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First Division Championship: 2011/12
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Challenge Cup: 2006/07, 2010/11
Second Division Championship: 2007/08
Third Division Championship: 1998/99
Highland League Championship: 1966/67,
 1990/91, 1991/92
Highland League Cup: 1949/50, 1968/69,
 1978/79, 1991/92
North of Scotland Cup: 1929/30, 1969/70,
 1971/72, 1991/92, 2006/07
Scottish Qualifying Cup: 1973/74, 1993/94
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Jim McIntyre

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the Global Energy Stadium for our Scottish Premiership fixture with Celtic FC. It has been an enjoyable fortnight after picking up points in our last two games. It's given everyone a bit of a boost so the spirit in the squad going into today's game is good.

Usually during the international break we'd give the boys time off but we took it as an opportunity to top their fitness levels up. The players have been in every day, worked really hard and responded well to the extra time we've had with them.

The performance in the Dundee game a couple of weeks ago was excellent and what was really pleasing for me was the reaction when we conceded. The boys dug deep and the subs came on too and played their part and we were able to win in the last minute. It was an important result and winning so late on was a shot in the arm for the playing staff as much as it must have been for the fans.

“I'm starting to see the togetherness of the squad growing with each passing week. It was evident in scoring late against Dundee and in how we defended in Inverness with all the players battling for each other. I can see the confidence growing in the squad.”

We took that positivity into the Highland derby and I was really satisfied to be one up at the end of the first half even though we'd had two or three more clear cut chances that we did not take. But that just comes down to being more ruthless in front of goal and adding the finishing touch to the good chances we're creating.

After 90 minutes I was happy with the point away from home against a team that has been on a good run. In the first half in Inverness we were excellent and would have been three goals to the good at half time but for some excellent saves from Dean Brill. By

the same token, our opposition put good pressure on in the second half with Mark Brown making some tremendous saves, so a point was a fair result.

What is pleasing is that I'm starting to see the togetherness of the squad growing with each passing week. It was evident against Dundee and in how we defended in Inverness with all the players battling for each other. I can see the confidence growing in the squad now and we've also been able to add three new faces to the group.

Rocco Quinn and Richie Brittain both need operations so midfield was an area we had to strengthen. Richie has been doing fantastically well playing on with his injury until we could get some cover in so I appreciate him playing a real captain's part.

Martin Woods has played at a very high level so he's got an opportunity to come in and stake his claim for a longer deal. Terry Dunfield, at 32, also brings great experience. Lewis Toshney has also come in as we look to strengthen our options at full back and considering he hasn't played for a year he's been exceptional. All three are good players who have fitted in really well and will challenge the good players we already have for a place in the starting line up.

Turning our attention to today's opposition, we know Celtic will be hurting after their defeat to Hamilton but they have players capable of hurting anybody so we will go into it with a strong game plan and try to win the match.

Celtic have a team of internationals but we are the home team so we'll be positive, look to put them under pressure and have a go at them. We have to be composed on the ball, take our chances when they come and show a belief that we can win the game. I'd ask you to get behind the boys for what should be a great football match.

Jim



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Roy MacGregor

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to the Global Energy Stadium for our Scottish Premiership fixture with Celtic Football Club. With both teams adjusting to life under new management it should make for a fascinating contest.

We know only too well that it takes time for a group of players to adjust and implement the ideas of a new management team on match day. But after arresting a poor run of form to take four points from our last two league games we can approach what is always a difficult fixture on a positive footing.

Thankfully, after our worst ever start in the top flight, we have started to see the green shoots of recovery in Dingwall as Jim and his team's hard work with the squad on the training ground has begun to pay dividends. The home win against Dundee, when the team played some fantastic football and probably deserved to be out of sight at half time, and a point away at our local rivals Inverness Caledonian Thistle where, again, we could have wrapped up the three points in the first period, hasn't come a moment too soon.

The visit of a top Scottish side like Celtic, replete with a number of internationals, inevitably comes with its unique challenges but always has the feeling of an occasion about it too. In fact it is always a good opportunity to reflect on how far we have come as a club in such a short time. Once upon a time the visit of a leading Scottish Premiership team to Dingwall would have been a rare treat but now we are enjoying our third consecutive season in the top flight it is something we can look forward to every fortnight.

From what we've seen in recent weeks I'm sure we can expect plenty more hard work and passion on the park and the sidelines from Jim, Billy and the players as they strive to climb the table and help the Club secure that precious Premiership status. But it is important that we all play our part too. The atmosphere at recent games following the introduction of a Singing Section in the East Stand Extension has been excellent and I'd urge you all to be vocal in your support of the team again today for what will be a difficult game.

