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THE GAFFER

I noted that there appeared to be a few raised eyebrows at the comments made by John Hughes and myself after the game against Falkirk last weekend. I expect that is the result of the football culture in which we now live, where in a game that has so many yellow and red cards it is almost expected that the respective managers will have something to say about the standard of refereeing in the game.

In fact I think this was simply a case of both John and I recognising and acknowledging the difficult job that referees have in the game today. When you look at each of the yellow and red cards from last weeks game you can understand where the match official was coming from, strictly by the laws of the game they were all decisions that can be understood. I'm not saying that is either a good or bad thing, only that I can understand why these particular decisions were made.

All the same it is of course disappointing to see any cautions being handed out, we paid particular attention to this before the start of this season and I urged our players to be particularly careful in particular on issues such as those we faced last week. We know what the rules of the game are, and we

know that while tackling is a vital part of the game there are now situations where a player needs to think very hard before committing to the tackle in certain situations.

As to the game itself we once again got off to an ideal start. It was similar to the previous game against Inverness in that we pressed from the kick off and earned a penalty kick inside the first five minutes, this time brought about by Clayton's drive into the area that for me was going to produce either a goal or the penalty. It was the latter and I was delighted for Clayton that it produced his first goal for the club, he has worked exceptionally hard since he arrived here in the summer as have all our signings. Strikers thrive from the confidence that comes with scoring goals and we all expect that will be the first of many for Clayton.

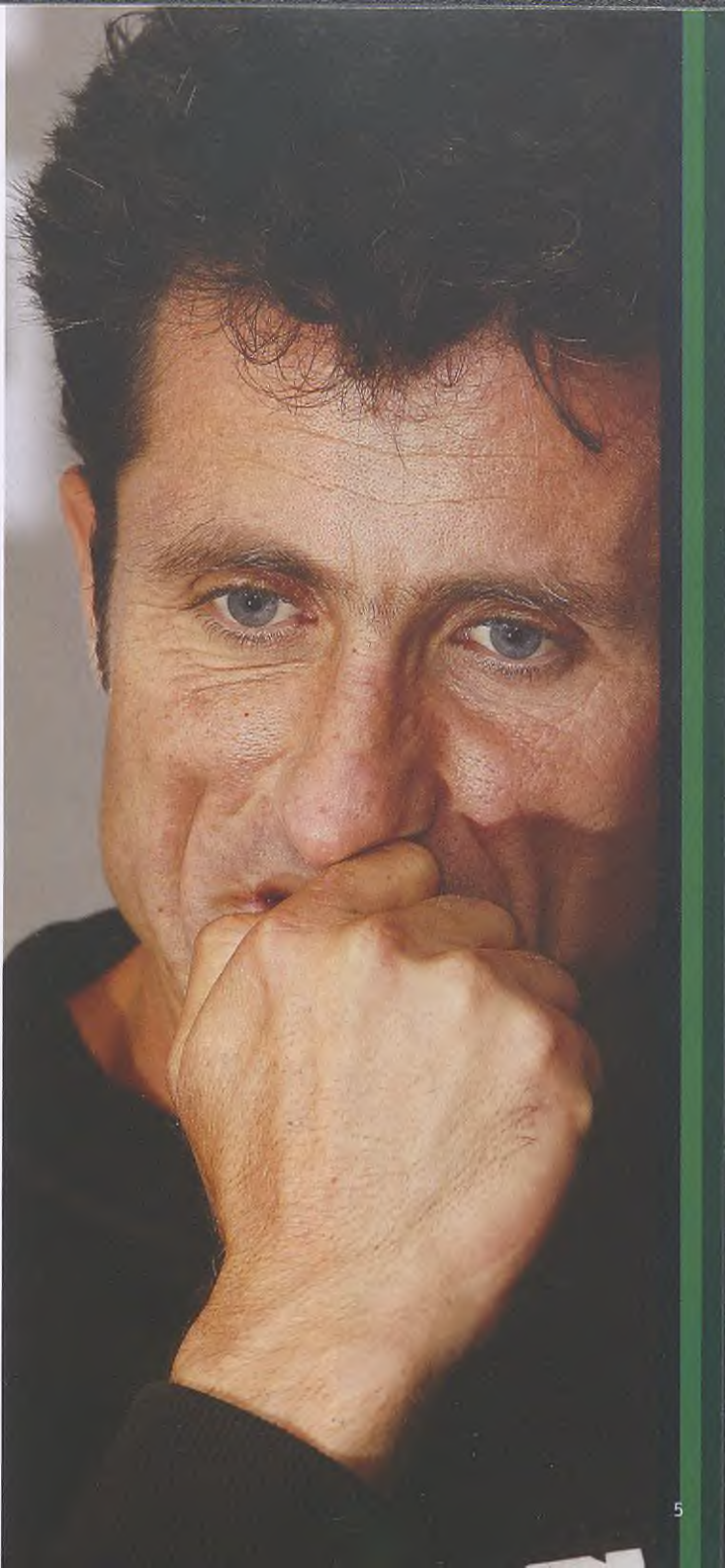
His ordering off then was unfortunate but I hope something he will also learn from. He was naturally delighted at scoring that first goal and as I've already said strictly by the rules of the game in celebrating that goal both he and Mickael Antoine-Curier stepped just a little too far from the pitch which is against the rules. We were I felt well in control of the game but going down to ten men



