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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction

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

History

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

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

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

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

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

Summary

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



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TODAY GIVES US THE CHANCE TO START ANOTHER WINNING RUN TO TAKE INTO 2015

GOOD afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's game against Ross County. I'd also like to welcome all our visitors from Dingwall who have made the trip to Celtic Park, and I hope that everyone has enjoyed a good time over the past few days.

We're looking forward to the game as it gives us an opportunity to bounce back following last week's disappointment.

I felt that we created enough chances in the game against Dundee United, but as I've mentioned in previous weeks, we need to take those chances; otherwise we could be punished. Unfortunately, that was the case at Tannadice, and we're all disappointed that our winning run came to an end.

However, this afternoon's match against Ross County gives us the

opportunity to start another run of league wins, and that's what the players are all determined to do.

We also know that Jim McIntyre's side will come to Celtic Park looking for a good result as well. They will be disappointed at their own result from last weekend, so it's important that we are aware of the threat they pose and ensure that, from the first whistle, we are focused on the task in hand.

Once again, I'd like to thank our supporters for the fantastic backing they gave us at Tannadice last Sunday. To go to an away ground and see so many of our supporters packed into the stadium is a fantastic sight, and it's something we all appreciate.

This is also our last fixture of 2014, and we would like to sign off this year with a victory. First and foremost, it will maintain our lead at the top of the Premiership

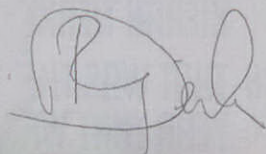
and that is our top priority. We also want to give our fans three points as we look forward to 2015.

The new year is one that we're all looking forward to, with many challenges ahead here in Scotland and also in Europe, and our aim, of course, is to finish the season with as many trophies as possible.

That is always the target at Celtic, and we will be doing everything we can to achieve success.

Thanks, as always, for your support and I wish you all a very happy New Year when it comes.

Enjoy the game,





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CLUB HONOURS



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,
1954, 1965, 1967, 1969,
1971, 1972, 1974, 1975,
1977, 1980, 1985, 1988,
1989, 1995, 2001, 2004,
2005, 2007, 2011, 2013

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (14 Times)

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

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS 1967

CORONATION CUP WINNERS 1953



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SCOTT BROWN

Celtic Captain



WE'LL HAVE TO BE AT OUR BEST AS WE LOOK TO END YEAR ON A POSITIVE NOTE



I WAS pleased and proud to have made my 300th appearance for the club at Tannadice last weekend but, of course, it was very disappointing not to have marked that with a win.

The past seven years have been incredible for me, and I've been lucky enough to play alongside some great players, work under some top managers and enjoy a fair bit of success as well.

To get to play at a club of this size is something that, I'm sure, many players have dreamt of and I've been lucky enough to have done so for a number of years now, and I will hopefully continue to do so for a few more years yet.

It's also been a great honour for me to have been appointed Celtic captain, following in the footsteps of Celtic legends down through the years and, like everyone at the club, I'm determined to deliver more success for our fans this season.

More immediately, all the players are desperate to get back to winning

ways this afternoon and end the year on a positive note, and that's what the focus will be against Ross County.

We might be going into the game as favourites, given we're top of the league and at home, but that's not something we'll think about. We know that Ross County are capable of causing us problems, so we'll have to be at our best this afternoon.

I'd also like to thank you for the support you've given me since the day I arrived at Celtic, and the support you give the team week in, week out. It's what makes this club so special, and it's why we're so determined to win more trophies for our fans. Enjoy today's game and let's hopefully end 2014 with three points.

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RECORD VICTORY

11-0 v Dundee, 1895

RECORD DEFEAT

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35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000/01

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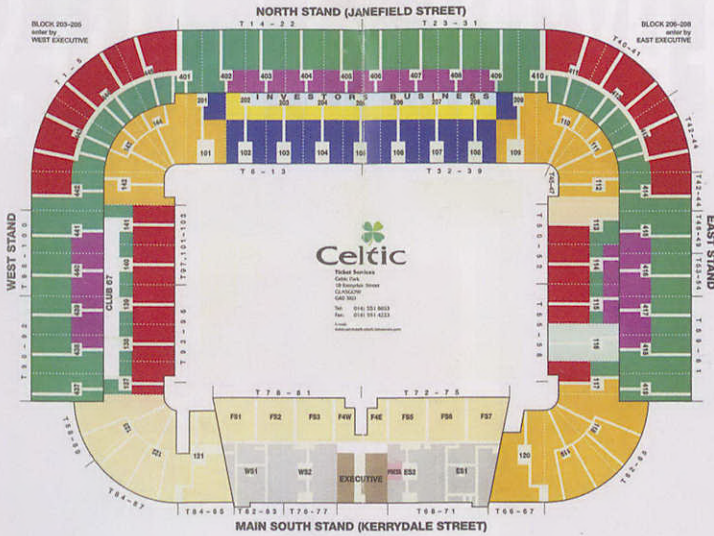
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Superintendent George Clelland of Strathclyde Police 'B' Division, said: "Strathclyde Police do not wish to in any way prevent spectators from fully enjoying football matches.

"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*.

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

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

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 - Gender
 - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
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 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
 - Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct
 - Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

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

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

- Removal from the stadium
- Suspension from attending official matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending official matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

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

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on page 3.

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ROSS COUNTY:

The story so far...



Comp	Date	Result
SPFL	10 Aug	Ross County 1-2 St Johnstone
SPFL	13 Aug	Partick Thistle 4-0 Ross County
SPFL	16 Aug	Ross County 1-2 Kilmarnock
SPFL	23 Aug	Dundee Utd 2-1 Ross County
League Cup	26 Aug	Stranraer 1-2 Ross County
SPFL	30 Aug	Hamilton 4-0 Ross County
SPFL	13 Sep	Ross County 1-2 Motherwell
SPFL	20 Sep	Aberdeen 3-0 Ross County
League Cup	23 Sep	Ross County 0-2 Hibernian
SPFL	27 Sep	Ross County 2-1 Dundee
SPFL	05 Oct	Inverness CT 1-1 Ross County
SPFL	18 Oct	Ross County 0-5 Celtic
SPFL	25 Oct	St Mirren 2-2 Ross County
SPFL	03 Nov	Ross County 0-1 Aberdeen
SPFL	08 Nov	Kilmarnock 0-3 Ross County
SPFL	22 Nov	St Johnstone 2-1 Ross County
Scottish Cup	29 Nov	St Johnstone 2-1 Ross County
SPFL	05 Dec	Ross County 2-3 Dundee Utd
SPFL	13 Dec	Motherwell 2-2 Ross County
SPFL	20 Dec	Ross County v Hamilton



ROSS COUNTY

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ONES TO WATCH

Steven Saunders

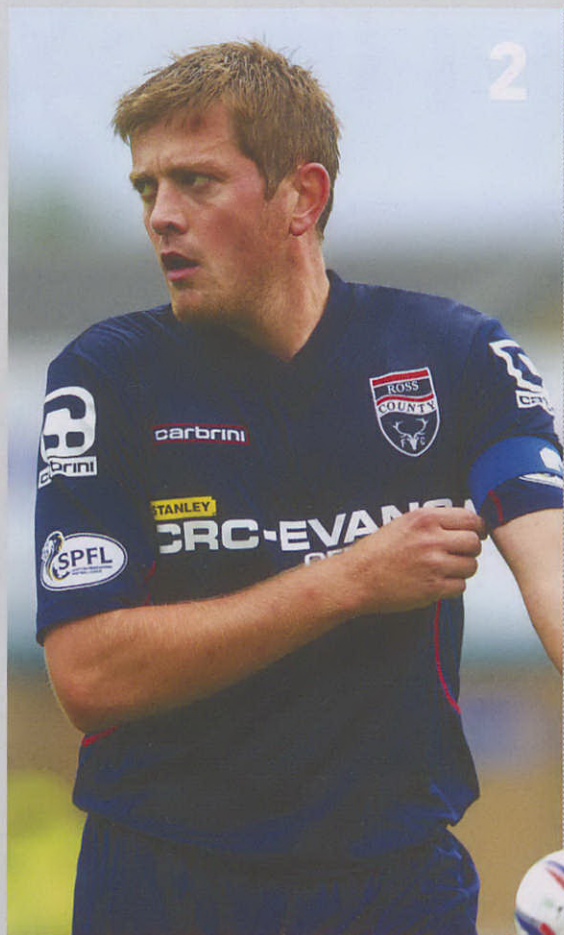
IT'S been a time of change at Ross County this season. At the end of August, long-serving manager Derek Adams was dismissed following a poor start to the season. His dad George, who was director of football, followed him out the club at the same time.

Queen of the South boss Jim McIntyre was handed the task of restoring the fortunes of the Dingwall side, who had failed to pick up a point from their opening four league games.

While they have yet to pull themselves clear of the relegation zone, the Highlanders have produced several encouraging results and performances to give cause for optimism going into 2015.

Ahead of today's visit of the Staggies, we look through some of the key members of their squad, which includes a number of ex-Celts.

Much was expected of the former Motherwell man when he made his full international debut as a teenager in a 3-0 win over the Faroe Islands. However, a series of serious injuries have hampered his progress over recent years. He made his debut for the Steelmen against Aberdeen in November 2008 and became a regular in the first team in the following season under Jim Gannon. Having amassed over 70 appearances for the Fir Park side by the summer of 2011, a ruptured achilles tendon on Scotland U21 duty saw him spend a frustrating 12 months on the sidelines. Several more spells on the treatment table followed and he fell behind in the pecking order. In the summer of 2013, he was allowed to leave Motherwell and elected to join the Highlanders. He played his first game for the season against his former employers two weeks ago, helping County earn a 2-2 draw, and the stopper will now be aiming to finally put his injury-hell behind him and get his career back on track over the remainder of the campaign.



