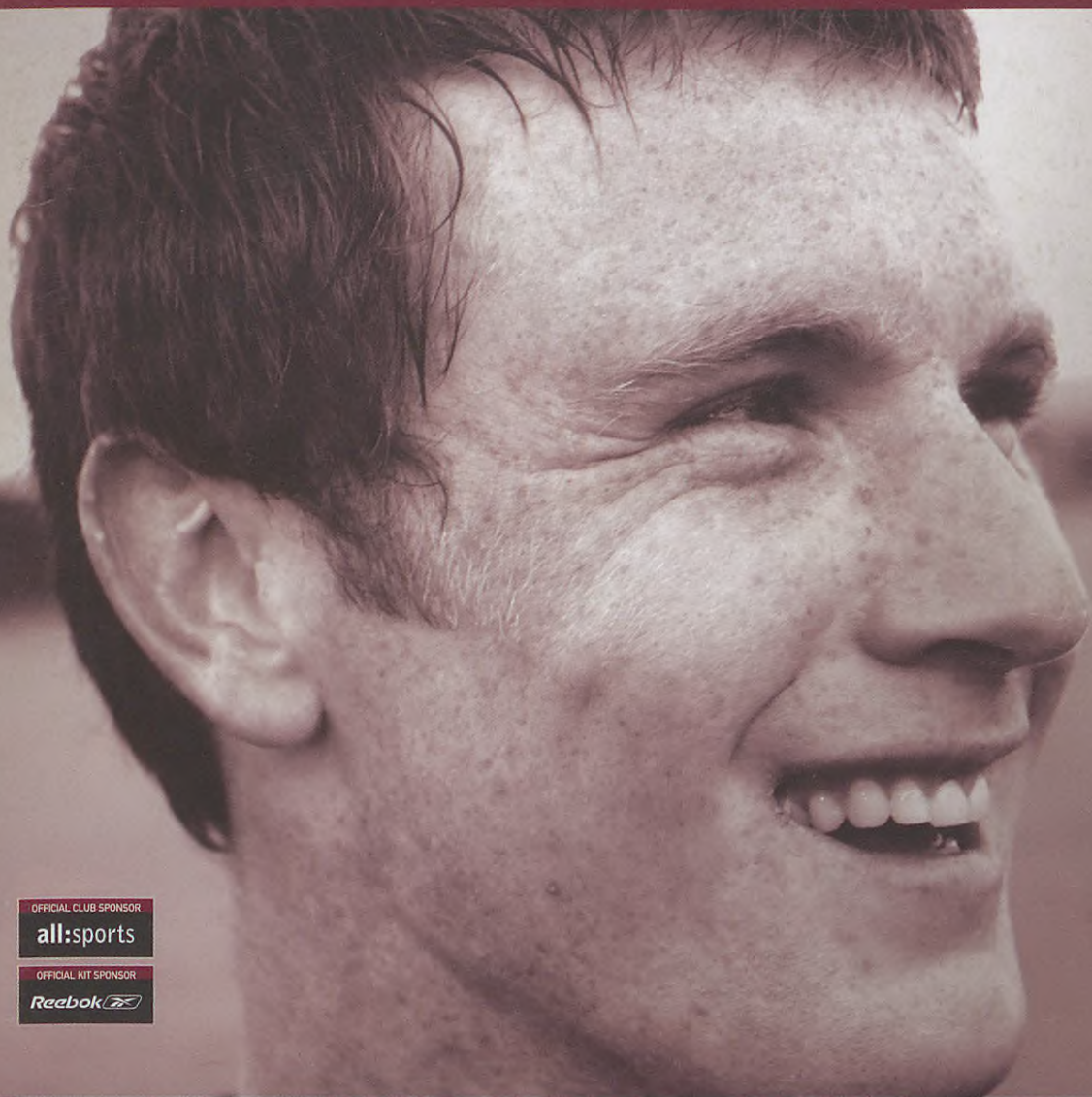


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Scottish Cup 1880

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Most League Goals

John Robertson - 214 (1983-98)

Most League Goals (Season)

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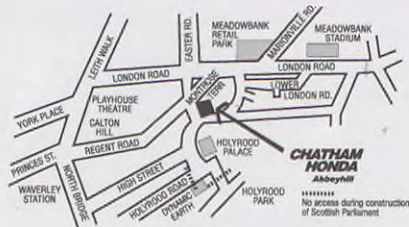
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## THE GAFFER

CRAIG LEVEIN'S PRE-MATCH  
PROGRAMME NOTES



Today we welcome Martin O'Neill and his Celtic side for their first visit of 2004. When Celtic last visited Tynecastle, Hearts picked up 3 points in a 2-1 victory which helped us to consolidate our third place in the League and subsequently qualify for Europe.

A good result today for us would once again maintain our third position in the league which is something we wish to maintain throughout the remainder of the season.

This is the first of two home games against Celtic, as we will play them again on the 7th February in the fourth round of the Tennent's Scottish Cup after our victory last week against Berwick Rangers. Both today's game and the Cup game will be live on the BBC and Sky Sports respectively and we hope that the matches will be entertaining for the paying fans and the viewing public.

At the moment we have a Nigerian Internationalist Benedict Idahor on trial for

one week and we are also assessing other players who we think would benefit the club in the forthcoming season.

On the injury front, Jean-Louis Valois and Andy Kirk are doubtful for today's game. Phil Stamp, Kevin McKenna and Steven Boyack are back in training, and after being injured last week, we are glad to see Club Captain Steven Pressley available for today's game. We are also hopeful that Andy Webster will be fit after a calf strain he picked up last week.

In addition, I would also like to congratulate Joe Hamill on his first senior goal in last weekend's match and hopefully we will see more performances and goals from Joe in the future.

I hope today's game is an enjoyable encounter and get right behind the players for one of the big games of the season.

Craig Levein



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## THE CAPTAIN

ELVIS DELIVERS HIS PRE-MATCH MESSAGE TO THE FANS

Last Saturday's Scottish Cup-tie certainly proved to be what many of the players and management team anticipated. In the end, I thought we ran out comfortable 2-0 winners with ourselves having the vast majority of possession but Berwick defending in numbers and making it difficult to carve out a lot of clear cut chances. I said prior to this game that patience would be very important and that proved to be the case.

At 5.15 last Saturday everybody waited in anticipation for the Scottish Cup draw with ourselves being drawn against Celtic. Since Hearts 1998 Scottish Cup victory no side outside of the old firm have won any domestic silverware. I think that this proves that if you are to win a domestic trophy at some point you must beat one if not both of the Old Firm. I'm sure with a packed Tynecastle it will prove to be a fantastic fixture.

Again, I stress to you that although at this

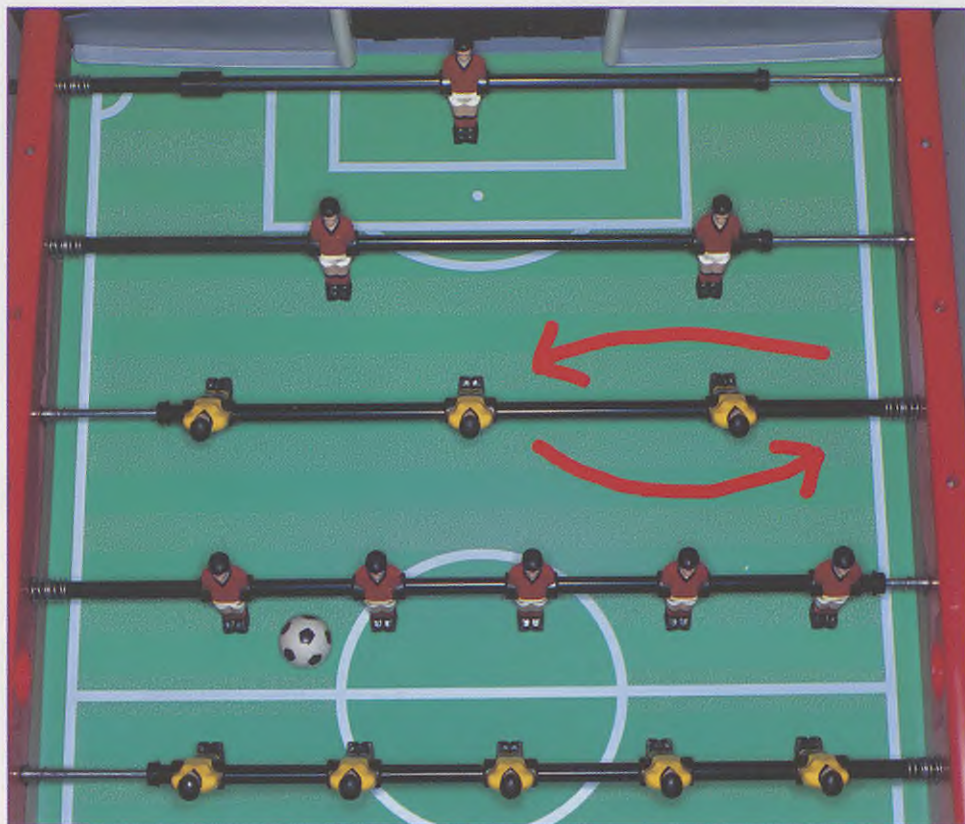
point in time off the field matters seem to be gaining most headlines around Tynecastle it is vitally important that the fans continue their backing of the team. The players interests remain solely on getting results and success for this club.

Today's visitors Celtic, the current SPL leaders, come here on the back of 18 straight league wins. A fantastic achievement for a team but certainly not one we should fear. Since the opening day draw against Dunfermline they have not dropped a single SPL point, so I'm sure that on this evidence it is going to take a tremendous performance from ourselves today to take the maximum three points. But we should take a great deal of confidence from our last meeting with them at Tynecastle when a fantastic Austin McCann last minute goal won the game for us 2-1.

Hope you enjoy the game.

Steven Pressley

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## TODAY'S VISITORS CELTIC

**A**lthough there are four months of the current campaign still remaining, Celtic are odds-on favourites to become Premierleague Champions, probably by a huge margin ahead of their traditional rivals from the other side of Glasgow. Over the season to date, our visitors have clearly been the outstanding team in Scotland and have dropped only two points in the League, which is in addition to scoring a quite magnificent 62 goals in 19 matches. The overall quality of Celtic's play has also been outstanding and there is a real chance that Martin O'Neill's squad will go undefeated throughout the entire Premier programme.

At the moment, our visitors have an eleven-point lead over second-placed Rangers and although this is a very handsome position to be in, no one associated with Celtic will admit that the title race is over. However, it would take a quite remarkable collapse to allow Rangers back into contention and this is unlikely to happen because Martin O'Neill and his management team are just too professional and will not allow standards to drop as a result of complacency.

Martin O'Neill's restructuring of the Celtic squad over the past few years has been hugely successful and although our visitors lost all of the domestic honours to their city rivals last

season, the Parkhead men have demonstrated great strength of character to come-back superbly this term. This applies not only in the Scottish League, but also in the Champions League where Celtic played well and now look set for another exhilarating run in the UEFA Cup.

