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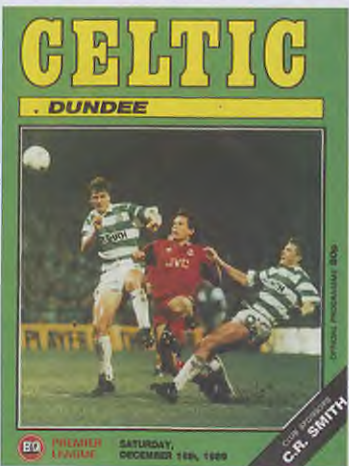
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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

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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Manager's Notes

NEIL LENNON



WE AIM TO CONTINUE OUR SEQUENCE OF SUCCESSFUL RESULTS INTO THE NEW YEAR

I'D like to wish you all a very warm welcome to Celtic Park for the first game of 2014 and, of course, wish you all a very happy New Year.

I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and I'm delighted that we finished the calendar year on top, as we completed the first half of the season unbeaten in the league. That is no mean feat by the players considering how many games they have played in all competitions so far.

We have had to grind out some results along the way but I was specifically pleased with our domestic results over the past month as December threw up some pretty tricky ties in front of us with no fewer than six testing matches.

That we came through that with not only six wins but also six clean sheets pays testament to the players who have worked hard as a squad to achieve those wins and maintain their unbeaten run.

Since our last home game, the 2-0 win over Hearts, we have had two difficult away trips to both St Johnstone and Inverness Caley Thistle, and those two wins not only finished 2013 by increasing our unbeaten run but also gave us the impetus to carry on that sequence into 2014.

That won't be easy but although my New Year welcome



also extends to our first-footers here today in the shape of Partick Thistle, who have made the short trip across the city, we know from experience that they will give us a real test this afternoon.

Alan Archibald has done a great job in readying his team for survival in the top tier and we had a tough time up at Firhill back in October when we recorded a 2-1 win over Thistle.

We're expecting another difficult task this afternoon but we are determined to keep this successful sequence going and we obviously want to start 2014 in the way we finished 2013 by recording another win.

Hopefully, we'll have as much success this year as we did in the last and you, the supporters, played your part in that success so, once more, I wish you all a very happy New Year and I hope it begins by you enjoying today's game.



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FORMED: 1888
STADIUM: Celtic Park
CAPACITY: 60,506

HOME STRIP COLOUR
Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

AWAY STRIP COLOUR
Gold shirts with green hoop trim, 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 IN ONE SEASON
50 – Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS IN ONE SEASON
35 – Brian McClair, 1986/87
35 – Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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Club Honours

SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (44 Times)

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, 2000/01, 2001/02, 2003/04, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2011/12, 2012/13

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (36 Times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2013

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (14 Times)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98, 1999/00, 2000/01, 2005/06, 2008/09

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Police 'B' Division, said: "Strathclyde Police do not wish to in any way prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches.

"However, the safety of those attending must be paramount at all times. We fully support Celtic FC in this matter and we fully endorse their message to supporters."

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 or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888*.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly
- Violent conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property

- Disorderly conduct includes conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
 - Gender
 - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
 - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
 - Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct
 - Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

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

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Removal from the stadium
- Suspension from attending official matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending official matches involving Celtic Football Club
- 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.

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FOCUS ON PARTICK THISTLE



HISTORY LESSON

Partick Thistle came into existence 11 years before the meeting in St Mary's Church Hall in the Calton that saw Celtic Football Club formed. They originally came from the burgh of Partick - hence the name of the team - and they had a variety of West End locations before they relocated to Maryhill in 1909, where they have remained to this day. The first match at Firhill - what the official website describes as 'our spiritual home' came on September 18, 1909 when they played host to Dumbarton Harp. And despite going a goal down, Thistle fought back to win that fixture 3-1, thus getting their new home off to a winning start.

HITTING THE BIG TIME

The club has won two major honours in their history, and both of them have a Celtic connection. Thistle's only Scottish Cup triumph came in 1921 when they defeated Rangers 1-0 at Celtic Park on April 16. The only goal of the game, in front of a crowd of 28,294, was scored by John Blair. The club have only ever reached one other Scottish Cup final, losing out to Rangers in a replay. Fast-forward 50 years and you've got the occasion of Thistle's greatest ever triumph - their 4-1 victory over Celtic at Hampden on October 23, 1971. At the time Jock Stein's Celtic were imperious at home and impressive abroad, so the Hoops turned up at Hampden as overwhelming favourites to



Founded: 1876
Stadium: Firhill
Capacity: 10,102
Nickname: The Jags



lift the trophy. In the event, it was Thistle who triumphed with a stunning first-half display that saw them race into a 4-0 first-half lead. Kenny Dalglish's goal on 70 minutes was barely a consolation for the Hoops.

LAST SEASON

After an absence of nine years, Partick Thistle reclaimed a spot in Scotland's top flight by winning the First Division title by 11 points from Morton. They only lost four games throughout the campaign, including a solitary defeat at Firhill. Kris Doohlan was one of the team's top scorers with 12 league goals, while he's chipped in with six so far this season in the Premiership, including one against Celtic. Jackie McNamara had taken charge of the side until the turn of the year when he moved to Dundee United, and at the end of January, Alan Archibald took charge of the team, steering them successfully back into the top-flight.

HOME COMFORTS

Partick Thistle have been at Firhill since moving there back in 1909, and last season's home form was the basis for the title-winning triumph. In recent seasons, Firhill was also the venue for the Glasgow Warriors rugby union team, until they moved to Scotstoun Stadium. And last season, Celtic's Under-20 squad also used Firhill as their home venue, though that arrangement ended upon Thistle's return to the top-flight. The capacity of the stadium is currently just over 10,000, with three sides of the ground in use - the Main Stand, the Jackie Husband Stand which faces it, and the North Stand behind one of the goals. The south end of the stadium has still to be developed.

AND ANOTHER THING

The club originated in the burgh of Partick, while their first club crest was a thistle, which appeared on the jerseys around 1902. From the club's inception in 1876 until the start of the 20th Century, the kit was predominantly blue with red and white trimmings. Following a brief period when Thistle played in orange and black striped shirts and then claret and amber, in 1909 they reverted to the blue kits, and that remained the same until 1936/37 when they opted for the red, yellow and black colours that have remained the same ever since. Apparently, the initial decision to do so followed the club having to borrow kits of a similar colour from the local West of Scotland rugby team.

Since 1936 the club have played in red-and-yellow jerseys of varying designs, with hoops, stripes and predominantly yellow tops with red trims having been used, although in 2009 a centenary kit was launched in the original navy-blue style to commemorate 100 years at Firhill. And between 2008-10, Thistle became the first football club in Scotland to use pink as the main colour in their away kit.



PARTICK THISTLE:



