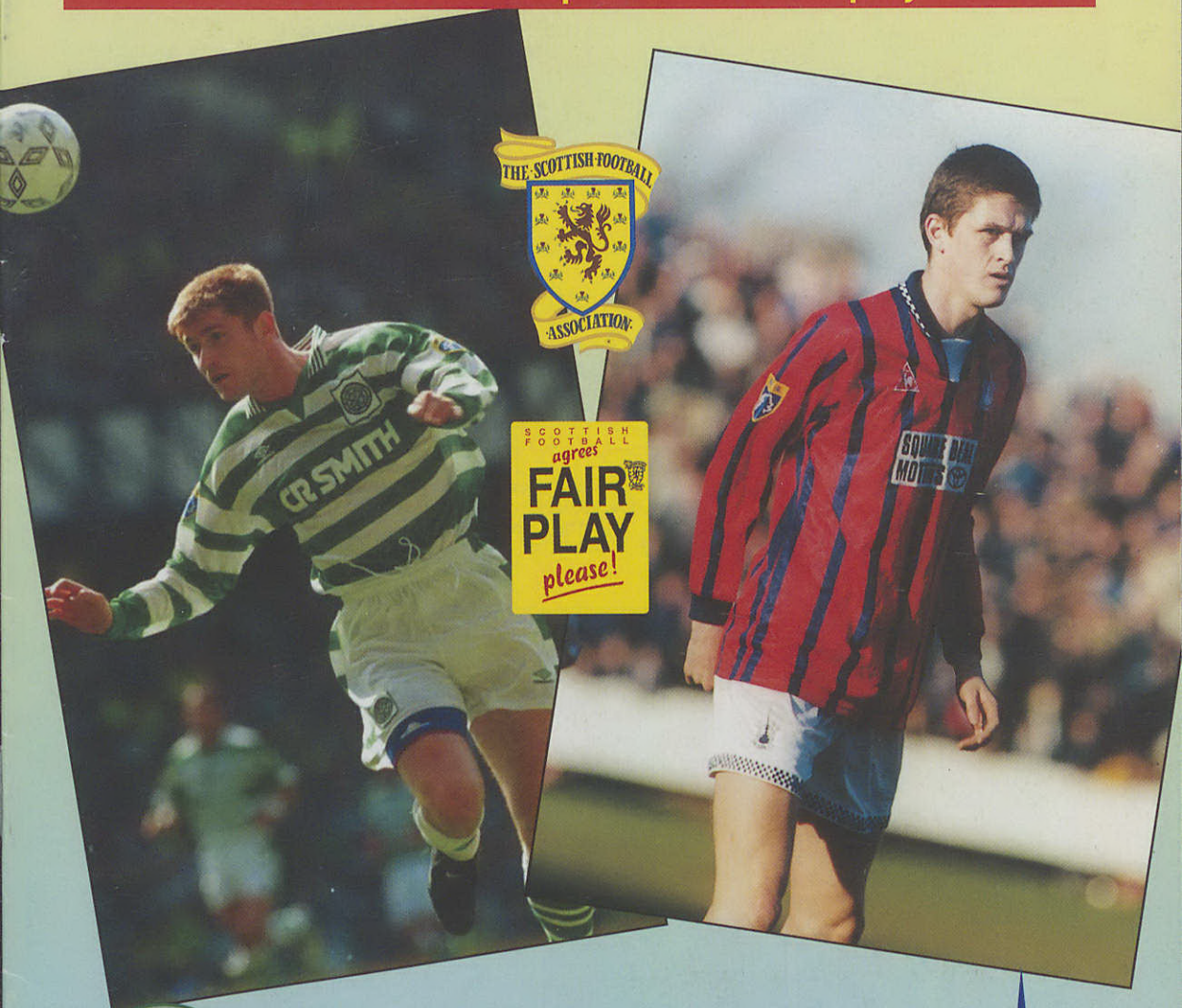


Celtic Falkirk



Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-Final Replay Tie



Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow
Wednesday, 23rd April 1997
Kick-Off 7.45 pm



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One step away

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome, on behalf of the Scottish Football Association, to everyone present at Ibrox Stadium, for this evening's Tennents Scottish Cup Semi-Final Replay between Celtic and Falkirk.

