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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

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

HISTORY

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

CURRENT POSITIONING OF CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB

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

WHO IS CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FOR?

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

SUMMARY

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

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TODAY'S game against Dundee United is an opportunity for to get back to winning ways in the league and it's a match that we're all looking forward to.

The fixture schedule means that I have had to write these notes ahead of Thursday night's game, but it goes without saying that I hope we're going into today's fixture on the back of a positive result that has put us in the semi-final of the cup.

Our focus this afternoon is on the Premiership and the need to pick up three points. It's great to be at home, of course, and playing in front of our fans is always something we look forward to.

We know, too, that we face a tough opponent in Dundee

United. They had a cup-tie on Thursday night as well, and they went into that on the back of a good derby win last weekend.

As a result, they will come here full of confidence, but that goes for our squad as well. In the main, we have been playing well and our three previous league games here at Celtic Park have all been very positive for us.

We're looking for another good result this afternoon and that has been our focus over the past couple of days.

We're in the middle of a busy period of games, both domestically and in Europe, and everyone in the squad will have to play their part in these games, which starts this afternoon against Dundee United.

It's important that we always take it one game at a time. While that sound like a cliché, it is also the correct approach as it means we do not become distracted or look too far ahead.

So we go into today's game fully focused on the task in hand, which is to get the win and all three points. The players will be doing everything they can on the pitch to achieve that, and our fans will be playing their part in the stands. Together, hopefully we can enjoy a successful afternoon.

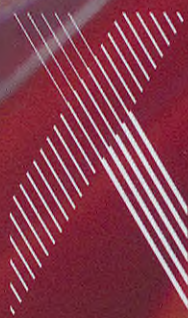
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»» THE MANAGER



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SPEEDFLOW



THE CAPTAIN CALLUM MCGREGOR

IT'S always good to be back at Celtic Park, and today's match against Dundee United is the second of three-in-a-row here. We're all looking forward to the game and our aim is to make sure the three points stay here come the end of the 90 minutes.

And hopefully we're going into today's game on the back of a positive result against Raith Rovers in the cup on Thursday night.

We know that Dundee United will be tough opponents, and they've shown this season just how difficult they are to beat, so we'll have to be at our best

if we want to ensure a positive result.

Every game and every result is important for us, so our focus since Thursday night has been on ensuring we're ready to go come the start of today's game. Our performances here have been very good so far this season and our aim is to continue that this afternoon.

It's also the start of another big week for us, with the Europa League tie against Bayer Leverkusen and then away to Aberdeen next weekend, so we want to go into this latest run of games with a good result today.

I've also said it before but it's worth repeating that our fans play a crucial role in everything we do here, and your support this afternoon and, indeed, in every game is vital.

Playing here at Celtic Park in front of 60,000 fans is always an incredible experience, and hopefully we can all enjoy a good result today. Enjoy the game.

