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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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Brendan Rodgers

WE MUST ENSURE WE TAKE OUR CHANCES TONIGHT TO PROGRESS TO THE NEXT EUROPEAN CHALLENGE

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League tie with Lincoln Red Imps, and I would like to extend that welcome to our visitors from Gibraltar.

It's a vital game for us and it's one that we're all looking forward to. It's our first competitive game at home, too, so I'm sure there will be a great atmosphere inside the stadium.

It was important that we bounced back after last week's disappointment, and I thought we did that on Saturday against Wolfsburg. It was a real honour and a pleasure to walk out here for my first game as manager but, more importantly, it was great that we got the win that I thought our efforts deserved.

We were unfortunate to concede the first goal, which came courtesy of a deflection, but the players did well to come back. We scored a great equaliser and then managed to get the second goal after half-time, and throughout the game we limited Wolfsburg to very few opportunities, which was encouraging, while I thought we

looked a threat going forward.

We want to show those qualities again tonight against a Lincoln side who showed us last week what they are capable of.

It's important that we create chances and, more importantly, that we convert those chances in order that we progress to the next round of the competition. At the same time, we will have to remain resolute and focused in defence to deny our opponents any opportunity to grab an away goal.

The players are continuing to work very hard every day on the training pitch and with each session we will keep progressing. At the same time, our focus is also on each task in hand, and that means this week we're

concentrating on delivering a good result tonight and then taking that forward to the next challenge that awaits us in Europe.

It was a great atmosphere in the stadium on Saturday and I'm sure the competitive edge of tonight's game will mean it's even better. The support we get from you is vital and that's going to be important tonight and in every game we compete in throughout the season.

We're looking forward to this game against Lincoln Red Imps, and I hope we can all enjoy another good European night here at Celtic Park. Enjoy the game.

Brendan Rodgers
Without Fear

“ It was a real honour and a pleasure to walk out here for my first game as manager ”



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SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS

(47 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, 2013/14,
2014/15, 2015/16

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

(15 Times)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66,
1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,
1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83,
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2005/06, 2008/09, 2014/15

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Scott Brown

WE WILL GIVE EVERYTHING TO EXTEND OUR EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

TONIGHT is a vital game for us and we're all looking forward to it. European football is such an important thing for this club and all of us are determined to do everything we can to ensure we have a good campaign this season.

Last week was a real disappointment, but we're focused on putting things right tonight. We believe that, just like the first leg, we can and will create chances, and it's important that we take those chances.

“ We might expect to have the majority of possession tonight, and most of the chances too, but we won't forget our defensive duties

At the same time, we will give Lincoln Red Imps the respect they deserve, particularly after what happened in Gibraltar. We might expect to have the majority of possession tonight, and most of the chances too, but we won't forget our defensive duties and we will also be focused on denying Lincoln any opportunities to score an away goal.

The atmosphere at Celtic Park will be important tonight. It was good to see - and hear - the new Rail Seating Section in the stadium on Saturday, and I'm sure they and, indeed, everyone in the stadium will play their part in helping us in this vital game.

I thought the performance last weekend against Wolfsburg was much better and we were pleased to win the game, particularly when we had to come back from losing an early goal.

It was another good game for us to build our fitness for the season ahead, and a great run-out before our tie with Lincoln Red Imps.

We all hope that tonight will be another good European night here, and with your backing, I'm sure it can be. Enjoy the game.

Scott Brown

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92,000 v Rangers, 1938

RECORD VICTORY

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

RECORD DEFEAT

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MOST PREMIER/SPL GOALS IN ONE SEASON

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35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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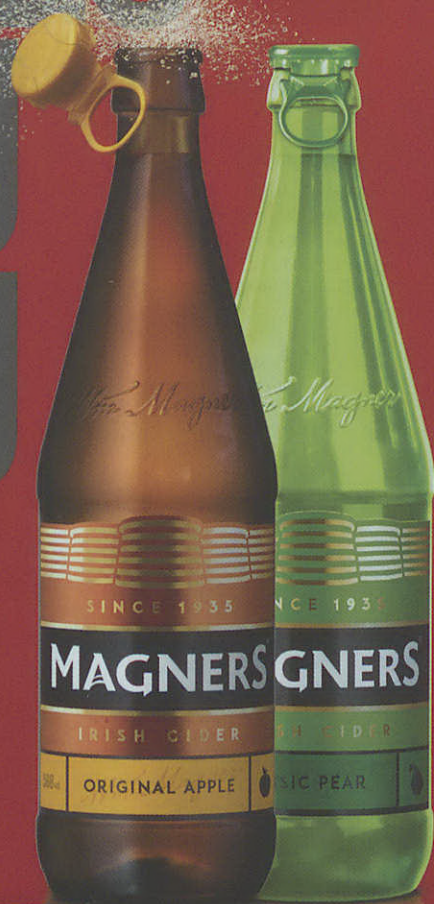
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- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity
- Disability

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A detailed description of unacceptable conduct is set out below.

A person present at or in the immediate environs of an Official Match engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.

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- membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;

- sexual orientation;
- transgender identity;
- disability

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

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- 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 page 3

Craig Gordon



Paradise FOUND

Exclusive interview:
Martin Dalziel

Craig Gordon is looking forward to the first competitive game of the new campaign at home, and says the team is determined to deliver a good result for the fans

THE LAST time Craig Gordon was at Celtic Park the sun was shining and hundreds of Hoops fans were lined up outside Paradise in a queue for season tickets.

The warm early summer Scottish sunshine might have sent temperatures into the high 20s when season tickets went on general sale on June 6, but it didn't stop the Celtic faithful from waiting patiently for their chance to be part of the new era under Brendan Rodgers.

Among the many faces in the crowd that day was the Celtic No.1, who was there on the day of his wedding anniversary no less to meet and greet fans outside the Ticket Office and thanks them for their support.

Tonight will be his first time back at Celtic Park since that day and after seeing his team lose 1-0 to Lincoln Red Imps last week in the first-leg of their UEFA Champions League second round qualifier, the 33-year-old knows that a convincing win at home is required for the fans.

"Last week was difficult for a lot

of reasons but we don't want to make any excuses, we just want to put it right," the Celtic goalkeeper told the official match programme in an exclusive interview.

"There were a few times where Lincoln could maybe have nicked a second goal, which would have made it even more difficult, but it's still a retrievable situation and

that's what we're concentrating on doing.

"Pre-season has been good, the training has been good and the fitness levels have been getting better all the time so there are so many positive signs that we shouldn't dwell on last week too much. We have to hang on to that positivity that has been around.

"We just have to put it right and



“ We just have to put it right and we are confident we can go and do that and start the season with the positive vibe that has already been round the club for the last couple of months ”



we are confident we can go and do that and then we can move on and start the season with the positive vibe that has already been round the club for the last couple of months.”

It is fair to say that last week's result was out of the blue for Gordon and the rest of the Celtic squad, who have spoken genuinely, freely and regularly about the strong team spirit growing within the group since Brendan Rodgers took over.

The club's pre-season trip to Slovenia saw the Celts finish a run of four friendly games unbeaten, with two draws and two wins, while the manager's influence on the training ground has injected renewed optimism into the squad as the players battle for a starting place ahead of the new season.

And while last week's result was disappointing, it has also strengthened the resolve among the players to step up to the mark and banish that first-leg defeat to the history books.

“Even after that result, back at the hotel we were together and we accepted the responsibility as players,” he explained. “We're a big group that has been away for 20 days so we're together and we know it's going to take a big effort throughout the season from everybody.

“There are still more players to come in to add to that as well so we have to keep that unity and togetherness. I'm sure we will and I'm sure that, come the second-leg, we'll see that come out and we can get the result we want.”

And a return to familiar surroundings tonight should act as a source of inspiration for Celtic. The soaring temperatures of Gibraltar, combined with the difficult playing surface at the Victoria Stadium, did not make last Tuesday's clash with Lincoln an enjoyable encounter for the Bhoys, but the lush green grass of Paradise is a much more suitable platform for the type of football Brendan Rodgers wants his team to play.

Tonight's game will be the Irishman's first competitive match at home as Celtic manager and kick off will also be preceded by the raising of the SPFL Premiership flag to celebrate last season's historic five in-a-row triumph.

Gordon admitted that it will be a



YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

CRAIG Gordon might be the oldest and most experienced player in the Hoops squad but the 33-year-old said that **Brendan Rodgers'** arrival at the champions has made every day a school day.

The Celtic No.1 has played north and south of the border and has also starred for Scotland at international level but he told the official match programme that the new manager's attention to detail and man-management makes each training session unique.

"It's just the in-depth analysis of training and games and the training sessions in the way he puts his coaching points over," he said.

"It's the attention to detail and every little thing has a meaning and it's all set up around what he wants to work on, whether that's a formation or a style of play and that keeps you thinking.

