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# Welcome to Jackman Park



As Chairman of the Limerick District Management Committee it gives me great pleasure to welcome Glasgow Celtic to Jackman Park to-night to re-open the Park after a major resurfacing job being carried out on the field to a cost of £65,000.

As one can see from the improvements in the park since being purchased it is an ongoing policy of the L.D.M.C. not to sit still but to make the Park one of the leading Junior Grounds in Ireland, both from a player's and spectators' point of view. I would like to thank all the Junior and Minor clubs affiliated within the League for their wonderful support down through the years and without whose help to-night's venture would not be possible.

To my officers and committee I would like to give a sincere thank you for the unstinting service they give to the administering of local football and also to the people who had the foresight to purchase Jackman Park and make this occasion possible.

I would like to pay a special tribute to Lou Macari and all at Glasgow Celtic for honouring this historic occasion with their presence and we look forward to a game that will long remain in our memories. As Chairman, I wish to thank Tom Byrnes of the Pike Inn who has been most helpful in organising this fixture and making this event possible to-night.

On a final note I would like to sincerely thank our main sponsors of the match to-night **Golden Vale** who have been tremendous in their constant and continued support and also their expertise in promoting the fixture, it is much appreciated by L.D.M.C. myself as Chairman and all soccer followers within our League. Thank you.

## Focus on the Manager LOU MACARI



The great Bill Shankly was as shrewd a manager as one could meet in a lifetime of football and his one regret was when he signed wonderboy Kenny Dalglish from Celtic in 1977 that he had not moved faster to bring Lou Macari to Merseyside in 1973. But that other wily old Scot, Tommy Docherty went up the motorway like a bat out of hell and brought Lou to Old Trafford, one of the greatest signings the Red Devils ever made.

Born in Edinburgh he signed for Celtic and scored 58 goals in 85 appearances. His stay at Celtic Park was short but what an incredible haul of trophies he won. Three Scottish League Championships, two Scottish Cup medals and three Scottish League Cup (runner-up medals). After gaining Schoolboys International caps he made his full International debut for Scotland and his marker was none other than England's deep breathing defender Norman Hunter in May, 1972 (although some reports state that he previously played as a reserve against Wales) in that year.

Down the motorway again the smiling Doc with his precious £200,000 signing alongside in the Merc they had an encounter with a heavy truck and luckily no one was hurt and he was able to make his debut for United against West Ham Utd. on January 20th, two days later and scored his first goal for the Reds. He made an immediate impact and it wasn't too long before he made the midfield berth his own. After a little setback when United went down to Div. 2 but were back in rapid quick time and Lou had a Second Division Championship medal in his pocket. He followed that up with an F.A. Cup runners-up medal in 1976 but scored the winner the following year when they beat Liverpool 2-1 at Wembley Stadium. In 1979 he had another losers medal against Arsenal.

On 13th May, 1984, Lou held his Testimonial match in Old Trafford with little surprise that Celtic were the opposition. Testimony of his popularity 20,000 green and white clad Celtic supporters arrived in Manchester for the game and it was an outstanding success. Twice voted Supporters' Club "Player of the Year" in 1975 and 1976 he played under three managers Tommy Docherty, Dave Sexton, and Ron Atkinson with 400 matches to his credit.

A member of Ally McLeod's tartan squad in the World Cup of '78 in Argentina this episode was the only disappointment in a glittering career than won him 24 full International caps. The legendary Don Revie rated him very highly and one can get no greater compliment than that. A runners-up Football League (MILK Cup) medal in 1983 was his final trophy haul, and indeed one to be proud of.

After his Testimonial in 1984 Lou moved on to become player-manager of Swindon Town and his first effort in the managerial role lifted them up two divisions before taking over the reins at West Ham in 1989. After resigning his job at Upton Park he took over the hot seat at Birmingham City in 1991 and subsequently left St. Andrews for Stoke City and after a great innings at the Victoria Grounds could not resist the temptation at Parkhead when the manager's job became available, returning to his roots and his first love.

This is the third occasion he has paid Limerick the ultimate honour since he became a football manager coming over with West Ham and Stoke City in the recent past. The initial seeds of friendship were sown many years ago when Tom Byrnes and Dennis O'Sullivan of the Manchester United Supporters' Club here in Limerick invited many former United stars to their annual functions and acknowledged as a high point of their season. Lou Macari was always first to accept an invitation and his tremendous popularity has never waned over those years with his fans and friends in the city and surrounding areas. As long as football is played Lou will always be a welcome visitor to these shores.

