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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.





RONNY DEILA

Celtic Manager

WE FACE A TOUGH CHALLENGE TODAY BUT HOME WINS HAVE GIVEN US CONFIDENCE

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's match against Motherwell. It's our second home league game in a row, and I hope we can enjoy another successful afternoon here.

Due to the deadlines for the programme, I've had to write these notes ahead of our Europa League tie against FC Salzburg, but it goes without saying that I hope we're going into this afternoon's match on the back of a good result in Austria.

We have a busy schedule of games, with European ties and domestic cup games coming in between league matches, and

this is why everyone in the squad will need to play their part in the weeks and months ahead.

It was good to get three points last weekend against Aberdeen. I felt that we deserved the victory, although Aberdeen made us work hard for the win, particularly in the last half-hour of the match.

However, we showed great character and commitment to ensure we got what we deserved from the match.

And I'm sure that our new players also enjoyed their first experience of playing at Celtic Park. This is a special place to play football and we also want to

make it a very difficult stadium for visiting teams to get anything from.

Today we face another challenge in Motherwell who I know have given us some very tough games in the past. Stuart McCall's side have had a difficult start to the league season, but they had a very good result away to Ross County last weekend, so will come into this afternoon's match with greater confidence.

It is something that we will be wary of, but we are also full of confidence after two home wins in the league over Dundee United and Aberdeen.

Finally, as we take on Motherwell here at Celtic Park, our colleague, Jim McGuinness will be at Croke Park as his Donegal team play Kerry in the All-Ireland Gaelic Football Final.

I have been told that it's an incredible sporting occasion, with over 80,000 fans packed into the stadium, and while we wish Jim, as a colleague, good luck, I hope that it will be a great occasion for the supporters of both counties.

Thanks as always for your support and enjoy today's game.

Enjoy the game





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SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (45 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

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (36 Times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904,
1907, 1908, 1911, 1912,
1914, 1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937, 1951,
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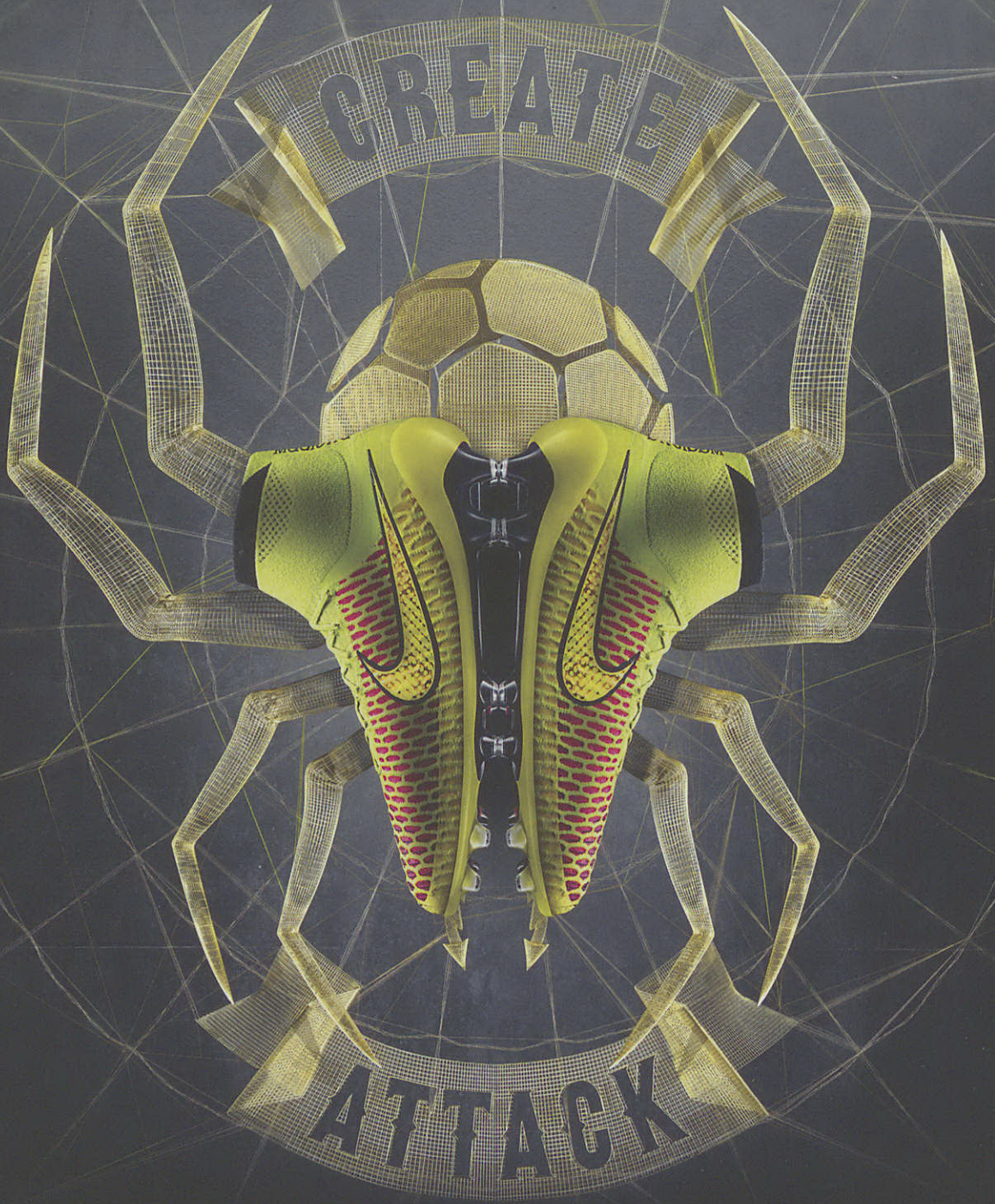
LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (14 Times)

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1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,
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1997/98, 1999/00, 2000/01,
2005/06, 2008/09

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SCOTT BROWN

Celtic Captain



IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK AND WE WANT TO WIN AGAIN TODAY



IT was great to be back out on the pitch last weekend against Aberdeen, and even better to get all three points. It was important to get back to winning ways in the league and I thought the boys played really well against a tough Aberdeen side.

It's been a frustrating start to the season for me because, as any player will tell you, all they want to do is be out on the pitch helping the team.

So I was pleased to be able to play my part in the win. I thought for the first hour of the game we were in control, but Aberdeen gave us a few problems after they scored.

I'm sure that Derek McInnes' side will be one of our main challengers this season, so it was important to get the three points.

We've got Motherwell today, another team who have been right up there at the top of the table for the past few seasons. And even though they'll be disappointed with some of their results in the early part

of this season, I still think they'll be right up there as well.

Stuart McCall is a very good manager, and Motherwell have a lot of good players, so a run of results in their favour will see them move up the table.

Of course, I hope that doesn't happen this afternoon. We're going into this game on the back of our first Europa League tie against FC Salzburg and, hopefully, we're doing so on the back of a good result.

It's always tough coming back from playing in Europe, but we've shown, as a team, in recent seasons, that we can cope with those demands.

So we're aiming for another three points today and, with your support, hopefully that will be the case.

Enjoy the game

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35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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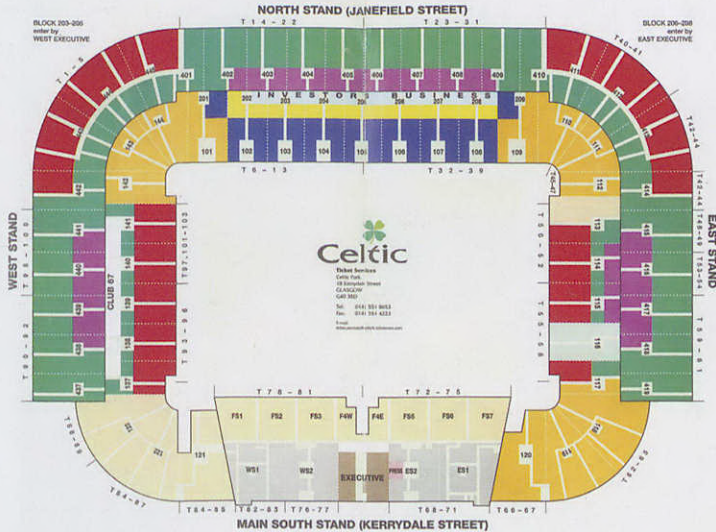
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Superintendent George Clelland of Strathclyde Police 'B' Division, said: "Strathclyde Police do not wish to in any way prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches.

"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 SPFL 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*.

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 - 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.

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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.

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MOTHERWELL:



The story so far...



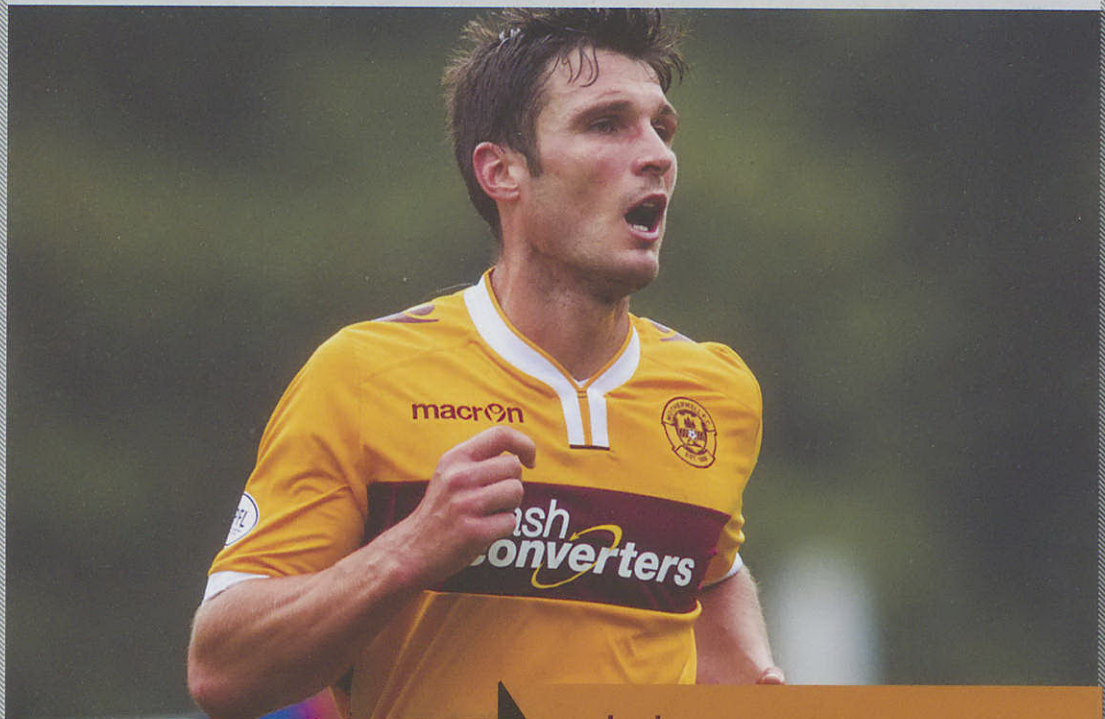
Comp	Date	Result
Europa League	17 July	Motherwell 2-2 Stjarnan
Europa League	24 July	Stjarnan 3-2 Motherwell
SPFL	09 Aug	Motherwell 1-0 St Mirren
SPFL	13 Aug	Dundee Utd 1-0 Motherwell
SPFL	16 Aug	Motherwell 0-2 Inverness CT
SPFL	23 Aug	Kilmarnock 2-0 Motherwell
SPFL	30 Aug	Motherwell 0-1 St Johnstone
SPFL	13 Sep	Ross County 1-2 Motherwell



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MOTHERWELL



ONES TO WATCH

John Sutton

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MOTHERWELL have experienced a difficult start to the term following consecutive top-two finishes in the Premier League in recent seasons.

The Steelmen have recorded only two wins out of six so far this campaign and turned things around with last weekend's win over Ross County in Dingwall.

That victory helped them edge further away from the foot of the table thanks to two stunning goals courtesy of John Sutton and Iain Vigurs.

Today we examine the players Stuart McCall will count on to continue that revival of form in this afternoon's game at Celtic Park.

John Sutton is an out-and-out striker, much like his brother Chris was for Celtic, and is a potent goal-scoring threat at the head of the Motherwell line up. His strength in the air is matched by his hold-up play on the ground, making him a crucial asset for Motherwell's counter-attacking approach against Celtic. He scored a vital goal for the Steelmen in a thrilling encounter between the two sides last season to draw the scores level at 3-3 and he will be keen to add to his tally today if he is afforded the chance. Sutton also showed he has something special in his locker with his most recent strike against Ross County just last week. The Englishman picked a bobbling ball up roughly 35 yards out from the County goal and lashed an unstoppable volley into the back of the net with his left foot to everyone's surprise. It may take another piece of skill such as that to give his side a win today but if anyone in the Motherwell ranks can produce it, it's Sutton.



Iain Vigurs

Formerly on the books of Celtic's Youth Academy, Iain Vigurs has become an integral part of Stuart McCall's team this season. The Aberdeen-born playmaker joined the Steelmen after his proposed move to Oldham Athletic from Ross County fell through last season. He came to prominence during his time with the Highlanders following a spell at rivals Inverness. His performances and goals for the Staggies captured McCall's attention and when the attacker's move to Oldham fell through, the former Scotland internationalist pounced to take Vigurs to Lanarkshire where he went on to make 34 league appearances and score four goals in his first year. Vigurs scored his first goal of the season against his former team with an outstanding free kick last week which helped secure a crucial win for the Fir Park side. His skill from set-plays will be a dangerous weapon which Motherwell can use against Celtic if the opportunity arises.

