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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction

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

History

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

Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

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

Who is Celtic Football Club for?

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

Summary

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



RONNY DEILA

Celtic Manager

WITH PROGRESS IN THE CUPS SECURED, THREE POINTS ARE ONLY THING ON OUR MINDS TONIGHT

GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's Glasgow derby against Partick Thistle. It's a game that we're looking forward to and, like all derby matches, I'm sure it will be a very competitive and tough match.

Both sides go into tonight's game full of confidence after great Scottish Cup results at the weekend. Partick Thistle had a fantastic victory over Hamilton on Saturday, while we were excellent in our 4-0 victory over Hearts at Tynecastle on Sunday.

With a Scottish Cup tie to look forward to in 2015, we can focus solely on the league campaign for the next two months, and that begins with tonight's game.

We've already played Partick Thistle in the League Cup this season, and we enjoyed a great result that night. I'm sure that Alan Archibald's side will come here wanting to make sure there's no repeat of that scoreline, and we

know we'll have to be at our best if we want to get all three points.

We would also like to extend our lead at the top of the Premiership table with a victory tonight. We have cup-ties ahead of us in both the League Cup and the Scottish Cup in the new year, while we're also in the knockout stages of the Europa League, so there are many positive things to look forward to for the club.

While it was disappointing to lose last week against FC Salzburg, we still managed to achieve our target and that was qualifying from the group. Over the course of the European campaign so far, we have deserved our position in the group and our reward is a place in the knockout stages.

We'll look forward to that draw when it comes, and whoever we face, I'm sure it will be a great tie for all of us.

On the back of that tough European match last week, we

faced another difficult match against Hearts on Sunday. But I thought the players were superb and produced a great performance to win the match.

We controlled the game, showed great energy and also discipline, and enjoyed a comfortable victory in the end.

It was also great to get the win in front of so many of our fans who had made the trip to Edinburgh to cheer on the team. The support we get week in, week out is incredible and it was very pleasing for us to be able to produce a performance that everyone enjoyed.

Now our focus is on tonight's game and hopefully another three points in our league campaign.

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

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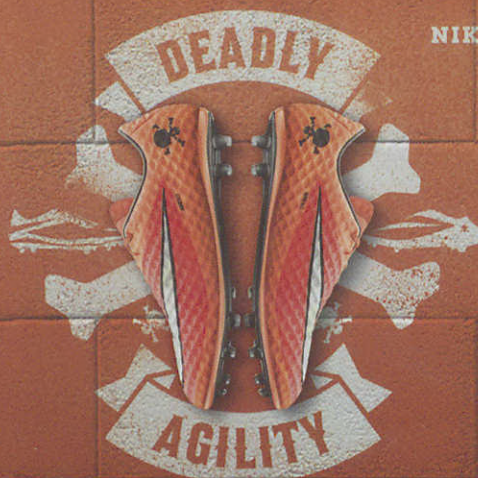


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ALL OUR EFFORTS CAN NOW GO INTO EXTENDING OUR LEAGUE LEAD



TONIGHT'S game gives us a chance to extend our lead at the top of the table, so we're determined to do everything we can to get the three points.

However, this is a derby match and we know how tough Partick Thistle will be. They'll be desperate to get a better result this time around after our recent League Cup clash, so we'll have to be at our best tonight.

They've had some good results since that game, including their Scottish Cup victory at the weekend over Hamilton at Firhill. Hamilton have been one of the form teams this season, so it shows you how dangerous Thistle can be.

We'll go into the game full of confidence after our victory over Hearts. I thought it was a great performance, and the way we bounced back from last Thursday's defeat shows the character in the team.

It was a strange atmosphere at the end of that game against FC Salzburg,

On the one hand, we were all disappointed at the defeat. I felt that they were the better team in the first-half but our performance in the second-half deserved an equaliser.

On the other hand, with Astra beating Dinamo Zagreb, it meant that we qualified for the knockout stages of the Europa League.

It means that the pressure is off us going to Croatia for our final group game, and we can also look forward to the draw for the last 32 when it comes around.

Our focus now is on establishing our position at the top of the Premiership, and that begins tonight with the game against Partick Thistle.

Enjoy the game,

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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
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- Disorderly conduct includes conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
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- Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct
- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

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

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- 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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PARTICK THISTLE:



The story so far...



Comp	Date	Result
SPFL	13 Aug	Partick Thistle 4-0 Ross County
SPFL	16 Aug	Dundee 1-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	23 Aug	Partick Thistle 1-2 Hamilton
League Cup	26 Aug	Morton 0-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	30 Aug	Aberdeen 2-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	13 Sep	Partick Thistle 3-1 Inverness CT
SPFL	19 Sep	Partick Thistle 1-2 St Mirren
League Cup	23 Sep	Partick Thistle 1-0 St Mirren
SPFL	27 Sep	Kilmarnock 3-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	04 Oct	Partick Thistle 3-1 Motherwell
SPFL	18 Oct	Dundee Utd 1-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	25 Oct	Partick Thistle 0-0 St Johnstone
League Cup	20 Oct	Celtic 6-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	01 Nov	Hamilton Accies 3-3 Partick Thistle
SPFL	08 Nov	St Mirren 0-1 Partick Thistle
SPFL	23 Nov	Partick Thistle 0-1 Aberdeen
Scottish Cup	29 Nov	Partick Thistle 2-0 Hamilton Accies





PARTICK THISTLE



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ONES TO WATCH

Jordan McMillan

SINCE their League Cup defeat at Celtic Park towards the end of December, Partick Thistle have bounced back in the Premeirship. A 3-3 draw away to Hamilton, when they should probably have picked up all three points, was followed by a 1-0 victory over St Mirren in Paisley.

And in their last league outing, they were unlucky to lose out at home to Aberdeen, who scored the only goal of the game from the penalty spot.

They will come to Celtic Park tonight for this match, which was originally scheduled as the opening league fixture of the new campaign, aiming to improve on their last visit, when John Guidetti hit a hat-trick in a 6-0 victory for Ronny Deila's side.

Ahead of tonight's game, we take a look at a few of the Partick Thistle players who could be facing Celtic tonight.

He started his career at Rangers, coming through the youth ranks before captaining their reserve side. After making his debut in a Scottish Cup quarter-final clash against Dundee the defender spent spells the following season on loan to Hamilton and Queen of the South. A further spell on loan at Wrexham followed before he left Ibrox for Dunfermline in January 2012, having only made two league starts. McMillan spent just over a year at East End Park but was made club captain. However, after the club went into administration the player was made redundant. In March 2013 he joined up at Firhill until the end of the season. His only goal of that season came ironically against his former employers at Firhill. McMillan signed a longer term deal for a further two seasons and has since established himself in the first-team. This season, he's played a dozen games for Alan Archibald's side, while he netted recently against Hamilton in a 3-3 draw at New Douglas Park for his first goal of the new campaign.

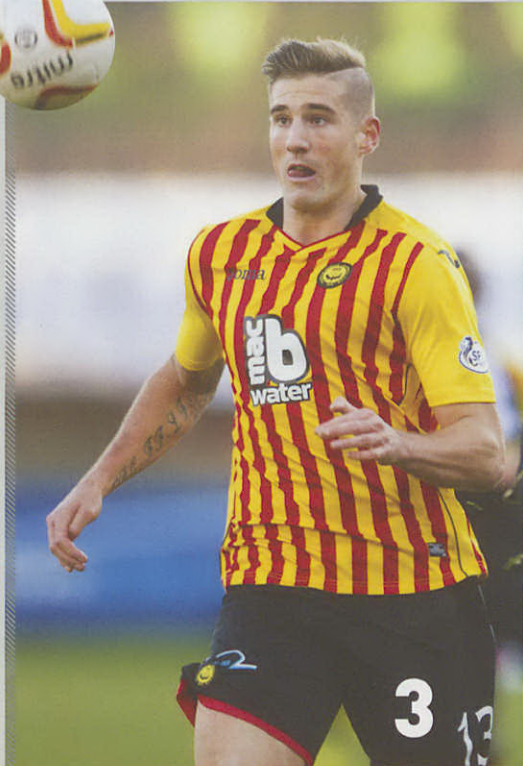


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Ryan Stevenson

Ryan Stevenson began his career as a youth player with Chelsea but, after failing to make the breakthrough at Stamford Bridge, he joined St Johnstone in 2002. After five years in Perth with St Johnstone, he moved to Ayr United in time for the start of the 2007/08 season and was a big hit during his time at Somerset Park. He scored 17 times in his first season with the club, and began the first of two spells as a Hearts player in February 2010 after attracting plenty of attention. In January 2012, Stevenson joined Ipswich Town but returned to Scotland and Hearts in August of the same year. Last season he was a mainstay in a very young and inexperienced Hearts side and despite their relegation to the Championship he still managed eight goals including two in Hearts' 4-2 victory at Firhill in April, when ironically Hearts had their relegation confirmed despite the win, and a hat-trick against Kilmarnock in what proved to be his final game as a Hearts player. Alan Archibald made Stevenson his first signing during the summer with the player joining on a two-year contract. He has still to score his first goal for the Firhill side, but he did score against Celtic for Hearts back in October 2011.



Frederic Frans

The 25-year-old defender joined Partick Thistle from Belgian side, Lierse in October 2014, where he'd spent the previous eight years. The Belgian player was out of contract and has signed on at Firhill until this coming January. He's played three games ahead of the weekend fixtures, making his debut in a 0-0 draw against St Johnstone at home. The 25-year-old has been capped for Belgium up to Under-20 level, but has still to receive any call-ups to the full squad. He also played in the 3-3 draw away to Hamilton Accies, while he was in the side which went down 1-0 to Aberdeen at Firhill recently. He will be hoping to have helped Thistle see off Hamilton in the Scottish Cup at the weekend ahead of the visit to Celtic Park. The defender was an unused substitute on the most recent game between the sides at Paradise.



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Abdul Osman

This isn't Abdul Osman's first experience of football in Scotland. He was part of the Gretna side that played in the SPL in season 2007/08, his time at the ill-fated club ending at the conclusion of that season when the club folded. There was no shortage of interest, however, and he joined Northampton Town in time for the start of the following season. In total Osman, who started his career in the UK with Maidenhead United, spent three years with Northampton, clocking up 118 first team appearances. One of those 118 appearances came in the Carling Cup against Liverpool at Anfield when he sank the winning spot-kick as Liverpool were eliminated on penalties after a 2-2 draw. After leaving Northampton, Osman spent a season in Greece with Kerkyra before returning to England in the summer of 2012 when he signed for Crewe Alexandra. During his time with Crewe, he was a mainstay in their side making 80 first-team appearances for the League One side, 36 of them last season. After impressing during a trial spell with the club, the Ghanaian midfielder signed a one-year contract at Firhill. He has netted one goal for the Jags, in a 3-1 home win over Inverness Caley Thistle in September.

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Chris Elliot

Elliot joined Thistle from English non-league side Whitley Bay in August 2011 and made an immediate impact with a goal against Hamilton just six minutes after coming on as a substitute. He had only been with Whitley Bay for a few months after having previously played with Jarrow FC in the Wearside league. He finished his first season with Partick Thistle with six goals to his name. In his second season, he spend a period on loan at Albion Rovers. On his return to Firhill, the Englishman scored three times including the remarkable last gasp winner at Airdrie which all but secured the title. The player added a further three goals to his tally during the 2013/14 season, including a goal against Celtic at Firhill, although the Hoops hit five on the night they secured the league title. He extended his stay in red and yellow during the summer until at least the end of the current season, and has been on target twice in recent weeks, against Hamilton and St Mirren.