"Every session is something new so you're learning all the time and that's what keeps it fresh and keeps you wanting to go back and learn more. Over time that will be very successful."



WE'RE ALL GOING IN THE ONE DIRECTION

EVERYONE at Celtic is looking forward to the journey ahead under Brendan Rodgers,' according to Craig Gordon. Last week's loss to Lincoln Red Imps was an unforeseen bump in the road in the eyes of the Celtic keeper, who said every player in the Hoops dressing room is signed up to the manager's teachings.

"I'm confident," he said. "We'll get it right and he has a good way of playing. It engages with the players, everybody is onside with it and can see where he's coming from and what he's looking for.

"Now it's up to us to go and implement that and do it to the best of our abilities. Hopefully that makes you good enough to stay in the team and if it's not then we'll need to bring in new players and that's a good challenge for any player to have."

Craig Gordon

» new experience for the team to toast their domestic success on a European night but he added that the sight of the league flag flying high above the home of the Scottish champions should be a timely reminder of Celtic's true capabilities.

"It is strange doing it at night but no matter what, it's always going to be special," the Celts keeper said. "I've been lucky to have had two flag days now, although the first one I didn't have anything to do with it, it was just my first home game, but I enjoyed the occasion and I'm sure the fans will come out in force for that to see us play the first competitive game at home under the new manager.

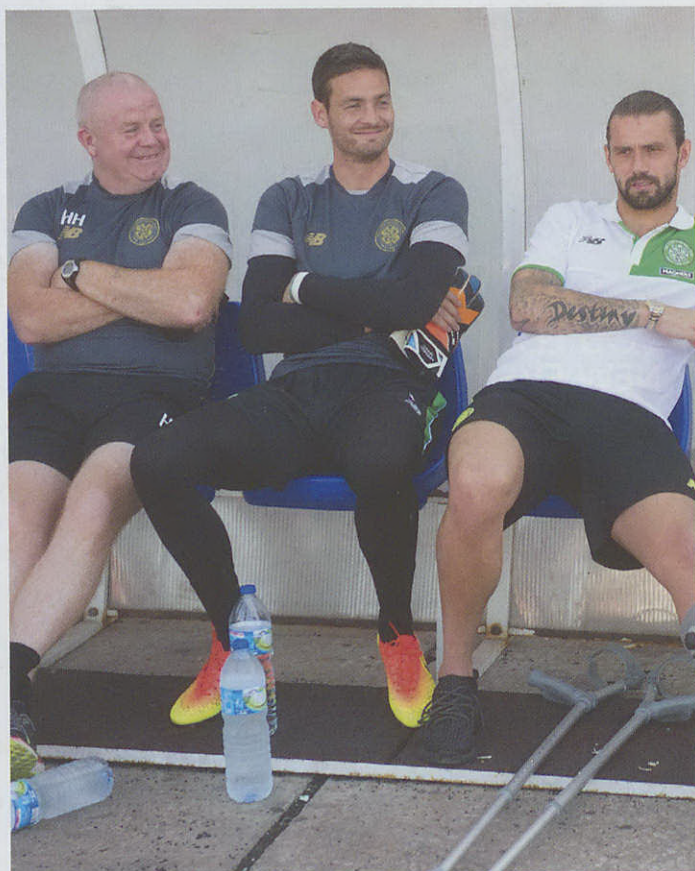
"Whatever has happened in the first leg, this is a good opportunity to go out and put things right on a

grass pitch that we're more used to.

"When I look back at last season we managed to win the league, not comfortably, but we managed to do it with a few games to spare. It was turbulent. Our European trips weren't as good as we wanted to be and we were on the end of a few disappointing results and the atmosphere round the club wasn't as good as it should be for a team that's striving to win things all the time.

"We are pretty confident we have turned that around, regardless of what happened last week, and we can move on and really have a successful season.

"When we get back to Celtic Park we're going to have a right go, get everybody excited again and I think people are going to want to see that.





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TONIGHT'S VISITORS



Lincoln Red Imps

Words Martin Dalziel

CELTIC must overcome a 1-0 loss to tonight's visitors, Lincoln Red Imps, in order to progress to the next round of the competition.

The Gibraltar Premier Division champions stunned everyone when they recorded a narrow first-leg victory over the Bhoys at the Victoria Stadium last week and the Celts will be looking for a much-improved performance from that match to progress to the next round.

Lincoln have won the last 14 league titles in Gibraltar and are appearing in only their third UEFA Champions League qualification campaign, having reached this stage by overcoming a 2-1 deficit to beat Flora Tallinn of Estonia in the first round to win 2-0 at home.

HISTORY

Lincoln Red Imps are Gibraltar's most successful club, having won a total of 57 trophies in their 40-year history. Among that haul of silverware are 22 league titles, with 14 of them coming consecutively since 2003.

The team, who play in a strip akin to AC Milan's famous red and black stripes, started as a youth side linked to the Gibraltar police in the 1970s and graduated to the top league in 1984.

Their dominance of domestic

football is underlined by their stacked trophy cabinet, which includes seven trebles of the league, league cup and Rock Cup.

Like every other side in Gibraltar, Lincoln Red Imps play at the 5,000 capacity Victoria Stadium which features an artificial pitch and is situated immediately next to Gibraltar Airport's runway.

The club are managed by Uruguayan Julio Ribas, a well-travelled former midfielder, and they became the first representatives of Gibraltar in Europe in 2014 after the British principality was granted full membership of UEFA the year before.

Most of the team that recorded the shock 1-0 win over Celtic last week also play for the Gibraltar national team, who Scotland met

in the qualification campaign for Euro 2016. The team failed to win any of their group games but they did record their first ever international goal through Lee Casciaro in a 6-1 defeat to Gordon Strachan's Scots at Hampden in March 2015.

Casciaro was also responsible for giving Lincoln their slender 1-0 advantage over Celtic in the first leg at the Victoria Stadium and their club captain, Roy Chipolina, is captain for Gibraltar while also working as a customs officer outside of football.

LAST SEASON

The 2015/16 season was another one of success for Lincoln Red Imps as they clinched the Gibraltar Premier Division for the 14th consecutive time and 22nd overall. The campaign was the 117th of the national amateur and semi-professional league since its inception, running from September to May the following year, and saw Lincoln secure a spot in this season's Champions League qualifiers.

Julio Ribas' side also won the Rock Cup in 2016, capturing the trophy for the 17th time.

In the league, Lincoln won 25 of their 27 games, drawing once and losing the other, and scored





Lincoln Red Imps Factfile

FOUNDED: 1976
STADIUM: VICTORIA STADIUM
CAPACITY: 5,000
NICKNAME: LINCOLN RIBAS
MANAGER: JULIO CESAR RIBAS
LEAGUE TITLES: 22
NATIONAL CUP: 17
LEAGUE CUP: 18

a staggering 130 goals – 48 more than their closest rivals, Europa FC. The reigning champions' biggest win came in January 2016 when they thrashed Glacis 11-0 but they were later gazumped by Europa, who annihilated Britannia XI 16-1 in the penultimate round of fixtures on May 5.

Lincoln did, however, finish the season with three players in the top-scorers' table, with George Cabrera finishing highest for his side in second place with 24 goals in 13 games.

LOOKING AHEAD

The aim is simple for Lincoln in the league this season. Julio Cesar's side are the undoubted dominant team in the Premier Division and they will be keen to maintain their place at the top of the table for the 15th year in-a-row.

Europe remains the next real challenge for Lincoln following their previous two ventures into the Champions League. They exited the tournament at the first qualifying round in the 2014/15 season but went one step further in 2015/16 by reaching the second qualifying round where Erik Sviatchenko's former

team, FC Midtjylland put an end to their hopes with a 3-0 aggregate win.

The Dane will be hoping to see history repeat itself with Celtic this season as the Bhoys bid to make the group stages.

STADIUM

Lincoln Red Imps play their home and away matches at the Victoria Stadium in the north of Gibraltar. The 5,000-seater has an artificial pitch and plays host to all the top-flight teams as well as the national team. The ground also sits in the shadow of the famous Rock of Gibraltar to the south east and is bordered at the north by the runway of Gibraltar Airport.



PLAYER TO WATCH

Julio Ribas' side is littered with players from the Gibraltar national team but the one to watch is striker Lee Casciaro. The diminutive forward may be 34-years-old but he is still capable of turning a game, as he proved last week when he profited from an awkward bounce to beat the Celtic defence and score the only goal of the game.

AND ANOTHER THING...

The Victoria Stadium not only plays host to all of the top flight teams in Gibraltar but it is also the setting for the annual Gibraltar Music Festival, which this year will feature Stereophonics and will be headlined by Ne-Yo. 1-0 in 2013 and then retaining the trophy the following season with a 4-3 victory over Tyreso of Sweden. Last season, they reached the final again, but lost to Lyon following a penalty shoot-out.