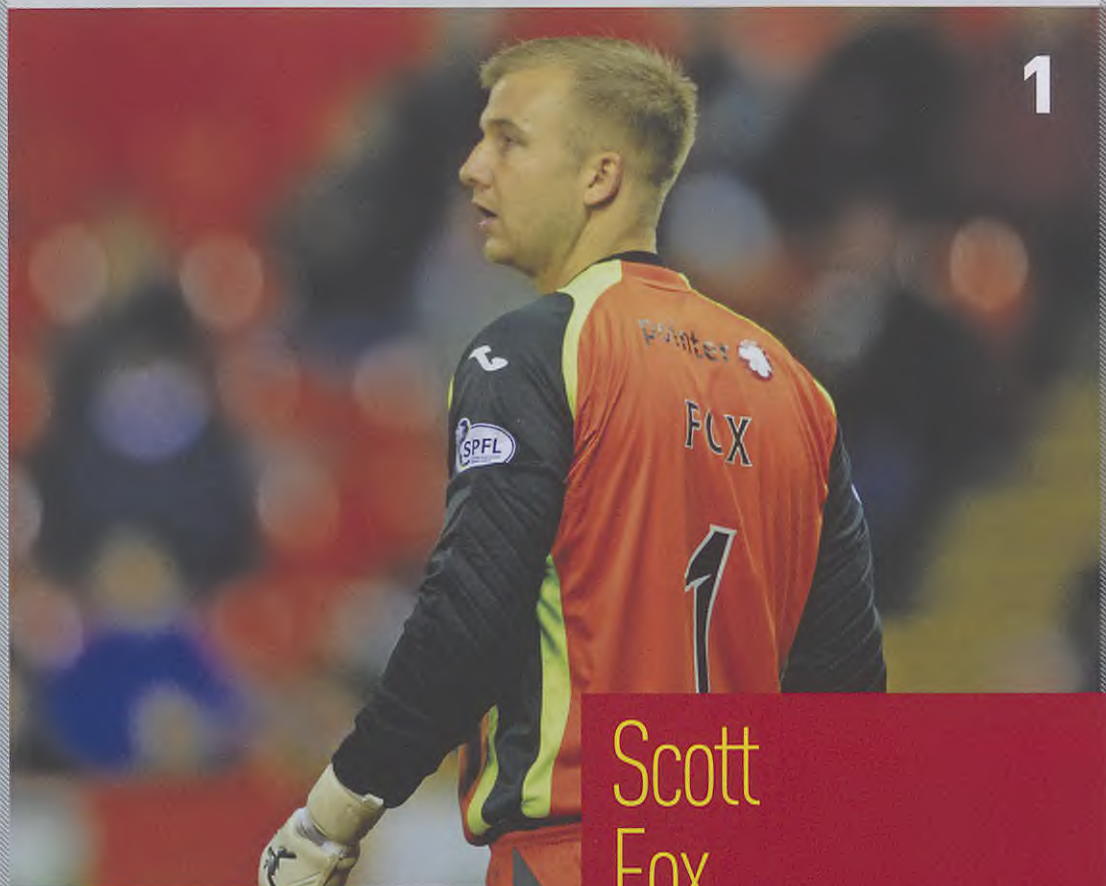
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Comp	Date	Result
SPFL	02 Aug	Partick Thistle 0-0 Dundee Utd
League Cup	06 Aug	Partick Thistle 2-1 Ayr Utd
SPFL	10 Aug	Ross County 1-3 Partick Thistle
SPFL	16 Aug	Partick Thistle 1-1 Hearts
SPFL	24 Aug	Motherwell 1-0 Partick Thistle
League Cup	27 Aug	Partick Thistle 3-1 Cowdenbeath
SPFL	31 Aug	St Mirren 1-2 Partick Thistle
SPFL	14 Sep	Partick Thistle 0-3 Aberdeen
SPFL	21 Sep	Partick Thistle 1-1 Kilmarnock
League Cup 2	5 Sep	Dundee Utd 4-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	28 Sep	St Johnstone 1-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	07 Oct	Partick Thistle 0-1 Hibernian
SPFL	20 Oct	Inverness CT 1-2 Partick Thistle
SPFL	27 Oct	Partick Thistle 1-2 Celtic
SPFL	04 Nov	Aberdeen 4-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	09 Nov	Partick Thistle 0-3 St Mirren
SPFL	23 Nov	Dundee Utd 4-1 Partick Thistle
Scottish Cup	01 Dec	Partick Thistle 0-1 Aberdeen
SPFL	07 Dec	Hibernian 1-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	21 Dec	Kilmarnock v Partick Thistle
SPFL	26 Dec	Partick Thistle v Inverness CT
SPFL	29 Dec	Partick Thistle v Motherwell

PICTURE THIS



PARTICK THISTLE



ONES TO WATCH

NEWLY-PROMOTED Partick Thistle proved many doubters wrong in the opening weeks of the season as they achieved a number of excellent results to show they could handle the rigours of Scotland's top flight.

Helped by the struggles of Hearts, the Jags remain in a secure position but have toiled for points in recent weeks and will be aiming to get their campaign back on track against Celtic this afternoon.

Here, we look at some of the key players who could feature for visitors in today's Glasgow derby.

Scott Fox

The former Celtic shot-stopper's fantastic form between the sticks was recognised when he was called up to the Scotland squad in November for the friendly double-header against the USA and Norway. It was a well-deserved accolade for the 26-year-old who has worked hard to return to the top of the game after leaving the Hoops four years ago. He initially joined Queen of the South on exiting Paradise before moving to Dundee six months later, where the onset of administration cut short his stay. Offered a trial at Firhill, he kept a clean sheet in a 1-0 win over Cowdenbeath and secured a short-term deal with the Jags. Fox never looked back, and he was quickly rewarded with a long-term contract extension. The keeper has been an integral part of their success of recent years.



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Stephen O'Donnell

Another former Hoops youngster who has flourished across the city at Firhill, O'Donnell was part of the Celtic Under-19s' double-winning side in 2011 but was released shortly after that success. He signed for Thistle in August and made his debut the following month as a substitute in a 4-0 win over Ayr United. The attacking style favoured by then manager Jackie McNamara suited the adventurous full-back and he quickly cemented his spot in the side. He continued to prosper as Thistle swept all before them on their way to the championship last season, leading to his first Scotland Under-21 cap in an away fixture against Greece. The defender has preserved his place in the side under Alan Archibald and has now amassed over 80 appearances for the Firhill side.

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Aaron Taylor-Sinclair

The Aberdeen-born left-back has impressed for the Jags since their promotion to Scotland's top flight, and is another example of a young Scottish player forging a successful career from lower league origins. He started his career at Montrose, making his debut in the final day of the 2007/08 season against Albion Rovers and becoming a regular in the side over the next two years. His form at Links Park soon attracted the attention of bigger clubs and he joined the Jags in July 2011, penning a two-year deal. He made his competitive bow for the Maryhill side in a 2-1 Challenge Cup triumph against Stenhousemuir and quickly established himself as an important member of the side, winning individual accolades along the way, leading Thistle to extend his contract until the end of the current campaign. After helping Alan Archibald's side storm to the First Division championship he has made a seamless transition to life in the Scottish Premiership.



Stuart Bannigan

A product of Partick Thistle's youth system, the versatile midfielder made his top-team bow against rivals Clyde on the opening day of 2010/11 season. A successful loan stint with Ayr United then provided him some valuable competitive experience and he returned to Firhill better equipped to hold down a regular spot in the side. Bannigan began to feature with greater frequency in the first half of 2012, before underlining his undoubted promise with a series of superb showings as the Jags took the First Division title last season. His impressive form didn't go unnoticed by his country and he has now featured several times for Scotland Under-21s. Having committed his future to the Maryhill side until the summer of 2015, the 21-year-old looks as though he will be a key player for Alan Archibald's side for a long time to come.



Kallum Higginbotham

Looked a shrewd piece of business by Alan Archibald when he snapped up the tricky attacker on a two-year deal at the start of the season, and a series of striking performances early in his Thistle career, including a goal in 2-1 win over St Mirren, seemed to support this view. Higginbotham was on the books of Oldham Athletic as a youngster but had to wait until moving to Rochdale before making a first-team appearance. He signed for Falkirk in the summer of 2010, where a profitable 18-month stay prompted Huddersfield to swoop for his signature. However, finding his first-team appearances limited last season, the Salford-born player was loaned out to Carlisle United and Motherwell. He scored a spectacular goal in the Steelmen's 4-1 win over Hibernian but on return to Huddersfield the 24-year-old was released from his contract, allowing the Jags to pounce.



Kris Doolan

Top scorer for the Jags this term and he showed his predatory instincts by firing in the equaliser when the Glasgow teams went head-to-head earlier in the season at Firhill. The striker is now approaching the five-year milestone as a Partick Thistle player, having joined them in January 2009 from Auchinleck Talbot on an initial 18-month deal. Understandably, he took time to settle in senior football and spent some time on loan at rivals Clyde to gain further first-team experience. However, after firing in a spectacular last-gasp goal against Queen of the South on the last day of the 2009/10 campaign, he never looked back. By the end of the subsequent season Doolan was the club's top scorer with 18 goals in all competitions. The 27-year-old has maintained a regular supply of goals for Thistle and he has now fired in more than 50 for them which prompted the club to extend his contract in the summer for a further two years.

THE TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Scott Fox
Paul Gallacher
Chris Elliott
Marc Waters

DEFENDERS

Stephen O'Donnell
Aaron Taylor-Sinclair
Aaron Muirhead
Gabriel Rojo de la Vega
Jordan McMillan

MIDFIELDERS

Sean Welsh
Conrad Balatoni
James Craigen
Stuart Bannigan
Isaac Osbourne
Mark Kerr
Gary Fraser
Jordan Leyden
Lee Gallacher
Dale Keenan
Declan McDaid
Ross Meechan
Simon Colina
Jonathan Black
David Wilson

STRIKERS

Kris Doolan
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Steven Lawless
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PARTICK THISTLE 1-2 CELTIC

CELTIC and Partick Thistle met for the first time in over nine years when they played at Firhill back on October 27 this year. And the Glasgow derby match proved to be a very competitive one, with Amido Balde's goal 15 minutes from time giving Celtic a 2-1 victory.