Kallum Higginbotham **6**

Born in Salford, Higginbotham began his career with Salford City before, at the age of 18, moving to Oldham Athletic where he was a regular scorer for the reserve side. From Oldham he moved to Rochdale and Higginbotham, in addition to having a couple of loan spells with Accrington Stanley, spent three seasons there making 79 appearances and scoring 10 goals. In the summer of 2010, his career took him to Scotland when he signed for Falkirk, and in his first season he made 34 appearances and scored twice. He would remain a Falkirk player for just one more half season. In the first half of the 2011/12 season, the attacker made 27 league and cup appearances for Falkirk and scored six goals, two of which were scored against Thistle. In January of that season he joined Huddersfield Town despite significant interest elsewhere in both Scotland and England. After just a few games in League One with Huddersfield, he was sent out on loan to Championship side Barnsley before returning to Huddersfield. At the end of the season he played in Huddersfield's play-off final win over Sheffield United. The following season he didn't feature in the Huddersfield side, instead spending part of the first half on loan with Carlisle United and part of the second half on loan with Motherwell in the SPL. After moving to Firhill, Higginbotham became a real fans' favourite, putting in some passionate and entertaining displays in Thistle colours. He scored nine goals before the end of last season, including important goals against Kilmarnock and then Hearts as Thistle secured Premiership safety. This season, he's scored two goals so far.

THE OPPOSITION



THE TEAM

GOALKEEPERS

Scott Fox
Paul Gallacher
Chris Elliott
Marc Waters
Scott Basalaj

DEFENDERS

Stephen O'Donnell
Danny Seaborne
Aaron Muirhead
Frederic Frans
Jordan McMillan
Jake Carroll
Liam Lindsay

MIDFIELDERS

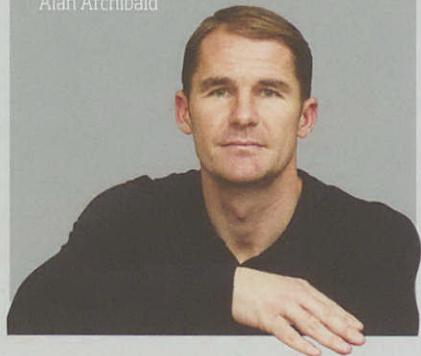
Sean Welsh
Conrad Balatoni
James Craigen
Stuart Bannigan
Ryan Stevenson
Abdul Osman
Gary Fraser
David Wilson
Declan McDaid
Lee Gallacher
Dale Keenan
Simon Colina Dominguez

STRIKERS

James Martin
Gerald O'Donnell
Kris Doolan
Steven Lawless
Kallum Higginbotham
Nathan Eccleston

THE MANAGER

Alan Archibald





LAST MEETING v PARTICK THISTLE



LEAGUE CUP QUARTER-FINAL CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2014

CELTIC 6 - 0 PARTICK THISTLE

(GUIDETTI 30, 52, 56 IZAGUIRRE 48, GRIFFITHS 62, 68)

GOAL-machine John Guidetti hammered in his first Celtic hat-trick as the Hoops thrashed 10-man Partick Thistle 6-0 in Paradise to book their place in the League Cup semi-final.

The Swedish striker demonstrated his dead-ball dexterity with two fantastic free-kicks either side of half-time, and he claimed his treble from the penalty spot with just 56 minutes on the clock.

By that stage, victory was already assured, with Emilio Izaguirre scoring his first goal in four years.

Thistle's cause was not helped by Stuart Bannigan's red card seconds before the interval for a crude challenge on Guidetti.

And substitute Leigh Griffiths compounded the visitors' misery with a late double to seal the win.

CELTIC (4-3-3): Gordon; Lustig, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre; Brown, Mulgrew, Johansen; McGregor (Wakaso 46), Guidetti (Scepovic 63), Stokes (Griffiths 58).
Not Used: Zaluska, Matthews, Ambrose, Kayal.

PARTICK THISTLE (4-1-4-1): Fox; O'Donnell, Balatoni, Seabourne, McMillan; Elliot (Carroll 64), Craigan, Osman, Bannigan, Lawless (Higginbotham 57); Eccleston (Doolan 59).
Not Used: Gallacher, Stevenson, Frans, Wilson.





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Season ticket holders rewarded with free additional St Mirren ticket



CELTIC currently sit top of the tree in the SPFL Premiership table, having reached the summit in recent weeks, and the Bhoys will be looking to maintain that position from now until the end of the season as they target a fourth successive Scottish League title.

The backing of our Season Ticket holders has been pivotal in driving the team to the top of the table, and in recognition of this the club are offering each Season Ticket holder **ONE FREE TICKET*** for our SPFL fixture against St Mirren on Sunday, December 14 (KO: 1pm).

A John Guidetti double last time out was enough to ensure a 2-1 victory at St Mirren Park and Ronny Deila and his men would settle for another three points next time out as they continue their pursuit of the SPFL Premiership title.

Season Ticket holders can claim their additional ticket at the Ticket Office at Celtic Park anytime between now and 1pm on Saturday, December 13, with supporters asked to bring their Season Ticket or Client Reference with them to ensure quick processing.

The ongoing success of Celtic Football Club wouldn't be possible without the backing of our supporters, and we look forward to sharing more success with you in 2014/15 as Ronny Deila and the first-team continue to chase silverware on four separate fronts.

Take your additional seat at Celtic Park on the day, and help roar the Bhoys on in the 2014/15 title race.

**One free ticket will be allocated to each Season Ticket holder on a first come first served basis at the Celtic Ticket Office only. Selected areas only.*

Sunday kick-off time changed for St Mirren game

FOLLOWING a recent fans' forum at Celtic Park, the club agreed to a survey of Celtic season tickets holders to ensure that future changes to kick-off times met with their approval.

And, following a recent survey of all Season Ticket holders for whom the club hold e-mail addresses, 52 per cent who responded were in favour of changing to an earlier kick-off time for Sunday home games.

Therefore, Celtic's forthcoming home league match against St Mirren on Sunday, December 14 will now kick-off at 1pm. The change to an earlier kick-off time is also supported by our match opponents, St Mirren, and the SPFL.

We hope this move will be welcomed by supporters and will mean fans are able to attend the match and, of course, reach home at a more reasonable time on a Sunday late afternoon/evening.

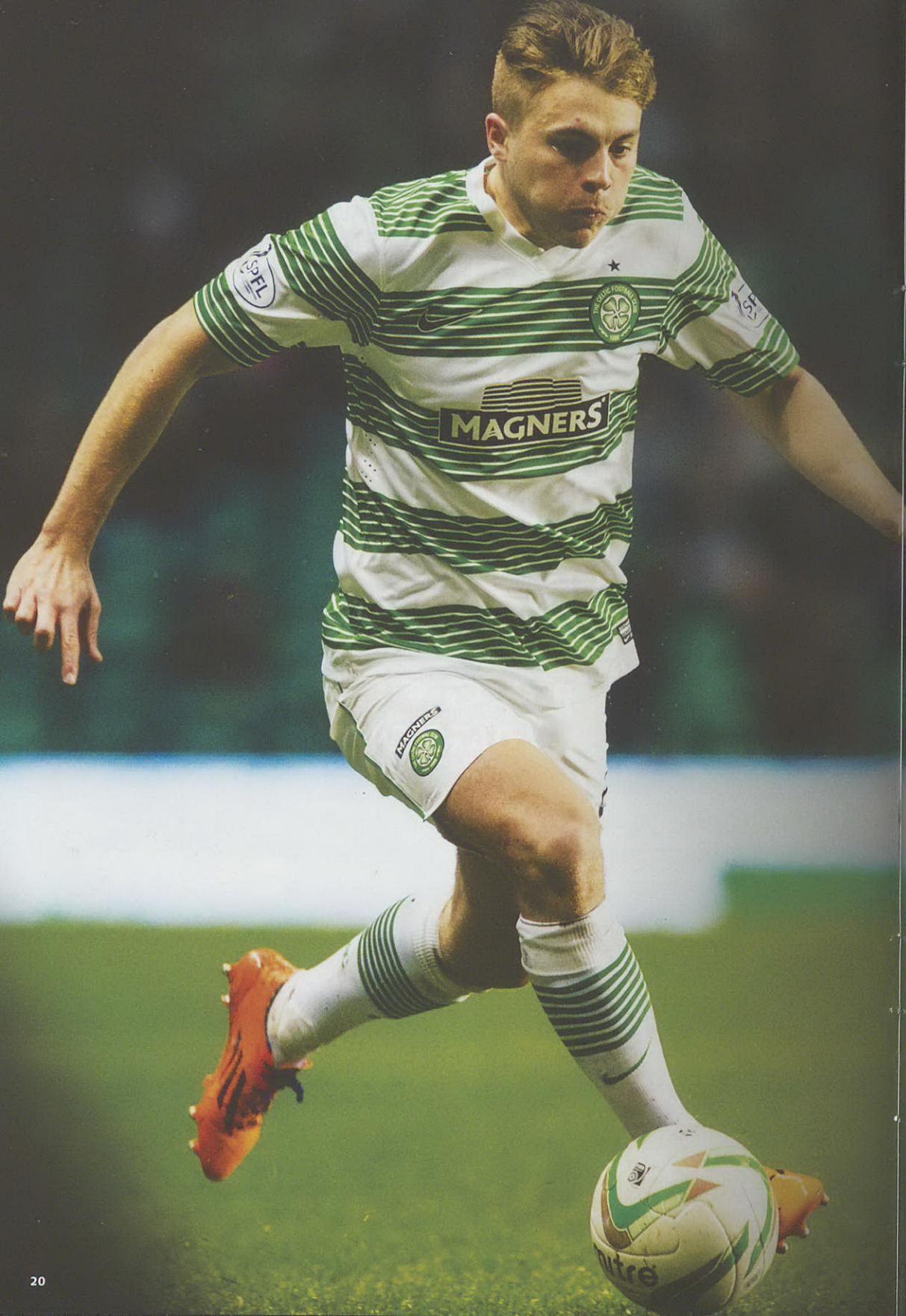


Richard cheques in after the game

HOOPS fans Richard Bryden from Kilmarnock was quids in at the recent Dundee game as Celtic Pools winner, James McDonald from Glasgow, drew his F3267 Paradise Windfall ticket out of the Tombola during half-time.

Richard couldn't make it down to the pitch at half-time but he was more than happy to pick up his cheque for twelve thousand pounds after the game.

The other winning tickets in the Paradise Windfall draw which is sponsored by The Kitchen Depot were, E1251, M1300, E3561 and M3427.



KEEPING UP Appearances

James Forrest is delighted to be back in action and is determined to have a prolonged run in the team

Exclusive interview: **Mark Henderson**

FOR someone starved of games as much as James Forrest over the past 12 months, it would have been understandable had a craving for football prompted a premature return to action following his recent injury lay-off. But he didn't want to take one step forward, only to take two steps back.

The 23-year-old was taking part in only his 11th match of 2014 when he pulled up and limped from the field in the closing seconds of the 6-1 drubbing of Dundee United back in mid-August.

It was a bitter blow to the winger, who had spent the final three months of the previous season on the treatment table, and an all-too familiar story.

Losing such a devastating attacking weapon at such a crucial juncture in the campaign was also a disappointment for Ronny Deila. Both player and manager must have been tempted at the idea at a quick comeback but it was one they resisted.

Fed up of making fleeting appearances for the Scottish champions, Forrest wanted to be part of proceedings for a prolonged period. If that meant a longer spell out of action, so be it.

It didn't diminish the frustration at missing so many important fixtures for his club, but the Scotland internationalist bided his time, working hard at Lennoxton with the club's medical staff to ensure he was in the best possible condition to make a long-lasting contribution.

Forrest finally pulled on the Hoops again last month in the 2-1 win over Aberdeen, lasting just over an hour, before producing a Man-of-the-Match performance as Dundee were defeated by the same scoreline.

His explosive speed, nimble footwork and directness were reminders of what Celtic had been missing during his absence. The early signs are encouraging but this is a long-term project.

"It was good to get back and to play well too is just what you want," Forrest told the matchday programme in an exclusive interview. "We won the first two games I was involved in and that was a massive boost.

"I could have come back earlier than I did, but I spoke to the manager, the coaches and the other physios and decided the best thing to do was to take a bit longer out, and he was happy to do that so I could build myself up.