As a result of his continuous investment in players, Martin O'Neill now has considerable strength in depth and quality in key positions. Accordingly, although some fringe players were allowed to leave Parkhead, there was no significant recruitment at the start of the current campaign. However, the manager's faith in his present squad has been more than justified, particularly with several young players such as Stephen Crainey, John Kennedy, Shaun Maloney, Jamie Smith, Ross Wallace and Craig Beattie adding to its strength.

Even though our visitors were disappointed at the decision of Liam Miller to sign a pre-contract agreement with Manchester United, this has been more than balanced by the recruitment of Stephen Pearson from Motherwell and the magnificent form of key men such as Balde, Thompson, Sutton, Petrov and Larsson. As a result, Celtic remain formidable opponents and despite their current domestic dominance, the Glasgow giants will be firmly focussed on the three points that are at stake this afternoon. >



BOBO BALDE

## CELTIC

BOSS MARTIN O'NEILL WILL BE LOOKING TO EXTEND HIS SIDES UNBEATEN START TO THE SPL

**T**here is no doubt that managing Celtic is one of the most demanding jobs in football. Therefore, leading this famous club to a clean sweep of the Scottish domestic honours in his first season (2000-2001), was a remarkable feat for 51-year old, Martin O'Neill. For his team to retain the Championship with a record number of points and to come within an ace of the Second Stage in the Champions League, represents a quite superb achievement for the Celtic manager, as does steering his team to last season's UEFA Cup Final.

However, this should come as no great surprise when looking at Martin O'Neill's overall record in the game which has earned him an OBE in the recent New Years Honours List.

The astute and articulate Celtic manager comes from Kilrea in Northern Ireland, where at one time, he was a keen Gaelic footballer. He subsequently started his soccer career with Rosario Boys Club in Belfast and quickly earned a part-time contract with Distillery

FC. At the same time, Martin entered Belfast University, having planned to pursue a legal career. However, his football potential was too strong and Brian Clough lured the young Irishman to Nottingham Forest in 1971.

Martin developed into a dynamic midfield playmaker that made an important contribution to the most successful period in Forest's history. As well as two League Cup Final victories, he helped the Midlands club to the League Championship in 1978 and the European Cup in 1980. In addition, while with Distillery FC, Martin made his International debut and he later helped Northern Ireland to the World Cup Quarterfinals in 1982, during an impressive total of 64 International appearances.

When he left Forest, Martin had spells with Manchester City, Norwich City and Notts County before taking up a coaching role with Stamford FC and then Shepshed Charterhouse FC. This apprenticeship earned him the manager's position at the progressive Wycombe Wanderers FC

(1990-95) and he led that club to two FA Trophy wins and, in 1993, to a place in the Football League. Wycombe progressed to 6th place in Division Two before its shrewd and intelligent manager took over at Norwich City in June 1995.

It was a brief spell with the Canaries and in December 1995, Leicester City secured his services. Martin quickly steered City into the Premiership and in addition to consolidating its League position, the Midland's club reached three League Cup Finals, winning the competition in both 1997 (against Middlesbrough) and in 2000 (against Tranmere Rovers). Under O'Neill's control, City also played in Europe twice in three seasons and this is a remarkable record, bearing in mind the resources of many other clubs in England.

Martin O'Neill places great emphasis on teamwork, organisation and preparation, but he has not sacrificed the traditional flair of Celtic. He also likes a challenge and taking the Premierleague title back from Rangers will give Martin real satisfaction.



**THE CELTIC SQUAD**

**ROBERT DOUGLAS** Goalkeeper. Age 31 from Lanark. The Scottish International keeper has played 130 games since being signed from Dundee in October 2000 for a fee of £1.2 million. During that time, Robert has helped Celtic to secure two Premierleague titles and win the Scottish Cup in 2001. The 6'3" keeper started his career at Livingston/Meadowbank, with Dundee paying £100,000 for his transfer in 1997.

**MAGNUS HEDMAN** Goalkeeper. Age 30 from Huddinge, Sweden. An athletic and experienced keeper

who has played over 50 games for his country since coming through the youth system at AIK Solna. Magnus moved to Coventry City in 1997 and the 6'4" Swede made around 150 appearances, before his £1.5 million move to Celtic in August 2002. He has now played 29 games for the Glasgow giants.

**JOHAN MJALLBY** Defender. Age 32 from Jarfalla, Sweden. Johan cost £1 million when the International defender was signed from AIK Solna in 1998. He has since proved to be a strong, consistent and mobile ball-winner who dropped back from a holding role in midfield to

become a stalwart at the back. Unfortunately, a knee injury might keep him out of today's contest.

**JOOS VALGAEREN** Defender. Age 27 from Louvain, Belgium. An accomplished International centre-half who is back in the squad after a groin injury. Joos was signed in July 2000 from the Dutch club Roda JC (Kerkrade) for £3.8 million. He assisted Roda to victory in the Dutch Cup Final in 2000 and has now won all the Scottish domestic honours. Joos has also played in Belgium for, KV Mechelen.

**DIANBOBO BALDE** Defender. Age 28 from Marseille, France. An >

HENRIK LARSSON



> imperious and physically imposing centre-half who was signed in July 2001 from Toulouse FC, but started his career with Olympique Marseille. Bobo then played in the Second Division with Mulhouse and Cannes before moving to Toulouse in 1999. The 6'3" Guinea International is also a real threat at set-pieces.

**STANISLAV VARGA** Defender. Age 31 from Lipany, Slovakia. A dominating and skilful centre-half who has captained Slovakia on many occasions. Celtic signed Stan in February 2003 on a short-term contract, but this is likely to be extended after some very impressive form and four vital goals. The 6'5" defender started with Tatra Presov and was with Slovan Bratislava when Sunderland paid £875,000 for his transfer in July 2000. He has also played on loan to West Bromwich Albion.

**DIDIER AGATHE** Midfielder / Forward. Age 28 from Saint Pierre, Reunion. This powerfully built wing-back has breathtaking pace and has turned over Scottish defenders since Raith Rovers secured his transfer from Montpellier Herault SC in August 1999. The dashing attacker then had a short spell with Hibs before being secured by Celtic in September 2000 for a bargain fee of £50,000. Didier has been the source of so many

Celtic goals during nearly 130 games for the club.

**STEPHEN PEARSON** Midfielder. Age 21 from Lanark. A tall, skilful and fast playmaker who came through the Motherwell youth system and was a hero with the Fir Park fans due to his direct running and regular goalscoring. He has also stepped-up from the Scottish Future XI to the Full International side. Accordingly, it cost Celtic £350,000 to secure his services during the current transfer window.

**JACKIE McNAMARA** Midfielder / Defender. Age 30 from Glasgow. In midfield or at wing-back, Jackie is noted for his quick, constructive and skilful play which has made him a regular in the International team. He started with Dunfermline Athletic and then moved to Celtic in October 1995 for a fee of £600,000. The former SPFA Player of the Year has gone on to make around 280 appearances for Celtic and has won all the domestic honours.

**ALAN THOMPSON** Midfielder. Age 30 from Newcastle, England. A fast, aggressive and skilful wing-back who creates scoring chances and also has an excellent strike rate with 8 goals this season. He played for Newcastle United and Bolton

Wanderers, before the former Under-21 International moved to Aston Villa in 1998. Celtic paid £2.75 million to secure Alan's services in September 2000 and he has become one of the most dangerous players in Scottish football. His current form should earn a return to the English International set-up.

**NEIL LENNON** Midfielder. Age 32 from Lurgan, Northern Ireland. The tough tackling former Northern Ireland International was once an apprentice with Motherwell, but moved on to play for Glenavon and Manchester City before making a breakthrough at Crewe Alexandra. Neil earned a transfer to Leicester City in 1996 and Celtic signed him in December 2000 for a fee of £5.75 million. He deserves credit for doing the less glamorous midfield work and the tireless support of his colleagues.

**PAUL LAMBERT** Midfielder. Age 33 from Paisley. A masterful midfielder who protects the defence and never wastes the ball when in possession. The Scottish Internationalist played for both St.Mirren and Motherwell before a very successful spell with Borussia Dortmund, where he earned a winners medal in the European Cup. It cost Celtic £1.75 million to bring Paul back to Scotland in November 1997 and he has become a key man for both club and country.

**STILIAN PETROV** Midfielder. Age 24 from Montana, Bulgaria. Very much an attack-minded player, Stilian was signed from CSKA Sofia in August 1999 for a fee of £2.8 million. The impressive International playmaker is very popular in his homeland and was recently voted the Bulgarian Player of the Year. Stilian started his career with FC Montana and then earned League and Cup winners medals following a big move to CSKA Sofia in 1996. He is behind so much of Celtic's creative play and a regular goalscorer.

**JOHN HARTSON** Forward. Age 28 from Swansea, Wales. A tough, aggressive and hard-hitting striker who has a remarkable record with all his clubs and for Wales. John started with Luton Town and then made his name at Arsenal, West Ham United, Wimbledon and Coventry City. As a result, it cost Celtic a £6 million fee to recruit the powerhouse striker in August 2001 and he has subsequently hit a splendid 57 goals, despite four months on the sidelines after an operation on his back.

**CHRIS SUTTON** Forward. Age 30 from Nottingham, England. A proven scorer with Norwich City and then Blackburn Rovers whom he helped to the Premiership title in 1995. The former England International moved to Chelsea for £10 million, but with limited opportunity at the London club, he signed for Celtic in July 2000 for a then Scottish record fee of £6 million. Using his height, bravery and finishing power, Chris is a perfect partner for Henrik Larsson and a prolific scorer with a total of 59 goals for Celtic. The 6'3" Englishman can also play effectively at centre-half.

**HENRIK LARSSON** Forward. Age 32 from Helsingborg, Sweden. With pace, relentless work-rate and silky skills, Henrik is one of the finest marksmen in Europe. This was proved in 2000-2001 season, when the Swedish Internationalist came back from a broken leg to score 53 competitive goals, win the European Golden Shoe award and also be voted the SPFA Player of the Year. He is still on fire with 19 this term and could even reach a total of 250 before he leaves Celtic at the end of the season. Henrik played with Hogaborg BK, Helsingborgs IF and then Feyenoord to whom Celtic paid £650,000 to secure his transfer in July 1997. Henrik has subsequently made an outstanding contribution to the club. <

Henrik is one of the finest marksmen in Europe who has made an outstanding contribution to the club.



# Head2Head

## Hearts V Celtic



\* Please note all stats up to and including 12/01/2004

### SPL Manager Stats (at current club)

#### Craig Levein

Played 115 Won 49 Drawn 24 Lost 42 For 165 Against 152  
Av Pts/game 1.49  
Biggest Win(s) Hearts 7 Dunfermline 1 (24/02/01). Biggest Loss(es) Motherwell 6 Hearts 1 (04/12/02); Celtic 5 Hearts 0 (18/10/03).