THE OPPOSITION



Keith Lasley

Combative and experienced, Keith Lasley is the heart of the Motherwell team. His creative play from the centre of the park has been vital to Motherwell's success in recent season and his resilience and battling attitude has led the way from midfield. Currently in his second spell with the Steelmen, Lasley first joined Motherwell from Paisley side Gleniffer Thistle in 1999. He had to wait for his first-team debut but eventually went on to play almost 100 games before leaving for Plymouth Argyle in 2004. He later joined Blackpool on loan before making his return to Lanarkshire in 2006 and has gone on to prove indispensable to consecutive Motherwell managers. Lasley is the captain of Motherwell and committed his future to the side by signing a new two-year contract in June this year.



Josh Law

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Brother of former Motherwell playmaker Nicky, Josh joined the Steelmen in May this year from Alfreton Town. He started his professional career as a trainee at Chesterfield in July 2007 before securing a loan move to non-league Alfreton in 2007. His performances there won him a permanent deal before the 25-year-old joined Motherwell on a one-year deal this summer, which saw him go straight into Stuart McCall's side after impressing during several trial sessions. The midfielder enjoys getting on the ball in deep positions and creating from the centre of the park. He made his competitive Motherwell debut in the Europa League qualifiers against Icelandic side, Stjarnan where he scored both goals in a 2-2 draw at Fir Park. Law has now played in each of Motherwell's six league games and could start today against Celtic.



Henrik Ojamaa

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Pace and trickery are among the chief attributes of Henrik Ojamaa who is enjoying his second spell as a striker at Motherwell. The Estonian-born player is on loan from Polish side Legia Warsaw but has experience of playing in Scotland from his first spell at Motherwell in 2012. He scored four goals in 47 appearances for the Steelmen during that time where he was deployed either on the wing or up front. One of those goals came against Celtic in April 2013 during a surprise 3-1 victory for the Lanarkshire side at Fir Park. After his first spell at Motherwell ended, Ojamaa moved to Polish Champions Legia where he played 43 times, scoring two goals in the process. His second spell at Motherwell, this time on loan, has not proved as fruitful as the first but he will still pose a threat to the Celtic defence if he gets game time today.



THE OPPOSITION

THE TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Dan Twardzik
Gunnar Nielsen
Ross Stewart
Max Currie

DEFENDERS

Craig Reid
Steven Hammell
Simon Ramsden
Stephen McManus
Zaine Francis-Angol
Josh Law
Fraser Kerr
Adam Cummins
Morgyn Neill
David Ferguson
Danny McNulty

MIDFIELDERS

Stewart Carswell
Lionel Ainsworth
Paul Lawson
Iain Vigurs
Keith Lasley
Mark O'Brien
Jack Leitch
Henrik Ojamaa
Dominic Thomas
Steven Higgins
Christopher Cadden
Craig McCall
Liam Anderson

STRIKERS

John Sutton
Robert McHugh
Lee Erwin
Craig Moore
Dylan Mackin

THE MANAGER

Stuart McCall



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Craig Reid

Formerly on the books at Celtic as a trainee, defender Craig Reid joined Motherwell in February this year. After failing to secure a permanent deal at Celtic, Reid went on loan to Stirling Albion in 2007 for a year. His 14 appearances there caught the eye of Queen of the South and he moved to the Doonhamers on a free transfer in 2008. Reid enjoyed a strong four-year spell at Queen of the South where he made more than 100 appearances in defence. He then signed for Morton in July 2012 before finally graduating to the SPFL with a move to Motherwell in February. Reid has comfortably slotted into Stuart McCall's back four since his arrival and has gone on to make 19 appearances so far, notching up one goal as well. He has also featured in each league game for the Fir Park side this season and will be relied upon by his manager to shore up the defence today.

LAST SEASON v MOTHERWELL

SPFL

CELTIC PARK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

CELTIC 2-0 MOTHERWELL

(STOKES, COMMONS)

The first meeting between Celtic and Motherwell saw the Hoops take all the points with a 2-0 victory at Paradise. Anthony Stokes opened the scoring on 21 minutes, finishing off a well-worked move. Scott Brown laid the ball off to Mikael Lustig, who fired a cross to the back post. Goalkeeper, Lee Hollis, flapped at the ball, allowing Stokes to skip past the keeper and fire a left-footed shot into the top corner. And just four minutes after the break, Kris Commons doubled the lead. He gathered the ball on the halfway line and went on a solo run, easing past Stephen McManus, spinning away from Keith Lasley and then dinking the ball over Hollis and into the net.



SPFL

FIR PARK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

MOTHERWELL 0-5 CELTIC

(COMMONS 2, AMBROSE, STOKES, ATAJIC)

The Hoops enjoyed an emphatic 5-0 victory over Motherwell at Fir Park at the beginning of December last year. Remarkably, it took Celtic until the 44th minute before they opened the scoring despite dominating proceedings, with Kris Commons netting the first of his two goals, scoring from close-range after Anthony Stokes fired across the six-yard box. After the break, Efe Ambrose made it 2-0, producing his trademark somersault celebration, before Commons scored again. Stokes netted Celtic's fourth of the afternoon before Bahrudin Atajic scored his first goal for the Hoops on a day when Liam Henderson also made his top-team bow, coming on as a substitute for Scott Brown on 84 minutes.





SPFL
CELTIC PARK
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2014
CELTIC 3-0 MOTHERWELL
 (COMMONS 2, McMANUS OG)

Another sparkling display from Kris Commons helped Celtic to a 3-0 victory over Motherwell, with former Celtic defender, Stephen McManus, netting an own goal. The Hoops started positively with a free-kick and a corner before opening the scoring after just five minutes. Anthony Stokes' shot was pushed clear by Gunnar Nielsen, but slotted home by Commons. And he doubled Celtic's lead on 39 minutes from the penalty spot after Stokes was brought down by Nielsen. McManus unfortunately turned James Forrest's cross into his own net to make it 3-0 for Celtic, but the only negative of the afternoon was a red card for Stokes following a tackle on Keith Lasley.



SPFL
FIR PARK
 SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014
MOTHERWELL 3-3 CELTIC
 (SUTTON 2, FRANCIS-ANGOL),
 (STOKES, SAMARAS, GRIFFITHS)

A six-goal thriller at Fir Park saw the sides share the spoils in the last meeting of last season. It was Motherwell who took the lead after just five minutes through John Sutton, and he would be the one to complete the scoring in the last minute of the match. Zaine Francos-Angol doubled Motherwell's lead on 44 minutes but Anthony Stokes reduced the deficit a minute later, and after the break it was the Hoops who dominated. Georgios equalised just before the hour mark, and when Leigh Griffiths scored on 86 minutes, it looked as though all three points would be returning to Celtic Park. But Sutton's last-gasp goal made the final score 3-3.





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The day Cesar met Victor

How two Celtic centre-halves crossed paths thanks to Michael Harkin

HE'S got so much on his plate, Michael Harkin will have to juggle his timetable to read this article on him.

The 23-year-old from Kings Park has a packed timetable every week with visits to Paradise - both as a lifelong Celtic supporter and as a valued worker at the club's Superstore for the past three years - high up on an expansive and chock-a-block to-do list.

Despite his significant disabilities, Michael manages to squeeze in a shift as a 'Meeter and Greeter' at the Celtic Superstore on a Wednesday while studying at Langside College in an Independent Living Skills programme.

On a Saturday morning he can be heard DJ-ing on Sunny Govan Community Radio with his Support Worker, Charlie, on *Mick and Chic's Pick 'n' Mix*.

He has also been going to the Glasgow Disabled Scouts since he was eight-years-old and is a member of Ashcraig Former Pupils' Club. All-in-all he's involved in a very, very busy life, supported in all of these activities by Community Care Choice.

On top of all that, he was a volunteer Clydesider at the Commonwealth Games when they visited Glasgow this summer.

There's a team of support workers at Community Care Choice, whose Glasgow headquarters are in Shawlands and Michael is supported seven days a week. Michael is mainly supported by Charlie who takes him to most of his activities.

Michael explained how he ended up working at the Superstore. He said: "I just went for an interview and managed to get the job so I've been working here for nearly three years and then I was working at the Commonwealth Games as well which was great.

"I was working here at the park for the Opening Ceremony then I was working at the rugby and also at Hampden as well.

"I really enjoyed the opening then I was working in the athletics events at Hampden and at Ibrox for the rugby."

He added: "I get to most home games here at Celtic Park including the game last week against Aberdeen and I really enjoyed the MAESTRIO match the weekend before."

Working at the Superstore does throw up some scenarios that may not happen if you're working at a supermarket.

Michael said: "As part of my 'Meeting and Greeting', one of the best days was when I introduced Billy McNeill to Victor Wanyama.

"We were working this day and Cesar came in to buy some things for his Grandkids while Victor was in the same day getting shirts for the Thai Tims.

"Big Billy said to me, 'Who's that?' and I told him it was Victor Wanyama - they had never met until I introduced them!

"I've also had some good laughs with Bertie Auld and Dixie Deans and I love my Wednesday shifts in the Superstore.

"I also used to attend the Celtic Learning Centre as part of the preparation for the Commonwealth Games, in the build-up to it and how it was going to develop and I attended that with pupils from St Mungo's."

As if cramming all that into a busy week wasn't enough, Michael is also a bit greedy when it comes to choosing his favourite ever Celt.

He said: "I've got three - they are Henrik Larsson, Paul Lambert and Lubo Moravcik and I loved watching Lubo in the Maestrio game. My favourite in the current team is Anthony Stokes."



THE BEST FORM OF DEFENCE IS ATTACK

Jason Denayer arrived to bolster the defence but he's been finding the way to goal at the other end

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

CELTIC bolstered their firepower before the transfer deadline with the signings of Stefan Scepovic and John Guidetti. But they may have unearthed someone proficient in the poaching arts already within their midst - defender Jason Denayer.

The 19-year-old only took four minutes to open his Celtic account in last month's 6-1 hammering of Dundee United, blasting home the loose ball from a corner.

And on his next start in Paradise last week against Aberdeen, he repeated the feat six minutes into the contest, taking up a good position to deflect Efe Ambrose's volley into the net.

The goal rush has continued at international level for the Belgian youngster, with his first-half header helping his country's Under-21 side to a 6-1 success over Cyprus.

It's a remarkable scoring ratio for someone tasked with keeping the opposition at bay and whose experience of senior football only amounts to a handful of games.

But perhaps it shouldn't be such a surprise. Delve

into the stopper's past and it reveals that he only moved into the backline, aged 14, on his arrival at the renowned Jean-Marc Guillou Academy. Before that, he was a striker.

Evidently, despite a focus on defensive duties during his professional career, those natural predatory instincts remain intact.

"I'm not sure where the goals are coming from - I must have some striker's blood inside me," laughed Denayer in an exclusive interview with the matchday programme.

"When I was young, until the age of 14, I played as a striker but when I went to the academy they put me back in defence.

"I think it also comes from me playing in small pitches and small-sided games when I grew up in Belgium. So I was able to go up front and score goals as well.

"Against Aberdeen, the ball came to Efe and his shot came off the defender. At the last minute, I turned my side of body to face the goal so it would go in.

"So it was more down to Efe's actions than mine.





» I just finished it but it was good to score again. I hope I can score a few more but it's not my priority to score, my priority is defending."

You wouldn't bet against Denayer continuing his scoring run in Paradise when Motherwell visit this afternoon. However, he would love to see his fellow Manchester City loanee, John Guidetti, get up and running in the Hoops.

The pair were team-mates for several years at the Blues and Denayer was delighted to see the Swede seal his move to the Scottish champions.

And he believes all the ingredients are in place for the 22-year-old to flourish at Celtic and rediscover the prolific form he showed at Feyenoord, where he averaged almost a goal every game.

"I played alongside him a lot at Man City and he is strong, technical and a very good finisher," said Denayer.

"I was happy that he came here because I know him. He is a great talent and a very good player so he can help the team.

"He is an excellent footballer, and this is the type of club he can do something at. It's ideal for him because the coach gives chances to young players, and he can try and achieve what he did at Feyenoord."

A confident, outgoing character, nothing seems to faze the striker. Denayer agrees.

He said. "He speaks a lot and laughs a lot and he has a good sense of humour which is good. We sent some messages to one another when he was coming. I just said to him that this is a good club and he would have a good chance if he came here."

'I played alongside John a lot at Man City and he is strong, technical and a very good finisher'



JASON DENAYER



And the Belgian would be happy if took over the burden of goalscoring duties from him.
 "I hope he finishes ahead of me - as he is a striker," he added.

Indeed, the main priority for Denayer is developing his skills at the other end of the pitch, and in Virgil van Dijk he has one of the best in the business to learn his trade from.

The Dutchman, who was called up to the Netherlands squad earlier this month, was the subject of feverish transfer speculation in the summer following his superb debut season at the club.

But the Bhoys succeeded in keeping one of the prized assets in Paradise and he was in imperious form again last week against the Dons to scoop the Man of the Match prize.

"I'm happy that he has stayed here as he is a very good player and I feel comfortable playing alongside him," said Denayer.