"Everything you do in training at Lennoxton is based on wanting to play games, which is what every player wants to do. I'm back doing that now and I just want to keep it up.

"Just watching the boys makes you want to get out there but I want to get back playing and stay in the team. I didn't want to come back for one game. It will take a while.

"It's going to be a long process and I just need to keep working hard at training. The more games I get the fitter I will get.

JAMES FORREST



"I have done a lot of stuff in training working towards games so hopefully that can start paying off now. I have a lot of work to do, but I'm looking forward to the remainder of the season."

Forrest's presence in the side would have been valuable in the early months of the season as Celtic struggled for consistency, but he returned to a side growing in belief after an extended winning streak and unbeaten record.

He also had a number of new team-mates to link-up with, including goal machine John Guidetti who reached double figures for the season in win over Dundee.

"When new players come in they provide freshness and it pushes everyone on," said Forrest. "You have seen the form of Guidetti, who is a good player to play with as well.

"He's good on the ball and is always looking for one-two's. He's a good striker and is able to play up there by himself, which benefits the team as well.

"The boys are more confident and you can see confidence is high in the team, and there are a lot of players for the manager to pick from and it's good in that respect too."

Given how highly Ronny Deila rates Forrest, and the Hoops boss' preference for pacey wide-men, he can expect to play a prominent part for the Bhoys over the rest of the campaign.

"Whatever formation the manager goes for, hopefully

I can fit in it," he added. "I just need to make sure I am in his plans and I will keep striving to do that."

The Norwegian maintained a regular dialogue with Forrest throughout his injury and all the players receive constant feedback and pointers.

"They speak to a lot of players, trying to give them confidence," said Forrest. "We all know what he wants and he wants everyone working hard which is the right way to go. They are really detailed and that can only be a good thing."

Forrest and Celtic will be aiming to maintain their forward momentum when Partick Thistle visit Paradise tonight.

A Guidetti hat-trick inspired the Hoops to a crushing 6-0 victory over the Jags in the League Cup quarter-final at the end of October. But that didn't tell the full story.

Alan Archibald's side had acquitted themselves well in that match before Stuart Bannigan's sending off on the stroke of half-time opened the floodgates.

"It will be a hard game and they are always hard to play against," said Forrest. "They have been good and got some good results and it will be a hard game, we will need to be at it.

"They have some good players going forward and obviously Higginbotham is one of them. They did well the last time before the sending off and it should be a good game."

There will also be a familiar face for Forrest in the

'I just need to make sure I am in the manager's plans and I will keep striving to do that'



JAMES FORREST



» opposition line up - former Celtic youth colleague, Stephen O'Donnell.

"I used to play with Sods at 19s and he bombs forward and overlaps for fun, so it will be hard for whoever plays on the left for us," he said. "He has done really well since going there."

The festive period always brings a fixtures frenzy and Celtic will be back in action on Saturday when they take on Motherwell at Fir Park.

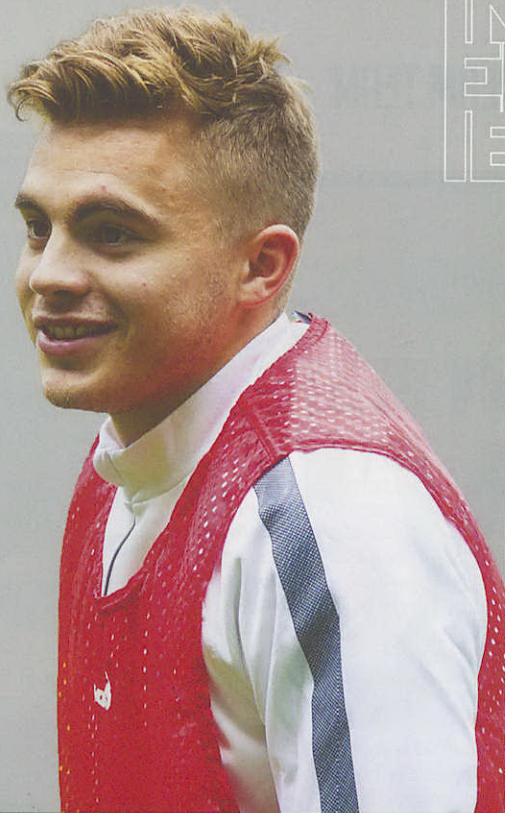
Finishing the year top of the table and being well-placed for a successful second half of the season will be the objective once again.

And from past experience, Forrest knows the importance of concentrating fully on the most immediate challenge.

"You want to be top of the league all the time and winning games, but we will just take it one game at a time, we will look to do our best in every match and see where it takes us," he said.

"It will be a hard game on Saturday but Partick Thistle is the main one just now. Only after that is done will be start thinking about the Motherwell match.

"We have a big squad and the gaffer will change it and refresh it for different games," added the winger. "It has worked well in the last couple of months and I'm sure that will continue."



FORREST'S DELIGHT AT SCOTLAND'S PARADISE WIN

JAMES Forrest was naturally disappointed at not being involved in Scotland's glamour games at Celtic Park recently against the Republic of Ireland and England.

The winger would love to add to his nine caps for the national side but that's not his immediate goal as he targets a consistent run of games at club level.

Once he has achieved full fitness and is producing top performances on

a regular basis, then he can turn his attentions to a return to the national side.

"I played in the England game last year at Wembley, and missing those two games was hard and it difficult to watch, but I need to get right for Celtic before I think about international football," he said. "I am not even thinking about that.

The main thing is Celtic and I am just concentrating on that and

Scotland will take of itself if it comes round."

However, Forrest has been delighted to see Scotland's resurgence under Gordon Strachan, with Scott Brown, Charlie Mulgrew and Craig Gordon all featuring recently.

"They have been doing really well and it's great for Scottish football," he added. "Charlie and Broony have been brilliant and it was good to see Gordo back in the squad too."

OUR KEEPER IS AN INSPIRATION

CRAIG Gordon's remarkable comeback from career-threatening injury to the top of the game is a story that can inspire any injured player, according to James Forrest.

The winger has had his fair share of injury misfortune in recent years, but nothing compared to what Gordon endured during a horrendous spell on the treatment table which lasted over two years.

And after seeing the 31-year-old return from rock bottom to become Celtic's No.1 and a Scotland



internationalist again, Forrest took huge encouragement.

"It gives you confidence when you see someone like that out for so long, coming back and playing," he said.

"For the injured boys, it gives them a bit of a boost watching him. He's really professional and that's what you need to be to play at the top of the game, and this season he has been flying.

"To be out for over two years and to come back and play like that is incredible and I look up to him a lot."

MY BEST XI



Ally Hunter selects his Best XI... and some special mentions

AS the Celtic and Scotland No.1 for a spell in the early 1970s, Ally Hunter had the opportunity to face some great names in the game at home and abroad.

Following a successful spell at Kilmarnock, the goalkeeper spent just over three years in Paradise, making 91 appearances for the club. He contributed to two title triumphs and one League Cup success, before leaving for Motherwell in 1975.

Hunter also made four appearances for his country, including one against the 'Auld Enemy' at Wembley in 1973.

In contrast to some of the selections to feature so far this season, the Best XI the shot-stopper faced consists mainly of British-based players, although it does contain a smattering of foreign stars.

It's a team oozing with class, leadership, skill, speed and resolve. It would take some beating.



GOALKEEPER:
1: Peter Shilton

DEFENDERS:
2: Sandy Jardine
3: Humberto
4: Martin Buchan
5: John Brownlie

MIDFIELD:
6: Teofilo Cubillas
7: Billy Bremner
8: Bobby Moore
11: Jim Baxter

FORWARDS:
9: Stanley Matthews
10: Derek Dougan

PETER SHILTON

I'm afraid it's Peter Shilton. I don't think I would want him as my best pal. But as a boy, I was down at Leicester City when he was there and he was a really hard worker, the guy really worked on his game. I played against him when Scotland played England, and I had to admire him at the end of the day. His presence was his best strength and obviously his fitness and mobility. He had most things, to be honest.



SANDY JARDINE

Most of my players are British-based players, as they were most of the ones I played against. Sandy Jardine and Danny McGrain made up the best full-back combination for Scotland that there had been for a long time. Sandy had speed and was able to go forward and he also had the speed to make tackles. He was a really nice guy and he was how he appeared on television. We obviously had our ups and down in the Celtic-Rangers games, but he was a decent guy.

HUMBERTO

He was one of these long-serving players, staying with Benfica for years. He moved between centre-half and sweeper and, in his day, he was called the Portuguese Beckenbauer. Celtic played Benfica in the UNICEF game in 1974, but he was a guy I had watched before and all I can say is that I liked his style. He was a good, strong defender and didn't mess about. He was also able to come out of defence and score a few goals in his time as well.



MARTIN BUCHAN

There are similarities between Martin Buchan and Sandy Jardine. They were fast on their feet and had a good, positive attitude to the game. Martin was a winner – he was very focused on winning games. He was a great servant for Aberdeen and Manchester United over the period and someone I always admired as a player. I played alongside him for Scotland and he was a great player to have in front of you.

JOHN BROWNLIE

He was part of that great Hibernian team which included the likes of John Blackley and Pat Stanton. He was the same age as me and we played against one another quite a lot. John had the same abilities as Sandy Jardine. He was good at coming forward and was pretty solid at the back. He was another good attacking full back.

BILLY BREMNER

There is not much you can say about him. He was a scary player to play against and a scary player to have in your own team! He was focused. If ever a player was focused, it was him. He was tenacious and if anyone had to go in and put it about, he was the man. He was obviously a great servant for Leeds United over the years and he was one of the kingpins that kept that great team together. I didn't play in the famous Leeds match in 1970 but I played in the Jackie Charlton testimonial in 1973 and that was only time I played against him, and of course Billy was in the Scotland team with me.



DREAM TEAM

TEOFILO CUBILLAS

He was one of the top South American players of the time. I played against him for Scotland when we played Peru in 1972. He was a strong midfield player with had great skills – he could do anything with a ball. He was one of those players who could run all day and put the ball anywhere he wanted. He was just a class player, something you could tell the minute he was on the park. He was a playmaker.

BOBBY MOORE

A great leader of the English side and lots of people think of him as a silky player but Bobby Moore had his hard side as well. Pele described him as one of the best midfielders in the world as he was tenacious as well as being skilful. Give him a

job to do and he would do it to the best of his ability, whether it was defending or attacking. When you see his record for England, he was the

lynchpin in that side. I faced him when Scotland played England at Wembley. He played in various positions and moved about but he had the ability to play in midfield as well.



JIM BAXTER

I played against him in my early days at Kilmarnock. We all know Jim Baxter's abilities and failings, and whatever else, but you needed a player in the team who you could give the ball to when things are going for you or going against you. I always admired players who messed about in the middle of the park. I played with a few – Andy

Ritchie and Tony Higgins, players like that. It was just good to give the ball to someone who could hold on to it and kill games. Football is always going through changes, but in that time it was going from the head-down stuff to more skilled players. The boots and balls were all changing as well, so players could express themselves better, and Jim Baxter was the first one to come in and do fancy things with the ball. His arrogance helped as well.

STANLEY MATTHEWS

Believe it or not, I played against Stanley Matthews. It was in a charity exhibition match. I played in a Stanley Matthews select against a Scotland select and he moved on to the other team in the second half, so I did come up against him. It is a bit tenuous but it's worth a mention. I was born in 1949, so in the '50s Stanley Matthews was a big name when I was young. Obviously he is regarded as one of the greats of British football. He could take players on and had great speed. He must have been in his mid to late '50s when I played against him but he kept himself fit and was thin as could be. He used to fast one day a week to keep his fitness and he was someone who never lost the ability to look after himself and lead a healthy



life – unlike most of us! career that he was great. He was just a genius. I am proud of scoring in that game actually. In the first game of the 1966/67 season, when we beat Man United 4-1, I scored the opening goal, and by scoring against Real Madrid, I got the last goal of that season as well.