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Richard Brittain

The Ross County captain underlined his commitment to the cause when he postponed foot surgery until the end of the season in order to help his team stave off relegation, a massive fillip for manager Jim McIntyre. Now in his seventh season with the Highlanders, the 31-year-old has made a major contribution to the club's remarkable successes of recent years, which has included a first Scottish Cup final appearance, promotion to the top flight for the first time and a fifth place finish league finish. He started his career at Livingston, spending five years with the Lions, punctuated by a season-long loan spell at Raith Rovers, before joining St Mirren in 2006. Lured to the Staggies in the summer of 2008, the midfielder has now amassed more than 250 appearances for County in all competitions. He is also one of only four players to have smashed the 50-goal mark for County since their elevation to senior football in 1994 after his strike against Hibernian on the final day of last season.

Graham Carey

The former Celtic wide-man has proved indispensable this season for County and he has virtually been an ever present in the side. Whether operating at left-back or further forward in a midfield role, the Irishman's cultured left-foot is a potent weapon for Jim McIntyre's men and his set-piece skills and long-range shooting are to be feared. The Dubliner joined the Hoops from Shelbourne's youth set-up and he made his full debut as a substitute in a 3-3 draw away to Rapid Vienna in the Europa League. Seeking regular first-team football, he had several loan stints, including one at St Mirren. He joined the Buddies permanently in 2011, spending two years there and helping them to a League Cup success, before heading to the Highlanders. The former Ireland Under-21 internationalist has made over 50 league appearances for the Staggies and penned a new contract at the start of the current campaign.



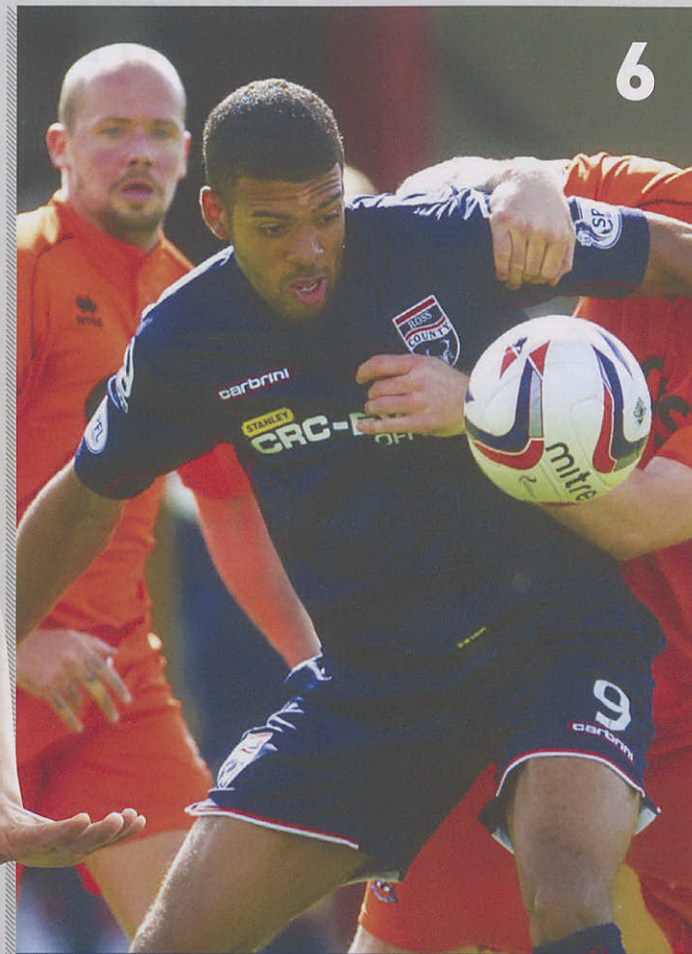
Tony Dingwall

The highly-rated 20-year-old made the headlines two weeks ago when he scored his first goals for the Staggies to help them earn a precious point away to Motherwell and climb off the bottom of the League. A product of the club's youth system, the winger is fast, strong and, on the evidence of his brace at Fir Park, an able finisher. His performances have had his team-mates singing his praises and predicting big things for the aptly-named local lad. After a number of impressive displays for the club's development side, Dingwall made his top-team debut as a second-half substitute against Hamilton on August 30, before making his first start last month in a 3-0 away victory over Kilmarnock, County's first win on the road this season. Cementing a spot in the side will now form his next objective.



Yoann Arquin

The French-born forward joined County on a one-year deal in January and enjoyed a dream debut by scoring in 3-0 home win over Dundee United. He would find the net three more times before the end of the campaign as the Dingwall side comfortably staved off relegation with an impressive run of results. Arquin has featured frequently this season, though it took him until early October to get off the mark in a 1-1 stalemate with rivals Inverness Caley Thistle. The big striker's early career was spent at a variety of clubs in France but in July 2011, he crossed the channel to sign for Hereford United. After 12 months at the Bulls, he was recruited by Notts County, finishing as the club's top scorer in his first season. He would star alongside on-loan Celtic youngster Callum McGregor during the following campaign, the highlight of which was scoring at Anfield in a 4-2 League Cup loss to Liverpool. The 26-year-old has been capped by Martinique.



Jake Jervis

The 23-year-old was a summer signing for the Staggies after he was released from his contract at Portsmouth. He began his professional career at Birmingham City, graduating from their academy to make his first-team debut in January 2010 in an FA Cup tie against Everton. With competition for places fierce at the Blues, the striker would spend most of the next three years on loan at a number of clubs in the English football leagues, including Swindon Town, Preston North End, Carlisle United and Portsmouth. In January 2013, he signed for Turkish top-flight side Elazigspor but his spell there would be short-lived and he would be back at Portsmouth 12 months later. After half-a-season with the Seaside, Jervis joined County and made a scoring debut against St Johnstone in the opening game of the campaign. Having returned to the starting XI in November, he was back among the goals in a double-header with St Johnstone and is now establishing himself as an important member of Jim McIntyre's side.

THE TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Antonio Reguero
Mark Brown

DEFENDERS

Darren Barr
Jamie Reckord
Lewis Toshney
Paul Quinn

MIDFIELDERS

Rocco Quinn
Steven Saunders
Joe Cardle
Richard Brittain
Filip Kiss
Benedict Frempah
Graham Carey
Martin Woods
Stephen Miller
Terry Dunfield

STRIKERS

Michael Gardyne
Kyle Macleod
Jake Jervis
Darren Maatsen
Yoann Arquin
Liam Boyce
Steven Ross
Tony Dingwall

THE MANAGER

Jim McIntyre



PREVIOUS MEETINGS v ROSS COUNTY



CELTIC have already recorded one of their most convincing wins this season when they ventured to the Highlands for their first clash with Ross County in the current campaign back in October.

The Hoops recorded a 5-0 win with the goals coming from John Guidetti, Callum McGregor, Anthony Stokes with two and Jason Denayer but despite winning only one game since then, County always seem to have that knack of providing a stern test at Celtic Park.

SPFL CELTIC PARK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013

CELTIC 2-1 ROSS COUNTY

(STOKES 27, 87); (MAATSEN 3)

CELTIC'S first encounter with Ross County last season came on the opening day of the campaign and it was a nervy affair. The Highlanders took the lead within three minutes with a stunning strike from Darren Maatsen after the Hoops failed to deal with an early corner. The equaliser came after Joe Ledley fired towards goal following a Celtic corner but his shot was saved by Mark Brown. The ball got stuck in the County defence and Mikael Lustig poked a deflected shot at goal which came off the post and landed kindly for Anthony Stokes to prod home. Stokes would also have the final say, however, when he picked the ball up on the left of the box, jinked inside two County defenders and fired low past Brown to give Celtic a late but deserved win.





SPFL
GLOBAL ENERGY STADIUM
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013
ROSS COUNTY 1-4 CELTIC
 (SPOULE 68); (VAN DIJK 41, 53, LEDLEY 70, 73)

A DOMINANT second-half display gave the Hoops their second win of the season over Ross County in another tough game in November. Virgil van Dijk made no mistake shortly before half time, however, when he climbed to reach a cross from Emilio Izaguirre and power a strong header past Brown for his first Celtic goal. The Hoops were soon two up through van Dijk again when he scored another header from a Charlie Mulgrew

corner. County pulled a goal back when former Celt, Rocco Quinn, forced Fraser Forster into a great save but the ball fell for Ivan Sproule who converted for the hosts from close-range. Joe Ledley made the points safe shortly after, however, when he met an Izaguirre cross from the left with his head and he scored a second for Celtic with his head again after Darnell Fisher did well to carve out a cross at the touchline.



SPFL
CELTIC PARK
 SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014
CELTIC 1-1 ROSS COUNTY
 (COMMONS 35); (DE LEEUW 16)

THE sides met for the final time last season three days after Celtic secured the league title with a 5-1 victory over Partick Thistle away from home. The Celts were in the mood for a title party but, true to form, Ross County were no pushovers. Melvin De Leeuw put the visitors into a surprise lead when the Hoops lost possession in midfield and the Staggies sprung an attack. Former Celt Graham Carey played in De Leeuw on the left of the box and striker composed himself before shooting low past Forster. The champions then drew level when Kris Commons converted in the box after Mark Brown spilled Leigh Griffiths' stinging shot from distance. Celtic searched for the winner in the second half and went close when Liam Henderson clipped a header off the post but were forced to settle for a draw.



