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## v DUNDEE UNITED



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### Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

### History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

### Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

### Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

### Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.



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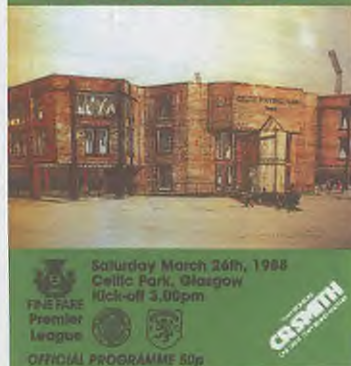
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# Manager's Notes

NEIL LENNON



## THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR VITAL SUPPORT THIS SEASON - ENJOY TROPHY TODAY

**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for our last Premiership game of this season. It's a special day for everyone connected with the club, given that we'll be presented with the trophy at the end of the match.

It's a reward for our endeavours throughout the campaign, assisted as always by your support, so it's a day for all of us to celebrate.

It seems so long ago now that we clinched the title with the 5-1 victory over Partick Thistle at Firhill, but the fact we've remained unbeaten since then and are close to reaching the 100-goal mark is testament to the players' focus.

We would have liked to reach the 100-point mark as well, but the fact we could get 99 points from a season where we have only lost one match ahead of today's game speaks volumes for our consistency, particularly given the demands we also had from our European campaign.

Although today will be a celebration of our league success, the game itself will, I'm sure, be very competitive, as is always the case with matches against Dundee United.

Jackie McNamara's side will return to Celtic Park next weekend for the Scottish Cup final and I wish both them and St Johnstone the best of luck for that game.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their efforts this season. We have now won the league for three



consecutive seasons, which is no mean feat, and we have done so playing attractive, attacking and entertaining football.

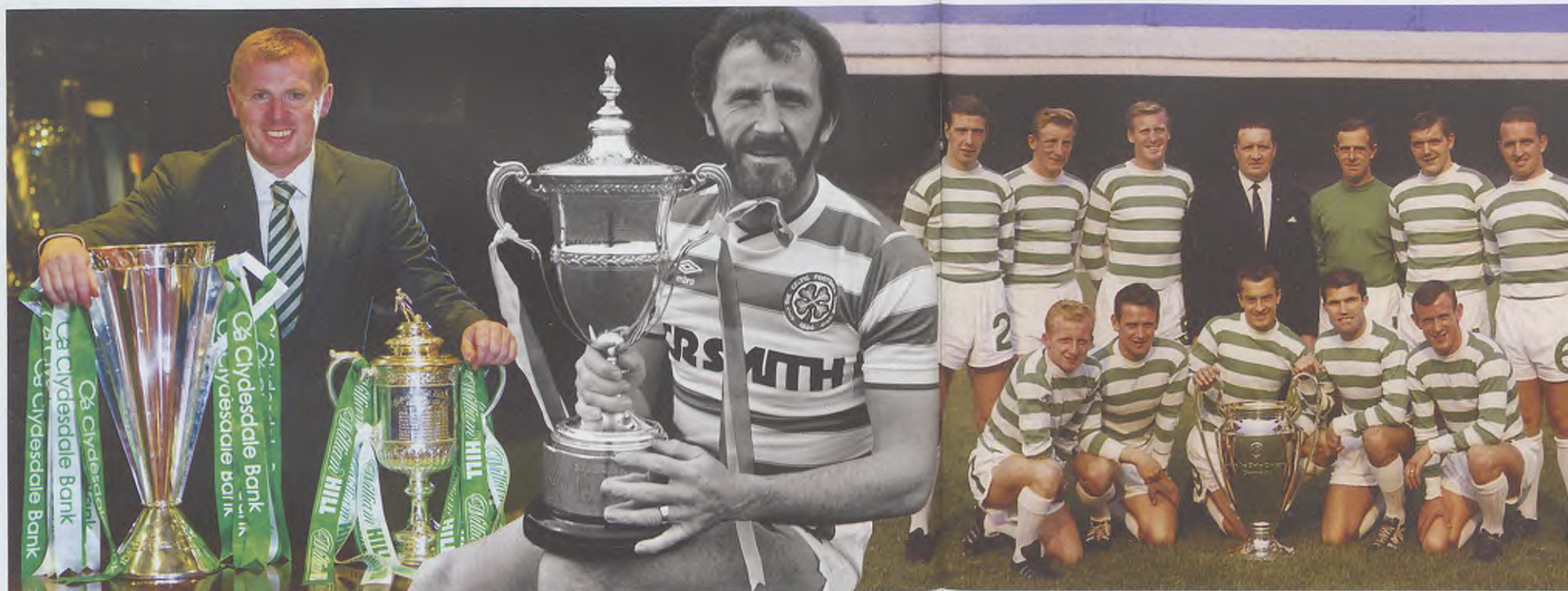
I'd like to thank my backroom staff for all their support and work throughout the season and, as I've mentioned before, we all wish Johan Mjallby the very best of luck in his future career. He's made a magnificent contribution here, both as a player and as assistant manager, which I know you all appreciate.

Finally, I'd like to thank all of you for your support throughout the campaign. It began last July with the Champions League qualifiers

and ends this afternoon when we lift the Premiership trophy.

Your backing home and away is vital to the team and one of the great strengths of this club, and I look forward to welcoming you back to Celtic Park - and Murrayfield - when the new season kicks off in July.

Enjoy today's game and our trophy celebrations.



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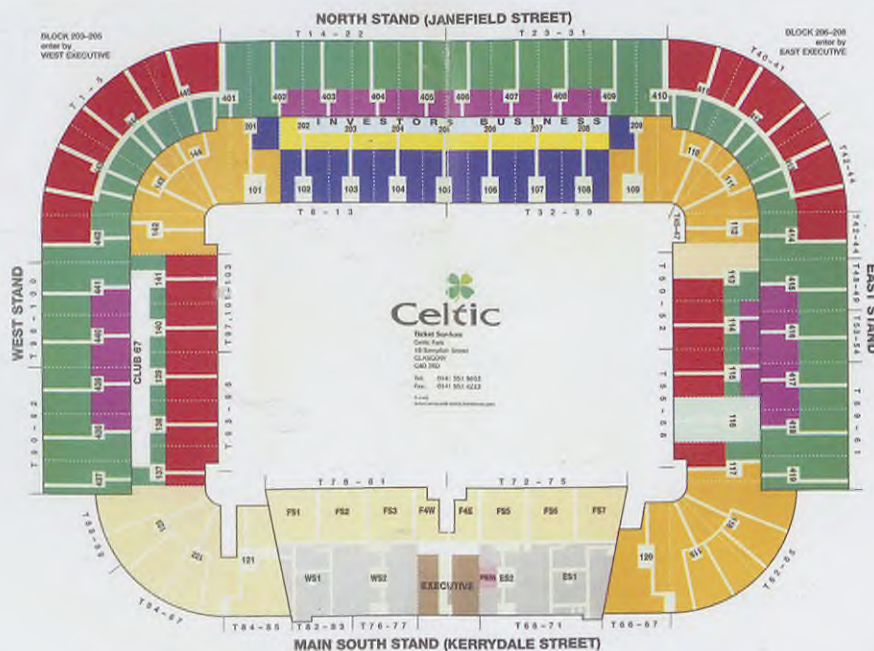
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## UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

NEW rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPL in connection with "Unacceptable Conduct" at football stadia. The new rules form part of our Stadium Regulations. It is a condition of entry to stadia that the Stadium Regulations, including these new rules, are followed.

A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at [www.celticfc.net](http://www.celticfc.net) or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888\*.