From what we've seen in recent weeks

I'm sure we can expect plenty more hard work and passion on the park and the sidelines from Jim, Billy and the players as they strive to climb the table and help the Club secure its Premiership status.

Finally, I'd like to welcome players, officials and fans of Celtic Football Club to the Global Energy Stadium. Celtic always bring with them a noisy and partisan traveling support which makes for a fantastic atmosphere at our games so your presence is appreciated.

Enjoy the game!

Roy



Ross County 0 Hibernian 2

GLOBAL ENERGY STADIUM

23/09/14



ACTION REPLAY

County's disappointing start to the season continued, when they went out of League Cup to First Division side Hibernian at the Global Energy Stadium.

A double from Dominique Malonga saw his side progress to the Quarter Final draw by virtue of a 2-0 victory. The opening nineteen minutes saw the staggies in complete control, with Hibernian struggling to get out of their own penalty box.

However, the pattern of match changed a minute later, when skipper Liam Craig crossed for Malonga to power a header past the outstretched hands of Mark Brown. County retaliated, with Yoann Arquin dragging two efforts wide of the target as the home side looked to get back on level terms.

Nine minutes from the interval, and the visitors doubled their lead when Lewis Stevenson sent over a cross for Malonga to head a carbon copy of the opener.

The Staggies replied and a Filip Kiss header was headed of the line by Hibs skipper Liam Craig. The home side continued to press, but found the Hibs defence a stubborn nut to crack.

Hibs reduced to ten men, when with nine minutes remaining, midfield man Dylan McGeouch received a straight red card for a desperate tackle on Joe Cardle on the standside touchline.



"We started the game really well. We had a real go at Hibs but what we're not doing is putting the final touch on the ball.

When we're not defending well properly at the other end it's a recipe for not winning football matches. We need to give ourselves a chance in games by taking the chance when we have pressure."

Jim MCINTYRE

ROSS COUNTY

Mark BROWN
Jim FENLON (Richard BRITTAIN 41)
Tim DREESEN
Ben FREMPAH
Graham CAREY
Rocco QUINN
Jackson IRVINE
Filip KISS (Liam BOYCE 58)
Melvin De LEEUW (Michael GARDYNE 53)
Joe CARDLE
Yoann ARQUIN

SUBSTITUTES NOT USED

Antonio REGUERO (gk)
Jake JERVIS
Darren MAATSEN
Jordi BALK

HIBERNIAN

Mark OXLEY
David GRAY
Paul HANLON
Liam FONTAINE
Jordan FORSTER
Scott ROBERTSON
Liam CRAIG
Lewis STEVENSON
Dylan McGEOUCH
Dominique MALONGA (Paul HEFFERNAN 86)
Jason CUMMINGS (Scott ALLAN 83)

SUBSTITUTES NOT USED

Callum BOOTH (gk)
Kleton PERNTREOU
Alex HARRIS
Jake SINCLAIR
Matthew KENNEDY

GOAL SCORERS

Dominique MALONGA (21)
Dominique MALONGA (36)

SENT-OFF

Dylan McGEOUCH (81)

REFEREE: Stephen FINNIE

ATTENDANCE: 1,819



Ross County 2 Dundee 1

GLOBAL ENERGY STADIUM
27/09/14



ACTION REPLAY

An injury time winner from substitute Darren Maatsen earned the Staggies their opening league win of the season.

There was little doubt that the home side deserved the points. The home side were definitely up for the fight against their Tayside opponents, but had only a Michael Gardyne striker to show for their efforts at half-time.

The Dingwall side opened with former Celtic & Dundee defender Lewis Toshney in at right back, in a re-shuffled back four that also saw Jackson Irvine partner Ben Frenpah.

Michael Gardyne gave the home side the lead on 27 minutes. Carey and Arquin combined to release Filip Kiss, and the Cardiff City man crossed to the back stick for Gardyne to fire home the opener. Substitute David Clarkson grabbed the equaliser after 69 minutes, just four minutes after entering the fray, converting a Martin Boyle cross at the near post.

Both teams went in search of the winner, and it was County who had the last say when substitute Darren Maatsen smashed home a Joe Cardle at the back post to give the home side a dramatic victory - no more than their performance merited.