Just over a week ago, both teams contested the original tie and such was their level of commitment that it was not possible to separate the teams in a tense, hard fought encounter. This evening, however, one club will emerge winners as the replay tie will be played to a finish, with extra time and kicks from the penalty mark, if necessary. For the winners, there will be the joy and anticipation of participating in the Tennents Scottish Cup Final tie on Saturday, 24th May, 1997. For the other, there will be the consolation of knowing that they gave their opponents a difficult match and perhaps, on another day, it may have been they who were looking



forward to playing in Scottish football's glamour climax to the season.

A warm welcome is extended to all of you who are at Ibrox Stadium this evening, particularly those who have returned, having witnessed the first tie eleven days ago. It is also a pleasure to again welcome the representatives of the tournament sponsor, Tennent Caledonian Breweries, and their guests to tonight's match. The Scottish Football Association is most appreciative of the support which our sponsor has provided for Scotland's top cup competition over the last eight years and we look forward to their continued support in the years ahead.

The Association is grateful to Rangers F.C. for once again making Ibrox Stadium available for this evening's match and for the co-operation and assistance which has

been extended by the club's Board of Directors and staff in staging this important fixture.

As mentioned earlier, there will be a winner tonight. Celtic and Falkirk are only one step away from the Tennents Scottish Cup Final.

I do hope that it is an enjoyable evening's football.

BILL DICKIE
PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH F.A.





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Expecting the unexpected

The Tennents Scottish Cup is the antidote to cynicism. Whenever the manager of one of the smaller clubs looks forward to a daunting tie and tells us that it is eleven men against eleven, we tend to ridicule him. However, the first game in the Celtic v Falkirk semi-final proved that the significance of reputations and valuations really can disappear in this tournament.

The 1-1 draw at Ibrox should also have reminded everybody that there is a price to be paid for wealth. The Celtic squad was made up of players who had cost some £14m, but they have to live with the fact that they are expected to glide past opponents such as Falkirk. It must be an uncomfortable feeling to take the field knowing that few people will accept that a genuine contest lies ahead.

In fairness, Falkirk swiftly demonstrated that they were not mere interlopers on the occasion. Although the club's last appearance in the semi-finals occurred 40 years ago, when Falkirk went on to win the tournament, the players did not look as if they were novices. Indeed, it was Celtic who were first to experience acute discomfort.

Scott Crabbe was off-side when he pushed the ball home for Falkirk in the tenth minute, but he had perhaps only been a yard away from a legitimate goal. Referees and their assistants have to accept judgment by slow-motion scrutiny, so it is only fair they should be praised when they correctly make a fine distinction in the heat of the moment. Falkirk, though, may be not have been inclined to join in the applause.

A relieved Celtic did soon appear to be turning the match in their favour. We have all been ready to

gape in awe at the skills of the foreign signings, but, in some cases, clubs have also imported a competitive mentality. It may have come as a surprise that, in the absence of Paul McStay, Paolo di Canio should take over the captaincy for Celtic, but the game vindicated Tommy Burns' decision.

In his will to impose his excellence on the semi-final, the Italian provided an admirable form of leadership. Few people, of course, have the skill to follow his example perfectly. Surely, he was the only player on the pitch capable of the 60-yard run, just before the interval, that ended with Andreas Thom clipping a shot just wide.

Alex Totten, the Falkirk manager, remarked later that the first-half had felt endless, but to the neutral spectator his side always seemed to be defending capably. The man-of-the-match award was to go to Kevin James and, at 6ft 7in, he is liable to catch the eye, yet others may have been just as significant. James, for example, enjoyed considerable assistance in central defence from Andy Gray.

The former England international must have been leg-weary at Ibrox, having missed the previous three matches through suspension, but his influence proved inexhaustible. Falkirk could never be forced to cower behind the barriers they had erected and, after an hour, a snapshot by the industrious Kevin McAllister compelled a fine reflex save from Stewart Kerr.

By then, Celtic had made, and missed, several chances but that scare seemed to galvanise them. The free-running Tommy Johnson smacked a drive narrowly past in the 63rd minute and went on to score his first goal for the club, following his £2.3m transfer from Aston Villa, three minutes later. Di

Canio did wonderfully well to control the ball in the mayhem of the penalty area and set up Jorge Cadete for a shot that was parried by Craig Nelson and fired in by Johnson.

Falkirk were never to surrender in their war with the supposedly inevitable and James scored a now famous equaliser in the 82nd minute. He had been pushed forward after Celtic lost Alan Stubbs to a head injury, but although the 21-year-old took his goal well, it was really the speed and swing of Jamie McGowan's magnificent cross from the right that broke the defence.

That consummate piece of skill, when the game looked lost for Falkirk, was one last reminder that the Scottish Cup is the home of the unexpected.