TONIGHT'S
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Living the dream

Lincoln Red Imps described their win over Celtic as 'a miracle', and the Gibraltar side will be looking to produce another miracle in Paradise

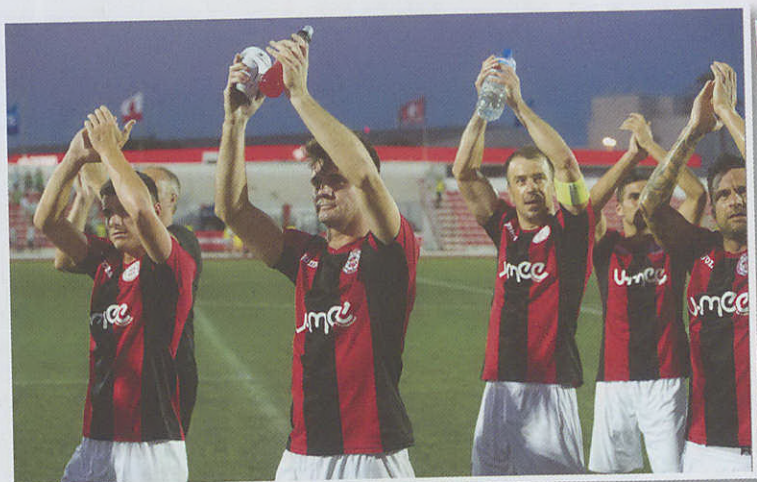


THE players who faced Celtic last week at the Victoria Stadium in Gibraltar have already ensured their place in Lincoln Red Imps history with the 1-0 victory over Celtic.

The only goal of the game came just minutes into the second half when striker Lee Casciaro latched on to a long ball and hit a shot over Craig Gordon and into the back of the Celtic net.

It was a disappointing result for the Hoops but, not surprisingly, the victory was celebrated in Gibraltar as their champions





recorded a famous victory.

Now the challenge for Lincoln Red Imps is to follow that up with another good performance and result tonight in Glasgow. Playing in front of a considerably bigger crowd than they're used to, and on Celtic Park's impressive grass surface, will provide challenges for the part-time side who certainly took advantage of the conditions last week.

Their goalscoring hero, Lee Casciaro, already knows what it's like to score in Glasgow, having netted previously for the Gibraltar national side against Scotland at Hampden, albeit he ended up on the wrong end of a 6-1 defeat.

And having scored the only goal of the tie so far, Casciaro, who works full-time in the Gibraltar Defence Police, is looking forward to playing in one of Europe's top football arenas, having managed to arrange time off work.

"We have only been in UEFA for three years and so to get the win against Celtic, a big club, is something we will cherish for the rest of our lives," he said ahead of tonight's game.

"We have another 90 minutes to go and hopefully we will enjoy ourselves. We will see what we

can do. Can we go through? It is difficult to predict. We will just enjoy ourselves there and see what we can do.

"The second leg will be harder and quicker. The weather will benefit Celtic and we are not used to playing on grass. But we will see what we can do and enjoy ourselves. That's the main thing. We need to enjoy ourselves because we have been thinking about these dreams since we were young.

"I have been lucky enough to score at Hampden so if I could score at Celtic it would be unimaginable. This goal means more because we won. We lost 6-1 to Scotland so scoring that day wasn't beneficial for me. Scoring against Celtic and winning is the aim."

Like Casciaro, many of the Lincoln Red Imps squad have other jobs away from football. There are other policemen, along with a labourer, a shipping agent and a civil servant, while a few of the players are professional footballers.

Defender Roy Chipolina is a customs officer who, like Scott Brown, is captain for both club and country. And he described

Lincoln Red Imps Squad

COACH:

JULIO RIBAS

GOALKEEPERS

1 RAUL NAVAS
13 MANUEL SOLER
27 JAYLAN HANKINS

DEFENDERS

2 JEAN-CARLOS GARCIA
3 JOSEPH CHIPOLINA
5 RYAN CASCIARO
6 BERNARDO LOPES
14 ROY CHIPOLINA
16 JESUS ROJAS
18 KENNETH CHIPOLINA
24 ETHAN BRITTO
26 LEON PAYAS

MIDFIELDERS

4 ANTHONY BARDON
10 KYLE CASCIARO
12 DEAN TORRILLA
17 LEON CLINTON
19 ANTONIO CALDERON
20 YERAY PATINO
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88 LIAM WALKER

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the win over Celtic as 'a miracle'.

The 33-year-old said: "It's massive for the club and for Gibraltar. It's the best moment of my career. For this group of boys to go and beat Celtic ... I'm speechless.

"Can we finish the job? We won't get carried away but we will work hard and go there with a game-plan.

"Celtic will be up for the game in Glasgow. We'll have to put in 10 times the shift to go through. Let's hope we can do it."

MATCH ACTION

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND, FIRST LEG

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016, VICTORIA STADIUM, GIBRALTAR

LINCOLN RED IMPS 1-0 CELTIC

(CASCIARO)

CELTIC suffered a 1-0 defeat in the first leg of their UEFA Champions League qualifier against Gibraltar side, Lincoln Red Imps, the only goal of the game coming just after half-time when striker Lee Casciario scored.

The Hoops hit the woodwork twice in the second-half through Leigh Griffiths, but they couldn't find the breakthrough, and so will be looking for the goals tonight to take them into the next round of the competition.

CELTIC (4-2-3-1): Gordon; Janko, Ambrose, Sviatchenko, Tierney; Brown, Bitton; Griffiths, Rogic (Armstrong 57), Christie (Forrest 57); Dembele (Ciftci 74). Not Used: Fasan, Lustig, McGregor, Roberts

LINCOLN RED IMPS (5-4-1): Navas; Garcia, Casciario, R Chipolina, Morgardo, J Chipolina; Walker (Bardon 87), Patino (G Chipolina 90+4), Calderon, K Casciario; L Casciario (Cabrera 74). Not Used: Soler, Rojas, Amaro



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Now in its 21st season, the Paradise Windfall has paid out of over £4million to supporters and is part of the matchday routine for many fans, with almost 500 hitting the jackpot and picking up a winning cheque on the pitch.

Winning the jackpot has made the dreams come true of many supporters, with the winners using prize money to buy new cars, make home improvements, pay off debts and travel all over the world including trips to see the Bhoys in action!

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Kieran Tierney's this week's Celtic View cover star

THIS week's Celtic View is out now and, as always, it's packed full of exclusive content. Brendan Rodgers sits down with the View for his weekly chat, and looks forward to the Clash of the Champions against Leicester City.

And we've got another great competition to win a pair of tickets for this Saturday's International Champions Cup game against Leicester at Celtic Park.

Kieran Tierney talks about the challenges ahead for him as he looks to build on an incredible debut season for the Hoops, while Saïd Janko discusses the battle for the right-back position.

And our former German defender, Andy Hinkel, is the latest ex-Celt to answer fans' questions in the View.

All this and much more in this week's Celtic View. It's on sale now and available to buy in stores or you can download the digital version.



Secure your seat for the game against Leicester City

THERE'S just over a few days to go until the International Champions Cup comes to Celtic Park, with the Bhoys hosting Leicester City in a clash of the champions this Saturday, July 23 (KO: 5:30pm).

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis, so ensure you don't miss out and secure a seat today to see the Champions of Scotland take on the Champions of England.

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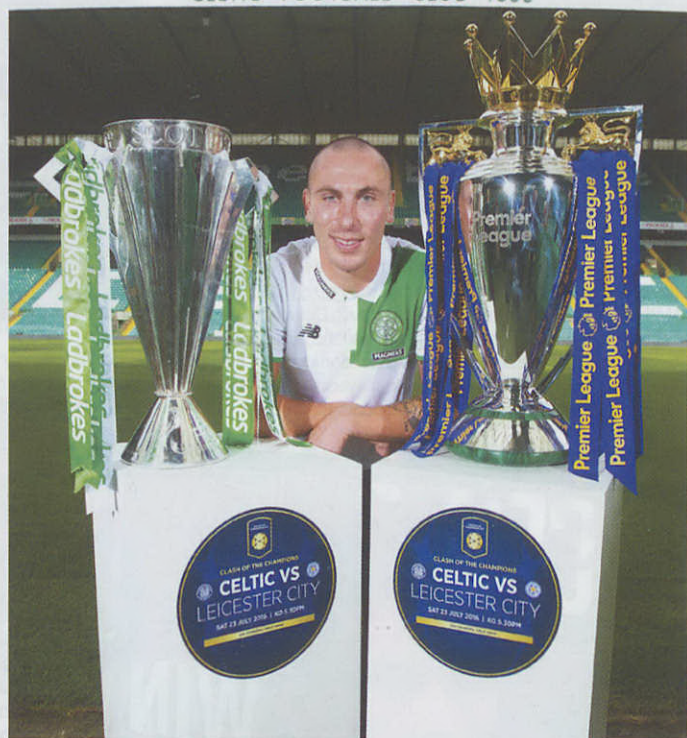
This showpiece occasion is part of an exciting summer for the Hoops that also sees them go head-to-head with Barcelona at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin (Saturday, July 30) and Inter Milan at Thomond Park in Limerick (Saturday, August 13).