### SPL Manager Stats (at current club)

#### Martin O'Neill

Played 133 Won 113 Drawn 13 Lost 7 For 344 Against 80  
Av Pts/game 2.65  
Biggest Win(s) Celtic 7 Aberdeen 0 (03/11/02). Biggest Loss(es) Rangers 5 Celtic 1 (26/11/00).



## BANK OF SCOTLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

### Goal Stats

For		Against	
28	23	62	7

Matches Played		Goals Scored		Minutes per Goal	
19	19	28	23	28	244

### How The Goals are Scored

For		Against	
14	16	36	4
8	2	12	2
5	5	13	1
1	0	1	0

### Type of Play

For		Against	
16	18	39	5
0	1	1	0
4	1	4	1
1	0	8	0
1	1	5	0
2	1	4	1
4	1	1	0

This season **Hearts** have scored an average of **1.47** goals per game, conceding **1.21** goals per game. In the last 6 games they have scored an average of **1.17** goals per game, conceding **1.33** goals per game. They have won an average of **5.6** corners per game this season. On average they score their first goal in a match between **40-50** minutes, conceding first in the **40-50** minute period. **Hearts** have scored **28** goals this season from **112** efforts on target (**25.0%**) conceding **23** goals. **Mark de Vries** has scored their first goal in a match **4** times this season.

This season **Celtic** have scored an average of **3.26** goals per game, conceding **0.37** goals per game. In the last 6 games they have scored an average of **3.17** goals per game, conceding **0.50** goals per game. They have won an average of **6.7** corners per game this season. On average they score their first goal in a match between **20-30** minutes, conceding first in the **40-50** minute period. **Celtic** have scored **62** goals this season from **161** efforts on target (**38.5%**) conceding **7** goals. **Henrik Larsson** has scored their first goal in a match **5** times this season.

### SPL Record (98/99 to present)

Hearts have played 205 Premier League Matches



0-0 Draws	13	Score Draws	33
Won	82	Lost	77

### SPL Record (98/99 to present)

Celtic have played 205 Premier League Matches



0-0 Draws	6	Score Draws	21
Won	155	Lost	23

### Top Scorers

Hearts	Lge	TSC	CIS	Eu	Tot
Mark de Vries	7	0	1	2	10
Andy Kirk	6	0	1	0	7
Phil Stamp	2	0	0	0	2

### Games Since

a win	0	an away defeat	1
a home win	1	a score draw	11
an away win	0	a no score draw	1
a defeat	2	conceding a goal	0
a home defeat	5	scoring a goal	0

### Distance from Goal

For	Ag	For	Ag
12	12	34	5
13	6	21	1
3	5	7	1

### Top Scorers

Celtic	Lge	TSC	CIS	Eu	Tot
Chris Sutton	13	0	0	6	19
Henrik Larsson	16	0	0	3	19
John Hartson	7	1	0	1	9

### Games Since

a win	0	an away defeat	13
a home win	0	a score draw	27
an away win	0	a no score draw	18
a defeat	25	conceding a goal	3
a home defeat	48	scoring a goal	0

### Hearts Player with the most.....

**shots** Scott Severin 27; **shots on target** Mark de Vries 17; **shots off target** Phil Stamp 12; **assists** Joe Hamill 3; **crosses** Phil Stamp 30; **offsides** Mark de Vries 17; **fouls** Mark de Vries 49; **free-kicks won** Scott Severin 37

### Celtic Player with the most.....

**shots** Henrik Larsson 69; **shots on target** Henrik Larsson 42; **shots off target** Henrik Larsson 27; **assists** Alan Thompson 10; **crosses** Alan Thompson 59; **offsides** John Hartson 21; **fouls** Liam Miller 33; **free-kicks won** Stilian Petrov 57

# SEASON STATS 2003/04

## TEAM STATS

The Player With  
The Most.....

Club Name	shots On	shots Off	corners	HW	caught offside	off trap	fouls	yellow cards	red cards	pens award	pens con
Aberdeen	89	82	99	5	58	63	238	24	3	2 (1)	2
Celtic	161	106	128	8	66	27	254	20	2	9 (8)	1
Dundee	107	88	132	3	50	76	242	31	1	3 (3)	3
Dundee Utd	82	71	93	2	52	65	260	37	1	2 (1)	7
Dunfermline	103	93	87	5	44	43	289	21	1	1 (1)	1
Hearts	112	78	106	4	53	71	338	43	0	1 (1)	0
Hibernian	90	101	109	4	41	101	274	33	1	2 (1)	3
Kilmarnock	83	78	92	2	60	83	283	34	3	1 (0)	6
Livingston	107	92	86	3	64	67	323	39	1	3 (2)	4
Motherwell	100	83	117	4	87	39	261	26	1	4 (2)	1
Partick	87	76	89	0	73	56	255	36	2	1 (1)	3
Rangers	160	111	132	8	88	45	241	25	0	4 (3)	2

**Shots** 69 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots on target** 42 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Shots off target** 27 Henrik Larsson (Celtic). **Assists** 10 Henrik Larsson (Celtic), Alan Thompson (Celtic). **Crosses** 59 Alan Thompson (Celtic). **Offsides** 32 Nacho Novo (Dundee). **Fouls** 49 Mark de Vries (Hearts). **Free-kicks won** 57 Stilian Petrov (Celtic)

Off Trap - number of times a side has caught the opposition offside. Pens award - number of penalties the side have been awarded (penalties scored is shown in brackets). Pens Con - number of penalties awarded to opposition HW - Hit Woodwork

### Player Stats

#### Most Shots On Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 42,  
Nacho Novo (Dundee) 33,  
Michael Mols (Rangers) 31,  
Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline)  
25, Mikel Arteta (Rangers) 24,  
Derek Riordan (Hibernian) 24,  
Shota Arveladze (Rangers) 22,  
James Grady (Partick) 21.

#### Most Shots Off Target

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 27,  
Stevie Crawford (Dunfermline)  
23, Garry O'Connor (Hibernian)  
19, Lee Wilkie (Dundee) 18,  
James Grady (Partick) 17,  
Scott Booth (Aberdeen) 17,  
Craig Brewster (Dunfermline)  
16, Derek Riordan (Hibernian)  
16.

#### Most Assists

Henrik Larsson (Celtic) 10, Alan  
Thompson (Celtic) 10, Michael  
Mols (Rangers) 7, Craig  
Brewster (Dunfermline) 5, Chris  
Sutton (Celtic) 5, Garry Brady  
(Dundee) 4, Steve Fulton  
(Kilmarnock) 4, Stanislav Varga  
(Celtic) 4.

#### Most Shots Without a Goal

Darren Young (Dunfermline) 22,  
Fabian Caballero (Dundee) 16,  
Marvin Andrews (Livingston)  
15, Paul Sheerin (Aberdeen)  
15, Mark Kerr (Dundee Utd)  
14, David Fernandez  
(Livingston) 14, Garry Brady  
(Dundee) 14, David Rowson  
(Partick) 13.

## BANK OF SCOTLAND PREMIER LEAGUE



\* Please note all stats up to and  
including 12/01/2004

### Top Goalscorers

	Lge	FA	LC	Eur	Tot
Henrik Larsson	16	0	0	3	19
Chris Sutton	13	0	0	6	19
Nacho Novo	11	0	1	4	16
Stevie Crawford	10	2	2	0	14
James Grady	9	2	1	0	12
Shota Arveladze	10	1	0	1	12
Mark de Vries	7	0	1	2	10
Peter Lovenkrands	6	1	1	2	10
John Hartson	7	1	0	1	9
David Clarkson	6	2	0	0	8
Derek Riordan	5	0	3	0	8
Alan Thompson	7	0	0	1	8
Derek Lilley	8	0	0	0	8
Mikel Arteta	7	0	0	1	8
Craig Brewster	5	1	1	0	7
Michael Mols	6	0	0	1	7
Scott Booth	6	0	1	0	7
Colin Nish	6	1	0	0	7
Andy Kirk	6	0	1	0	7

### Goals Per Match Ratio (By Ground)

Deals with total number of goals scored on each ground

Ground	Home Team	M	GIS	G/M
Celtic Park	Celtic	10	46	4.60
Ibrox Stadium	Rangers	9	33	3.67
Rugby Park	Kilmarnock	9	28	3.11
Firhill Stadium	Partick	9	28	3.11
Pittodrie Stadium	Aberdeen	10	31	3.10
Easter Road Stadium	Hibernian	10	27	2.70
Fir Park Stadium	Motherwell	10	27	2.70
Tannadice Park	Dundee Utd	9	24	2.67
Tynecastle Stadium	Hearts	9	23	2.56
East End Park	Dunfermline	10	25	2.50
Dens Park stadium	Dundee	10	20	2.00
The City Stadium	Livingston	9	12	1.33

### Fastest Goal Of The Season

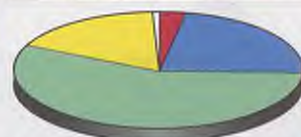
#### From the start of a match

Craig Brewster (Dunfermline vs Hibernian) 0:42

#### By a substitute after coming on

Billy Dodds (Dundee Utd vs Rangers) 0:36

### 2003/04 Season Goals



Team	Average	Best	Against
Celtic	58,479	59,609	Hibernian
Rangers	49,511	49,962	Aberdeen
Hearts	12,384	16,632	Hibernian
Aberdeen	10,886	16,348	Rangers
Hibernian	9,953	14,803	Hearts
Dundee Utd	8,175	12,292	Dundee
Dundee	7,629	10,948	Rangers
Kilmarnock	7,531	12,460	Celtic
Motherwell	6,597	10,824	Rangers
Dunfermline	6,478	10,082	Celtic
Livingston	6,393	9,627	Rangers
Partick	5,005	9,045	Celtic



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## CHRIS ROBINSON

THE HEARTS CHIEF EXECUTIVE DELIVERS  
HIS MESSAGE TO THE FANS

 ur guests, Celtic, visit Tynecastle for the first time this season as League leaders and favourites for the title and automatic Champions League slot. Heart of Midlothian FC welcome the Celtic party to Tynecastle.

Earlier in the week the Club held its 98th Annual General Meeting in a packed Gorgie Suite.

On the night I was for the first time able to fully state the case behind the plans for a move to Murrayfield. Whilst the meeting was emotional and passionate, the majority of shareholders were pleased to have the facts and position fully outlined.

The Club will now prepare for an Extraordinary General Meeting and be in a position to fully engage in communication and debate about how we take matters forward over the coming months. There

were calls on the night of the AGM for unity amongst the support and backing for the team and Club rather than a stadium. In the months ahead it is important to retain the support of everyone for the team.

We hope that those supporters who have reservations about Murrayfield can now see that our options are limited and that they retain an open mind.

Today's match is the first of a double-header here in Edinburgh versus Celtic. The second match in the 4th Round of the Tennent's Scottish Cup kicks off at the early time of 12.15 p.m. for Sky Television on Saturday 7th February.

Both matches will be important to our season and should make for good entertainment value.

Chief Executive

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DENS PARK



MDV CELEBRATES HIS STRIKE



MDV IN ACTION



look back at the statistics since Craig Levein took over as head coach at Tynecastle suggests Hearts are a stronger team in the second half of a season. But at Dens Park it was the Jambos ability to produce a stronger performance in the second half of the game that ensured all three points.