Paolo Di Canio

CELTIC

STEWART KERR

Born Bellshill 13.11.74.
Height 6ft 2ins. Weight 13st 0lbs.
Young Stewart grabbed his big chance as firmly as he gathers the ball after being promoted by Tommy Burns last October. And he hasn't missed a game since. Stewart rates Manchester United's, Peter Schmeichel, as Europe's No. 1 keeper and tries to copy the great Dane's every move. It shows, too. Pulled off a great save from Kevin McAllister in the first match, but didn't have much chance with Falkirk's goal.

JACKIE McNAMARA

Born Glasgow 24.10.73.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 9st 7lbs.
Jackie will go down as one of Burns' best-ever buys following his bargain £400,000 snatch from Dunfermline. He hasn't taken too much time to break into Craig Brown's Scotland

squad, either, and it might not be too long before he becomes an automatic choice. Fast-maturing, Jackie has his sights set on winning his first major medal, too. Came on as a sub for the injured Stubbs in the first match.

ENRICO ANNONI

Born Gloussand 10.07.66.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 12st 4lbs.
His recent transfer from Roma developed into a will he won't he saga and Celtic looked like losing their target before finally landing another Serie A star. A surprise choice at right back in the first match, although he switched to central defence when Stubbs went off injured.

ALAN STUBBS

Born Kirkby 06.10.71.
Height 6ft 1ins.
Weight 13st 7lbs.
The Scouser has had an unfortunate time of it with a flurry of cautions and a series of niggling injuries. Celtic fans have only seen glimpses of the real Stubbs in action. But there's no doubting he can be commanding in the air and on the deck. The injury jinx continued when he was carried off in the first match after a clash of heads with Kevin James.

TOMMY BOYD

Born Glasgow 24.11.65.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 4lbs.
A Celtic regular and a Scotland fixture – what more could Tommy be gunning for? Another Scottish Cup winners' medal, that's what. Tommy recently broke his scoring duck for Scotland with that mighty-welcome headed opener against Estonia at Kilmarnock. But the

versatile defender – happy on either flank or in the middle – has his mind more set on keeping them out rather than popping them in.

PETER GRANT

Born Bellshill 30.08.65.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 7lbs.
Just like McStay, no-one could ever question Peter's undying loyalty to Celtic. Some are even convinced he has green blood running through those Grant veins. Although unavailable for the first tie, he kicked every ball and contested every challenge from the stand. Grant's face is a picture to behold every time he leaves the park as a winner with the Bhoys. And Cup success simply makes his grin that big bit broader.

TOSH McKINLAY

Born Glasgow 03.12.64.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 9lbs.
A wing back who can cross the ball with such precision from left-wing raids? But picking out team-mates with seeming ease with that cultured left peg isn't the only weapon in the McKinlay armoury. Tosh knows more than a wee bit about defending, too. Didn't get forward as much as he, or Tommy Burns, would have liked in the first match as he was up against the tricky McAllister.

PAUL McSTAY

Born Hamilton 22.10.64.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 8lbs.
A fixture in Celtic's first team for fifteen years. Had a serious ankle injury over the close season which took Paul a long time to recover from. However, once re-established in Celtic's midfield, his character, skill and reading of the game has been influential. Missed the first match due to injury.



Tosh McKinlay

PHIL O'DONNELL

Born Bellshill 25.03.72.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 5lbs.
Phil is at his most dangerous when opponents appear to overlook the fact he's playing. Ignore him for a split second and, flash, the ball is in the back of your net. However, didn't hit top form a week past Saturday and will be hoping to make amends tonight.

ANDREAS THOM

Born Rudersdorf 07.09.65.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 10lbs.
German ace, Andreas, has been used sparingly this season, sparking speculation he is on the verge of returning to his homeland. A surprise choice to many when Burns selected him for the first tie. But didn't stamp his class on the match and seemed to allow the game to pass by him in spells.

DAVID HANNAH

Born Airdrie 04.08.73.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 8lbs.
Tommy Burns surprised a few when he presented David as a late Christmas gift from Dundee United. But his acquisition is all part of Celtic's green-print for the future, and he has already impressed with some outstanding performances. Dave already has a Scottish Cup winners' medal, having been part of the United side which stopped Rangers from claiming the treble three years ago.