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Almost 48 years after that memorable day in Lisbon the sides are set to meet again in the UEFA Europa League on February 19 in a match that no Celtic fan will want to miss.

Tickets for the much-anticipated fixture are on sale now, exclusive to Season Ticket holders who have the right to buy tickets for all European matches played at Celtic Park.

Season Ticket holders have until 5pm on Monday, January 5, 2015 to buy their ticket for the big match.

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Thereafter, on Wednesday, January 7, Season Ticket holders will then have the opportunity to purchase an additional two tickets for the match on a first come, first served basis at general sale prices.

Subject to availability, remaining tickets will be made available in a general sale on Thursday, January 8.

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General sale tickets will be priced from £35 for adults, from £25 for concessions and from £20 for under-13s.

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Corporate and Premium hospitality packages for the match will also be available. Details to follow. In the meantime please email matchdayhospitality@celticfc.co.uk to register your interest.

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PLEASE NOTE: The Fan Charter will go ahead on the basis that there is sufficient demand. In the event that this is not the case, a full refund will be given to those that have booked.

THE 300 CLUB

Scott Brown is the latest member of this exalted and exclusive Celtic club, and it's an honour he thoroughly merits

Exclusive interview: [Mark Henderson](#)

REACHING the 300-match milestone for Celtic has put Scott Brown among some exalted company - but he doesn't feel that he belongs there.

Only 50 other players have made over 300 appearances for the Hoops and the captain is now within touching distance of famous figures like Neil Lennon, Henrik Larsson, John Clark and Kenny Dalglish.

This exclusive club, headed by the great Billy McNeill, is not likely to admit many more members as such extended service to one team becomes increasingly rare in the modern game.

Brown, however, couldn't be more contented with life in Paradise seven-and-a-half years since joining from Hibernian, underlined by his recent signing of a new four-year contract.

At 29, the skipper still has many miles left on

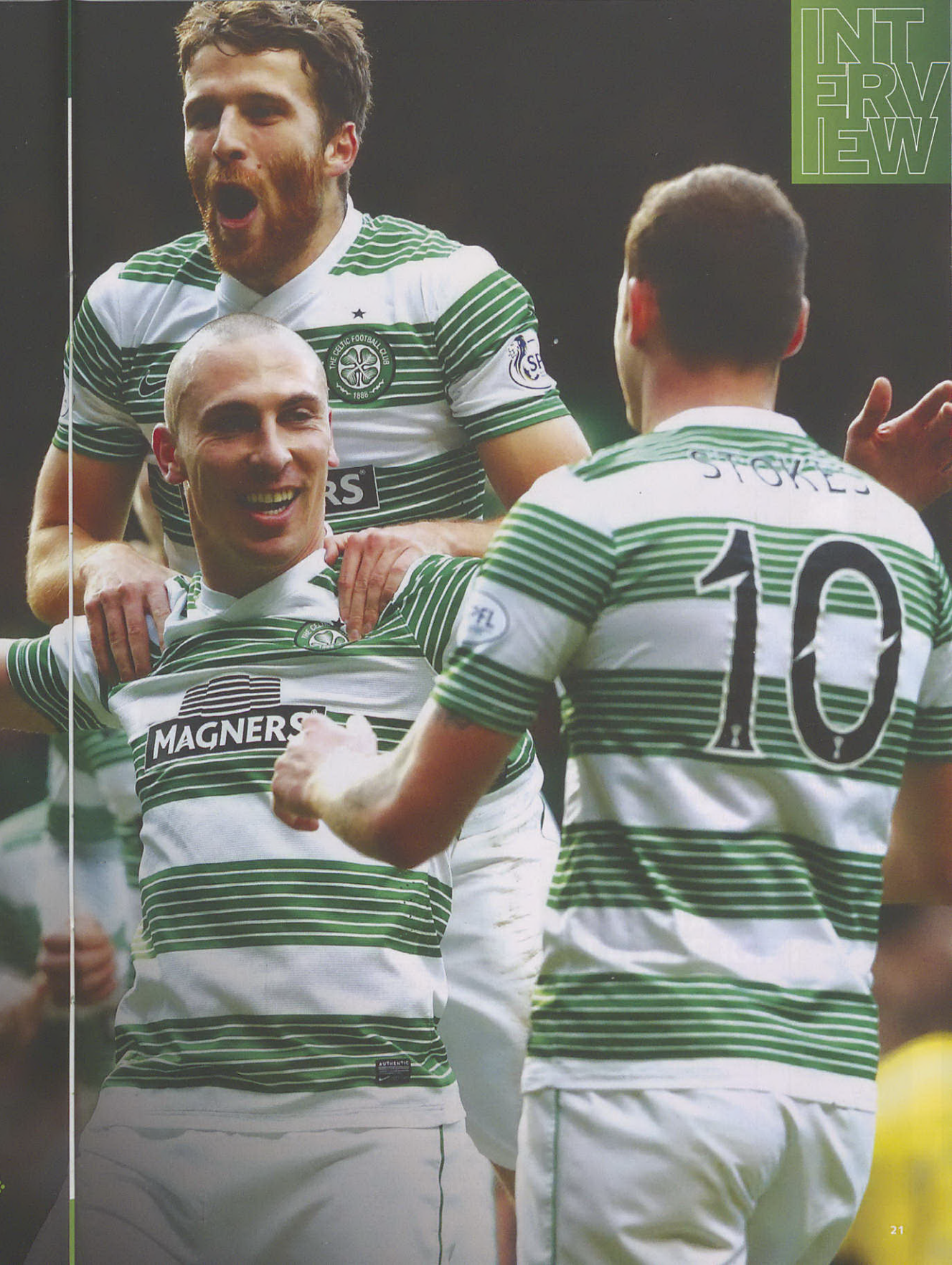
the clock and he is revered by supporters for his inspirational leadership on the park.

All the ingredients are there for him to become a Celtic icon, a notion Brown dismissed as absurd. But he may not have a choice in the matter.

"I am not in the same bracket" he told the matchday programme in an exclusive interview. "I may have played the same amount of games as them, but they were top players and will always be legends at this club.

"Lenny played here for seven years as well and did really well. The team back then won all sorts of things and got to Seville, which was a huge time for the club, and it would be great if we could put a nice run in Europe as well.

"I have put some Celtic fans through some bad amount of games!" he laughed. "It's a great milestone for myself, though, and it's been a joy



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SPORTS SCIENTIST FITTED THE BILL

SCOTT Brown has paid tribute to departing sports scientist Bill Styles for helping him through some tough times on the treatment table.

The popular member of Celtic's medical team left the club after over five years service following the last home game against St Mirren.

And appreciative of his assistance and expertise, the players dedicated the last goal of the 4-1 triumph over the Buddies to the Englishman.

"He helped me through some hard times," said Brown. "I was injured and struggling to get back to fitness and he kept on at me, forcing me through things I might not have done on my own."

"It's brilliant how well he has helped me in my career and kept me fit as well. It's a lot to do with him that I'm still at this club and able to run and move. I have had a lot of operations and injuries and he's helped me through some hard times."

While he has never been a prolific scorer - averaging a goal every 10 games for the Bhoys - Brown can boast of the most recognisable goal celebration in Scottish football.

And supporters were delighted to see the 'Broony' wheeled out twice in Celtic's last home game against St Mirren as he bagged a brace in a 4-1 win.

"Times have changed!" he said. "Two goals in one game, that's not happened in a long time and I would have had a hat-trick if Stokesy had played me in."

"The main thing is we are creating chances and if we create more chances than other teams, we're happy."

The Scotland internationalist's strong rapport with the Hoops faithful has grown steadily over the years. It means a great to him.

"The fans are great with me and I love speaking to them after game and seeing them about," he said. "Even though I stay in Edinburgh there is a great amount

to have been here for seven-and-a-half years.

"Being here for so long and playing 300 games is great and just huge for me. I have to thank the managers for sticking with me. I have come through injuries and have come back fitter and stronger. I am still enjoying my football and that's the main reason why I am still at the club."

While Brown's humour, boundless enthusiasm and will-to-win are undiminished from his Hibernian days, his personality and playing style have evolved in other ways.

"When I first came to the club, I was very naive," he admitted. "At the time, I just thought, 'This is another club, and I will just go along and everything will be alright'."

"But people don't understand how big this club is. You come along and there are expectations around you to win every week. I enjoy that. I was like that at Hibs as well - I always wanted to win and hated getting beat."

"You come to a club like this and every player wants that instead of seven or eight, so it means a lot to me to go out there and keep winning and keep winning leagues and cups. It's huge."

Silverware has been in plentiful supply for the midfielder since moving along the M8 in 2007. He has won four league titles, two Scottish Cups and one League Cup, most of them as captain. There have also been memorable forays into the knockout stages of the UEFA Champions League.

"The highlight was getting to the last 16 of the Champions League twice and winning the championships - that's the main thing for us and we have to keep doing that," he said.



INTERVIEW
SCOTT BROWN

of Celtic fans there as well who I bump into. They are always nice to me and come up and have a chat and that's something I really enjoy."

Celtic's comprehensive victory over the Saints was their eighth successive league victory and moved them further clear at the league summit.

After a period of adjustment to Ronny Deila's tactics and style of play, the Scottish champions appear to be clicking into top gear.