DEREK DOUGAN

He was an Irish striker who played for Wolverhampton Wanderers for years. I played against him twice with Kilmarnock. He was tall, thin and an out-and-out striker. Strong and rugged, they would play long balls to him for him to header. I remember playing against him for Kilmarnock in the Anglo-Scottish Cup when he was getting to the latter stages of his career. One of our guys, Jackie McGrory, was running through and Dougan brought him down and he just got up and ran down the tunnel! He was a really top player in his time and a player that goalkeepers hate. When I went out for a ball, you knew what was coming. He never failed to be in among you. I always rated him as a player.

SOME NOTABLE ABSENTEES

Eddie Gray was someone I was considering including. I played quite a few European matches for Celtic but unfortunately I never really came up against the great players. I also went with Scotland to Brazil and was on the bench when they had Rivellino, Gerson and Jairzinho but I never got on the park to play against them.



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PARADISE



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

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

What would be the first thing you would do?

I'd have to go and build myself a wee shelter seeing as I'm ginger. The last thing I want is sunburn. If that happened it'd be the end of the road for me. I'd need to get a couple of the palm trees up for shelter too.

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

If we're really on a desert island then I'd be done in either way so I'd probably have to go for someone that I get on with the best. It's between two – Joe Chalmers or Callum McGregor. You get a good laugh with Joe and hopefully he'd bring his MP3 player with him and we could get a couple of good tunes going. However, I also shared a room with Callum for 11 days so I know that I can put up with him so it'd probably be him. We get on well.

Who in the dressing room would be the worst companion?

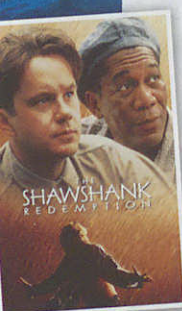
This could be a few people. Again, it's between two. Joe Thomson and big Eoghan O'Connell. Eoghan and I get on very well but there's only so much of his Irish banter and his love for 1970s pop tunes I can take. Joe's just a head-nip. From start to finish he'd never shut up and you wouldn't get a minute in. It'd be two days max before I'd throw him into the sea.

If you could have a prized possession, what would it be?

It'd probably be my phone. I'm not sure what signal I'd get mind you. I might not get 3G but I've got my music on it and a few games to help with the boredom. And if there's the chance that I could make a few phone calls then that's better than nothing.

What one film would you take with you?

The Shawshank Redemption, I'd say. It's a great film and it's on for about three hours. You could watch it



a couple of times a day and there you go, a day's gone. I don't think I'd ever get bored of watching it to be honest.

And one album you could salvage?

That's a very hard question. One of my favourite albums is Eminem's *Curtain Call*. I remember it when I was a wee boy and it was probably one of the only albums that I could rhyme every song off of so I'd have to take that and get a wee bit of motivation from the main man Eminem.

What meal would you manage to conjure up?

It depends. Hopefully I'd be able to find a few stray animals kicking about the island but I've never been one for cooking to be honest. I'd probably have to find a few leaves and a few berries and hope for the best, hope they taste nice and hope they don't poison me. That's the best I could conjure up. Ideally I'd like a nice wee pizza or something to tuck into but again, the priority would be to make sure I don't poison myself.

Your best survival skill?

I'm a good swimmer so if push came to shove I could probably swim to the nearest bit of civilisation but again, we are on a desert island here. Give me a couple of days on there and I'd probably crumble. I'm not the person you want for this job.

What part of your personality might get you into trouble?

My frustration. I'd try to start a fire and after two minutes of rubbing a stick together and if it didn't work I'd just chuck it and hope for the best. If something doesn't happen straight away that's it. First time or nothing.

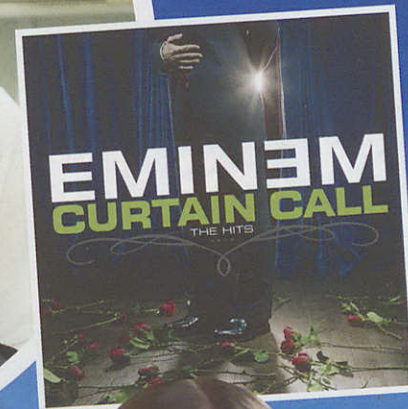
A ship carrying celebrities runs aground and one manages to make it ashore to your island – who would you like it to be?

100% Cheryl Cole.

What would you miss the most?

I'd say my Mum and Dad. I still live at home so I'd definitely miss them.

Exclusive interview:
Martin Dalziel



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

Fabio Cannavaro. Ever since I was a wee boy he's been the player I've looked up to. A wee game of 'megs would go down quite well. I'd like to learn from him so a wee kickabout with him wouldn't do me any harm. If I had somebody to look up to on the desert island I'd maybe forget I was sitting getting sunburned and eating twigs and berries all day.



Hail Hail Las Vegas

Rod Stewart invites fellow Celts for a drink after Caesar's Palace gig

A TRIP to Las Vegas to see Rod Stewart performing would be enough for any fan, but to share a drink with the legendary singer is something that most people could only dream of.

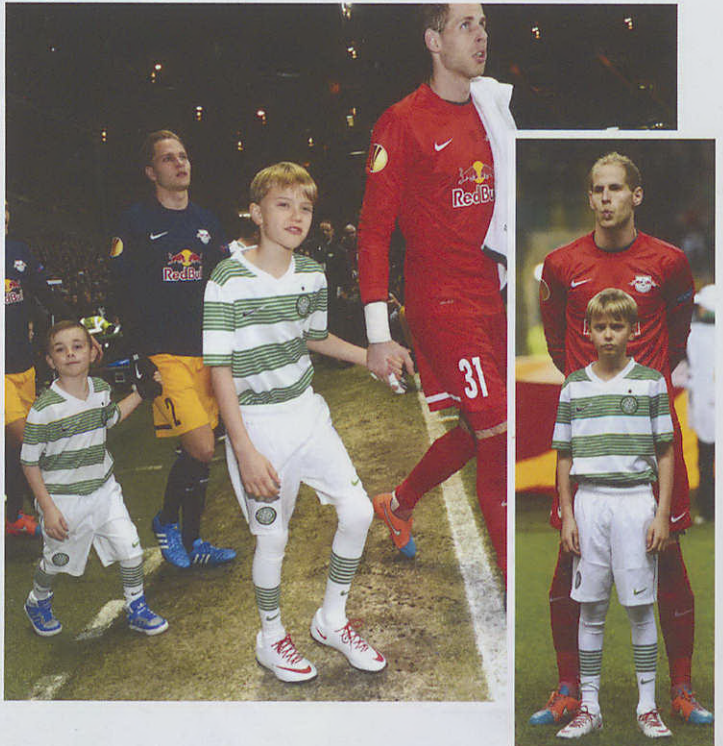
However, at a recent show, the well-known Celtic fan invited everyone who was wearing a Celtic top at the concert in Caesar's Palace to meet him for after-show drinks in a pub across the road.

And around 40 fellow Celts joined Rod to celebrate an unforgettable green and white night in Las Vegas.

Rod was back in Glasgow last week to cheer on the Bhoys against FC Salzburg in the UEFA Europa League.

It was a night of mixed emotions for the Celtic support because, while the team lost 3-1 to the Austrians, they still progressed to the knockout stages of the competition due to FC Astra's victory over Dinamo Zagreb.

However, there was only pride for Rod Stewart as he stood in the main stand at Celtic Park and watched his son, Alastair, out on the hallowed turf of Paradise as one of the Celtic mascots, accompanying FC Salzburg goalkeeper, Peter Gulacsi.





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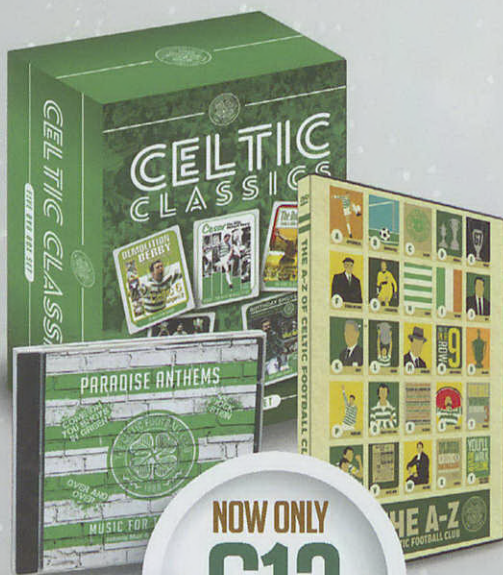
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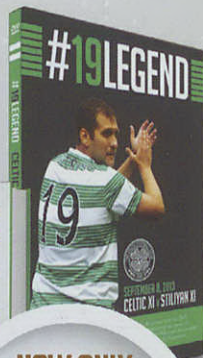
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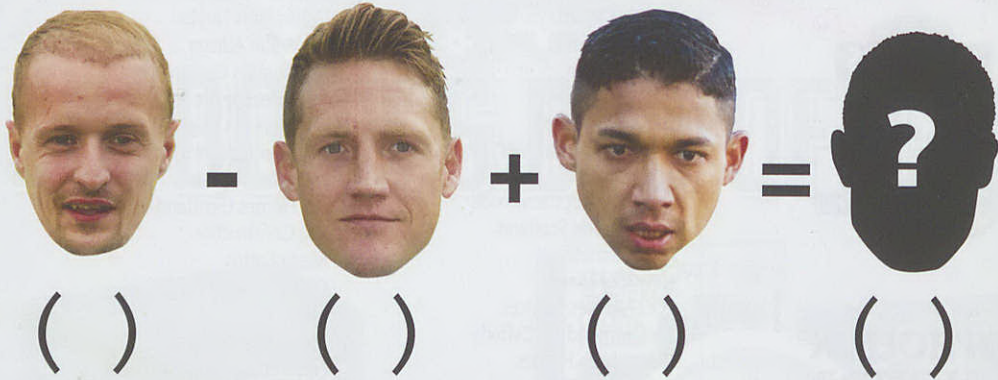
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Using the squad numbers of the players below can you work out this mathematical puzzle?



NIR BITTON: MY OTHER SPORT

Nir says...

During the close season holiday, I liked playing tennis and basketball. I played a lot of tennis with my friends. I tried to forget about football for this month and just work on my body, and enjoy tennis and basketball. I just liked playing them and sometimes I prefer to watch basketball rather than football. The best team in Israel are one of the most successful teams in Europe – Maccabi Tel Aviv. They are the like the team of the country and most of the people support them. Last year, I went to about 80 per cent of their games. There is a great atmosphere – I really like watching basketball.



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GETTING SHIRTY?

Guess the player...

Can you re-arrange the jumbled letters to see which current Celt this is?



TOP FIVE KIDS' QUIZ

QUIZZY RASCAL

1. Which side did Celtic's youth team play in England last week?
2. Which team do the Hoops play between Christmas and New Year?
3. What number does Craig Gordon wear?
4. What nationality is Jason Denayer?
5. Which team did Celtic play in their first SPFL game this season?

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CELTIC FC FOUNDATION'S Christmas Appeal is well underway and there are plenty of ways for you to support us this festive period.

On Sunday, December 14, Celtic FC Foundation will be organising a bucket collection in advance of the game against St Mirren (KO - 1pm), with the proceeds going towards the overall campaign to help local families and those organisations who assist many underprivileged people such as the homeless.

As part of our Christmas Appeal, we are asking supporters to get involved with our bucket collection by either making a donation on their way into the ground or by signing up to be one of our official bucket collection volunteers.

All who volunteer with Celtic FC Foundation for the pre-game bucket collection will be issued with a free match ticket for Celtic v St Mirren, courtesy of the club.

CEO of Celtic FC Foundation Tony Hamilton said: "The Christmas Appeal has had a great start including a £10,000 donation from the club and a lot from individual supporters and supporters' clubs.

"I'd like to thank those in advance who can help on the day either by volunteering or throwing what is affordable in the buckets around the ground and at the turnstiles. Your support will make a huge difference this year to so many people."