Don't miss the clash of the champions this summer and buy your International Champions Cup tickets today.

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IT'S a game that is sure to have Paradise packed as the Scottish champions play host to the English champions in the prestigious International Champions Cup tournament.

Brendan Rodgers' Celtic will take on Claudio Ranieri's Leicester City side at Celtic Park this Saturday, July 23, the first of three games for the Hoops, which also include Barcelona and Inter Milan.

And the game will be a great opportunity for the Irishman and his squad to take on the team which stunned football last season by winning

the English Premier League.

Speaking ahead of the clash of the champions, Scott Brown said: "We're really looking forward to the game. It's a huge event for us, it's the Scottish champions versus the English champions, and it will be a great test for us. We'll have had a month's worth of training going into the game, so it will be huge. We'll see how big the gap is – hopefully it's not too big and we can do ourselves proud.

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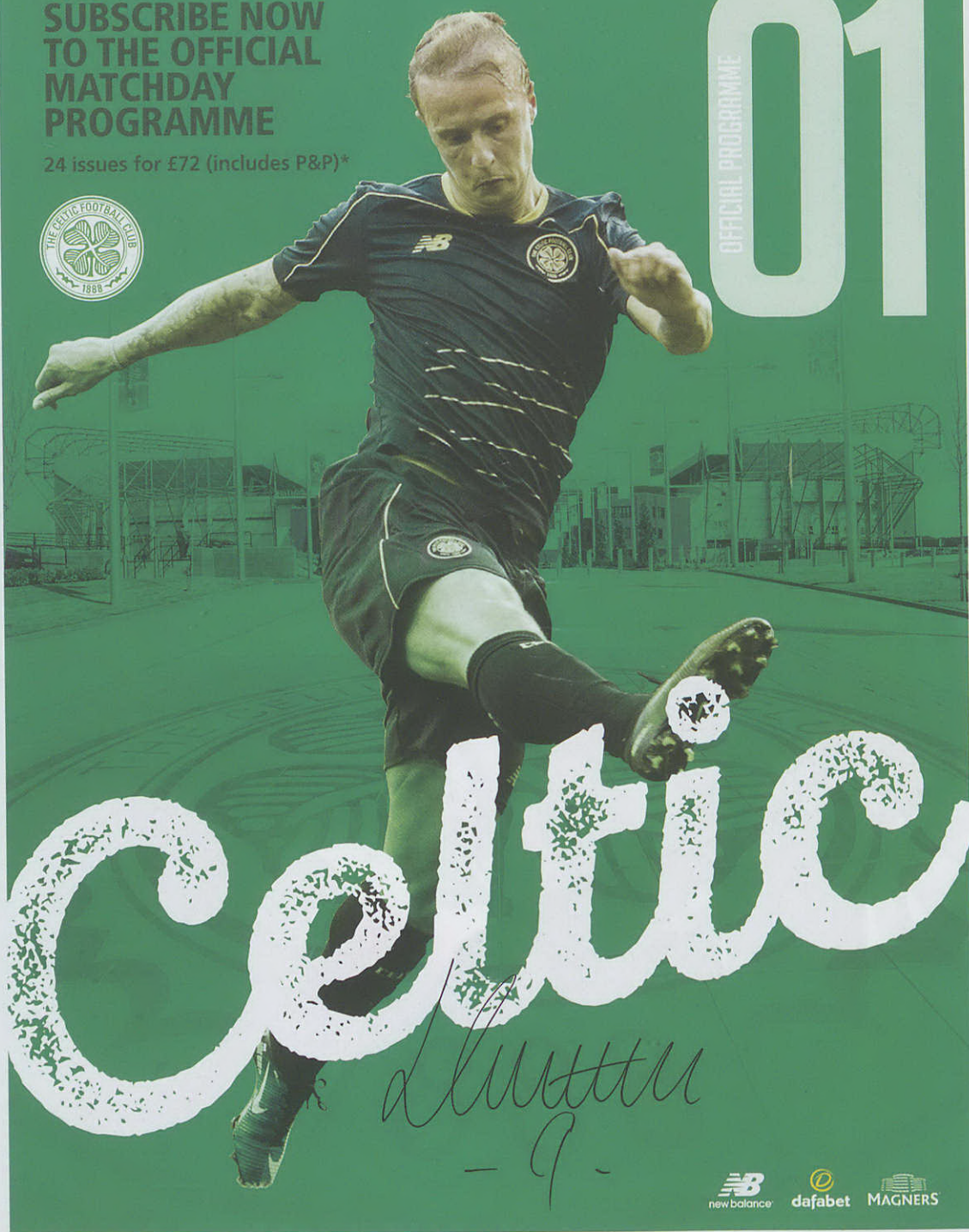
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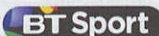
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WE'VE WON THE LEAGUE AGAIN...

Celtic secured their fifth Premiership title in a row last season and tonight the league flag is being raised over Paradise again

CELTIC had an arduous start to the campaign, playing nine games in four weeks across Europe and Scotland in August, and although they started brightly, the month ended with their exit from the UEFA Champions League.

The Hoops opened the defence of their SPFL Premiership title with a convincing Flag Day win over Ross County, a highlight of which was the impressive home debut of defender Kieran Tierney.

They followed that up with another 2-0 win in the first Glasgow derby of the season away to Partick Thistle, although the Hoops dropped their first points of the season when Kilmarnock snatched an unlikely 2-2 draw at Rugby Park.

Victories over Inverness Caley Thistle at home and Dundee United on the road preserved the unbeaten start to the season but that came to an end in Sweden when the Bhoys

lost 2-0 to Malmo on the night, sending them out of the Champions League on a 4-3 aggregate defeat.

A 3-1 home win over St Johnstone in the SPFL capped off a month of mixed emotions for the champions.

The Hoops only had three Premiership games in September, but the trio of matches proved to be a mixed back for Ronny Deila's side.

They began with a visit to Pittodrie to take on Aberdeen, and found themselves on the end of a 2-1 defeat despite taking the lead through a Leigh Griffiths penalty and the visitors finding themselves down to 10 men when Jonny Hayes was red-carded. A last-minute goal gave the home side a 2-1 win.

However, Celtic bounced back to record an emphatic 6-0 victory over Dundee at Celtic Park, with Emilio Izaguirre the unlikely two-goal hero on the night. Indeed, he could have netted a hat-trick and gone home with the match ball had

he converted the penalty which his team-mates had encouraged him to take. The other scorers on the night were Tom Rogic, Leigh Griffiths, Scott Brown and Nadir Ciftci.

Having lost one game and won another, now the Hoops drew the third and final league fixture of the month, being held to a goal-less draw at home against Hearts despite creating a host of chances that could have won the game.

Celtic's league campaign saw them return to winning ways in October with four victories in the month. That began with a 2-1 victory over Hamilton Accies at New Douglas Park, and they followed that up with another away win, this time against Motherwell, with Nadir Ciftci scoring the only goal of the game at Fir Park.

Premiership strugglers, Dundee United, visited Celtic Park towards the end of October, and were duly thumped 5-0, with Kirs Commons netting a double, while Leigh Griffiths continued his impressive form with another goal.

And on the last day of the month, Celtic played host to Aberdeen and comprehensively beat their nearest title rivals.

Leigh Griffiths headed the Hoops into the lead just before the break, rising high to direct Kieran Tierney's pinpoint cross into the back of the net. And Celtic's No.9 doubled his side's lead early in the second-half when he converted a penalty.

James Forrest extended Celtic's lead on the hour mark, and Adam Rooney's last-minute goal was no more than a consolation strike for Derek McInnes' side.



Five-in-a-row Fixtures

August

Celtic 2-0 Ross County
(Griffiths pen, Johansen)

Partick Thistle 0-2 Celtic
(Rogic, Commons)

Kilmarnock 2-2 Celtic
(Griffiths, Bitton)

Celtic 4-2 Inverness CT
(Lustig, Griffiths, Armstrong 2)

Dundee United 1-3 Celtic
(Griffiths, Durnan og, McGregor)

Celtic 3-1 St Johnstone
(Griffiths, Rogic, Mulgrew)

September

Aberdeen 2-1 Celtic
(Griffiths)

Celtic 6-0 Dundee
(Rogic, Griffiths, Izaguirre 2, Brown, Ciftci)

Celtic 0-0 Hearts

October

Hamilton 1-2 Celtic
(Boyata, Griffiths)

Motherwell 0-1 Celtic
(Ciftci)

Celtic 5-0 Dundee United
(Griffiths, Boyata, Commons 2, Kuhl og)

Celtic 3-1 Aberdeen
(Griffiths 2, Forrest)



HOW THE LEAGUE WAS WON

CELTIC extended their unbeaten run in the league to nine games in November with an emphatic 4-1 victory over Ross County up in Dingwall. Tom Rogic's blistering strike from the edge of the box on 38 minutes gave the Hoops a first-half lead, and a quick-fire double from Leigh Griffiths after the break put Celtic in control.