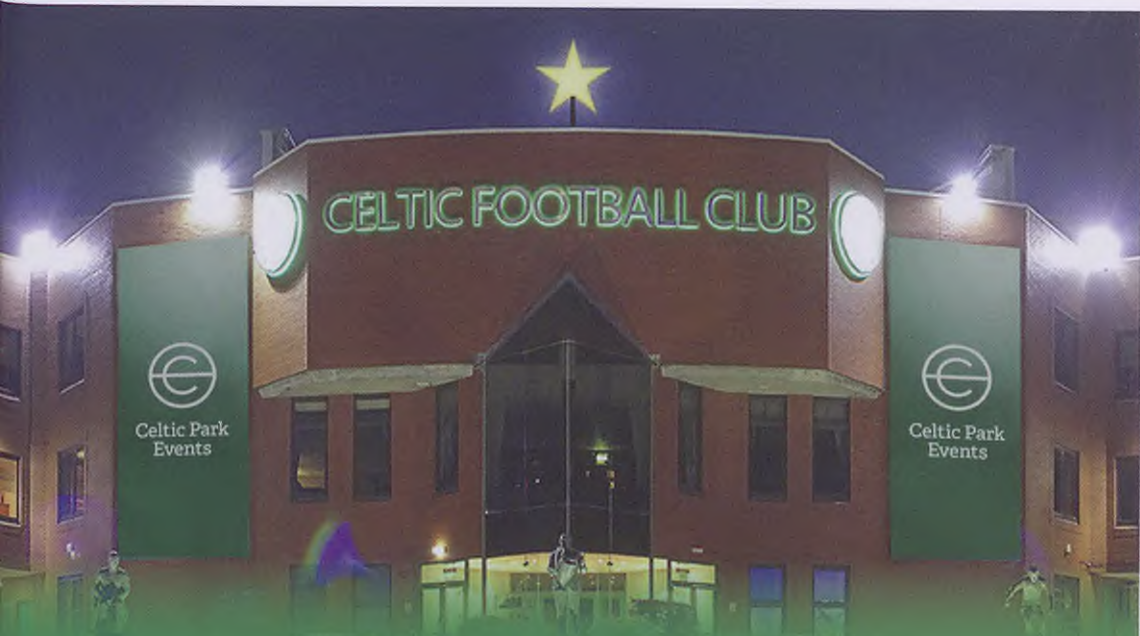


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- **Friday, December 10**
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- **Saturday, December 18**

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Whether you take a tour or plan to celebrate the festivities with us, we look forward to welcoming you to Celtic Park!

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STAYING POWER

ADAM MONTGOMERY WAS DELIGHTED TO MAKE HIS FIRST-TEAM DEBUT LAST SEASON, AND HE'S DETERMINED TO KEEP WORKING HARD TO ENSURE HE REMAINS PART OF THE SQUAD

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: PAUL CUDDIHY





SO I JUST NEED TO KEEP WORKING HARD AND SHOW WHAT I CAN DO WHEN I'M GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITIES."

IT has been said many times in the past by Celtic players that, while it's a tough task to get to the first-team, the tougher challenge is in remaining there beyond that one appearance.

Adam Montgomery is in that stage of his career now, having made his top-team debut towards the end of last season when he started the game against St Johnstone in May. He followed that up with a substitute appearance against Hibernian on the final day of the Premiership campaign.

This season, he has followed that up with nine appearances (prior to Thursday night's cup-tie against Raith Rovers), including another start – in the Europa League game against Real Betis.

The 19-year-old is delighted with his progress to date, but acknowledging that it has taken a lot of hard work to get to this position, he realises it will take just as much hard work, and more, in order for him to remain

as part of the first-team squad. That's a challenge which he is relishing.

Speaking to the official matchday programme, Montgomery said: "Pre-season was good for me, especially with the new gaffer coming in and I got a lot of minutes to show what I could do.

"Obviously I was delighted to start against Real Betis last week and get my first start to the season, and hopefully I can just kick on from there and see where this season takes me.

"One of my goals last season, and certainly towards the end of the season, was to get my debut. Then we had a few weeks off, so it was just a case of working hard and making sure that as soon as I came back in for pre-season I was ready to go and just show the gaffer that I was ready to be counted on this season.

"Breaking in and getting your first start is a massive thing, but becoming a player who's there

all the time and someone that the rest of the boys can trust and know that, when you're called upon, you can do a job, is probably even harder than just getting that one game and then maybe you're never seen again.

"So getting the games this season fills me with confidence because it means I know that the gaffer trusts me in these type of games, and that if I'm called upon, he knows that I can do the job that he needs, and that's helping me this season.

"Last year I got my debut, and that had been my goal for the season. This time around, it's about establishing myself and being around the first team and pushing to maybe become a starting player. So I just need to keep working hard and show what I can do when I'm given the opportunities."

Over the past decade or so, there have been plenty of players who have graduated from the Celtic Youth Academy to the







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first team, and there is always an extra level of interest and support from supporters for homegrown talent.

Adam Montgomery is the latest graduate, and joins a squad which includes the likes of captain Callum McGregor, James Forrest, Stephen Welsh, Anthony Ralston and Mikey Johnston.