MORTEN WIEGHORST

Born Glostrup 25.02.71.
Height 6ft 3ins. Weight 12st 12lbs.
The Danish star has taken on a revolving door role for Celtic lately – now you see him, now you don't. Morten moved from Dundee in an attempt to establish himself both for the Celts and for Denmark, but those plans have drifted a bit wide of the target. But Morten can still switch on the class when required. Could be a surprise choice tonight.

JORGE CADETE

Born Mozambique 27.08.68.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 10lbs.
Celtic's top scorer this season. Joined the club last March and has made an enormous impact at the club. The Portuguese international is a big favourite of the fans and has already hit the 30 mark for goals this season. Had a very poor match by his own high standards in the semi, eleven days ago.

SIMON DONNELLY

Born Glasgow 01.12.74.
Height 5ft 5ins. Weight 10st 12lbs.
Simon says, it's time for Celtic to take the Scottish Cup back to Paradise. First of all, though they will have to take care of Falkirk tonight. And little Simon, small in physical stature but huge in heart and ability, will have to wait and wonder if he is to get a semi-final nod. Simon is being given the chance to mature at his own speed, instead of being burned out at a hectic weekly pace.

PAOLO DI CANIO

Born Rome 09.07.68.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 9lbs.
If a staple diet of spaghetti, pizza and a dash of chianti produces players of this high calibre, then maybe aspiring players here should immediately give up on porridge, fish suppers and the traditional bottle of fizzy pop. Paolo's a star – no argument – and Burns is to be praised from the roof of the new Parkhead stand for bringing such a huge talent to this country. Di Canio, worked tirelessly in the first tie to make things happen but became frustrated

at the lack of incisiveness in front of goal.

TOMMY JOHNSON

Born Newcastle 17.01.71
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 12st 4lbs.
Burns splashed out a reputed £2.4 million four weeks ago to sign the Geordie from Aston Villa. Tommy insisted he had made the move to help Celtic win the cup – and thought he was on the way with the first goal in the original Ibrox clash.

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

Born Bellshill 14.05.74.
Height 5ft 4ins. Weight 9st 3lbs.
A very tricky character on the field who has been likened to the legendary Jimmy Johnstone. Used sparingly this season, but has the ability to unlock tight defences and could be a key man if selected tonight. On the bench for the first tie.

Simon Donnelly





CELTIC

Stewart Kerr

Gordon Marshall

Jackie McNamara

Tom Boyd

Alan Stubbs

Enrico Annoni

Tosh McKinlay

Simon Donnelly

David Hannah

Paul McStay

Phil O'Donnell

Brian McLaughlin

Jorge Cadete

Paolo di Canio

Andreas Thom

Tommy Johnson

- Spectators are urged to exercise the utmost care when leaving the ground, particularly in staircase areas. Their doing so will reduce to a minimum the risk of accident. We ask you to pay particular attention to this notice.
- First aid duties at tonight's match are kindly carried out by the St. Andrew's Ambulance Association.
- Smoking is prohibited within the Main Deck of the Main Stand and on the Club Deck concourse.



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Mr Brian Cassidy, Carmunnock

Mr Willie

FALKIRK

Craig Nelson

Paul Mathers

Neil Oliver

Kevin McAllister

Jamie McGowan

Scott McKenzie

Kevin James

Scott Crabbe

Albert Craig

Andy Gray

Andrew Seaton

Kenny Ward

Paul McGrillen

Mark McGraw

David Hagen

Gerhard Fellner

Andrew Lawrie

Martyn Corrigan



- In the event of tonight's tie ending in a draw after 90 minutes, an extra thirty minutes shall be played. Thereafter, if the match is still undecided, the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.
- Tonight's match ball, the Umbro Elite Supreme Ceramica, is supplied by Umbro Europe Ltd., official suppliers to The Scottish Football Association.
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Young, Clarkston

FOURTH OFFICIAL

Mr Michael McCurry, Glasgow



FALKIRK

CRAIG NELSON

Born Coatbridge 28.05.71.
Height 6ft 1in. Weight 12st 3lbs.
Arrived in the summer as part of the deal that took David Weir to Heart of Midlothian. Made his name and reputation with Partick Thistle, although the move to Tynecastle didn't work out the way he would have liked. Good shot stopper who can convert defence to attack with hefty kick-outs. Made a number of key saves in the first tie.

NEIL OLIVER

Born Berwick-Upon-Tweed 11.04.67.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 11st 10lbs.
The powerful defender has been with Falkirk since travelling north from Blackburn in 1991. Equally at home in central defence or full-back, he adds presence to the back division with an unfussy style designed to clear the lines. Starting to re-establish himself after having his career disrupted by injury. Gave a solid performance in the first tie.