The home side briefly rallied and reduced the deficit, but a Nir Bitton strike ensured a comfortable afternoon for the Champions.

That win was followed by another day of frustration at Celtic Park, however, as Kilmarnock managed to avoid defeat against the Hoops for the second consecutive time. Once again, Ronny Deila's side created chances, but their inability to convert any of them ensured that the final result was 0-0.

Having started November's league campaign with a trip to the Highlands, the Hoops ended the month in the same way, this time travelling to Inverness to take on Caley Thistle.

Callum McGregor gave Celtic an early lead, but the home side levelled before the break. Leigh Griffiths once again made a decisive contribution, restoring Celtic's lead just before the hour mark and a Daniel Devine own goal made it 3-1 for Celtic's first away win over the Highland side since Ronny Deila took over.

The festive season had a false start for the Celts with their Premiership match against Hamilton on December 5 postponed due to the adverse weather, but when they did get their December fixtures underway, it was with a 3-0 victory over St Johnstone at McDiarmid Park. Nadir Ciftci hit a double in that game, while Dedryck Boyata also got on the scoresheet.

But they followed that up with a disappointing 2-1 home defeat against Motherwell in their final league match of 2015, and their Premiership fixtures for the calendar year finished with a 2-2 draw against Hearts at Tynecastle, despite twice taking the lead. The home side snatched a point with a last-gasp goal.

There had been one further fixture scheduled before the turn of the year - away to Dundee on December 30 - but just as December had started with a postponed fixture, it ended with one too as the match at Dens Park was postponed.

Celtic began 2016 with a Glasgow derby and it proved to be a tough game against a resolute Partick Thistle side. The Hoops were reduced to 10 men with just over 20 minutes of the match remaining when Nir Bitton was sent off, and they had to rely on Leigh Griffiths, on as a half-time substitute for Nadir Ciftci, to provide the only goal of the game, the striker popping up with an injury-time winner.

Two weeks later, Griffiths hit a double as the Hoops beat Dundee United 4-1 at Tannadice. That game also saw Croatian defender, Jozo Simunovic score his first, and so far only goal for the Hoops, while Kris Commons also chipped in with a spectacular volley.

Next up was a home game against Hamilton Accies, and Griffiths went one better again as he scored a hat-trick and went home with the match ball. It was an impressive performance from Ronny Deila's side who recorded a comprehensive 8-1 victory over the Lanarkshire side. The other goalscorers were Mikael Lustig, Nir Bitton, Tom Rogic, James Forrest and Callum McGregor.

And the month's league fixtures ended with another home win, this time a 3-1 victory over St Johnstone. Stuart Armstrong netted a goal in that game, while Gary Mackay-Steven hit a double.



Five-in-a-row Fixtures

November

Ross County 1-4 Celtic
(Rogic, Griffiths 2, Bitton)

Celtic 0-0 Kilmarnock

Inverness CT 1-3 Celtic
(McGregor, Griffiths, Devine og)

December

St Johnstone 0-3 Celtic
(Ciftci 2, Boyata)

Celtic 1-2 Motherwell
(Bitton)

Hearts 2-2 Celtic
(Bitton, Rogic)

January

Celtic 1-0 Partick Thistle
(Griffiths)

Dundee United 1-4 Celtic
(Griffiths 2, Simunovic, Commons)

Celtic 8-1 Hamilton
(Griffiths 3, Lustig, Bitton, Rogic,
Forrest, McGregor)

Celtic 3-1 St Johnstone
(Mackay-Steven 2, Armstrong)



HOW THE LEAGUE WAS WON

THE beginning of February saw a trip to Pittodrie and another 2-1 defeat at the hands of Aberdeen. Two first-half goals put the home side in control of the match, and Celtic only reduced the deficit in the final minute through Leigh Griffiths.

Consecutive home games against the two Highland sides - Ross County and Inverness Caley Thistle - gave the Hoops the opportunity to get back to winning ways, and they did just that with a 2-0 win over Ross County courtesy of goals from Leigh Griffiths and Dedryck Boyata, and a 3-0 win against Inverness Caley Thistle.

The month ended with Friday night football against Hamilton Accies at New Douglas Park, and it proved to be a frustrating night for Ronny Deila's side. Leigh Griffiths - who else! - gave the Hoops the lead in the 35th minute, but just before half-time Dedryck Boyata was red-carded.

And the home side managed to capitalise on the numerical advantage, scoring an equaliser through Eamonn Brophy on 73 minutes.

Celtic only played three league games in the month of March, and it began with a very disappointing goal-less draw at home to Dundee. Another Glasgow derby followed 10 days later, and this time Celtic did manage to hit the target. Top goalscorer, Leigh Griffiths, opened the scoring on the stroke of half-time before Callum McGregor doubled Celtic's lead with an impressive run and finish early in the

second-half, although Partick Thistle scored a late goal.

And a trip to Rugby Park saw Celtic beat Kilmarnock for the first time in the campaign, having drawn the two previous meetings. This encounter was heading for another goal-less draw before Tom Rogic scored a stunning injury-time winner.

Celtic faced a tough fixture at the start of April, as Hearts were the visitors to Paradise, but in the event, Ronny Deila's side produced a convincing performance to win the match 3-1, despite going a goal down when Jamie Walker scored a blistering opener from 25 yards out.

Having produced an impressive performance, the Hoops followed that up with a disappointing goal-less draw against Dundee at Dens Park in the fixture that was re-arranged from the end of December, but they returned to winning ways the following weekend with a 2-1 victory over Motherwell, with Leigh Griffiths netting a double.

A frustrating 1-1 draw at home to Ross County followed the previous weekend's Scottish Cup semi-final exit, but results had conspired to mean that victory in the final league game of April, against Hearts at Tynecastle, would effectively seal the title, with Celtic's vastly superior goal difference making it well-nigh impossible for Aberdeen to catch them.

And it was another impressive Celtic performance against Hearts. Colin Kazim-Richards scored his first league goal for



the club on 17 minutes, with an excellent finish at the back post, and although the home side equalised early in the second-half, it was the Hoops who went on to win the match.

Patrick Roberts restored Celtic's lead just after the hour mark with a cool finish before Leigh Griffiths scored.

Celtic only needed a point to confirm their status as five-in-a-row champions when they faced second-placed Aberdeen at Celtic Park, but in the event they took all three in an entertaining match.

Patrick Roberts was the star of the show with two goals on the day, while Mikael Lustig scored, although Aberdeen rallied with two second-half goals.

The players and management took a well-deserved lap of honour in front of the celebrating Celtic support, something that will be replicated this afternoon when the SPFL Premiership trophy is presented to the Champions.

Celtic's penultimate league game of the campaign saw them visit McDiarmid Park to take on St Johnstone. And Leigh Griffiths gave the Hoops the lead just after half-time with a brilliant individual goal which represented his 40th strike of a remarkable season. Unfortunately, two defensive mistakes allowed St Johnstone to capitalise and win the match 2-1.

And the Hoops finished the season with a 7-0 victory over Motherwell on the day they received the league trophy. The scoring began with Kieran Tierney's first for the club, while Jack Aitchison came on to become Celtic's youngest ever player, and duly marked the occasion by scoring!



Five-in-a-row Fixtures

February

Aberdeen 2-1 Celtic
(Griffiths)

Celtic 2-0 Ross County
(Griffiths, Boyata)

Celtic 3-0 Inverness CT
(Griffiths 2, Mackay-Steven)

Hamilton 1-1 Celtic
(Griffiths)

March

Celtic 0-0 Dundee

Partick Thistle 1-2 Celtic
(Griffiths, McGregor)

Kilmarnock 0-1 Celtic
(Rogic)

April

Celtic 3-1 Hearts
(Roberts 2, Mackay-Steven)

Dundee 0-0 Celtic

Motherwell 1-2 Celtic
(Griffiths 2)

Celtic 1-1 Ross County
(Griffiths)

May

Celtic 3-2 Aberdeen
(Roberts 2, Lustig)

St Johnstone 2-1 Celtic
(Griffiths)

Celtic 7-0 Motherwell
(Tierney, Rogic, Lustig, Armstrong,
Roberts, Christie, Aitchison)



FORWARD THINKING

Tom Boyd has tasted defeat as a Celtic and Scotland player before and his message to the Hoops tonight is simple - forget last week, focus on winning

Exclusive Interview: **Martin Dalziel**

CELTIC'S defeat to Lincoln Red Imps last week has been deconstructed, analysed, criticised and talked about for the past seven days but the time for talk is over, according to Hoops legend Tom Boyd.