He knows that these players have shown the pathway to Paradise, one that he has followed, and one that others will be aiming to follow behind him.

"Fans just love the homegrown talent," he said. "You saw it with KT. The fans took to him straight away because he's obviously a Celtic fan, and it's been the same with Cal and Jamesy, and all the boys who've come through the Academy.

"Even when you're a wee guy, you're looking up to these guys and seeing that there is a pathway for boys who have come through the Academy, and that would really drive you on to try and be the same as them and do everything they were doing.

"It's a bit surreal to be thought of as a role model but, I guess so, there are probably young players looking up to me now and it's all about setting an example for them to show that you can do it with hard work and dedication.

"Cal and Jamesy have been there for a long time now and are first-team stars, and their example and leadership in speaking to us and us learning from them has been massive.

"I can't speak highly enough about Cal as a captain and as a leader. He's been very helpful to me but also as a leader of the team – he's been exceptional."

Today, the focus for Ange Postecoglou's side will be on getting the victory over Dundee United and claiming all three Premiership points.

They face a team who have only scored three league goals so far this season, but have managed to secure 10 points to currently sit fifth in the league. It's an indication that Tam Courts' side are a tough nut to crack.

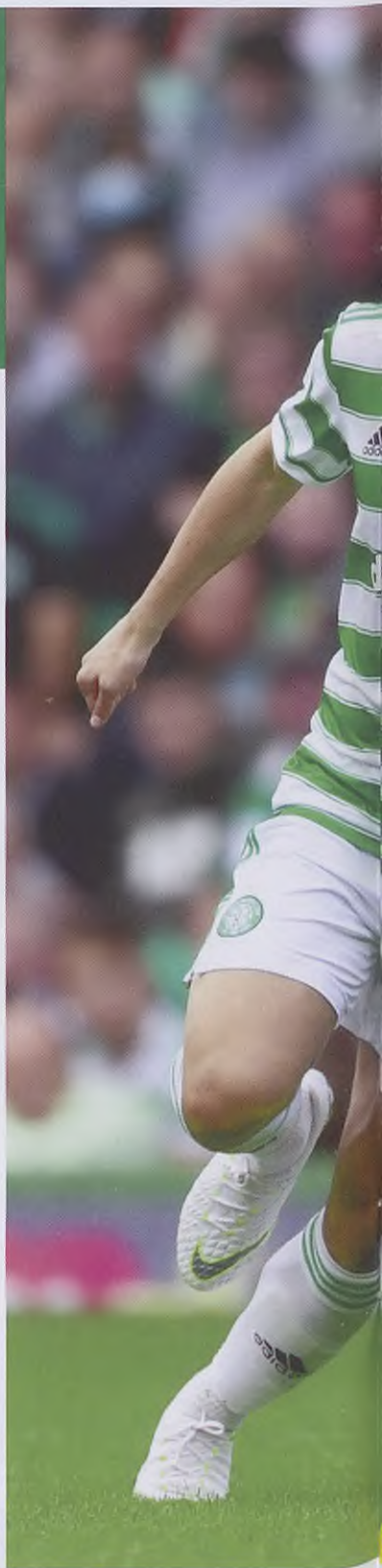
So the Hoops know that they will have to be at their best if they want to deliver a positive result to a packed Paradise.

"At home we've been very good," said Montgomery. "We've scored a lot of goals and played some exciting football, and hopefully we can get back to that today.

"And after that, we've got Bayer Leverkusen at home, which will be an exciting game to take part in and watch.

"It was surreal the first time I played in front of the fans. I had spoken to a couple of the boys about how good the fans had been when they played in front of them beforehand, but taking it in for myself, it's an incredible feeling.

"The players know how much of a part the fans play, especially when we're at home at Celtic Park – the atmosphere they can create really pushes the boys on and it's amazing to have the fans back."





»» ADAM'S AIMING TO GET OFF THE MARK!

THERE are various goals which players will set themselves, whether within the context of a specific season or with their wider career.

One of them, naturally, is scoring goals, and that's something which Adam Montgomery is determined to do this season.