In addition to our bucket collection, there are plenty of activities on the day to get you in to the Christmas spirit as the match will also feature Santa's Grotto in the Family Stand as well the presentation of tickets to Lapland for the winner of the Celtic Wonderland promotion.

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Celtic's January clash with St Johnstone postponed

CELTIC have requested to the SPFL that their home fixture against St Johnstone, scheduled for January 10, 2015, be postponed.

Premiership clubs are permitted to request one fixture postponement at the beginning of the season, and one in January.

Ronny Deila's side will have played 35 competitive games by the

time they've faced Kilmarnock at Rugby Park on January 5, and the Celtic manager wants to take the opportunity for his side to have a short mid-season break and training camp before resuming their quest for silverware in the remaining months of the season.

At the recent fans' forum at Celtic Park, the issue of fixture

cancellations was raised, with fans asking for notification at the earliest opportunity.

And so, following these discussions, the club is announcing the postponement of the St Johnstone game now in order to give supporters proper notice.

A new date for the fixture will be announced in due course.



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ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 3

Words: Joe Sullivan

1898

Meadowside for thrills may not have the same impact as Firhill for thrills but that was the case on this day in 1898 when Celtic faced Partick Thistle in front of a crowd of 3,000. Tonight's visitors had used grounds at, among other places, Kelvingrove, Jordanvale, Muirpark, Inchview and Meadowside before Firhill was opened in 1909. The teams had met the previous week, also on league duty, at Celtic Park, when the Bhoys ran out 4-0 winners with Peter Somers grabbing a hat-trick. And it was an 11-goal thriller at Meadowside, with the Celts netting eight of the goals. Once again Somers was on target, though he only managed two this time, while Sandy McMahon was the hat-trick hero. Celtic were in the middle of an eight-game winning run, which included a 9-2 thrashing of Clyde, with McMahon scoring a hat-trick on that occasion as well, but they still only finished third in the league that season.

1904

Exactly 110 years ago on this day in 1904, Motherwell visited Celtic Park on league duty and a 5,000 crowd saw goals from Alec Bennett, Adam McLean, Jimmy Quinn and Peter Somers help the Hoops to a 4-2 win. Celtic's final game of that season also saw them play Motherwell and a Quinn hat-trick along with goals from Alec McNair, Willie Loney and Somers gave them a 5-2 win in front of an 8,000 crowd. That game put Celtic top with 41 points while Rangers were on 35 with three games still to play. The Hoops were seven goals better off but neither goal difference nor goal average was in use in those days. Rangers beat Port Glasgow Athletic 5-1 and Morton 5-0 and 2-0 to also finish on 41 points. A Glasgow League tie on May 6, 1905 doubled up as a league decider and was played at Hampden with an English referee drafted in. Celtic won the game 2-1 thanks to goals from Davie Hamilton and Jimmy McMenemy and lifted the first of the six-in-a-row titles.

1930

Jimmy Walsh was born on this day in 1930. He joined Celtic on October 21, 1949 and made his debut for the Hoops on April 30, 1951 in a 3-1 defeat at Easter Road against Hibernian. An inside forward, he went on to make a total of 144 appearances for the club, scoring 59 goals. Among the highlights of his Celtic career was the championship triumph of 1953/54, though injury prevented him from playing in the Scottish Cup final which clinched the double. Walsh had also famously scored the winning goal against Hibernian in the Coronation Cup final. He joined Leicester City in 1956, staying for 12 years, and he continued to live in Leicester when his career ended. Jimmy sadly passed away in August of this year at the age of 83.

1938

A Battle of the Greens at Celtic Park saw the Hoops triumph 5-4 over Hibernian. Celtic were the defending champions and had kicked off the defence of the title with a 9-1 home win over Kilmarnock.

And during the season there were plenty of high-scoring games for the Celts, though ultimately they would finish second in the table. In the 5-4 victory over Hibs on December 3, the goals came from Jimmy Delaney and a double each from Jackie Watters and Frank Murphy.

1962

Celtic beat Partick Thistle in the semi-final of the Glasgow Cup, with goals from John Hughes, Frank Brogan and a Thistle own goal. The Hoops had beaten Rangers in a replay to set up the semi-final

clash and they went on to face Third Lanark in the final at Hampden, losing 2-1.

1988

Celtic travelled to Motherwell on this day in 1988 as the defending champions and they recorded a 3-1 victory at Fir Park. The goals that day came from Frank McAvennie, Paul McStay and Mark McGhee.

Season 1988/89 proved to be a disappointing one for Celtic as they finished third in the Premier League, though they did still manage to lift the Scottish Cup, beating Rangers 1-0 in the final at Hampden thanks to a goal from Joe Miller.

1994

Celtic's most recent game on this day was exactly 20 years ago when Motherwell visited the Hoops' temporary Hampden home on league duty. A long-range strike by Willie Falconer and an own goal

by John Philiben gave Celtic a 2-0 lead but former Celt, Tommy Coyne struck twice to finish the scoring in the 2-2 draw. That took Celtic to 10 successive league games without a win, although seven of those matches had been drawn.



AND ANOTHER THING...

The Beatles' final tour of the UK began on this day in 1965 and started right here in Glasgow at the old Odeon on Renfield Street. They also visited the Odeon twice each in 1963 and 1964, usually playing twice on each occasion. Following the October 21, 1964 gig, there were nine arrests after a riot involving hundreds of fans while cars were overturned and windows were smashed.





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The three-day courses - aimed at children aged 4-14 years old, and priced at £45 per child - provide each child with quality coaching from our Celtic Soccer Academy Coaches, and allow them to develop the skills and techniques required to make it in the modern game in a fun and safe environment.

Each day of the courses will follow a specific football-related theme which will allow each player to develop their technique through individual and group practices, as well as small-sided games.

In addition to the three days of coaching, each participant will also receive an adult and child ticket for a forthcoming SPFL match at Celtic Park*, as well as a unique Celtic gift and a certificate of attendance. Hoopy will

also be making a special appearance to see some of his younger fans.

There's also the added bonus of a unique photo opportunity with the Scottish League trophy as the youngsters are given the chance to get their hands on the trophy that the Hoops have now claimed for the last three seasons.

For more information and to book places call 0871 226 1888** (Option 6) or visit www.celticfc.net/courses

The courses take place at the following venues and dates:

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**The parent and child ticket will be issued for a game selected by Celtic FC and will be non-transferable. Tickets will be issued by the Celtic Soccer Academy and not the Celtic Ticket Office. For further details contact jmcstay@celticfc.co.uk*

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Bhoys lead out the Hoops

CHARLIE Mulgrew was standing in for skipper, Scott Brown recently but he had two very able helpers in the shape of the Celtic matchday mascots.

The teams were led out by six-year-old Noah Quinn from London and nine-year-old Nathan Hardie from Cumbernauld.

The youngsters helped with all of the pre-match preliminaries before taking their seats in the stand to watch the Celts maintain top spot by beating Dundee 2-1.



MERSEY MISSION ALMOST COMPLETE



Eoghan O'Connell rues near miss as young Celts faced Everton at Goodison Park

Exclusive Interview: Kenny McKay

UNDER the floodlights at Everton's Goodison Park, Eoghan O'Connell cut a frustrated figure at the final whistle.

The Irishman was named as captain for the Celtic's first game of their inaugural English Premier League International Cup against Everton U21s and, after conceding a late goal, the 19-year-old felt aggrieved at coming so close to an opening win.

Pressing the hosts from the start, Celtic would get their reward in the 26th minute when Filip Twardzik diverted a Joe Thomson shot from the edge of the Everton penalty area into the net.

The opening goal was followed by a disciplined spell by the visitors during which O'Connell and the Celtic backline confidently nullified an array of the Blues' attacking talents until substitute Courtney Duffus tied the match for the home side in the 80th minute.

Reflecting on the tie, O'Connell believes that despite not collecting all three points, the Celts showed that they have the quality to compete at the highest level.

He said: "If you'd asked us before the game, if we'd have taken a draw away to Everton then we'd all have said yes.

"I think the first half was very good and I'd say we were the better team throughout and dominated the game. Even going into the first 15 or 20 minutes of the second half, I felt we were in control.

"But you know that, with them being the home team, they were always going to have their own period in the game. As it wore on, they just seemed to come into it a bit more but I think overall we deserved to win. It was disappointing to concede the goal but we'll just have to move on.

"Maybe in the last 15 minutes, that's when we began to tire. We were maybe hanging on towards the end but I don't think they really opened us up during that spell.

"Looking back at the goal, it arrived due to a mistake and from that they equalised. That makes it quite hard to take because we did so well for such a long spell, but





The experience of experience

EOGHAN O'Connell is slowly maturing into a top-class defender at Celtic, according to Development Squad coach Stevie Frail.

The young Hoops' boss praised the Irishman for the manner in which he and his Celtic team-mates raised their game against an experienced and talented Everton U21 team.

Frail explained that should his young charges maintain this level of performance, then they have every chance of making a big impact at Paradise.

He said: "It was a fantastic team performance and it's just one of those things that if we'd maybe hung on for five more minutes we might have just seen the game out.

"You can see the strength in depth that Everton have. Eoghan O'Connell was up against Arouna Kone in the first half who was one of their overage players and he is a top talent.

"He's been at Wigan and performed well for them and he's just an example of the level of competition they have in their squad. Playing against him was a great experience for our two centre-halves in Eoghan and Stuart Findlay plus our two full-backs, Darnell Fisher and Calum Waters, and they all showed terrific work-rate to get up and down the pitch.

"The players set a standard here that they need to build on. I don't want them to just keep that level of performance for the big games and play in the same manner.

"Playing on this platform at this level is a terrific learning experience to help them get to the next level at Celtic."

it is all part of learning the game and growing up."

While keen to maintain his steady development at Paradise, O'Connell has already made great strides during his emerging Celtic career.

Handed his first-team debut towards the end of last season, the Cork Bhoys has continued to make an impression on the management team, making four appearances this season under Ronny Deila and completing a full 90 minutes during September's 2-1 away win at St Mirren.

Combining this with a string of strong showings for the Development Squad in which he has featured at both centre-half and right-back, O'Connell believes this mix of experiences have helped his confidence and belief.

So much so, that the defender explained how he had few reservations about both captaining the side and playing against an experienced top-flight striker in the shape of Arouna Kone, adding that there is plenty he can take away from the game.

He said: "We were 1-0 for the majority of the game and had lots of the ball.

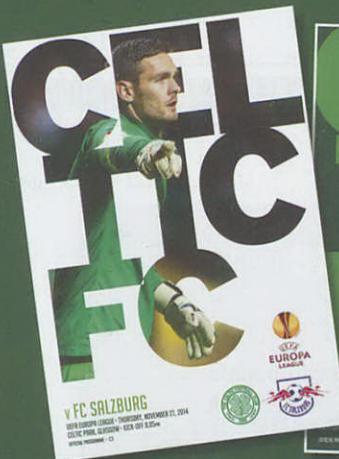
"We arrived at Goodison with the intention to play our game and from the outset you could see we were trying to do that.

"For the first hour of the game, we did that very well against a good team. We showed by the amount of chances we created in the first half that we can come down here and match teams of this standard and give them as good as we get.

"For me, it was a great honour to be captain, particularly in this competition but we showed tonight that we all acting as leaders on the pitch.

"I enjoy the challenge actually of playing against guys like Arouna Kone. We had a lot of the ball so really we just had to keep an eye out for his movement and how he was dropping deep. He's also physically strong and when you play against someone like that it's always best not to get drawn into a battle with them.

"On a personal front, I felt I can learn a great deal from it."



