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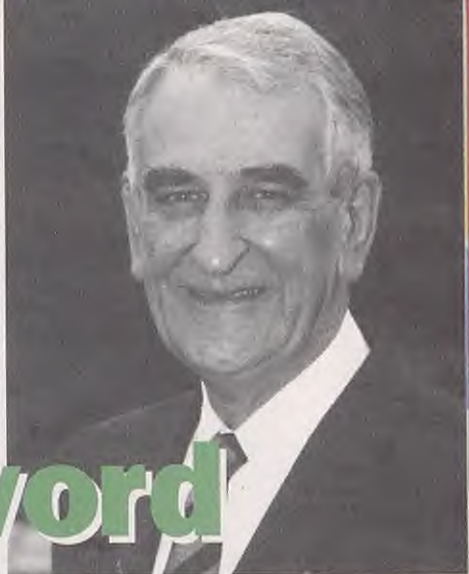
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**First of all, let me say to the Celtic staff and supporters who have travelled from Glasgow, welcome to Easter Road. I'm sure that today will see an attractive match between two teams who still have an interest in the prizes on offer in Scottish football this season.**

## the last word



**Club chairman Douglas Cromb**

Our visitors face Airdrie in the cup final in just over a fortnight, while Hibs could still finish as runners-up in the league to clinch a European place. That both teams are in the running at this late stage of the 1994/95 campaign is testament to their standing in Scottish football.

We have a 6.30 pm kick off this evening which has been forced on us by ground redevelopment. But as you will see from the progress that has been made at each end of the park, the building work on the new stands is going ahead at pace. By the time Hibs supporters return at the start of next season, there will be two imposing two-tier stands, making Easter Road a major sports arena again.

This will be real bonus for everyone connected with the

club. The players will benefit from the better atmosphere a more enclosed stadium is likely to create. In terms of the club's commercial prospects, the new facilities can only be good for business - with a new club shop and a new range of business and leisure services on offer. But the most important beneficiaries are you, the supporters of the club. At long last you will have access to facilities of a standard which, as paying customers, you are entitled to expect of a club of our stature.

There is still much to be done of course, but at least now we have started. None of this would have been possible without your support and through the Hibs 100 scheme you have backed our plans for the stadium by donating your hard-earned cash. So far, we have raised a superb £170,000

and we are still at an early stage of our fundraising effort. I know of a number of supporters groups who are organising fundraising events during the summer. If you are planning to do something during the next few months, tell us and we will endeavour to help you in any way we can. Meanwhile, thank you all for your support throughout the season and I look forward to seeing you back here in August.

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# USE YOUR **head!**



**Here's a hair raising contest for anyone looking for a clean cut!**

**H**airizon, the successful Edinburgh hairdressers, have just announced their own extension with the opening of their second salon at 5 Commercial Street in Leith.

And to celebrate they are giving away a free wash, cut and blow dry to 20 lucky fans.

Hairizon's original shop at 6 Teviot Place has been providing high quality hair care for over ten years and owner Gillian Watt has opened the Leith salon with her new business partner, Peter Small.

Peter's a fanatical Hibs supporter and friend of

top comic actor Andy Gray, and he was delighted when Andy and Gordon Hunter came along to visit the Commercial Street premises lately.

In fact, he was so overcome he decided there and then to give away free cuts to fellow fans.

So, 20 Hibs Matchday Magazine readers who can answer the question below, and whose names are picked out of the hat, will soon be getting a good pampering courtesy of Hairizon:

To give you a *chance*, the answer is dead easy.

Send your entries - by Friday 19 May - to 'Hairizon Competition', c/o Hibernian Matchday Magazine, Easter Road Stadium, Edinburgh EH7 5QG.

**What is the name of the character Andy Gray plays in City Lights?**



# Down to the wire

**As I noted in the programme for the Hearts game last Saturday, we would prefer it if our European fate was in our own hands at this point of the season.**

But Motherwell are in that second place which guarantees a UEFA Cup spot and we can only replace them if they drop points and we take the maximum from our matches with Celtic this evening and Kilmarnock in three days time.

We can't afford to theorise about what might happen. Our immediate task in hand is simple - to beat Celtic tonight. If we don't achieve that, all the speculation is shown up for what it is - meaningless. And as for tonight's game being easier because runners-up spot is now out of Celtic's reach, that's nonsense. Tommy Burns will be sending out a team to take three points back to Glasgow and it will be a tough game - there's no doubt about that. But we need a win - nothing less will do.

**"Our immediate task in hand is simple - to beat Celtic tonight."**

But returning to Hearts, it was pleasing to notch our third victory of 1994/95 against our city rivals. I thought there was no question we deserved the points, especially coming back from a goal down. The players worked hard and we were all delighted with Mickey Weir's equaliser - his first goal of the season. Keith Wright put us ahead with his tenth of the campaign - in only 22 games - and Kevin Harper tied it all up for us. It gave us our second win

