, and it was sweet to win another one against Rangers, particularly at their place. I can't wait to play in this one, though, because I think every Celtic fan grows up dreaming of playing in an Old Firm game here at Celtic Park.

"Here, you're playing in front of your own crowd, whereas, at Ibrox, pretty much everyone's against you. The fans are magnificent here, so hopefully they can help us through again today and we can give them something back with another win."

With five consecutive Old Firm victories behind them, victory for this afternoon would, in fact, also secure a new post-war record for Celtic, who last chalked up six straight derby triumphs over a near-four-year period between January 1912 and October 1915. Marshall, while admitting to having been unaware of this particular statistic, insists he'd love to be part of a Hoops team which makes Old Firm history.

"I didn't actually know we were



**WONDER BOY** David Marshall's performances against Barcelona and Rangers earned the young keeper praise from team-mates and Celtic fans alike



**"Hopefully the fans can help us through the game again today and we can reward them with another victory"**

in line to do that, but it would definitely be a tremendous achievement if we could manage it," he said. "To win five-in-a-row against your biggest rivals and main competitors in the league is always going to be a massive thing in your favour, and it would

be fantastic if we could create a bit of history by making it six.

"Being honest, though, every victory over Rangers is fantastic, and I don't think another win today would be any more special than the last few we've had. It'll be very difficult, though, and for all that we've got a great record against them at the moment, we'll need to raise our standards of over the last few weeks if we're going to get a result."

There has, by Marshall's own admission, been a discernable drop in the quality and tempo of Celtic's performances since the title was clinched, and this has led to concerns being voiced about a perceived loss of momentum. Martin O'Neill this week dismissed such suggestions, however, and

the club's young goalkeeper has echoed his manager's claim that the team should be judged on their two remaining meaningful matches - against Dunfermline on May 22, and today, versus their oldest rivals.

He said: "I suppose the performances recently have been understandable enough given that the league's been won and we've just really been waiting for this game and the cup final. But the boys don't like to get beaten, especially here at Celtic Park, where we've had such a magnificent record over the past couple of seasons.

"We'll be looking to put things right today, and this is a different game altogether to the two we've lost recently. It's impossible to be anything other than totally fired up for an Old Firm game, especially

with the passion of the crowd and, believe me, there'll no-one out there today who will be thinking of the cup final."

For O'Neill, the very suggestion would be unthinkable, particularly when one considers that, since opting to build for the future by introducing to his much-maligned side the likes of Chris Burke, Alan Hutton and Ross McCormack, Alex McLeish has noted a marked improvement. It's been sufficient for the Celtic boss to label Rangers 'resurgent', and having witnessed first-hand some of the Ibrox club's more promising players,

Marshall also believes that McLeish's team are on the way back up.

He said: "I was actually away with Burke and Hutton recently when I went with the Scotland under-21s, and they're definitely good players. It's also been good to see Alan McGregor getting a wee shout in goal for them because he's waited a while for his chance.

"They'll see all this as promising, and I think Alex McLeish has been using the last couple of months to build for next season, which is understandable. But he won't be thinking of next season today. It's still an Old Firm game, after all, and with the six-in-a-row thing you mention, Rangers will be desperate to stop us from winning."



**TOP OF THE WORLD** Despite losing to Dunfermline last week, David Marshall was delighted to get his hands on the SPL trophy



**NATIONAL EXPRESS** Marshall knows Chris Burke through the Scotland squad



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We take a look back at this season's memorable encounters with Rangers, when Celtic have enjoyed a fair degree of success, something the players will be hoping continues at Celtic Park this afternoon



# SPL Champions 2003-2004

After a magnificent league campaign, Celtic were finally presented with the SPL trophy for the third time in four years last Sunday afternoon and the party could officially begin



# SPL Champions 2003-2004



# Hail, Hail, to the King.



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



**1)** In the last thirty Old Firm matches who are the only Scots to score for Celtic?

**2)** In which season did Rangers become the only club to win all four Old Firm League matches in the history of the Premier Division/SPL?

**3)** In terms of European Cup success, which stadium would link Paul Lambert, Stefan Klos and Celtic assistant manager John Robertson?

**4)** Which Celts made their Old Firm debuts this season?

**5)** Apart from Ally McCoist, which two Rangers players have had the distinction of being the League top scorer since the inception of the Premier Division?

**6)** Who were the last Celtic and Rangers players to miss a penalty in an Old Firm encounter?

**7)** Who is the only Rangers player to have been given his debut for Scotland by Bertie Vogts?

**8)** Which two teams have the Old Firm eliminated from European competition on the toss of a coin on their way to European finals?