*Focus - B. O'Brien*

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He signed for Celtic as an 18 year old (the photo is the first official one at that age) but a dispute with Everton curtailed his debut until the Scottish F.A. sorted out whom he had signed for first. But with that false start behind him this original "midfield general" was to become one of the greatest forwards both on the wing and at inside left or right the game has ever known.

Over those twenty years he played 578 matches and scored 152 goals for Celtic, Everton, Leeds United and Bury and played 31 international matches and scored 10 goals in the dark blue shirt of his native Scotland. With Celtic he won a Scottish Cup medal in 1951 and a Scottish League Championship medal in 1954. He made his debut on the opening day of the season in 1949-'50 against Rangers and duly celebrated with a 3-2 win.

Bobby affectionately dubbed "The Wee Barra" was only 5ft. 4in. tall and was a bundle of energy and proved on and off the field that courage and toughness are worthy substitutes for the lack of inches. Him impish grin deceived many a defender who may have thought he was on easy street against him only to discover he had a shot like a cannon and could tackle like a demon. One report stated that he could cut defences to ribbons without leaving any nasty edges on the wounds.

Ironically when he left Parkhead after nine years, whom did he sign for but Everton. By now he was a busy constructive midfield player who cost the Goodison Park club a very hefty fee and after three years he transferred to the Second Division with an aspiring Leeds United in 1962.

A new era opened up for Bobby at Leeds and under his captaincy and untiring midfield play the basis was laid for a team that surprised all with a dramatic revival in the mid 1960's. In 1963-'64 he led them to the Second Division Championship and promotion and that year they finished runners-up in the 1st Division Championship and the F.A. Cup. Bobby's performances earned him the coveted honour of "Footballer of the Year".

Played with and against the greatest of two eras he was a star with Scotland in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden. A badly fractured leg in a Fairs cup match in Turin almost ended his playing career but he made a remarkable comeback to play again for Leeds before moving on to Bury and the success story continued when he skippered them to promotion to the Second Division in 1967-'68.

In his early international days he was honoured to play alongside such famous players as Jimmy Cowan, George Young, Willie McNaught, Willie Woodburn, Billy Steel, Alex Forbes and Billy Liddell and in his final game the stars of another ear Billy McNeill, John Greig, Denis Law, Willie Henderson and John Hughes had that honour and privilege of playing in his company.

Like many a true Scot before him he came over to Ireland to finish out his career with a Shamrock Rovers team that had lost a little of its former sparkle, and even though he had slowed with the passage of time and was broad at the shoulder as he was at the hip, his uncanny skill was still there whenever he was on the ball. On one occasion he emerged from the Markets Field after a game with the Irish "Hoops" wrapped in a huge fur coat and cigar in hand and as usual a beaming smile on his face ready and willing to sign as many autography as the young fans required. Somethings in life never change. Bobby, thanks for the memories.

*Profile - B. O'Brien*

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# Jackman Park . . . you have come a long way!

By CORMAC LIDDY, Sports Editor, Limerick Leader

IN days of yore this venue consisted of a raw playing pitch and nothing more. It was used by Crescent College and Old Crescent purely as a rugby grounds.

To-night we welcome the famous Glasgow Celtic to this venue which must now rank as one of the top soccer stadia in the land and must be the envy of many a League of Ireland club. But as a student at Crescent College, from which I was almost expelled for being a fanatical soccer supporter, and at one time registrar and secretary of the Schoolboys Council, Priory Park brought it's own memories....not all of them pleasant.

The long hours of drudgery which was called training took their toll from those of us who never made it to the schools first team.

But having left school and being inflicted with the captaincy of the Old Crescent 3rd XV, Priory Park suddenly became a place of immense pleasure.

Priory Park always had a good playing surface. And, from our point of view, it was ideally located....being close to two public houses and at the same time being sufficiently far away from the home base in Ballinacurra to ensure that the shaky cycle home helped to wipe out some of the effects of the beverages.

But Priory Park has been transformed from those days. Once it was sold by the Jesuit order to those shrewd men who guided junior soccer the venue was transformed. To-day it is one of the best in the entire country for which all junior soccer players in the city should be eternally grateful. And, of course, the achievements of the LDMC must be the envy of all other sporting codes. Just think of what a splendid rugby charity cup could be staged under lights.

To-night's game, I am sure, will be one of many to feature top class clubs from Ireland and England at this venue.

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# THE CELTIC STORY

Many books have been written and revised on the history of Glasgow Celtic and after more than a century of magical football entertainment they still have a mystique that makes fans the world over flock to every venue to appreciate their unique brand of soccer skills, so the following few pages will by no means do them justice on this occasion. In 1887 a few wily Scots and a shrewd Irishman sowed the seeds of foundation of Celtic Football Club and the rest is in the memoirs. Brother Walfrid (born Andrew Kerins in Ballymote, Co. Sligo) was a Marist Brother and headmaster of the Sacred Heart School. In those early days when the club was formed in Glasgow's East End these dedicated men raised much needed finance for the Glasgow missions of St. Mary's, St. Michael's and Sacred Heart foundations and for other charitable purposes to feed and clothe the children of Catholic families and any others in need.