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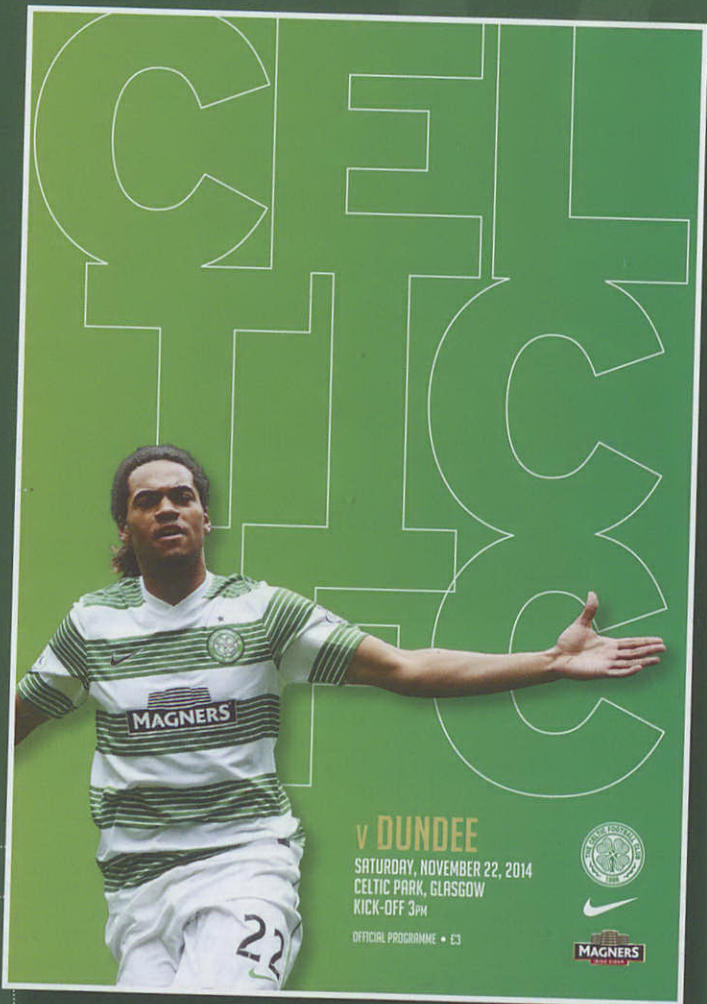
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CELTIC's Development Squad had to settle for a 1-1 draw in their English Premier League International Cup tie against Everton.

Stevie Frail's side controlled the first half and took a deserved lead through Filip Twardzik's close-range conversion but they were pegged back in the second half by a resurgent Everton, who equalised through Courtney Duffus.

The Hoops started the game brightly, passing well, patiently and probing at the Everton defence. High pressing in the first few minutes put the Toffees under pressure and allowed Paul George to flight a ball in to the box but his cross went over the bar.

Everton then hit on the break quickly and Arouna Kone flashed an effort over after doing well to find space on the edge of Leo Fasan's box. The tone for the first half was set with both exchanges.

Celtic were industrious in the first 15 minutes and kept the ball well for most of that time. George and Paul McMullan interchanged well and it was the latter who had the first real effort of the game.

The striker capitalised on a slip in Everton's defence and pinged a shot towards goal but Russell Griffiths, who saved well.

Eoghan O'Connell then flashed a header straight at Griffiths following the first corner of the game before Everton failed to test Fasan with two corners of their own at the other end.

Most of the Hoops' early play came through the middle but it was Calum Waters on the wing who carved out a good opening for George on the box but his shot was off balance on the turn.

Celtic's strong start eventually paid off midway through the first half when Liam Henderson's free-kick was deflected wide for a corner.

McMullan swung an angled cross in from the set-piece and it was flicked to the edge of the box by the Everton defence. Joe Thomson lay in waiting and his volleyed shot was tapped in by Filip Twardzik in the box.

The Hoops maintained their dominance in the wake of the goal but were forced back at points as Everton sought to restore parity.

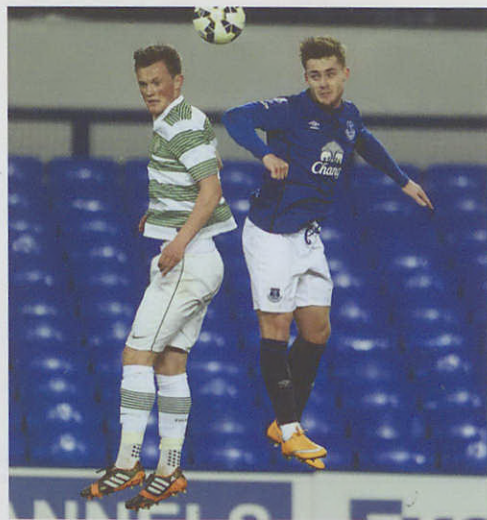
Chris Long was most threatening, linking up well with Jonjoe Kenny on the left wing but the Celtic defence did well to close their passing down and snuff out the duo's play.

Everton went close at the end of the first half as Kone and then Kenny passed up good shooting chances with weak efforts but the Hoops went in ahead at the break.

After the break, the home team chased an equaliser and they passed up a great early chance of that when a through ball evaded the Hoops defence. Kenny managed to ghost in at the back post to beat the offside trap but he cut inside onto his right foot, allowing Fasan time to measure his shot save comfortably.

Celtic were happy for Everton to pass it around at the back but McMullan forced the Toffees' backline into a number of rushed passes as he pressed from the front for Stevie Frail's side.

Everton's dominance dissipated for a brief spell and Celtic found their passing touch again but a swift counter-attack from



the hosts ended with the equaliser from substitute Duffus, who finished Gethin Jones' cross well to make it 1-1.

The Toffees continued to push Celtic in the closing stages and won several corners through the clever play of Grant but the Hoops were quick on the break and went close themselves.

Fasan then sealed the draw for Celtic with a comfortable and strong catch late on to give the Bhoys a share of the spoils.

EVERTON (4-2-3-1) Griffiths, Jones, Kenny, Walsh, Pennington, Galloway, Grant, Williams, Kone (Dowell 45), Long (Henen 70) McAleny (C Duffus 64).
Not used: Hewelt, Connolly.

CELTIC (4-2-3-1) Fasan; Fisher, O'Connell, Findlay, Waters; Henderson, Lindsay; Thomson, George (Tierney 60), Twardzik; McMullan (Donnelly 90).
Not used: Hart, Kelleher, McCart, Breslin, Nesbitt.

HISTORY

with Stephen Murray



HIS GREATEST GAME

**Jimmy Johnstone v Dundee United
December 17, 1969**

JIMMY Johnstone's performances in a Celtic jersey are the stuff of legend and there are many who recall his outstanding performances against Red Star Belgrade, Leeds United, Inter Milan and Real Madrid.

This is without recounting his great displays against Rangers in the big Glasgow derby games as the Wee Man was always a player for the big occasions.

However, there is a game which many fans of the period remember with great fondness, the 7-2 thrashing of Dundee United, just before Christmas 1969.

United turned out in their colourful new

all-tangerine strips and were confident of a result as they had enjoyed some favourable results against Celtic in recent seasons, and they were currently sitting in fourth place in the league.

By their own standards, Celtic were having an indifferent time, and Hibernian were actually on top of the table, inspired by their wonder kid, Peter Marinello.

However, if Celtic won this game played in midweek, they would then go top for the first time that season. This was an important game for the Celts, as a victory would give them league leadership and a huge psychological advantage over the chasing pack.



The 26,000 crowd were privileged to witness Jimmy Johnstone at his magnificent best, with a devastating display of ball control and close dribbling, Jinky tantalised the United defence, and despite not scoring, he made all the headlines.

The next day's newspapers struggled to find adjectives to describe Jimmy. The *Evening Times* reported that in one run, Jinky dribbled past six United defenders plus Willie Wallace into the bargain. The *Glasgow Herald* stated that: 'Little Jimmy Johnstone stood tallest. Impossibly he beat three men, four, five. Then, in case anybody had not believed it the first time, he did it again. He flitted past opponents to the inside and outside; over and under; sometimes it seemed he went through them.'

The only thing Johnstone failed to do was score but he did hit the post with an incredible effort, said to be from 50 yards out. Although Johnstone was the outstanding personality on the night with his vast array of dribbling skills, Celtic had clicked as a team, and there were fine performances from Wallace, Murdoch and Hughes (*above right*).

Another stand-out was the young right-back, David Hay, who was keeping Lisbon Lion, Jim Craig, out of the side, and he teamed up magnificently with Johnstone on the right flank.

At time up the Celtic fans deservedly gave Johnstone a rapturous ovation and objective observers agreed that he was, at that time, one

of the greatest players in world football, with some of the Scottish press saying that on this form he was even a level above the great Manchester United forward of the period, George Best.

Several Dundee United players waited at the pitch side to applaud Jimmy from the field, including the ex-Rangers player Davie Wilson, who warmly shook the Wee Man's hand.

This was a wonderful gesture, considering Wilson had been given a hard time from the Celtic crowd, on account of him being a notable ex-Rangers player.

This game was the launching pad to Celtic's fourth consecutive league title and although Jimmy, on occasions, performed superbly against more illustrious teams in world football, there are those convinced that he never played better than on this cold December night in 1969.





MONUMENTAL WALLACE

THERE can't be many transfers in football which were successful as Willie Wallace's move from Hearts to Celtic 48 years ago this week on December 6, 1966.

Within six short months, 'Wispy' and his goals had helped fire Jock Stein's all-conquering side to the league championship, the Scottish Cup and, most memorably, the European Cup in Lisbon. It was the most glorious season in the club's history.

For the next five years, the striker maintained his prolific form in front of goal and collected numerous winner's medals as the Hoops continued their dominance of domestic football and reached another European Cup final.

It had been a dream move for all parties yet Wallace admits it was simply the result of him letting events take their course, a strategy he employed from his earliest playing days all the way through his career.

To celebrate the anniversary of his signing, we revisit a *Celtic View* interview with the Hoops legend.

He was the last of the Lisbon Lions to arrive at the club but it didn't take long for Willie Wallace to become part of the fabric of Celtic

You took the long route to Celtic, playing at clubs through the divisions. Did you feel that helped you evolve into a better player by the time you arrived in Paradise?

I was never at a bad club. At Stenhousemuir, I had the benefit of playing with older players who had played at a higher level and were on the way back down and it was a bit the same with Raith Rovers. It was a learning curve for me. At Raith, I played with Jim Baxter and there was always good information and help from the older players. You were never cast aside as you were a newcomer - you were looked after. That was the first club where I ever

had a coach. There was a wee fellow called Jackie Stewart, who had returned from Birmingham and he would work with the boys in the afternoons. He was the first coach I ever had. I went from being an outside-right to playing through the middle and up-front, then I started scoring goals on a regular basis and it was just a gradual climb. But I had no thoughts, no dreams. I wasn't thinking this is where I am going and this is how I am going to do it - it just happened. Again, people will ask me what did I think as a boy - did I want to be a player? It never crossed my mind - it just happened as other things in my career happened for me. If someone says alright we are going to sell you, I went, as I thought people didn't want me there any more. The same thing happened when I left Celtic. I thought they must want rid of me when they got a bid from Crystal Palace and they accepted it - but that's how my career had been.

At Hearts, you established yourself as one of the best goalscorers in the Scottish game and won international recognition. Was that another important part in your progression?

They had won the league a couple of years before, had played in Europe and they were in the process of rebuilding the club. So it was a good time. And a good friend of Jock Stein was John Harvey, who was the coach at Hearts at that time. He was a fantastic man to work with - just the same as Jock. He and Jock actually worked together at Scotland the first time Jock took the Scotland job. He was a lovely man and did a lot for me as a player. He was a similar type of guy to Jock. He would come and talk to you and not give any long speeches but just tell you little things you were doing wrong or if you were finding it hard on occasions and not playing well, he would just give you a few words and it would work well for you.

You scored frequently against Celtic at Tynecastle. Do you think that helped engineer your move to the Hoops?