ROSS COUNTY

Mark BROWN
Lewis TOSHNEY (Melvin De LEEUW 74)
Jackson IRVINE
Ben FREMPAH
Graham CAREY
Rocco QUINN
Richard BRITTAIN
Yoann ARQUIN
Michael GARDYNE (Darren MAATSEN 52)
Filip KISS (Liam BOYCE 82)
Joe CARDLE

SUBSTITUTES NOT USED

Antonio REGUERO (gk)
Jake JERVIS
Tim DREESEN
Jordi BALK

GOAL SCORERS

Michael GARDYNE (27)
Darren MAATSEN (90)

DUNDEE

Kyle LETHEREN
Paul MCGINN
James McPAKE
Gary IRVINE
Jim McALISTER (Cameron KERR 42)
Martin BOYLE
Paul MCGOWAN
Simon FERRY (David CLARKSON 70)
Greg STEWART
Gary HARKINS
Luka TANKULIC

SUBSTITUTES NOT USED

Scott BAIN (gk)
Craig WIGHTON
Philip ROBERTS
Kevin McBRIDE
Peter McDONALD

GOAL SCORERS

David CLARKSON (74)

REFEREE: Craig CHARLESTON

ATTENDANCE: 3,118



"Credit to the boys. I thought they gave absolutely everything. We should have been comfortably ahead in the first half. We really were excellent.

The late Dundee goal was the least we deserved. But we kept going. That's the big things we've been trying to work on, showing a reaction to a setback."

Jim McINTYRE



Inverness CT 1 Ross County 1

TULLOCH CALEDONIAN STADIUM

05/10/14



ACTION REPLAY

It was a tale of two goalkeeper's as the latest Highland derby ended in honours even. This was an encounter which was the proverbial match of two halves. County were the better team in the first period, going in a the interval with a 1-0 advantage, while the home side had keeper Dean Brill to thank following a string of fine saves.

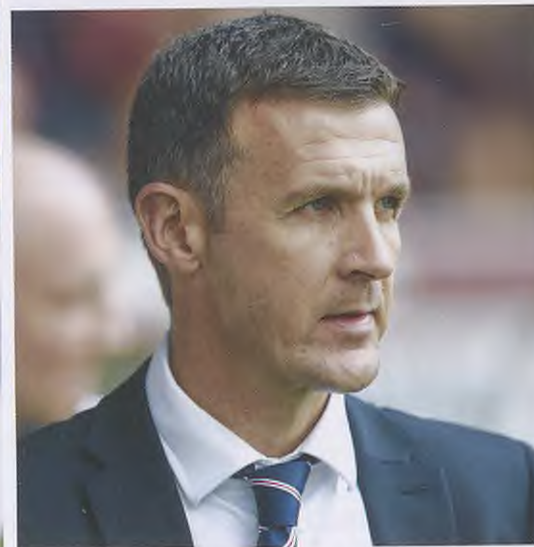
Yoann Arquin had given the staggies the lead after 20 minutes, when he headed home a superb opener, following a cross into the box by Rocco Quinn.

County should have been well ahead by the interval, will Brill at his best to deny Kiss, Quinn, and Arquin in quick succession.

The home side levelled four minutes after the restart, when Marley Watkins swept home the equaliser.

From there, County keeper Mark Brown pulled of a string of excellent save's as the home side looked to secure the points.

County continue their revival under Jim McIntyre and will take great confidence following this performance.



"It was a great atmosphere and the proverbial game of two halves. We just need to be a bit more ruthless, but the way we pressed them and won the ball high up the pitch was pleasing."

Jim McIntyre

INVERNESS CT

- Dean BRILL
- David RAVEN
- Graeme SHINNIE
- Gary WARREN
- Josh MEEKINGS
- Billy McKAY
- Ross DRAPER
- Aaron DORAN (Danny WILLIAMS 68)
- Marley WATKINS
- Greg TANSEY
- Ryan CHRISTIE

SUBSTITUTES NOT USED

- Ryan ESSION (gk)
- James VINCENT
- Nick ROSS
- Mark TREMARCO
- Liam POLWORTH
- Danny DEVINE

GOAL SCORERS

- Marley WATKINS (49)

ROSS COUNTY

- Mark BROWN
- Rocco QUINN (Jake JERVIS 49)
- Scott BOYD
- Ben FREMPAH
- Graham CAREY
- Joe CARDLE
- Lewis TOSHNEY
- Richard BRITTAIN
- Yoann ARQUIN (Darren BARR 68)
- Jackson IRVINE
- Filip KISS (Liam BOYCE 77)

SUBSTITUTES NOT USED

- Antonio REGUERO (gk)
- Darren MAATSEN
- Melvin DE LEEUW
- Jordi BALK

GOAL SCORERS

- Yoann ARQUIN (20)