**9)** How many times has Henrik Larsson scored against Rangers?

**10)** Which five Norwegian players have made appearances for Rangers in the last seven seasons?

**11)** Which English team have both Celtic and Rangers defeated in European competition?

**12)** Other than this one, which was



the only other season in the history of the Premier Division in which Celtic defeated Rangers in both matches at Ibrox?

**13)** Which three Celtic players made their international debuts for their countries this season?

**14)** Since 1990 which three players have been ordered off in Old Firm matches TWICE?

**15)** Which three members of the 2003/4 Old Firm squads have scored in major European finals?

**1)** Mark Burchill, Paul Lambert, **2)** 1996/97, **3)** They all won EC winners medals at Olympic Stadium Munich. **4)** Stanislav Varga, Marcus Hedman, Stephen Pearson, Craig Beattie, Michael Gray, David Marshall, Liam Miller and John Kennedy. **5)** Derek Johnstone and Marco Negri. **6)** John Hartson, Jorg Albertz. **7)** Maurice Ross. **8)** Rangers - Real Zaragoza, 1966/67 ECWC; Celtic - Benfica 1969/70 EC. **9)** 15 goals, 11 League, 1 Scottish Cup, 3 League Cup. **10)** Tore Andre Flo, Stale Stensaas, Henning Berg, Thomas Myhre and Egil Ostenslad. **11)** Leeds Utd. **12)** 1982/83 Gers 1 v Celtic 2, Gers 2 v Celtic 4. **13)** John Kennedy (Scotland), Alan Thompson (England), Liam Miller (Rep. of Ireland). **14)** Mark Hateley, Stephanie Make and Fernando Ricksen. **15)** Henrik Larsson, Paolo Vanoli, John Hartson.



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## OLD FIRM STARS UNITED TO REWARD TOP PLAYERS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

**UNFORTUNATELY, with most football fans, whenever an Old Firm match comes up as a topic of conversation, their first thought is 'trouble'!**

This can unfortunately be true, although the vast majority of games pass off without any more incident than other matches, both on and off the pitch.

In the early days, there was a real friendship between the clubs at Board and/or committee level.

They often met after matches for social evenings, where toasts to both clubs were proposed and drunk.

It would be hard to imagine players going along to such gatherings now but back then, as through the years to the present day, the players of the Old Firm have usually got along well, often to the astonishment – and sometimes disapproval – of their respective support.

Occasionally, an Old Firm contest would be arranged as a 'benefit' match for some worthy player. Jimmy Quinn had one in 1909 as had Jimmy McGrory on August 27, 1934.

Unfortunately, Jimmy McGrory was out injured and could not play in the game but came out in his suit for the

pre-match photograph, shown here. The Celtic players are:

**Back row, from left:** Willie Buchan and Jimmy Delaney.

**Middle Row, from left:** Dan Clancy, Bobby Hogg, goalkeeper Joe Kennaway and Jock Morrison.

**Front Row, from left:** Willie Dunn, Charlie Napier, Jimmy McStay, Hugh O'Donnell, George Paterson.

The 'dressed' linesmen are Alan Morton (left) and Jimmy Quinn (right).

While Jimmy McGrory might have benefited financially, the Celtic fans would not have been so happy, as their beloved Bhoys were beaten 4-0.



## SEASON STATS 2003/04

## TEAM STATS

The Player With  
The Most.....

Club Name	shots On	shots Off	corners	HW	caught offside	off trap	fouls	yellow cards	red cards	pens award	pens con
Aberdeen	181	157	211	13	105	103	418	34	3	4 (2)	4
Celtic	269	182	234	15	110	43	430	36	2	12 (11)	1
Dundee	184	139	203	5	87	123	431	61	1	3 (3)	10
Dundee Utd	179	127	168	4	98	135	457	60	2	5 (4)	10
Dunfermline	181	158	172	7	73	70	496	38	1	1 (1)	4
Hearts	200	153	194	6	90	123	620	67	1	4 (4)	1
Hibernian	176	169	193	7	86	179	495	64	3	7 (5)	8
Kilmarnock	182	138	172	4	119	135	521	54	3	3 (2)	7
Livingston	186	162	163	4	116	105	565	67	1	3 (2)	6
Motherwell	174	146	193	4	141	72	491	44	1	7 (4)	2
Partick	156	158	167	6	130	115	440	58	3	3 (2)	5
Rangers	290	202	240	12	146	90	444	49	0	8 (7)	2

**Shots** 108 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots on target** 66 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots off target** 42 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Assists** 16 Henrik Larsson (Celtic), Alan Thompson (Celtic). **Crosses** 97 Alan Thompson (Celtic). **Offsides** 60 Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock). **Fouls** 81 Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock), Derek Lilley (Livingston). **Free-kicks won** 89 Stilian Petrov (Celtic)

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

## Player Stats

## Most Shots On Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 66,  
Nacho Novo (Dundee) 53,  
Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 52,  
Michael Mols (Rangers) 44,  
Kris Boyd (Kilmarnock) 38,  
David Zdrilic (Aberdeen) 35,  
Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline)  
34, James Grady (Partick) 31.