Celtic are a huge club, they rank side by side with Manchester United, Liverpool, Real Madrid, Moscow Dynamo, Bayern Munich, A.C. Milan, Honved and to show no bias their "old firm" rivals Rangers of Glasgow. They are always in demand for exhibition and testimonial games and the choice of great players on such occasions and their name is synonymous with attacking, entertaining and exciting football. A proud tradition, such flair should entertain an enthusiastic crowd tonight.

Celtic played their first league soccer in 1890-91 season, the first of the Scottish Leagues existence, but it wasn't until 1892-93 that the first league title was won by Celtic and they had the satisfaction of finishing ahead of Rangers by one point and the year before they won the Scottish Cup for the first time defeating Queens Park 5-1 in the final having defeated Rangers in the semi-final.

Just for the record the Celtic team that played in that first Cup final triumph was: Cullen, Reynolds, Doyle, W. Maley, Kelly, Gallagher, McCallum, Brady, Dowds, McMahon, Campbell. The goalscorers were Campbell (2), McMahon (2) and an o.g. It is interesting to note the Irishness of those names and it wouldn't be very difficult to find at least nine of those surnames around Limerick any day of the week.

That was the beginning of the Celtic kingdom which was to dominate the game in Scotland for long periods over the succeeding years. In the 1916-'17 season Celtic completed a record unbeaten run in League games when they made it 62 wins without defeat, even some statisticians claim it was 63. They still managed to win their fourth successive title. An up-to-date report described Celtic as "the most consistently successful and best managed club the game has ever known."

In the 1927-'28 season the brilliant Jimmy McGrory, a centre forward of sheer class, scored 8 of Celtic's 9 goals against Dunfermline in the league to establish a record for the Scottish division. Against Motherwell in March, 1936 McGrory scored three goals in three minutes and finished the season with an incredible 50 league goals to his credit. Not surprising that remains a Celtic record for a season.

Celtic are far more than a club of statistics. Who can forget that sunny night in Lisbon when they became the first team in the British Isles to win the coveted European Champions Cup. It was the gallant Celts with panache, mastery and attacking brilliance who demolished a dismal, dreary and totally pedestrian Inter Milan, the champions of Italy. That May evening in 1967 ended in triumph for a super Celtic team who were forever after to be known as the Lisbon Lions. When great occasions in sport are recalled this one tops the list. Older fans need little reminding of the score 2-1, Tommy Gemmill and Steve Chalmers, the history making team was - Simpson, Craig, Gemmill, Murdoch,

McNeill, Clarke, Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Auld, Lennox. The younger generation should savour these names for posterity.

Such was the magnetism that Celtic had in their drawing power is reflected in the following crowds that attended Scottish Cup finals at Hampden Park, over a decade or so. 1961, Celtic v Dunfermline - 113,618; 1963, v Rangers 129,527; 1965, v Dunfermline - 108,800; 1966 v Rangers - 126,552; 1967, v Aberdeen - 127,117; 1969, v Rangers - 132,000; 1970 v Aberdeen - 108,434; 1971, v Rangers - 120,092; 1972, v Hibernians - 106,102; 1973, v Rangers - 122,714 and to say they gasp at the present time South of the border at well under 50,000 at weekends. The attendance of 136,505 at the Celtic v Leeds Utd. European Cup-tie at Hampden Park on 15th April, 1970 is a record for any European match.

The 1966-'67 season Celtic won every trophy on offer. They created another record for successive title wins in 1973-'74 when they won the Championship for the ninth season in a row. It was, and will surely remain a feat unparalleled in soccer in this part of the world. Altogether over those nine successive title wins they played 306 games, won 235 and lost 26 times in the championship. They scored 868 goals and conceded 258. Little wonder then, they are acclaimed the greatest Scottish club of all time.

Apart from the origins where does the bond between the Irish and Celtic emanate from? The answer surely is the many outstanding footballers from the Republic and Northern Ireland who wore the famous green and white hooped shirt and the following internationals played a big part in the history of Celtic Football Club. Sean Fallon (who is to be honoured with the Freedom of his native Sligo about this time). Joe Haverty, Paddy Turner, Jim "Fox" Foley, Charlie Gallacher, P. Kavanagh, Pierce O'Leary, Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Mick McCarthy, Tony Cascarino, Liam Brady, F. Collins, W. Cook, P. Gallacher, F. Mulholland, Bertie Peacock and "Cheeky" Charlie Tully (high on the list as Celtic's greatest ever player).