REFEREE: Craig THOMSON

ATTENDANCE: 3,741



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The 60 second **interview** & iPlayer

1. Who was your hero when you were growing up?
Celtic and Scotland midfielder, Paul McStay.

2. Who's the best player you've played with?
Aiden McGeady.

3. Who's the best player you've played against?
Manchester United midfielder, Paul Scholes.

4. Outside of football which sportsman / woman do you admire most? Why?
Tiger Woods – he is a winner!

5. Any pre-match rituals of superstitions or particular per-match meal?
Nothing in particular.

6. What song or artist do you listen to before the game to get yourself psyched up?
The Stone Roses.

7. Every player has a favourite pair of boots, what are yours?
Nike Magista.

Photograph
Courtesy of Nike



8. Favourite stadium to have played in?
Old Trafford.

9. Do you play football video games? If so which one and which team do you play as?
Don't play them.

10. What's your favourite holiday destination?
Italy.

11. What's your dream car?
Aston Martin DBS.



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Aston Martin



12. Do you have any hobbies or interests away from football?
Golf.

13. What's the one piece of advice that you were given that you try to live your life by?
Don't worry be happy.

List 5 of your all time or current favourite:

TV Programmes:

1 The Sopranos 2 Luther 3 Entourage
4 Ray Donovan 5 The Office

Music (Songs or Artists):

1 The Stone Roses 2 Paul Weller 3 Oasis
4 Ocean Colour Scene 5 Kasabian

Films:

1 The Godfather 2 The Godfather 2
3 Donnie Brasco 4 Goodfellas 5 Scarface

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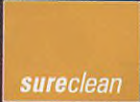
Listen out for some of the music mentioned above being played today by our Matchday Announcer, Len MacLachlan.





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THE STORY

Ross County maintained their progress in the Scottish League following a third place finish that saw the club promoted for the second successive season. County ended the season in third spot, behind Champions Clyde and second place Alloa Athletic. In the Cup, County went to Dundee United (aet) in the second round of the League Cup, after defeating Forfar Athletic in the opening round. In the Challenge Cup, County went out to Alloa Athletic, after victories over Clyde & Morton.

Nicky Walker



Former Leicester City, Rangers, Heart of Midlothian, Motherwell, Aberdeen, Dunfermline Athletic, and Burnley keeper maintained his excellent form for the club with 14 clean sheets from 32 appearances. His vast experience was vital for the County side.

14 CLEAN SHEETS

Ian Maxwell



THE MANAGER



Neale Cooper

County Boss Neale Cooper continued to push the club onward and upward, leading the club to another promotion albeit in third spot. The former Aberdeen and Rangers midfielder continues to show the qualities of a fine young manager and much will be expected next season.



Brian Irvine

MOST APPEARANCES

SCOTTISH LEAGUE SEASON | 1999-2000 - FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

| | PLD | HOME | | | AWAY | | | F | A | Pts |
|---------------------|-----|------|---|---|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| | | W | D | L | W | D | L | | | |
| Clyde (P) | 36 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 65 | 37 | 65 |
| Alloa Athletic (P) | 36 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 58 | 38 | 64 |
| Ross County (P) | 36 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 57 | 39 | 62 |
| Arbroath | 36 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 52 | 55 | 47 |
| Partick Thistle | 36 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 42 | 44 | 46 |
| Stranraer | 36 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 5 | 47 | 46 | 45 |
| Stirling Albion | 36 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 60 | 72 | 40 |
| Stenhousemuir | 36 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 44 | 59 | 38 |
| Queen of The South | 36 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 45 | 75 | 33 |
| Hamilton Academical | 36 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 39 | 44 | 29 |



2000

Leading Marksman



George Shaw

Former St Mirren, Partick Thistle, Dundee and Dunfermline Athletic striker George Shaw was the club's leading marksman netting 18 League & Cup goals, from a season in which the club would finish in third spot behind Champions Clyde, and promoted Alloa Ath.



50TH LEAGUE GOALSCORER

The club netted 57 league goals throughout the season. Alex Bone netted the club's 50th League counter, with the second goal in a 3-0 victory over Queen of the South, at Palmerston Park, on Saturday 15th April 2000. Former Aberdeen player Brian Irvine netted the opener, while, Paul Kinnaird rounded off the win.



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with **KYLE MACLEOD**

Full Name
Kyle MacLeod

Date / Place of Birth
7/6/95, Inverness

What has been your biggest achievement in Football?
Signing a full time contract with the Club.

What are your aspirations for the future?
To play professional football at the highest level possible.

Who has had the biggest influence on your career?
My Mum – she has always taken me to training and games over the years.