JAMIE MCGOWAN

Born Morecambe 05.12.70.
Height 6ft 0ins. Weight 11st 11lb.
Signed from Dundee in 1994, an intelligent defender who likes to come forward. Good vision and distribution, he is capable of playing anywhere at the back and has been awarded the captaincy because of the example he shows on the field. Inspired his team with a determined display in the first game.

ANDY GRAY

Born London 22.02.64.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 13st 9lbs.
With one senior cap for England, he was hailed as a star of the future with Crystal Palace, but stumbled on the way up and has spent his career at several clubs including Spurs, Aston Villa and Queens Park Rangers. He was in the Palace side that lost the 1990 FA Cup final against



Andy Seaton

Manchester United. Arrived at Falkirk via Athletico Marbella and is known for his long throws, often aimed for the head of Kevin James, which constitute one of Falkirk's most potent attacking options. He is also a capable defender and a great influence on those around him.

KEVIN JAMES

Born Edinburgh 03.12.75.
Height 6ft 7ins. Weight 12st 0lbs.
Falkirk's goal hero in the first game and the sponsor's Man of the Match. His height caused Celtic many problems ten days ago. At times he appears as awkward as a stork on stilts, but that belies a sure touch on the ball and the ability to pass with accuracy. He has established himself in the side and is a regular target for the long throws of Andy Gray, a tactic that produced the first goal in the quarter-final win over Raith Rovers. Recently signed a new two-year contract.

GRAHAM MITCHELL

Born Glasgow 02.11.62.
Height 5ft 10ins. Weight 11st 12lbs.
Getting into the veteran stage, the former Hibernian defender could provide much needed experience for Alex Totten. Saw service with

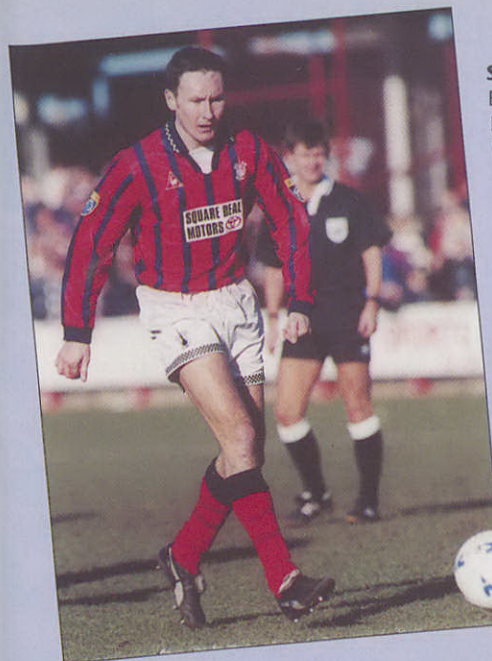
Hamilton early in his career as a midfielder, but has drifted back into defence through the years. Not only has he retained his enthusiasm for the game he also has a great desire to be a winner and can be relied on never to give up.

ANDY SEATON

Born Edinburgh 16.09.77.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 11st 9lbs.
The 19-year-old has broken into the first team this season with effective performances at left back. Good confidence and able to distribute the ball well, he's been tipped as having a bright future in the game. Signed from Stoneyburn Juniors in 1996, his performances in the reserves have been rewarded with early promotion to the first team. Gave a good account of himself against Di Canio.

SCOTT MCKENZIE

Born Glasgow 07.07.70.
Height 5ft 9ins. Weight 10st 5lbs.
Quietly effective in the midfield, he has been with Falkirk since 1990 and has retained his place throughout several managerial changes. A player's player whose contribution is appreciated more on the field than off it, he is likely to provide a link between defence and attack. Good



Jamie McGowan

vision, with an eye for a defence splitting pass, and he can also weigh in with robust tackles in the middle of the field.

KEVIN McALLISTER

Born Falkirk 08.11.62.
Height 5ft 5ins. Weight 11st 0lbs.
Now in his third spell at the club, 'Crunchie' has returned from Hibernian to a hero's welcome. A direct striker, he can lay on chances for others as well as take them himself. Has experience of the big occasion, having twice played at Wembley for Chelsea in the Full Members and Zenith Data Systems cups. He was a winner on both occasions and carries the threat to help Falkirk be winners tonight.