Hearts moved three points clear of fourth-place Dunfermline with a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Dundee. A lot of the time it wasn't pretty, especially in the first half, but just when some people were beginning to question whether this Hearts team had perhaps lost its resilience, that quality once again was evident as Levein's men picked up a vital three points, and their first win away from home since victory at Aberdeen on November 9th. The only other chance in a bitterly disappointing first half fell to Dundee midfielder Neil Jablonski

just two minutes from the break, but he fired over from twenty yards when a bit more composure could have resulted in Craig Gordon being tested.

Thankfully for the 6387 fans in attendance the second half was much improved and the Hearts fans in attendance were on their feet to celebrate the opening goal after just 65 seconds of the second period. Good work from Neil MacFarlane and Andy Kirk in midfield released Alan Maybury down the right flank, he delivered the perfect cross and Mark de Vries was there to head home his ninth goal of the season.

However, the Jambos were left to rue several missed chances when Dundee broke upfield to equalise. Gordon raced off his line to try and block Nacho Novo but the ball ricocheted to Duncan McLean, who drilled the ball home from eighteen yards through a ruck of bodies. The



ALAN MAYBURY CELEBRATES HIS GOAL

KISNORBO KEEPS A WATCHFUL EYE

game was heading for stalemate but with seven minutes left Alan Maybury met Robert Sloan's cut-back and drove home from twelve yards to ensure all three points were heading back to Tynecastle.

Hearts: Gordon, Maybury, Pressley, Webster, Kisnorbo, Stamp (Sloan 12), MacFarlane, Hartley, Valois (Neilson 53), Kirk (Wyness 76), de Vries  
Not used: Moilanen, Weir

Booked: Hartley, de Vries

Dundee: Speroni, Mackay, Wilkie, Sancho, Hernandez, Smith, Jablonski (Robb 69), Fotheringham, Brady, Novo, McLean (Milne 85)

Not used: Soutar, McDonald, Cameron  
Booked: Wilkie

Referee: C Thomson

Top Man: Alan Maybury



**HEARTS MOVED THREE POINTS CLEAR OF FOURTH-PLACE DUNFERMLINE WITH A HARD-FOUGHT 2-1 VICTORY AGAINST DUNDEE.**



## ANDY KIRK

HAS A RAFT OF REASONS TO TURN ON THE STYLE AGAIN TODAY AGAINST CELTIC.



he Hearts star is desperate to beat the Hoops and re-ignite the Jambos Euro hopes.

But he also wants to impress boss Craig Levein to earn a new deal plus keep his name in the frame for international recognition when the new Northern Ireland boss takes over this month.

Kirk said: "When the new International manager comes in, I hope to get a run in the team,

"But we will see what happens, first and foremost it is more important that I do well for Hearts.

"One follows the other really in that if you are doing well for your club then you have a good chance of being noticed for Northern Ireland.

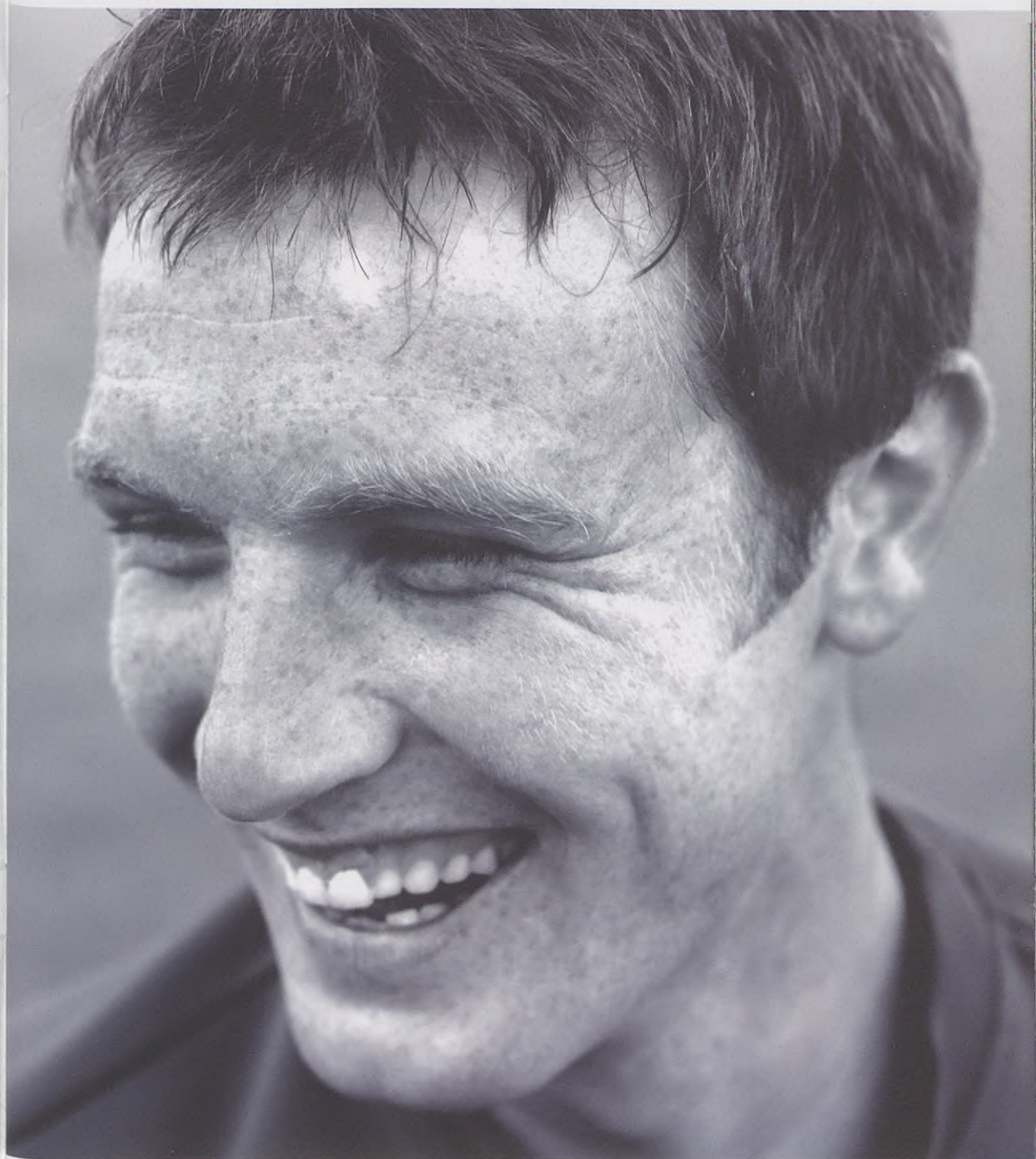
"They are also similar in having young and relatively small squads to an extent. And at Northern Ireland we could be a decent side in a few years time."

But Kirk quickly pointed out: "That is all in the future, the most important thing is the game with Celtic and trying to get back to winning ways at Hearts. >



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"My contract runs out at the end of the season and we will see what happens. But I would love to stay"

Andy Kirk



"It is another league game, but Celtic are top of the league and flying and at the minute we have got to pick up on our results after some poor form lately.

"And the thing is with playing the Old Firm you really have got to be on your game for these matches."

Kirk was signed by former Tynecastle team chief Jim Jefferies five years ago and stressed that he'd love to stay at the club.

"I signed from Glentoran," said Kirk, "and at the time I was coming back and forward to play in reserve games before I actually moved over.

"It was a totally different experience to Irish football and a lot tougher. The fitness levels were higher, but now I've been here for five years at Hearts I have adapted.

"My contract runs out at the end of the season and we will see what happens. But I would love to stay. >





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"In my five years I have gone on to know the supporters and they've been tremendous to me. It's a good club and a big club.

"But at the end of the day you have to be offered a new deal and Hearts have not spoken to me yet.

"My wife, Karen, and I are expecting our first baby at the end of January and so it is important for me to get a deal and look after my family.

"Hopefully it will work out and I can stay at Hearts and we can also get into Europe again. I have played against a few teams now in European competition in my five years.

"I started against Sparta Prague, then Haifa from Israel and also played against Stuttgart.

"And of course we've also come up against Bordeaux and Zeljeznicar this season plus an Icelandic team too a few seasons back.

"So with five caps at international level I have a bit of experience behind me now."



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**I** don't think many would disagree that our visitors today deserve the plaudits that have come their way this season. They have been head and shoulders above the rest of the league in quality and, more importantly, consistency and despite protestations from the manager, are undoubtedly the champions elect. That said I don't believe the team will come to Tynecastle today over confident and will still remember the defeat here in April that effectively cost them the league.

The unfortunate thing for fans of non Old Firm clubs is that these days happen all too infrequently and therefore live long in the memory. If Austin McCann never scores another goal in his career he will always be remembered for that wonder strike that won the match and nearly sent Forth 2's match commentator Mark Donaldson apoplectic! Of such events are legends created. Belt tightening is a fact of life now for every team in Scotland and we now expect young talent to be snapped up by bigger teams. However, when it happens to one of the big two it comes as a bit of

a shock. Young Liam Miller's deal with Manchester United shows that no club is immune from losing talent and that is sad in the extreme for the future of our game.

On a brighter note, the response to the half time guests has been remarkable. The former players come to Tynecastle usually as guests of the Federation of Hearts Supporters Clubs and make our half time draw. Many have been genuinely moved by the reaction from the fans and have vowed to return. A case in point is Drew Busby who returned to Tynecastle for the Bordeaux match.

It was Drew's first visit since his playing days and he told me beforehand that he would be lucky if anyone remembered him. How wrong he was and he was visibly moved by the reception he received. If you'd like to suggest a former star then drop an e-mail to [scott@scottwilson.co.uk](mailto:scott@scottwilson.co.uk) and I'll pass it on. Top of my list is former 'keeper Jim Cruickshank who I'd love to see at Tynecastle again.