forced us to make changes that obviously we would not otherwise have made. All the same the manner and timing of the Falkirk equaliser was disappointing.

There were still opportunities to win the game but we had to accept a draw in the end, which is no bad result against a side that are certainly capable of finishing in the top six this season.

Today we welcome Celtic Football Club back to Easter Road. It is always a keenly anticipated game and even more so given the wealth of talent Gordon Strachan has gathered at Celtic Park. Here at Easter Road we are all too well aware of the capabilities of a few of those who may line up against us this afternoon. Our job will be to give them something to think about as we did last season with none of the games we played against the league champions providing run-away winners. I expect the game today will be just as tight and, we hope, every bit as entertaining.





WELCOME TO CELTIC

Today we welcome Celtic Football Club to Easter Road Stadium for what used to be referred to as 'The Battle of the Greens'. The Glasgow side arrive in Edinburgh as defending Scottish Premier League Champions and so far this year they don't look likely to be giving up their title easily!

Gordon Strachan's side has started the Clydesdale Bank Premier League season in breathtaking fashion on both the European and domestic scene. Qualification for the Champions League has meant the elite of Europe will be visiting Celtic Park once more while the Club also went top of the Scottish Premier League last weekend after they leapfrogged rivals Rangers, Celtic's stunning 5-0 win over Inverness coming on a day Rangers surrendered their undefeated start at Tynecastle.

The Celtic Manager has fashioned a side that is the envy of every Club in Scotland, with an embarrassment of riches in almost every position and genuine quality throughout the team. Over the summer months Strachan has brought in players of an exceptionally high standard, and perhaps none more than Scott Brown. Scott is a talent that no Hibernian supporter is likely to forget. One of the most exciting players to come out of the Scottish game in many years, he has started this season in superb form for both club and country. Brown has fashioned an exciting partnership in midfield with fellow Parkhead new boy Massimo Donati, another who has excited supporters of the Glasgow Club.

Despite having the likes of Vennegoor of Hesselink, Zurawski, Riordan and at the start of the season, Miller on their books, Celtic further strengthened their firing

power in the summer with the shrewd acquisitions of Scott McDonald and Chris Killen, players who finished last season as top goalscorers for their former Clubs Motherwell and Hibernian respectively. The goals don't just come from the front men at Parkhead though and Celtic carry a threat from almost every position.