"We have been working hard in training and developing every day," said Brown. "It's been hard work but everyone has enjoyed it and it's been shown in the games - we are running harder and working harder than anyone else on the pitch and that's been shown on the stats.

"It's always hard to come in and go from one formation to the other and just play it. But we have slowly played our way in. We have worked through some bad results and came out better for it, to be honest."

Brimming with confidence and holding home advantage, the Hoops will be firm favourites to dispatch Ross County today.

With ex-Celts like Lewis Toshney, Graham Carey and Mark Brown now plying their trade for the Staggies, there will be plenty of familiar faces in the opposition line-up for Brown.

However, he will be doing his utmost to send them back up to Highlands disappointed as the Bhoys look to end the year on a high.

"I have played alongside them all and they are great guys but at the end of the day, once the game starts there are no mates in this game," said the skipper. "They will be the exact same way and will want to win but

hopefully we can keep playing and continue our record.

"It would be great to end the year with a win, especially after having the fans supporting us over the Christmas period."

On-field objectives remain Brown's most pressing priority but, in a sign of his growing maturity, he has also been helping out with Stevie Frail's Development Squad as he starts work on attaining his coaching badges.

Enormously impressed by the young players aiming to make the grade, it's been an experience the former Hibs man has thoroughly enjoyed.

"It's been brilliant," he said. "Stevie Frail and Chris McCart have been great with me. They have let me come in and do a couple of team-talks here and there. >>>

FANS HAVE ALWAYS KEPT THE FAITH

SCOTT Brown has thanked the Celtic faithful on behalf of the squad for their brilliant backing over good times and bad over the past 12 months.

And the captain has asked them to keep the faith as the Bhoys aim to deliver success on four fronts in the new year.

"I would say to the fans to keep coming along and having faith in us," he said. "We have enjoyed their support over the entire year, and we have had some hard times, but there are going to be some great times ahead - stay positive."

» "We played Rangers a few weeks ago and won 6-1 and the boys were outrageous in how good they were."

"It just shows there are players who can come into the first team and I have seen them in the last five or six games now and they could be pushing a few of the players."

"They are young, keen and want to make it at the highest level. As long as they keep learning and are willing to listen to Chris and Stevie, I'm sure they will make it all the way."

It has given him a different perspective of the game and he believes it won't just benefit him in a coaching context.

"I am just trying to understand how managers work and how they go into preparing for games and how they can see things," he said.

"It's different when you are playing in the game as you can't really see anything. When you are watching the game from the side, it's wider open to you and you can see passes and see players maybe not in the correct position. To help coach young kids like that is good for me as I can add that to my game as well."

This shouldn't be taken as a signal that he is winding down his career. Far from it. He's confident his best years are still ahead of him. There are still plenty of chapters left in Scott Brown's Celtic story.

"I have learned a lot and I am still learning," he said. "I still believe that I am young enough to have five, six or seven years left in me and I want to play as long as possible. Hopefully there are a lot more of these games coming - I am only 29, not 39!"

"It's winning leagues more than anything that's the ambition, not about how many more appearances I can rack up, though obviously I would like as many as possible."

"Winning trophies and leagues are the main things for this club and we also want to try and get back into Champions League football next season."

SKIPPER RELISHING THE ITALIAN JOB

SCOTT Brown was delighted to draw Inter Milan in the last 32 of the UEFA Europa League as he wanted to add a glamour occasion in his 2015 calendar.

The Hoops will square up to the Italian giants in Paradise on February 19, before contesting the second-leg in the San Siro seven days later.

Overcoming Roberto Mancini's men will be a huge challenge for the Scottish champions but one that certainly won't faze them.

And for inspiration, they can always draw on the incredible story of the Lisbon Lions, who, of course, defeated Inter to lift the 1967 European Cup.

"It's a great draw for us and I know there is previous between the two clubs," said Brown. "It will be a full house and an interesting game and everyone is looking forward to it."

"There are not many bigger teams in the competition than Inter Milan. They have done brilliantly in the past, including in the Champions League, so it's going to be a hard game for us."

"It's not about recognising what players they have as they are all going to be top quality, and we will find out all about them in the weeks coming up to the game. From now on, we just have to keep concentrating on the league and the cups."

"The good thing is we are in Europe after Christmas," he added. "People always put the Scottish teams down and say they will never get through after the festive period but we are still there and it's huge for the club, it will be a great occasion and it shows we are really behind the manager and things are working really well."

"The main thing is we have to try and be positive and win all our games coming up to it and see how well we can play."





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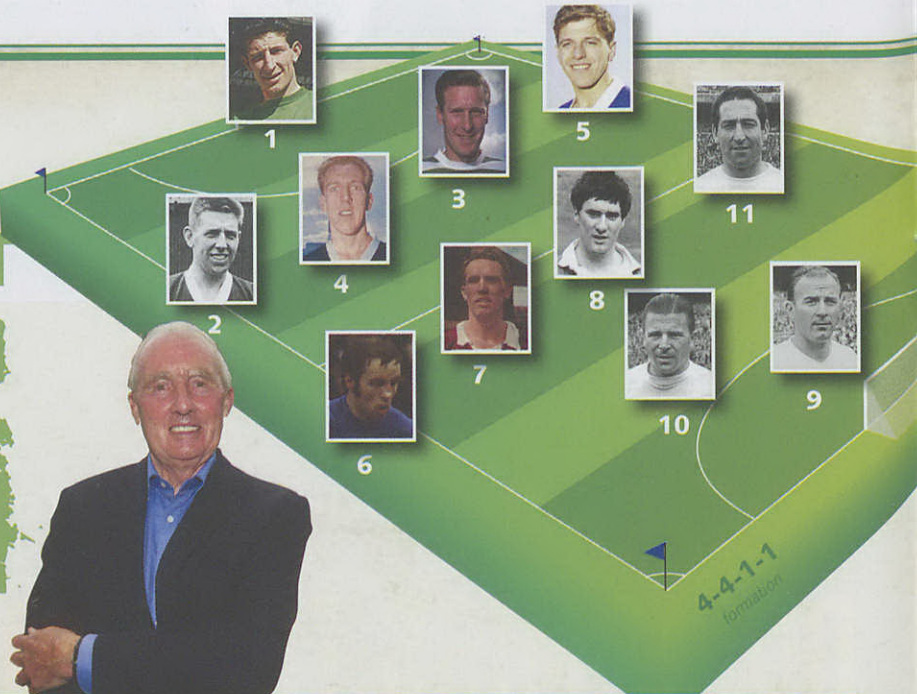


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MY BEST XI



Mike Jackson selects his Best XI

SILVERWARE eluded Mike Jackson in his six years as a Celt but that wasn't a reflection of the team of the time which would form the nucleus of the 1967 European Cup-winning side. What they lacked was leadership, direction and order, issues only resolved once Jock Stein took over the hot-seat.

Unfortunately, by that time, Jackson had become exasperated at events in Paradise and transferred to St Johnstone, leaving with a commendable record of 30 goals in 74 appearances.

The inside-forward went on to have spells at the likes of Third Lanark and Queen of the South, before hanging up his boots and embarking on a long coaching career. His football knowledge and talent-spotting ability was also well-regarded in the game, with a number of clubs employing him as a scout.

Jackson certainly had an eye for a player and that's reflected in the best XI he faced. There is a blend of the best Scottish players of his era, along with a smattering of foreign stars, including his hero, the great Alfredo Di Stefano.

This team has skill, power, tenacity, goals and preponderance of pace. And the 75-year-old believes they would take some stopping.



GOALKEEPER:

1: Bill Brown

DEFENDERS:

- 2: Alex Hamilton
- 3: Billy McNeill
- 4: Ian Ure
- 5: Eric Caldow

MIDFIELD:

- 6: Willie Henderson
- 7: John Cumming
- 8: Jim Baxter
- 11: Francisco Gento

FORWARDS:

- 9: Alfredo Di Stefano
- 10: Ferenc Puskas



FULL-BACKS

The reason I'm picking Alex Hamilton and Eric Caldow, both of whom played for Scotland, is that they were a step on from the full-backs of that era. When I started playing, full-backs were sturdy, hardy guys who kicked lumps out of you and lumped the ball up the park. However, that pair were very quick and got forward at every opportunity, never booting the ball up forward. I would say they were modern-type full-backs.

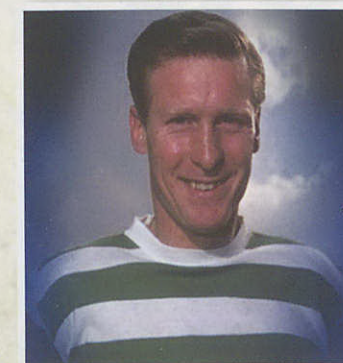
GOALKEEPER



My first ever game for Celtic was against Dundee and Bill Brown was in goal before he went down to Spurs. I felt he was the best keeper about at that time. He was tall, came out and caught things. He was better than most at that time and that was proved when Spurs signed him. He went down to England and had a great career there. He was big as well and there were a lot of keepers at that time who were quite small. Jock Robertson who played with me at Third Lanark was only about 5'6". But Bill Brown was tall, slim and a very good goalkeeper.