## Most Shots Off Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 42,  
Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 33,  
Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline)  
30, Lee Makel (Livingston) 26,  
Nacho Novo (Dundee) 26, Kris  
Boyd (Kilmarnock) 26, Garry  
O'Connor (Hibernian) 23, Craig  
Brewster (Dunfermline) 22.

## Most Assists

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 16, Alan  
Thompson (Celtic) 16, David  
Fernandez (Livingston) 10,  
Barry Robson (Dundee Utd) 8,  
Michael Mols (Rangers) 8,  
Chris Sutton (Celtic) 7, Kris  
Boyd (Kilmarnock) 6, Stanislav  
Varga (Celtic) 6.

## Most Shots Without a Goal

Marvin Andrews (Livingston)  
28, Garry Brady (Dundee) 21,  
Scott Muirhead (Aberdeen) 20,  
Moises Emerson (Rangers) 18,  
Derek Fleming (Partick) 17,  
Patrick Kisnorbo (Hearts) 17,  
Stuart Lovell (Livingston) 17,  
Markus Heikkinen (Aberdeen)  
16.

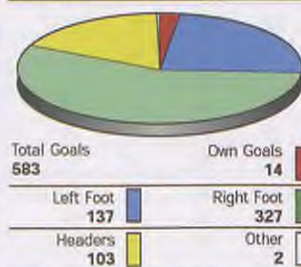
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## Top Goalscorers

	Leg	FA	LC	Err	Tot
Henrik Larsson	28	3	0	6	37
Chris Sutton	18	2	0	7	27
Nacho Novo	16	1	1	4	22
Derek Riordan	15	0	3	0	18
Stevie Crawford	12	2	2	0	16
Derek Lilley	11	3	2	0	16
Shota Arveladze	12	2	0	1	15
James Grady	11	2	1	0	14
Mark de Vries	11	0	1	2	14
Alan Thompson	11	0	0	2	13
Peter Lovenkrands	9	1	1	2	13
Colin McMenamin	10	1	1	0	12
Including 5 for Falkirk					
Kris Boyd	12	0	0	0	12
David Clarkson	9	2	0	0	11
Michael Mols	9	0	1	1	11
John Hartson	9	1	0	1	11
Jim McIntyre	9	0	2	0	11

## 2003/04 Season Goals



## Goals Per Match Ratio (By Ground)

Goals with total number of goals scored on each ground

Ground	Home Team	M	Gls	G/M
Celtic Park	Celtic	17	73	4.29
Ibrox Stadium	Rangers	18	58	3.22
Rugby Park	Kilmarnock	18	56	3.11
Firhill Stadium	Partick	18	52	2.89
Tannadice Park	Dundee Utd	18	50	2.78
Easter Road Stadium	Hibernian	18	50	2.78
Pittodrie Stadium	Aberdeen	17	47	2.76
Fir Park Stadium	Motherwell	17	44	2.59
Tynecastle Stadium	Hearts	17	41	2.41
East End Park	Dunfermline	18	42	2.33
Den's Park Stadium	Dundee	17	37	2.18
The City Stadium	Livingston	17	33	1.94

## Fastest Goal Of The Season

## From the start of a match

Craig Brewster (Dunfermline vs Hibernian) 0:42

## By a substitute after coming on

Billy Dodds (Dundee Utd vs Rangers) 0:36

## Attendance Watch

Team	Average	Best	Against
Celtic	57,544	59,739	Dunfermline
Rangers	49,077	49,962	Aberdeen
Hearts	12,031	16,632	Hibernian
Aberdeen	10,748	16,452	Celtic
Hibernian	9,342	15,060	Hearts
Dundee Utd	7,932	12,292	Dundee
Dundee	7,341	10,948	Rangers
Kilmarnock	7,076	14,576	Celtic
Dunfermline	6,204	11,201	Celtic
Motherwell	6,165	10,824	Rangers
Livingston	5,273	9,627	Rangers
Partick	4,742	9,045	Celtic

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**WHICH of the Old Firm was the first to win back-to-back Championships?**

Joseph Sullivan

Celtic in 1892/93 and 1893/94. Rangers did not complete that feat until 1898/99 and 1899/00. As Dumbarton shared the title with Rangers in 1890/91 and won it outright the following year, I suppose they should be regarded as the first to achieve consecutive wins.