He's come close on a couple of occasions already this season, and is hoping to see the ball nestle in the back of the opposition net before too long.

"Honestly, I can't believe I haven't scored yet!" he said. "I had the header against Hearts and then the one cleared off the line against AZ Alkmaar, so I'm hoping that when the first one goes in, then a couple more will follow at short notice, but just getting the first one for me would be ideal.

"Honestly, I haven't thought about a celebration, not at all. I couldn't tell you what I'll do – just run in some sort of direction and we'll see where it takes me!"

»» FAMILY'S DELIGHT AT CELTIC PROGRESS

ADAM Montgomery's first-team debut for Celtic came on Wednesday, May 12 this year in a 4-0 home win over St Johnstone.

It was a milestone moment for the young player, and also for his family who have been supporting his football journey since he first joined the Youth Academy when he was just seven-years-old.

"They were obviously very proud of me and it was a massive moment for me and my family," he admitted. "I've been at Celtic for over 12 years now and it was always one of my goals to break into the first team and really establish myself, so to have been told that I was getting my debut was an emotional moment for me and my family.

"My mum and my little sister still get very nervous when I'm playing, which is a bit understandable, but my parents and sister are obviously wanting me to do well and succeed this season.

"They're delighted that I'm doing so well and I can't thank them enough for everything they've done."

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SINGTIMS SINGAPORE SIGN UP TO SUPPORT CELTIC FC FOUNDATION VIA WALFRID'S WISH

ALTHOUGH they may be halfway across the world, the members of The Singtims, Singapore's Celtic Supporters' Club, are keen to ensure that they carry on the charitable legacy of Celtic's founding father, Brother Walfrid.

The Singtims are the very first CSC to sign up to Celtic FC Foundation's monthly giving initiative, Walfrid's Wish, with the club contributing £3 per month on behalf of each of the members for the next year.

The CSC has been a home-away-from-home for Celtic supporters in Singapore since the late 1990s. Their organic start began when Singapore-based supporter, Harry Murphy, met another young fan, Tom Flaherty, in a Celtic chatroom. They learned that Tom had been in school with Harry's daughter and when Tom soon landed in Singapore for a new job, the two had a beer – and an epiphany.

Like many expats around the world living outside Scotland, they could not bear to be parted from their beloved Celtic, and the seed was planted to form their very own Celtic Supporters'

Club. It didn't take long before it became apparent that there were hundreds of others like them in Singapore and so, the CSC was formed. Notable founding members included Hugh Doherty, Michael Craig, Kevin Dickie, Jack Wallace and Mark McCann.

Fast forward 25 years and things have changed a lot from the days when the CSC would await VHS tapes of matches so they could watch them. Today, they manage to catch nearly all of the matches across available platforms and members are kept up-to-date via Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp. A Singtims podcast may also be on its way soon.

In those 25 years, however, charity has always played a key part in the CSC's existence, as they have committed all the money collected through membership and merchandise sales over the years, to a host of charities in Singapore and beyond, including Celtic FC Foundation.

The Singtims' relationship with the Foundation has been ongoing for a number of years, with funds raised in the past supporting flood victims in Brisbane, Australia,

as well as the Foundation's 67 Kitchens project in partnership with Mary's Meals, in Malawi and Zambia.

Now, this latest show of support sees them follow in the footsteps of Brother Walfrid, by becoming Champions of Celtic FC Foundation, via Walfrid's Wish.

To mirror the charitable vision of our Founding Father, monies raised through Walfrid's Wish are devoted to supporting those, primarily on our doorstep but also further afield, who are facing poverty and this was key in the CSC's motivations to get behind the initiative.

Celtic FC Foundation would like to thank The Singtims for their incredible support and we would be honoured if other Celtic Supporters' Clubs would consider signing up to Walfrid's Wish. If your CSC is interested in registering for monthly giving, please get in touch at cfcfoundation@celticfc.co.uk.

Or to register as an individual, you can sign up and donate at www.celticfc.net

Thank you for your magnificent support.