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  - Transgender identity
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This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

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- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

*Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on [www.celticfc.net](http://www.celticfc.net).*

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# DUNDEE UNITED:



## The story so far...

Comp	Date	Result
SPFL	02 Aug	Partick Thistle 0-0 Dundee United
SPFL	10 Aug	Dundee United 1-0 Inverness Caley Thistle
SPFL	07 Aug	Hibernian 1-1 Dundee United
SPFL	24 Aug	Dundee United 4-0 St Johnstone
League Cup	28 Aug	Dumbarton 2-3 Dundee United
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee United 0-1 Celtic
SPFL	15 Sep	Ross County 2-4 Dundee United
SPFL	22 Sep	Dundee United 2-2 Motherwell
League Cup	25 Sep	Dundee United 4-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	28 Sep	Hearts 0-0 Dundee United
SPFL	05 Oct	Dundee United 1-0 Kilmarnock
SPFL	19 Oct	Aberdeen 1-0 Dundee United
SPFL	26 Oct	Dundee United 4-0 St Mirren
League Cup	29 Oct	Inverness CT 2-1 Dundee Utd
SPFL	02 Nov	Celtic 1-1 Dundee Utd
SPFL	09 Nov	Motherwell 0-4 Dundee Utd
SPFL	23 Nov	Dundee Utd 4-1 Partick Thistle
Scottish Cup	29 Nov	Dundee Utd 5-2 Kilmarnock
SPFL	07 Dec	Dundee Utd 4-1 Hearts
SPFL	14 Dec	Kilmarnock 1-4 Dundee Utd
SPFL	21 Dec	Dundee Utd 1-0 Ross County
SPFL	26 Dec	St Mirren 4-1 Dundee Utd
SPFL	29 Dec	St Johnstone 3-0 Dundee Utd
SPFL	01 Jan	Dundee Utd 1-2 Aberdeen
SPFL	05 Jan	Dundee Utd 2-2 Hibernian
SPFL	12 Jan	Inverness CT 1-1 Dundee Utd
SPFL	18 Jan	Ross County 3-0 Dundee Utd
SPFL	01 Feb	Partick Thistle 1-1 Dundee Utd
Scottish Cup	09 Feb	Dundee Utd 2-1 St Mirren
SPFL	15 Feb	Dundee Utd 3-2 Kilmarnock
SPFL	21 Feb	Dundee Utd 3-1 Motherwell
SPFL	28 Feb	Hibernian 1-3 Dundee Utd
Scottish Cup	09 Mar	Inverness CT 0-5 Dundee Utd
SPFL	12 Mar	Dundee Utd 0-1 St Johnstone
SPFL	15 Mar	Dundee Utd 3-2 St Mirren
SPFL	21 Mar	Hearts 1-2 Dundee Utd
SPFL	26 Mar	Dundee Utd 2-1 Inverness CT
SPFL	29 Mar	Aberdeen 1-1 Dundee Utd
SPFL	05 Apr	Dundee Utd 0-2 Celtic
Scottish Cup	12 Apr	Rangers 1-3 Dundee Utd
SPFL	19 Apr	St Johnstone 2-0 Dundee Utd
SPFL	26 Apr	Dundee Utd 5-1 Motherwell
SPFL	03 May	Inverness CT 1-1 Dundee Utd
SPFL	06 May	Dundee Utd 1-3 Aberdeen







# DUNDEE UNITED



## ONES TO WATCH

### Andrew Robertson **1**

**TODAY'S match is almost a dress rehearsal for Dundee United, given that they will return to Celtic Park next weekend for the Scottish Cup final against St Johnstone.**

Jackie McNamara's side will, therefore, be looking for a positive result this afternoon before they begin their preparations for the showpiece final, and also aiming to spoil today's trophy day party at Paradise.

However, the Champions will be determined to sign of the season with a victory, so it has the makings of an entertaining contest.

Dundee United have finished comfortably in the top six this season, and have garnered praise for some of their performances. They've lost both meetings with Celtic at Tannadice, although they did manage to secure a point at Celtic Park back in November, when the sides drew 1-1.

Ahead of the final Premiership match of this season, we take a look at a few of the players who could be facing the Hoops today.

It's been a very impressive first season for Andrew Robertson at Tannadice as he scooped the PFA Scotland Young Player of the Year award for his excellent performances throughout this season, as well as being named in the Premiership team of the season. Still only 20-years-old, he's a highly-rated young player who has also gained his first cap for Scotland, coming on as a substitute in a friendly against Poland in March this year. He joined Dundee United in July 2013 from Queen's Park, and he's proved to be an astute signing by Jackie McNamara, contributing five goals so far in the campaign. The best of those goals came in a 2-2 draw against Motherwell at Tannadice back in September last year when he finished off a great solo run with a goal. The perfect finish to an already brilliant season for Robertson would be to pick up a winner's medal in the Scottish Cup final at Celtic Park next Saturday.

## THE OPPOSITION



### Stuart Armstrong

A strong and energetic midfielder, Armstrong is an important cog in Jackie McNamara's side and has been with Dundee United since he was 17. Now 22, he's got a wealth of Premiership experience, with over 100 appearances for the Tannadice club, and his club form over the past couple of seasons has also been recognised by Scotland manager, Gordon Strachan, who called Armstrong up for the national squad last May, although the player has still to make his international debut. This season, Armstrong has scored an impressive 11 goals for the club, including one against Celtic back in November. His first-half goal gave United the lead, and it took a last-minute Charlie Mulgrew goal to level the game. Armstrong's powerful running from midfield always provides an attacking threat for Dundee United, and he's one to watch this afternoon.



### Gary Mackay-Steven

Mackay-Steven, who turns 24 in August, could almost be considered a 'veteran' of this young United side, and with over 100 appearances for the club over the past three years, he's certainly got plenty of experience. The Thurso-born winger began his career with Ross County before moving to Liverpool in 2007. He spent two years at Anfield before joining Fulham, and then, in January 2011, he headed back to Scotland, signing for Airdrie United. He did enough in the remaining months of the season to earn a move to Dundee United, and he has remained an impressive performer ever since. Speedy and skilful, and with an eye for goal, Mackay-Steven is an exciting talent, and gained his first international cap last November, coming on as a substitute against the United States in a friendly at Hampden. He's scored 10 goals so far this season, including one in the Scottish Cup semi-final win at Ibrox.



## Nadir Ciftci

The Turkish striker has been a superb signing for Dundee United, and with 17 goals to his name this season has made an invaluable contribution to the team's campaign. He signed for Portsmouth back in 2007 when he was only 15, and spent three years at Fratton Park, making his debut in 2010. At the end of that season he moved to Turkish club Kayserispor, spending a season with them before moving to Holland and NEC Breda. And it was from the Dutch side that he moved to Tannadice, impressing in a trial last July before signing a two-year contract. His first goal for United came in a League Cup tie away to Dumbarton, when he netted two in a 3-2 victory for his new team. Most recently he scored United's third goal in their 3-1 victory over Rangers at Ibrox in the Scottish Cup semi-final, and followed that up with a double in the 5-1 thrashing of Motherwell last weekend.



## Gavin Gunning

The Irishman joined Dundee United in July 2011 from Blackburn, though he had spent the previous six months on loan at Motherwell, which included a Scottish Cup final appearance against Celtic, and it meant he was well-acquainted with Scottish football by the time he kicked off his Tannadice career, making his debut for United at Celtic Park. It was a game he probably wouldn't want to remember, however, as the Hoops won the match 5-1. Over the next three seasons, Gunning has established himself in the heart of the Dundee United defence, and has also managed to chip in with 10 goals in his Tannadice career to date. Gunning has also represented the Republic of Ireland at Under-21 level.



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## Ryan Gauld

Still only 18, Ryan Gauld has already made over 40 appearances for the Dundee United first-team and he is highly-regarded as an exciting young talent of the Scottish game. He made his debut against Motherwell at Fir Park in May 2012 at the age of just 16, and added to that with 11 appearances the following season. In this campaign, he has featured more regularly for Jackie McNamara's side, making 35 appearances to date and scoring eight goals. He was shortlisted for this season's PFA Scotland Young Player of the Year Award, along with team-mates, Stuart Armstrong and Andrew Robertson, with the latter lifting the award, and Gauld has also represented Scotland at Under-21 level. It may well be only a matter of time before he gets a call-up to the full international squad.

## THE OPPOSITION



## THE TEAM

### GOALKEEPERS

Radoslaw Cierznia  
Marc McCallum

### DEFENDERS

Sean Dillon  
Curtis Good  
Calum Butcher  
avin Gunning  
Keith Watson  
Mark Wilson  
Jon Souttar  
Andrew Robertson

### MIDFIELDERS

Paul Paton  
John Rankin  
Stuart Armstrong  
Gary Mackay-Steven  
Chris Erskine  
Ryan Gauld  
Nadir Ciftci  
Morgaro Gomis

### STRIKERS

Brian Graham  
Ryan Dow  
Kudus Oyenuga  
Farid El Alagui

## THE MANAGER

Jackie McNamara



# TANGERINE DREAM



Former Dundee United defender **David Narey** was a stylish player for both club and country, and was coveted by many clubs - including Celtic

**IN** the late 1970s and early 80s, Scotland were blessed with having a number of quality central defenders at their disposal. Players such as Martin Buchan, Gordon McQueen, Willie Miller, Alan

**Hansen and Alex McLeish** represented their country with great distinction and were amongst the finest players in Europe in their respective positions at their peak.