Much has been made in the media recently of the resurgence of Rangers who are expected to give Celtic a real run for their money this season in the league, but the side from Parkhead has quietly gone about their own business determined to do their talking on the park rather than in the newspapers. While an opening day draw with Kilmarnock seemed relatively disappointing for Celtic, the team have gone on to convincingly win their five matches since and reclaim top spot in the League.

On another epic European night at Celtic Park recently, the Glasgow side knocked out Spartak Moscow on penalty kicks in a match that seemed to have it all. The victory sent Celtic into the money-spinning group stages of the Champions League and saw the Club paired with, amongst others, defending Champions AC Milan, a side who Celtic gave a real fright to last season before the Italian giants eventually went through.

The Celtic Park side will be looking to do better today than they did the last time they visited Easter Road Stadium, Hibernian's 2-1 victory on the final day of last term was the only occasion last season when Celtic were defeated in the league after going in front. Derek Riordan's opener that day was cancelled out by Scott Brown before Sproule grabbed a last minute winner as the season ended on a high for Hibs.

Strachan's first signings for Celtic. A former Wolverhampton player has become an established starter at Parkhead and was a key component to Celtic's double-winning side last year.

5. Gary Caldwell (25) - Defender
The former Hibernian Captain is now in his second season with the Glasgow side having made the move west in the summer of 2006. Injury reduced Caldwell's

appearances last season but the defender became a National Hero following his winning goal against France at Hampden.

6. Bobo Balde (31) - Defender
The defender has found himself in the stands watching in recent months after falling out of favour, he is reported to have turned down the opportunity to move before the close of the transfer window. Joined Celtic in 2001 on a free transfer from Toulouse and has gone on to make 230 appearances for the Club in all competitions. Balde featured for Celtic in the 2003 UEFA Cup Final.

7. Maciej Zurawski (31) - Forward
Joined Celtic for £2million in July 2005, a Polish Internationalist who has found the fight for a starting place at the Club difficult largely due to the number of talented strikers Gordon Strachan has at his disposal.

8. Scott Brown (22) - Midfielder
Well known to everybody connected to Hibernian. Brown moved during the summer to Celtic from Hibs for £4.4million and is tipped to go to the very top of the game, a tip few will ignore. Scott is a real driving force in the midfield with skill that can open even the meanest of defences.

10. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink (28) - Forward
Dutch born Vennegoor of Hesselink's move to Celtic has been a big success as the powerful striker has contributed many important goals for his team, starting with a debut strike against Hibernian at Celtic Park last year.

11. Paul Hartley (30) - Midfielder
Paul joined his boyhood heroes last season after signing from Hearts for £1.1million. A man of many clubs, Hartley is somewhat of a late developer but has gone on to become a key player for Club and Country in the midfield engine room.

12. Mark Wilson (23) - Defender
Started his career with Dundee United, where impressive performances during a six year stay persuaded Gordon Strachan to spend £500,000 to acquire his services. The full back likes to push forward at every opportunity and must be on the fringes of an international call up.

14. Derek Riordan (24) - Forward
A product of the successful Hibernian Youth Academy, Derek made 146 appearances scoring 63 times for Hibs before electing to move to Celtic in the summer of 2006. Riordan has found appearances at Celtic rare but Gordon Strachan has been quoted as saying the striker is 'the best natural finisher at the club'.

15. Evander Sno (20) - Midfielder
Evander joined Celtic from Feyenoord in 2006 but has had to wait patiently for first team outings. Viewed by many in the east of Glasgow as one for the future, the holding midfielder brings stability and calmness in the centre of the park.

17. Steven Pressley (33) - Defender
Pressley is part of a select group of players to have played with Celtic and Rangers and is the only player to have won 3 Scottish Cups with 3 different Clubs. He is an inspirational Captain who had endured difficult times with Hearts before opting to move to Parkhead rather than to the English Premiership. The defender has yet to feature this season for the Club.

18. Massimo Donati (26) - Midfielder
The Italian is forming a formidable partnership in midfield with Scott Brown after impressive early performances. Signed from AC Milan this summer, Donati had previously spent spells on loan with Parma, Torino, Sampdoria, Messina and Atalanta.