Georgios Samaras had given Celtic the lead on 34 minutes, heading home from an Emilio Izaguirre cross. And it took the home side until the 67th minute to level the game.

Seconds after Kris Doolan had hooked a shot against the bar, the striker was on hand to stab home when the ball was fired back into the mix.

But it was Celtic's substitute who provided the decisive moment of the game. There looked little danger when Amido Balde picked up possession inside the Thistle half but he embarked on a determined run into the box before coolly slotting under Scott Fox.

Celtic finished the match with 10 men after Samaras was forced off with an injury, with Neil Lennon having already used all three substitutes, but the Hoops held firm to secure all three points in this Glasgow derby.



THISTLE'S ROUGH DIAMOND



Goalkeeper who was a legend for club and country

ONE of the most colourful and enduring characters of the 1970s was Partick Thistle's Scottish internationalist goalkeeper Alan Rough.

Rough had sprang to prominence as a young man who played a vital part of the legendary Jags side which defeated Celtic in the 1971 League Cup final and thereafter he continued his progress despite the contrasting fortunes of the Thistle side.

His big break came in 1976 when he was named as Scotland's goalkeeper for the Home Internationals tournament. Easy wins against Wales and Northern Ireland led to a vital decider against England with the Scots coming out on top 2-1 in front of 85,000 ecstatic fans at Hampden. After that Rough was basically Scotland's No.1 choice for the next six years.

The most remarkable thing about his career was that he was an international footballer playing for Partick Thistle who were, at that time, a part-time club. Rough was the only full-time pro on Thistle's books and it's to his credit that he kept up such a high standard of performance despite the quaint nature of the Firhill set-up at that time.

Scotland, too, owe a great debt to him. Qualification for the 1978 and 1982 World Cups would not have been

possible but for several fantastic performances from their Firhill-based goalkeeper.

In October 1977 Scotland travelled to Anfield to face Wales in a vital qualifier with the Welsh having moved the game to Liverpool's ground to accommodate a bigger capacity on a night where the Tartan Army eventually outnumbered the Welsh fans by two to one.

With the game perilously balanced at 0-0, the Welsh striker John Toshack struck a fantastic volley which was heading for the top corner of the net, only for Rough to stretch out and tip the ball on to the bar and over. This save played a vital part in Scotland's 2-0 win and qualification for Argentina 1978 was assured.

In the 1982 World Cup campaign he had three superb games in the important away ties against Sweden, Israel and Northern Ireland where he kept a clean sheet in all three. In Tel Aviv in particular he kept a rampant Israel side at bay almost single-handedly as the Scots clung on desperately before winning with a Kenny Dalglish goal as the Israelis were left cursing their luck.

Because of Partick Thistle's lowly status, Rough was often the object of unfair criticism from ignorant football observers south of the border.

However he was often to have the last laugh as he played in three victorious Scottish sides over England,

two of them coming at Wembley and despite the much-vaunted English players of the period they did not have much luck against Alan Rough.

He eventually lost his Scotland place in 1982 to Aberdeen's Jim Leighton, yet he remained within the international squad. In September 1985 he was thrust in to the spotlight again against Wales at Ninian Park in a do-or-die qualifier for the 1986 World Cup in Mexico.

At half time Leighton had lost a contact lens and was unable to play in the second half which required Rough to come on cold at a time when Scotland were 1-0 down and struggling.

He showed all his experience that night with a composed performance as the Scots rallied to gain the draw they required to go through. No one remembers much about this game in view of the tragic death of Jock Stein after the final whistle.

Rough was widely admired in Scottish football by all. In December 1977 he was badly injured making a brave save against the Hoops at Celtic park and had to withdraw from the field of play. As he was led round the track by the Thistle physio, the entire Celtic support rose in unison to salute Scotland's goalkeeper.

Despite being coveted by bigger clubs, Celtic among them, Thistle never parted with their treasured asset when he was at his peak, as their manager Bertie Auld rated him as being worth 10 points per season to Thistle at a time when it was only two points for a win in this country.

To be blunt, Alan Rough kept Thistle in the Premier League for six successive seasons between 1976 and 1982.

He eventually moved on to Hibernian in 1982 and gave

PARTICK THISTLE HISTORY

great service to the Edinburgh side. In 1988 he found himself having an Indian summer in his career by signing for Celtic when he was close to 37 years of age.

Celtic had a goalkeeping crisis at that time and had a vital European Cup tie against Honved approaching. Ever the cool head, Alan played that night as Celtic overturned a 1-0 first leg deficit to win 4-0 at home and go through to the next round.

Alan Rough had a wonderful career and should be regarded with the finest goalkeepers that this country has ever produced.

He was always calm and collected on the pitch and I can't recall an occasion when he lost his temper which was always a great asset to his team. During his spell at Thistle he could often be seen playing in a jersey which he had swapped in an international game for Scotland rather than play in an orthodox Thistle goalkeeper's jersey.

Perhaps Alan Rough should have made a move from Firhill at a time when he was at the top of his game. However, he showed Thistle great loyalty and was rewarded with a testimonial against Celtic in 1982 when a fine crowd of 14,000 turned out to pay tribute to him.

This crowd was double Thistle's average gate at that time and the attendance was swelled by many thousands of Celtic fans on the day who admired him greatly.

Partick Thistle have had many fine players throughout their history but Alan Rough is the greatest of them all.

No Thistle player ever played at such a consistently high level of the game as he did and for those of us who saw him perform he will always be regarded as a genuine Scottish football legend.





THE ICEMAN COMETH

Holmbert Fridjonsson is looking forward to kick-starting his Celtic career in 2014, starting with the New Year's Day derby match against Partick Thistle

Exclusive Interview: Laura Brannan





» **'HOGMANAY, is that a food?' Celtic's new Bhoys, Holmbert Fridjonsson, wasn't lying when he said he was still adapting to life in Scotland.**

He's only been here a month, but after sitting down to talk to the official matchday programme in the dugout at Celtic Park, he at least left knowing New Year's Eve isn't something you put in the oven.

The Icelandic striker was lucky enough to spend Christmas at home with his family, but now he is eligible to play, last night was a whole new ball game.

Fridjonsson spent his first Hogmanay in a quiet hotel room ahead of this afternoon's meeting with Partick Thistle, but on the bright side, he knew what they were talking about on the television.

"Ahh, what are you doing on Hogmanay?" he asked himself. "Now I can answer that when people ask me!"

The striker nodded appreciatively as the official matchday programme explained the Scottish term and went on to compare his new festive traditions to that of what he's used to back home.

"It is the holiday season so everyone feels good," he said. "There are bells and lights everywhere. We celebrate Christmas Day on the 24th, that's when we open our presents.

"We have a lot of tourists in Iceland so at New Year there are a lot of fireworks and everyone has a good time. On January 1, I usually meet up with my family and have a nice dinner. The night before we would all see each other and spend time together as well."

Fridjonsson has so far been impressed with what Scotland has to offer in terms of lifestyle and culture. And even though he was granted the rare luxury of Christmas back home, he will have to bite the bullet and learn to live independently now.

At just 20-years-old, the striker has never lived away from home, and it's not just his inability to cook that will provide stumbling blocks in the coming months.