The former Celts and Scotland captain experienced his own share of disappointing moments on the pitch during his long career at club and international level and he knows only too well how deeply results like last week's 1-0 loss at the Victoria Stadium can hurt the players.

Mitigating factors such as the pitch, the heat and the ultra-defensive tactics of the hosts will mean little to the players who featured for the Bhoys last week. Instead they will have reflected on the outcome of the game which saw the Scottish champions lose to the Gibraltar side.

However, Boyd also knows that by the time those same Celtic players cross the white line at Paradise tonight for the return leg of their UEFA Champions League second round qualifier, last week's result will be confined to the history books.

Professional footballers have no option other than to look forward, particularly at Celtic, where the next game is always a 'must-win,' and in an exclusive interview with the official match programme, Hoops legend Boyd said Brendan Rodgers' side will take the chance to wipe last week's result from memory with a win tonight.

"It was a massive disappointment," Boyd said, "but we've got to look at the result as a representation of where we are at this moment in time and that is - we need a home victory at Celtic Park to get through the second round of qualifiers of the Champions League.

"We will get better, I know we will get better, and as hugely disappointing as the result was, we're still in the tie."

Celtic dominated last week's encounter with Lincoln in every category, except fouls committed, but their control of the match counted for little when Liam Walker launched a long ball over the Hoops defence which spun up off the pitch outside the box and over Efe Ambrose's head to the feet of Lee Casciaro, the Red Imps striker.





✦ The forward controlled well and despatched a fortuitous, bobbling shot over Craig Gordon to give his side a shock lead early in the second-half, which they held on to until full-time.

Prior to that, Celtic had seen a goal from Moussa Dembele harshly chopped off for a perceived infringement on the Lincoln goalkeeper before the interval and were unlucky not to claim at least a draw when Leigh Griffiths twice struck the bar in the second-half.

However, Boyd reiterated his belief that whatever happened in those moments last week must be banished from the players' thoughts, with their focus fully trained on getting a victory this evening.

"It's the difficult times that make you and there is nothing more difficult than having to come back from a defeat like last week, albeit Lincoln played quite well and adapted to the surface better than us."

Brendan Rodgers described last week's game as a difficult match played in tough conditions but stated that his side has enough quality to get through to the next round.

“
The times of adversity are where
you are judged as a Celtic player -
it's the difficult times that make you
”

His players have now had seven days of further training under his stewardship and a friendly match against VfL Wolfsburg at the weekend to help them get over the 1-0 loss and they will also have a poignant reminder of their true capabilities when the SPFL Premiership title flag is raised above Paradise prior to kick-off to celebrate last season's five-in-a-row triumph.

The lush green grass of Celtic Park will suit the champions' style and the match will also be the manager's first at home, so a bumper crowd is anticipated.

Allied with that will be the new, sold-out rail seating section in the north west corner of the stadium and Boyd told the match programme that these factors can combine to inspire the Celts to a huge victory.

He said: "They will have seen the level of criticism dished out and we've all been there. You don't like it, it's difficult to take but the times of adversity are where you are judged as a Celtic player.

"It's a massive challenge and it's not how Brendan would have wanted to see his first game in charge go. It would have been nice to get a comfortable victory but he knows he has challenges now but we'll get it right at Celtic Park.

"We are Celtic and we can turn things around. A week has passed, we'll be sharper, we're at Celtic Park with the crowd backing us and I'm sure we'll go through to the next qualifying round."



EUROPEAN DEBUT

TOM Boyd joined Celtic in February 1992, moving to the club from Chelsea as Tony Cascarino headed in the opposite direction, and his debut came in a 2-0 home win over Airdrie.

It would be the following season that he'd play his first game in Europe for the Hoops, facing Cologne in Germany on September 15, 1992 in the first round of the UEFA Cup. It was a disappointing 2-0 defeat for Celtic, but in the return leg they produced a stunning 3-0 victory at Paradise, with Paul McStay,



Gerry Creaney and John Collins scoring the goals to put the Hoops through.

"That was my very first experience of playing European football," recalled Boyd. "As it turned out, we lost the first leg 2-0 in Germany, where it was backs against the wall stuff. We really didn't play well that night.

"But we then got them back to Celtic Park and won 3-0, which was a great performance, especially when you consider that the quality of the team at that time wasn't that great.

"But we went at it hammer and tongs and got a couple of goals in the first half, through Gerry Creaney and Paul McStay, before John Collins got the winner late in the game. From my point of view, that was also the first time that I had experienced a two-legged game.

"We may have been two-down after the first game, but we had 90 minutes to get back in the tie and we knew that the first goal would be important and would give us the lift that we needed to go on and go for it."



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INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONS CUP COMING TO LIMERICK

TWO of the biggest clubs in world football will visit Limerick on August 13 as the International Champions Cup pits Celtic against Inter Milan in what is sure to be an unmissable event.

Now in its fourth year, the International Champions Cup brings together the giants of club football on four different continents and this year will see two greats of the European game clash Thomond Park in Limerick.

The match-up between Celtic and Serie A giants Inter Milan and is the second International Champions Cup game being held in Ireland this summer, with the Hoops taking on Barcelona in Dublin's Aviva Stadium on July 30.

The game against Inter Milan was officially launched at Thomond Park by former Celtic striker John Hartson, and anticipation is already building for what promises to be one of the year's best footballing experiences.

John Hartson said. "Thomond Park is a magnificent stadium and I have always been impressed by the passion of the crowds there. With Celtic and Inter Milan, two great clubs, coming for this fantastic game I'm sure the local people will come out to enjoy a memorable game.

And Charlie Stillitano, Relevant Sports Chairman, is looking forward to the game: "We are excited to be able to put



on not only the International Champions Cup match at the Aviva Stadium but also a second match in Ireland at Thomond Park. The match in Limerick between Inter Milan and Celtic harkens back to the famous European Cup final in 1967 in Portugal.

"We are aware of Celtic's popularity in Ireland and we know that fans will be

excited to watch the Scottish champions against one of Italy's most famous clubs."

Tickets are now available, starting at €15 with children priced at only €10, and can be purchased through www.ticketmaster.ie

Celtic v Inter Milan Tickets on sale now to Season Ticket holders

AS part of this summer's prestigious International Champions Cup tournament, Celtic will face Italian giants, Inter Milan, at Thomond Park in Limerick on Saturday, August 13 (KO: 5pm).

Celtic versus Inter Milan is a fixture that conjures up magical memories for fans of all ages, with the Bhoys' 2-1 success back in 1967 forever remembered as the single-most important match in the club's history.

Tickets for the latest meeting between the two sides are on sale now to Season Ticket holders on a first come, first served basis, priced £14 each (all terracing).

Season Ticket holders can buy tickets now in a number of ways:

- ONLINE - by visiting eticketing.co.uk/celtic
- PHONE - by calling 0871 226 1888*
- IN PERSON - visit the Ticket Office at Celtic Park, open Mon-Fri from 9.30am - 5pm

The 26,000 capacity Thomond Park is the home of Limerick's top rugby club, Munster and has previously hosted football matches featuring the Republic of Ireland and Manchester City. Buy your tickets now and don't miss out!

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BORN Leader

Bobby Evans joined Celtic as a teenager and went on to become a Hoops legend

BOBBY Evans was an influential figure in Celtic's ranks ever since he made his debut in 1944, and he experienced the highs and lows of the next few years - from narrowly avoiding relegation in 1948 to winning the League Cup with a 7-1 victory in 1957.

He made a total of 537 appearances for the Hoops between 1944-60, scoring 11 goals, and he is rightly considered a true Celtic great.

And in the same week of the anniversary of his signing for the club, we look back at a legendary Celt...

EARLY DAYS

Bobby Evans signed for the Govan Hoops on January 24, 1944 but his performances in green and white at Moore Park soon caught the eye of the big team in the Hoops at the other end of the city. He signed for Celtic on July 23, 1944 just a week after his 17th birthday. He was introduced to the first team during war-time football and he made his debut in the second game of the League - Southern Division on August 19, 1944 against Albion Rovers, just under a month after he joined the club. A 10,000 crowd turned up at Albion Rovers' Cliftonhill and witnessed the debut of the teenage Evans in a game won 1-0 thanks to a penalty converted by the legendary Jimmy Delaney. By the time the war ended and football returned to normal, Evans was an established first-team player, though the decision to sell Delaney to Manchester United in 1946 was a portent of what was to come over the next few years.

HIGHLIGHTS

Bobby Evans was the first Celtic captain to get his hands on the League Cup, raising it aloft in 1956 after the Hoops beat Partick Thistle 3-0 in a replay following a goal-less draw in the first final. It was to get even better the following season when the Hoops retained the trophy, hammering city rivals, Rangers, 7-1 in the final at Hampden.