Another player who deserves to be placed in that group is Dundee United's long-serving defender David Narey.

He was arguably the most talented of all the players listed and many people still regard him as a better natural footballer than Hansen, and given the Liverpool defender's huge success down south it's interesting to think what Narey could have achieved had he left Tannadice for richer pastures when he was at his peak.

As it was he stayed loyal as Jim McLean was in the process of building something special at Tannadice, and the defensive duo he formed with Paul Hegarty was the rock on which McLean built his successful United team of the period.

It's said that more than once Celtic offered big money for Narey although sadly for the Celts, they



were unsuccessful on every occasion. Many observers believed that a partnership of the rugged Roy Aitken with the defensive talents Narey possessed would have been a perfect match.

If Narey suffered in one aspect, it was his versatility. United often moved him into midfield to great effect and at international level he was capable of playing at full-back and as being a holding midfielder in front of the back four.

Most people will naturally associate Narey with that unforgettable goal against Brazil in Seville in the 1982 World Cup but there was a lot more to admire him for than that one memorable moment.

Dave Narey was a thoroughbred footballer who read the game in the great Scots style made famous by such luminaries as Dave Mackay, John Clark, George Connelly and Pat Stanton.

They were players who made things look easy and were unruffled when pressurised by big aggressive forwards when doing so. They played with the head and started moves from defence which dictated their team's style of play.

Narey stayed at Tannadice for an astonishing 21 years and had the honour of becoming the first Dundee United player to play for Scotland at senior level when he played against Sweden at Hampden in 1977 on the very night when Celtic's Joe Craig and Ronnie Glavin also made their Scotland debuts.

As stated previously, his versatility cost him at international level and he never got the run of games in his natural position that his talents fully merited.

When he started out with United, David Narey was required to pit his wits against such Celtic legends as Kenny Dalglish, Jimmy Johnstone and Dixie Deans.

Through his career he faced other such great Celts such as Frank McGarvey, Charlie Nicholas, Brian McClair and Frank McAvennie.

Never an aggressive player, Narey always relied on his reading



of the game allied to a terrific burst of speed and he had some fine tussles with Celtic strikers through the years and was a player deeply admired by the Celtic fans.

His style was perfect for European football and the fine success that Jim McLean's United enjoyed in that arena in the early 1980s was in large part due to Narey's organisational skills in defence and that terrific partnership he enjoyed with Paul Hegarty over a long period.

It was a pity United couldn't have pulled off a win in the 1987 UEFA Cup final against Gothenburg as this would have been a career pinnacle for a number of fine United servants such as Hegarty, Bannon, Sturrock and of course, Narey.

No player has played more games in the tangerine jersey of Dundee United than David Narey. The Tannadice fans hold his memory dear and it may be many a long year before Scottish football witnesses a defender of his calibre again.



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# PREVIOUS MEETINGS v DUNDEE UTD



**TODAY marks the 184th league meeting between Celtic and Dundee United, and it's Celtic who lead the way with 103 victories to Dundee United's 34. The other 46 fixtures have been drawn.**

The teams first met in the 1925/26 season, and it was United who won the opening game in Dundee by 1-0. The corresponding fixture at Celtic Park resulted in a comprehensive

victory for the Hoops, however, with Adam McLean scoring a hat-trick in a 6-2 win.

This season, the teams have met three times, with Celtic winning twice and the other game being drawn. And after this afternoon's match brings down the curtain on the Premiership season, Dundee United will return to Celtic Park next Saturday for the Scottish Cup final against St Johnstone.



## SPFL TANNADICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013  
DUNDEE UTD 0-1 CELTIC

A tight and keenly-contested contest at Tannadice looked to be heading for a goal-less draw before Anthony Stokes stepped up with a sublime free-kick to score the only goal of the game and give the Hoops all three points. It was the Irishman who won the free-kick on the edge of the box when he was fouled by Keith Watson, and when Dundee United's protests had ended, Stokes coolly stepped up and floated the ball over the wall and into the net before Cierzniak even reacted. It was a great victory for Celtic, coming just a few days after the European exertions, which had seen them beat Shakhter Karagandy 3-0 to reach the group stages of the UEFA Champions League.

## SPFL CELTIC PARK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013  
CELTIC 1-1 DUNDEE UNITED

There was more last-gasp drama between Celtic and Dundee United, but this time Charlie Mulgrew's late goal was an equaliser, cancelling out Stuart Armstrong's goal which had given United a first-half lead. The midfielder had found himself one-on-one with Fraser Forster and, after rounding the keeper, he managed to direct the ball into the net from a tight angle. Despite incessant Celtic pressure in the second half, it looked as though United would return to Tannadice with all three points. However, Celtic's never-say-die attitude paid off, and Mulgrew's header at the back post gave Neil Lennon's side a share of the points and preserved the team's unbeaten record in the league.

## SPFL TANNADICE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014  
DUNDEE UNITED 0-2 CELTIC

The most recent meeting between the sides came at the beginning of April, and Celtic were in control for most of this match, from the moment Georgios Samaras gave the Hoops the lead after just five minutes. Kris Commons delivered a superb free-kick into the box and Samaras was the quickest to react, volleying the ball into the net from 10 yards. And on 24 minutes, Anthony Stokes doubled Celtic's lead with a slick and stylish goal. After a prolonged period of possession, Stokes collected a return pass from Commons before emphatically firing past Radoslaw Cierzniak. There was to be no further scoring, but Celtic left Tannadice with three very well-deserved points.



# CELTIC'S LEADING MAN

**Scott Brown** will lift the league trophy for a third consecutive season today, and the captain is keen to share out the plaudits amongst his team-mates

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

**WHEN Scott Brown lifts the Scottish Premiership trophy this afternoon for the third successive season it will be one of the proudest moments in his career, but the Celtic skipper is keen for others share the spotlight of success.**

The 28-year-old will join a select band of captains to have led the Hoops to three-in-a-row, including club icon Billy McNeill and Jimmy Hay – the man who donned the armband for Willie Maley's all-conquering side early in the 20th century.

Honoured to be mentioned in the same breath as those Hoops greats, Brown nonetheless insists he simply one cog in a well-oiled machine that has stormed to the championship by an emphatic margin.

According to the Scotland internationalist, the strength of the collective has been the basis of Celtic's league supremacy over the past three years.

And once he has hoisted the silverware aloft in Paradise he'll swiftly pass it down the line and let others take centre stage.

"It's definitely right up there with what I have done in my career," he told the matchday programme in an exclusive interview. "To be captain of a club like Celtic and playing with a group of lads like that in the dressing room is just phenomenal.

"It's not all just about me. You have Charlie, Fraser,

Kris coming in and getting 30 goals, Adam – they have all just been involved as much as me, and a lot of praise has to go to them.

"Everyone puts it in and I'm just the one guy who has to lift the trophy at the start and then I pass it on.

"Don't get me wrong, it's great to be captain and I enjoy every single minute of it but it's not all just about the captain. Everyone else in that dressing room helps me just as much as I help them."

"The team spirit has been class and to keep the core of the team as well – Charlie, Adam, Kris, Fraser – who keep it going, that's the main thing and that is what the gaffer has tried to instil as well.

"He wants to keep the core and add to the squad, and the new lads who have come in are slowly understanding our banter, so they're getting it."

Still, Brown is relishing getting his hands on the prize, having had to bide his time for over two months since the league crown was secured in a thumping 5-1 victory at Firhill.

Today will be an occasion to savour for him, the first-team squad, the management team and, significantly, the supporters.

"That bit has just dragged on a little bit," he said. "It would have been a lot nicer if we could have done it there and then when we won it, but it's going to be a



>> great occasion for the fans, players and everyone around the club as well.

"That's what we aim to try and do every year. At a club as big as Celtic you need to do that. That's why I came here and why I enjoy being here as you win trophies and cups.

"It's been a little disappointing in the cups this year but it's obviously helped the league form so it's one of those ones, a happy medium really.

"The fans have been brilliant this season," he added. I know we have won the league by so many points but they still come week-in week-out, which is just amazing.

"Most teams who have won the league, their fans would stop coming, but our fans are always there, following us through thick and thin, and the three-in-a-row is more for them than anyone else."

Prior to Wednesday's penultimate match of the season against St Johnstone, Celtic had only experienced defeat once in the entire campaign, a fantastic feat which is testament to the squad's ability, application and resolve.