**WAS there a night when both Celtic and Rangers were at home on the same night in big European matches?**

Brian Ford

Yes, April 5, 1972. Celtic were playing Inter Milan at Celtic Park and Rangers were playing Bayern Munich in the Cup-Winners Cup.

**WHAT is the closest finish between Celtic and Rangers in the League?**

Joe Collins

In 1904/05, they tied on 41 points and played another match at Hampden to decide the winner. To avoid accusations of bias, the league officials even brought in an English referee to handle the game which Celtic won 2-1. Since the start of the 20th century, there have been two points in it in 1901/02, 1930/31, 1965/66, 1967/68 and 1997/98. In 1917/18, 1921/22 and 1972/73, there was only one point of a difference. Last year finished in another tie, Rangers having scored 73 to Celtic's 72.

**MY grandfather mentioned a boycott of an Old Firm match by both sets of supporters?**

Bill Hughes

**JUST CHAMPION**  
Jimmy Johnstone celebrates his second strike against Rangers in 1967



**TROPHY TRIUMPH**  
Jimmy McGrory and Robert Kelly with the Charity Cup in 1953



**EUROPEAN GIANTS**  
Celtic and Inter Milan line up before their game in April 1972

Yes, that did happen, in 1946. It was first clash of the old rivals in the re-formed Scottish League after WW2 and took place at Parkhead on September 7, 1946. The decision by the Celtic Board to increase the price of admission to the game was met with general disapproval; both the Celtic and Rangers Supporters' Associations agreed to boycott the match as a show of protest; and a crowd of only 28,000 turned up see Celtic lose 3-2.

**FOR their first match on the new Celtic Park in 1888, why were Rangers the**

**opposition and not Queens Park, or even Renton. Surely the latter were bigger sides?**

Tony McGill

You could make a case for saying that. From my reading of newspapers of that period, I suspect Queens Park were not too happy that this new side, i.e. Celtic, was getting so much publicity over their non-playing activities and preferred to keep them at arm's length. On the other hand, it was quite clear the committee men of both Celtic and Rangers got on very well at that time and that may

have triggered the decision.

**DID the McAdam brothers ever play against each other?**

Gill Doyle

Yes, on seven occasions. 23/8/80; 1/11/80; 21/2/81; 18/4/81; 19/9/81; 9/1/82; 30/10/82.

**WHEN was the last Charity Cup Old Firm match?**

Frank Callaghan

The last official tournament took place in season 1960/61, when Celtic, after beating Queens Park in the opening match by the toss

of a coin, shared the trophy with Clyde after a 1-1 draw in the final. The season before, they had been beaten Rangers by losing the toss after a 1-1 draw.

**WHAT was the order of scoring when Celtic drew with Rangers at Ibrox to clinch the 1966/67 League Championship and what was the attendance?**

Des Carthy

Jardine (Rangers) 40 mins; Jimmy Johnstone 41 mins; Johnstone 74 mins; Hynd (Rangers) 81 mins. The official crowd was 78,000.



# Kenny McDowall's squad on easy street as 21s score four in classy display against Killie

Words: **Stephen Sullivan**

Scottish Premierleague, Under 21s  
Thursday, April 15, 2004, Ibrox Stadium

**CELTIC 4** O'Dea 19, Beattie 72, O'Brien 79, McBride 90  
**KILMARNOCK 0**

**JOOS VALGAEREN** returned to action as the under-21s re-affirmed their status as Scotland's premier side at this level with another impressive victory.

It proved a comfortable comeback for the Belgian, who played the first 45 minutes in a three-man backline, sandwiched between Scott Cuthbert and Darren O'Dea, the latter of whom scored the first of Celtic's four goals.

Yet it was Kilmarnock who began the match the brighter of the two sides, and alarm bells were ringing when, inside the first few minutes, Peter Leven snatched on a botched clearance by Scott Cuthbert to fire in a left-foot shot which was a little too straight to concern Michael McGovern.

At the other end, the Hoops were relying on their other two Michaels - Gardyne and McGlinchey - for flair and invention, and both came close to slicing open the Killie rearguard during the opening 15 minutes.