Do you have any pre-match rituals?
Not really.

What's the biggest game you have played in?
All the games in the Development League are big now as more senior players are involved so the standard is high.

Who is the best player you have played with or against?
A young midfielder at Sunderland AFC called George Honeyman (last season he scored six goals in 20 games for Sunderland under-18's in the Barclays U18 Premier League).

Who is your favourite player of all time?
David Beckham.



What is your biggest achievement away from the game?
Passing my driving test.

Who is the biggest joker in the U20s dressing room?
Connor 'Berbatov' Ross!

Who is the biggest moaner in the squad?
Ross McKillop.

What has been your biggest embarrassment?
I was very embarrassed for Connor Lyall when he was beaten for pace by our big keeper, James MacLeod, recently.

Favourite football boots?
Adidas F50.



Credit: Adidas

What's the most-played track on your ipod just now?
Tough Love by Dreams.

If you weren't a footballer what would you be doing?
I'd probably have an apprenticeship in one of the trades.



Time to Shine



A constant for his national side through the age groups – earning a £1.3m transfer to European Cup finalists Club Brugge along the way – far from planning how to displace Messrs Kompany and Vertonghen at the heart of the Belgian defence, Tim Dreesen is focusing all his energy on helping the club he has loved since his arrival to climb the Scottish Premiership table

**Interview by
Andrew Ross**



TIM Dreesen might not be a name that trips of football fans' tongues as easily as his countrymen – and fellow central defenders – Vincent Kompany and Jan Vertonghen but that is exactly the company (no pun intended) that the Belgian kept as a teenager as he earned a serious reputation and a million pound transfer.

Having turned 27-years-old earlier this year, at the same time marking ten years as a professional, it is perhaps a good time for the statuesque Belgian to reflect on the journey that has taken him from his homeland, via the Netherlands, before his arrival at the Global Energy Stadium.

"My first professional game was at 17 with Lierse SK in the Jupiler Pro League which is the top tier of Belgian club football," says Dreesen. "I played three seasons there before moving to fellow top flight side, Club Brugge."

Dreesen may make his big move sound matter of fact but it was far from it. The former European Cup finalists paid a staggering £1.32m for the promising young centre half.

"It was massive to get such a big move at 19," concedes Dreesen. "It was a big adventure at that age and I learned a lot both on and off the field. I won the Belgian Cup and played in the Europa League so it was an incredible time."

Dreesen's move to the Belgian giants crowned a purple patch for the young defender that had seen him proudly represent his country at every youth level.

"I think playing for your country is the greatest achievement," explains Dreesen. "It is an honour. I represented Belgium at U16, U17, U18, U19 and U20 level. It was a great experience to play at that level with some very good players like Vertonghen, Dembele, Mirallas and Witsel," says Dreesen. "One of the highlights was playing at the U19 European Championships."

Following his big money move Dreesen did not settle in Bruges and was soon on the move, learning some vital life lessons along the way. He joined Sint-Truiden, also in the Jupiler Pro League, for a season before returning to Lierse where he won the Belgian Second Division and promotion back to the top flight. After one season back in the top flight he moved to Fortuna Sittard in the Dutch Second Division.

"One of the most important things I learned in that time was that even if you have a hard time and struggle you just have to keep going and in the end it will work out," explains Dreesen.

Never shy of testing himself, the Belgian stopper has a new challenge – to adjust to the rigours of the Scottish game.

"The big difference in Scotland is the speed of the game and the physicality," says Dreesen. "In Belgium and Holland the focus is more on technical football. My football education with Lierse and the national side was excellent. All Belgian national age groups play 4-3-3 so everybody knows where their team-mates are

“It was massive to get such a big move at the age of 19. It was a big adventure at that age and I learned a lot both on and off the field. I won the Belgian Cup and played in the Europa League so it was an incredible time.”

going to be and how to play. It's something the Belgian FA brought in a while back and you can see from the current senior team that it's been a success."

Having featured heavily in Ross County's early season games which saw the club languishing at the foot of the Premiership, the arrival of new manager Jim McIntyre and his possession and pressing game has certainly changed the Club's fortunes and may yet favour the big centre half who has come through the famed Belgian youth system.

"We had a difficult start to the season but I think we deserved more points," says Dreesen. "But with the arrival of the new manager, his style of play and the quality we have in the squad I was 100 per cent sure we would improve. We just need to go game to game now we've started to improve and keep picking up points."

"If we can get up to between 6th and 8th place I think that has to be the minimum requirement," says Dreesen. "We'll try to finish higher of course and to have a good run in the Scottish Cup and that would be a good season after the start we've had."