20. Jiri Jarosik (29) - Midfielder
The Czech Republic Internationalist has found appearances tough to come by and has been used sparingly by Celtic. Big things were expected of the former Sparta Prague, CSKA Moscow and Chelsea player but he has so far failed to realise his potential.

21. Mark Brown (26) - Goalkeeper
Brown was on the verge of an International call up following his performances for Inverness before Celtic came calling and he moved to Parkhead as back up for Boruc. The goalkeeper has taken a big risk by moving to Celtic as the reserve but when called upon he has performed well and is a very reliable shot stopper. Like Pressley, Brown is another former Rangers player.



Massimo Donati



Scott Brown



Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink



25. Shunsuke Nakamura (29) – Midfielder

The fans favourite is a dead ball expert and it was his free kick goal that clinched last season's Championship. Nakamura has been good for Scottish Football and has raised the profile of our game whilst providing entertainment with his range of skills since joining Celtic for £2.5million in 2005 from Reggina.

26. Gillian Sheridan (18) – Forward

A product of the Celtic Youth Academy and has huge potential. Only one first team appearance so far but Sheridan will be hoping to force his way into Gordon Strachan's plans this season.

27. Scott McDonald (24) – Forward

The Australian forward joined Celtic this summer having come close to a move to rivals Rangers last January. Scott scored the goals that cost Celtic the Championship on the final day of season 2005-06 and finished top scorer for Motherwell last term. He grabbed his first goal for the Club in the Champions League Qualifier against Spartak a few weeks ago.

28. Rocco Quinn (21) – Midfielder

Quinn was sent on loan to Kilmarnock to gain valuable first team experience. The midfielder is yet to feature for the first team.

33. Chris Killen (25) – Forward

Chris was Hibernian's top scoring last season with 15 goals despite not playing after January due to injury. Almost joined Cardiff City in the summer before ending up at Parkhead in a dramatic last-minute change of mind, the Kiwi has yet to start for Celtic and so far had to be content with a place on the bench.

41. John Kennedy (24) – Defender

The towering defender had only just broken into the Celtic first team when he suffered a horrific injury moments into his Scotland debut. It has taken Kennedy three years to fight back from that injury but he is now stronger than ever and looking to pick up his career

once again after being awarded a new contract.

42. Michael McGlinchey (20) – Forward

Yet another youth player at Parkhead to have forced their way into Gordon Strachan's first team plans. Still to make a first team start, McGlinchey may have to be loaned out to gain valuable experience.

44. Steven McManus (25) – Defender

McManus was promoted to Club Captain following the departure of Neil Lennon and is considered by many a throw-back to the traditional Scottish Centre Half. Big, powerful and uncompromising, McManus has also become a first choice pick for Scotland and scored his first International goal a couple of weeks ago against Lithuania.

46. Aiden McGeady (21) – Midfielder

Exciting Winger who, despite his age, has already made over 100 appearances for Celtic. McGeady has huge potential and has been capped by Republic of Ireland at Full International level. Last season saw McGeady keep Riordan on the sidelines such were the standard of his performances.

48. Darren O'Dea (20) – Defender

The tall Irish defender has made a handful of appearances for the Club and will be hoping this season marks his breakthrough. A composed defender who has proved reliable when called upon.