That one blot on the card away to Aberdeen naturally still rankles amongst the players, ending the chance of them becoming known as 'Invincibles'.

"There aren't a lot of teams who have gone through the league only losing one game, and the one game we did lose was disappointing, to be honest," conceded Brown.

"We got a man sent off and we were still the better team with 10 men so it shows what a good bunch of lads we do have and how good we are."

Silverware isn't the sole objective when wearing the

I have played pretty much every minute of every game this year and it's been really enjoyable, and I still want to play now

INTERVIEW



>> Hoops, however. The Celtic tradition demands the team win in style, entertaining the paying public, and Neil Lennon's men have certainly done that over the past 12 months.

Approaching 100 goals in the league, they have swept aside all before them this season, with second-placed Aberdeen the latest team to be overwhelmed in Celtic Park last weekend.

"Everyone was talking about how good Aberdeen are and how close they are to us, but I felt we blew them out of the water last week," said Brown. "We stepped it up a gear and they couldn't match us."

For much of the season, Brown has been forced to curb his attacking instincts in a defensive midfield role. While this allowed him to have a front seat view of his team-mates cutting opposition defences to pieces, he couldn't take part, limiting his scoring opportunities.

However, against the Dons he was given greater licence to push forward and was delighted to bag a brilliant brace, both bizarrely from his unfavoured left foot.

"Sometimes it's been me or Charlie holding in the middle of the park and you can see the attacks happening in front of your eyes," he said. "If you are further forward and involved in it you don't see it as much."

"It depends on where you are playing in the formation we are playing. If I'm sitting in front of the back four, I don't get a lot of chances to go forward but when you have players like Charlie and Stef there, all three of us can take turns to sit there and then go forward."

"We are all able to break up play and all want to go forward, too. But so long as one of us sits there it doesn't really matter who it is, and the gaffer has been telling us to go and play our own game which has been good."

"It was good to get on the scoresheet on Saturday as well as it's been a long time. As I said after the game it's taken me 11 years to score on my left - all the lads are saying I should shoot with my left and pass with my right!"

"The only goal I have scored for Celtic this year with my right foot has been a tap-in from two yards,

so this shows what my strongest foot is!"

Although he hasn't found the net as much as the team's top marksman Kris Commons, Brown has enjoyed a stellar season and is his influence is greatly valued by his team-mates and manager, who reckons he is in the form of his life.

Having gone under the knife in the second half of last season he has reaped the benefits during the current campaign where he has been practically an ever-present, making almost 50 appearances.

Such is his natural enthusiasm and energy, while most players are looking forward to resting during the close season, the midfielder would prefer for the games to continue.

"I knew as soon as I got the operation everything would be back to normal," he said. "Last year I just wanted to play in the Champions League and be involved in the last 16."

"Maybe I should have gone for the operation earlier and I could have enjoyed more of the season at the end, but getting to the last 16 of the Champions League is as big as you can ask for."

"I was injured, coming in and out of games, and I wasn't really training so it was hard to keep my full fitness up, but being involved and getting the chance to play in those occasions was great."

"I have played pretty much every minute of every game this year and it's been really enjoyable, and I still want to play now."

"I have a Scotland game coming up as well which I am looking forward to, and I just don't want the season to end."

"It's good to relax and get away from football but it's always the same after a week or two, you start to get bored of just lying there and not doing too much - you miss the banter with the lads and you want to come back and get a touch of a ball."

"It's been good a season," added Brown. "To be fair, I have had a couple of good seasons, winning Player of the Year as well, so it's hard to say this has been the top of them all, but for the way the team has played in general it has definitely been top by a country mile."

## CAPTAIN IMPRESSED BY THE CELTIC WAY



SCOTT Brown felt privileged at being one of the first to walk up The Celtic Way after the stunning new pathway to Paradise was opened last Saturday.

Club legend Billy McNeill and Chairman Ian Bankier cut the ribbon on the project, which took nine months to complete and has completely transformed the front of the stadium.

The captain and his team-mates watched the ceremony unfold before Cesar led them and thousands of supporters up the approach.

And Brown believes having such a striking entrance to Celtic Park showed the size and scale of the club.

"It's lovely and a lot better than it used to be," said the midfielder. "It just looks amazing walking up to Celtic Park and shows we are building a fantastic club."

"As soon as people come and see that walkway, they must think, 'wow', this is a proper club. Everyone will come and enjoy it."



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# THE CELTIC WAY - THE ROAD TO PARADISE OFFICIALLY OPENED



**CELTIC Football Club is delighted to announce the official opening of The Celtic Way, the brand new approach to Celtic Park which will lead the club into the future.**

The new approach has taken just nine months to complete and has completely transformed the stadium. The Celtic Way, starting from London Road and finishing at the doors of Paradise will provide a new focus for supporters and an access route which they can travel with pride as they approach Celtic Park, one of Europe's finest football stadia.

This is a significant development for the club and one which we are sure will be welcomed by supporters and visitors to Celtic Park. And along The Way...

- A 150m avenue running from London Road to Celtic Park's main entrance.

- Area of Site is 13,000sqm or just under the size of two football pitches.

- 300,000 paving bricks used and laid by hand.

- Over 200 workmen and women have contributed to the project.

- 62,500hrs worked by local contractors.

- A 7.5m Celtic Crest made of Scottish Whin stone, quarried in Kilsyth, polished and then the detail grit blasted into the stone.

- A supporters meeting area formed in the shape of a four-leaf clover, edged with cobbles from the original Kerrydale Street.

- Installation of 2,100sqm of turf.

- Associated new parking areas built

- The Celtic Way will be illuminated by green tipped lighting.

Celtic Chief Executive Peter Lawwell said: "We are delighted to announce the completion of The Celtic Way, something which we feel has transformed Celtic



Park and provided a stunning new public realm area for the benefit of our supporters.

"This fresh and modern development is hugely positive for the club and, of course, for the continued regeneration of the East End of Glasgow, something to which we are totally committed.

"Celtic Park is one of Europe's finest stadia and we are pleased to deliver this development, to make this significant investment and to improve the stadium even further for our supporters.

"Celtic is in great shape on and off the field and these changes will allow us to build on these strong foundations and take the club forward once again. We have enjoyed another successful season, becoming Scottish Champions for the third successive season and once again competing in Europe's greatest tournament.

"Going forward we now aim to once again achieve even more success. We will continue to progress and develop Celtic in the right direction, to show that we are one of the world's leading football clubs and give our fans a club they can be proud of."

## BABY BHOY CIAN IS SHOWN THE CELTIC WAY

AT just five months old, little Cian Paul Connolly from Baillieston arrived early at Celtic Park on Saturday to be among the first - and certainly the youngest - to have his picture taken at The Celtic Way.

And not only was Cian among the first to get close to the eagerly-anticipated new development, he was also being taken to his very first Celtic game at Paradise.

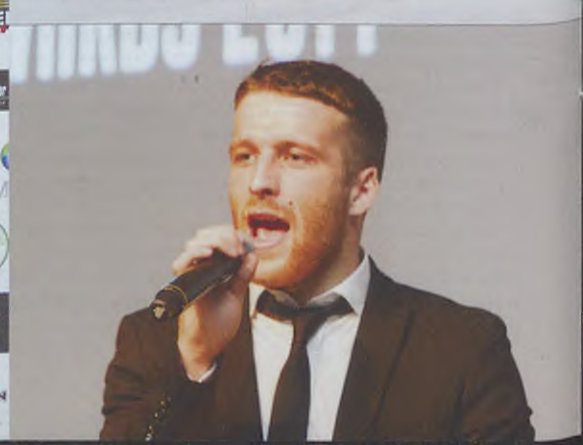
His Dad, Paul Connolly, said, "We wanted to come along early and see The Celtic Way before everyone started to arrive. Cian wasn't even awake when we got here but he's been having a good look around since he woke up. It looks fantastic and Cian looks like he's right at home."





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# CHAMPIONS CELEBRATE AT ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT





Comedian Stewart Francis entertains the crowd

### CELTIC players, management and supporters gathered for the club's annual awards ceremony in Glasgow last Sunday night.

And it was Kris Commons who lifted the Player of the Year trophy. The award is voted for by the fans and sponsored by McEwan Fraser Legal, and just 24 hours after reaching the 30-goal mark with a double in the 5-2 victory over Aberdeen, Commons was acclaimed as Celtic's Player of the Year.

The Players' Player of the Year award, sponsored by The Kitchen Depot, was a close-run contest, with Fraser Forster and Virgil van Dijk sharing the award after all the players' votes had been counted up.