I was just talking with someone recently about this. I never had a problem scoring against Celtic or Rangers for any of the clubs I played for. I don't know how it is or how it happens but it just seemed to happen for me. It wasn't natural but I always found myself in the right positions to score and as you improve over the years it got easier to score. But, of course, scoring against Celtic helped my move. They had to play us on the Saturday after coming back from playing in Europe and we beat them 3-2 and I scored a couple

of goals and that obviously must have stuck on Jock's mind. I was doing alright at the time: I was scoring goals regularly and was top goalscorer every year I was at Tynecastle. I had already spoken to Newcastle and Stoke City and had been trying to get away for a year-and-a-half. The Celtic thing came out of the blue but it happened in a natural way - it just happened.

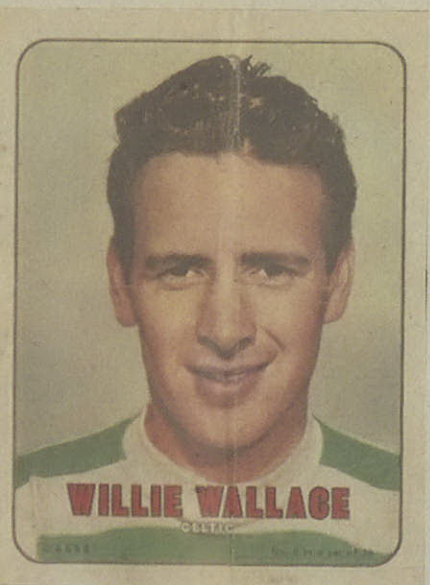
Why do you think you settled in so quickly at Celtic?

I had played with a few of the guys with Scotland and I was 24 or 25 years old, so I was a senior player by then and it wasn't difficult playing in that team! You were going into a team that played natural, good football. It wasn't hard to fit in.

Remarkably, within six months of signing you had won nearly every major honour in the Scottish game and also the European Cup. Did you have any idea that things would turn out like that?

I had no idea at all. I was hopeful that things would pan out and I would be quite successful at Celtic. But if they said if me in your six years here, you would win six league titles, I wouldn't have believed you! It was the in pinnacle of my career. I look back on those six months with joy and happiness. Nothing else. There is no way you can explain it. Once I was involved in football, obviously my aim was to win what I could, but to think I had won every honour I could in Scottish football, well, that's not a bad career. >>





>> **Why did Jock Stein manage to get the best out of you and the other players at the club?**

It was because he didn't demand anything from me that I didn't have. Jock played everybody to their capabilities. He was fantastic and moulded that side together. Man-management was obviously one of his strengths as well - he got the best out of everybody.

You struck 134 goals in 232 appearances during a glorious six years in Paradise, but do you have a favourite?

All goals are great. A couple of goals I scored against Kilmarnock stick in my memory but I scored two at Celtic Park against Penarol when they were the world champions at the time. We beat them 2-0 here. That would be one of the better games, football-wise, that we played. Penarol played football while Racing Club, they wanted to win and that was it. That was a battle and it didn't matter who won after it.

Who was the greatest player you played with at Celtic?

The wee fella with red hair takes a lot of beating but there were a lot of great players at Celtic Park at that time. Bobby Murdoch, Bertie Auld, Kenny Dalglish - you could name the whole team I played with. They were all good players.

Lisbon

THERE can be little doubt as to the highlight of Willie Wallace's career or that of his team-mates on May 25, 1967 for that matter. He played a crucial part in the semi-final by netting the two vital goals against Dukla Prague. His signing that season only reinforced an already potent goalscoring team and Lisbon wouldn't even have been in his mind when he started the season with Hearts.

Immediate Impact

ALTHOUGH Willie Wallace definitely had an instant effect on the team, that's not what we're talking about here. It was a European Cup tie against Waterford in Dublin in season 1970/71 when the striker struck after only 18 seconds of the game. That was the first of his hat-trick for the evening and the Hoops went on to win 7-0

Wispy

THERE are a couple of theories as to why Willie Wallace went by the nickname of Wispy at Celtic Park. His Sunday name is William Semple Brown Wallace and some think that the WSB initials of his forename became Wispy. However, there is another notion that because he spoke so quietly as in a whisper, the name came from there.

CELTIC FACTFILE

Willie Wallace

Leading From The Front

CELTIC weren't short of goals or goalscorers when Willie Wallace joined in but he still rattled in 21 goals over the remainder of the season to finish fourth behind Bobby Lennox on 24, Joe McBride on 35 and Stevie Chalmers on 36. That meant the top four scorers netted 117 goals of Celtic's 184-goal tally between them.

Last Man In

THE bulk of the Lisbon Lions were at Celtic Park when Jock Stein arrived as manager, they just needed a few tweaks here and there. The last one in was Willie Wallace and the Big Man's jigsaw was complete - or was it? It has been wrongly assumed that Willie was brought in to replace the injured Joe McBride but he was signed before the injury. It was far more likely that Stein may have been thinking of shuffling the side at the expense of the elder statesman of the attack, Stevie Chalmers - who went on to score the winner in Lisbon.



Enterprise

THE striker certainly showed a bit of adventure when he signed for Celtic as he was looking for a move to Canada at the time and Stoke City and Newcastle United were also checking out the player who, unbelievably had been playing at Tynecastle without a contract for two years. Both sides were offering around £80,000 for the striker but he moved to Celtic Park for £28,000.

Role: Striker 1966-71

Born: 23/7/40 in Kirkintilloch

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 11st 6lbs

PLAYING CAREER

Kilsyth Rangers	
Stenhousemuir	January 28, 1958
Raith Rovers	October 22, 1959
Hearts	April 25, 1961
Celtic	December 6, 1966
Crystal Palace	October 19, 1971
Dumbarton	October 12, 1972
Apia (Sydney)	March 28, 1975
Partick Thistle (trial)	March 8, 1977
Ross County (player/coach)	March 15, 1977
Ross County (player/manager)	May 27, 1977
Dundee (coach)	June 17, 1977
Apia	1979
Leichhardt (coach)	December 8, 1979
Retired	July 1982

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Scotland 3-2 Northern Ireland	
November 25, 1964, Home International Championship	
Scotland 3-4 England	
April 2, 1966, Home International Championship	
Scotland 0-3 Netherlands	
May 11, 1966, International Challenge Match	
England 2-3 Scotland	
April 15, 1967, European Championship Qualifier	
Scotland 0-2 USSR	
May 10, 1967, International Challenge Match	
Northern Ireland 1-0 Scotland	
October 21, 1967, European Championship Qualifier	
England 4-1 Scotland	
May 10, 1969, Home International Championship	

PLAYING HONOURS

European Cup	1967
League Championships	1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71
Scottish Cups	1966/67, 1968/69, 1970/71
League Cups	1962/63 (with Hearts), 1967/68, 1968/69



SIX OF THE BEST



Dixie Deans hit an impressive 124 goals for the Hoops, including a memorable double hat-trick against Partick Thistle

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

DIXIE Deans will never forget the day he hit Partick Thistle for six and wrote his name into the record books - and he will never tire of reminding goalkeeper Alan Rough about it either!

The former Scotland internationalist, who also had a short spell at Celtic in the late 1980s, had to pick the ball out of the net seven times on November 18, 1973, as the Hoops ran riot in Paradise.

Deans was the Jags' tormenter in chief, hammering in a double hat-trick to set a new post-war milestone, with Bobby Lennox also on target.

His fantastic feats took him within two goals of Celtic legend Jimmy McGrory's all-time record of **EIGHT** goals in one game which he set against Dunfermline in 1928.

And the humble and magnanimous McGrory was the first on the pitch after the final whistle to congratulate the Hoops hit-man on his incredible achievement. He appreciated that gesture from a man he greatly admired and respected.

The Maryhill side were not the only opposition to be put to the sword by the prolific Deans, who scored 124 goals in 184 appearances during his Celtic career. This included trebles in two cup finals at Hampden, with Hibernian the victims on both occasions.

But it was not only in this instance where Partick Thistle proved central to Deans' Celtic story. It was the Jags' shock victory in the 1971 League Cup final that prompted Jock Stein to sign the frontman from Motherwell, and they were also the team he made his debut against on November 27, 1971. Celtic won 5-1 and, of course, Deans scored.

Ahead of tonight's Glasgow derby, we caught up with the Celtic great to reflect on that remarkable day when he crushed the Jags and made history.

What are your memories of that remarkable game?

It was something special, scoring the six goals, especially when you see the goalkeeper for Partick Thistle that day - Alan Rough, who was a Scotland's goalkeeper. I always have a laugh with Roughie about that. I put six past Scotland's goalkeeper and every time I see Alan I always remember it and remind him of that day. It broke the post-war record and it's always good to break records. Bobby Lennox ruined the day as he had to nip and score another one - he could have left it alone! But it was fantastic.

You came closer than anyone else to breaking Jimmy McGrory's all-time record. Were you aware of this during the game as the goals flew in?

I didn't have a clue, I just went on and did the business and scored the goals. If I had known beforehand it might have put me off as I was going for four and five. I didn't know about any records until the end of game. Jimmy McGrory came on to the park at the final whistle, took the ball off the referee and presented me with and said, 'I thought you were going to break my record there, Dixie!' I told to him that you can't score every chance as a striker and he passed on his congratulations and gave me the ball and, of course, I got it autographed by all the players as well.

EX- PLAYER

Dixie Deans



> **To receive such praise from a goalscoring great like Jimmy McGrory must have been a memorable experience?**

It was something else coming from Jimmy. You could tell on the look on his face that he would have loved for me to have broken or equalled his record. I know that I don't want anyone to break the record I have! Jimmy was a lovely man and he was still involved when Jock Stein was there, doing a bit of work around the place. Everyone respected him and loved him. He was a gentleman. He would never walk past and would always stop for a wee chat and to give a wee bit of advice. A lovely man and a Celtic legend.

What goal stands out from the six?

I had scored five goals and we got a corner kick near the end of the game. I walked into the six-yard box and Roughie said to me, 'How many is that you've score now ya wee....'. The ball came across and I went up and headed it right into the back of the net. So I replied to him, 'Six, Alan!' That's a true story. He was on the radio a couple of weeks ago and he was telling that story to the punters.

Reports at the time stated five of your goals were assisted by Harry Hood. What was he like to play alongside?

I'm not sure he created five! But Harry was an excellent player. But we won't argue about that one. I'm not caring who gave me the assists anyway!

You scored goals against lots of teams Dixie, most famously Hibernian, whom you scored two hat-tricks against in two cup finals, but is that your favourite match?

I would say the two hat-tricks as you get medals for them. I scored a hat-trick in my first Scottish Cup final in 1971 when we beat Hibs 6-1, and they were a hell of a side. They had plenty of class and internationalists in their team and to go to Hampden Park for the first time in a cup final and get a hat-trick was something else, something special. It was just after I had missed the penalty kick that had put us out of the European Cup. It was six weeks later and I was a bit worried how the fans would react to me but, Celtic fans being as they are, they applauded me. The fans were great, unbelievable.

And you still have a great relationship with them to this day, Dixie?

I still have the job at the park where I do the corporate stuff. Four or five of us go round the lounges and we are involved with the fans all the time. We were always close to the fans anyway as we went to all the Celtic Supporters' Clubs across the country, and we still do that. So we still have that association with them which is great.

You may have scored six goals against Partick Thistle but they weren't a bad side at that time, having beaten Celtic in the League Cup final only two years earlier.

They were a good side and had beaten Celtic only a short time before that in the cup final. I was glad they did as I



was told that Jock Stein decided to go for me after the defeat, and I eventually got there.

You mentioned Alan Rough earlier but who were the other good players in their team around that time?

They had some right good players, such as Ronnie Glavin, who came to Celtic, and John Marr at centre back, while Alan and John Hansen were also there, along with the striker Joe Craig who came to Celtic. But Scottish football at that time had great players at every club. It was really strong then and all the teams in the top flight were good sides.

Partick Thistle proved central to your Celtic career as they also formed the opposition for your goalscoring debut on November 27, 1971?