CENTRAL DEFENCE

My two centre halves would be my big pal Billy McNeill and Ian Ure who played for Dundee and then went to Arsenal. I played against Billy a few times after I left Celtic so I will include him as he was the best centre-half at that time by a mile. Big Billy was magnificent and dominant in the air. He won everything. Any time a ball came



into the box, you knew you could run out because Billy would win every header. Ian Ure would have been a nice foil for Billy. He wasn't as physical as him but he had nice feet and could play and he went on to have a right good career at Arsenal. I played against Billy a few times with Third Lanark and obviously I wasn't in direct contact with him but I was on the same park with him as he was the best centre-half. He would go and win the ball – that was his priority – plus he could score goals at the other end.



CENTRAL MIDFIELD

John Cumming at Hearts was the hardest player I ever played against. I was an inside-forward and he was an inside-half and he was hard as nails but fair, really clean. He played alongside Dave Mackay for years in the 1950s and early '60s. He was a brilliant defensive midfield player and, despite being only 5'8" - 5'9", he could win most balls in the air. He would be the ball winner. Jim Baxter would be beside him and he doesn't need any introduction. He was a genius – he had a left-peg that could open a tin of beans. He would get the ball and you knew



DREAM TEAM

something was going to happen. He had great touch, vision and control and awareness. He could take the ball, beat people and his passing was superb. He could lay passes in behind defenders all day. Every time he got the ball, he looked as though he would create something.



WING WIZARDS

I would have two flying machines – Willie Henderson of Rangers as an outside-right and the Spaniard, Francisco Gento, who was magnificent and played in the great Real Madrid team. I'm going for pace and Gento was lightning quick and the best winger I ever saw. I never played against wee Jinky after leaving Celtic but Willie Henderson was a bundle of energy and pace. He could put defenders on the back foot all the time. As soon as he got the ball, he had one thing in mind – take them on. Defenders were always wary of him because he had the pace to run by folk, which is a great asset. He was always prepared to take people on, which you



don't really see now. In those days, forwards loved to take people on, and if they got by them once, then the defender would be in trouble as he would get worried about and start standing off. Gento was the same. He would hit the ball past the full-back and run and no one could catch him, and both could put in good crosses. He was a fantastic player in a fantastic team.

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In this new position they have in the midfield supporting the front-men, I would have Di Stefano. He was the best player I played against. I was lucky to play against him in the charity game in 1962 at Celtic Park. He had a great engine and could score goals and create goals. He was my hero at the time and the best player I had ever seen. If you remember the 1960 European Cup final at Hampden, when they beat Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3, he scored three and Puskas got four. He was strong, had a great touch, control and pace. I felt he had everything. It was great to play against him. I loved it. I got a couple of really good photos afterwards of me and him together, so I was really pleased with that and I still have them to this day.

STRIKER



Up front, I would have Ferenc Puskas, who is supposed to have scored over 1,000 goals in his career. What a goalscorer and what a finisher he was. He scored goals for fun and had a magnificent left peg. But he was also a great footballer – he could score everything. A fabulous player. Joe Baker at Hibs was a terrific player and lightning quick as well but the prospect of Di Stefano and Puskas linking up together, I had to pick those two.



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PARADISE

Exclusive interview: Kenny McKay

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 **Kieran Tierney** taking up the Beach Bhoys' challenge...

What would be the first thing you would do?

If I found myself on a desert island, the first thing I'd do is check to see if I've got my phone on me, although I'm not sure if it would work. Then I'd try and find water and see if I could get a drink before I turn my attention to food. I don't know if I'm up to the task of properly hunting something or whether I should try fishing first. I think I'd be okay in this situation, though.

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

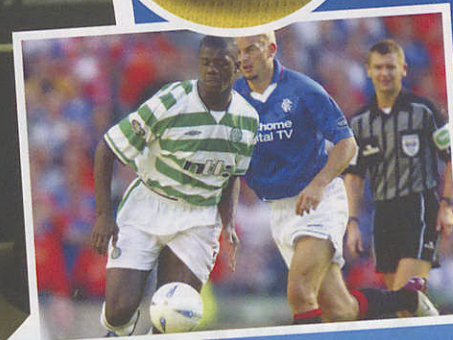
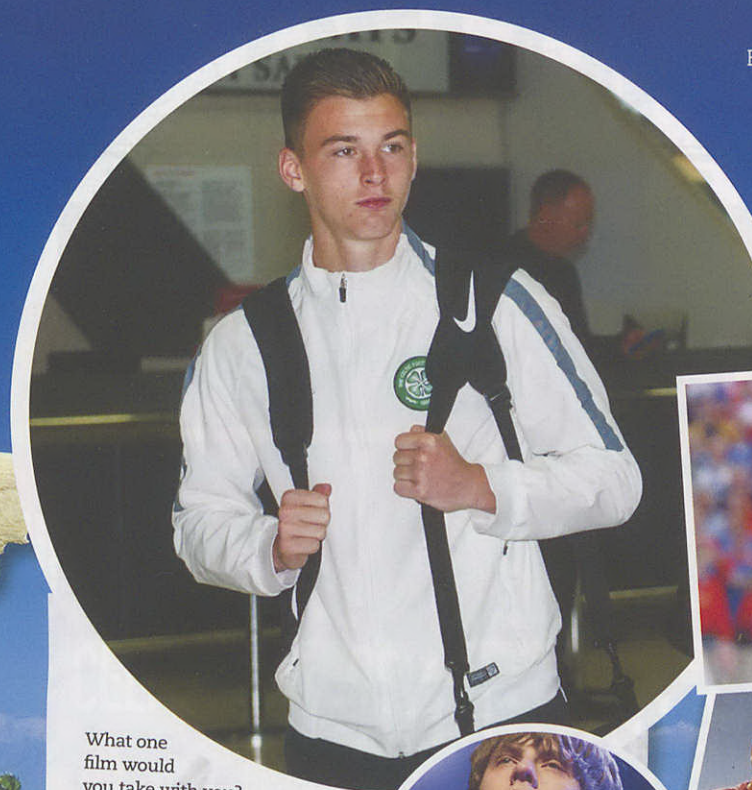
Definitely Jamie McCart. He'd be good in a situation like this because he's watched every episode of Bear Grylls at least twice. He'll know what to do. But if Jamie couldn't make it, then I'd take Aidan Nesbitt, he'd be the brains of the operation. If I had either of them I reckon I'd be okay, they would be able to tell me what to do.

Who in the dressing room would be the worst companion?

Joe Thomson. He'd give you a laugh but there's no way either of us would survive if he was running about. He's not right in the head. He's far too hyper. I'd probably be trying to sleep and he'd be waking me up by constantly talking. In fact, I'd be shattered trying to deal with him.

If you could have one prized possession what would it be?

I'd like to have a football with me to keep me occupied. Other than that I'd be determined to take my phone. I'd need to try and get a signal though.



What one film would you take with you?

Stand By Me. It's a classic film about kids having a tough time of it and I could maybe relate to it a bit.

And one album would you salvage?

Jake Bugg's first album. I just like him and his songs and where he's come from.

What meal would you manage to conjure up?

I couldn't manage anything. I'm hopeless when it comes to that. Although, if I was really pushed, I'd try and get a fire started and maybe try and cook an animal on it. I'd need to be a slow animal though like a chicken. If I could catch it and cook it, I'd be sorted.

Your best survival skill?

I think I'd be good at finding water. Staying hydrated is important and I wouldn't be taking any chances.

What part of your personality might get you into trouble?

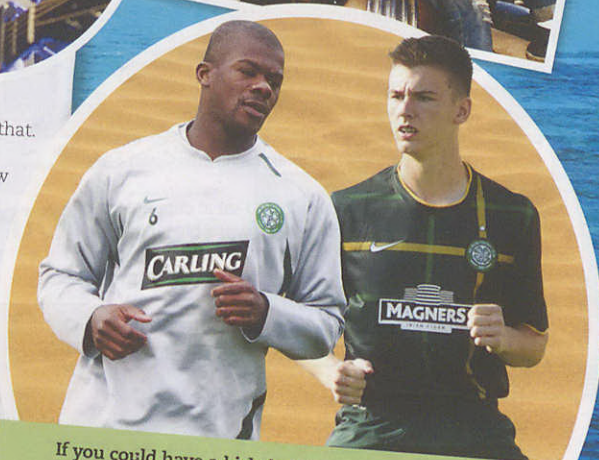
I'm quite clumsy so I can see me doing something fairly stupid. I'd no doubt pick a fight with an animal that could probably kill me.

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

Bobo Balde because he's an absolute legend and if I did die on that island, I'd die next to my hero.

What would you miss the most?

I'd have to say my family but chicken curry is up there too. I just really like chicken curry.



If you could have a kickabout on the beach with one footballer past or present, who would it be?

Well that's easy. Bobo would already be there so we'd be kicking a ball about no problem. Ever since I was young he's been my hero and the way he played was just inspirational. I know some of the boys have other celebrities but I'd be delighted with big Bobo.





A night to remember

Celtic Disabled Supporters' Association have a great time in their first fundraiser

THE Celtic Disabled Supporters' Association (CDSA) held their first fundraising dinner dance at the Kerrydale Street in October.

It was a night for people to enjoy themselves, and while doing so, raised a fantastic amount of money, just under £4,000!

This was beyond the expectations of the CDSA and it was very much appreciated by everyone involved with the club.

The night began with a champagne reception in the foyer, followed by a welcome in the ballroom by Peter Joyce, Chairman of the CDSA.

He then introduced the special guests for the night, CDSA patron Tom Boyd, who was accompanied by fellow Celts, Danny McGrain and Tosh McKinlay, who was Guest Speaker for the evening.

The Celtic legends then split up and sat at different tables with guests and their families, which was a big hit for those on these tables.