In fact, when the opening goal did arrive, it was due not to any impressive display of attacking skill, but rather to the Hoops' strength in a set piece situation. With 19 minutes gone, Craig



**THE RUNNING MAN**  
Craig Beattie's pace was a constant thorn in the side of the Killie defence

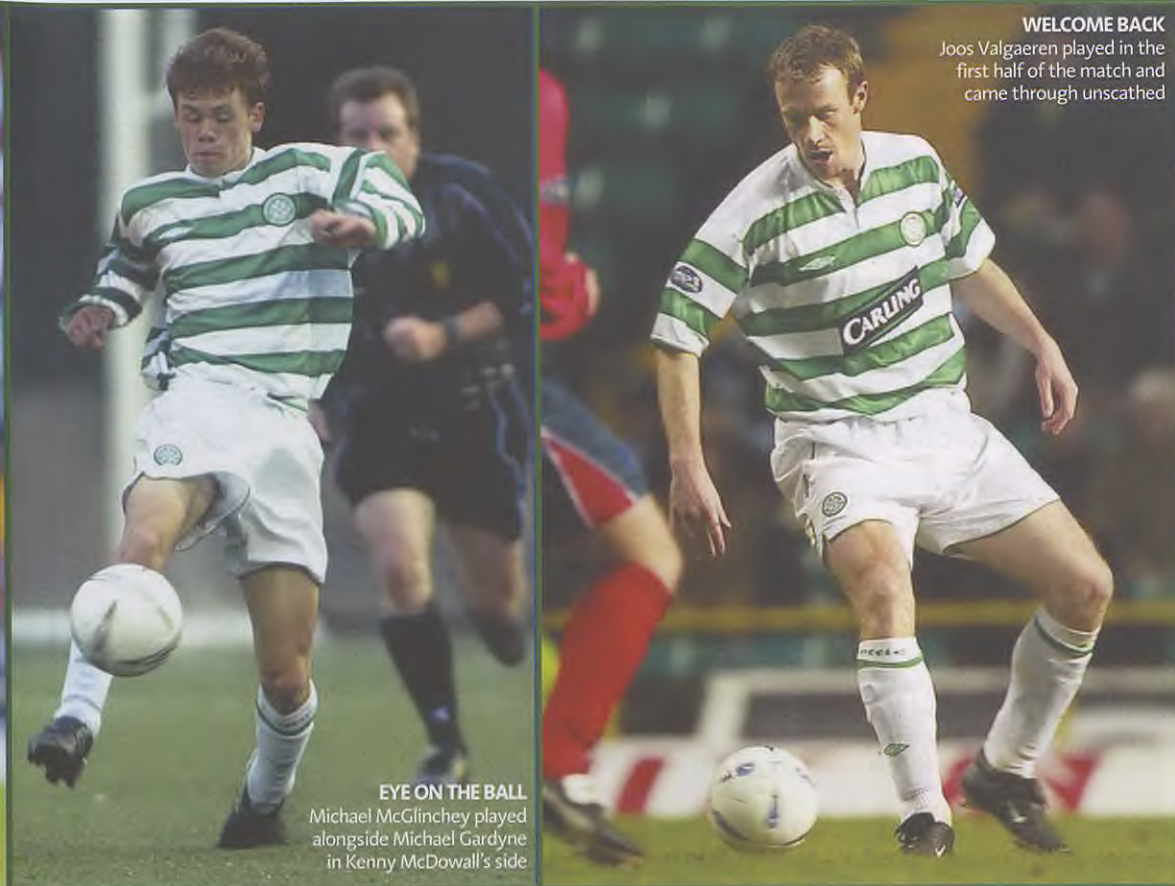
Beattie won a free-kick wide on the right, Wallace delivered an inswinging cross, and Celtic's impressive young Irish centre-half O'Dea rose to glance it home.

In front and now in the ascendancy, Celtic pushed forward in search of a second. They nearly got one, too, on the half-hour mark when Gardyne went close with a volley which dipped just too late to trouble Graeme Smith, and then again seven minutes later when Beattie forced the Killie keeper into a solid save after being threaded through by McGlinchey.

Beattie's pace was causing the Ayrshire side's defence all sorts of problems, and when he fired wide in 37 minutes after again bursting through in the left channel, you felt it was only a matter of time before he would get off the mark.

Smith was proving a worthy adversary, though, and the 19-year-old striker found this to his cost once again when, following a trademark direct burst towards goal, his powerful shot was prevented from reaching the net by another solid save.

Of course, with Celtic's lead so slender, there remained a very real



**EYE ON THE BALL**  
Michael McGlinchey played alongside Michael Gardyne in Kenny McDowall's side

danger of being hit on the break, a fact re-affirmed four minutes before the break when McGovern was forced into a fine save to deny Tommy Coyne, son of the on-looking former Celt, following a break-down in communication in the Hoops defence.