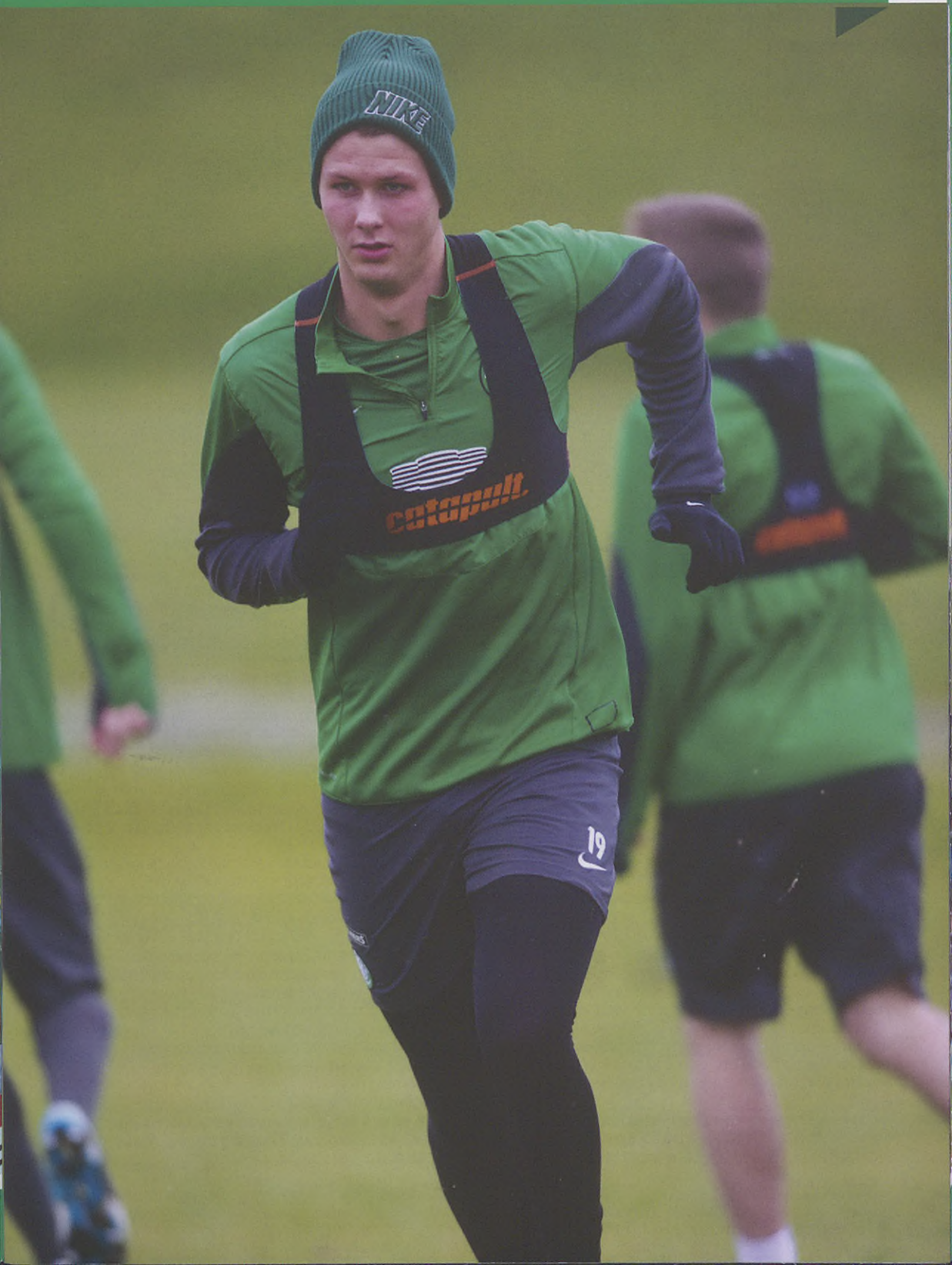
"My family and my girlfriend were here just before Christmas but I'm living on my own now," he explained. "My girlfriend can't move over until the summer because she's finishing her studies in Iceland.

"It will be hard to adapt on my own because I've never lived away from Iceland before. It will be tough but hopefully I will get a few visits.

"The squad have been great with me so far, though. Everyone has been kind and helpful, and willing to help me. Derk has particularly helped, and Nir Biton has been driving me to training.

"This is my first time in Scotland, but I heard the nature was quite similar to Iceland so I knew I would like it. The people here are really nice. They are very warm and kind. And supporters have even noticed me in the street which I wasn't expecting, not this soon anyway."

Having joined up with his team-mates at the start of December, the striker was given a head-start in terms of settling into the squad. His season was already finished in Iceland and it allowed him the chance to take his time and approach the new adventure slowly.



HOLMBERT FRIDJONSSON

I want to play some games and hopefully score some goals. It's a lot to hope for but that's what I want to happen in the next few months



And as much as he would love to make his debut today against Partick Thistle, he knows he will have to work hard to prove himself. He's not expecting to walk into the side, but he's ready and willing to slot into Neil Lennon's tactics when called upon.

"I will have to work for it but it's my aim to get into the team," he said. "Hopefully I will get in sooner rather than later. In Iceland I played in a 4-3-3 so I was used as the target man, but I play 4-4-2 with the Iceland Under-21s so I am flexible."

"I want to play some games and hopefully score some goals. It's a lot to hope for but that's what I want to happen in the next few months."

"I'm training with my new team-mates every day so I think it will come quickly. I like how we play with a lot of crosses so hopefully I can get into the box a lot. I am a big, tall striker and I can hold up the ball. I am good in the air, I have good technique."

Playing for 11 months of a year and training first thing in the morning are two aspects of the Scottish game that will take Fridjonsson time to get used to.

As he went on to explain, life in the Urvalsdeild is vastly different to that of the Scottish Premiership.

"The season is very short in Iceland because of the winter. We play for four months on grass over the summer," he said. "There are only 12 teams in the league and we only play each other twice so it doesn't last too long."

"It's hard changing to Celtic's lifestyle but this is my dream so it's fun. I know it will take some time to adapt, though. The mornings have been tough because I'm

used to training in the afternoon. The drills have been different too, but it's all football so it's still similar."

Regardless of cultural barriers, football is a universal language and while Fridjonsson faces changes, it all boils down to one thing. He's in Scotland for the same reason as his new team-mates and he wants to win silverware with, and for, the reigning champions.

"The style here is quite similar to Iceland. It's good football and the game has been growing in Iceland," he added. "But here it is quicker and the tempo is at a higher intensity, the physical side is much better too."

"It means I have to think quicker, but playing with better team-mates will, in turn, make me a better player."

The fans may get a taste of what the Icelandic striker has to offer when Celtic take on Partick Thistle this afternoon. And while Fridjonsson still has a lot to learn about the SPFL, he already knows about his side's local rivals.

"I know they are from Glasgow," he said proudly with a smile before going on to explain he had already seen them play. "I was on trial at Celtic when we played against them for the first time this season. The game was at their ground and we beat them 2-1."

"The wind and rain was high and that probably affected the game but we won and that was the important thing."

"I then saw the Hibs game, the day I came out at half-time, as well as the Motherwell game when we won 5-0. It was a good second half in that game, we scored a lot of goals and it was good to watch."



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LIFE OF A YOUNG HOOP

Ian Young looks back at his tackle that many thought turned the tide in the battle for supremacy in Glasgow

Exclusive Interview: Kenny McKay

the ex player

Ian Young

FOR any player who has worn the green and white Hoops, their time on the pitch brings with it a host of memories and heroics that continue to live with them long after they've hung up their boots.

But for one player, one particularly bone-crunching tackle in a game would come to characterise his time with the Bhoys - and he tells all about it in his autobiography, *Life With The Lions*.

Full-back Ian Young arrived at Celtic at a time when success was far from guaranteed despite the riches of talent that the club had at its disposal. When Jock Stein was appointed manager in 1965, this was the catalyst for a turnaround in fortunes on the pitch.

So when Celtic lined up against their Glasgow rivals in the League Cup final of 1965, Young's challenge on Rangers' Willie Johnston was seen by many of the club's support as a symbol of a new era at Celtic Park.

As he launched his autobiography, Young explained how he still has fond memories of that game and that challenge.

He said: "It does stick out in my mind, very much so, and my true feelings are in the book. I wouldn't say it was planned or anything but a couple of weeks before that final, we'd played Rangers in the league and Johnston and Willie Henderson tore Tommy Gemmell and I to bits and we lost 2-1.

"So I went to watch Scotland v Poland and Johnston was immense in the first half but when he came out after half time the Polish right-back had a crunching tackle on him and he sort of disappeared from the game. So I went into the park the next morning and Jock said "Did you see how to play Willie Johnston last night?" and I replied that I did.

"When the game started the ball was passed about a wee bit and someone passed it to him and he had his back to me and I went in to get the ball. I thought he'd do what he usually did and turn but he pushed it away just as I came in and I went through with the tackle and that sorted ended up as part of the folklore.

"The mood was down prior to the arrival of Jock. We had a defeat to Rangers in the Scottish Cup final and I think that put everyone down because we'd played for so long without a victory in any competition.

"I mean the last time we won anything was in 1957. So perhaps there was a defeatist attitude about the place. I think when we went behind in a game you could sense it in the crowd and the lack of expectation was probably the big thing.