It was a tough choice for supporters to choose their Goal of the Season, sponsored by Magners. The Champions have scored so many great goals this season, and are continuing to do so, but a shortlist of 10 was finally agreed upon. And from that, it was Kris Commons with his second award of the night who won for his brilliant strike against Shakhtar Karagandy last August in the UEFA Champions League

qualifier, a goal which helped Celtic reach the group stages of the competition for the second season in a row.

And with an impressive 30 goals to his name this term, Commons also lifted the Top Goalscorer of the Season, sponsored by Ladbrokes.

It's been a good season for Celtic's Youth Academy, with a number of young players promoted to Neil Lennon's first-team squad. Darnell Fisher, who has made 13 first-team appearances this season, was named Young Player of the Year, the award sponsored by MEV Group.

And Liam Henderson, who has just broken into the top team in the past couple of months lifted a new award, the Academy Player of the Year, which is sponsored by Scottish Dentistry.

And the Special Recognition Award, sponsored by Light, was presented to Celtic's Great Wall - Fraser Forster. The goalkeeper has had an outstanding season, breaking the Scottish league clean sheet record which has stood for over 40 years.



## CELTIC HONOUR THE PLAYERS OF THE CELTIC GIRLS' ACADEMY

League-winning squads paraded at Celtic Park

**THE Celtic Girls' Academy, part of Celtic FC Foundation, is an elite programme for girls from ages 11 to 20.**

There are almost 100 registered players in the Academy and they compete in Scottish Women's Football regional girls' leagues.

The recently completed season was hugely successful for the Academy. League championships were won at ages 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The exploits of these squads were recognised at last week's SPFL 5-2 win over Aberdeen at Celtic Park.

The five squads took a pre-match bow in front of the home crowd to

celebrate their success.

Celtic first-team and Scotland internationalist stars Gemma Fay and Rhonda Jones were there to present the team captains with their trophies.

Following this, all the players in the squads completed a lap of honour and were given a warm and generous reception by the fans.

Celtic FC Foundation project executive Paul Brownlie, who is head of the Girls' Academy, accompanied the squads and said: "The girls had a whale of a time and really enjoyed the entire experience.

"It was really good of the club to allow their achievements to be highlighted to the Celtic support."



## THE WINDFALL ROAD TO PARADISE

LAST Saturday, Peter Stewart was on cloud nine as the Edinburgh Bhoys had just scooped a massive TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS in the Paradise Windfall.

His K3102 winning ticket was plucked from the tombola by Jim and Anthony McCay of Paradise Windfall sponsors The Kitchen Depot.

The other winning tickets were G1350, E3304, A2117 and C3985.



## REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL – ONE, TWO, THREE



THERE were three matchday mascots on duty last Saturday when the Hoops welcomed Aberdeen on SPFL duty.

The trio were, five year-old Shay Joseph Fearon from Wishaw and Kirkintilloch brothers Lewis and Mark Hale, aged nine and seven respectively.

All three Bhoys led out the team with skipper, Scott Brown and then watched as the captain led by example with a Man-of-the-Match performance in scoring two goals in the 5-2 win over the Dons.

### Make a date and book your seat for 2014/15

TODAY, the Hoops will raise the SPFL trophy for a third consecutive season – ensuring Neil Lennon takes his place as only the fourth Celtic manager to do so behind Willie Maley, Jock Stein and Gordon Strachan.

Season 2014/15 will see the chase for four-in-a-row begin, as well as the target of further progress on the European front – with UEFA Champions League qualifiers beginning in mid-July – and Season Ticket holders are reminded that the deadline to secure their existing seat for the season ahead is now just under two weeks away – Friday, May 23.

Prices for standard adult season tickets for 2014/15 have been maintained at this season's reduced rate, ensuring that supporters still receive £100 off their seats. In addition, kids' tickets begin at just £50, with a student ticket also available at £199 for the season.

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# MEXICO'S GREEN AND WHITE

Actor Ross McCall recruits new members to the Celtic Family who are proud to wear the Hoops



**ROSS McCall** will be familiar to many people for his work on the big and small screen, most recently in the hit TV series, *24: Live Another Day*.

Yet the Port Glasgow Bhoys is happiest when he's back at Paradise, and he's thrilled to be at Celtic Park this afternoon as the Hoops celebrate their third consecutive league title.

And, away from his acting work, Ross is also recruiting new members to the Celtic Family and ensuring that Celtic's charitable roots and ongoing work continues to thrive.

For a long time now, Ross has been involved with fundraising for the Casa Hogar de Sion Orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico.

And on his last trip to Mexico, he was delighted to present the boys with Celtic shirts, which were donated by Celtic FC Foundation.

Ross McCall explained: "These kids don't get much, but you'd never know that by the smiles on their faces. They look on life with a drive and ambition that is incredible to witness."



"And the fact that I can call on a club - my club - and without hesitation, receive an incredibly generous gift to give, just tells me what a wonderful club Celtic truly are."

"It made me unbelievably happy to see the Green and White of Glasgow in the streets of Mexico. I'll always remember my first Celtic football shirt. I think these kids just might too."

Tony Hamilton, Celtic FC Foundation CEO, said: "Thanks to Ross McCall we now have even more people in Mexico wearing the Hoops and telling the Celtic story."

"The story of this football club and its charitable work in 2014 and beyond is unique, and we are very grateful that our charitable efforts are reaching the four corners of the world."

"Celtic FC Foundation exists because of support from our worldwide fan base and our aim is always to improve the lives of others where we can."

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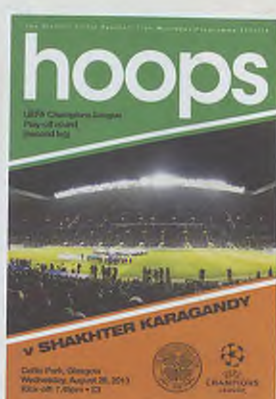
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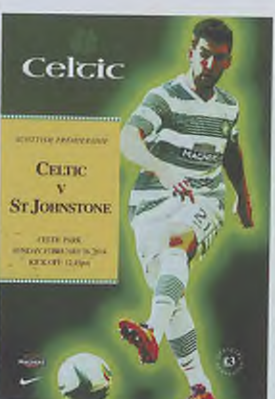
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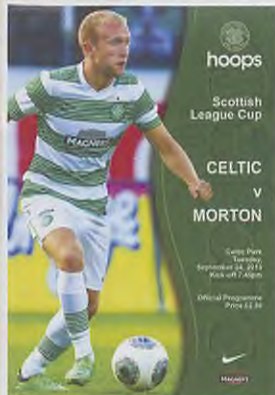
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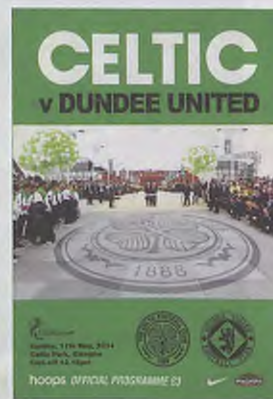
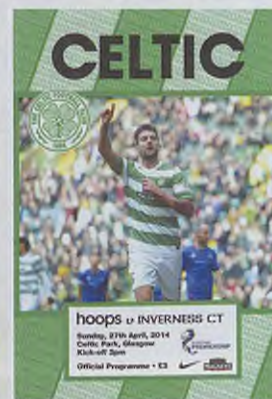
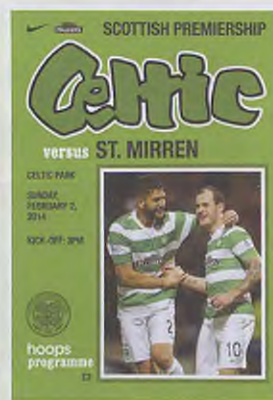
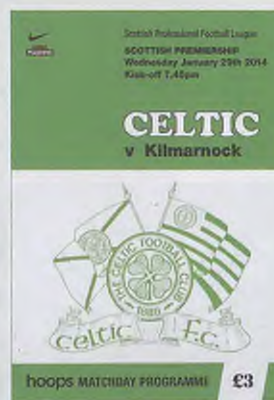
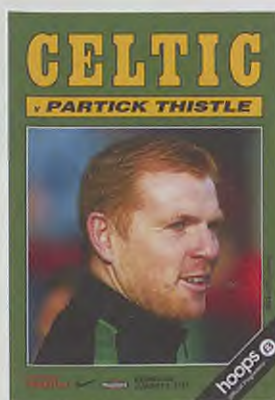


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Retro programme covers tell the story of title-winning season





# THAT'S WHY WE'RE CHAMPIONS

## August Results

Celtic 2-1 Ross County  
(Stokes 2)

Aberdeen 0-2 Celtic  
(Commons, Forrest)

Celtic 2-2 Inverness CT  
(Mulgrew, Matthews)

Dundee Utd 0-1 Celtic  
(Stokes)





**CELTIC** kicked off their UEFA Champions League campaign in July and before the end of August would have disposed of Cliftonville, IF Elfsborg and Shakhter Karagandy, although it took a last-minute clincher from James Forrest against the Kazakhstan side to seal group stage action.