»» THE ARABS

30-yard rocket into the top corner. David Turnbull almost outdid his midfield partner with Celtic's second as he rifled in an excellent shot into the bottom corner from 25 yards. Odsonne Edouard then rounded off the scoring with just under 15 minutes remaining after beating the offside trap and coolly lifting the ball over the keeper. The final game took place at Tannadice in March and ended in a frustrating goal-less draw for Celtic.

AND ANOTHER THING...

Dundee United have a 100 per cent winning record against Catalan giants Barcelona, United have come up against Barcelona four times in European competition over the years and have defeated them every time. The first meeting came in the same season Celtic would go on to win the European Cup. Dundee United met Barcelona in the second round of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, defeating them 2-1 in Spain and then 2-0 in Dundee. United went out in the



BENJAMIN SIEGRIST

STADIUM: TANNADICE PARK
CAPACITY: 14,223
MANAGER: TAM COURTS

DUNDEE UNITED

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT TANNADICE PARK

Dundee United have undergone a change in manager this summer with Tam Courts taking over for Micky Mellon who left Dundee United and returned to former club Tranmere. Courts made the step up from his role of head of tactical performance and will work alongside former Livingston assistant Liam Fox. His first signing was former Celtic and Scotland defender Charlie Mulgrew. The 35-year-old, who previously played for the club as part of a loan

deal from Celtic in 2006, agreed a two-year deal with the club. Mulgrew was on loan at Fleetwood Town from Blackburn Rovers last season and made 23 appearances for the English League One side. Following Mulgrew's arrival, he was followed by goalkeeper Trevor Carson from Motherwell, Ilmari Niskanen from Ingolstadt and Scott McMann from Hamilton Accies, while Cammy Smith, Lawrence Shankland and Jamie Robson went the other way. Coming in on loan have been Dylan Levitt from Manchester United and Marc McNulty from Reading.

LAST SEASON v CELTIC

The first game between Celtic and Dundee United last season took place at Tannadice and saw Albion Ajeti score his first Celtic goal. The champions couldn't find a way past the Dundee United keeper for much of the game despite creating plenty of chances but the Swiss striker came on as a substitute and emerged with the all-important goal in the 83rd minute. The next meeting was in December and proved to be a far more convincing win for Celtic. Ismaila Soro opened the scoring with his first Celtic goal which was an incredible

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Goalkeeper Benjamin Siegrist was a big player for Dundee United last season. The Swiss stopper made a series of great saves to deny Celtic more goals in the first meeting of last season and will once again be difficult to score goals against. At the other end of the pitch, Nicky Clark was top scorer for United last season with 11 goals in 33 appearances. The 30-year-old striker joined the club back in 2018 from Dunfermline and has gone on to score 33 goals in 96 games for the club.

following round to Juventus. The Italians won 3-0 in Turin but would be defeated 1-0 in the return leg in Scotland. Dundee United's second encounter with Barcelona came in the 1986/87 season when on route to the UEFA Cup final. The two sides met at the quarter-final stage with the first leg ending 1-0 at Tannadice. Barcelona levelled the tie at the Camp Nou and were 1-0 up with five minutes remaining, however goals from John Clark and Iain Ferguson saw United go through. They made it all the way to the final but were beaten by Swedish side IFK Goteborg 2-1 on aggregate.



NICKY CLARK



IN THE AWAY
DRESSING ROOM TODAY >>>

DUNDEE UNITED

LIKE Celtic, today's visitors were in midweek League Cup action on Thursday night when they took on Hibernian at Tannadice.

Dundee United were also at home for last weekend's Tayside derby when a goal from Ian Harkes in the 81st minute gave them the win over near neighbours, Dundee.

That was their third SPFL win this term following victories over Rangers and St Johnstone, and here we take a look at some of the players Celtic could be facing today.