**Enjoy today's match and give the team your backing.**

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<i>Breast Surface:</i>	<i>Any unusual swelling or dimpling? Do the veins stand out more than usual?</i>
<i>Skin:</i>	<i>Is it puckered? Is there a rash or any odd colouring?</i>
<i>Feel:</i>	<i>Is there any lump or thickening?</i>

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MARK DE VRIES

home games appear in bold

number in grey denotes player replaced

number in red denotes number of goals scored

coloured block denotes yellow and red cards

FIXTURES & RESULTS			COMPETITIONS								BOSPL - Bank of Scotland Premier League CISCP - CIS Insurance Cup		UEFA - UEFA Cup SCP - Scottish Cup		
DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULTS-ATT													
<b>AUGUST</b>															
SAT 9	ABERDEEN H	W 2-0 14,260													
SUN 17	HIBERNIAN A	L 0-1 14,803													
SAT 23	DUNDEE UNITED H	W 3-0 11,395													
SUN 31	DUNFERMLINE H	W 1-0 11,934													
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>															
SAT 13	KILMARNOCK A	W 2-0 6,925													
SUN 21	RANGERS H	L 0-4 14,732													
WED 24	ZELJEZNICAR H UEFA R1L1	W 2-0 15,815													
SAT 27	MOTHERWELL A	D 1-1 5,888													
<b>OCTOBER</b>															
SAT 4	DUNDEE H	2-2 11,348													
WED 15	ZELJEZNICAR A UEFA R1L2	0-0 9,000													
SAT 18	CELTIC A	0-5 59,560													
SAT 25	PARTICK THISTLE A	4-1 4,814													
WED 29	FALKIRK H CIS3	2-1 8,649													
<b>NOVEMBER</b>															
SAT 1	LIVINGSTON H	3-1 11,233													
THUR 6	BORDEAUX A UEFA R2L1	1-0 15,536													
SAT 8	ABERDEEN A	1-0 9,687													
SAT 22	HIBERNIAN H	2-0 16,632													
THUR 27	BORDEAUX H UEFA R2L2	0-2 17,587													
SAT 29	DUNDEE UNITED A	1-2 6,343													
<b>DECEMBER</b>															
WED 3	DUNDEE CISCP QF	0-1 7,130													
SAT 6	DUNFERMLINE A	1-2 6,199													
SAT 13	KILMARNOCK H	2-1 9,881													
SAT 20	RANGERS A	1-2 49,592													
SAT 27	MOTHERWELL H	0-0 10,046													
<b>JANUARY</b>															
TUE 6	DUNDEE A	2-1 6,387													
SAT 10	BERWICK RANGERS H SCP3	2-0 8,428													
SAT 17	CELTIC H														
SAT 24	PARTICK THISTLE H														
SAT 31	LIVINGSTON A														
<b>FEBRUARY</b>															
TUE 3	CIS SEMI-FINAL OR CISCP														
THURS 5	CIS SEMI-FINAL CISCP														
SAT 7	SFA CUP ROUND 4 SCP														
<b>WED 11</b>	ABERDEEN H														
SAT 14	HIBERNIAN A														
SAT 21	DUNDEE UNITED H														
SAT 28	DUNFERMLINE A														
<b>MARCH</b>															
SAT 6	KILMARNOCK A (SFA CUP 5)														
SAT 13	RANGERS H														
SUN 14	CIS FINAL CISCP														
SAT 20	MOTHERWELL A														
SAT 27	DUNDEE H														
<b>APRIL</b>															
SAT 3	CELTIC A														
SAT 10	PARTICK THISTLE A														
SUN 11	SFA CUP SEMI-FINAL SCP														
SAT 17	LIVINGSTON H														
SAT 24	GAME 34														
<b>MAY</b>															
SAT 1	GAME 35														
SAT 8	GAME 36														
WED 12	GAME 37														
SUN 16	GAME 38														
SAT 22	SFA CUP FINAL														

BANK OF SCOTLAND PREMIER LEAGUE									
TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS		
CELTIC	19	18	1	0	62	7	55		
RANGERS	19	14	2	3	43	18	44		
HEARTS	19	10	3	6	28	23	33		
DUNFERMLINE	19	8	6	5	25	27	30		
MOTHERWELL	19	6	6	7	20	22	24		
LIVINGSTON	19	5	8	6	21	22	23		
HIBERNIAN	19	6	4	9	20	33	22		
DUNDEE UTD	19	5	5	9	18	32	20		
KILMARNOCK	19	6	2	11	24	41	20		
ABERDEEN	19	5	4	10	23	34	19		
DUNDEE	19	4	6	9	21	27	18		
PARTICK	19	2	3	14	19	38	9		

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES								
PLAYER NAME	2003   2004 SEASON				HEARTS CAREER TOTAL			
	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS	LEAGUE APPS	LEAGUE GOALS	CUP APPS	CUP GOALS
C GORDON	10		5		11		6	
T MOILANEN	9		2		23		3	
A MAYBURY	15+1	2	6		78	4	13	
A MCCANN	6		0+1		39	1	6	
S PRESSLEY	15	2	5		180	8	35	3
K MCKENNA	8+7		3+2		92	14	12	1
A WEBSTER	15+1		6	1	68	2	13	1
S SEVERIN	17	1	4+3		140	13	25	2
P STAMP	14+1	2	4		39	6	8	
M DE VRIES	16+2	6	7	3	50	21	11	3
A KIRK	9+4	8	3+1	1	103	32	19	2
J VALOIS	5+6		4+2		49	2	10	2
S BOYACK	0+4		1		60	1	9	
N MCFARLANE	14+3		5		38		8	
G WALES	0+1				91	17	13	2
R NEILSON	8+3		4+1		36		11	
D WYNESS	9+5	1	3+3		14	1	6	
P HARTLEY	13+1	1	5+2		14	1	7	
S SIMMONS	1+4	1	1+1		65	7	7	1
P KISNORBO	14+1		7		15		7	
G WEIR	2+4	1	1+1		36	5	4	
N JANCZYK					8		2	
R SLOAN	4+1		0+1		12	1	1	
J HAMILL	4+2		0+2	1	12	2	1	
D MCGEOWN					1		1	
P MCMULLAN	1+1				19		3	
C BERRA			0+2				2	
OWN GOAL			3					

THIS SEASON'S TOP SCORERS				THIS SEASON'S TOP HOME GATES			LAST THREE FIXTURES	
PLAYER NAME	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL	DATE	OPPONENTS	ATTENDANCE	OPPONENTS	RESULT
ANDY KIRK	8	1	9	27 NOV 2003	BORDEAUX	17,587	BERWICK (H) SCP3	WON 2-0
MARK DE VRIES	6	3	9	22 NOV 2003	HIBS	16,632	DUNDEE (A)	WON 2-1
STEVEN PRESSLEY	2	-	2	24 SEPT 2003	ZELJEZNICAR	15,815	MOTHERWELL (H)	DREW 0-0

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## HEARTS NEWS

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### MILESTONE



ARK DE VRIES chalked up his 50th League appearance for the Club in the delayed SPL fixture at Den's Park. He celebrated the occasion by scoring the first goal in the 2-1 win.

### JOE OFF THE MARK

JOE HAMILL scored his first competitive goal for the Club in the Cup match against Berwick Rangers last Saturday. Joe opened his first team goal account against Hamilton in a pre-season challenge match. The second goal, against Berwick, was Hearts 50th goal of the season, in all games including pre-season friendlies.

### PAUL GOES NEIL RETURNS

PAUL McMULLAN has joined First Division Queen of the South on a six-month loan deal which will keep him there until the end of the current season. NEIL JANCZYK has returned to Tynecastle following a six-month loan period at Alloa Athletic.

### MORE WOE FOR SKIPPER

Steven Pressley's comeback after four games out of action lasted less than twenty minutes against Kilmarnock following a reoccurrence of a thigh strain. At the time of writing we do not know how serious Steven's latest knock is. However Elvis's absence may open up another opportunity for youngster Christophe Berra, who appeared twice on the bench as cover in defence. This central defender made his first team debut as a sub against Dundee United.

### IDLE UNDER 21S

The UNDER-21 Side have been virtually redundant over the last few weeks due to bad weather wiping out four of the last five scheduled Monday night fixtures. At the time of writing, however, the U21s were due to play Aberdeen at Pittodrie on Monday 12 January, and Dundee United at Stirling in a re-arranged fixture on Wednesday the 14th.

Steven Boyack, who has recovered from a painful hernia injury, was due to make a playing comeback after turning out in a bounce game with the Youth side, but this idea has been put on hold as the player has a niggling knee injury.

### SFA YOUTH CUP

Hearts have been drawn away to Livingston in the Quarterfinals of the U19 SFA Youth Cup. This match has been scheduled for Wednesday 18th February at the City Stadium, kick-off 7 pm. Youth players Jason Thomson and Calum Elliott are both away with the Scotland Under 17s in Malta, more about this item in a future issue.

### SCOTTISH CUP 4TH ROUND DRAW

Hearts have been drawn against Celtic at Tynecastle in the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup, with the full draw as follows:

Kilmarnock	v	Rangers
<b>HEARTS</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>CELTIC</b>
Spartans	v	Livingston
Motherwell	v	Queen of the South
Clyde	v	Dunfermline



JOE HAMILL ⇨



STEVEN BOYACK IS  
CLOSE TO A RETURN  
TO ACTION

St Mirren v Inverness Cal. Thistle  
Partick Thistle v Hamilton  
Falkirk v Aberdeen or Dundee

Ties due 7th/8th February

#### TICKET INFORMATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING GAMES

#### SCOTTISH CUP - 4TH ROUND HEARTS V CELTIC

Saturday 7th February, Kick-off 12.15pm.

This match will be televised live on SKY Sports.

Gold Season Ticket Holders are reminded that this game is included in their package, voucher 22 will be required for entry at the Turnstiles.

Maroon & Jambo Season Tickets Holders have until Saturday 31st January to purchase their own seat. Seats will be released for Public Sale thereafter, a voucher is not requested. Prices for this Cup fixture are as follows:

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Today, Secretary John Borthwick and members from Lauderdale Hearts Supporters Club are delighted to welcome Bobby Kirk and Davie Holt.

Bobby joined the Club from Raith Rovers in May 1955, and excelled in both full back positions. An enthusiastic competitor, he also provided additional cover as a centre half. He was also a skilled penalty taker when called upon if Bobby Parker was out injured. In a match against Hibernian in August 1954 Bobby, having already successfully converted two penalty kicks, was called upon to take a third.

However, his effort struck a post to deny him the honour of becoming the first Hearts player to achieve the feat. In all, Bobby scored twelve goals for the Club, all from the penalty spot. A model of consistency during his seven seasons at Tynecastle, Bobby won two Scottish League winners medals, two Scottish League Cup winners medals and a Scottish Cup winners medal.

Davie was signed from Queens Park in 1960 and soon made the left back position his own following George Thomson's move to Everton. A small but

sturdily built player, he could time his tackles and interceptions to perfection and became a mainstay in the Hearts' defence. His consistency and reliability were soon rewarded with both domestic and international honours. Davie spent nine years at the Club before moving to Partick Thistle in 1969. In addition to winning a Scottish League Cup winners medal with the Club, Davie also represented the Scottish League and was capped at Under 23 and full International level.

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**H**earts duly secured their place in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup with a comfortable victory over Berwick Rangers at Tynecastle, a first-half own goal from Mark Cowan and a second half peach from Joe Hamill enough to see the home side through.

With memories fresh in the mind of Wee Rangers' last visit to Tynecastle, when the home side required two late goals to finally subdue Paul Smith's side, no one in the Hearts' camp was taking the Second Division side lightly. The visitors soon showed that they meant business when Grant McNicholl's long-range effort in the first minute was gobbled up by the well-positioned Craig Gordon in the home side's goal.

Hearts began the match sluggishly but did come close to taking the lead with ten minutes on the clock, Paul Hartley bursting past his marker on the right before delivering a deep cross towards the far post, which David Murie just managed to touch away from the lurking Andy Kirk.