Bertie Peacock was now captaining the side, but Evans remained a pivotal figure in the heart of the Celtic defence and he, like his team-mates and the entire Celtic support, would have savoured the rare but memorable triumph over Rangers. Evans' first piece of silverware had actually come in the 1951 Scottish Cup, when Celtic beat Motherwell

1-0 courtesy of a John McPhail goal, while there was the double success of 1953/54, when the team, on the back of winning the Coronation Cup in the summer of '53, stormed to glory in both the league and Scottish Cup.

LOW POINTS

There was the threat of relegation in 1948 when it took a Jock Weir hat-trick in the last game of the season against Dundee at Dens Park to ensure the ultimate disaster would not befall the club - they finished 12th out of 16 teams that season. Indeed, the highest league position prior to winning the title in 1954 was fifth in 1950, and even after the double success that Celtic enjoyed, there was only one other top-two finish until Jock Stein's side won the title in 1966. There was also international disappointment for Evans, who gained 48 caps for Scotland, captaining his country on 12 occasions. In comparison to the paltry international recognition received by the Lisbon Lions, it's a fairly healthy tally of appearances, although Evans always felt he should have gained greater recognition from Scotland. Indeed, at one point he wrote to the SFA asking not to be considered for selection.

BOWING OUT

On April 30, 1960, Celtic welcomed St Mirren to Celtic Park for what would ultimately be Bobby Evans' last game for the Hoops. The 10,000 crowd saw Celtic take the lead through Neilly Mochan after only three minutes and Stevie Chalmers

struck twice to make it 3-0 for the Hoops before the break. However, St Mirren produced a stunning comeback in the last 12 minutes of the match, scoring three times to ensure a share of the points. After 537 appearances for Celtic, Bobby Evans was bowing out at the age of 32. It took only £12,500 from Chelsea to prise Evans away from Celtic in 1960. It was a major surprise at the time and soured Evans' relationship with the club. There was a contractual dispute and Celtic weren't portrayed in the greatest of lights. After 16 years at Celtic Park, he departed for London but his heart wasn't in it. After a year in England, he moved on and continued to play at a decent level for another six years. Some say Bobby Evans delayed his move south far too long and should have left Celtic earlier. However, if that is the case, his only crime was an obvious love of his club.

CROWNING GLORY

Celtic have made a habit of winning one-off trophies, and Bobby Evans was involved in securing three of them. There was the Victory-in-Europe Cup in 1945, the St Mungo Cup in 1951 and then the Coronation Cup in 1953. Evans later said of the Coronation Cup triumph: 'We beat Arsenal, Manchester United and Hibs and I really enjoyed the tournament. Victory seemed to make us believe in ourselves as we went on to win the league and cup double the following year.'

CELTIC CAREER

APPEARANCES

League:	385
Scottish Cup:	64
League Cup:	88
Total:	537

GOALS

League:	10
Scottish Cup:	0
League Cup:	1
Total:	11

HONOURS

League:	1
Scottish Cup:	2
League Cup:	2
Total:	5



Euro TEST FOR YOUNG CELTS

Tommy McIntyre's side take on top-class opposition in prestigious international tournament in Ireland



Exclusive Interview: Mark Henderson

COMING up against top European opposition across the Irish Sea this week will prove a valuable education for Celtic's Development Squad, according to Professional Academy Manager Tommy McIntyre.

The young Hoops will go head-to-head with Spanish side Real Sociedad tomorrow (Thursday) in the Northern Ireland Super Cup and could then face Everton or Espanyol on Saturday.

The competition will be a timely test for the Bhoys as they gear up for the new season, which gets underway with the Irn Bru Cup tie against Annan Athletic at the start of August.

And McIntyre told the matchday programme that it would also help the youths prepare for the international tournaments they will participate in this year, namely the UEFA Youth League and the Premier League International Cup (PLIC).



Why is it important to be involved in this type of prestigious competition so early on in the campaign?

It's pre-season and you need to take it into consideration. The most important thing is about fitness and performances but the great thing is we have a tough schedule of games coming up. It will be Real Sociedad's 'B' squad and then we will either play Everton or Espanyol and it will be a stern test for us. It will give us a real gauge of where we are, and it will help us to gauge whether the young ones can make the step up, albeit it will be very early for them, so there is also that incentive for them. From our point of view, in terms of our fitness levels in pre-season, this tournament probably comes at a really good time.

With both matches coming in quick succession, will this be a good chance for the players to get 90 minutes under their belt?

Maybe half a dozen of the players have played 90 minutes so far. We have a squad of 18 and we have trust and confidence in every one of them. Whatever team we start with, I'm sure we have plenty of players that we can change and change things about. Again, it's still early in the season so we need to take that into account. But the players themselves are looking for that test, along with the coaching staff. It's a really good game to take, with the European aspect and the English side of things if we get Everton. We are looking to take a lot for the tournament.

So it's positive for the players to be exposed to that mix of opposition?

It's always about education, making them better players. It's all about them understanding their roles and the

nature of the game and what they need to do to get closer to the first-team. These games will certainly give us a big test towards that.

Will it also help the squad become accustomed to the type of teams they could come up against in the European competitions this season?

We have the EPL cup, an U23 tournament with three over-age players, and when you look at it on that side of things that will be a tough test for us. We will have English opposition but there will also be European teams involved as well. We also have the UEFA Youth League, and hopefully we can get through to the group stages, but if not we have the domestic champions' pathway. We took a lot from it last season and we still have the domestic season. There are a lot of games and a lot of exciting ones. It's all about them performing and becoming better players, growing, developing and getting closer to the first-team.

How crucial is pre-season for you and the other coaches in getting to know the strengths and character of the players stepping up from the U17s?

It's a big thing. A lot of people think it's all about what they do on the pitch but it's also about off the pitch and how they gel as a unit. Partnerships need to grow, whether it's central defenders, strikers or other parts of the team. Looking at the whole make-up of the individual, it's important we understand their profile, be aware of their characteristics and how we can get the best out of them, and we certainly have enough experienced staff to do that and develop that player.

Have you enjoyed working with Brendan Rodgers since he has come into the club?

The manager has been excellent. He is really open and he has provided some good information and good tips. As a coach and a person, I always feel I am learning and it's great to hear about his experiences and he has done a lot in the game. And it's not just the first

team. He's been in the Academy set-up at Chelsea and other clubs so he has a wealth of experience there as well. He has passed on a lot of good information which helps us in terms of what players he is looking for and how we develop them for the first-team. It's important there is that seamless transition, the players need to know what's expected and required of them if they do go up to the first team.



Celtic have a huge support in Ireland so are your hopeful of some local Hoops fans turning up to back the Bhoys in the tournament?

Our supporters are fantastic worldwide and they are particularly great for the young players. I know we will have a support there and it will be good for them to see one or two of the young ones coming through, so the fans are always welcome and they can be an extra player for us.

Celtic's opening match against Real Sociedad in the Super Cup NI 2016 will take place on Thursday, July 21, at Showgrounds, Ballymena. Kick off 7.45pm



PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY

CELTIC PARK
 SATURDAY JULY 16, 2016
CELTIC 2-1 VFL WOLFSBURG
 (McGREGOR 21, CHRISTIE 62) (SEGUIN 12)



RYAN Christie's second-half goal gave Brendan Rodgers a winning debut at Paradise as Celtic overcame VFL Wolfsburg 2-1 in a pre-season friendly last Saturday.

It was a historic day at the home of the champions as the new manager took charge of his team at Celtic Park for the first time, while the new rail seating section was also opened, making Paradise the first stadium in Britain to host such a feature.