ALBERT CRAIG

Born Glasgow 03.01.62.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 11st 5lbs.
As he takes the field tonight the midfielder's thoughts will inevitably drift back to THAT Scottish Cup result in 1987 when he helped Hamilton Academical to a Cup upset against Rangers. That experience will help to convince Falkirk that victory can be achieved. First played in the Premier Division with Dumbarton and also played in England at Newcastle. Came on as a sub for Scott McKenzie in first tie but made little impact.

SCOTT CRABBE

Born Edinburgh 12.03.68.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 11st 5lbs.
Few would grudge the striker his moment of glory after coming through a series of devastating injuries that threatened his career. Previously with Hearts and Dundee United, he has pace and is capable of leading the line as well as linking with others. While at Hearts, he was on the losing side in semi-finals against St. Mirren and Airdrie. Had a goal chalked off for offside in first match.

MARK MCGRAW

Born 05.01.71.
Height 5ft 11½ins.
Weight 11st 2lbs.

Allowed to leave Morton by his manager and father Allan, the tall striker had an unsuccessful spell at Hibernian before his move to Brockville. Still on the fringes of the first team but his height and weight can be put to good use if required. Scored the winner in the third-round replay against Berwick, and if he feels he still has to prove himself to sections of the support, that could make him a dangerous opponent tonight.

DAVID HAGEN

Born Edinburgh 05.05.73.
Height 5ft 11ins. Weight 13st 0lbs.
Spells at Rangers, then Hearts, might suggest the striker's career has been on the wane, but he has taken stock at Falkirk and is beginning once again to show the kind of form that took him to the top of the game. A regular goalscorer with great pace, he often drops back into the midfield where he is equally effective in creating for others. He has scored twice in the cup run, against Dunfermline and Raith Rovers and will have to be watched carefully by the Celtic defence.

PAUL MCGRILLEN

Born Glasgow 19.08.71.
Height 5ft 8ins. Weight 10st 5lbs.
The small hit-man arrived from Motherwell in early 1995 and was an immediate success. A non-stop

bustling player who gives 100 per cent at all times, and who can play through the middle or on the wing. More likely to be used inside with the arrival of Kevin McAllister and Kenny Ward, both of whom are more natural wingers. He was the club's top league scorer last season with six Premier Division goals.

KENNY WARD

Born Blairhall 16.06.63.
Height 5ft 7ins. Weight 11st 4lbs.
Like several of his team-mates, has come back from an injury so serious it was reported his career could be over. But Alex Totten has shown faith in the skilful ball player he had at St. Johnstone, and the manager has been rewarded for his loyalty with outstanding performances. He can operate on either wing and has had a major say in the cup run, having played against his former club, Dunfermline and Raith Rovers.

GERHARD FELLNER

Born Saalfelden, Austria 24.04.70.
Height 6ft 2ins. Weight 12st 2lbs.
The Austrian striker was signed a few weeks ago and immediately endeared himself to the locals by scoring against East Fife on his debut. The 26-year-old is powerful in the air and should prove a danger at set pieces, but he also has pace and a fine finishing touch. He has signed until the end of the season and the Falkirk fans can anticipate a few more goals from him until then. A second half substitute in the first game.



Graham Mitchell

Nothing is impossible

Celtic skipper Paul McStay and his former Old Firm rival Derek Ferguson, now with Falkirk, missed the first semi-final tie between the clubs on April 12.

McStay is hoping to be back to the fray tonight – but midfielder Ferguson will definitely miss the game. Indeed, he won't even see it.

He left for America at the weekend for a working-holiday stint in the sunshine, part of his recovery plan as he battles to get fit again after a knee ligament operation he went through three months ago and which will keep him out until next season.

"But I will be thinking about the team when I am away" says Derek who started his career with Rangers, moved on to Hearts and then Sunderland before arriving back at Brockville two seasons ago.

"I have never seen the side so fired up as they were for the first meeting with Celtic. I watched the tie from the dug-out and it was a fantastic team effort. Maybe we rode our luck a couple of times, but to go a goal down to a team like Celtic and come back for an equaliser so late in the game was a great performance.

"It didn't feel like a draw to us. It was like a victory. There were several outstanding performances –

guys like Scott Crabbe and Neil Oliver, who have had severe injury problems, came bounding back to real fighting form.

"And, of course, big Kevin James was sensational. Not just because of his goal, but his overall performance on the ground as well as in the air played a major part in the result. I know he looks skinny and awkward, but believe me he is a lot more mobile and stronger than people think.

"Not just the team, but the town got a great lift from the tie. It will be difficult in the replay, but nothing is impossible."