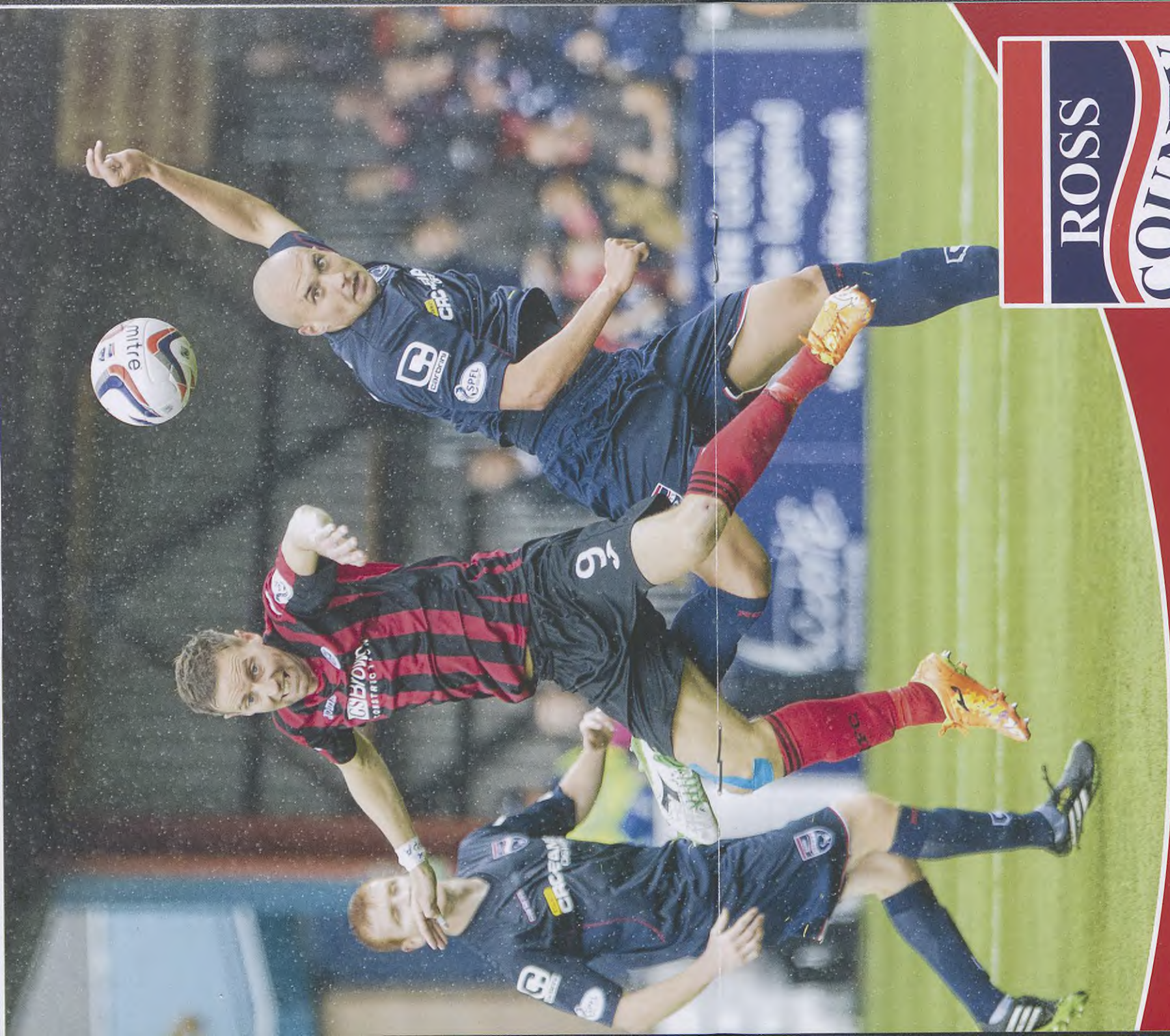
With a number of injuries to Dreesen's fellow defenders clearing up and competition for places stronger than ever after a couple of additions to the squad, does the Belgian have any personal targets for the short term?

"I'd like to play every game," admits Dreesen. "And when I do play a clean sheet is always the target."

And would a return to the international fold be the ultimate ambition?

"I would obviously love to be capped at Senior level," enthuses Dreesen. "But with the world class centre backs they have in the squad, such as Vincent Kompany, at the moment it's not something I think about. I am just focusing on doing well for Ross County because I have really liked it here since my first day. The people here are very kind and there's a great atmosphere in the stadium!"