Flag day brought Ross County to Celtic Park and they almost proved to be party-poopers when they took the lead after only three minutes. Thankfully, just three minutes from the end, Anthony Stokes scored the winner in what proved to be the first of many victories for the Hoops.

Aberdeen also proved a tough nut to crack but goals late in each half gave the Hoops a 2-0 win but there was a slight blip in the following game when the Celts had to come from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Inverness CT at home.

The month finished on a high, though, as just days after the last-gasp Karagandy win, another goal three minutes from the end by Stokes gave Celtic a tight 1-0 victory over Dundee United at Tannadice.



THAT'S WHY WE'RE CHAMPIONS



#### September Results

Hearts 1-3 Celtic  
(Commons, Stokes, Pukki)

Celtic 2-1 St Johnstone  
(Pukki, Mulgrew)

Kilmarnock 2-5 Celtic  
(Samaras 3, Commons, Balde)

**PROGRESS** to the Champions League group stages saw Celtic in the toughest of them all - the Group of Champions with fellow former winners Barcelona, AC Milan and Ajax but cup competitions didn't favour the Hoops during the month of September.

Aside from losing 2-0 to AC Milan in Italy, there was a shock in store in the League Cup when Morton visited Celtic Park for a Tuesday night fixture and a penalty during extra-time gave the Greenock side a 1-0 win.

However, it was business as usual on the league front with new signing, Teemu Pukki, netting on his debut with the final goal in a 3-1 win over Hearts at Tynecastle, and then he did likewise in his second league outing by scoring the opener in a 2-1 home win over St Johnstone.

Rugby Park was next on the agenda and although Kris Commons and Amido Balde got the first and last goals against Kilmarnock, the star of the show was Georgios Samaras, with the Greek striker firing in a hat-trick in the 5-2 win.





## THAT'S WHY WE'RE CHAMPIONS



**THE new month kicked off with a tight 1-0 defeat to Barcelona but that was counteracted with a Champions League 2-1 win over Ajax three weeks later but it was now becoming evident, with three group stage games played, that the Hoops weren't suffering the Euro-hangover that may possibly have cost points last season.**

The Barca game was followed up by a 2-0 home win over Motherwell while the Ajax encounter preceded a 2-1 win over Partick Thistle at Firhill, with a solo effort from Amido Balde earning the spoils against the Maryhill side.

In between times, however, two points went astray at Easter Road although it could certainly be viewed as a point won when James Forrest scored in the 76th minute to equalise in a 1-1 draw with Hibernian after the home side had taken the lead inside the first 20 minutes.







### October Results

Celtic 2-0 Motherwell  
(Stokes, Commons)

Hibernian 1-1 Celtic  
(Forrest)

Partick Thistle 1-2 Celtic  
(Samaras, Balde)





## THAT'S WHY WE'RE CHAMPIONS



**CELTIC** went into November still unbeaten in the defence of their title but the very first game of the new month nearly threw a spanner in the works when Dundee United guarded a first-half lead until well into time added on.

A stoppage-time header from Charlie Mulgrew in the 92nd minute maintained Celtic's unbeaten run in the SPFL but there were a couple of reverses on the European front.

Both Ajax and AC Milan inflicted defeats on the Hoops but, like in the previous month, the Celts would react in sterling style to the European games.

In between both of those matches, there were potentially tough ties against both Ross County away and Aberdeen at home in a reversal of the opening two games of the SPFL campaign.

Celtic used their heads in Dingwall with both Joe Ledley and Virgil van Dijk turning in crosses in the 4-1 win over County and, following an international break, the Dons were welcomed to Celtic Park.

Again, it was 1-1 with the seconds ticking away when two goals in the 90th minute from Derk Boerigter and Kris Commons gave Celtic a 3-1 win.



**November Results**

Celtic 1-1 Dundee Utd  
(Mulgrew)

Ross County 1-4 Celtic  
(van Dijk 2, Ledley 2)

Celtic 3-1 Aberdeen  
(Commons 2, Boerrigter)





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## December Results

Motherwell 0-5 Celtic  
(Commons 2, Ambrose, Stokes, Atajic)

Celtic 1-0 Hibernian  
(Pukki)

Celtic 2-0 Hearts  
(Commons, Forrest)

St Johnstone 0-1 Celtic  
(van Dijk)

Inverness CT 0-1 Celtic  
(Commons)





**CELTIC'S first Friday night fixture came at the beginning of December, and the Hoops produced a superb performance at Fir Park to beat Motherwell 5-0. Kris Commons netted two, while Efe Ambrose and Anthony Stokes also scored.**

And there was also a first goal from Bahrudin Atjic, while Liam Henderson also made his top-team debut at the age of 17.

Celtic returned to league action following a heavy defeat to Barcelona in the Nou Camp, and a Teemu Pukki goal was enough to give them all three points against Hibernian.

Edinburgh's other team were the next visitors to Celtic Park, and having suffered a 7-0 Scottish Cup defeat to the Hoops at Tynecastle at the beginning of the month, Hearts must have feared the worst.

They lost this league fixture, though 'only' by 2-0, with Kris Commons and James Forrest scoring the goals.

Boxing Day saw Neil Lennon's side travel through to Perth, and Virgil van Dijk scored one of the goals of the season, gathering the ball on the halfway line and then waltzing through the St Johnstone defence before firing the ball home.

The goal, after just five minutes, proved to be the only one of the match.

And Celtic signed of 2013 with another 1-0 win, this time away to Inverness Caley Thistle, with Kris Commons scoring the only goal of the game after just three minutes.





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## January Results

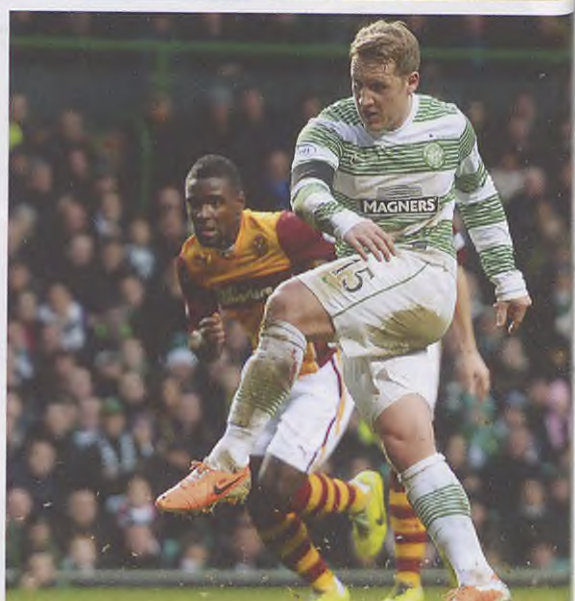
Celtic 1-0 Partick Thistle  
(Ledley)

St Mirren 0-4 Celtic  
(Commons 2, Mulgrew, Stokes)

Celtic 3-0 Motherwell  
(Commons 2, McManus og)

Hibernian 0-4 Celtic  
(Commons 2, van Dijk, Pukki)

Celtic 4-0 Kilmarnock  
(Ledley, Mulgrew, Balde, Ashcroft og)





**CELTIC kicked off 2014 with a Glasgow derby at Paradise against Partick Thistle, and on a difficult afternoon, it took a Joe Ledley goal on 39 minutes to give the Hoops all three points.**

Next up was a trip to Paisley to face St Mirren, and after a goal-less first-half, Neil Lennon's side scored four second-half goals without reply. Charlie Mulgrew got the scoring underway on 53 minutes and then, five minutes later, Anthony Stokes doubled the lead.

Then Kris Commons netted a double, which also took him beyond the 50-goal milestone in the green and white Hoops.

And Commons also hit two goals in Celtic's next game, a home match against Motherwell. The first goal came after just five minutes, and then just before half-time, he scored a second

goal, this time from the penalty spot after Stokes was brought down.