Celtic captain, McStay has a special reason for wanting back in the fray tonight as he doesn't want his semi-final record ruined.

The Parkhead club have been in 10 other semis since the boy McStay made his breakthrough to the top team back in 1983. And Paul has played in them all.

"I thought I had lost my chance of making another semi-final appearance because of the groin strain which kept me out the first game. But now the replay has given me a chance to hang on to that record and make it No. 11.

"Mind you, if the team had taken all the chances they created in the first game I would be just preparing myself for the Final.

"Celtic had a terrific amount of pressure, and were unlucky not to get a couple of goals. But we will have to finish off better tonight if we want to get to the Final.

"But all credit to Falkirk. I thought they acquitted themselves well on the day. We knew they would give it their best shot, and that's just what they did. They would come away from that game with their heads held high."

Paul watched the first game from the Director's Box, which he says was 'very nice'.

"But it was a strange experience watching a semi and not playing. I tried hard to get fit right up to the



Derek Ferguson

Friday before the game, but it just didn't come off for me."

Paul's first semi-final back in 1983 was a losing one – Celtic were beaten 1-0 by Aberdeen. But his next four on the trot were successful against St. Mirren in 1984, Motherwell in 1985 after a replay, Hibernian in 1989 and Clydebank in 1990.

And the resulting Finals produced a winner's medal for him three times – against Dundee United in 1985 (2-1) the same team again in 1988 (2-1 again) and then Rangers in 1989 (1-0).

Old Firm rivals, Rangers knocked Paul and his pals out in the 1992 and 1996 semi-finals, and the Parkhead club also lost to Motherwell 4-2 in a replay in 1991 after a goal-less first game.

Two seasons ago there was another 0-0 encounter, with Hibernian this time, but Celtic went on to win the replay 3-1 and then went on to beat Airdrie 1-0 in the Final for Paul to collect his fourth winner's medal.

He would like to make it a nap-hand. But after fighting Falkirk's first showing, he and the rest of the Celtic team will be taking nothing for granted.

"But we have to take our chances this time" he declares.



▲ Phil O'Donnell rounds Scott McKenzie



▲ Falkirk's equaliser

Action from Saturday's first encounter

▼ Andy Gray clears from Celtic's Jorge Cadete



Paul McStay



The story so far. . . .

FIRST ROUND

7th December, 1996

Elgin City 0 Whitehill Welfare 3
 Albion Rovers 0(0) Forfar Athletic (0)4
 Alloa 3 Hawick Royal Albert 1
 Huntly 2(1) Clyde (1)3*
 *AET (2-2 at 90 mins)

SECOND ROUND

4th January, 1997

Stranraer 0(1) Inv. Caledonian Thistle (1)0*
 *AET (0-0 at 90 mins)
 Inv. Caledonian Thistle won 4-3 on kicks
 from the penalty mark
 Ross County 3 Montrose 0
 Spartans 0(0) Arbroath (0)3
 Berwick Rangers 2 Peterhead 1
 Queen's Park 2 Gala Fairydean 1
 Whitehill Welfare 2 Queen of the South 3
 Brechin City 2 Livingston 1
 East Stirlingshire 4 Brora Rangers 3
 Stenhousemuir 1 Hamilton Academical 2
 Ayr United 0 Clyde 2
 Cowdenbeath 1 Dumbarton 0
 Forfar Athletic 0 Alloa 1

Paolo Di Canio rounds Jamie McGowan



THIRD ROUND

25th January, 1997

Heart of Midlothian 5 Cowdenbeath 0
 Hibernian 0(2) Aberdeen (2)0*
 *AET (0-0 at 90 mins)
 Hibernian won 5-3 on kicks from the
 penalty mark
 Queen's Park 1 East Fife 3
 Rangers 2 St. Johnstone 0
 Arbroath 0(2) Greenock Morton (2)4
 Dundee 3 Queen of the South 1
 Inv. Caledonian Thistle 1 Hamilton
 Academical 3
 Kilmarnock 2 East Stirlingshire 0
 Dunfermline Athletic 4 Ross County 0
 Brechin City 3 Alloa 0
 Clyde 3 St. Mirren 1
 Clydebank 0 Celtic 5
 Falkirk 2(1) Berwick Rangers (1)1
 Stirling Albion 0 Dundee United 2
 Partick Thistle 0 Motherwell 2
 Airdrieonians 1 Raith Rovers 4