Kirk then had a swing at fresh air as Hartley's left-wing corner dropped invitingly inside the six-yard box and then the Ulsterman only half-connected with an Alan Maybury cross from the right as the home side tried to step up the pressure.

That pressure eventually told just before the half-hour mark when Robert Sloan's short corner was whipped in nicely by Alan Maybury and as Andy Webster challenged, it was the unfortunate Cowan who got the touch to send the ball spinning beyond his own goalkeeper and into the net.

The visitors' late first-half flurry failed to trouble Gordon and indeed it was the home side that came closer as the interval approached, Neil Inglis dropping to his left to grasp Hartley's curling free-kick from 25 yards.

Berwick then came close to equalising right at the start of the second period. David Murie's low cross from the right so nearly turned home at the far post by Gary McCutcheon, but as the part-timers

began to tire, the home side finally sealed things midway through the half with a fine, first senior goal from substitute Hamill.

Sloan's pass to Maybury down the right was the one that unlocked the defence, and the Irishman took full advantage with a low, driven cross that evaded both Mark De Vries and Dennis Wyness, before being slotted home from four yards by Hamill.

Hearts: Gordon; Maybury, Pressley (Neilson 77), Webster, Kishnorbo; Hartley, Severin, Macfarlane (Hamill 63), Sloan; Kirk (Wyness 53), De Vries

Not used: Moilanen, Weir

Berwick Rangers: Inglis; Murie, Cowan, McNicholl, Neill (Bennett 82); Connolly (Connell 82), Forrest, Neil, Hampshire (Hilland 82); McCutcheon, Hutchison

Not used: Godfrey, Bracks  
Booked: Connolly

Referee: W Young

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## HEARTS 7000TH LEAGUE GOAL

**T**he Club hit another milestone in its long proud history by scoring their 7000th League Goal at Ibrox on the 20th December. Ironically, the historic goal came at the same venue that Hearts scored their first ever Championship goal from the legendary ISSAC BEGBIE in a 5-2 defeat against Rangers in August 1890.

Just over twenty years later, BOBBY WALKER, possibly the Club's finest player, and as yet Hearts most capped player with 29 Scotland Caps, scored the 1000th goal against Airdrieonians at Tynecastle on the 19th November, 1910. An increased number of League fixtures meant a shorter period of time was required for a further thousand of goals to add to the total. DAVE EDGAR scored the club's 2000th against Motherwell at Tynecastle on the 5th February 1927.

The fine Hearts sides of the late 1920s and 1930s regularly scored in excess of eighty League goals per season, and therefore, took just over eleven and a half years to achieve the next milestone, TOMMY BROWN notching number 3000th against Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy on 26th November 1938.

Fittingly, the 4000th was scored by the club's top goalscorer, the one and only JIMMY WARDHAUGH, who's historic goal came against Aberdeen at Tynecastle on the 7th March 1953. This latest thousand took under fifteen years despite the fact that the top League (the A Division) had been

reduced, with a maximum of thirty fixtures until the mid-1950s. Hearts success in the mid to late Fifties, and Early Sixties, saw League goals come by the bucketful with the result that it was almost twelve years to the day that another thousand were scored. Defender/midfielder and part time striker DANNY FERGUSON with the all-important goal against Greenock Morton in a 3-2 win at Cappielow Park on the 10th March 1965.

During the next twenty years, the Club went through a period of highs and lows with the latter prominent during a spell in the late 1960s and the mid to late 1970s in particular. During this time the goal tally averaged just a single goal per game. It is not surprising, therefore, that it took almost twenty years for the 6000th goal to come. This landmark was reached with the help of JIMMY BONE in the final minute of a 5-2 defeat against Dundee United at Tannadice Park on the 15th December 1984.

Then, almost 18 years to the day, goal number 7000 arrived courtesy of ANDY KIRK'S tenth minute goal on the 20th December. The modern game has perhaps made it more difficult for players to score as many goals, however, let's hope it does not take too long for the next thousand to hit the back of the net.

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I was 5-years-old on the day of the Tennent's Scottish Cup final on the 16th of May 1998. In the mouth-watering anticipation of the game I had little sleep and was woken up by my dad. I got all of my kit on and from head to toe was in maroon. We then went to Haymarket station where we would meet a bunch of friends to go to Parkhead for the match. I looked, and every man there must have had a hearts scarf or jersey on and, I was so excited!

Typically, it was straight to the pub when we reached Glasgow for my dad's "pre-match pint" as he called it. The place was mobbed and the banter of football back in the 50s and everything began between my dad and his mates. I sat with my coke bored to death! How was I supposed to know who Willie Hamilton and Tommy Walker are? To my relief we soon went in a cab to the ground.

I had butterflies as I walked out of the taxi heading for the north stand of Celtic Park. As I got out, a sea of blue jerseys appeared in front of me. One of the men came up to me and said, "Is this a wee Gary Naysmith then?" in a very patronising way.

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I thought to myself "I hope you score Gary - that'll shut him up!"

I then got to the turnstiles and I reluctantly pushed the bar forward because it reminded me of the disappointment I had in the two previous meetings in the final between rangers, but it had to get better this time, surely? I didn't want to return home with tears in my eyes this time after a 5-1 thrashing! The atmosphere was electric as Steve Fulton cut up the Rangers defence. He was put to the deck from the side and it seemed to go in slow motion as I looked over. The ref. raised his hand and a massive cheer went up. Colin Cameron stood up and bravely slotted it past Andy Goram to put hearts 1-0 up. I couldn't believe it!

The whistle went for the second half to start and the atmosphere picked up again. Stephane Adam picked up the ball in a dangerous position and the whole stand slowly got to their feet. It shook the back of the net and jubilation was in the air.

It wasn't Gary Naysmith, but it was good enough! They came back with a goal from Ally McCoist and I thought the unthinkable would happen. After 10 minutes of tension and swearing all around me, the final whistle went. What an amazing day!

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"I spent six great season at Hearts and have a lot of good memories of my time there."

Tosh McKinlay



## TOSH MCKINLAY

AFTER JOINING HEARTS FROM DUNDEE IN 1989, TOSH MCKINLAY WATCHED AS GORGIE TEAM-MATES SUCH AS DAVE MCPHERSON, CRAIG LEVEIN, GARY MACKAY AND JOHN ROBERTSON WERE ALL CAPPED FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

**I**t was at this stage of his career that the defender began to think his own international prospects had gone, after all his 30th birthday was in sight and there hadn't been a whiff of a cap.

But almost overnight his fortunes changed, a dream move to boyhood heroes Celtic materialised in 1994 and before long he was an established member of Craig Brown's Scotland squad, McKinlay making his debut in 1-0 win over Greece in a European Championship qualifier at Hampden Park in August the following year.

He went on to play in Euro 96 and graced the biggest stage of them all when he lined up against Brazil in the opening game of France 98 in Paris - he won the last of his 22 caps in the 3-0 defeat from Morocco as the Scots bowed out of the World Cup on a low note.

McKinlay's sudden rise to international prominence in the mid-90s is a prime example of one of the benefits of playing for the Old Firm, as he readily acknowledges.

"I spent six great season at Hearts and have a lot of good memories of my time there, he said.

"I didn't win anything but the European nights were fantastic, particularly the 1-0 win over Bayern Munich in Edinburgh.

"I played in a number of semi-finals but we just couldn't make it all the way in the end and that's why I was delighted when they eventually managed to lift the Scottish Cup under Jim Jefferies. The longer these runs go on, the more a jinx you can start to think there is so it must have been a great relief for the club when they lifted that trophy.

"As a Celtic supporter it was a big move for me when I got the chance to go to Parkhead and it's then that the door to Scotland opened for me.

"I won my first cap at the age of 29, which just goes to show that it's never too late. But I must admit I thought that chance had passed me by after I had spent six seasons at Tynecastle without forcing my way into the Scotland scene."

He added: "But things are different when you are playing for a high-profile club like Celtic. I kept plugging away and then there I was in the Scotland set-up. But to be honest, I never felt like I was doing anything different to when I was at Hearts."

As Celtic prepare to go into battle with the Jambos this afternoon, the Murrayfield issue continues to hang over the Gorgie outfit with relocation seeming imminent as the club looks to sell Tynecastle to help service its £17.6million debt.

And McKinlay admits it will be a sad day if >



PAUL KIDDIE



the club is eventually forced to quit its spiritual home. "I have had a foot in both camps and know just how good a stadium Tynecastle is to play football in," he said.

"As a Hearts player, we always loved when the Old Firm came to town because of the atmosphere which was created with the crowd so close to the pitch.

"And when I was with Celtic, Tynecastle was always a fixture we'd look out for and a game we'd be delighted to emerge from unscathed.

"There is no doubt in my mind that it will be sad if Hearts have to leave as they are going to lose so much atmosphere. I have tried to keep tabs on the situation and I don't know everything that's going on but it seems to me that whatever they try to do Murrayfield, it is going to be like

a ghost town compared to Tynecastle."

McKinlay is currently involved in combining his football agency work with fitness coaching in schools in the Glasgow area.

In tandem with former Celtic skipper Paul McStay, the pair are helping the youngsters become more aware of the importance of exercise and basic lifestyle.

"It's great being involved with the kids and helping them improve their habits and awareness of fitness," he said.

As to his thoughts on today's clash? "It is going to be tight but Celtic are such a strong side that I can't see past them. Craig Levein will have Hearts well drilled and if they get the first goal then they might have a chance but it's an away win for me." <

# Memorabilia



Earlier in the season, I featured a League Cup Winner's medal won by Dave Mackay. Today, we take a look at another item of memorabilia presented personally to a Hearts player, Jimmy Briscoe.

You might be aware that when Wembley Stadium was originally opened in 1923, it was used for the Empire Exhibition of that year. However, you are less likely to have heard of the Empire Exhibition of 1938, based in Bellahouston Park in Glasgow.

Empire Exhibitions were infrequent events designed to assist understanding between the different countries of the Empire, and to show us Brits what was happening in our colonies overseas. This was done by means of elaborate Pavilions which represented the various countries coloured pink on the atlas and demonstrating the latest innovations from around the Empire.

What better way, then, to understand our friends from Africa, India and the Caribbean than by organising a football tournament for eight teams, four from Scotland (including Hearts) and four from England!

At this time, Hearts were runners-up in the League in 1937-8 behind today's opponents Celtic, and their first match was on 29th June 1938 against Brentford, who were then a powerhouse of the English game. Having dispatched Brentford 1-0, the team had a whole 24 hours to recover before taking on Celtic before 48,000. Alas, Hearts lost 1-0 and Celtic went

on to win the trophy.

I can only imagine that every player taking part in the tournament received one of these trophies. It doesn't show up on the photo but the plate on the front says "The Empire Exhibition (Scotland) 1938 Football Trophy." This was followed by "J. Briscoe, Heart of Midlothian F.C."


Jimmy Briscoe was an Englishman who was born in St. Helens. A flying right winger, he was signed in October 1937 for £1,250 from Preston North End and scored 17 times for the Club in 1938-39 when he was part of a fantastic forward line of Briscoe, Walker, Garrett, Black and Warren. After the Second World War, he was sold to Northampton Town where he later took up a coaching position.