Celtic Factfile:

- Year Formed:** 1888
- Nickname:** The Bhoys
- Ground:** Celtic Park
- Manager:** Gordon Strachan
- Record Attendance:** 92,000 v Rangers 1/1/1938
- Most Capped Player:** Pat Bonner 80 - Republic of Ireland
- Honours:** European Cup Winners x1, League Champions x41, League Cup Winners x13, Scottish Cup Winners x34, Coronation Cup Winners x1, Drybrough Cup Winners x1

Hibernian's Scottish Premier League record against Celtic

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
At Easter Road Stadium	15	2	4	9	15	31	10
At Celtic Park	14	1	3	10	12	32	6
Total	29	3	7	19	27	63	16

Celtic results and fixtures 2007-2008

PRESEASON

05 Jul	FC Basel	(A)	1-0	Win
07 Jul	Young Boys of Berne	(A)	1-4	Lost
13 Jul	Peterborough United	(A)	2-1	Win
15 Jul	Queens Park Rangers	(A)	5-1	Win
20 Jul	MLS All Stars	(A)	0-2	Lost
22 Jul	Chicago Fire	(A)	1-1	Draw
26 Jul	Newcastle United	(A)	1-4	Lost
29 Jul	Parma	(H)	1-0	Win

CLYDESDALE BANK PREMIER LEAGUE

05 Aug	Kilmarnock	(H)	0-0	Draw
11 Aug	Falkirk	(A)	4-1	Win
19 Aug	Aberdeen	(A)	3-1	Win
25 Aug	Heart of Midlothian	(H)	5-0	Win
02 Sep	St. Mirren	(A)	5-1	Win
15 Sep	Inverness Caley Thistle	(H)	5-0	Win
23 Sep	Hibernian	(A)		
29 Sep	Dundee United	(H)		
07 Oct	Gretna	(A)		
20 Oct	Rangers	(A)		
27 Oct	Motherwell	(H)		
03 Nov	Kilmarnock	(A)		
10 Nov	Falkirk	(H)		
24 Nov	Aberdeen	(H)		
01 Dec	Heart of Midlothian	(A)		
08 Dec	St. Mirren	(H)		
15 Dec	Inverness Caley Thistle	(A)		
22 Dec	Hibernian	(H)		
26 Dec	Dundee United	(A)		
29 Dec	Gretna	(H)		
02 Jan	Rangers	(H)		
05 Jan	Motherwell	(A)		
19 Jan	Kilmarnock	(H)		
26 Jan	Falkirk	(A)		
09 Feb	Aberdeen	(A)		
16 Feb	Heart of Midlothian	(H)		
23 Feb	St. Mirren	(A)		
27 Feb	Inverness Caley Thistle	(H)		
01 Mar	Hibernian	(A)		
15 Mar	Dundee United	(H)		
22 Mar	Gretna	(A)		
29 Mar	Rangers	(A)		
05 Apr	Motherwell	(H)		

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

15 Aug	Spartak Moscow	(A)	1-1	Draw
29 Aug	Spartak Moscow	(H)	1-1	Draw*
18 Sep	Shakhtar Donetsk	(A)	0-2	Lost

*Celtic won on penalty kicks.

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26 Sep	Dundee	(A)		
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Maciej Zurawski

HIBEES IN BLUE

We continue our series looking at those who have pulled on the green and white of Hibernian and the blue of Scotland over the years. Current players are not listed in this series, their entries in the record books are yet to be completed!

Jock Govan

Jock Govan was born in Larkhall in January 1923 and was signed by Hibs from his local junior team Larkhall Thistle in 1942. In his long career at Easter Road he made many appearances at right back for Hibs until his departure for Ayr United in the 1954/55 season. A great club man it was Govan who unknowingly brought the wing into wingback as he was often found charging down the right for Hibs in support of his forwards. A great tackler and a handy passer he played behind the Famous Five on many occasions.

Jock Govan won six caps

Archie Gray

Played for Hibs at the turn of the century - 1890's to 1900's and was right full back in the history making Scottish Cup winning team of 1902.

Archie Gray won a single cap

William Groves

Back in the late 1800's there existed a football player named Willie Groves. 'Darlin' Willie Groves as the fanatical Hibs support would dub him was a talent unseen to that day in Scottish football. A superb dribbler of the ball and a prolific

scorer of goals he was idolized wherever he played. His career with Hibs was a good one but in 1888 he was enticed away to Celtic and the Hibs fans had lost their hero. In the years ahead however Willie would return and whilst he no longer had the magic in his feet he was still welcomed back with open arms.