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Fortnight of Action 2014 – Scotland: SPFL Programme Article

Welcome to Show Racism the Red Card's annual Fortnight of Action. Before kick off this weekend, clubs playing in all SPFL fixtures will be united in calling for an end to racism in football and society. Players in over 40 European countries are involved in similar events as part of the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network.

Show Racism the Red Card has received excellent support from football clubs, football authorities and football fans over the length and breadth of Scotland - we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. We have heard of many instances where supporters have been proactive in promoting the anti-racism message, making it clear that racism and discrimination are not welcome at their club. We urge fans to continue to support the anti-racism message; it is the responsibility of us all to ensure that it is carried beyond the Fortnight of Action and beyond the terraces.

Neil Doncaster, Chief Executive of the SPFL, said: "Football is a powerful medium to break down barriers and promote tolerance. Our clubs have supported Show Racism the Red Card since season 2003/04 and once again, this united action in support of the campaign sends out the positive message that football is a game to be enjoyed by all."

The campaign will continue to speak to all football clubs, the football authorities and the police to eradicate all forms of racist behaviour.

The SPFL and its clubs deplore all forms of racism and any racist behaviour will not be tolerated at fixtures.

This year the campaign has continued to develop partnerships with local authorities to deliver educational workshops combined with football coaching sessions in a number of regions. The workshops are delivered by a dedicated team of education workers and ex-professional footballers. This is a very positive method of educating our young people about the negative impact that racism and sectarianism both have on Scottish society.

Football is a sport that is followed by people across the world, and football matches should be an enjoyable experience for all, whatever their background. We all have a part to play in stamping out racism in football and society.

If you see or hear racism at any level of football, please report it to the stewards or police.

Our website also includes updates on Fortnight of Action events and more information on the Show Racism the Red Card campaign in Scotland.

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Ross County also has a responsibility for, as far as reasonably possible ensuring that good order and security is maintained at matches at The Global Energy Stadium. Ross County accepts its responsibility under these rules and will not tolerate any form of unacceptable conduct.

Policies and procedures are in place to prevent and deal with incidents of Unacceptable Conduct.

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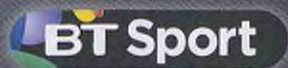
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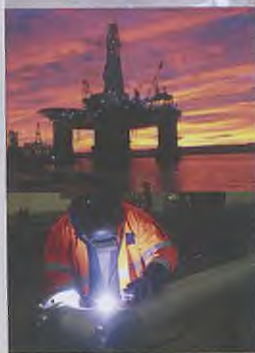
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Born in Edinburgh, Craig Gordon attended Balerno High School between 1994-99. Began life as a goalkeeper when he joined local team Currie Boys club. Later joined Heart of Midlothian Youth Development Programme. Made 139 League & Cup appearances for the Tynecastle side between 2000—07. Subsequently transferred to Sunderland in September 2007 in a £9 million pound transfer fee. In what was a British record for a goalkeeper. Gordon suffered serious injuries during his time with Sunderland and was then later released from

his contract in 2012. After two years out of the professional game, Gordon signed for Celtic in July 2014. Made his debut for the Glasgow Giants on July 19, in a pre-season match versus Dynamo Dresden. Gordon has taken over the mantle vacated by Fraser Forster, who was transferred to English Premiership side Southampton. The Scotland goalkeeper has already shown fine form this season, and is sure to prove to be a valuable acquisition as the season goes on.





ALEKSANDAR TONEV

Bulgarian internationalist Aleksandar Tonev, 24, joined Celtic on loan from Aston Villa at the beginning of August 2014. The versatile attacker had signed for the English club following a successful spell at Lech Poznan in Poland but joined the Hoops in search of regular first team football. He became Celtic manager Ronny Deila's third signing, following on from goalkeeper Craig Gordon and attacker Jo Inge Berget.

STEFAN SCEPOVIC

Stefan Scepovic completed his move transfer deadline day of the 2014 summer window. The Serbian internationalist joined the Hoops from Sporting Gijon and chose to wear the No 12 jersey having found goal scoring success with it during his spell in Spain. As Ronny Deila's sixth recruit since taking over at Paradise, the 24-year-old brings with him experience from playing with the likes of Club Brugge and Partizan Belgrade. Capped eight times by his country, the hitman opened his account for Serbia in their 5-0 victory over Macedonia in October 2013.



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JOHN GUIDETTI IN FOCUS

John Guidetti arrived at Paradise a full-five days after the summer transfer window had closed shut and only completed his season long loan to the Scottish Champions after a short but successful appeal process.