The trophy itself was, according to its base, "Made by Edwards, Jewellers and Silversmiths of Buchanan Street, Glasgow". It is about 6 inches high and its strange art deco design depicts the Tait Tower, the huge and bizarre-looking centrepiece of the Exhibition.

This trophy is now 66 years old and I have only once seen others of its kind sold at auction. If you are lucky enough to have one, you could probably sell it at auction for about £250-300.

If you have any Hearts memorabilia to sell, contact Gary at [cowen@falcon-chambers.com](mailto:cowen@falcon-chambers.com)





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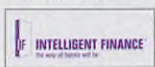
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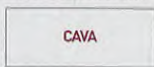


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## Boumsong deal is in no danger

By Darrell King

FRENCH defender Jean Alain Boumsong will be at Rangers next season - but he won't be earning £40,000-a-week.

The Bosman free from Auxerre refused to confirm in a weekend interview he had signed a five-year deal.

However, his agent, Willie MacKay, said today from Monaco: "Boumsong will be a Rangers player next season - there is no doubt about that."

The 23-year-old was unhappy about di-

cussing his move to Rangers, as Auxerre are fourth and chasing the French title.

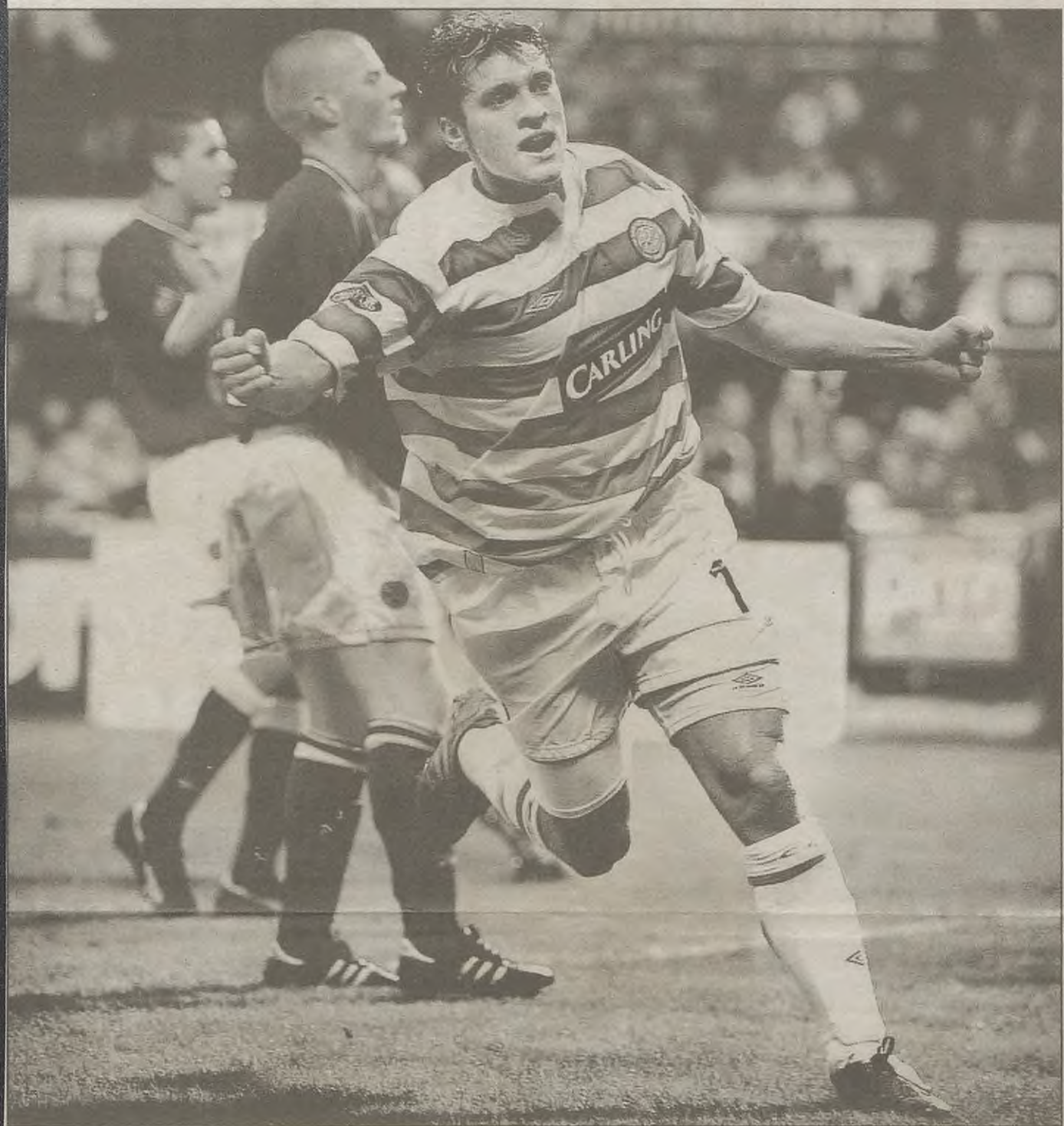
He knows players in his situation can be affected by hysteria, and accused of losing heart for their current employers.

"I am under contract for six months, and there is still a lot of work for me to do here," Boumsong said.

"I don't want to say 'That's it, I'm off' - I just want to concentrate on my job."

Asked if Rangers were worried about

# firm to emerge victorious from Tynecastle battlefield



**STAN THE MAN:** Stilian Petrov turns to celebrate his first-half strike which secured the points for Celtic. Pictures: Jim Galloway

past Rab Douglas even once was down to a combination of stout defending, safe handling by the rejuvenated Hoops keeper, and the occasional piece of poor finishing.

Indeed, if Mark de Vries was half as good at putting the ball in the net as he is at battling with defenders, he would be one of Europe's top strikers.

However, he isn't, so he can't claim that title.

Which is why, after making two saves inside the first two minutes of the game, the remainder of Douglas's shift consisted of plucking crosses from the congested airspace in front of him.

**N**OT that anyone in the Celtic technical area or, indeed, in the team, was able to rest easily until the final whistle blew.

The spectre of what happened back in April ensured they were living on their nerves right up until they reached the sanctuary of the dressing room.

In the case of Douglas, it literally was sanctuary, the big keeper having been struck by a coin thrown by a thug situated in the notorious N1 section of the Tynecastle ground in front of the main stand.

To his credit, Douglas made little of the seventh minute

incident. Not so wisely, he chose to toss the offending missile back from whence it came, an action which Leeds' Alan Smith would tell him can have serious consequences.

Perhaps he was simply trying to make a contribution to the vociferous Keep Hearts at Tynecastle fighting fund.

Mind you, if the club do decant to Murrayfield, at least Douglas would be safer, as the running track around the rugby stadium would mean it would take a mighty long throw to hit him with a missile.

Throwing coins - Sutton was also reported to have been a target in the second half - was not all the authorities, on and off the pitch, had to contend with.

The elbow allegedly thrown by Hartson at Hearts defender Webster off the ball was also a flash point in a super-charged afternoon.

Referee Kenny Clark saw nothing of the second-minute incident as he was in the visitors' penalty box at the time lecturing Douglas about who was in charge of the game.

As Webster lay pole axed, Clark's attention was drawn to the scene of the crime, just inside Hearts' half, by his assistant, Brian McGarry, and several aggrieved home players.

After consulting with his

linesman, Clark called over Hartson, who was indicating he had merely been involved in a bit of shoulder argey-bargey.

To the obvious relief of the Welshman, the colour of the card produced was yellow not red.

**L**IKE the fan held by police on suspicion of throwing the coin at Douglas, insufficient evidence was available to throw the book at him.

Celtic were fortunate to continue with a full complement of men. But the incident, and what Hearts perceived as the injustice of the punishment, acted as a catalyst for their endeavour.

The price Celtic had to pay was having maroon clad opponents in their faces and on their toes for the rest of the match, pressing and using harrying tactics which made for an all-action 90 minutes.

Hearts boss Craig Levein less than eloquently summed it up when he admitted he was pleased by "the lack of respect we showed Celtic." That Celtic emerged unscathed is down to their willingness not to yield.

That they took all three points is down to the one moment of cool finishing in a match of snatched opportunities.

The man to make the difference was Petrov, continuing his hot streak of scoring after a near drought for the first four months of the campaign.

The hard working Henrik Larsson - who, worryingly for Celtic, appears to have allowed his first touch and eye for goal to have already left on a pre-contract agreement - was the provider.

His attempt to thread a pass to the fast-breaking Chris Sutton was foiled by Webster just inside Hearts' half. But the ball broke back to the alert Swede, and he re-directed his pass down the right where Petrov had found space.

One touch to set his sights, and the Bulgarian unleashed a low drive from 14 yards which went through the legs of keeper Craig Gordon and pinged the back of the net.

Petrov's name went into the book for his celebration, holding his hands to his ears in mocking fashion as he wheeled away from the Jambos fans.

Before the tousy affair was over, he and Hartson had been joined in the book by Sutton, Pearson and sub Craig Beattie plus Hearts' Alan Maybury, Webster, Phil Stamp, de Vries and Robert Sloan.

Stirring stuff, and sure to be repeated on February 7 when horns are locked once more in the Scottish Cup.



**NOT THIS TIME:** Arveladze fails to find the net this time despite Marshall being stranded and Leitch grounded

**VAN THE MAN:** Paolo Vanoli brushes past Keith Lasley to set up a Rangers attack



terracing unrest or free up funds for McLeish to rebuild

# CHEAP TALK WON'T BUY FAN LOYALTY

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Berg	Craig		
Khizanishvili	Hammell		
Moore	Corrigan		
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Arveladze	Arveladze	Booked Burns	none
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Attendance 48,925	Mols	Bollan	
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## HOT

● Arveladze's form and his willingness not to be distracted by missing chances.

● Rangers' inability to excite those who pay serious money to watch them at home.

## NOT

Celtic's points advantage to eight but, unsurprisingly, they had restored the lead they had established a couple of weeks ago at Parkhead, where they beat their rivals by 3-0, to 11 just 24 hours later when they emerged from Edinburgh with an identical success against Hearts that Rangers had enjoyed.

Murray's up-front obstinacy in the face of criticism of his stewardship of the club would not have been a matter of any great import to a Rangers team that toiled to earn their win.

It was eventually secured by a strike after 82 minutes by Shota Arveladze, his 13th of the season.

Were it not for the impressive Georgian's form, Rangers might well have found themselves in an even more troublesome predicament.

For the moment, McLeish can only pursue the two prizes available to Rangers, the Tennent's Scottish Cup and the CIS League Cup, a paltry potential reward for a side that had a treble of domestic honours last time round before they were

forced by the grasp of indebtedness to allow a number of their major operators to leave.

In this regard, Murray's claims of a period of necessary consolidation are, in economic terms, sound.

But, as they say in the United States, try telling that one to the marines.