"He's a great all-round defender. He's strong and has character so he can speak to the other players.

"When he speaks he has a loud voice, and everybody respects him. We all respect one another in the team, but Virgil is slightly different as he was here last year as well and was voted as one of the best players."

Denayer and van Dijk had to be at their best against Aberdeen, who exerted some late pressure on the hosts as they chased a late leveller.

But Celtic remained resolute to claim a deserved three points, having controlled most of the match and created a number of excellent chances.

Coming on the back of the Champions League exit to Maribor and an away draw at Dundee, it was an important three points.

"We have had a difficult start to the season and we needed the three points to improve our confidence and we achieved our objective," said Denayer. "We were all motivated to do this."

Maintaining this momentum by embarking on a run of positive results is now the objective for Ronny Deila's men.

CAPTAIN'S ROLE

SCOTT Brown made his long-awaited comeback from injury in last week's 2-1 victory over Aberdeen and turned in a typically dynamic display before he was withdrawn on the hour-mark to rapturous applause.

The skipper had been absent since the summer tour of Austria, when he had been stretchered off in the 1-1 draw against Rapid Vienna.

It was the first time Jason Denayer had starred alongside the midfielder and he gave a glowing appraisal of his performance and value to the team.

"We need a player like him in the team, who will run a lot and have a strong mentality, and it's great to see him back in the side," said Denayer.

"Scott's a great man and he speaks a lot on the pitch which helps us. Everybody has a lot of respect for him and it's good to play with him. He gives us confidence and it's easy to play with someone like him."



"We just want to win games," said Denayer. "This is what the expectation is here and we will do everything to do this. It's important to get the three points, although we want a good performance as well."

"It's going very well. We have been working hard in training, and the more we do that, the better we will get."

After the showdown with the Steelmen, Celtic will host early Championship pacesetters Hearts this coming week in the League Cup. This succession of home fixtures finds favour with Denayer.

"It's better to play at Celtic Park as there is a great atmosphere and the pitch is better than away grounds," added the defender.



LOOKING GOOD

SUMMER signing Jason Denayer says Celtic's new Bhoys are all settling well to life in Paradise after three more of them made their debut for the club last week.

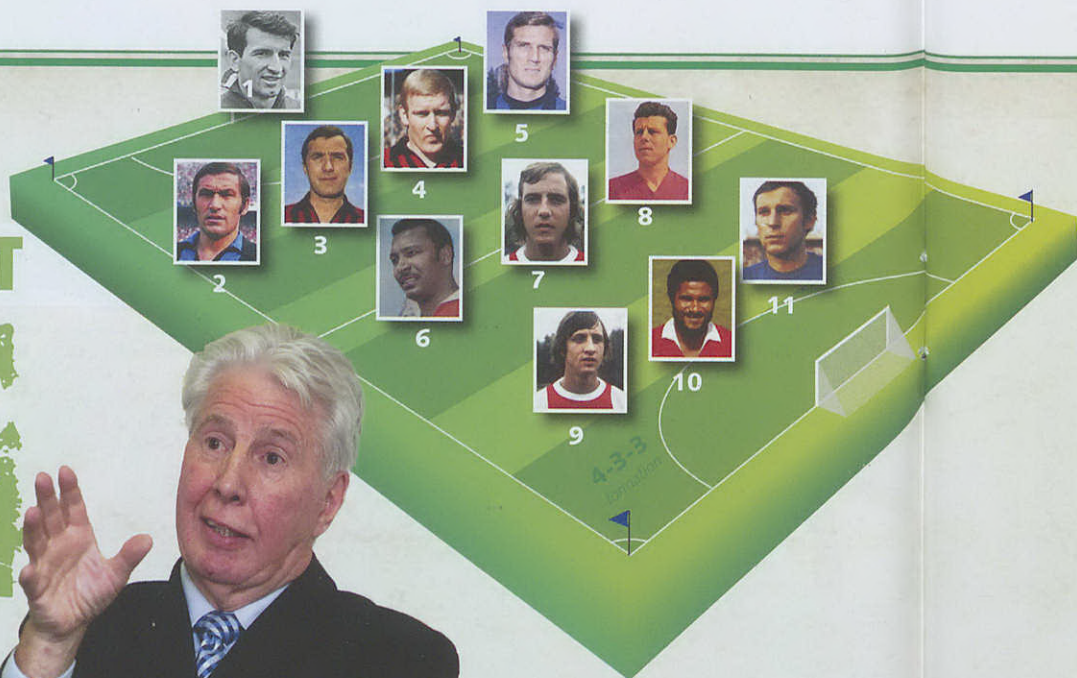
Stefan Scepovic, Aleksandar Tonev and John Guidetti all featured in the 2-1 win over Aberdeen and the Belgian felt the trio, along with all the other recruits, would help the team achieve success over the coming campaign.

"I'm very happy to see everyone fitting in so well," he said. "This is good as everyone can help the team to go further."

"They had good debuts as it's difficult as we're playing a good team and it wasn't easy for them but I felt they did well."

MY BEST

XI



Jim Craig picks an impressive line-up of stars he faced while playing with the Hoops

THERE have been many changes in Scottish football since the days of the late 1960s and early 1970s. One of these is the nationalities of players who make up the various teams. In most Scottish sides today, it is quite the norm for several of the players to come from 'foreign' parts, not only the continent of Europe but even further afield.

That was not the case all those years ago. Most of the players were Scots, with the occasional Englishman, Irishman, Welshman or European. Many of these were excellent performers and difficult opponents but to make this article more cosmopolitan in its outlook, I have only included stars who played for sides outwith Britain and Ireland, so names like Bobby Moore, George Best and Bobby Charlton are missing.

There is one other obvious missing name. As he only played for 12 minutes or so in his testimonial match at the Bernabeu in 1967, I have reluctantly had to leave out Alfredo Di Stefano, who would have been a certain starter in my team of the 'Best Eleven Players I Faced'.

GOALKEEPER:

1: Viktor Bannikov (Dinamo Kyiv)

DEFENDERS:

- 2: Tarcisio Burgnich (Inter Milan)
- 3: Karl-Heinz Schnellinger (AC Milan)
- 4: Giorgio Malatrasì (AC Milan)
- 5: Giacinto Facchetti (Inter Milan)

MIDFIELD:

- 6: Mario Coluna (Benfica)
- 7: Johan Neeskens (Ajax)
- 8: Josef Masopust (Dukla Prague)

FORWARDS

- 9: Johan Cruyff (Ajax)
- 10: Eusebio (Benfica)
- 11: Dragan Dzajic (Red Star Belgrade)



Goalkeeper:

Let's start right at the back, with those who wear the No.1 shirt and immediately I have a confession to make. I am not a great fan of goalkeepers. Now, granted they are an essential cog in any side but they are also a moaning bunch. They moan that they can't see the ball when a good defender stands in front of an opponent who is about to shoot; however, if you don't do that, they then complain that they are not being protected and you should have stood in front etc, etc. They also receive praise when they were just lucky. A fierce shot will come flying towards



goal, the keeper puts up a hand to protect his face, the ball hits the hand then ricochets up over the crossbar and then makes it look as though he meant it all the time. Poseurs! Anyway, my choice in goal is a guy called Viktor Bannikov who played for Dinamo Kyiv in 1967. He was a very competent keeper who dominated both his line and his penalty area but equally importantly, he was not 'showy' and seldom opened his mouth during the two matches.

Defence:

For the full-backs, always the most intelligent, sound-thinking and hard-working players in any team – very often the most handsome too – I have gone for the Inter Milan pairing of Tarcisio Burgnich and Giacinto Facchetti. Both had the Italian motto tattooed across their foreheads – THOU SHALT NOT PASS – and complemented each other, Burgnich very much the more defensively – minded of the duo while Facchetti could use those long legs to come forward with great effect.

And speaking of 'THOU SHALT NOT PASS', I have chosen two more practitioners of the dark arts as my centre-back pairing. Giorgio Malatrasì, an Italian, and Karl-Heinz Schnellinger, a West German, were both in the AC Milan side which beat us 1-0 over 180 minutes in 1969. Malatrasì was an out-and-out 'stopper', whereas Schnellinger, although solid in defence, could also play himself out of any trouble.



DREAM TEAM

Midfield:

Now to midfield, often spoken about as the crucial area of the side. I am not so sure of that. After all, at the recent World Cup, a guy called Pirlo, who looks on the park as he is approaching his mid-50s, seems to cover only about half-a-mile in 90 minutes and receives great praise for putting out a series of five-yard passes? My midfield certainly would work harder than that. It would consist of Mario Coluna of Benfica on the right, where he would radiate with his usual authority and panache. Johan Neeskens of Ajax in the centre, full of skill but with an edge of steel too and Josef Masopust of Dukla Prague on the left, stamina, control and vision his strengths.



Forwards:

In the forward-line, or 'up-front', as it is sometimes called, my three choices all had a combination of talents. Eusebio of Benfica was a wonderful player, with a delicate touch, great acceleration and an eye for goal. Johan Cruyff of Ajax had everything, not least the ability to score from any angle and range while Dragan Dzajic of Red Star Belgrade came straight at an opponent, using his dribbling skills and speed.



Substitutes:

If I am allowed a few substitutes, then I would nominate Sandro Mazzola of Inter Milan, who could cover both up front and midfield plus Francisco Gento of Real Madrid, whose pace would be useful against a tiring opposition. When I played against him in 1967, he was 34 years of age, yet the dazzling acceleration was still there.

Jim's Final Word:

So, there you are, that's my XI. Would I like to manage it? No thanks! From checking the names once more, I fear that there might be too many egos to cope with. You would spend most of the week arguing with them. Would I like to coach the side, then? No again, that might be even more difficult. I reckon that you might need to have three or four balls on the pitch to keep everyone happy!

Would it be a successful side? Not necessarily. Having expensive players in every position does not always guarantee success, as a – possibly apocryphal – story about a team from Scotland's past might demonstrate.

The manager headed up the tunnel at half-time

absolutely furious with the display of his charges. They had cost a lot of money to bring in but in the first half of the match, they had been abysmal. He decided that they need a short and sharp verbal volley.

'Sit down,' he yelled as he came into the dressing room, his rather surprised players responding to his command. The manager held up an object he had picked off the floor. 'This is a ball,' he almost roared. 'You kick it!'

There was a stunned silence from the players for a few moments then the captain spoke up. 'Boss, I don't like to break in but...you'll need to slow down a bit...it's getting a bit complicated for some of the boys.'

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Beach Bhoys'

PARADISE



THIS season's Celtic View is taking the players to a desert island - an imaginary one, of course, to see how they would survive, who and what they would like to accompany them, and what they would miss.

Here's a taster of what you can find every week in the Celtic View, the Voice of the Champions, with **Anthony Stokes** taking up the Beach Bhoys' challenge...

What would be the first thing you would do?

The first things I would do would be to try and get some food and get a bit of water together. After that, I would get a couple of hours sleep to clear my head and then start thinking about how I am going to get out of here!

What team-mate would be useful on a desert island?

Charlie would keep you occupied and he's quite a sensible lad, while Brownie would keep you going. And if things got tough, I would probably want him there as he would get you through with a bit of banter, and he would entertain you for a few days at least! But if I had to choose one it would be Charlie as he has a sensible head on him and he would have a bit craic as well.

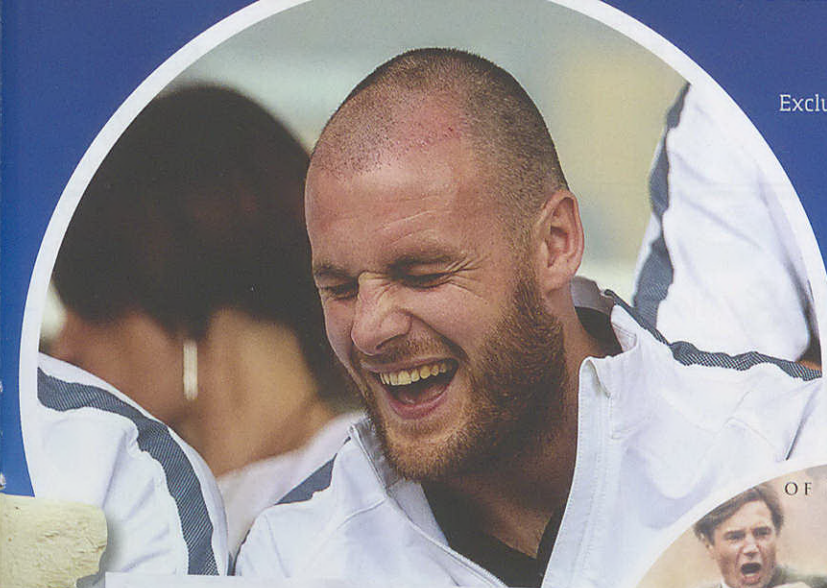
What who in the dressing room would be the worst companion?

There are a couple of candidates for this one. I'm going to go for big Virgil. I just can't see Virg being able to cope with not having mirrors around or being able to groom himself - if he was a short of hairband for a month, never mind food, he would struggle! So I don't think he would like to rough it for a few days.

If you could have a prized possession,

what would it be?

My iPad. If I had a decent charge on it, that would keep me going for a few hours and distract me. We do a lot of travelling, especially during pre-season, and the last few weeks have been manic, and it's something I need to have. It definitely gets you through time. Those two weeks we had in Austria would have been a long drag without it.



Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

What film would you take with you?