"I can remember Billy McNeill coming into the dressing room and saying Jock was coming back as manager and the dressing room just seemed to lift. I'd never experienced Jock as manager of the reserves but a few of them had, we'd seen his record and we felt it was something special.

"Training became enjoyable because we were doing everything with the ball. When you're running round, doing laps and sprints and that sort of thing, it was really quite boring and it became interesting and exciting.

"And you were doing everything with the ball so you weren't really noticing the energy you were giving out so you could last a lot longer."

While Young's time with Celtic would coincide with the start of their nine-in-a-row, and the triumph of Lisbon in the European Cup final, he was forever battling for a place in Stein's starting XI with the likes of Willie O'Neill and Jim Craig staking claims.

A two-year spell at St Mirren followed his 1968 departure from Paradise before he finally retired from the game in 1970. Describing his new book, *Life with the Lions*, as a companion to one of the most important periods of Celtic's history, Young also revealed his career highlight in the Hoops.

And, as a supporter first and foremost, Young has nothing but praise for the current Celtic coaching team.

He said: "I started writing the book when I retired about 10 years ago when I was 60 and I started it just as a hobby to recollect the times I had at Celtic Park.

"Recently I said I'd like to finish this thing and I brought it up to date and it is really for my grandchildren just to let them see what sort of career I had.

"I think Neil Lennon is doing a really good job. He's bought very wisely and sold very wisely but it's not always the case that when you sell you can just pick up another couple of players who are as good and who you can fit into the team.

"I like the full-backs possibly because I was a full-back myself but Emilio Izaguirre and Mikael Lustig are a good pairing.

"Looking back I think my career highlight was winning the Scottish Cup. When Billy McNeill's goal went in that was probably the highlight although I have to say beating Rangers in the final of the League Cup the following season was very close behind.

"To win the cup as the first trophy Celtic had won for eight years was just immense."

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DERBY DAYS KICK OFF 2014

Rivals go head-to-head and hope for no Hogmanay hangover



TODAY'S match at Celtic Park isn't the only derby match in Scotland over the next couple of days.

The Highland derby sees Inverness play host to Ross County today (January 1), while tomorrow, Hibernian take on Hearts at Easter Road.

And the 'new firm' of Dundee United and Aberdeen, both of whom have enjoyed a decent first half of the season, clash at Tannadice.

Saturday, January 1, 2014

Dundee United v Aberdeen

Tannadice is expecting a near-capacity crowd for today's game between Dundee United and Aberdeen. Jackie McNamara has started to make a mark on Tayside, and his young side, as well as winning a lot of football games, are also garnering praise for their performances. They will face a tough test from Derek McInnes' Aberdeen side, who are enjoying one of their best league seasons in recent years, while also having reached the semi-final of the League Cup.

Prediction: Draw

Inverness CT v Ross County

Now under the management of former Celtic defender John Hughes, Inverness Caley Thistle will be hoping to maintain their impressive form which has seen them as Celtic's nearest challengers going into the festive period. Home advantage,

and a better team, should help Caley Thistle against their local rivals who have struggled this season following their impressive debut season in Scotland's top flight last year.

Prediction: Inverness CT win

Motherwell v St Johnstone

Two teams battling it out for a top-six finish, this game is a tough one to call. Motherwell, who have been a consistent presence near the top of the table in recent years, have been more unpredictable in this campaign but, on their day, are capable of giving anyone a good game. St Johnstone, meanwhile, will be looking to cement their position in the top six, and will hope that Stevie May's goals could be vital today.

Prediction: Motherwell win

Sunday, January 2, 2014

Kilmarnock v St Mirren

St Mirren have started to pick up points in recent weeks, going into

the busy festive period, but neither side could say they've enjoyed a particularly good first half of the campaign. This could be the worst game of the season or just as easily one of the best, so in the spirit of the season, we're predicting a 5-4 victory for St Mirren, with Steven Thompson scoring a last-minute overhead scissors-kick winner from the edge of the box.

Prediction: St Mirren win

Hibernian v Hearts

Terry Butcher could do his standing with the Hibs fans no harm with a derby victory at Easter Road. The new Hibs boss will be aiming to make it third-time lucky for the green and white half of Edinburgh this season following two victories for Hearts. If nothing else, Butcher's team will be competitive and hard to beat, and his galvanising effect in the dressing room could make the difference against a young Hearts side still languishing at the foot of the Premiership table.

Prediction: Hibernian win





CELTIC FC FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL RAISES OVER £60K



THANKS to the generosity of so many people connected to Celtic - players, directors, staff, our supporters and corporate donors, Celtic FC Foundation is delighted to announce over £60,000 has been distributed to good causes from the money raised in the Celtic Christmas Appeal 2013.

This outstanding figure is a significant increase on last year's Christmas Appeal and is a credit to all involved.

The funds from this year's Christmas Appeal have been distributed as follows:

£37,500

166 local families, who would otherwise face a financial struggle, were provided on December 19 with money for a proper Christmas meal as well as gifts for the younger family members.

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- Yorkhill Children's Foundation
- Glasgow East Women's Aid (Christmas meal and gifts for families in the refuge)
- Spirit Aid (Christmas hampers for those in need in the West of Scotland)
- Glasgow Simon Community (a Christmas Meal for some of the city's homeless)

- Loaves and Fishes (Christmas hampers for the homeless and those living in poverty)
- The Wayside Club Centre (a refuge and meal on Christmas Day for the homeless)
- Glasgow City Mission (provision of food and support for the homeless)
- Lodging House Mission (provision of food and support for the homeless)

Celtic Chief Executive, Peter Lawwell, said: "We are delighted to announce this year's total raised and I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club in this campaign.

"This year's Appeal is about helping local families and individuals deal with the many challenges facing them and letting people know that we are here to help at Christmas.

"For 125 years we have been a major part of the local community and this year's Appeal reaches out to local people who are very deserving of our support."

Celtic Manager Neil Lennon added: "It gives me real satisfaction to be part of a club with such a real and meaningful charitable tradition and to see the difference we can make to the lives of so many.

"I would like to thank everyone who has supported this year's Christmas Appeal and for the part they have played in making a positive difference to so many local people."



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125TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR IN REVIEW



CELTIC sped to a 15-point lead at the top of the table with the chasing pair of Inverness Caley Thistle and Motherwell trailing on 37 points to 52 for the Hoops. There were four straight SPL wins coming either side of the winter break as the squad flew to Spain after 2013 got off to a good start with a 1-0 home win over Motherwell. No fewer than 13 goals were scored in those matches but the news wasn't as good in the League Cup. In a visit to Paisley, the Celts lost 3-2 to eventual winners, St Mirren.





January Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

2:	SPL	1-0 v Motherwell	(Hooper)
19:	SPL	4-1 v Hearts	(Hooper 2, Samaras, Lassad)
22:	SPL	4-0 v Dundee United	(Hooper 2, Wanyama, Brown)
27:	LC	2-3 v St Mirren	(Hooper, Mulgrew)
30:	SPL	4-1 v Kilmarnock	(Ledley, Matthews 2, Stokes)



CELTIC ended the month no fewer than 19 points ahead at the top of the table despite losing to second-placed Motherwell in February's final game but the month got off to a great start when the Hoops strengthened their double ambitions against Raith Rovers in the Scottish Cup. A 3-0 Scottish Cup win led the way to a 3-1 SPL win over Inverness Caley Thistle prior to a midweek visit from Italian giants Juventus on UEFA Champions League duty and despite Celtic dominating for much of the game, it was the visitors who recorded a 3-0 win. The Celts bounced back to beat Dundee United 6-2 and despite a 1-1 midweek draw with St Johnstone, they came back again with a 5-0 win over Dundee.





February Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

2:	SC	3-0 v Raith Rovers	(Commons, Forrest, Mulgrew)
9:	SPL	3-1 v Inverness CT	(Commons, Gershon, Miku)
12:	UCL	0-3 v Juventus	
16:	SPL	6-2 v Dundee United	(Ambrose, Commons 2, Ledley, Stokes 2)
19:	SPL	1-1 v St Johnstone	(Ambrose)
24:	SPL	5-0 v Dundee	(Ledley 2, Forrest, McGeouch, Hooper)
27:	SPL	1-2 v Motherwell	(Samaras)



A MEASURE of revenge was exacted for the League Cup exit at the hands of St Mirren as the Hoops travelled to Paisley in the Scottish Cup and returned with a 2-1 victory to progress to semi-final date at Hampden with Dundee United. Turin was next on the agenda and a 2-0 win for Juventus halted any slight hope of remaining in the UEFA Champions League but the Celts had a proud run and returned to league duty. There were a couple of slip-ups - a 3-2 defeat to Ross County and a 1-1 draw with St Mirren but those games book-ended an amazing match at Celtic Park with goals right at the start and the end marking an exhilarating last-gasp 4-3 win over Aberdeen.



March Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

2:	SC	2-1 v St Mirren	(Ledley, Stokes)
6:	UCL	0-2 v Juventus	
9:	SPL	2-3 v Ross County	(Mulgrew, Hooper)
16:	SPL	4-3 v Aberdeen	(Commons, Hooper, Mulgrew, Samaras)
31:	SPL	1-1 v St Mirren	(Commons)



THE month of April proved to be highly enjoyable and started with a 3-0 win over Hibernian that put the title within touching distance. The following Saturday, Hibs returned to Glasgow for a Scottish Cup semi-final date with Falkirk and both sides served an astounding game live on TV. The action and the advantage swung from end to end with the Edinburgh side winning 4-3 after extra-time - Celtic's tie with Dundee United would have a lot to live up to. However, again a watching TV audience witnessed a ding-dong battle that went to extra-time with the Hoops winning 4-3 to go through to an all-green final. The following weekend, the title was clinched in fine style as Celtic swept aside Inverness Caley Thistle to claim the club's 44th championship.



April Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

6: SPL **3-0 v Hibernian**
 14: SC 4-3 v Dundee United
21: SPL **4-1 v Inverness CT**
 28: SPL 1-3 v Motherwell

(Lustig, Commons 2)
 (Commons 2, Wanyama, Stokes)
(Hooper 2, Ledley, Samaras)
 (Hooper)



2013 - THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...

THE month of May was all about two games in Glasgow - one at Celtic Park and the other at the club's second home of Hampden. The Celts ensured that the trophy-presentation day in Paradise went as planned with a 4-0 win over St Johnstone paving the way for party time in the stadium. The Hoops' next date in the city of their birth was at the National Stadium as Hibernian made the trip along the M8 for the Scottish Cup final. And the double was done in the club's 125th year with a 3-0 win over the side whose first Scottish Cup win sowed the seeds of Celtic's birth. Neil Lennon became the seventh Celtic manager to lift the double and joined both Jock Stein and Billy McNeill as the Celts who managed that feat as both player and manager.





May Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

5: SPL 1-1 v Ross County
 11: **SPL 4-0 v St Johnstone**
 19: SPL 4-0 v Dundee United
 26: SC 3-0 v Hibernian (Final)

(Stokes)
(Ledley, Mulgrew, Forrest, Wright og)
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 (Hooper 2, Ledley)

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2013 - THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...



FOLLOWING a very short close-season break and friendlies in Germany and Austria, Celtic returned to very early domestic action in the UEFA Champions League qualifiers with a few new names added to the roster over the course of the period. Amido Balde, Virgil van Dijk and Derk Boerrigter joined the playing pool and the Hoops got off to a winning start thanks to a 3-0 win over Cliftonville in the club's first ever competitive game in Belfast. That was followed up with a 2-0 win at home to go into the next round to face Swedish side Elfsborg. The Celts took a 1-0 win to Scandinavia thanks to a Kris Commons goal.



July Fixtures (*Home fixtures in bold*)

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| 17: | UCL | 3-0 v Cliftonville | (Lustig, Samaras, Forrest) |
| 23: | UCL | 2-0 v Cliftonville | (Ambrose, Samaras) |
| 31: | UCL | 1-0 v Elfsborg | (Commons) |





THE league flag was unfurled before the opening SPFL game of the season here in Paradise but Ross County looked set to spoil the party when they opened the scoring after only three minutes. However, an Anthony Stokes double gave Celtic the points before the team travelled to Sweden and a tight 0-0 game saw the Hoops go through 1-0 on aggregate. In a month that saw Nir Biton and Teemu Pukki also join the ranks, further league wins over Aberdeen and Dundee United sandwiched a 2-2 draw with Inverness CT but the big talking point was the final UEFA Champions League qualifier. Celtic travelled into the unknown for their first game in Kazakhstan. The 2-0 defeat put the Hoops in a difficult position but an amazing performance at Celtic Park in the return leg was topped off with James Forrest's last-minute winner - the Hoops were in the UEFA Champions League group stages once more.

August Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

3:	SPFL	2-1 v Ross County	(Stokes 2)
7:	UCL	0-0 v Elfsborg	
17:	SPFL	2-0 v Aberdeen	(Commons, Forrest)
20:	UCL	0-2 v Shakhter Karagandy	
24:	SPFL	2-2 v Inverness CT	(Mulgrew, Matthews)
28:	UCL	3-0 v Shakhter Karagandy	(Commons, Samaras, Forrest)
31:	SPFL	1-0 v Dundee United	(Stokes)

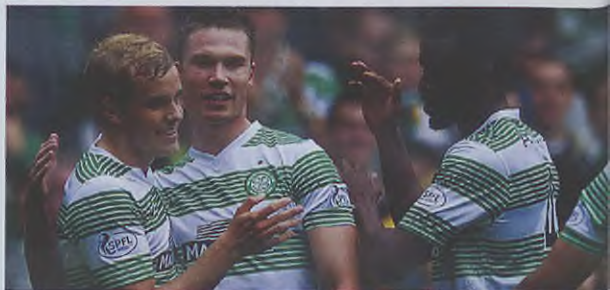




2013 - THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...



THE month kicked-off with the Stiliyan Petrov Legends' Match but the big news on the European front was that Celtic had been drawn in the 'Group of Champions' along with Barcelona, AC Milan and Ajax - the first time a Champions League group had consisted of previous winners of the continent's top prize. Despite a sterling performance, the campaign started with a defeat in Milan. That may not have been a surprise but there was also a shock 1-0 defeat to Morton in the League Cup. However, in the league it was all systems go and the month was rounded off with a magnificent 5-2 win over Kilmarnock.





September Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

14:	SPFL	3-1 v Hearts	(Commons, Stokes, Pukki)
18:	UCL	0-2 v AC Milan	
21:	SPFL	2-1 v St Johnstone	(Pukki, Mulgrew)
24:	LC	0-1 v Morton	
28:	SPFL	5-2 v Kilmarnock	(Commons, Samaras 3, Balde)



2013 - THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...



ANOTHER creditable display against the might of Barcelona ultimately proved fruitless as the Catalan side recorded a 1-0 win here at Celtic Park. In the next Champions League meeting it was Ajax who visited Paradise and this time the Hoops finished in front with a 2-1 win to get some points on the table. On the domestic front, the only blip was a 1-1 draw with Hibernian at Easter Road. That draw was sandwiched by wins over Motherwell and Partick Thistle as the Hoops maintained their unbeaten start to the league campaign.





October Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

01:	UCL	0-1 v Barcelona
05:	SPFL	2-0 v Motherwell
19:	SPFL	1-1 v Hibernian
22:	UCL	2-1 v Ajax
27:	SPFL	2-1 v Partick Thistle

(Stokes, Commons)
(Forrest)
(Forrest, Kayal)
(Samaras, Balde)



THE Hoops' unbeaten run in the SPFL was teetering on the edge as Dundee United went into the 90th minute with a 1-0 lead at Celtic Park until Charlie Mulgrew saved the day with a last-minute goal. There was further last-minute action in the next home game but this time Aberdeen were protecting a 1-1 draw until the final minute when Celtic struck twice through Derk Boerrigter and Kris Commons to win 3-1. The side also enjoyed a convincing 4-1 win over Ross County up at Dingwall but defeats to Ajax away and AC Milan at home ended any thoughts of European football after the New Year.