With 10 minutes to go, former Celt Stephen McManus turned the ball into his own net to make it 3-0. Just minutes later, Stokes was controversially shown a straight red card for a challenge on Keith Lasley.

And the Hoops finished January with consecutive 4-0 victories. The first of those was at Easter Road, with Commons hitting two, along with goals from Teemu Pukki and a superb free-kick from Virgil van Dijk.

And the last game of January was a 4-0 win over Kilmarnock, with Charlie Mulgrew, Amido Balde and an own goal providing three of the goals, while Joe Ledley hit his last goal for the Hoops before his move south to join Crystal Palace.



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**A SOLITARY Kris Commons goal after just six minutes at Celtic Park was enough to give the Hoops all three points against St Mirren. Collecting Emilio Izaguirre's pass, Commons hit an unstoppable shot from 25 yards out.**

There was another Saints day at Paradise when St Johnstone were the visitors, both league games sandwiched between a shock Scottish Cup exit at the hands of Aberdeen.

Anthony Stokes hit a hat-trick against the Perth Saints to give the Hoops a comfortable 3-0 victory, which was Neil Lennon's 150th victory as Hoops boss as the champions extended their unbeaten league run this season to 25 games. And a 12th successive shut-out from Fraser Forster saw the Englishman equal Bobby Clark's Scottish top-flight clean sheet record.

A trip to Tynecastle followed, and goals from Leigh Griffiths - his first for Celtic - and Teemu Pukki gave Celtic all three points.

The last league game of February was an away game at Pittodrie, and saw the Hoops lose 2-1. Despite being down to 10 men for most of the game, Celtic were unlucky to lose the game.

And Jonny Hayes' goal on 41 minutes - which was voted Scotland's Goal of the Season - also brought to an end to Fraser Forster's sensational shut-out record.







**February Results**

Celtic 1-0 St Mirren  
(Commons)

Celtic 3-0 St Johnstone  
(Stokes 3)

Hearts 0-2 Celtic  
(Griffiths, Pukki)

Aberdeen 2-1 Celtic  
(Forrest)





**LEIGH** Griffiths netted his first hat-trick for Celtic as the Champions began March in impressive style, beating Inverness Caley Thistle 5-0. Charlie Mulgrew and Kris Commons also chipped in with goals, and the Hoops headed to Rugby Park for a Friday night fixture full of confidence.

And it was Commons who took up the hat-trick mantle with three second-half strikes against a dogged Kilmarnock side. The goals confirmed Commons' importance to the team, and put Celtic a step closer to securing a third consecutive title.

Another 3-0 victory followed, this time at home to St Mirren. Stefan Johansen scored his first goal for Celtic with an impressive diving header, with there were also goals from Griffiths and Stokes.

And so Celtic headed to Firhill, knowing that victory would confirm their status as champions. And Neil Lennon's side certainly produced a performance worthy of champions.

Stokes hit a double, while Johansen made it two goals in two games, and Commons provided his customary goal.

And teenager Liam Henderson followed up an impressive performance against Kilmarnock with a sparkling second-half display at Firhill, which included his first goal in Celtic colours.

And having made it three-in-a-row, the Champions returned to Paradise, drawing 1-1 against Ross County, with Commons scoring Celtic's equaliser on the day.

**March Results**

Celtic 5-0 Inverness CT  
(Griffiths 3, Mulgrew,  
Commons)

Kilmarnock 0-3 Celtic  
(Commons 3)

Celtic 3-0 St Mirren  
(Johansen, Griffiths, Stokes)

Partick Thistle 1-5 Celtic  
(Stokes 2, Henderson  
Johansen, Commons)

Celtic 1-1 Ross County  
(Commons)





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**HAVING secured the title, the Hoops began April with their final pre-split fixture, a potentially tricky trip to Tannadice. But in the event, the Champions dominated proceedings, and two goals from Georgios Samaras and Anthony Stokes gave Celtic a comfortable victory.**

They followed that up with another away game, this time to Fir Park, and they found themselves two goals down against Motherwell. Stokes reduced the deficit on the stroke of half-time with a superb chip, and then goals from Samaras and Leigh Griffiths put the Hoops ahead. However, a last-gasp goal from Motherwell meant the points were shared in a 3-3 draw.

Celtic were involved in another six-goal thriller the following week against Inverness Caley Thistle, but this time all the goals were scored by the Champions.

Anthony Stokes continued his impressive scoring run with a hat-trick, while Griffiths, Teemu Pukki and Efe Ambrose also netted for the Hoops.

And the first fixture of May came last weekend at Paradise, as Celtic played second-placed Aberdeen.

It was a thrilling fixture, with Neil Lennon's side showing their superiority to win 5-2. Both Scott Brown and Kris Commons scored two apiece, with the latter reaching an impressive 30 goals for the season, and there was also another goal for Anthony Stokes.

Celtic geared up for today's trophy day with another six-goal thriller at McDiarmid Park, and once again they had to share the points. St Johnstone took a first-half lead and only the heroics of Lukasz Zaluska prevented them from doubling their lead, the Polish goalkeeper saving a penalty on the stroke of half-time. After the break goals from Kris Commons, Teemu Pukki and Virgil van Dijk put the Hoops in control, but two late St Johnstone goals ensured a point for the home side.



**April Results**

Dundee United 0-2 Celtic  
(Samaras, Stokes)

Motherwell 3-3 Celtic  
(Stokes, Samaras, Griffiths)

Celtic 6-0 Inverness Caley Thistle  
(Stokes 3, Griffiths, Ambrose, Pukki)

**May Results**

Celtic 5-2 Aberdeen  
(Brown 2, Commons 2, Stokes)

St Johnstone 3-3 Celtic  
(Commons, Pukki, van Dijk)



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## On This Day

# 1897

The club's first taste of action on this day was no less than a cup final against rivals Rangers, with Celtic beaten 4-1 in the Glasgow Charity Cup. Not to be confused with the Glasgow Cup, this competition ran alongside that other city contest until the 1960s and was competed for by the likes of Celtic, Rangers, Clyde and Third Lanark. This 1897 final proved to be a disappointing experience for the newly formed Celtic and was only notable for the fact that John Reynolds scored his only goal for the club (in a total of three appearances) on what was his debut. Celtic would go on to win the trophy on 30 occasions.

# 1953



Neilly Mochan

Having initially struggled to get an invite to compete in the Coronation Cup, Celtic gatecrashed the party, eventually storming to victory over Hibernian in the final. The competition followed a miserable domestic season for Celtic, thus inspiring a certain reluctance in some quarters when it came to drawing up a list of competitors. Celtic joined Rangers, Aberdeen and Hibernian as the Scottish representatives, with the English sides, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur, Newcastle United and the Hoops' opponents on this day, Arsenal. With new signing Neilly Mochan putting in an outstanding shift, Arsenal goalkeeper, George Swindin, was the only thing that stood between the Gunners and an absolute hammering. As it transpired, Bobby Collins solitary goal, scored directly from a corner, decided this thrilling contest, and Celtic went on to beat Hibs 2-0 in the final.

# 1965

Celtic beat Queen's Park 5-0 in the second Glasgow Cup final to be played on this day, having previously beaten Third Lanark 3-2 in a replay three years earlier. Bobby Lennox netted two in this commanding victory at Hampden, with Bertie Auld, Stevie Chalmers and Bobby Murdoch the other goalscorers. Inspired by the recent return of Jock Stein, Celtic were in fine form in the Glasgow Cup that year, kicking off the competition with a 2-1 win over Rangers, before beating Clyde 3-0 in the next round. The Hoops lifted the trophy with a 5-0 victory over Queen's Park in the final, with goals from Bertie Auld, Stevie Chalmers, Bobby Murdoch and a Bobby Lennox double.

# 1979

Celtic beat St Mirren 2-0 on this day in 1979 in a league match at Ibrox that took place on a Friday night. Goals from George McCluskey and Bobby Lennox gave Celtic all three points as they battled for the title. The game was moved to Ibrox because of reconstruction work at Love Street. Just 10 days later, on a dramatic night at Celtic Park, 10 men won the league with a dramatic 4-2 victory over Rangers.



# 2008

Towards the end of season 2007/08, Celtic played host to Hibernian in the second last game of the campaign, and the Hoops recorded a vital 2-0 victory, which meant that the title went down to the final game. Stephen McManus gave Celtic a first-half lead (left), though it wasn't until three minutes from time that Scott McDonald doubled the Hoops' lead. Hibs also had two players sent off, Martin Canning and Ian Murray. In their last league fixture, Celtic travelled through to Tannadice, and a Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink goal was enough to give them a 1-0 win and a third successive league title.