The guests were given a short introduction on how the CDSA came about and what it does in relation to disabled supporters, which is both access and matchday-experience related, as well as organising social events.

Three or four times a year, the CDSA holds small functions in the Kerrydale Suite for members, their families and friends.

There are CDSA members who don't go to the football but still want to feel part of being a Celtic supporter and the supporters' club endeavours to contact people with disabilities in the wider community to come along.

Apart from giving the latest updates they usually have a current player or ex-player as

a guest, along with a trophy and questions and photos soon follow.

They also have a small buffet as well as the occasional multi-subject quiz, these functions take place on a weekend afternoon.

Membership of the CDSA is free, and is not restricted to those that attend football matches, and can be gained by visiting their website on www.celticdsa.co.uk

The guests at the Dinner Dance, just under 200 of them, tucked into their three-course meal followed by tea and coffee.

Tosh McKinlay then took to the podium with stories of his journey in football, complete with anecdotes that had everyone in stitches with laughter throughout his speech.

The guests then had a choice to enjoy the music and dance or re-enter the foyer to enjoy the charity style casino tables in the hope of winning one of the many prizes.

There was a silent auction for special items such as three signed football tops, a special trip to Lennoxton and matchday hospitality in the Number Seven Restaurant.

The CDSA would like to thank Tom Boyd, Kris Commons, Celtic Football Club and CDSA member Des McCaffery for providing the special prizes.

The CDSA is very grateful for the attendance of Tom, Danny and Tosh, as well as Willie McStay, who also attended but as a private guest of a member.

They were all very happy to spend time with guests for photos and signing autographs.

The feedback the committee received was extremely positive, this made all the work the committee did worth it.





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

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

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

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

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

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

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





January Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

1	SPFL	1-0 v Partick Thistle	(Ledley)
5	SPFL	4-0 v St Mirren	(Commons 2, Stokes, Mulgrew)
18	SPFL	3-0 v Motherwell	(Commons 2, McManus og)
26	SPFL	4-0 v Hibernian	(Commons 2, van Dijk, Pukki)
29	SPFL	4-0 v Kilmarnock	(Ledley, Mulgrew, Balde, Ashcroft og)

That Was The Year That Was...

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

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

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

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

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

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





February Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

2	SPFL	1-0 v St Mirren	(Commons)
8	SC	1-2 v Aberdeen	(Stokes)
16	SPFL	3-0 v St Johnstone	(Stokes 3)
22	SPFL	2-0 v Hearts	(Griffiths, Pukki)
25	SPFL	1-2 v Aberdeen	(Forrest)

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

And it was Commons who took up the hat-trick mantle with three second-half strikes against a dogged Kilmarnock side. The goals confirmed Commons' importance to the team, and put Celtic a step closer to securing a third consecutive title. Another 3-0 victory followed, this time at home to St Mirren. Stefan Johansen scored his first goal for Celtic with an impressive diving header,

with there were also goals from Griffiths and Stokes. And so Celtic headed to Firhill, knowing that victory would confirm their status as champions. And Neil Lennon's side certainly produced a performance worthy of champions.

Stokes hit a double, while Johansen made it two goals in two games, and Commons provided his customary goal. And teenager Liam Henderson followed up an impressive performance against Kilmarnock with a sparkling second-half display at Firhill, which included his first goal in Celtic colours.

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



March Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

1	SPFL	5-0 v Inverness CT
14	SPFL	3-0 v Kilmarnock
22	SPFL	3-0 v St Mirren
26	SPFL	5-1 v Partick Thistle
29	SPFL	1-1 v Ross County

(Griffiths 3, Mulgrew, Commons)
 (Commons 3)
 (Johansen, Griffiths, Stokes)
 (Stokes 2, Henderson, Stokes, Commons)
 (Commons)



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

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

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

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



April Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

5	SPFL	2-0 v Dundee United	(Samaras, Stokes)
19	SPFL	3-3 v Motherwell	(Stokes, Samaras, Griffiths)
27	SPFL	6-0 v Inverness CT	(Stokes 3, Griffiths, Ambrose, Pukki)



THE first fixture of May came at Paradise, as Celtic played second-placed Aberdeen. It was a thrilling fixture, with the Hoops showing their superiority to win 5-2. Both Scott Brown and Kris Commons scored two apiece, with the latter reaching an impressive 30 goals for the season, and there was also another goal for Anthony Stokes.

The Hoops then took on St Johnstone and after being 1-0 down, they staged a superb second-half fight-back but squandered a 3-1 lead in the closing minutes at McDiarmid Park to draw 3-3.

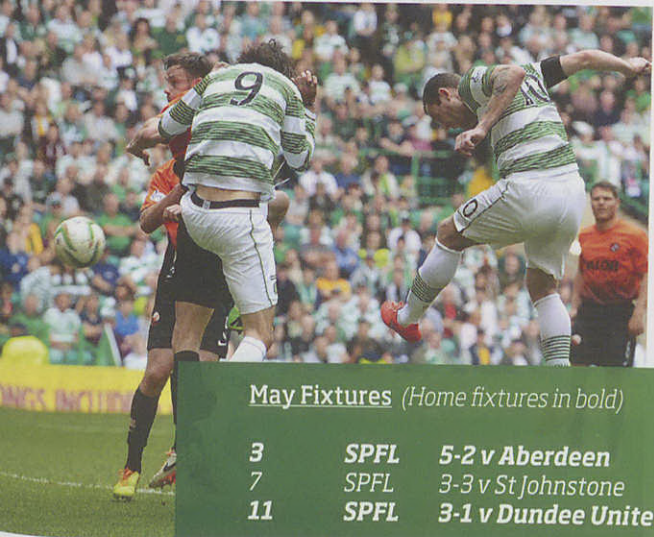
Celtic then turned on the style to dispatch Dundee United 3-1 in Paradise and finish their fantastic season with a flourish.

Anthony Stokes' header - the Hoops' 100th goal of the campaign - and a Georgios Samaras penalty put the champions in charge after a low-key opening 45 minutes.

Filip Twardzik's unfortunate own goal gave the visitors a glimmer of hope but Kris Commons' cheeky finish sealed the victory as the party got into full swing.

It was the perfect prelude to the trophy presentation which followed after the final whistle as Scott Brown was handed the Scottish Premiership prize by Celtic greats John Hartson and Stilian Petrov and held it aloft for a third successive season.

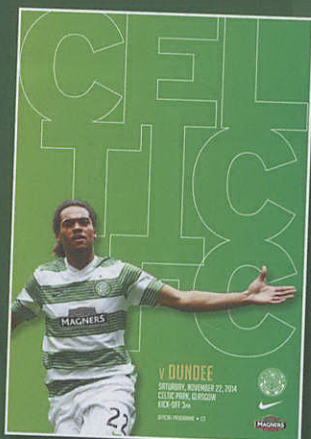




May Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

3 **SPFL** 5-2 v Aberdeen
 7 **SPFL** 3-3 v St Johnstone
 11 **SPFL** 3-1 v Dundee United

(Brown 2, Stokes, Commons 2)
 (Commons, Pukki, van Dijk)
 (Stokes, Samaras, Commons)



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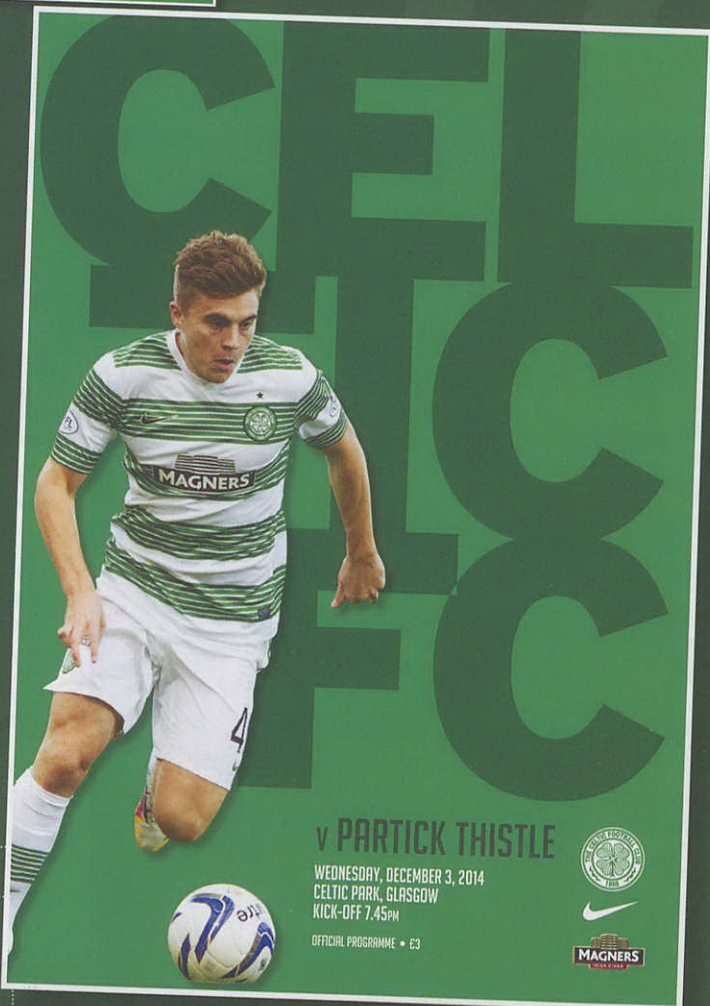
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IT was on May 22 that Neil Lennon announced he was parting company with the club after four years as manager.