November Fixtures (*Home fixtures in bold*)

02:	SPFL	1-1 v Dundee United	(Mulgrew)
06:	UCL	0-1 v Ajax	
09:	SPFL	4-1 v Ross County	(van Dijk 2, Ledley 2)
23:	SPFL	3-1 v Aberdeen	(Commons 2, Boerrigter)
26:	UCL	0-3 v AC Milan	

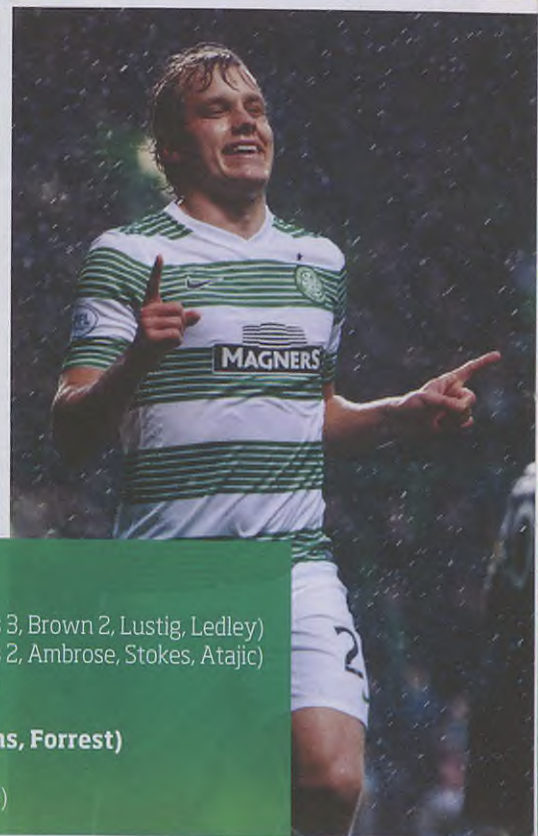


2013 - THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS...



THE final month of 2013 got off to a flyer when the Celts visited Tynecastle on Scottish Cup duty and a devastating display delivered a 7-0 win. The scoring form was maintained the following Friday when Motherwell were put to the sword by 5-0 in the SPFL. The Hoops' final European tie of the year proved to be a damp squib but the side returned to domestic duty and saw out the remainder of the year with another four straight wins and four clean sheets. Those wins ensured the unbeaten run in the league carried on until the end of the year.





December Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

01:	SC	7-0 v Hearts	(Commons 3, Brown 2, Lustig, Ledley)
06:	SPFL	5-0 v Motherwell	(Commons 2, Ambrose, Stokes, Atajic)
11:	UCL	1-6 v Barcelona	(Samaras)
14:	SPFL	1-0 v Hibernian	(Pukki)
21:	SPFL	2-0 v Hearts	(Commons, Forrest)
26:	SPFL	1-0 v St Johnstone	(van Dijk)
29:	SPFL	1-0 v Inverness CT	(Commons)

CELTIC FC FIXTURES & RESULTS

Key

- 1 Number of Goals scored
- Booked
- Sent Off
- Home games in **bold**
- 1st 2nd 3rd Sub
- SPFL - The Premiership
- UCL - Champions League
- SFA - Scottish Cup
- SLC - League Cup

Stats correct up to and including 29/12/2013



2013/14

Comp	Date	Opposition	Result	Starting 11				
UCL	17 Jul	Cliftonville	3-0	Forster	Lustig 1	Wilson	Ambrose	Izaguirre
UCL	23 Jul	Cliftonville	2-0	Forster	Lustig	Wilson	Ambrose 1	Izaguirre
UCL	31 Jul	IF Elfsborg	1-0	Forster	Lustig	Wilson	Ambrose	Izaguirre
August								
SPFL	03 Aug	Ross County	2-1	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	Mulgrew	Izaguirre
UCL	07 Aug	IF Elfsborg	0-0	Forster	Lustig	Wilson	Ambrose	Izaguirre
SPFL	17 Aug	Aberdeen	2-0	Forster	Matthews	Ambrose	Mouyokolo	Izaguirre
UCL	20 Aug	Shakhtar Karagandy	0-2	Forster	Lustig	van Dijk	Mouyokolo	Izaguirre
SPFL	24 Aug	Inverness CT	2-2	Forster	Matthews 1	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
UCL	28 Aug	Shakhtar Karagandy	3-0	Forster	Matthews	Ambrose	Lustig	Mulgrew
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee United	1-0	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
September								
SPFL	14 Sep	Hearts	3-1	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
UCL	18 Sep	AC Milan	0-2	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	21 Sep	St Johnstone	2-1	Forster	Matthews	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SLC	24 Sep	Morton	0-1	Zaluska	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Mulgrew
SPFL	28 Sep	Kilmarnock	5-2	Forster	Matthews	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
October								
UCL	01 Oct	Barcelona	0-1	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	05 Oct	Motherwell	2-0	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	19 Oct	Hibernian	1-1	Forster	Fisher	Ambrose	van Dijk	Mulgrew
UCL	22 Oct	Ajax	2-1	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	27 Oct	Partick Thistle	2-1	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
November								
SPFL	02 Nov	Dundee United	1-1	Forster	Fisher	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
UCL	06 Nov	Ajax	0-1	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	09 Nov	Ross County	4-1	Forster	Fisher	Ambrose	van Dijk 2	Izaguirre
SPFL	23 Nov	Aberdeen	3-1	Forster	Fisher	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
UCL	26 Nov	AC Milan	0-3	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
December								
SFA	01 Dec	Hearts	7-0	Forster	Lustig 1	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
UCL	06 Dec	Motherwell	5-0	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose 1	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	11 Dec	Barcelona	1-6	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Matthews
SPFL	14 Dec	Hibernian	1-0	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	21 Dec	Hearts	2-0	Forster	Fisher	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
SPFL	26 Dec	St Johnstone	1-0	Forster	Fisher	Ambrose	van Dijk 1	Izaguirre
SPFL	29 Dec	Inverness CT	1-0	Forster	Matthews	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre
January								
SPFL	01 Jan	Partick Thistle						
SPFL	05 Jan	St Mirren (12.45pm)						
SPFL	18 Jan	Motherwell						
SPFL	26 Jan	Hibernian (12.45pm)						
SPFL	29 Jan	Kilmarnock (7.45pm)						
February								
SPFL	02 Feb	St Mirren						
SFA	08 Feb	Aberdeen (Fifth Round, 12.45pm)						
SPFL	15 Feb	St Johnstone						
SPFL	22 Feb	Hearts						
March								
SPFL	01 Mar	Inverness CT						
SFA	08 Mar	Quarter-final						
SPFL	16 Mar	Kilmarnock						
SPFL	22 Mar	St Mirren						
SPFL	26 Mar	Partick Thistle (7.45pm)						
SPFL	29 Mar	Ross County						
April								
SPFL	05 Apr	Dundee United						
SFA	12/13 Apr	Semi-final						
SPFL	19 Apr	TBC						
SPFL	26 Apr	TBC						
May								
SPFL	03 May	TBC						
SPFL	07 May	TBC						
SPFL	11 May	TBC						
SFA	17 May	Final						
TBC								
SPFL	TBC	Aberdeen						

Domestic games kick off at 3pm unless stated, European matches at 7.45pm. Celtic score shown first. All fixtures subject to change.