I was always a big fan of Michael Collins when I was younger and all sorts of other classics, and I would probably still go for *Michael Collins* as it would give me a bit of lift to try and get through it.

And one album you could salvage?

I'm into all sorts of music and listen to a bit of everything but I don't have one favourite CD in particular.

What meal would you manage to conjure up?

My favourite meal is my Mum's homemade chips and steak so if I could get anything close to that. But if I'm going hungry I'm eating anything and doing whatever I can to survive so I will live off the land and anything that's available to get through it. At home, I can make a steak, beans on toast, just your standard basic dishes.

Your best survival skill?

I would be mentally strong and be able to see it out. If I was stuck on an island I would be thinking back home and what I could be doing but mental strength would be my biggest skill as I don't think I would give up too easily.

And what part of your personality might get you into trouble?

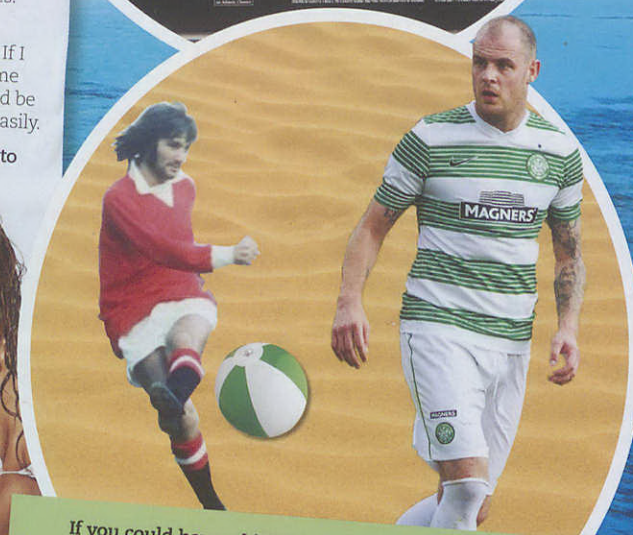
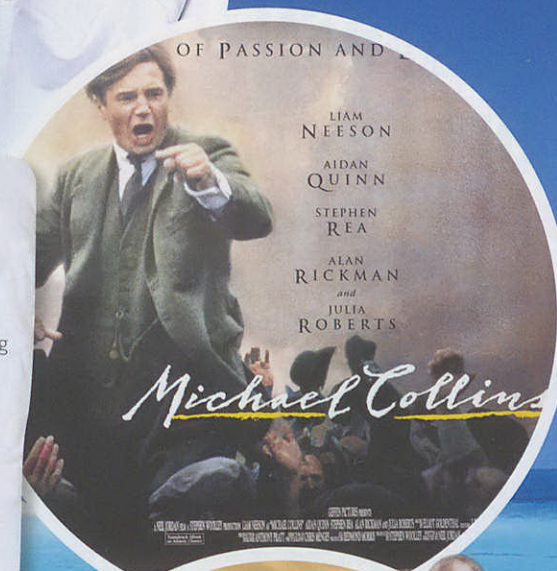
My problem would be is that I'm the most impatient man on the planet so the worst thing would be having to kill time and trying to keep myself ticking over. That would be my biggest issue.

A ship carrying celebrities runs aground and one manages to make it ashore to your island - who would like it to be?

Jessica Alba, she's a winner.

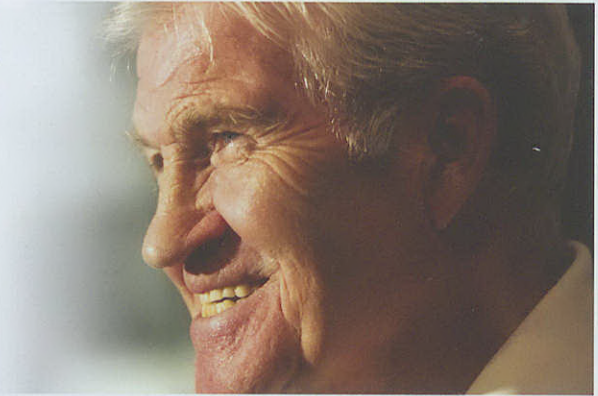
What would you miss the most?

Obviously I would miss my missus, my little boy and my family and friends. At the end of the day, if you have your family and friends around you, it doesn't matter where you are, you can survive and get on with things.



If you could have a kickabout on the beach with one footballer past or present, who would it be?
In our era we have been blessed with amazing talents but maybe someone like George Best because it would be great to have a kick around with a legend like that and he would also have plenty of stories to tell you to pass the time.

Bertie takes up honorary post with Orkney CSC



LISBON Lion Bertie Auld has been announced as the Honorary President of the Orkney Celtic Supporters' Club.

The club requested the Celtic legend take up the position following its recent AGM, and in true generous form, the Hoops hero happily obliged.

Willie Marwick, treasurer of the club, said: "As one of the Lisbon Lions, Bertie Auld is held in high esteem with fans but he is so down to earth and approachable that it is hard to believe that he was once part of our greatest ever team.

"He always wants to know how our supporters' club is doing and takes a keen interest in its wellbeing and he will always provide us with something to raffle to help towards our club funds.

"He was delighted to hear that our club membership last year was at an all-time high and we look likely to match

that this year so we are looking forward to the future.

"We had our 25th anniversary a few years ago and we had a dinner dance in Orkney with Bertie as our special guest and he had a wonderful time, as did we. He has been good to our club. Therefore we felt it only fitting that he was elected as our inaugural Honorary President.

"I am a season ticket holder and went to most home games last season and Bertie always wants to know when we are down so that he can arrange to meet up for a chat either before or after the game.

"He still has such a passion for the club and for football. That is what being a Celtic supporter does to you."

For more information on the Orkney CSC, visit: www.facebook.com/pages/Celtic-Supporters-Club-Orkney-Branch/148758728482557

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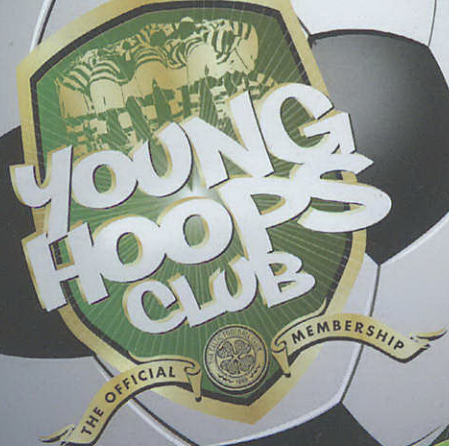
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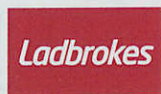
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ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 21

Words: Joe Sullivan

1885

Charlie Shaw was born in Twechar on this day in 1885 and joined Celtic from Queen's Park Rangers in 1913. In season 1913/14 he played in ALL 38 league matches that season and only conceded 14 goals - a record that still stands - AND he kept 26 clean sheets. Indeed, there were NINE consecutive clean sheets between October 11 and December 6 closely followed by TEN consecutive shut-outs between December 30 and February 14 - meaning that in a 20-game run, Shaw lost only one goal when Raith Rovers were defeated 2-1 on December 13 in Kirkcaldy. Added to that he only lost two goals in the entire seven-game victorious Scottish Cup run as the Celts went on the rampage and the first three of those cup games arrived amid his 10 league shut-outs taking the clean-sheet tally to an amazing THIRTEEN consecutive matches. Amazingly, from making his debut against Third Lanark in the Glasgow Charity Cup semi-final on May 6 at the end of the 1912/13 season (The Celts beat Rangers 3-2 in the final four days later) until September 30 of the 1918/19 season, Shaw never missed a single game in any competition - a run in which he went FIVE complete seasons without missing a match. In all that was 227 consecutive games in the league, Scottish Cup, Glasgow Cup, Charity Cup, War Fund Cup and Victory Cup - a figure that would have been higher had the Scottish Cup not been suspended during the four years of the First World War. In the league though, with Shaw at the back, Celtic were unbeatable and only a single-point title win by Rangers in season 1917/18 stopped the Celts from repeating their six-in-a-row world record feat of the previous decade. He later moved to the States and at the age of 52 he succumbed to pneumonia and died in New York on March 27, 1938. He had staked his claim in Celtic's history though and along with Pat Bonner is one of only two keepers in the club's all-time league appearance top 10.

1935

The Celts beat Rangers 2-1 at Ibrox, their first win there for 14 years, but it should be remembered that teams only played home and away once each in those days - and there were five drawn games in that sequence. Frank Murphy and Johnny Crum got the all-important goals as the Celts went on to lift the league title that season

1957

Following on from the 1935 win at Ibrox, it would be a 22-year wait for another victory there when the Celts won 3-2 with Sammy Wilson getting the winner. Bobby Collins and Billy McPhail twice gave the Celts the lead only for Rangers to equalise, but Wilson made sure in the 64th minute. The game was also the last hurrah of Jim Sharkey before he moved on to Airdrie. The centre-forward joined in 1954 and scored eight goals in 27 appearances.

1963

Jim Brogan made his debut on this day in 1963 as the Celts went down 1-0 to Falkirk at Brockville. The left-sided player was an integral and crucial cog in the machine that was blazing an amazing

trail throughout Scotland and Europe. He was a vital catalyst in the transposition of the teams of the McNeills, Aulds and Clarks to the New Wave of Connelly, Dalglish and McGrain. Brogan lifted seven championship medals as well as four Scottish Cups but perhaps he will always be remembered for his last-minute winner against Rangers in the Ne'erday game of 1972. He was playing at full-back and the headlines in the papers the next day screamed: "Where the hell did Brogan come from?" In 1971 he narrowly lost out to Aberdeen's Martin Buchan for the Scottish Player of the Year award, this was also the year when he earned his four Scotland caps and appeared at Wembley against England. In all he scored nine goals in 330 Celtic games

1983

Celtic legend Paul McStay made his international debut, a 2-0 win for Scotland over Uruguay at Hampden. John Robertson and Davie Dodds got the goals in a game which had other Celtic connections

in Kenny Dalglish and Frank McGarvey also playing their part in the win. The then 18-year-old midfielder went on to score nine goals in 76 international appearances.

2011

Celtic played a League Cup tie against Ross County up in Dingwall on this day in 2011. Gary Hooper gave the Celts the lead in the 13th minute while it took an own goal from Scott Boyd to tie things up

just six minutes after the turnaround.

2013

Celtic's most recent game on this day was just last year when St Johnstone visited on league duty. New Boy Teemu Pukki struck just 10 minutes into his Paradise bow to help Celtic to a 2-1 victory

following his debut goal a week earlier at Tynecastle. Charlie Mulgrew added another before the break but Liam Caddis pulled one back nine minutes from the end to make for a nervy finish to the game.



AND ANOTHER THING...

On this day in 1915, Sir Cecil Chubb visited and auction bought a piece of local land for £6,600 supposedly as a gift for his wife, but apparently she wasn't too enamoured with the gift. Three years later he gifted it to the public, it was Stonehenge.





HILL CLIMBING UP THE RANKS

Midfielder, **Mark Hill** is on the move with both Celtic and Scotland

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

IT was a memorable moment for Mark Hill when he first represented his country over two years ago against Poland at Under-15 level and the midfielder has treasured every subsequent appearance for Scotland.

Just turning out for the national side would be special enough, but the young Celt has already savoured success with them.

Last season, he helped the U16s lift the Victory Shield for the first time in 15 years thanks to a 1-0 win over England at Starks Park, with club colleague Calvin Miller grabbing the decisive goal.

And now Hill is targeting further achievement with Scotland after being selected in the U17 squad, along with five others from the Celtic Youth Academy, for their UEFA European Championship qualifiers in Ireland, where they will face the hosts, Faroe Islands and Gibraltar over the coming days.

Earlier this year, Scott Gemmill's side reached the semi-finals of the competition in Malta, where Netherlands put paid to their hopes.

And, while acknowledging the difficulty of the task, Hill sees no reason why he and his international team-mates can't emulate their fantastic feats, or indeed surpass them.

"Hopefully we can do even better than last year," he told the matchday programme in an exclusive interview. "We did better than the last group in the Victory Shield, so I suppose that's a start and hopefully we can play well and get as far in the championships.

"It means the world to represent my country. You get the nerves to start with but once the game gets underway you just start doing your work. I have always grown up watching Scotland and it would be great to represent them in a big tournament.

"My first cap was with the U15s in Poland which was two years ago in June, and then I have played in the Victory Shield and gone away to Turkey, Bosnia and Mexico, along with some training camps, so I have been away quite to a few places.

"Winning the Victory Shield has probably been my highlight playing for Scotland. We had last won it in the year I was born and it was the exact same stadium as well. We had a good team and didn't lose a game so that was really good.

"We can take a lot from it as it's most of the same boys who are going to Ireland and we know how everyone plays. There is good belief there.

"I think it will be a good experience to go away and play Ireland, Faroe Islands and Gibraltar. It's good as you are

playing against teams you don't usually face, while the players are of a really high standard.

"Ireland will be good side but I don't know much about Faroe Islands and Gibraltar. We will just need to get stuck in, play well, keep the ball moving and take our chances."

And Hill believes the young Scots can only take encouragement from the exploits of their predecessors.

"I know most of the boys who got to the semi-finals as I trained with them a couple of days before they went," he added.

"I was desperate for them to do well and I'm glad they did so well, beating Germany and Switzerland. It's something to build on and we can take a lot of confidence from it."