The club then acted quickly to ensure that a new manager would be in place before the start of the season and it was on June 6 that Ronny Deila was unveiled to the Celtic support.

He joined Celtic from Strømsgodset IF in Norway, where he led the club to national cup glory and to the Norwegian Premier League title last season, the first time the club had won the league championship in 42 years.

The new man said: "It is a magnificent honour to be named the new manager of Celtic, one of the world's great football clubs and a club I have such enormous respect for. I will treasure this opportunity and will give everything I have to achieve success for Celtic and our wonderful fans."



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CELTIC'S season kicked off early and aside from the three UEFA Champions League qualification games, in Iceland and Poland, there were also friendlies against FK Krasnodar, Rapid Vienna, LASK Linz and Dukla Prague in Austria.

There were also trips to Germany to play Dynamo Dresden and St Pauli either side of the 'home' game against KR Reykjavik, which was played at Murrayfield due to Celtic Park and Hampden being used for the Commonwealth Games. The Icelandic side were taken care of with Callum McGregor celebrating his return from his loan period at Notts County with the first goal of the season and a 4-0 win in Edinburgh took the aggregate score to 5-0.

Legia Warsaw proved a different kettle of fish, though, as despite McGregor opening the scoring again, the home side won 4-1 on the night.



July Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

15	CL	1-0 v KR Reykjavik	(McGregor)
22	CL	4-0 v KR Reykjavik	(van Dijk 2, Pukki 2)
30	CL	1-4 v Legia Warsaw	(McGregor)



IT looked like the Champions League dream was over when a goal in each half gave Legia Warsaw a 2-0 win but with just minutes left, they put on a substitute who wasn't registered with UEFA for the tournament and Celtic were awarded a 3-0 win for a 4-4 aggregate draw and progress on the away goals rule.

The league campaign kicked off with a midweek away win at St Johnstone before flag day was celebrated at Celtic Park with a memorable 6-1 win over St Johnstone.

Through the in-door on loan came Jason Denayer, Aleksandar Tonev and Mubarak Wakaso to join Jo Inge Berget who arrived the previous month.

However, the Champions League dream finally did disappear with a 2-1 aggregate defeat to NK Maribor amid disappointing scorelines against Inverness CT and Dundee.



August Fixtures (Home fixtures in bold)

6	CL	3-0 v Legia Warsaw	(Legia forfeit game, Celtic awarded 3-0 win)
13	SPFL	3-0 v St Johnstone	(Stokes, Bitton, McGregor)
16	SPFL	6-1 v Dundee United	(Denayer, Commons, Johansen, Mulgrew, Berget 2)
20	CL	1-1 v NK Maribor	(McGregor)
23	SPFL	0-1 v Inverness CT	
26	CL	0-1 v NK Maribor	
31	SPFL	1-1 v Dundee	(Griffiths)

That Was The Year That Was...

THERE were two more signings at the start of the month - Stefan Scepovic who arrived from Partizan Belgrade and John Guidetti on loan from Manchester City but, unfortunately, the Swede's registration was too late for Celtic's Group D games in the UEFA Europa League.

The Celts started the competition well with a 2-2 draw away to Salzburg after kicking off the month with a 2-1 home win over Aberdeen.

There was a blip with a 1-1 draw with Motherwell but Guidetti came into his own with a goal in a 3-0 League Cup win over Hearts and netting both goals in a 2-1 win over St Mirren in Paisley as Celtic finished September unbeaten in three competitions.





September Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

13	SPFL	2-1 v Aberdeen	(Denayer, Commons)
18	EL	2-2 v FC Salzburg	(Wakaso, Brown)
21	SPFL	1-1 v Motherwell	(Commons)
24	LC	3-0 v Hearts	(Guidetti, Commons, Eckersley og)
27	SPFL	2-1 v St Mirren	(Guidetti 2)

That Was The Year That Was...

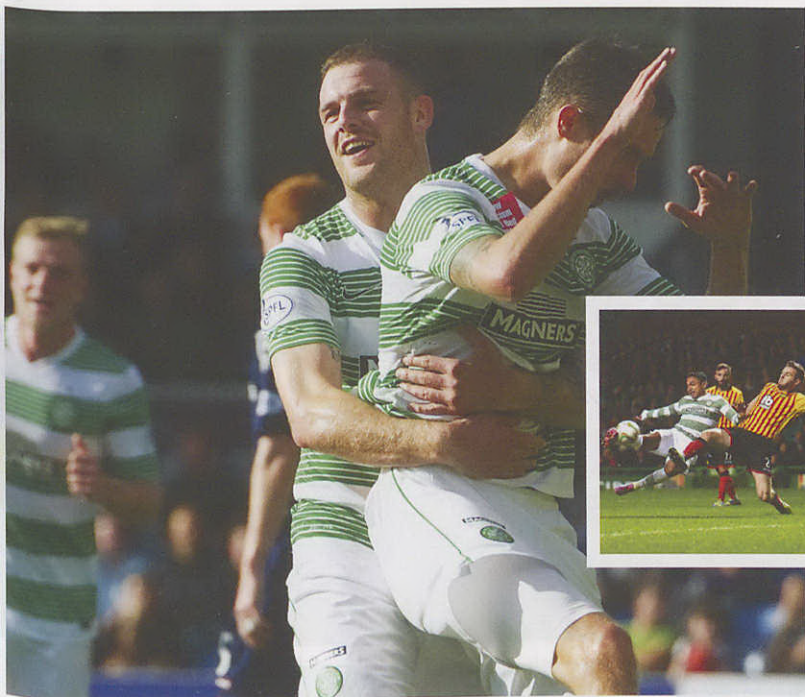
OCTOBER proved to be a very fruitful month despite a surprise home 1-0 defeat to a high-flying Hamilton Accies side.

That blip apart, progress was made again on three fronts with both Dinamo Zagreb and FC Astra being beaten at home in the Europa League as the Celts put themselves in with a fighting chance of progress from the group.

Much of the domestic firepower was being supplied by John Guidetti who was on hand with a goal in the 5-0 away win over Ross County and the home win over Kilmarnock before netting a hat-trick in the 6-0 League Cup win over Partick Thistle to send the Hoops into the semi-final.

Anthony Stokes also weighed in with two doubles during the month while Emilio Izaguirre celebrated a rare strike as Thistle were put to the sword.





October Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

2	EL	1-0 v Dinamo Zagreb	<i>(Commons)</i>
5	SPFL	0-1 v Hamilton Accies	
18	SPFL	5-0 v Ross County	<i>(Guidetti, McGregor, Stokes 2, Denayer)</i>
23	EL	2-1 v FC Astra	<i>(Scepovic, Johansen)</i>
26	SPFL	2-0 v Kilmarnock	<i>(Guidetti, Scepovic)</i>
29	LC	6-0 v Partick Thistle	<i>(Guidetti 3, Izaguirre, Stokes 2)</i>



NOVEMBER provided yet more progress on three fronts, this time with the Scottish Cup coming into play, qualification for the last 32 of the UEFA Europa League and returning to the top of the SPFL.

A 1-0 win over Inverness Caley Thistle took John Guidetti to nine goals in nine games and proved to be a bit of a six-pointer as it edged the Hoops ahead of the Highland side on goal difference as the Celts eased up to third place.

The following week, Celtic took to the field on Sunday against Aberdeen knowing a win would put them at the top on goal difference.

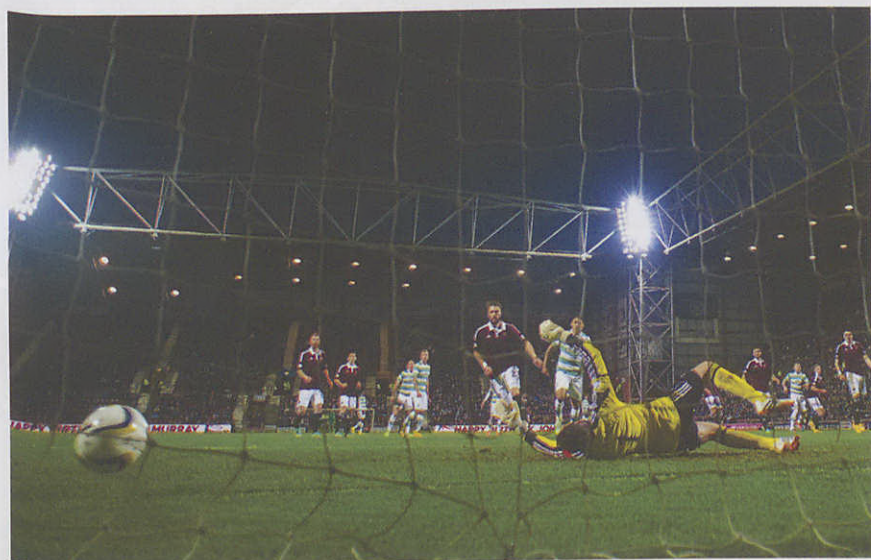
The Hoops fell behind but equalised before Scott Brown was sent off for a second yellow. However, the 10-man Celts rallied and a last-gasp goal from Virgil van Dijk sparked massive celebration scenes on and off the park.

A trip to Tynecastle yielded a 4-0 win in the Scottish Cup and, despite, only picking up one point from the two Europa League ties, Celtic progressed thanks to their earlier results and scorelines elsewhere.



November Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

1	SPFL	1-0 v Inverness CT	(Guidetti)
6	EL	1-1 v FC Astra	(Johansen)
9	SPFL	2-1 v Aberdeen	(Johansen, van Dijk)
22	SPFL	2-1 v Dundee	(Stokes, Guidetti)
27	EL	1-3 v Salzburg	(Johansen)
30	SC	4-0 v Hearts	(van Dijk 2, Guidetti, Stokes)



AND so to the final month of the year which still has one important game to play, today's meeting with Ross County and results early in the month ensure that the Hoops go into this afternoon's game at the top of the league.

It began with a midweek rearranged game against Partick Thistle and the 1-0 win took Celtic three points clear, a position they maintained a few days later with another 1-0 win, this time over Motherwell.

Despite scoring three goals in Zagreb, Celtic lost three goals in their final Group D game but were already assured of progress and returned to face St Mirren in Glasgow.

The 4-1 win put Celtic six points clear at the top going into the next game against Dundee United, although the match at Tannadice would end in a disappointing 2-1 defeat.





December Fixtures *(Home fixtures in bold)*

3	SPFL	1-0 v Partick Thistle	(van Dijk)
6	SPFL	1-0 v Motherwell	(Stokes)
11	EL	3-4 v Dinamo Zagreb	(Commons, Scepovic, Pivaric og)
14	SPFL	4-1 v St Mirren	(Brown 2, Forrest, Stokes)
21	SPFL	1-2 v Dundee United	(Griffiths)
27	SPFL	v Ross County	

HISTORY

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HIS GREATEST GAME

**Graeme Sinclair v Ajax
September 29, 1982**

IN the summer of 1982, Celtic made a surprise move in the transfer market to sign Dumbarton defender, Graeme Sinclair. He had been at Dumbarton for a number of years and a move to a big club was thought to have passed him by until Celtic came calling.

Sinclair was essentially a full-back but he was capable of playing effectively in both central

defence and midfield, which made him the vital 'utility man' that every club desires, and he was to display that versatility during his short Celtic career.

In September of 1982, Celtic and Ajax had fought out a 2-2 draw at Paradise in the European Cup. This game was reckoned to be the finest European display seen at Celtic Park for many a year, with both teams entertaining the large crowd on the night.

Ajax were very impressive and were strong favourites to win the second leg with Celtic being said to be up against it.

In Amsterdam, Celtic played in their smart new change strip of green shirts with white pin stripes, white shorts and green socks. Billy McNeill made an astute tactical move before the game by deploying Graeme Sinclair in a specific midfield role.

In the first leg, the great Johan Cruyff had dictated the play and Sinclair's job on the night was to block Cruyff's influence, a job he was to carry out to great effect.

So impressive was Sinclair that he helped create the opening goal. A quick break from defence led to fine run from Graeme down the Celtic left side.

When the ball broke to Charlie Nicholas, he scored a wonderful goal by turning a defender and chipping the goalkeeper from the edge of the area.

Celtic had tightened up defensively from the first leg with Danny McGrain keeping the dangerous Jesper Olsen in check and Graeme Sinclair marshalling the great Cruyff. In the second half Celtic defended deeply and held out until Gerald Vanenberg's fortunate equaliser for the Dutchmen.

Celtic now went for broke whilst Ajax withdrew Cruyff, who looked tired after Sinclair's close attention during the match.

With only minutes remaining, Danny McGrain ventured into attack, and when his effort at goal broke to George McCluskey, the Celtic substitute made no mistake with a fine low shot.

Celtic held out until full time and there was much rejoicing on and off the pitch at the final whistle. Nicholas and McCluskey grabbed the headlines with their goals but a lot of observers pointed out that Graeme Sinclair's marking job on Cruyff on the night had helped his team tremendously.

In the weeks that followed, Celtic fans paid their own noisy tribute to Max Bygraves in grounds across Scotland by borrowing one of his most famous songs. 'When it's spring again, we'll sing again, 2-1 in Amsterdam!'



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

Stats correct up to and including 21/12/2014



Comp	Date	Opposition	Result	Starting 11
UCL	15 Jul	KR Reykjavik	1-0	Forster
UCL	22 Jul	KR Reykjavik	4-0	Forster
UCL	30 Jul	Legia Warsaw	1-4	Forster
August				
UCL	6 Aug	Legia Warsaw	3-0*	Forster
SPFL	13 Aug	St Johnstone	3-0	Gordon
UCL	16 Aug	Dundee United	6-1	Gordon
UCL	20 Aug	NK Maribor	1-1	Gordon
SPFL	23 Aug	Inverness CT	0-1	Zaluska
UCL	26 Aug	NK Maribor	0-1	Gordon
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee	1-1	Gordon
September				
SPFL	13 Sep	Aberdeen	2-1	Gordon
UEL	18 Sep	FC Salzburg	2-2	Gordon
SPFL	21 Sep	Motherwell	1-1	Zaluska
SLC	24 Sep	Harts	3-0*	Gordon
SPFL	27 Sep	St Mirren	2-1	Gordon
October				
UCL	02 Oct	Dinamo Zagreb	1-0	Gordon
SPFL	05 Oct	Hamilton	0-1	Gordon
SPFL	18 Oct	Ross County	5-0	Gordon
UCL	23 Oct	FC Astra	2-1	Gordon
SPFL	26 Oct	Kilmarnock	2-0	Gordon
SLC	29 Oct	Partick Thistle	6-0	Gordon
November				
SPFL	01 Nov	Inverness CT	1-0	Zaluska
UEL	06 Nov	FC Astra	1-1	Gordon
SPFL	09 Nov	Aberdeen	2-1	Zaluska
SPFL	22 Nov	Dundee	2-1	Gordon
UEL	27 Nov	FC Salzburg	1-3	Gordon
SC	30 Nov	Harts	4-0	Gordon
December				
SPFL	03 Dec	Partick Thistle	1-0	Gordon
SPFL	06 Dec	Motherwell	1-0	Gordon
UEL	11 Dec	Dinamo Zagreb	3-4*	Gordon
SPFL	14 Dec	St Mirren	4-1	Gordon
SPFL	21 Dec	Dundee United	1-2	Gordon
SPFL	27 Dec	Ross County		
January				
SPFL	01 Jan	Partick Thistle (5.30pm)		
SPFL	05 Jan	Kilmarnock (8pm)		
SPFL	17 Jan	Hamilton (12.45pm)		
SPFL	21 Jan	Motherwell (7.45pm)		
SPFL	24 Jan	Ross County (12.45pm)		
February				
SLC	01 Feb	Rangers (Semi Final, 1.30pm)		
SC	07 Feb	Dundee (R5, 12.30pm)		
SPFL	14 Feb	St Johnstone (12.45pm)		
UEL	19 Feb	Inter Milan (R32 L1, 8.05pm)		
SPFL	22 Feb	Hamilton (1pm)		
UEL	26 Feb	Inter Milan (R32 L2, 6pm)		
March				
SPFL	01 Mar	Aberdeen		
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 (7.45pm)		
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		Kilmarnock		
SPFL		St Johnstone		

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Substitutes													
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QUIZ

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1 Since the Millennium, who are the only two Scottish internationalists to score hat-tricks for Celtic in league matches?



2 Which player has netted goals for Celtic but also scored for seven different clubs in the English Premier League?

3 Which two teams has Jim McIntyre managed other than Ross County?

4 Who remains the last Scot to be voted the English Football Writers' Player of the Year?

5 Which three teams are Celtic playing against in the Under-20 English Premier League International Cup?

6 Who was the only non-Scot in the Ross County side that played in the Scottish Cup final in 2010?

7 Which two Celtic goalkeepers played against each other in an international match at Easter Road in 2004?

8 Which Celtic player is currently on loan at Ross County until the end of the season?

9 In which season did Ross County play in the Scottish league for the first time?

10 Who are the only three players to have netted over 70 goals in the UEFA Champions League tournament?

11 Who is the only Tunisian internationalist to play for Celtic, netting three goals for the club?

12 Who was the first Celtic player to score a competitive goal under the management of Ronny Deila?

13 Who is the only current Ross County player to have been capped by Scotland?

14 Which two members of the Lisbon Lions netted over 150 league goals for Celtic in their careers?

15 Which four men since the Millennium have played for Celtic but also appeared against them in Scottish Cup finals?

- ANSWERS
1. Leigh Griffiths v Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Kris Commons v Kilmarnock (both in 2013/14).
 2. Craig Bellamy.
 3. Dunfermline Athletic and Queen of the South.
 4. Gordon Strachan (Leeds United).
 5. Everton, Sunderland and Villarreal.
 6. Michael McGovern (Northern Ireland).
 7. David Marshall (Scotland) v Marcus Hedman (Sweden).
 8. Jackson Irvine.
 9. 1994/95.
 10. Rauli, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.
 11. Lessad Nououi (2012/13).
 12. Callum McGregor v KR Reykjavik.
 13. Darren Barr.
 14. Bobby Lennox (167) and Steve Chalmers (159).
 15. Ulfk Laursen (Hibernian) 2006 Barry Robson (Dunfermline) 2005; Mark Wilson (Dunfermline) 2005; Mark Burchill (Dunfermline) 2007.

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ALEKSANDAR TONEV	27	○	○	28	STEPHEN MILLER
LEIGH GRIFFITHS	28	○	○	30	TONY DINGWALL
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MUBARAK WAKASO	32	○	○	36	JACKSON IRVINE
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EOGHAN O'CONNELL	34	○	○	43	PAUL QUINN
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FILIP TWARDZIK	56	○			

*Magners Number 7 winner

27.12.2014

RESULT:	H/T	F/T	SCORERS:
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Ross County	■	■	

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