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He arrives at Celtic Park as Ronny Deila's seventh summer signing.






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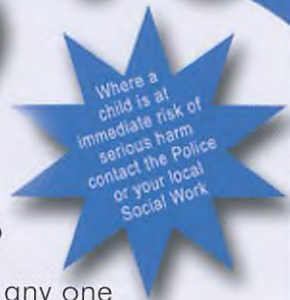
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| AUG 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | St Johnstone | 1-2 | 3,267 | Reguero | Fenlon | Boyd | Dreesen | Celcer | Brittain | Quinn |
| 13 | Partick Thistle | 4-0 | 3,261 | Reguero | Dreesen | Fenlon | Boyd | Celcer | Carey | Kiss |
| 16 | Kilmarnock | 1-2 | 2,790 | Reguero | Dreesen | Celcer | Quinn | Boyd | Jervis | Kiss |
| 23 | Dundee Utd | 2-1 | 7,179 | Reguero | Fenlon | Boyd | Balk | Celcer | Kiss | Brittain |
| 26 | Stranraer | 1-2 | 297 | Brown | Celcer | Boyd | Cardle | Brittain | Jervis | Kiss |
| 30 | Hamilton | 4-0 | 2,684 | Brown | Celcer | Quinn | Boyd | Cardle | Brittain | Kiss |
| SEPT 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Motherwell | 1-2 | 3,012 | Reguero | Barr | Balk | Boyd | Carey | Cardle | Quinn |
| 20 | Aberdeen | 3-0 | 10,865 | Brown | Fenlon | Boyd | Barr | Carey | Quinn | Brittain |
| 23 | Hibernian | 0-2 | 1,819 | Brown | Fenlon | Dreesen | Frempah | Carey | Quinn | Irvine |
| 27 | Dundee | 2-1 | 3,118 | Brown | Toshney | Irvine | Frempah | Carey | Quinn | Brittain |
| OCT 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Inverness CT | 1-1 | 3,741 | Brown | Quinn | Boyd | Frempah | Carey | Cardle | Toshney |
| 18 | Celtic | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | St Mirren | | | | | | | | | |
| NOV 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Aberdeen | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Kilmarnock | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | St Johnstone | | | | | | | | | |
| DEC 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Dundee Utd | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Motherwell | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Hamilton | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Celtic | | | | | | | | | |
| JAN 15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Inverness CT | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Dundee | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Partick Thistle | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | St Mirren | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Aberdeen | | | | | | | | | |
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| 21 | Partick Thistle | | | | | | | | | |
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| MAR 15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Hamilton | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | Kilmarnock | | | | | | | | | |
| APR 15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Dundee Utd | | | | | | | | | |
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| Kiss | Carey | Arquinn | Jervis | Brown (gk) | Saunders | Maatsen | Balk | | | |
| Brittain | Quinn | Arquinn | Jervis | Frempah (46) | Cardle (61) | De Leeuw (61) | Maatsen | Balk | Boyce | Brown |
| De Leeuw | Arquinn | Balk | Carey | Maatsen | Frempah | Fenlon | Brown | Boyce (72) | Cardle (58) | |
| Cardle | Jervis | Arquinn | Carey | Boyce (89) | Quinn (78) | Maatsen (84) | Beown | De Leeuw | Ross | Frempah |
| De Leeuw | Fenlon | Balk | Carey | Quinn (80) | Frempah (33) | Boyce (56) | Reguero | Maatsen | Ross | Miller |
| De Leeuw | Boyce | Frempah | Balk | Jervis (69) | Dingwall (80) | Arquinn (69) | Reguero | Maatsen | Ross | Miller |
| De Leeuw | Irvine | Gardyne | Jervis | Maatesen (70) | Arquinn (59) | Boyce (66) | Brown | Fenlon | Brittain | Kiss |
| Arquin | Cardle | Irvine | Gardyne | Jervis (67) | Kiss (59) | Reguero | De Leeuw | Boyce | Maatsen | |
| Kiss | De Leeuw | Cardle | Arquin | Brittain (41) | Boyce (58) | Gardyne (53) | Reguero | Jervis | Maatsen | Balk |
| Arquin | Gardyne | Kiss | Cardle | De Leeuw (74) | Maatsen (52) | Boyce (82) | Reguero | Jervis | Dreesen | Balk |
| Brittain | Arquin (20) | Irvine | Kiss | Jervis (49) | Barr (68) | Boyce (77) | Reguero | Maatsen | De Leeuw | Balk |

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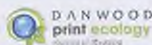
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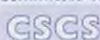
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