Former Scotland internationalist Gemmill - who earned 26 caps for Scotland - was at the helm for that run to the last four, and Hill thoroughly enjoys working under the 43-year-old.

"He's inspirational," said the Hoops youngster. "He gets you working hard in moving the ball and gets your tactics right."

"He's always there to help you and give you advice on what to do as he's been there before, and it's young players like me who need that kind of input."

The 16-year-old's call up for national service was a timely boost following a recent spell on the treatment table which has disrupted his start to the campaign.

Now starting his first full-time season at the Bhoys, the former Hamilton youth reckons he has made massive strides forward since moving to Paradise.

"I have improved a lot," said Hill. "I train a lot more here and the sessions are a lot harder. You are at a bigger club with bigger expectations and you are playing with better players, while the coaches have been brilliant as well."

"I have got a lot fitter, stronger and I'm better on the ball, while my passing, shooting and movement have also improved. I am also a better talker on the pitch."

And while the demands have increased on Hill since being introduced to the full-time practices, he has embraced the extra work as he knows it will accelerate his development.

"The sessions have been longer and sometimes you get three in one day," said the midfielder. "I have been full-time for a couple of months now and it's been harder, but it brings you on as a player as you know the first-team players are doing the same thing and it's getting you into the swing of it."

Hill was part of the U17s' treble triumph last season, which included a Glasgow Cup victory over Rangers at Celtic Park, an occasion to cherish for all the young players. And Tommy McIntyre's side are desperate to defend their prize and get their hands on the historic trophy once again.

"It was an amazing season, it couldn't have gone any better," said Hill. "The Glasgow Cup was great, just playing in front of my family, friends and all the fans, who created such a good atmosphere. It was also my first Glasgow derby which made it more special."

"We started with a 4-0 win against Partick Thistle and we play again in a few weeks time and hopefully we can get another win."

ROLE MODELS

TEENAGE midfielder Mark Hill says Callum McGregor and Liam Henderson's elevation to the top team over recent months has provided fresh impetus for the club's young players.

McGregor has enjoyed a meteoric rise since returning from a season-long loan to Notts County at the end of last season and has cemented a spot in Ronny Deila's side. His fantastic form was recently rewarded with a new five-year contract.

Henderson, another Celtic Youth Academy graduate, broke into the first team earlier this year at the age of 17, and has featured for the Scottish champions during the current campaign.

"Callum McGregor went on loan to Notts County and did well, and now he has come back and signed a new contract," said the 16-year-old.

"It's the same as Liam Henderson. The two of them are good players and good athletes and have deserved their chance."

"Hopefully the manager keeps looking at the younger players and one day I can be in the first-team squad as well."





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LIAM Henderson's hat-trick helped inspire Celtic's Development Side to a thumping 6-2 victory over their Ross County counterparts in the Highlands.

The talented teenager struck twice in the first half to put the Bhoys in front after the home side had taken an early lead through Kyle MacLeod.

Although MacLeod cancelled that out before the break, Joe Thomson handed Stevie Frail's side the advantage again with a stunning effort from 20 yards.

Henderson then completed his treble with an emphatic finish from the edge of the area, before Paul McMullan slotted home number five with 17 minutes remaining.

And the forward put the seal on a superb second-half showing, scoring a fantastic first-time half-volley from the angle of the box as the clock ticked down.

A youthful Celtic side had defeated Dundee in the previous game and there was a similar look to the side in this match, though there was some added first-team experience in the form of Filip Twardzik and Henderson.

However, they suffered an early set-back as the hosts burst from the blocks to open the scoring with three minutes on the clock.

Steven Ross broke clear in the box, and although the striker's initial effort was well saved by Fasan, MacLeod was on hand to bury the rebound beyond the Italian.

County had started at a furious pace but the visitors gradually grew into the contest, forcing several corners, with Henderson becoming more prominent in an advanced midfield role.

And it was the 18-year-old who brought the Bhoys level, hammering home at the near post from Thomson's driven cross.

Now it was the Staggies who were being forced on the back foot through the quick passing and movement of Frail's young guns.

McMullan raced clear and forced a smart stop from MacLeod at the expense of a corner, and while the Bhoys couldn't profit from the set-piece, they maintained the pressure and took the lead.

Henderson sent Kieran Tierney scampering clear down the left and the midfielder collected the return cross, held off a challenge and then rifled into the net.

And it was through the promptings of Henderson that the youths almost added a third. After a neat piece of skill on the wing, he sent an inviting cross into the box which Fiacre Kelleher headed over.

As half-time approached the hosts rallied, however, and Jack Breslin had to make a timely interception as Darren Maatsen's cross from the right almost presented MacLeod with a sight of goal.

But 10 minutes before the interval, they restored parity. Maatsen did the damage, the Dutchman driving down the right and reaching the byline. He picked out MacLeod in the six-yard box, who had the simple task of nodding home a header.

The game had swung from end to end but the young Celts looked intent on establishing a greater control after the restart as they dominated possession and kept the home side pinned back in their defensive third.

Henderson flashed a shot wide after a corner had only been



partially cleared, and the same player saw his low effort blocked after he had been found by Tierney

Just before the hour mark, Frail's side retook the lead again in spectacular style. There looked to be little danger when Thomson collected possession on the right. However, the midfielder cut back on to his left-foot and curled a sublime strike into the top corner.

Stuart Findlay headed wide and Twardzik hooked a volley over as Celtic continued to make the running, and they soon dished out further punishment as Henderson claimed his hat-trick.

Taking a touch from Tierney's pass, the midfielder took aim and found the bottom corner from 18 yards.

Celtic were now in full flow and McMullan made sure of the spoils with number five, capitalising on Stephen Miller's hesitant defending and slotting under MacLeod.

And there was still time for McMullan to bag his brace deep into stoppage time, the striker fastening onto Breslin's raking pass and sending a first-time shot beyond MacLeod.

CELTIC (4-2-3-1) Fasan; Breslin, Kelleher, Findlay, Waters; Lindsay, Twardzik; Thomson, Henderson, Tierney (Hendry 77); McMullan

Not Used: McCabe, McCart, Higgins, Miller.

Success of MAESTRIO Charity Dinner



THE MAESTRIO Charity Dinner - an evening with Paul McStay and Rio Ferdinand - took place at the Thistle Hotel in Glasgow, on Saturday, September 6.

Sponsored by Flip and Magners, the sell-out event proved to be a great success, with 660 guests lending their support.

As with the MAESTRIO Charity Match the following day, net proceeds of the dinner will be split equally between Celtic FC Foundation and the Rio Ferdinand Foundation.

Celtic FC Foundation selected UNICEF and WAR CHILD as main beneficiaries and donations will assist in their humanitarian work in a number of current Middle East countries. Funds will also assist local projects.

The Rio Ferdinand Foundation will work with local community partners in both London and across Townships in South Africa to support and assist children, young people and families suffering the effects of poverty, violence and abuse on a day-to-day basis.

After guests were seated, host Gerry McCulloch kicked off the proceedings by announcing the entrance of Paul McStay and Rio Ferdinand to rapturous applause and a unanimous standing ovation.

We were also very fortunate to have a host of stars from the McStay's Maestros and Rio's All Stars squads from the following day's MAESTRIO Charity Match in attendance at the dinner - Jonathan Gould, Tom Boyd, Jackie McNamara,





Willie McStay, Harald Brattbakk, Tommy Johnson, Simon Donnelly, Greg McHugh, Bobby Petta, Martin Compston, Ross McCall, James McAvoy, Stiliyan Petrov, Raymond McStay, Lubo Moravcik, David Farrell, Joey Barton, Jack Whitehall, Tom Cullen, Kevin Guthrie, Jody Morris, Ralf Little, Harley Alexander and Jordan Stephens.

The event included a fabulous three-course meal, welcome by Celtic FC Foundation Trustee, Gavin Kelly, video footage detailing the work of the charity beneficiaries, Q&A with Paul McStay and Rio Ferdinand, raffle and auction hosted by the inimitable Peter Martin and silent auction via tablets provided on each table.

'The dinner was a resounding success. Our thanks to everyone who bought tickets and contributed in some way on the night'

Live music was courtesy of James Hopkins and Green Velvet and, regaling and entertaining the guests with his own brand of dead-pan storytelling, was after-dinner speaker Peter Brown.

Tony Hamilton, CEO of Celtic FC Foundation, said: "The dinner was a resounding success. Our thanks to everyone who bought tickets and contributed in some way on the night.

"It was a terrific event and this is what we do best at Celtic but we can only do it with ongoing support."

The MAESTRIO Charity Dinner was a wonderful example of the warmth and compassion of the Celtic Family and was the perfect precursor to the match the following day at Celtic Park.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Celtic's Malawi Adventure 2014

October 5-17

A group of 22 Celtic FC Foundation volunteers will set off for Blantyre, Malawi on Sunday, October 5. They will work for a period of 10 days at six different Mary's Meals Under-6 Centres, undertaking renovations work and educational artwork. The group will also build a VIP latrine at one of the centres which currently has no form of sanitation. You can still support the volunteers by quoting 'Malawi' in the donations comments box – <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/celticfcfoundation>

Great Scottish Run 2014 - Glasgow

Sunday, October 5

Have you already signed up or are you interested in taking part? If so, would you consider raising funds for Celtic FC Foundation? You can register your official participation here: <http://www.greatscottishrun.com/Default.aspx> To support Celtic FC Foundation through your efforts, please contact us following registration on 0141 551 4291 or cfcfoundation@celticfc.co.uk. We will provide a fundraising pack including sponsor form, guidance to set up an online fundraising page and t-shirt.

Christmas Appeal 2014

October-December

Due to the phenomenal support of the Celtic Family in previous years, we will be launching our 2014 Christmas Appeal shortly.

Sporting Dinner 2015

Thursday, March 5

Our 2015 annual sporting dinner will be held in the Kerrydale Suite at Celtic Park. Further details to follow soon.

Zipwire 2015

Saturday, March 28

Our inaugural zipwire event will take place at Celtic Park and this event will be launched shortly!

Golf Day 2015

April

Our inaugural golf day event will take place at Renfrew Golf Club. Further details to follow.

Ben Nevis Huddle 2015

Saturday, June 13

The date for our third Ben Nevis Huddle event has now been confirmed.

To register your interest in any of our events, please email cfcfoundation@celticfc.co.uk or call 0141 551 4262.

Dancing through Hoops

Brogan Howat is in Paradise when she combines her love of dance with following the Celts

Words: Martin Dalziel

CELTIC is not only a club like no other, it is much more than just a football team. This is a sentiment that has been underlined over the years through the club's charitable work.

From education to recreation, Celtic FC Foundation does a variety of work to help disadvantaged people in society.

Dance instructor and Celtic FC Foundation coach, Brogan Howat, has seen and delivered that work first-hand and said it is a rewarding endeavour to be part of.

"I work with some of the youth groups that come to Celtic Park on a Friday night and I take them through dance and help them with other aspects like football or music," the 23-year-old said.

"It was Brian Delaney, a project manager with the



Foundation, who asked me to do it and on a Saturday I work with the Ability Counts project as well. With that I help children who have Down's Syndrome and autism by taking them in a dance class for an hour and teaching them simple things to help build their stamina.

"We'll also look at dance routines which gives the children something to learn week-on-week.

"It allows the children to improve their flexibility and mobility and allows them to work different muscles they are not used to using. It also helps build up stamina and reduce their weight or keep it steady if that's affected by their conditions.

"All of the kids are really good friends and it also helps them socialise."

Dance has always been a big part of Brogan's life and she eventually used that passion to build her career prospects by taking educational courses in it.

She now has a string of degrees behind her and said that the work with Celtic FC Foundation has been crucial in her own personal development, as well as helping those in need.

"I went to Stow College and did a HND in professional stage dance and then did an honours degree in musical theatre and now have my post-grad diploma for teaching at college," she added.





Playing a part in Paradise

WHILE playing its part to help the disadvantaged of society, Celtic FC Foundation's diverse range of employees allows it to also provide help to outside events, like dancers for the Commonwealth Games.

Before the sporting spectacle landed in Glasgow this summer, a rallying call was issued to talented people across the country to help create an opening ceremony at Celtic Park that would last long in the memories of those who watched and took part.

Celtic FC Foundation dance coach, Brogan Howat, answered that call and said it was an experience that will live with her down the years.

She said: "I went to Delhi four years ago to do the closing ceremony and we were sent out emails to apply for the opening ceremony for these games. I applied and I successfully got through the auditions.

"I have been down at pitch-side at Celtic Park before but it was bizarre being there and seeing the big stage and the huge TV screen. It was crazy. It didn't look like Celtic Park but it did look amazing.

"The atmosphere was amazing too. It was so surreal to be a part of it. You had the thousands of people that came to watch it and then all of us backstage. There were 100 people in my group, and then 500 in another group and 1,000 people in the third group so there were lots of performers.

"And that's not including the celebrities and guests there as well so there were thousands of people who took part just to create that opening ceremony, which was amazing.

"I met Karen Dunbar and John Barrowman and it was just amazing to be a part of it and I have a few wee screen shots of me on telly as well so I was delighted."