'Darlin' Willie Groves won three caps and scored 4 goals

Bryan Gunn

Born in Thurso in 1963 Bryan Gunn began his professional career with Aberdeen in 1980 but managed just 21 first team games as he fought for the number one jersey with Jim Leighton. In October 1986 Norwich City paid £100,000 for his services and Gunn became something of a hero with the Carrow Road faithful. In his ten years with Norwich he made 477 appearances and kept goal for the Canaries in the 1993/94 UEFA Cup Final. In February 1998 he left Norwich and joined Hibs but made only 12 appearances. Gunn is now the Commercial Manager of Norwich City

Bryan Gunn won six caps

Willie Hamilton

Willie Hamilton played just 75 times for Hibs but managed to score 26 goals in the process. A player of immense talent he is still spoken of to this day and Hibs fans who were fortunate enough to see him perform will tell you he was a footballing genius, a claim backed up by the late Jock Stein who is on record as having described Hamilton as the best player he'd

ever seen. His first senior Club was Sheffield United where he signed in 1956. Five years later he moved on to Middlesbrough but failed to settle and in June 1962 he joined Hearts where he was outstanding in a side which won the Scottish League Cup. A complicated soul Willie lost his way a little but was rescued to the game when Jock Stein signed him for Hibs in October 1963.

Tragically Willie Hamilton won just a solitary cap

Joe Harper

In the early 1960's a wee 15 year old laddie was banging the goals in for Larkfield Boys Club and was promptly snapped up by Greenock Morton. Four years and many goals later he was transferred to Huddersfield Town for a reported fee of £45,000 but he was unhappy there and soon returned to Morton. His second stint at Cappielow was not lengthy and as the 1960's neared their end Harper moved north to sign for Eddie Turnbull's Aberdeen. Soon he achieved legend status with Dons fans and drew the attention of big English clubs with his goalscoring exploits. In 1972 he joined Everton for £180,000 and was top scorer in his first season. Just 18 months later however he was to link up with Turnbull again only this time at Easter Road where he stayed until his return to Aberdeen in 1976

Joe Harper won four caps and scored 2 goals

Willie Harper

A blacksmith by trade Willie Harper was spotted playing for Edinburgh Emmet and was immediately recruited by Hibs where he starred in goals in the 1920's. A big strapping lad he was heavyweight boxing champion when serving in the Scots Guards so when he was transferred to Arsenal in 1924 it was amid loud cries of consternation

amongst the Hibs support. Harper's sale did leave a long standing legacy at Easter Road however as it was reported that the £5,000 fee received from the Gunners paid for the erection of a West Stand which remained in place for some 70 years.

Willie Harper won eleven caps

Jim Herriot

A man of many clubs Jim Herriot started his professional career with Dunfermline in October 1958 and played well over 100 games for the Pars before he left in May 1965 to join Birmingham City for a reported fee of £18,000. Herriot was plying his trade with Durban City in South Africa when Eddie Turnbull enticed him back to Scotland where he joined the Hibs team dubbed Turnbull's Tornados in the early 1970's. A couple of quirky facts about the keeper are that he always blacked under his eyes, claiming it would reduce glare from the sun or floodlights and the author Alf Wright decided to use the name James Herriot for his famous "All Creatures Great And Small" book and TV series after watching the goalie in a televised match!

Jim Herriot won eight caps

Hugh Howie

Born in Glasgow in February 1924 Hugh Howie was a defender capable of playing either full back or centre half. He joined Hibs directly from Newton Juniors in 1943 and never played for any other team, retiring in 1954. Howie was a member of the Hibs side which won three League Titles and played behind the Famous Five. After retiring he began a career as a journalist but was tragically killed in a road traffic accident in January 1958.

Hugh Howie won a single cap

More in the next issue of Goalmouth



Jim Herriot



Joe Harper