Gary McSwegan was guilty of missing an even better chance just after the re-start, in fact, so it was to the considerable relief of Kenny McDowall that Beattie finally delivered the goal he had long threatened.

It came out of nothing with 18 minutes remaining, and thanks to a magnificent through ball from Cuthbert which left his team-mate to coolly complete with a

formalities with a left-footed lob over the advancing Smith.

Beattie wasn't finished there, either, and seven minutes later he raced through again, this time on to a Kevin McBride pass, before displaying an unselfish streak to his game by squaring for Jim O'Brien to net his first goal for the under-21s.

And it was McBride himself who completed the scoring with basically the final kick of the ball, and after a couple of near misses at the end, with a well-taken volley after Beattie and

**TO THE FOUR** Kevin McBride scored Celtic's fourth and final goal on the stroke of full-time

O'Brien had combined to fashion the opportunity.

**CELTIC (3-5-2):** McGovern; Cuthbert, Valgaeren (Mulgrew 46), O'Dea; Irvine, Lawson, McBride, Gardyne (Conroy 76), Wallace; Beattie, McGlinchey (O'Brien 73)

Subs: Fox, Hutchison  
**KILMARNOCK (4-4-2):** Smith; Griffin, Lilley (Mort 61), McDonald, Griffin; Logan, Locke (Adams 73), Leven, Campbell; Coyne (Naismith 70), McSwegan

Subs: Bell, Hamill

### UNDER-21 LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	32	24	5	3	80	23	57	77
Hearts	32	19	6	7	56	27	29	63
Rangers	32	19	6	7	57	34	23	63
Dunfermline	33	15	9	9	52	39	13	54
Dundee Utd	33	13	7	13	54	57	-3	46
Kilmarnock	33	12	8	13	47	60	-13	44
Aberdeen	31	11	6	14	35	49	-14	39
Partick Thistle	32	10	7	15	37	52	-15	37
Livingston	32	9	10	13	38	42	-4	37
Hibernian	33	8	8	17	41	45	-4	32
Dundee	33	6	8	19	42	77	-35	26
Motherwell	32	4	8	20	23	58	-35	20

# the YOUTH ACADEMY

**OVER the last two weeks John Stephenson and myself will have delivered lectures and presentations in Leeds and Milan about how our Youth Development programme works.**

It seems that we are in demand as youth development people search for some kind of magic formula. It was interesting to hear one of the delegates at John's session in Leeds comment: "Its not rocket science is it?... but it is science".

How true! Nothing that we are doing is particularly new, and a lot of what we are doing within our Academy is available in the public domain for other people to look at if they wish.

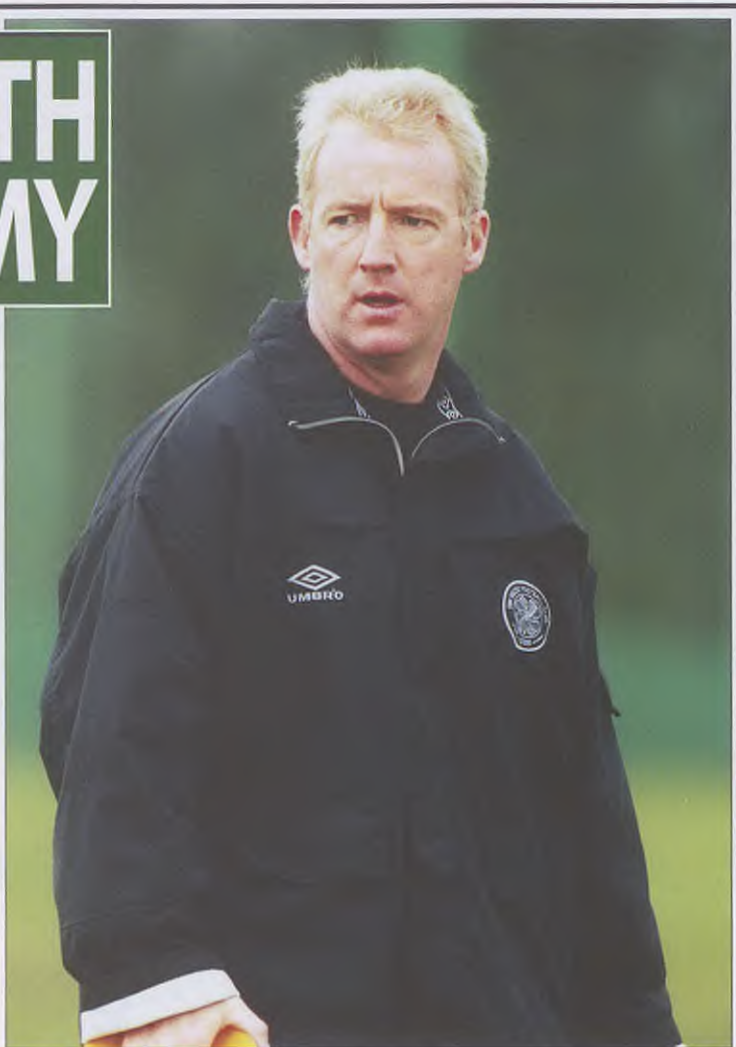
However, the thing we probably do differently, and it is possibly this that gives us the edge is integrate all of the different parts of our programme carefully.