# 2011

Three years ago the Hoops travelled through to Edinburgh to take on Hearts at Tynecastle. Neil Lennon's side, still hoping to lift the title, won 3-0 on the night, with Gary Hooper scoring twice and Kris Commons also netting, although Commons received a second yellow for his celebrations and was sent off, joining Hearts midfielder, David Obua, who was red-carded in the first-half. Unfortunately, despite the impressive victory, the Hoops narrowly lost out on the league title.

# 2013

Celtic's last action on this day came last season when they played host to St Johnstone. And Neil Lennon's side produced a superb performance on the day, beating the Perth Saints 4-0. The goals came from Joe Ledley, Charlie Mulgrew and James Forrest, while Frazer Wright also netted an own goal.



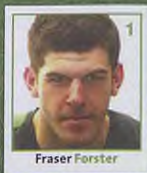
## AND ANOTHER THING...

It was on this day in 1983 that Aberdeen won the European Cup-Winners' Cup, beating Real Madrid 2-1 after extra-time in Gothenburg. Eric Black gave the Dons a seventh-minute lead, which was cancelled out when Madrid got a penalty. There was to be no further scoring in the 90 minutes and so, in the heavy Swedish rain, the game went into extra-time. And it was John Hewitt who was the hero, heading home to give Aberdeen a European triumph.





# PLAYER KIT SPONSOR



Fraser Forster



Scott Brown



Adam Matthews



Emilio Izaguirre



Mikael Lustig



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# PUPILS SET FOR PARADISE PERFORMANCE

Hazelwood School look forward to being on song for Celtic

TODAY will be a special day at Celtic Park as the SPFL trophy is presented to Neil Lennon's team, which allows him to join an elite band of Celtic managers to do three in a row.

It'll also be a special day for the young people of Hazelwood School in Glasgow, one of many educational establishments supported by Celtic FC Foundation.

Hazelwood's pupils are blind or partially sighted and also need additional support for education but our club had a hand in funding music for the pupils and helping to create a very inclusive opportunity, with another coming pre-match this lunchtime.

Hazelwood School is located at the eastern corner of Bellahouston Park and was built in 2007. The design of the school was intended to promote a good learning and social experience for the specific needs of the pupils. A sensory wall trail is part of every corridor in the school and the shaping of the cork in the wall replicates streets and signposts assisting pupils with mobility, independence and confidence.

Music certainly wasn't new to Hazelwood when Celtic FC Foundation began a three-year funding programme in 2012. A school band - The Fridays - was already up and running and doing well. But the school felt they were just touching the sides of what was possible

and with some investment in tuition and instruments they could grow the number of pupils experiencing music.

Music for children who are blind or partially sighted, and as is the case at Hazelwood who face many other challenges, has proven to be a real winner for the pupils and their families.

Tony Hamilton, Chief Executive of Celtic FC Foundation, said: "Supporters will be blown away when they hear *Hey Jude* and *The Fields* today - the nerve ends are really jangling when you see the smiles and the connection the children have with each other and the feedback from schools like Hazelwood is that nothing works for their pupils like music does. 'It's absolutely life changing', as Julie McKenzie, Music Teacher at Hazelwood, said."

Evidence of the musical talents of blind and partially sighted children has been growing. Professor Adam Ockelford of the University of Roehampton said: "Every now and then what you thought was a myth turns out to be true and so it was with the research into the impact of blindness in early musical development in children carried out by the University of Roehampton, the Institute of Education and the Royal National Institute for the Blind. We found that children who can't see really are much more likely to be musical than those with normal vision. They are around

4,000 times more likely to have perfect pitch for example - an exceptionally good musical ear that will really help them when they learn an instrument or take up singing."

Richard Cairney, a guitar tutor at the school, said: "Since the early days at Hazelwood School, The Fridays rock band, the two samba bands and the improvisation group have made fantastic progress. Not just musically but also through developing social and communication skills. For example some members of the band found it very difficult to interact with others. We have seen a dramatic change where those same children are now talking freely, laughing and taking the mickey out of the older members like myself!

"This makes working with them one of the most rewarding things I have ever done and I know that everyone involved feels the same. The bands are now performing regularly and doing musical workshops with both mainstream and Assisted Learning schools.

"We have played to some large crowds recently but nothing compared to Celtic Park! We are all really excited and can't wait. The generosity we have received from Celtic FC Foundation has been instrumental in getting us to where we are today and speaking on behalf of all those involved I want to say a huge thanks."





# Quiz

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1

Who were the only three players to win Championship medals when Celtic won nine-in-a-row between 1966 and 1974?

2. Who was the last player to be the top goalscorer for Celtic in three successive seasons?

3. Since the Millennium, which two Dundee United men have been voted the Scottish PFA Young Player of the Year?

4. Which was the last country to win the World Cup on successive occasions?

5. For which club this season has Celtic striker Tony Watt played on loan?

6. Which two current Celts appeared for their countries during Euro 2012 in Poland/Ukraine?

7. Who was the only man to feature for Dundee United on the four occasions in the last five seasons that the Tannadice club have knocked Rangers out of the Scottish Cup?

8. Which three former Celts this season have been sacked as managers in the English Premier League?

9. Who was the last player to leave Celtic and go and play football in La Liga in Spain?

10. Who is the only Dundee United player to score for Scotland in a World Cup finals tournament?

11. Who was the oldest outfield player to feature for Celtic when they defeated Inter Milan to win the European Cup in 1967?

12. Which two teams later this month will contest the UEFA Champions League final in Lisbon?

13. Which three men in the last decade have managed Dundee United to Scottish Cup finals?

14. Who is the only man to be the top scorer for Celtic in a league season without taking any penalties?

15. Which four current Celts have been awarded the Scottish PFA Player of the year title?

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ANSWERS

1. Billy McNeill, Jimmy Johnstone and Bobby Lennox.
2. Gary Hooper in 2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012/13.
3. David Goodwillie (2010/11), Andrew Robertson (2013/14).
4. Brazil 1958 and 1962.
5. FC Liverpool.
6. Georgios Saneas (Greece); Mikael Lustig (Sweden).
7. Sean Dillie; 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
8. Paolo Di Canio (Sunderland); Marky Mackay (Cardiff); David Moyes (Manchester United).
9. Denis Lavovs to Real Zaragoza (2012).
10. David Harvey v Brazil 1962.
11. Steve Chalmers (30 years 2 months).
12. Real Madrid & Atletico Madrid.
13. Gordon Strachan (2005); Peter Houston (2010); Jackie McNamara (2014).
14. George Burley (2014).
15. Scott Brown (2008/09); Emilio Izaguirre (2010/11); Charlie Mulgrew (2011/12); Kris Commons (2013/14).

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Adam Matthews	2 ●	● 2	Sean Dillon
Emilio Izaguirre	3 ●	● 3	Curtis Good
Efe Ambrose	4 ●	● 4	Calum Butcher
Virgil van Dijk	5 ●	● 5	Gavin Gunning
Nir Biton	6 ●	● 6	Paul Paton
Philip Toye*	7 ●	● 8	John Rankin
Scott Brown	8 ●	● 9	Brian Graham
Georgios Samaras	9 ●	● 10	Stuart Armstrong
Anthony Stokes	10 ●	● 11	Gary Mackay-Steven
Derk Boerrigter	11 ●	● 12	Keith Watson
Kris Commons	15 ●	● 16	Mark Wilson
Amido Balde	17 ●	● 17	Chris Erskine
Holmbert Fridjonsson	19 ●	● 18	Ryan Dow
Teemu Pukki	20 ●	● 19	Ryan Gauld
Charlie Mulgrew	21 ●	● 20	Jon Souttar
Steven Mouyokolo	22 ●	● 21	Nadir Ciftci
Mikael Lustig	23 ●	● 25	Marc McCallum
Lukasz Zaluska	24 ●	● 26	Andrew Robertson
Stefan Johansen	25 ●	● 27	Morgaro Gomis
Leigh Griffiths	28 ●	● 28	Kudus Oyenuga
John Herron	31 ●	● 29	Farid El Alagui
Beram Kayal	33 ●		
Eoghan O'Connell	34 ●		
Denny Johnstone	39 ●		
Darnell Fisher	41 ●		
Marcus Fraser	44 ●		
Dylan McGeouch	46 ●		
James Forrest	49 ●		
Liam Henderson	53 ●		
Filip Twardzik	56 ●		



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