#1 GOALKEEPER - BENJAMIN SIEGRIST

Goalkeeper Benjamin Siegrist started his youth football career at Swiss side FC Therwil before moving on to Basel. At the age of 16, Siegrist moved to Aston Villa and represented their reserve and academy teams, helping the club reach the 2009/10 FA Youth Cup final, and win the 2011/12 Premier Reserve League South title. After this, the stopper returned to Switzerland to sign for Liechtenstein-based Swiss Challenge League outfit Vaduz in the summer of 2016, making over 30 appearances over the next two seasons. In June 2018, Siegrist moved to Dundee United – becoming one of two goalkeepers to join on the same day, signing a two year deal with United alongside Matej Rakovan. During the Tangerines' Championship-winning season, Siegrist had the most shut-outs of any keeper in the league and has extended that form into the Premiership following United's promotion last year.



#4 DEFENDER - CHARLIE MULGREW

A player who needs little introduction to Celtic fans, having worked through the ranks of the club's Youth Academy before leaving for Wolves in 2006, moving to Aberdeen in 2008, and returning to play a key role at the Hoops from 2010-2016. In early 2006, while still on the books at Celtic, Mulgrew spent a short loan spell at today's visitors, who he would sign permanently for at the beginning of this season. During his second, most successful spell at Paradise, Mulgrew was used by manager Neil Lennon all over the pitch, in central defence, the left of defence and in midfield. At the end of his first season, Mulgrew netted the third of three in a 3-0 Scottish Cup final win over Motherwell at Hampden, and, the following season, scored two and assisted twice as the Hoops overturned Kilmarnock 6-0 at Rugby Park to win the league – the first of the club's historic nine-in-a-row run of 2012-2020. In 2016, Mulgrew swapped Celtic Park for Blackburn Rovers' Ewood Park, spending brief stints on loan at Wigan Athletic and Fleetwood Town, before moving permanently to Tannadice.



#5 DEFENDER - MARK CONNOLLY

After starting out at his local Monaghan United, Mark Connolly moved to Wolverhampton Wanderers, and then Bolton at the age of 17. His first taste of professional football came in Scotland while on loan at St Johnstone, where he made his debut in March 2010. By 2011, Connolly had represented Ireland at U17, U19 and U21 level. He became captain of Bolton Wanderers' reserve side during the 2011/12 season before spending a short loan spell at Macclesfield Town. A move to Crawley Town followed, before in 2014, the defender moved north to join Scottish Premiership side Kilmarnock. In the summer of 2016, following a collarbone break which hindered his time in Ayrshire, Connolly returned to Crawley Town where he played a further two full seasons. Midway through the 2018/19 campaign, however, Connolly moved north again, this time to Dundee United, where he's been an integral player since.



#6 DEFENDER - MARK REYNOLDS

A product of Motherwell's youth academy, Mark Reynolds stepped up to the senior side in 2005, and made his debut for the first team at the tail-end of the 2005/06 campaign. Reynolds made his mark in the Motherwell starting XI during the 2006/07 season, becoming a stalwart in the heart of the Steelmen's defence for several years. A move south in January 2011 saw him sign for Sheffield Wednesday, but, after struggling to break into the team, the defender returned to Scotland on loan to Aberdeen – a move which was made permanent in 2013, and saw him lift the League Cup the following year. A knee injury during the 2016/17 trail saw Reynolds feature less at Pittodrie once fit, which in turn saw him loaned out to Dundee United on to the end of the 2018/19 campaign. Reynolds was a huge part of the Tannadice outfit's play-off trail and subsequent promotion to the Scottish Premiership, and now the defender wears the captain's armband.



#23 MIDFIELDER - IAN HARKES

The son of former USA national team captain John Harkes (who was on trial with Celtic in 1990), Ian Harkes was born in England before returning to the United States where he played high school soccer at Gonzaga College High School and for the youth academy of D.C. United. In 2013, a move to the Wake Forest Demon Deacons followed, where he spent the next four years plying his trade. On January 6, 2017, the midfielder was awarded the Hermann Trophy, awarded to the best college soccer player in the United States, and, shortly after that, he signed his first professional contract with MLS side DC United. After two impressive seasons at DC, Harkes was given his first called up for the USA national side for a friendly against Bosnia and Herzegovina in early 2018. In January 2019, Harkes moved permanently to Dundee United, becoming the club's first ever American player, and he was soon joined in Scotland by his fiancée, Sarah Teegarden of the Celtic Women's side.