Substitutes

Commons	Brown	Kayal	Forrest 1	Stokes	Samaras 1	Zaluska	Irvine	Waters	Rogic	McGeouch	Amido	Watt
Commons	Brown	Kayal	Forrest	Stokes	Samaras 1	Zaluska	Mouyokolo	Rogic	McGregor	Amido	Watt	Hooper
Commons 1	Brown	Kayal	Forrest	Stokes	Samaras	Zaluska	Matthews	Mulgrew	Mouyokolo	Ledley	Amido	Watt
Forrest	Brown	Ledley	Boerrigter	Commons	Stokes 2	Zaluska	Matthews	Mouyokolo	Kayal	McGeouch	Amido	Watt
Forrest	Brown	Ledley	Mulgrew	Commons	Samaras	Zaluska	Matthews	Mouyokolo	Kayal	Stokes 1	Amido	Watt
Kayal	Brown	Ledley	Mulgrew	Samaras	Commons 1	Zaluska	Matthews	Mouyokolo	Forrest 1	Watt	Amido	Atajic
Forrest	Brown	Ledley	Mulgrew	Commons	Samaras	Zaluska	Matthews	Ambrose	Rogic	Kayal	Amido	Stokes
Kayal	Brown	Rogic	Mulgrew 1	Amido	Watt	Zaluska	Lustig	Mouyokolo	McGeouch	Henderson	Ledley	Atajic
Forrest 1	Brown	Ledley	Commons 1	Samaras 1	Stokes	Zaluska	van Dijk	Izaguirre	McGeouch	Boerrigter	Amido	Watt
Matthews	Brown	Ledley	Boerrigter	Commons	Stokes 1	Zaluska	Mouyokolo	Rogic	Herron	McGeouch	Amido	Atajic
Matthews	Brown	Ledley	Boerrigter	Commons 1	Stokes 1	Zaluska	Mulgrew	Rogic	Samaras	Amido	Pukki 1	Atajic
Matthews	Brown	Mulgrew	Samaras	Commons	Stokes	Zaluska	Biton	Rogic	McGeouch	Boerrigter	Amido	Pukki
Commons	Brown	Mulgrew 1	Boerrigter	Pukki 1	Stokes	Zaluska	Biton	Rogic	McGeouch	Samaras	Amido	Atajic
Biton	Brown	McGeouch	Boerrigter	Rogic	Pukki	Forster	Matthews	Commons	Stokes	Amido	-	-
Commons 1	Brown	Mulgrew	Samaras 3	Pukki	Stokes	Zaluska	Lustig	Biton	Rogic	Henderson	Amido 1	Atajic
Matthews	Brown	Mulgrew	Samaras	Commons	Stokes	Zaluska	Biton	Rogic	Kayal	Forrest	Pukki	Amido
Matthews	Brown	Mulgrew	Commons 1	Pukki	Stokes 1	Zaluska	Biton	Kayal	Henderson	Forrest	Amido	Atajic
Kayal	Brown	Commons	Samaras	Pukki	Stokes	Zaluska	Biton	Rogic	Henderson	Ledley	Forrest 1	Amido
Forrest 1	Kayal 1	Mulgrew	Samaras	Pukki	Stokes	Zaluska	Fisher	Biton	Rogic	Ledley	Atajic	Amido
Kayal	Brown	Ledley	Samaras 1	Pukki	Stokes	Zaluska	Fisher	Biton	Rogic	McGeouch	Atajic	Amido 1
Forrest	Brown	Ledley	Mulgrew 1	Amido	Stokes	Zaluska	Lustig	Biton	Rogic	Kayal	Boerrigter	Pukki
Forrest	Kayal	Mulgrew	Samaras	Commons	Stokes	Zaluska	Fisher	Rogic	Ledley	Boerrigter	Amido	Pukki
Biton	Brown	Ledley 2	Mulgrew	Forrest	Pukki	Zaluska	Rogic	McGeouch	Commons	Boerrigter	Stokes	Amido
Commons 2	Brown	Ledley	Mulgrew	Samaras	Pukki	Zaluska	Lustig	Rogic	Biton	Kayal	Boerrigter 1	Amido
Forrest	Kayal	Mulgrew	Boerrigter	Commons	Samaras	Zaluska	Fisher	Rogic	Ledley	Stokes	Pukki	Amido
Biton	Commons 2	Brown 2	Ledley 1	Mulgrew	Commons 3	Stokes	Zaluska	Fisher	Rogic	Boerrigter	Samaras	Pukki
Commons 2	Brown	Ledley	Mulgrew	Stokes 1	Pukki	Zaluska	Fisher	Henderson	Johnstone	Boerrigter	Amido	Atajic 1
Biton	Brown	Ledley	Boerrigter	Samaras 1	Pukki	Zaluska	Fisher	Mulgrew	Commons	Stokes	Amido	Atajic
Biton	Brown	Ledley	Commons	Stokes	Pukki 1	Zaluska	Matthews	Fisher	Henderson	Samaras	Amido	Atajic
Biton	Brown	Ledley	Commons 1	Stokes	Pukki	Zaluska	O'Connell	Henderson	Forrest 1	Samaras	Amido	Atajic
Matthews	Brown	Ledley	Commons	Stokes	Samaras	Zaluska	Balde	Biton	Henderson	Pukki	Forrest	Atajic
Forrest	Brown	Ledley	Commons 1	Stokes	Samaras	Zaluska	Balde	Biton	Rogic	Pukki	O'Connell	Atajic



Quiz

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1

Who is the youngest player this season to score a competitive goal for Celtic?

2



2 With which club is former Celt, Morten Wieghorst, now an assistant manager in the English Premiership?

3 Which current member of the Partick Thistle team was included in the most recent Scotland squad selected by Gordon Strachan?

4 Which is the only football stadium to host the World Cup final on two different occasions?

5 Which was the last non-league team that Celtic played against in a competitive match?

6 Which member of the Celtic Lisbon Lions side managed Partick Thistle on two separate occasions?

7 In which season did Partick Thistle last play in the top flight of Scottish football?

8 Since the millennium, which two Celtic players have been capped by the English international side?

9 Who captained Partick Thistle when they defeated Celtic 4-1 in the 1971 League Cup final?

10 Which British player has netted most goals in the Champions League tournament with a total of 31?

11 Against which Partick Thistle goalkeeper did Dixie Deans score SIX goals in a league match in 1973/74?

12 Which two former Celtic players have this season lost their jobs as managers in the English Premiership?

13 Which Celtic goalkeeper moved to Partick Thistle in 1991 and established a transfer record for the Firhill club?

14 Who is the only Celtic player to score for Scotland in the finals of a European Championships tournament?

15 Which five Scandinavian players have scored for Celtic under the management of Neil Lennon?

ANSWERS
1 Bahrudin Atalic v Motherwell, he was 20 years and one month old.
2 Swansea City.
3 Scott Fox.
4 Azteca Stadium, Mexico City, 1970 and 1986.
5 Whitehill Welfare (Scottish Cup) 1995/96.
6 Bertie Auld.
7 2003/04.
8 Alan Thompson and Fraser Forster.
9 Alex Rae.
10 Wayne Rooney (Manchester United).
11 Alan Rough.
12 Paolo Di Canio (Sunderland) and Marky Mackay (Cardiff City).
13 Andy Murdoch (£85,000).
14 Paul McStay (1992).
15 Teemu Pukki, Mikael Lustig, Thomas Rogne, Daniel Majstorovic and Morten Rasmussen.

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Manager: Neil Lennon



Manager: Alan Archibald

Fraser Forster	1 ●	● 1	Scott Fox
Adam Matthews	2 ●	● 2	Stephen O'Donnell
Emilio Izaguirre	3 ●	● 3	Aaron Taylor-Sinclair
Efe Ambrose	4 ●	● 4	Sean Welsh
Virgil van Dijk	5 ●	● 5	Aaron Muirhead
Nir Biton	6 ●	● 6	Conrad Balatoni
John Carr*	7 ●	● 7	James Craigen
Scott Brown	8 ●	● 8	Stuart Bannigan
Georgios Samaras	9 ●	● 9	Kris Doolan
Anthony Stokes	10 ●	● 10	Ross Forbes
Derk Boerrigter	11 ●	● 11	Steven Lawless
Kris Commons	15 ●	● 12	Paul Gallacher
Joe Ledley	16 ●	● 13	Gabriel Rojo de la Vega
Amido Balde	17 ●	● 14	Chris Elliott
Tom Rogic	18 ●	● 16	Jordan McMillan
Holmbert Fridjonsson	19 ●	● 17	John Baird
Teemu Pukki	20 ●	● 19	Isaac Osbourne
Charlie Mulgrew	21 ●	● 20	Mark Kerr
Steven Mouyokolo	22 ●	● 21	Henoc Mukendi
Mikael Lustig	23 ●	● 22	Gary Fraser
Lukasz Zaluska	24 ●	● 23	Kallum Higginbotham
John Herron	31 ●	● 25	Jordan Leyden
Beram Kayal	33 ●	● 26	Liam Lindsay
Bahrudin Atajic	37 ●	● 28	Gerald O'Donnell
Denny Johnstone	39 ●	● 29	Lee Gallacher
Darnell Fisher	41 ●	● 31	David Wilson
Joe Chalmers	43 ●	● 32	Marc Waters
Marcus Fraser	44 ●	● 33	Declan McDaid
Dylan McGeouch	46 ●	● 34	Ross Meechan
James Forrest	49 ●	● 35	James Martin
Liam Henderson	53 ●		



*Magners Number 7 winner

01.01.2014

Result: H/T F/T Scorers:

Celtic	■	■
Partick Thistle	■	■

NEXT GAME:

v St Mirren
Sunday, January 5, 2014
Scottish Premiership
St Mirren Park, kick-off: 12.45pm

MATCH OFFICIALS:

Referee: Kevin Clancy
Assistant 1: David McGeachie
Assistant 2: Douglas Ross
Fourth Official: George Salmond