I remember my debut. We won 5-1 and I made a few goals for Kenny in the game. In those times, the stats never showed your assists and all the rest of it like they do nowadays. Bobby Lennox scored as well - he was involved in everything. Big Jock had organised a game on the Thursday night against Partick Thistle reserves and a hell of a crowd had turned up to watch the game. I played that night to get match fit and it was fantastic.

I was on fire and I played on the Saturday against Partick and we won 5-1 and it was just amazing. I couldn't believe it that I was playing at Celtic, along with the best players in Scottish football. It was just awesome.

Celtic played Partick Thistle recently in the League Cup, winning 6-0, and John Guidetti bagged a hat-trick. How impressed have you been by him in the Hoops?

Sometimes it takes a bit of time for people to settle in and some settle in quite quickly, and John Guidetti has done that. He looks the part and hopefully we can get a deal done with him. He knows where the net is, scoring 10 goals in 11 games (before the weekend), which is fantastic.

So what is your prediction for tonight when the Jags visit Paradise in the league - will it be another 7-0?

So long as the goals are spread out among different players - I don't want anyone to get six! Partick Thistle look a decent side this year and they look as though they can play a bit but I think we will beat them and get the victory... I just don't want anyone to get six!

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UEFA Europa League trophy tours Glasgow schools

THE UEFA Europa League trophy was displayed last week at local Glasgow schools which participate on Celtic FC Foundation Education initiatives.

Pupils from St Denis' Primary attend the Celtic Learning Centre to take part in a Literacy programme which aims to develop their extended writing skills by producing magazines on the UEFA Europa League tournament.

This enables us to tap into the young people's natural enthusiasm and interest in football to research facts and figures of the participating clubs.

This interdisciplinary project develops awareness of social subjects as pupils research the geography and customs of the towns of clubs across Europe. The use of software programmes to put their findings into a magazine format aids their ICT skills. The pupils were delighted to see the trophy, the focal point of their studies, on display in their classroom.

Dalmarnock Primary School has also engaged on Numeracy courses at the Celtic Learning Centre where we use the club's activities to develop maths skills. From pitch measurement to transfer budget, we raise awareness of the importance of maths in a fun and engaging manner.

Pupils work extensively on budgeting skills and develop a clear understanding of the income and expenditure of football clubs.

Part of this course examines the costs in travelling to European matches, so the pupils were delighted to be given the opportunity of having the magnificent trophy on show at a whole school assembly where they showed great knowledge of the tournament with some excellent questions hosted by Headteacher Nancy Clunie.

Pupils from St Paul's High School in Glasgow attend the Celtic Learning Centre where they work on an e-twinning project with a partner school in France.

This uses the hook of Celtic FC to engage young people in Modern Languages in an exciting and meaningful context as they communicate with their partner school through the e-twinning platform.

The class were delighted to have their photograph taken with the trophy and share with their partner school in Corsica.



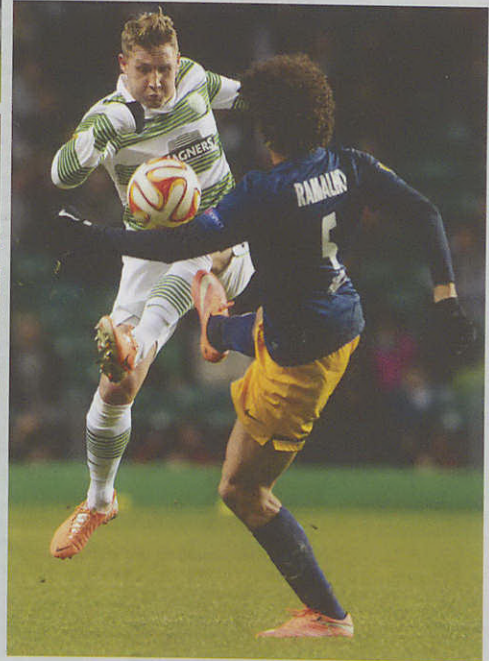
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The story so far...



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



Comp	Date	Result
SPFL	21 Sep	Celtic 1-1 Motherwell
SLC	24 Sep	Celtic 3-0 Hearts
SPFL	27 Sep	St Mirren 1-2 Celtic
UEL	02 Oct	Celtic 1-0 Dinamo Zagreb
SPFL	05 Oct	Celtic 0-1 Hamilton
SPFL	18 Oct	Ross County 0-5 Celtic
UEL	23 Oct	Celtic 2-1 FC Astra
SPFL	26 Oct	Celtic 2-0 Kilmarnock
SLC	29 Oct	Celtic 6-0 Partick Thistle
SPFL	01 Nov	Celtic 1-0 Inverness CT
UEL	06 Nov	FC Astra 1-1 Celtic
SPFL	09 Nov	Aberdeen 1-2 Celtic
SPFL	22 Nov	Celtic 2-1 Dundee
UEL	27 Nov	Celtic 1-3 FC Salzburg
Scottish Cup	30 Nov	Hearts 0-4 Celtic



CELTIC FC FIXTURES & RESULTS



Key

1 Number of Goals scored

■ Booked

■ Sent Off

Home games in **bold**

1st 2nd 3rd Sub

SPFL - The Premiership

UCL - Champions League

UEL - Europa League

SC - Scottish Cup

SLC - League Cup

Stats correct up to and including 01/12/2014



Comp	Date	Opposition	Result	Starting 11
UCL	15 Jul	KR Reykjavik	1-0	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	22 Jul	KR Reykjavik	4-0	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk 2, Izaguirre
UCL	30 Jul	Legia Warsaw	1-4	Forster, Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Matthews
August				
UCL	6 Aug	Legia Warsaw	3-0*	Forster, Matthews, Lustig, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	13 Aug	St Johnstone	3-0	Gordon, Matthews, Lustig, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	16 Aug	Dundee United	6-1	Gordon, Ambrose, Denayer 1, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UCL	20 Aug	NK Maribor	1-1	Gordon, Lustig, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	23 Aug	Inverness CT	0-1	Zaluska, Ambrose, O'Connell, Mulgrew, Twardzik
UCL	26 Aug	NK Maribor	0-1	Gordon, Ambrose, Lustig, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	31 Aug	Dundee	1-1	Gordon, Matthews, Ambrose, Denayer, Izaguirre
September				
SPFL	13 Sep	Aberdeen	2-1	Gordon, Ambrose, Denayer 1, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UEL	18 Sep	FC Salzburg	2-2	Gordon, Ambrose, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	21 Sep	Motherwell	1-1	Zaluska, Ambrose, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SLC	24 Sep	Hearts	3-0*	Gordon, Ambrose, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	27 Sep	St Mirren	2-1	Gordon, O'Connell, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
October				
UEL	02 Oct	Dinamo Zagreb	1-0	Gordon, Ambrose, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	05 Oct	Hamilton	0-1	Gordon, Ambrose, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	18 Oct	Ross County	5-0	Gordon, Lustig, Denayer 1, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UEL	23 Oct	FC Astra	2-1	Gordon, Lustig, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	26 Oct	Kilmarnock	2-0	Gordon, Matthews, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SLC	29 Oct	Partick Thistle	6-0	Gordon, Lustig, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre 1
November				
SPFL	01 Nov	Inverness CT	1-0	Zaluska, Lustig, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UEL	06 Nov	FC Astra	1-1	Gordon, Lustig, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SPFL	09 Nov	Aberdeen	2-1	Zaluska, Matthews, Denayer, van Dijk 1, Izaguirre
SPFL	22 Nov	Dundee	2-1	Gordon, Matthews, Denayer, van Dijk, Izaguirre
UEL	27 Nov	FC Salzburg	1-3	Gordon, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre
SC	30 Nov	Hearts	4-0	Gordon, Matthews, Ambrose, van Dijk 2, Izaguirre
December				
SPFL	03 Dec	Partick Thistle (7.45pm)		
SPFL	06 Dec	Motherwell (12.45pm)		
UEL	11 Dec	Dinamo Zagreb (6pm)		
SPFL	14 Dec	St Mirren (1pm)		
SPFL	21 Dec	Dundee United (12.15pm)		
SPFL	27 Dec	Ross County		
January				
SPFL	01 Jan	Partick Thistle (5.30pm)		
SPFL	05 Jan	Kilmarnock (8pm)		
SPFL	17 Jan	Hamilton		
SPFL	21 Jan	Motherwell		
SPFL	24 Jan	Ross County		
February				
SLC	01 Feb	Rangers (Semi Final, 1.30pm)		
SC	07 Feb	Scottish Cup R5		
SPFL	14 Feb	St Johnstone		
UEL	19 Feb	UEL R32 L1		
SPFL	21 Feb	Hamilton		
UEL	26 Feb	UEL R32 L2		
SPFL	28 Feb	Aberdeen		
March				
SC	07 Mar	Scottish Cup R6		
UEL	12 Mar	UEL R16 L1		
SPFL	14 Mar	Dundee		
SLC	15 Mar	Scottish League Cup Final		
UEL	19 Mar	UEL R16 L2		
SPFL	21 Mar	Dundee United		
April				
SPFL	04 Apr	St Mirren		
SPFL	08 Apr	Partick Thistle		
SPFL	11 Apr	Inverness CT		
UEL	16 Apr	UEL OF L1		
SC	18/19 Apr	Scottish Cup Semi Final		
UEL	23 Apr	UEL OF 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		

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

Substitutes

Johansen	Mulgrew	McGregor 1	Commons	Griffiths	Stokes	Zaluska	Matthews	O'Connell	Kayal	Henderson	Boerrigter	Pukki
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Johansen	Mulgrew	McGregor 1	Commons	Berget	Pukki	Zaluska	Izaguirre	Bitton	Kayal	Boerrigter	Stokes	Griffiths
Johansen	Mulgrew	McGregor	Commons	Bitton	Stokes	Zaluska	Berget	Kayal	Henderson	Forrest	Pukki	Griffiths
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QUIZ

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1 Since the Millennium who is the only Celtic player to have scored a hat-trick against Partick Thistle in a competitive match?

2 Who was the captain of Celtic when they defeated Hibernian to win the Coronation Cup in 1953?

3 Who is the only player in the last five decades to score over a century of competitive goals for Partick Thistle?

4 Which team in 2003/04 went a complete English Premiership season without losing a match?

5 Who, prior to Scott Brown, was the last Celt to captain Scotland against England at Hampden and Wembley?

6 Which three clubs other than Partick Thistle did Lisbon Lion Bertie Auld manage in his career?

7 Which current Partick Thistle player has been capped by Scotland on seven occasions?

8 Which player in 1999/00 was the last man to score for Celtic in 10 successive league matches?

9 Which former Celtic player is currently managing a club in La Liga in Spain?

10 Who is the only Partick Thistle man to be voted the Scottish Football Writers' Player of the Year?

11 At which club are Celtic strikers Teemu Pukki and Holmbert Fridjonsson currently playing football while on loan?

12 Which was the last country to win the World Cup on successive occasions?

13 For which club did current Partick Thistle manager Alan Archibald play against Celtic in a Scottish Cup final?

14 Against which team in 2006 did Roy Keane score his only goal for Celtic?

15 Who are the only two players from Switzerland to have made competitive appearances for Celtic?

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ANSWERS

1 John Guidetti (L.C.) 2014/2015.
2 Dock Steyn.
3 Doug Somner (10) 1974-79.

4 Arsenal.
5 Roy Aitken.
6 Hibernian, Hamilton and Dumbarton.

7 Paul Gallacher.
8 Mark Viduka.
9 David Moyes (Real Sociedad).

10 Alan Rough (1980/81).
11 Brondby F.C.
12 Brazil (1958 and 1962).

13 Dundee United (2005).
14 Finland.
15 Ramon Vega and Stephane Henchoz.



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- 39 SIMON COLINA DOMINGUEZ
- 40 SCOTT BASALAJ

29.10.2014

RESULT: H/T F/T SCORERS:
 Celtic
 Partick Thistle

NEXT GAME:

v Motherwell
 Saturday, December 6, 2014
 Scottish Premiership
 Fir Park, 12.45pm

TODAY'S OFFICIALS:

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