#10 FORWARD - NICKY CLARK

Nicky Clark started out in the youth ranks of Rangers, before moving to Aberdeen at the age of 15. The forward graduated to the Pittodrie side's first team in 2009 but with chances limited, moved to Peterhead at the start of the 2010/11 Scottish Second Division campaign. Clark then moved to Queen of the South, and while failing to score at all in his first season, netted 41 goals in 46 games during his second. In May 2013, he returned to Rangers on a three-year deal, spending one year in League One before returning to the Championship for the final two seasons of his stay at Ibrox. Moves to English League One side Bury, and latterly Dunfermline followed, before, in 2018, Clark moved to today's visitors at first on a two-year deal. As Dundee United targeted promotion from the Championship, Clark came back from injury to score eight goals in 14 matches, which helped the Tangerines secure promotion to the Premiership in 2020.

LAST TIME OUT AT CELTIC PARK...

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SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020 // CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW

THE last time today's teams met here at Celtic Park was the very last game of 2020 and the Hoops ensured a Happy New Year for the support. They turned in a 3-0 performance on the day with Ismaila Soro netting his first goal for the side, here's how the game went.



CELTIC ended the calendar year in style with a comprehensive 3-0 win over Dundee United at Paradise.

Ismaila Soro netted his first ever Hoops goal with a fine 30-yard effort on 23 minutes, before midfielder colleague David Turnbull made it two ahead of half-time.

Odsonne Edouard rounded off the scoring with 15 minutes to go, as the Quadruple Treble champions extended their winning form to six from six in all competitions.

Soro capitalised on the Hoops' midfield overload with a sublime 30-yard strike on 23 minutes, sent high into the net and curled away from the goalkeeper.

The joy on the Ivorian's face was clear when he raced to the home dugout to celebrate his first Celtic goal with his manager, Neil Lennon.

The goal set the tone for the next quarter-hour of proceedings, as Celtic played exclusively in the visitors' half. On 33 minutes, Soro, Christie and David Turnbull combined well on the edge of the box, before the latter's flicked through ball over the top found Griffiths yards from goal.

The striker's volleyed effort was blocked by the keeper, before Edouard's follow-up was dragged wide.

Five minutes before half-time, the home side doubled their lead through Turnbull, when the midfielder collected the ball from Soro 30 yards from goal, drifted towards the inside-right channel and sent a low effort back across goal into the far bottom corner of the net.

On 75 minutes, Edouard got the break he deserved when Griffiths

sent a delightful ball over the top with the outside of his boot, the Frenchman snuck in behind the United backline, and lofted a deft lob over the keeper to make it three.

CELTIC: Barkas; Frimpong, Ajer, Jullien (Bliton 51), Laxalt; Soro (Brown 80), Christie, McGregor, Turnbull (Rogic 77); Edouard (Elyounoussi 80), Griffiths (Ajeti 77)

Subs not used: Hazard, Taylor, Duffy, Johnston

DUNDEE UNITED: Siegrist, Smith (Bolton 83), Connolly, Reynolds, Pawlett (Powers 74), McNulty, Clark, Edwards, Robson, Harkes, Shankland (McMullan 69)

Subs not used: Mehmet, Sporle, Fotheringham, Appere, Neilson, Hutchison





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HAVING already announced our Glasgow and London Sleep Out events, Celtic FC Foundation are delighted to follow up with the launch of our inaugural Celtic Sleep Out, Sligo initiative.

This brand new event will take place on Saturday, November 6, 2021 – the anniversary of the club's formation. The venue will be Brother Walfrid Park in Ballymote, Co Sligo – the home town of our Founding Father – so this holds huge historical and emotional significance for the Celtic Family.

And we offer special thanks to our friends at The Association of Irish Celtic Supporters' Clubs and our wonderful hosts at Ballymote Celtic FC, whose unwavering generosity, advice and assistance have been instrumental in pulling this event together.

All funds raised will support the Christmas Appeal phase of our Football for Good Fund, which reflects the very essence of why our club was set up back in 1887.