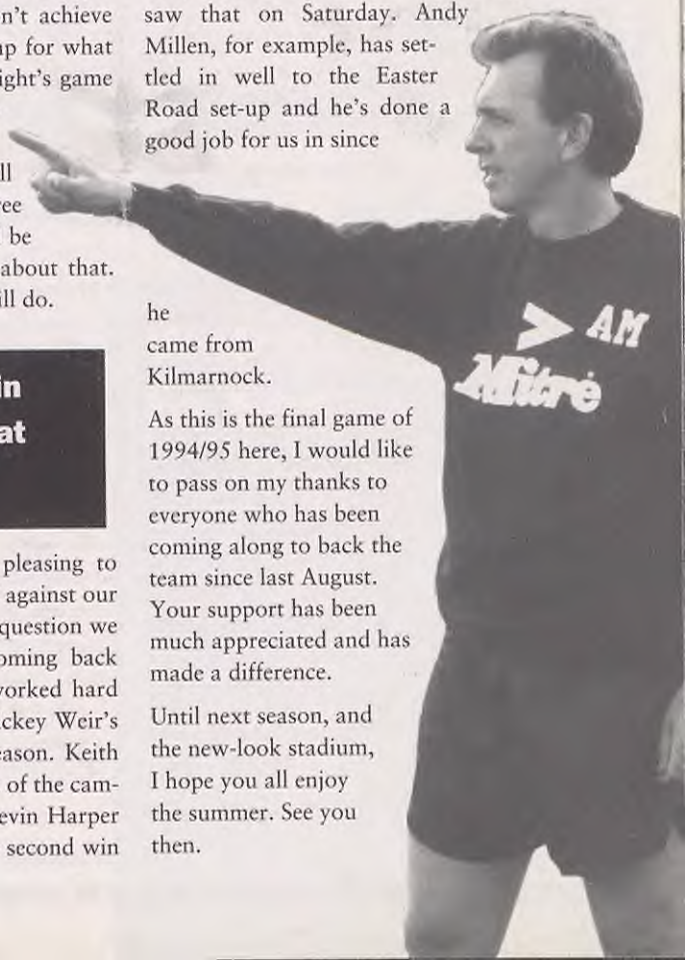
in a row and I very much hope we can build on that and make it three tonight.

As we were missing two first team regulars against Hearts (Gordon and Darren) I thought it was a good all-round performance. The Premier Division is a competition which needs a professional approach from an entire squad - not just the 11 out on the park - and I think we saw that on Saturday. Andy Millen, for example, has settled in well to the Easter Road set-up and he's done a good job for us in since

he came from Kilmarnock.

As this is the final game of 1994/95 here, I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone who has been coming along to back the team since last August. Your support has been much appreciated and has made a difference.

Until next season, and the new-look stadium, I hope you all enjoy the summer. See you then.



# TOP DRAWER



## Celtic factfile

**FOUNDED:** 1888

**GROUND:** Hampden Park,  
Glasgow

**CAPACITY:** 38,113

**RECORD ATTENDANCE:**  
92,000 v Rangers, 1938  
(at Celtic Park, Glasgow)

**RECENT HONOURS:**

Scottish champions  
1985/86, 1987/88

Scottish Cup winners  
1987/88, 1988/89;  
runners-up 1989/90

League Cup runners-up  
1986/87, 1990/91,  
1994/95

**NICKNAME:** the Bhoys

**In seasons past, Hibs have been known as the pools punters' friends because of their habit of scoring more draws than a cartoonists' convention.**

However, in 1994/95 that title seems to have been stolen by Celtic who have become the league's draw specialists. The Glasgow side have come out all square in no fewer than 17 of the 34 league games they played up until today.

In title races gone by, that kind of form would have kept them in close touch with the Premier Division leaders. However, the new system of three points for a win means that a draw no longer has the value that it once did.

John Quinn, a football writer with Glasgow's Evening Times and author of Jungle Tales, a history of Parkhead's legendary terracing, thinks the effect of these results has been catastrophic for Celtic's league chances.

He says: "If Celtic had won only

eight of these drawn matches they would be providing a real challenge to Rangers. On a number of occasions it has been the loss of last-minute goals which has seen one point gained instead of three.

"It's hard to pinpoint the reason for this pattern of draws although it has certainly cost Celtic dear."



**Brian McLaughlin**  
- still only 20 years old



# CELTS

Another significant factor in Celtic's season has been the introduction of several new players. Perhaps two of the most notable have been winger Brian McLaughlin and striker Pierre van Hooijdonk.

"Brian has done really well since he came in," says Quinn. "He gives the team good width down the left hand side which was lacking before. Meanwhile, Pierre provides another attacking option and his goalscoring record has been encouraging."

"With Andy Walker coming back with a bang and John Collins scoring well from midfield, Celtic's attacking prowess is improving."

Today's match will play a vital role in Hibs' attempt to guarantee a place in Europe by finishing as runners-up in the championship - although Motherwell are in pole position for that honour. Meanwhile, Celtic are on a high after gubbing Rangers 3-0 three days ago.

"We are probably in for a real battle today," commented Quinn. "Matches between Hibs and Celtic have been particularly tight and whatever happens, I don't see this one being any different."

Tommy Burns acknowledges that there have been a high number of draws in the Premier Division generally. "I think it just goes to show the competitive nature of the division," he says. On today's game, Burns added: "Matches between Hibs and Celtic are always good football matches and even though it's vital to both sides, I'm sure today's game won't be any different.

"But of course," he asserted, "I'm confident Celtic will win."



**Pierre van Hooijdonk - fringe of the season**

## Welcome to Easter Road

**A warm welcome to the players, fans and backroom staff of Celtic who today make their second and final visit to Easter Road this season. Next time we see you here, the Celtic supporters will be housed in a brand-new stand, and everyone is looking forward to that .**

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