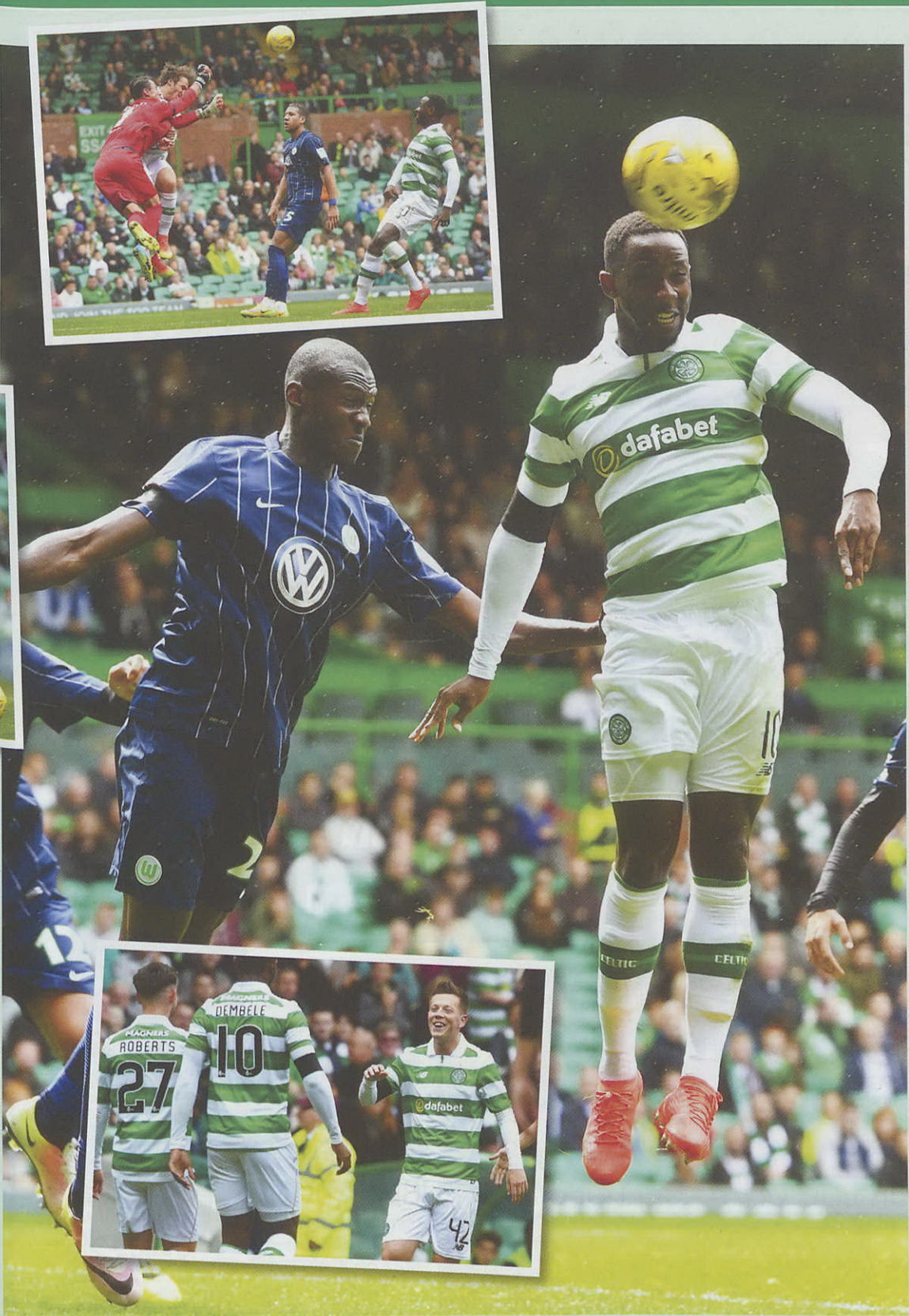
The vocal crowd which filled the new section gave a rapturous reception to their new manager, as did the rest of the crowd before kick-off but they had to watch their side come from behind in an exciting first-half as Paul Seguin's deflected shot broke the deadlock after 11 minutes.

Callum McGregor equalised 10 minutes later with an excellent right-footed shot before second-half substitute Christie gave Celtic the lead just after the hour mark.

The match was an effective test for the full Celtic squad, who will now look to overturn a 1-0 deficit to Lincoln Red Imps when they meet in the second-leg of their UEFA Champions League second round qualifier tonight.

CELTIC (4-4-2) Gordon (Fasan 46); Lustig (Fisher 46), Sviatchenko (Ajer 18 [McCart 76]), O'Connell (Ambrose 46), Tierney (Janko 46); Roberts (Rogic 46), McGregor (Forrest 46), Brown (Henderson 46), Armstrong (Allan 46); Griffiths (Christie 46), Dembele (Ciftci 46)

WOLFSBURG (4-3-3) Benaglio (Casteels 46); Seguin, Bruma (Ascues 46), Knoche (Dante 46), Schäfer (Träsch 46); Guilavogui, Caliguirri, Gerhardt; Donkor (Herrmann 63), Dost (Putaro 46), Didavi (Kruse 63)





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DATE	COMP	OPPOSITION	RESULT
July			
Tue 12	CL	Lincoln Red Imps	0-1
Wed 20	CL	Lincoln Red Imps	
26/27	CL	QR3 First Leg	
August			
2/3	CL	QR3 Second Leg	
Sat 6	SP	Hearts	
9/10	LC	Second Round	
16/17	CL	Play-off First Leg	
Sat 20	SP	St Johnstone	
23/24	CL	Play-off Second Leg	
Sat 27	SP	Aberdeen	
September			
Sat 10	SP	Rangers	
13/14	CL	Matchday 1	
Sat 17	SP	Inverness CT	
20/21	LC	Quarter-final	
Sat 24	SP	Kilmarnock	
27/28	CL	Matchday 2	
October			
Sat 1	SP	Dundee	
Sat 15	SP	Motherwell	
18/19	CL	Matchday 3	
Sat 22	SP	Hamilton	
22/23	LC	Semi-final	
Wed 26	SP	Ross County (7.45pm)	
Sat 29	SP	Aberdeen	
November			
1/2	CL	Matchday 4	
Sat 5	SP	Inverness CT	
Sat 19	SP	Kilmarnock	
22/23	CL	Matchday 5	
Sat 26	SP	St Johnstone	
Sun 27	LC	Final	
December			
Sat 3	SP	Motherwell	
6/7	CL	Matchday 6	
Sat 10	SP	Partick Thistle	
Sat 17	SP	Dundee	
Sat 24	SP	Hamilton	
Wed 28	SP	Ross County	
Sat 31	SP	Rangers	
January			
Sat 21	SC	Fourth round	
Sat 28	SP	Hearts	
February			
Wed 1	SP	Aberdeen (7.45pm)	
Sat 4	SP	St Johnstone	
Sat 11	SC	Fifth Round	
14/15	CL	Last 16 First Leg	
Sat 18	SP	Motherwell	
21/22	CL	Last 16 First Leg	
Sat 25	SP	Hamilton	
March			
Wed 1	SP	Inverness CT (7.45pm)	
Sat 4	SC	Sixth round	
7/8	CL	Last 16 Second Leg	
Sat 11	SP	Rangers	
14/15	CL	Last 16 Second Leg	
Sat 18	SP	Dundee	
April			
Sat 1	SP	Hearts	
Wed 5	SP	Partick Thistle (7.45pm)	
Sat 8	SP	Kilmarnock	
11/12	CL	Quarter-final First Leg	
Sat 15	SP	Ross County	
18/19	CL	Quarter-final Second Leg	
22/23	SC	Semi-final	
May			
2/3	CL	Semi-final First Leg	
9/10	CL	Semi-final Second Leg	
Sat 27	SC	Final	
June			
3	CL	Final (Cardiff)	
TBC	SP	Partick Thistle	



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Quiz



1. Who was the last player to score against Celtic in three different matches in Europe?
2. In which city will the 2017 final of the UEFA Champions League tournament be played?
3. Which team did Lincoln Red Imps defeat to reach the second round qualification stage of the UEFA Champions League?
4. Which two players last season were sent off for Celtic in European football?
5. Who is the only Scot to play for and against Celtic in European football?
6. Against which three clubs have Celtic faced penalty shoot outs in European football?
7. Which current Celtic player last season played against Lincoln Red Imps in European football?
8. Which two Icelandic clubs have Celtic played in the last two seasons in the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League?
9. Which is the only other club to win the European Cup to be playing in the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League?
10. Against which club has Scott Brown netted his only European goal for Celtic to date?
11. Which Lincoln Red Imps striker two years ago scored for Gibraltar against Scotland at Hampden Park?
12. Who was the last Celtic player to score a penalty in a European match?
13. Which was the last season in which Celtic did not compete in European football?
14. Which current member of the Celtic squad has netted most goals for the club in European football?
15. At which three grounds other than Celtic Park have Celtic played in 'home' matches in European football?

ANSWERS

1. Lasse Schone (Ajax) 2013/14 at Celtic Park and Amsterdam Arena; 2014/15 Amsterdam Arena.
2. Cardiff; the Millennium Stadium.
3. Flora Tallin of Estonia; They won 3-2 on aggregate.
4. Emilio Izaqure v Ajax and Nir Bitton v Molde.
5. Murdo MacLeod (Borussia Dortmund) 1987/88.
6. Inter Milan (1971/72); Valencia (2001/02); Spartak Moscow (2007/08).
7. Erik Svatchenko for FC Midtjylland.
8. KR Reykjavik (2014/15); FC Sjarnan (2015/16).
9. Red Star Belgrade.
10. Red Bull Salzburg (2014/15).
11. Lee Casciaro.
12. James Forrest v Ajax (2013/14).
13. 1994/95.
14. Kris Commons (10 goals).
15. Hampden Park, Old Trafford and Murrayfield.



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Brendan Rodgers

Coach:
Julio Ribas

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