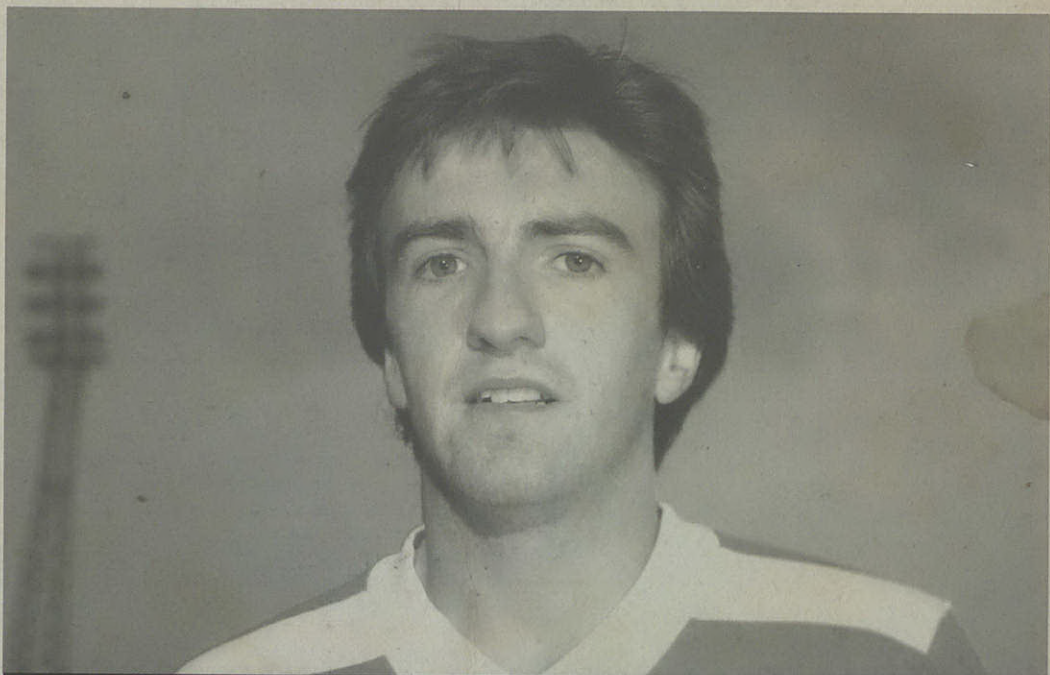
"So I was doing that then doing freelance for myself and just covering classes and speaking to the Council. I then found out about the Celtic initiative and managed to get involved. I had a season book for seven years as I'm a big Celtic fan and so are my Dad and Granddad, so they were delighted with me getting the post with the club.

"Celtic FC Foundation is amazing because you see the progression the children make. Even with the youth groups there are some children that come in with behavioural issues but you can build up a friendship with them and get to know them a wee bit better.

"The children are getting to take part in things they never would have been involved in before or perhaps wouldn't have been able to take part in, so it's really rewarding. They're now doing something they enjoy and want to continue that and they may even continue to do it in further life, which is great.

"The experience I'm gathering is really helping. I did my placement at one of the colleges when I did my post-grad diploma. Some of the kids are only doing it because they want to do it for fun and they don't realise that there is potential to do it in the real world.

"Working with kids with behavioural issues has helped me go and deal with situations in different ways so it has really helped."



HIS GREATEST GAME

**Mike Conroy v Rangers
May 10, 1980**

THE 1980 Scottish Cup final between Celtic and Rangers took on even more added importance in the weeks before the big match.

Celtic had squandered a considerable points advantage in the league race to surrender their title to Aberdeen while Rangers, after a hugely disappointing season, required to win the cup to give them a passage into European football for the following season.

So both sides were desperate for victory and keen to make amends to their supporters.

Celtic had major problems before the final with regular centre-back duo Roddy MacDonald and Tom McAdam both being suspended, so Roy Aitken and Jim Casey were earmarked as their replacements.

Disaster then struck two days before the final when Casey badly damaged an ankle in training and left manager Billy McNeill in desperate need to find another centre-back.

McNeill then asked midfield player Mike Conroy if he had ever played centre-back. 'Naw,' was the reply. He then asked if he would be willing to do so, to which Conroy replied, 'Aye'.

In view of Celtic's defensive frailties, Rangers were seen as slight favourites. On the day before the game McNeill had his players pummel Aitken and Conroy with high balls in training at Seamill to ensure they would know what to expect in the final.

The Ibrox side's captain, Derek Johnstone, was notably strong in the air and Rangers played with two fine wingers at that time, Tommy McLean and



Davie Cooper, who sent in a regular supply of cross balls.

The game was played on a hot May day with the usual swirling wind blowing around the Hampden terraces. Both sides went for attack from the start and Celtic fans were reassured when Conroy got a few solid challenges in on Johnstone, who he was to be in direct opposition against throughout the game.

In truth, the game could have gone either way as both sides had fine efforts on goal. Conroy grew in confidence as the game went on and he and Aitken enjoyed a fine partnership on the day.

He was a strong-tackling midfielder and he put these talents to good effect in his new defensive role, and although Johnstone had a considerable four-inch height advantage, Conroy lost very few challenges in the air and but for a couple of his timely interceptions Rangers may have scored.

The game was goal-less going into extra-time, with the heat taking its toll on the players but Celtic made the vital breakthrough in 107 minutes through George McCluskey.

Rangers then became desperate and threw everything at the Celts as the resolute duo of Aitken and Conroy continued to stand firm.

Only a matter of seconds from the end, Celtic goalkeeper Peter Latchford and Conroy became

tangled together as they both went for a hanging Tommy McLean cross, but Latchford eventually held the ball as Conroy disentangled himself from his team-mate while taking great care not to handle the ball in the process.

Both of them could be seen laughing in the heat of the moment as Latchford playfully ruffled Conroy's head in appreciation of his efforts.

The referee then blew for time up with Latchford still holding the ball waving to the thousands of jubilant Celtic fans behind him in the Mount Florida end of the ground.

The majestic Celtic captain Danny McGrain was voted as the sponsors' Man of the Match but some observers were keen to note that Mike Conroy was Celtic's top player on the day given his inexperience in the defensive role he was required to cover.

During the match he had given a faultless performance and although he had been perceived as the weak link beforehand he had performed admirably.

Mike Conroy was an unlikely hero in his centre half role and it's a pity that the 1980 final is mostly remembered for the ugly riot that occurred afterwards, as he was one of several Celtic players who were exceptional that day and made a great contribution to giving Celtic fans another memorable 'Hampden in the sun' occasion.

DALGLISH DEBUT DAY...

It was 46 years ago this week that a young **Kenny Dalglish** made his Celtic debut and we look at the news from that week

Words: Joe Sullivan

HISTORY was made on September 25, 1968 at Douglas Park in Hamilton as both Bobby Wraith and John Gorman made their Celtic debuts... oh, and some other guy named Kenny Dalglish managed to come off the bench and pilfer some of the limelight.

The occasion was a League Cup quarter-final second leg against Hamilton Accies and the Celts had all but assured their place in the Hampden semi with a crushing 10-0 first-leg decimation of the Lanarkshire side with Stevie Chalmers and Bobby Lennox sharing the haul with five goals apiece.

That paved the way for Jock Stein to make wholesale changes with only Jim Craig, John Clark and Joe McBride remaining from the first game at Celtic Park.

The young Celts won 4-2 for a 14-2 aggregate score but the young Dalglish, who replaced Charlie Gallagher during the game, wasn't destined to immediately burst on to the scene.

He only made sporadic appearances over the next few years before finally becoming a regular in season '71/72 - keeper Wraith and future England assistant manager Gorman never appeared for the first team again.



JOCK STEIN gave some indication that there may be the odd debut or two being made against Accies and a couple of eager Celts would have been scanning that week's *Celtic View*.

In that morning's edition the manager said: "Celtic fans will have the opportunity of seeing a few of our young players in action. I know officialdom will criticise me for playing so many of my youngsters - pointing out that it is my duty to field a full-strength side. It is also my duty to see that Celtic maintain their high standard and position in Scottish football.

"Recent club and international commitments have taxed the strength of our personnel, and I can only find out who's fit for the job by seeing the youngsters in action in big league football.

"So tonight the fans will see George Connelly at right-half for Bobby Murdoch. Young George is a versatile player and you can field this fellow in practically any position. John Gorman, who has been playing so well in the reserves makes his debut at left-back, and promising boy David Hay comes in at centre-half for Billy McNeill.

"Jimmy Quinn, the fastest man at Celtic Park, will lead the attack and Lou Macari, who is scoring goals in the reserves, will play at outside-left. Don't worry, this side is more than capable of winning that match - otherwise they would not be fielded."

So, no mention of Kenneth Mathieson Dalglish yet but it would seem that Stein wasn't short of riches to choose from - or was the manager using his wily skills once more?

DALGLISH must have been surprised at his inclusion as he missed out on the reserves' 3-2 weekend win over Dunfermline to make way for Bertie Auld returning from injury.

Also in that week's *View*, Sean Fallon said: "We have so many good boys on our books that we can afford to rest the youngsters after a sustained run. Kenny Dalglish got the day off on Saturday but I know the boy won't be too disappointed. He is a highly promising youngster, but such is the strength of our playing staff that we can nurse him along to full maturity.

"Kenny won't be long on the touchline."

Never was a truer word said as the ink was hardly dry on the page when Dalglish made his debut.

SHREWD as Sean Fallon may have been in spotting



a player (it was he who pinpointed Dalglish and spent hours in the young Rangers supporter's house convincing his family that Celtic was the right move), the Irishman must have been pretty rubbish at poker.

Following the reserve game against Dunfermline that Dalglish missed out on, Jock Stein's second in command said: "This Dunfermline side was really good and Tom Callaghan had a great game for the Fife side as an attacking wing-half. Tommy scored a good goal and made the other one, and I can't see this lad on the transfer list for long."

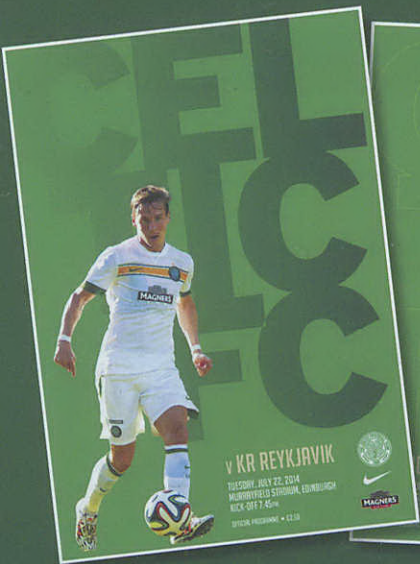
Sean clearly wasn't playing his cards close to his chest as within a month Tommy Callaghan was a Celtic player and went on to play nearly 300 games for the club.

THE BEATLES' first release on their own Apple label, *Hey Jude*, had just been toppled from the No.1 spot by the second release on the Apple label - a Paul McCartney-produced *Those Were The Days* by Welsh songstress and *Opportunity Knocks* winner Mary Hopkin.

After six weeks she was knocked off by Joe Cocker's rendition of Lennon and McCartney's

With A Little Help From My Friends and the Fab Four connection was kept up a few weeks later when *Lily The Pink* by the Scaffold featuring McCartney's brother Mike was toppled by Glaswegian band Marmalade's cover of another Beatles' song in *Ob-la-di Ob-la-da*.

'He is a highly promising youngster, but such is the strength of our playing staff that we can nurse him along to full maturity. Kenny won't be long on the touchline'



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A match made in Paradise

SEAN McCrory and Kelly Hughes became a true match made in heaven when they got engaged at Paradise recently.

Romantic Sean, 18, from Bellshill, got down on one knee while on a tour of the stadium with Kelly, 21, to celebrate their one-year anniversary by proposing at the very place where they first met.

Delighted Kelly accepted Sean's proposal and the happy couple, both huge Celtic fans, went away from Paradise as happy as the day they met when the Hoops beat Elfsborg in the UEFA Champions League qualifiers last season.



McGhee brothers lead out the Celts

SCOTT Brown made a welcome return to the side last weekend and one of his first duties as captain was to greet five-year-old Nathan and three-year-old Ollie McGhee before they helped him lead the Celts out of the tunnel.

The Bothwell Bhoys were the mascots for the day and after helping Scott with all of the pre-match preliminaries, they settled down in the stand and watched the Hoops defeat Aberdeen 2-1.

Loan Bhoys look for experience

TWO young Celts have headed out on loan over the next few months in order to gain valuable first-team experience.

Defender Marcus Fraser has joined Championship side, Cowdenbeath, on loan until mid-December, while Aidan McIlduff has moved to League Two side, Clyde.

A Scotland Under-21 internationalist, Fraser has been a key member of Celtic's Development Side – and their previous set-up, the U20s – as they have swept to five successive championships.

And he was straight into the Cowdenbeath side who were unlucky to lose 3-2 against Hibernian at Easter Road last week.

Seventeen-year-old McIlduff made his top-team bow during the summer tour of Austria, and impressed during in the UEFA Youth league last season for the Bhoys.

The young Celt featured for the Development Side in the recent 2-1 over St Mirren, and he will now spend the next three months developing his game in a first-team environment with Clyde.

BRAIN-BUSTERS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 5 changes in the pic?



LUSTIG: MY FOOTBALL IDOL

Mikael Lustig says... It would probably have to be Allesandro Del Piero who played for Juventus. He was probably my first real idol and I liked him because I played as a striker from a young age. I moved back to defence when I started playing first-team football at senior level, though. I really liked Italian football as well and supported Juventus. I've never met him but I have seen him play live a couple of times.