FOURTH ROUND

15th February, 1997

Brechin City 1 Raith Rovers 2
 Heart of Midlothian 0(1) Dundee United (1)1
 Falkirk 2 Dunfermline Athletic 1
 Greenock Morton 1(2) Dundee (2)0*
 *AET (0-0 at 90 mins)
 Motherwell 2(1) Hamilton Academical (1)0
 Hibernian 0(1) Celtic (1)2
 Clyde 0 Kilmarnock 1
 Rangers 3 East Fife 0

FIFTH ROUND

8th March, 1997

Celtic 2 Rangers 0
 Falkirk 2 Raith Rovers 0
 Dundee United 4 Motherwell 1
 Greenock Morton 2 Kilmarnock 5

SEMI-FINALS

Celtic 1 Falkirk 1
 Kilmarnock 0 Dundee United 0

(Played at Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow 12/4/97)
 (Played at Easter Road Stadium, Edinburgh 14/4/97)

Celebrations after Falkirk's equaliser





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AWARDS' SCHEME



8. DRIBBLING



- A Keep the ball close.
- B Bend knees slightly.
- C Head up occasionally.

1. KEEPY-UP



- A Keep your eye on the ball.
- B Contact ball with a big surface area
i.e top of the foot, thigh, head.
- C Keep the ball close.

2. SHOOTING



- A Standing foot near the ball.
- B Kicking leg, swings and follows through.
- C Firm contact.

7. HEADING



- A Eye on the ball.
- B Use the forehead.
- C Follow through.



3. FIRST TOUCH CONTROL



- A Keep your eye on the ball.
- B Be ready - adjust body to receive the ball.
- C Relax the controlling surface to cushion the ball.

6. THE VOLLEY



- A Eye on the ball.
- B Use laces of the boot.
- C Use arms to assist balance.

5. PASS AND MOVE



- A Standing foot near the ball.
- B Firm contact, then follow through.
- C Aim for target - accurate pass.

4. DRIBBLE AND TURN



- A Keep the ball close.
- B Touch the ball lightly.
- C Control speed.

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- Poster
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- Developing
- Excellence
- Merit

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SCORING STRAIGHT FROM THE KICK-OFF

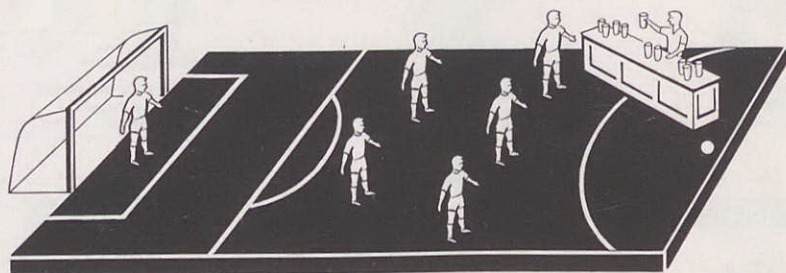


Fig 1. Set up bar on pitch and point it out to the other team.

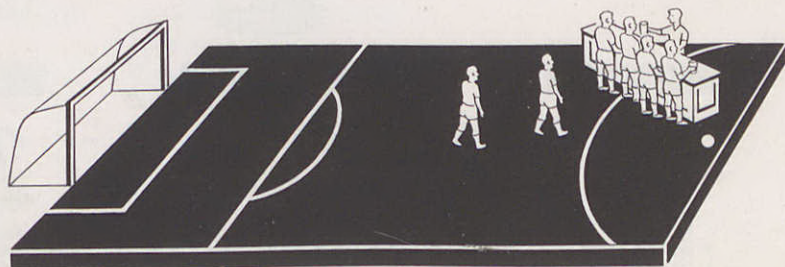


Fig 2. Their players head straight for the bar.

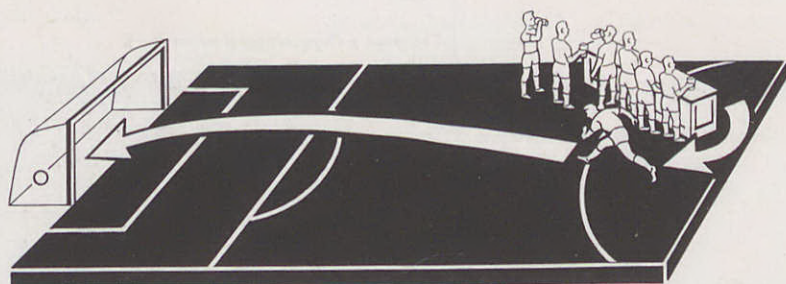


Fig 3. While they have a drink put ball in the net.

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