On one occasion RTE's Philip Greene in an interview with Jock Stein spoke of the great affinity between Celtic and the Irish people since the beginning, the ebullient Scot agreed in part with those sentiments but felt extremely hurt that the majority of Irish supporters gave their support to the bigger English clubs. Jock's point was Celtic displayed their Irishness from day one and the Tricolour flew over their grounds on match days, something that no other club (outside of Ireland) could boast of. He had a valid point, but I feel that every Irishman and woman whomever they support has that certain grá for Celtic Football Club.

Lou Macari, an adopted Irishman, took over the reins at Parkhead from another Irish hero Liam Brady a few months ago and if anyone can turn the tide in Celtic's favour it has got to be their golden boy of many years past. They are to Scotland what Manchester United are to England. A thriving Celtic is a tremendous boost to soccer and to world sport in general.

This is Celtic's fourth visit to Limerick. The first on May 24th, 1960 when Charlie Tully "gusted" for Limerick and scored a hat trick in a pulsating game that ended in a 3 - 3 draw. August 31st 1970, Billy McNeill and Andy McEvoy led out the teams to a packed attendance, and one time when Kenny Dalglish came on as substitute his goalscoring gave us a taste of what we were to appreciate in the years ahead. Celtic are different from all other clubs. They have visited these shores more times than any other club across channel. they give great entertainment and are always very popular visitors to Ireland and especially to Limerick. Anyone who has had the pleasure of attending an "old firm" game will vouch for that. Celtic are unique; They are magic, and of course they are our own.

*Compiled by B. O'Brien*



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## **Welcome . . .**

As Mayor of Limerick, I heartily welcome Glasgow Celtic F.C. to our City. I know this welcome will be re-echoed by all the many soccer players and fans, young and old in the Region.

Glasgow Celtic was founded at the end of the last century and has now become one of the best known teams in the world. Right from the start, the Club has had a strong affinity with Ireland and over the decades these bonds of friendship have been renewed and strengthened.

I believe that sport is an excellent opportunity to break down barriers and to create better relations between people and players. Visits such as the present visit of Glasgow Celtic to Ireland and Limerick help to forge even stronger links between Scotland and Ireland.

For almost a century, Glasgow Celtic F.C. has competed at Scottish and European levels and its achievements are too many and varied to document here.

Some of the most distinguished Irish International players including the teams Irish National Goalkeeper, Pakie Bonner have played with the Club.

During the mayoralty of Cllr. Gus O'Driscoll in 1989/1990, Glasgow Celtic visited Limerick and were accorded a Mayoral Reception at that time. Many people who attended that reception have happy and vivid memories when the Club visited the Shannonside.

The Club's Manager Lou Macari was one of the most popular and brilliant players of all time and was no stranger to Limerick. Indeed, over the years, he has made about ten visits to the city and has many friends and admirers here.

As Mayor of Limerick, it gives me great pleasure to welcome Glasgow Celtic to our city and to congratulate all concerned on bringing about this delightful opportunity of seeing this fine team in action.

*Senator Jan O'Sullivan, Mayor of Limerick.*

### **GLASGOW CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

Founded: 1888\*  
Grounds: Celtic Park (a.k.a. Parkhead or Paradise).  
Nickname: The Bhoys (Tims or Celts).  
Colours: Green & White Hooped Shirts. White Shorts (Nod.) White Stockings

#### **HONOURS:**

Scottish League Championship Div. 1: (35 times). 1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1908, 1910 (6 in a row), 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936, 1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974 (9 in a row).

Premier League Div. Championship: 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1986, 1988.

Scottish Cup Winners: (29 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.

League Cup Winners: (9 times). 1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982.

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938. St. Mungo Cup: 1951.

Coronation Cup: 1953. European Champions Cup: 1967.

Record League Appearances (since 1945): Billy McNeill (486) 1957 - 1975.

Record League Goalscorer in a Season: Jimmy McGrory (50) 1935/36 Div. 1.

Record League Goalscorer in Aggregate: Jimmy McGrory (397) 1922 - 1939.

Previous Managers: Willie Maley (1897-1937), Jimmy McStay (1940-1945), Jimmy McGrory (1945-1965), Jock Stein (1965-1975 and 1976-78), Sean Fallon (1975-1976), Billy McNeill (1978-1983), David Hay (1983-1987), Billy McNeill (1987-1991), Liam Brady (1991-1993).

Present Manager: Lou Macari (1993 - )

Founder Members of the Scottish Football League: 1890.

\*Founded (ground work began in 1887).



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