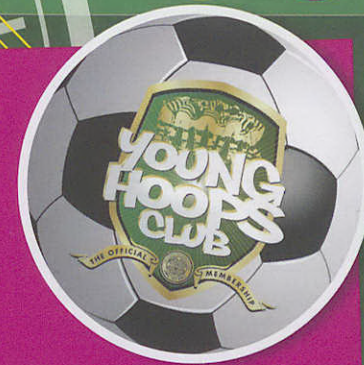


SNAP CHAT

Young Hoops Club member, Rhys Galloway, sent in his picture to be included in the matchday programme. Rhys is six-years-old and hails from Girvan.

His favourite Celtic player is Kris Commons, and his favourite game is the league game this season when the Hoops beat Dundee United 6-1.

You can be included in the match programme by sending in your photo to younghoops@celticfc.co.uk



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OUR Young Hoops Club is looking ahead to a successful 2014/15, with membership now open.

The Young Hoops Club provides each of our members with a number of excellent and exclusive benefits over the course of the season, as we aim to engage with some of our youngest fans during the early stages of their journey as supporters.

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TOP FIVE KIDS' QUIZ

QUIZZY RASCAL

1. Which former Celtic captain now plays for Motherwell?
2. What country does new Celtic striker, John Guidetti, come from?
3. Which three countries do Celtic visit in this season's Europa League group stages?
4. Who is the manager of Tottenham Hotspur?
5. Which Scottish Championship club has young Celtic defender, Marcus Fraser, joined on loan?

ANSWERS: 1. Spot the difference - Missing star on Celtic crest, missing Aberdeen crest, Nike swoosh black not red on Aberdeen players' boot, no 'C' on the captain's armband, missing name on tattoo. Quiz - 1. Stephen McManus, 2. John Guidetti, 3. Austria, Croatia, Romania, 4. Mauricio Pochettino 5. Cowdenbeath





Jim McGuinness

A WHOLE NEW

BALL GAME

Donegal take on Kerry at Croke Park in the All-Ireland final, and there's a strong Celtic connection to the showpiece occasion in Dublin

JIM McGuinness is aiming for three-in-a-row today (Sunday) in Gaelic football's finale, as Donegal take on Kerry in the All-Ireland final.

A crowd of over 80,000 is expected to pack into Dublin's Croke Park for the final, with millions more watching across the globe. Indeed, it's a pity that the match clashes with Celtic's Premiership match with Motherwell today.

And having been involved on the two previous occasions that Donegal lifted the famous Sam Maguire Cup - as a player in 1992 and as manager in 2012 - Jim McGuinness is hoping for another triumph in the Irish capital.

McGuinness divides his time between managing his home county in Ireland and working as a Performance Consultant with the Celtic Youth Academy, although since Donegal knocked the All-Ireland holders, Dublin, out in the semi-final, his preparations have been focusing on the Gaelic rather than association football.

And ahead of this afternoon's game, he popped in to Paradise to talk to the official matchday programme about Donegal's prospects against Kerry - the most successful county in GAA history with 36 wins in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship.

Looking ahead to the game from the tranquillity of Paradise, is it the calm before the storm?

I suppose it is. It's nice to be here at Celtic Park and it gives me a chance to reflect, but we're looking forward to the game. It's a big game, obviously. Getting to a final you want to take that opportunity.

Is it also good to step away from the inevitable pressure in Donegal in the countdown to the final?

There's no doubt about it, there are a lot of demands on the management and the players in the week or two leading up to the final. But we were away last week for a few days and got a really good training camp under our belts. It was a great opportunity to prepare the team and we're happy with where we're at. We're looking forward to Sunday. Kerry are going to present a massive challenge to us and hopefully we have the answers.

Beating Dublin in the semi-final, the holders and favourites this year, must have given the team a real boost?

It felt great, but it feels great any time you win in the Championship. Every match is a big, big game. It's a special occasion and when you get over the line you're delighted that you're able to progress in the competition. Dublin are a fantastic team, there's no doubt about that, but it counts for nothing if we don't go on now and win the final. We've had the mantra over the past few years of taking every game on its own merits. We look at it that way, we prepare for the opposition as best we can and then we turn the light back on ourselves and we prepare our own team and hopefully get as many things right as possible on the day, and that's what we're focused on ahead of the final.

Was it important to bring the players back down to earth after the euphoria of beating Dublin?

We're very grounded, and the players are very humble

Jim McGuinness



players. They know what it's all about. And we're carrying a lot of hurt from last year. We were champions in 2012 and there were a lot of things that went on last year that we wouldn't have been happy about, a lot of circumstances that probably didn't help us prepare the team properly, and they were rectified this year, and we've put ourselves in a very strong position. That's still very fresh in the memory, the pain of being in that dressing room at Croke Park last year when we really got annihilated by Mayo. It was a difficult place to be and there was a lot of soul-searching over the winter months in terms of 2014. And thankfully the boys have really stepped up to the mark and they've given it absolutely everything in every training session this year. We find ourselves in the final and we want to take advantage of it.

Did you have a feeling that the team could do well this season?

For me, the key thing is preparation and once the preparations are really good, I'm happy. And if we prepare really well and go into the game with a good mindset, and with everyone available, that's all you're looking for. After that, it's just about the performance and we're just trying to nail that performance on Sunday. There are no guarantees. We could nail the performance, we could do everything 100 per cent, and we could still meet a top-class Kerry side who could pip you at the post. There are never any guarantees in sport, but if we do nail the performance it means we're going to be competitive and if you're competitive you've always got a chance of winning, and that's the key thing for us. We want to do ourselves justice, we want to do our county justice, and we want to deliver that big performance.

What it would mean to Donegal to lift the Sam Maguire trophy again?

They're talking about 35,000 Donegal supporters going down to Dublin for the final, and there was something similar for the final in 2012, and the population is only 130,000. So there's a fair chunk of the population



that wants to be at Croke Park. The interest is huge. It's our national sport and the football final is the main sporting event in the country. It's a privilege to be in it and when you're in it, you want to win it. That's not going to be easy but that's what we're focused on now, trying to get that performance right to give us the best opportunity to win it.

Will your experience as a successful player and manager on this stage help the team?

I'm not sure, maybe a tiny bit, but every game is on its own merits. As I said, our preparations have been good and that's the most important thing for me because if you're not prepared it's very difficult to be confident. We've had a good couple of weeks in the lead-up to this. We're buoyed by the fact we had a very good performance against Dublin but there's no point reading too much into that. We just need to focus on Kerry now, getting our own game-plan right and containing them to the best of our ability. That's going to be a very difficult job but that's the challenge and that's what you've got to look forward to.

There will be over 80,000 fans in Croke Park, so will there be the inevitable pre-match nerves among the players?

That's down to our game-plan. There is a saying in psychology - fear lies in the unknown - and what we try to do is make every possibility that could happen on the day clear to the players' minds and make sure that what we're trying to execute in terms of our own game-plan is something that all the players are very comfortable with. And then it's just a case of delivering that. Our lads won't be thinking about the crowd or Croke Park or the significance of winning our third All-Ireland, or anything like that. It's just really about what we need to do to win this game and the job that's in front of us. That's what we've got to stay focused on and if we can focus on that and execute that, we give ourselves a chance to be competitive.



PREVIOUS ALL-IRELAND WINNERS

1887	Limerick	1951	Mayo
1890	Tipperary	1952	Cavan
1891	Cork	1953	Kerry
1891	Dublin	1954	Meath
1892	Dublin	1955	Kerry
1893	Wexford	1956	Galway
1894	Dublin	1957	Louth
1895	Tipperary	1958	Dublin
1896	Limerick	1959	Kerry
1897	Dublin	1960	Down
1898	Dublin	1961	Down
1899	Dublin	1962	Kerry
1900	Tipperary	1963	Dublin
1901	Dublin	1964	Galway
1902	Dublin	1965	Galway
1903	Kerry	1966	Galway
1904	Kerry	1967	Meath
1905	Kildare	1968	Down
1906	Dublin	1969	Kerry
1907	Dublin	1970	Kerry
1908	Dublin	1971	Offaly
1909	Kerry	1972	Offaly
1910	Louth	1973	Cork
1911	Cork	1974	Dublin
1912	Louth	1975	Kerry
1913	Kerry	1976	Dublin
1914	Kerry	1977	Dublin
1915	Wexford	1978	Kerry
1916	Wexford	1979	Kerry
1917	Wexford	1980	Kerry
1918	Wexford	1981	Kerry
1919	Kildare	1982	Offaly
1920	Tipperary	1983	Dublin
1921	Dublin	1984	Kerry
1922	Dublin	1985	Kerry
1923	Dublin	1986	Kerry
1924	Kerry	1987	Meath
1925	Galway	1988	Meath
1926	Kerry	1989	Cork
1927	Kildare	1990	Cork
1928	Kildare	1991	Down
1929	Kerry	1992	Donegal
1930	Kerry	1993	Derry
1931	Kerry	1994	Down
1932	Kerry	1995	Dublin
1933	Cavan	1996	Meath
1934	Galway	1997	Kerry
1935	Cavan	1998	Galway
1936	Mayo	1999	Meath
1937	Kerry	2000	Kerry
1938	Galway	2001	Galway
1939	Kerry	2002	Armagh
1940	Kerry	2003	Tyrone
1941	Kerry	2004	Kerry
1942	Dublin	2005	Tyrone
1943	Roscommon	2006	Kerry
1944	Roscommon	2007	Keri
1945	Cork	2008	Tyrone
1946	Kerry	2009	Kerry
1947	Cavan	2010	Cork
1948	Cavan	2011	Dublin
1949	Meath	2012	Donegal
1950	Mayo	2013	Dublin

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Frail delighted with treble yell from Henderson

THE Celtic Development Side hit the goals trail in fine style on Tuesday night when they hit Ross County for six at Inverness Clachnacuddin's Grant Street home.

They went behind early in the 6-2 win and then went ahead before the 'home' side equalised, but the young Celts recovered and finished the match with a hat-trick from Liam Henderson, a double from Paul McMullan and another counter from Joe Thomson.

Coach Stevie Frail said: "I'm really pleased as it was a good six-goal display. The quality and variety of the goals was good but I was more pleased with the performance.

"I thought the first half was decent. We gave away two sloppy goals which is poor from that point of view but we asked them to go out in the second half, be professional and win the game.

"We spoke about the same things we drill into them every week but I'm more enthused about the performance. I thought it was terrific"

He added: "I was pleased with the response after going a goal behind but we can't go giving teams goals of a start and the first one was really sloppy.

"It was a sloppy five or 10-minute start but we got back into the game and went 2-1 up before, from an attack in their final third, we conceded another goal.

"So it was poor from the point of view of the goals against us. In the second half they were excellent in their work-rate and their pressing.

"The pitch wasn't great but it wasn't bad either so we asked them to mix it up at times by going longer and getting in behind them and they did everything we asked of them so I'm really, really pleased with their performance."

The coach had special words of praise



for the hat-trick hero and said: "It was a great hat-trick and the quality of Liam's finishing was fantastic.

"Again, it was just his overall play, his link-up play with Filip Twardzik and Jamie Lindsay in the middle of the park, the two wide players, Kieran Tierney and Joe Thomson, and especially his relationship with Paul McMullan.

"They seem to have this telepathic thing as they've been playing in the system together for years now and you can see that.

"I thought that not only his goals but his work-rate throughout the game was first-class."

The game followed a tight 2-1 win over Dundee and Frail said: "We've got good players in the team and the side in the previous game was a very young one against an experienced Dundee outfit.

"This was a different kind of display and a different kind of victory but you like getting good players in the team and I thought Liam Henderson was outstanding, as was Paul McMullan.

"People watching the game could see that as they catch the eye, but I should give special mention to the two central midfielders, Jamie Lindsay and Filip Twardzik.

"They were understated but did their job in recovery positions and they got the ball and started it from the back.

"The two full-backs grew into the game, the two wide players put in a shift as did the two centre-backs - it was right throughout the team and it was a first-class performance."

He added: "It's good to look forward to the games ahead. We had a long trip up to Inverness for a game that we wanted to win but we also wanted to win it playing in a certain manner.

"In the Ross County game we saw what the boys can do and these games are stepping stones to the first team for them.

"That is the outcome, but along the way we want to win games and against Ross County we saw what the boys can do."

CELTIC:



The story so far...