A lot of Academies run similar programmes but seem to run each individual component as an independent silo.

For example: they run their science programme in isolation from the football coaching programme, and maybe run their community programme in isolation from their scouting programme.

I think that because they tend to operate in this "silo" fashion that they do not truly get the maximum benefit from their whole solution. It is a truism within Youth Academies that "the sum of the component parts is not as great as the whole".

John is actually a big believer in the theory that what we do is more "systematic" than it is "science". I think I probably agree with that.



The system is simple (most good things are), we identify the best young raw material, we put them with the best coaches and we give them the best coaching programme we can deliver.

I don't know what the English and the Italians made of what we said to them, they seemed to find it interesting, but I am not convinced that we told them anything they didn't already know.

In any event it was nice to be asked by Inter Milan and the University of Doncaster to deliver the sessions.

The season is rapidly coming to a close for all of our young players as the fixtures begin to run out. Our

U14-U19s will be finished their games programme this weekend and our U11-U13s will continue for a little while longer.

The planning for next season is already underway as we try to build on what we have done this year with things we have learned and new ideas that are at the leading edge.

I am already looking forward to next season!

Enjoy the game.

Tommy Burns

**Champions Tournament**

**OUR U19s have once again been invited to play in Terborg, in Holland, against some of the top sides in the world.**

The tournament is taking place during the cup final weekend, and is one of the most prestigious in Europe. Top quality opposition is assured as invites are restricted to clubs who have won the European Cup (Champions League), and its South American equivalent, the Copa Libertadores. Clubs taking part this year include Ajax, PSV, Juventus, Bayern, Milan, Porto and Barcelona. South American clubs, Cruzeiro of Brazil and Boca Juniors from Argentina will also be taking part.

Although it's now a few years since we won the European Cup, we are still reaping the benefits of the Lisbon Lions remarkable feat, by being invited to tournaments of this standing.

**Parents' Information Evening**

**WE have just completed our final Information Evening of the season, and the coaches are now focused on the make up of their squads for next season.**

Over the next few weeks we will strengthen each squad as we prepare for various tournaments abroad, as well as the challenges facing us at home next season. On behalf of all our Academy staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the few boys who will be moving on for next season, and I am sure the experience, whilst members of our Academy, has been both worthwhile and enjoyable.

**Staff Development**

**TOMMY Burns is in the process of organising further 'In Service Courses' for our Academy and Development Centre coaches.**

For the staff this will probably be their shortest ever close season, as Tommy puts them through their paces, and keeps them abreast of current developments in Youth football.



**REAPING THE BENEFITS**  
Aiden McGeady made the step up from the youth set-up to the first team

Tommy is a great believer in making full use of the better weather in the summer months and this will be reflected in the number of hours dedicated to enhancing the knowledge of our staff and improving their coaching techniques.

**Under 14s**

**DUE to SQA Exams, a number of our 14s will travel to Lake Garda in Italy along with our 15s Squad.**

Throughout the season there has been some outstanding performances from individuals, with Craig Connel, Billy Guvenenar and Michael Graham

amongst those who have been most consistent.

In recent weeks a number of the boys have also played with the 15s in SPL matches, furthering their development.

This policy has proved beneficial at every age group in the Academy, and has assisted the likes of Aiden McGeady and David Marshall in taking the ultimate step up to first-team football.

Both Aiden and David have been with us almost 10 years, and aren't much older than the aforementioned boys in the 14s.

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**WE'RE taking slight liberties with *This Day in History* for today's game though we're sure you'll forgive us.**

Because tomorrow, May 9, is the anniversary of Celtic's Championship triumph in 1998 - the year we stopped the dreaded 10-in-a-row.