The Rangers support have never been easily pleased. They do consider themselves and their club to be of a stature that, if not winning everything in sight, should be capable of at the very least mounting a serious challenge to Celtic.

**THIS, palpably, they have failed to do in the pursuit of the championship. Also, they were rejected from the Champions League, as the business's equivalent of selling-platers.**

The problem the major shareholder will have to embrace is not the commitment of the manager or his wish to produce a side able to entertain those whose very lives are com-

mitted to the club, financially and emotionally. Rather, when it all comes down to the renewal of season tickets, Murray might discover that what has been established as an annual standing order from the bank will be re-assessed.

On Saturday, a crowd of 48,925 turned up, the vast majority of whom had paid up-front.

Their connections with the club are, however, further based upon performance and there is a sense of unease about them.

They are douce in their support, having recognised that there is no possibility whatsoever of overcoming the lead Celtic now hold.

More painfully, they are fully aware that the squad assembled on the east end of Glasgow by Martin O'Neill far outweighs their lot in talent.

Of course, such circumstances are nothing new to the two Old Firm clubs, but this time round the weight of fortunes is such that it is almost impossible to envisage just how Rangers can drag themselves back into contention.

Celtic have made massive inroads into their debt, all the while building a new stadium.

They are in hawk to their bankers to an ineffectual tune of around £17m, while Rangers are looking at a planet of borrowing that resembles the colour of Mars.

Still, McLeish has to get on with things and, briefly, he alluded to the problem when he said: "We do want to entertain. That is a priority, but first and foremost we have to win the points from our league games."

"I don't agree the season has been any kind of disaster,

because we did qualify for the Champions League and we are still in two domestic cup competitions. So, we still do have a lot to play."

All the same, with the crowd silent or bored, or switch-hitting between the two modes, the manager must have considered this one would turn out to be a depressing day at the office.

That was until Arveladze shot what proved to be the winning goal.

It was, truly, a rare moment of entertainment as he collected a pass from Nuno Capucho and sent his shot low past Gordon Marshall and into the corner of the net.

**MOTHERWELL had, to their credit, travelled from Lanarkshire with a decent level of intent, allowing their manager Terry Butcher to leave with a sense of belief in the future of a club which remains in administration.**

In this sense, Motherwell's backs are not more punishingly placed against the wall as are those of Rangers.

The Fir Park club are fully aware of their commitments on and off the field.

Conversely, Rangers cannot quite assemble the requirements of a playing staff, of a long-standing commitment to the return of former stature, and a recognition of the financial mess they now find themselves in.

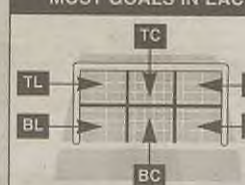
For all that Murray was bold and emphatic at the weekend, the support were muted.

Their sounds of silence were more significant than the words of their major shareholder.

## BANK OF S

Dundee Utd... (1) 3	Aberdeen... (0) 2
Robson 20	Booth 55 (pen)
Miller 85	Archibald 65 (og)
Dodds 90 (pen)	
Att 6,666	
Kilmarnock... (1) 1	Dunfermline (0) 1
McSwegan 29 (pen)	Crawford 63
Att 5,715	
Livingston... (1) 1	Hibs... (0) 0
Makel 26	Att 5,621
Partick Th... (1) 1	Dundee... (0) 2
Rowson 31	Novo 85
Att 4,690	Smith 89
Rangers... (0) 1	Motherwell... (0) 1
Arveladze 82	
Att 48,925	

## MOST GOALS IN EACH



## LEADING GOALSCORERS

player	team	apps
Henrik Larsson	Celtic	30
Chris Sutton	Celtic	25
Nacho Novo	Dundee	28
Stevie Crawford	Dunfermline	23
Shota Arveladze	Rangers	23
James Grady	Partick	22

## BELL'S DIVISION ONE

Brechin... (0) 2	St Mirren... (0) 0
McCulloch 54	Att 887
Smith 78	
Falkirk... (1) 2	Ross Co... (0) 0
Latapy 25	Att 2,482
Colquhoun 49	
Inverness CT... (1) 2	Ayr Utd... (0) 1
Ritchie 22	Doyle 62
Bingham 81	Att 1,443
QoS... (0) 1	Raith Rov... (0) 1
O'Connor 50	Sutton 77
Att 2,098	

## P W D L F A Pts

Clyde... 20	12	4	4	32	21	40
Inverness CT 20	12	3	5	39	18	39
QoS... 21	10	5	6	29	26	35
Ross Co... 21	9	6	6	38	28	33
Falkirk... 20	9	5	6	24	21	32
St Johnstone 20	8	7	5	32	22	31
St Mirren... 20	5	7	8	19	27	22
Raith Rov... 20	5	4	11	22	32	19
Ayr Utd... 21	3	7	11	21	38	16
Brechin... 21	3	4	14	21	43	13

## BELL'S DIVISION TWO

Alloa... (1) 3	Dumbarton... (0) 0
Hamilton 7	Att 423
Daly 82	
Callaghan 90	
Arbroath... (1) 1	Berwick... (0) 2
Cusick 16	McCutcheon 63, 85
Att 411	
East Fife... (0) 1	Stenhamuir (0) 0
Deuchar 59	Att 536

## P W D L F A Pts

Morton... 17	11	4	2	42	22	37
Berwick... 19	9	3	7	35	31	30
East Fife... 19	8	3	8	24	25	27
Airdrie Utd... 17	7	5	5	24	25	26
Hamilton... 16	7	4	5	34	26	25
Dumbarton... 18	7	4	7	22	24	25
Forfar... 17	6	6	5	29	27	24
Arbroath... 18	5	5	8	21	30	20
Alloa... 18	5	4	9	27	31	19
Stenhamuir... 19	4	2	13	17	34	14

## BELL'S DIVISION THREE

Elgin... (2) 3	East Stirling (0) 0
Tully 14	Att 432
Hind 27, 88	
Gretna... (0) 0	Queen's P... (0) 1
Att 419	Rieley 87
Montrose... (1) 2	Peterhead... (0) 1
Michie 19 (pen)	Bavidge 54
Smart 56	Att 512
Stirling Alb... (0) 1	Cowdenbth (0) 1
Lyle 63	Shields 57
Att 790	

## P W D L F A Pts

Stirling... 19	14	3	2	37	13	45
Stranraer... 18	12	2	4	39	16	38
Gretna... 19	10	5	4	26	20	35
Peterhead... 19	10	2	7	33	23	32
Cowdenbth... 19	8	5	6	25	20	29
Montrose... 19	6	6	6	28	29	25
Queen's Park 19	5	6	8	19	26	21
Albion... 18	6	2	10	31	32	20
Elgin... 19	3	4	12	33	65	13
East Stirling... 19	1	2	16	18	55	5

# MATCHUP



**HOT-SHOT:** Petrov fires home Celtic's winner



**YELLOW PERIL:** Petrov booked for celebration



**SHIRTY:** Henrik Larsson fends off Paul Hartley



**OUCH:** Didier Agathe felled by Robert Sloan



**OH NO:** Martin O'Neill after missed chance

## PREMIERANALYSIS: Gritty Celtic stand

# MARTIN'S MEN HAVE PHYSICAL PRESENCE



## MATCH VERDICT

**RONNIE CULLY**

**T**EN players booked, 28 fans ejected, Rab Douglas struck by a coin, John Hartson caught flattening Andy Webster off the ball.

Just another mid-season SPL game. Now wait for the cup tie in three weeks time.

The Hearts v Celtic fixture is fast becoming one of the meatiest in the SPL calendar. And Hoops boss Martin O'Neill made no attempt to hide the fact this latest clash is one he is relieved to have put behind him.

The 1-0 victory re-established Celtic's 11-point lead at the top of the table, at the same time extending their sequence of wins in the SPL to a staggering 19 games.

The narrowest of victories also helped lay the ghost of the Hoops' previous visit to Tynecastle, when they lost 2-1 to a last minute wonder goal.

That was the last league defeat suffered by Celtic - all of nine months ago. Putting this into perspective, if any Hearts fan celebrated that win by conceiving a baby, it could have attended yesterday's match!

Yet, for all the duration and durability of their current league run, no one at Celtic Park is resting on their laurels.

Little wonder. Wins like this one - courtesy of Stilian Petrov's 26th minute strike - have to be earned, and earned the hard way.

Skill and quality are not enough when you travel to Tynecastle as guts and graft are every bit as important.

### STAT FILE

Hearts		Celtic	
0		1	
Gordon		Petrov 27	
Pressley		Douglas	
Kisnorbo		Balde	
Varga		Varga	
Att On Target	5	Maybury	McNamara
Att Off Target	5	Webster	Pearson
Corners	2	Severin	Petrov
Offsides	0	Stamp	Lennon
Fouls	22	Sloan	Larsson
Booked	Sloan	Wyness	Sutton
De Vries, Stamp	Hartley	Agathe	Petrov, Sutton
Webster, Maybury	De Vries	Hartson	Pearson, Beattie
Sent Off	none	Wair	Beattie
Attendance	13,753	McKenna	none
Referee	Clark		

### HOT

● Rab Douglas, for his nerve and composure in the face of all that was thrown at him.

● Measures to ensure the safety of players at Tynecastle.

### NOT

O'Neill reflected: "I knew it would be a very difficult game, and so it proved."

"To have emerged unbeaten would probably have been a decent result for us. So, to take all three points was excellent and I am delighted."

"We had to play strongly because Hearts were very physical indeed."

**A**PHYSICALITY which would have been marginally easier to overcome had someone as technically gifted as Alan Thompson been available to the Hoops.

However, the calf knock picked up against Rangers a fortnight ago is proving difficult to shake off, and Thommo's chance to drive home his claim for a place in Sven Goran Eriksson's next squad could be slipping away as a result.

The absence of Thompson illustrated what a vital cog he still is in the smooth running of the green machine. Without his range of passing, pinpoint crossing, eye for goal, and strong running, Celtic are a poorer team.

New Bhoys Stephen Pearson took up the call to arms and soldiered on manfully in his first start for the team since joining from Motherwell 10 days ago.

But, the 21 year-old would be the first to admit that filling the

boots of Thompson is a tall order.

And, while there is every confidence Pearson will one day prove up to the task, for now he is at the bottom of a very steep learning curve.

The good news for Pearson is that not as many games are as tough as this one.

And the good news for all Hoops fans is that O'Neill fully expects Thompson to be ready to return to action in next weekend's game at Aberdeen.

The Celtic manager said: "I'm hoping he will be all right for next week."

"But, before last weekend's game against Ross County, I'd have thought he would have been available for the game at Tynecastle."

Of course, as one Very Important Player returns, another VIP, Bobo Balde, is about to sign off.

The big defender took time out from Guinea's training camp for the African Nations Cup - which kicks off on Saturday - to fly back for yesterday's game.

How grateful O'Neill and Balde's team-mates are that he was prepared to rack up all those air miles.

If the big man was jet lagged, he hid it well, focusing fully for the entire 90 minutes as Hearts bombarded Celtic with everything they had in their armoury.

That they never got the ball