Comp	Date	Result
UCL	15 July	KR Reykjavik 0-1 Celtic
UCL	22 July	Celtic 4-0 KR Reykjavik
UCL	30 July	Legia Warsaw 4-1 Celtic
UCL	06 Aug	Celtic 0-2 Legia Warsaw
SPFL	13 Aug	St Johnstone 0-3 Celtic
SPFL	16 Aug	Celtic 6-1 Dundee Utd
UCL	20 Aug	NK Maribor 1-1 Celtic
SPFL	23 Aug	Inverness CT 1-0 Celtic
UCL	26 Aug	Celtic 0-1 NK Maribor
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee 1-1 Celtic
SPFL	13 Sep	Celtic 2-1 Aberdeen
Europa League	18 Sep	FC Salzburg v Celtic





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
- UEL - Europa League
- SC - Scottish Cup
- SLC - League Cup

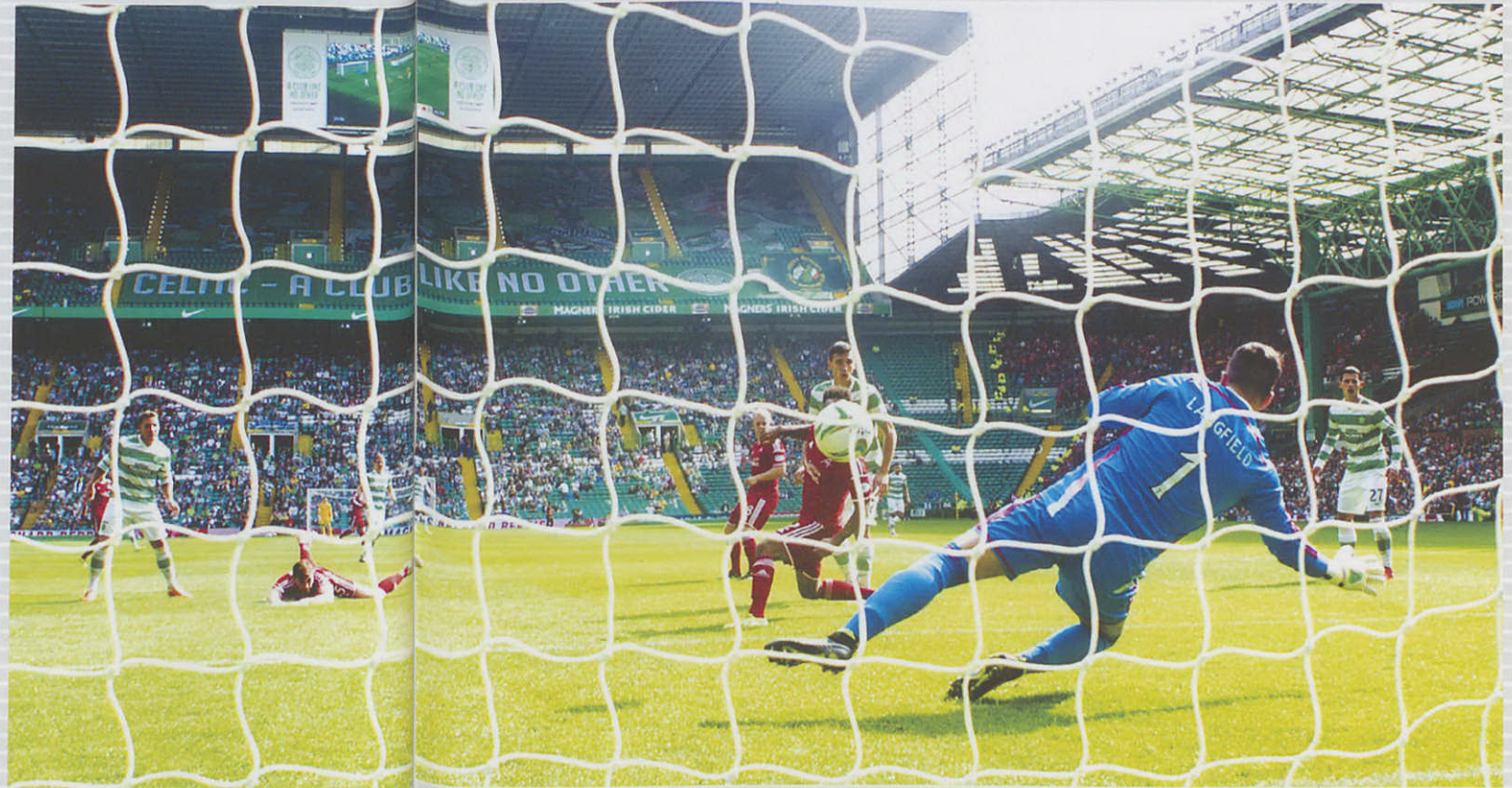
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Comp	Date	Opposition	Result	Starting 11					
July									
UCL	15 Jul	KR Reykjavik	1-0	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
UCL	22 Jul	KR Reykjavik	4-0	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk 2	Izaguirre	
UCL	30 Jul	Legia Warsaw	1-4	Forster	Lustig	Ambrose	van Dijk	Matthews	
August									
UCL	6 Aug	Legia Warsaw	3-0*	Forster	Matthews	Lustig	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
SPFL	13 Aug	St Johnstone	3-0	Gordon	Matthews	Lustig	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
SPFL	16 Aug	Dundee United	6-1	Gordon	Ambrose	Denayer 1	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
UCL	20 Aug	NK Maribor	1-1	Gordon	Lustig	Denayer	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
SPFL	23 Aug	Inverness CT	0-1	Zaluska	Ambrose	O'Connell	Mulgrew	Twardzik	
UCL	26 Aug	NK Maribor	0-1	Gordon	Ambrose	Lustig	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee	1-1	Gordon	Matthews	Ambrose	Denayer	Izaguirre	
September									
SPFL	13 Sep	Aberdeen	2-1	Gordon	Ambrose	Denayer 1	van Dijk	Izaguirre	
UEL	18 Sep	FC Salzburg							
SPFL	21 Sep	Motherwell							
SLC	24 Sep	Hearts (Third Round, 7.15pm)							
SPFL	27 Sep	St Mirren							
October									
UEL	02 Oct	Dinamo Zagreb (8.05pm)							
SPFL	05 Oct	Hamilton							
SPFL	18 Oct	Ross County (12.45pm)							
UEL	23 Oct	FC Astra (8.05pm)							
SPFL	26 Oct	Kilmarnock							
SLC	28/29 Oct	Scottish League Cup R4							
November									
SPFL	01 Nov	Inverness CT							
UEL	06 Nov	FC Astra							
SPFL	09 Nov	Aberdeen (12.30pm)							
SPFL	22 Nov	Dundee							
UEL	27 Nov	FC Salzburg (8.05pm)							
SC	29 Nov	Scottish Cup R4							
December									
SPFL	06 Dec	Motherwell							
UEL	11 Dec	Dinamo Zagreb							
SPFL	14 Dec	St Mirren							
SPFL	20 Dec	Dundee United							
SPFL	27 Dec	Ross County							
January									
SPFL	01 Jan	Partick Thistle							
SPFL	04 Jan	Kilmarnock							
SPFL	10 Jan	St Johnstone							
SPFL	17 Jan	Hamilton							
SPFL	21 Jan	Motherwell							
SPFL	24 Jan	Ross County							
SPFL	31 Jan	Kilmarnock							
SLC	31 Jan/1 Feb	Scottish League Cup SF							
February									
SC	07 Feb	Scottish Cup R5							
SPFL	14 Feb	St Johnstone							
UEL	19 Feb	UEL R32 L1							
SPFL	21 Feb	Hamilton							
UEL	26 Feb	UEL R32 L2							
SPFL	28 Feb	Aberdeen							
March									
SC	07 Mar	Scottish Cup R6							
UEL	12 Mar	UEL R16 L1							
SPFL	14 Mar	Dundee							
SLC	15 Mar	Scottish League Cup Final							
UEL	19 Mar	UEL R16 L2							
SPFL	21 Mar	Dundee United							
April									
SPFL	04 Apr	St Mirren							
SPFL	08 Apr	Partick Thistle							
SPFL	11 Apr	Inverness CT							
UEL	16 Apr	UEL QF L1							
SC	18/19 Apr	Scottish Cup Semi Final							
UEL	23 Apr	UEL QF L2							
SPFL	25 Apr	TBC							
May									
SPFL	02 May	TBC							
UEL	07 May	UEL Semi-Final L1							
SPFL	09 May	TBC							
UEL	14 May	UEL Semi-Final L2							
SPFL	16 May	TBC							
SPFL	23 May	TBC							
UEL	27 May	UEL Final (Warsaw)							
SC	30 May	Scottish Cup Final							
TBC									
SPFL		Partick Thistle							

Domestic games kick off at 3pm unless stated, European matches at 7.45pm. Celtic score shown first. All fixtures subject to change. *Legia Warsaw forfeit the match - Celtic awarded 3-0 win.

Starting 11											Substitutes															
Johansen	Mulgrew	McGregor 1	Commons	Griffiths	Stokes	Zaluska	Matthews	O'Connell	Kayal	Henderson	Boerrigter	Pukki	Johansen	Mulgrew	McGregor	Commons	Griffiths	Pukki 2	Zaluska	Matthews	Bitton	Kayal	Henderson	Boerrigter	Stokes	Griffiths
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Johansen	Brown	McGregor	Commons 1	Tonev	Scepovic	Zaluska	O'Connell	Bitton	Kayal	Wakaso	Guidetti	Stokes														



QUIZ

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1 Who are the only two men to have managed Celtic and the Scottish international side?

2 For which country has striker Stefan Scepovic won international caps in his career?

3 Since the Millennium, which two men have played for Motherwell in Scottish and League Cup finals?

4 Who at the start of the 2014/15 season was the longest-serving manager in Scottish football?

5 In the last 15 years which two English goalkeepers have played in competitive matches for Celtic?

6 Who was the first Celtic player to win 50 international caps for Scotland?

7 In the last five years which player has netted most competitive goals for Motherwell with a total of 40?

8 Which two men captained their respective sides in the recent MAESTRIO charity match at Celtic Park?

9 Which is the only club that Emilio Izaguirre has scored against in over 150 competitive appearances for Celtic?

10 Who in 2008 was the last Motherwell player to score an international goal for Scotland?

11 Against which club last season did Celtic clinch their third successive league championship under Neil Lennon?

12 Which three men have captained teams to success in UEFA Champions League and World Cup finals?

13 Who is the only current Motherwell player to have scored goals in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League?

14 Who was the last player to depart Celtic and break the transfer record between two British clubs?

15 Which four current Celts have, in their career, also netted against the Hoops in competitive matches?



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ANSWERS

1. Jock Stein & Gordon Strachan.
2. Serbia.
3. Stephen Craigan & Steven Hammell; League Cup: 2005; Scottish Cup: 2011.
4. Dick Campbell (Forfar). He became manager in 2008.
5. Fraser Forster & Tony Warner.
6. Danny McGrain (February 1981) v Israel.
7. Michael Higdon.
8. Paul McStay & Rio Ferdinand.
9. St Johnstone (2010/11).
10. David Clarkson v Czech Republic.
11. Partick Thistle.
12. Didier Deschamps (France/Real Madrid); Iker Casillas (Spain); Philipp Lahm (Germany/Bayern Munich).
13. Stephen McManus (he scored for Celtic against AC Milan).
14. Kenny Dalglish (Celtic to Liverpool) 1977: £440,000.
15. Scott Brown, Anthony Stokes, Charlie Mulgrew & Leigh Griffiths.



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MANAGER: **STUART McCALL**

ADAM MATTHEWS	2	○	○	2	CRAIG REID
EMILIO IZAGUIRRE	3	○	○	3	STEVEN HAMMELL
EFE AMBROSE	4	○	○	4	STEWART CARSWELL
VIRGIL VAN DIJK	5	○	○	5	SIMON RAMSDEN
NIR BITTON	6	○	○	6	STEPHEN MCMANUS
LIAM BLACKIE*	7	○	○	7	LIONEL AINSWORTH
SCOTT BROWN	8	○	○	8	PAUL LAWSON
JOHN GUIDETTI	9	○	○	9	JOHN SUTTON
ANTHONY STOKES	10	○	○	11	IAIN VIGURS
DERK BOERRIGTER	11	○	○	12	DAN TWARDZIK
STEFAN SCEPOVIC	12	○	○	13	GUNNAR NIELSEN
KRIS COMMONS	15	○	○	14	KEITH LASLEY
JO INGE BERGET	16	○	○	15	MARK O'BRIEN
CHARLIE MULGREW	21	○	○	16	ROBERT MCHUGH
JASON DENAYER	22	○	○	17	ZAINE FRANCIS-ANGOL
MIKAEL LUSTIG	23	○	○	18	JOSH LAW
LUKASZ ZALUSKA	24	○	○	19	LEE ERWIN
STEFAN JOHANSEN	25	○	○	20	FRASER KERR
CRAIG GORDON	26	○	○	21	JACK LEITCH
ALEKSANDAR TONEV	27	○	○	22	CRAIG MOORE
LEIGH GRIFFITHS	28	○	○	23	ADAM CUMMINS
JOHN HERRON	31	○	○	24	HENRIK OJAMAA
MUBARAK WAKASO	32	○	○	25	ROSS STEWART
BERAM KAYAL	33	○	○	26	DOMINIC THOMAS
EOGHAN O'CONNELL	34	○	○	27	STEVEN HIGGINS
LEO FASAN	38	○	○	28	MORGYN NEILL
DARNELL FISHER	41	○	○	29	CHRISTOPHER CADDEN
CALLUM McGREGOR	42	○	○	30	DAVID FERGUSON
MARCUS FRASER	44	○	○	32	CRAIG McCALL
JAMES FORREST	49	○	○	33	LIAM ANDERSON
LIAM HENDERSON	53	○	○	34	DYLAN MACKIN
FILIP TWARDZIK	56	○	○	35	DANNY McNULTY

*Magners #7 winner

21.09.2014

RESULT: H/T F/T SCORERS:
 Celtic
 Motherwell

NEXT GAME:

v Hearts
 Wednesday, September 24, 2014
 Scottish League Cup Third Round
 Celtic Park, 7.15pm

TODAY'S OFFICIALS:

Referee: Brian Colvin
 Assistant 1: Stuart MacMillan
 Assistant 2: Douglas Ross
 Fourth Official: Andrew Dallas