Wim Jansen had arrived at the start of season 1997/98 with a tough task ahead of him - to stop Rangers winning the title and making in 10 consecutive league triumphs, which would set a new Scottish record.

Among the new faces brought in by the Dutchman was one Henrik Larsson. The striker arrived from Feyenoord for £650,000, a sum which would come to be seen as ludicrously small when viewed alongside the return the striker has given the club.

But even with Henrik in the Hoops, Celtic lost their opening two league fixtures and the early season omens didn't look good.

However, the title push did get on track and among the star performers that season were Craig Burley and Paul Lambert.

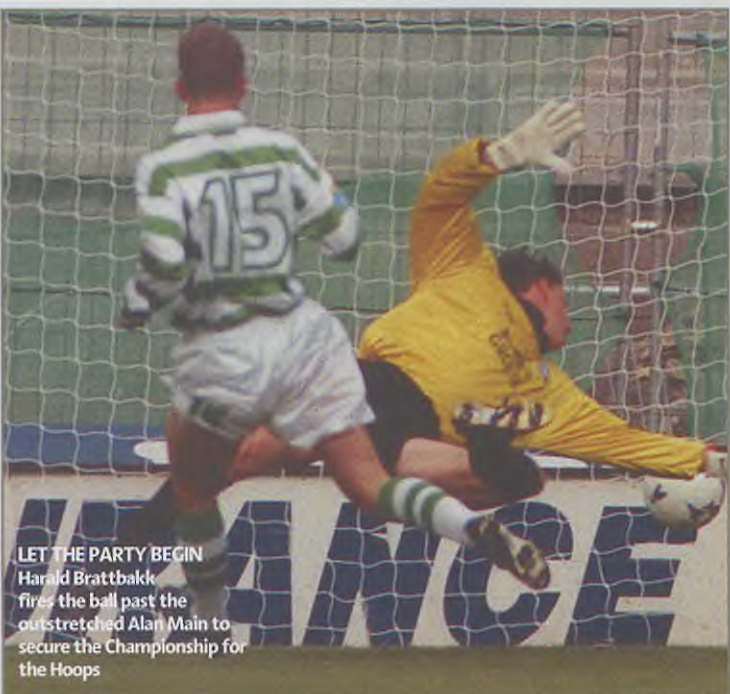
Both players were on target when Celtic beat Rangers 2-0 at home in the Ne'erday Old Firm match.

Celtic had edged ahead in the race and in the penultimate fixture - away to Dunfermline - Jansen's side knew a victory would bring the title back to Paradise.

But despite taking the lead, a late equaliser put an end to the planned celebrations and the title was going down to the last day, with Celtic at home to St Johnstone and Rangers away at Dundee United.

The Hoops still knew that victory would secure the Championship but it was a tense afternoon on May 9, 1998.

That tension became an explosion of joy and relief after just three minutes when Larsson cut in from the left and swept a magnificent shot past Alan Main



**LET THE PARTY BEGIN**  
Harald Brattbakk fires the ball past the outstretched Alan Main to secure the Championship for the Hoops

and into the back of the net.

Celtic had one hand on the trophy but it took a goal late in the game from Harald Brattbakk to secure the title.

The Hoops had won the league. There would be no 10-in-a-row. And Celtic fans celebrated a momentous occasion.

#### **BIRTHDAY BHOY**

**DAVIE Provan was born on this day in 1956.**

The former winger joined Celtic in September 1978, having spent four years with Kilmarnock. And in a nine-year career with the Hoops, he made a total of 302 appearances, scoring 42 goals.

His debut came against Partick Thistle at Firhill, in a 3-2 victory for Celtic.

In his first season with the club he was part of the famous '10

men won the league' team

And the following year he won his first Scottish Cup medal when Celtic beat Rangers 1-0 after extra-time.

He won further championship medals in 1981 and 1982, and also in 1986, while he helped Celtic to a League Cup triumph in 1982.

And in the Scottish Cup final of 1985, it was a superb Provan free-kick which brought Celtic level against Dundee United before Frank McGarvey headed home the winner.

Provan missed a whole year in his playing career, having been diagnosed with ME, and he was forced to retire at the age of 31. He will always be remembered as a great Celtic player.

Davie Provan now works on radio and television as a journalist and broadcaster.

- 1429 French troops under Joan of Arc rescue Orleans
- 1884 Harry S. Truman, 33rd US President is born in Lamar, Missouri
- 1934 Sonny Liston US heavyweight boxing champ (1962-64) born
- 1945 VE day; Germany signs unconditional surrender and WW2 ends in Europe
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