Born in Ballymote on May 18, 1840 to John Kerins and Elizabeth Flynn, Andrew Kerins ventured on the divine path 24 years later by taking up the oath of the Marist Brotherhood, having studied

teaching. As thousands of Irish took flight from the deprivation in their homeland by sailing to Glasgow, Brother Walfrid was assigned to Sacred Heart School in the city's East End to cater for their spiritual and educational needs.

Amid the poverty, neglect and intolerance of Victorian Glasgow, he had a dream. His dream flourished as he played a leading role in the formation of Celtic Football Club in 1887 and now countless thousands share his vision of a football club that opens its doors to all.

Sleep Out participants will spend the night – from 10.00pm to 6.00am – battling the elements outdoors, all for a wonderful cause.

Registration is now open and you can sign up at www.celticfc.net Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The non-refundable registration fee is £30/€35 per person. Please ensure you read the Terms and Conditions thoroughly before committing your agreement and signing up.

Due to anticipated severe weather conditions, this event will be exceptionally challenging, both

mentally and physically. Therefore, participants must be aged 18+ and be in an appropriate physical condition to take part.

Celtic FC Foundation will provide a ground mat and foil sheet/blanket but participants are required to bring the appropriate equipment and wear relevant clothing and footwear.

Each participant is tasked with raising a minimum of £130/€150 (after entry fee) for the Christmas Appeal phase of our Football for Good Fund.

This aims to bring the magic of the festive season to children, families, pensioners, the homeless and others who are struggling at an especially challenging time of year. The primary focus for monies raised through this Sligo event will be to provide support directly in Ireland, as we have for many years through the Appeal.

So please follow in the footsteps of Brother Walfrid and help us make a difference to those most in need within our communities this Christmas.

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ALBIAN AJETI



» SWISS international striker, Albian Ajeti, joined the club on a four-year deal in the summer transfer window of 2020, having moved north of the border from English Premier League side, West Ham United.

The 23-year-old spent the previous season with the London Stadium side, having spent the prior two years at Swiss Super League outfit FC Basel.

It was while playing in Switzerland's top-flight, the forward played alongside former Hoops loanee Mohamed Elyounoussi, and was named the Swiss Super League top goalscorer with 17

goals during the 2017/18 campaign.

Ajeti made his debut in the UEFA Champions League qualifier against KR Reykjavik which produced a 6-0 win for the Hoops and in his next appearance, he scored his first goal for the club - a crucial winner in Celtic's 1-0 defeat of Dundee United at Tannadice.

Albian Ajeti earned his first cap for Switzerland after coming on as a substitute against Iceland in a UEFA Nations League tie in September 2018. The Swiss ran out comfortable 6-0 winners with Albian netting the fifth, just six minutes after joining the action.

POSITION: FORWARD

SQUAD NUMBER: 10

D.O.B: 26/02/1997

BORN: BASEL, SWITZERLAND

HEIGHT: 6'0"

SIGNED: 13/08/20

DEBUT: V KR REYJKAVIK (H) 6-0,
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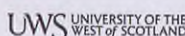
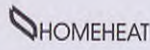
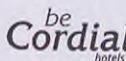
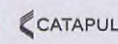
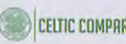
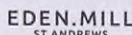
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CELTIC 6

(DENAYER 4, COMMONS 28, JOHANSEN 34, STOKES 54, BERGET 62, 90 +1)

DUNDEE UNITED 1

(RANKIN 71)

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014 // CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW

THIS afternoon we travel back to 2014 for a more than memorable occasion. This was Flag Day at Celtic Park, Fergus McCann unfurled the colours and the Hoops fired in six goals in Ronny Deila's first home game as manager. Here's how the game went.



CELTIC celebrated Flag Day in style as they ran riot against Dundee United, demolishing their opponents 6-1 to give Ronny Deila a performance to savour in his first game in charge at Paradise.

New Bhoys Jo Inge Berget bagged a brace but before that, fellow newcomer Jason Denayer, Kris Commons, Stefan Johansen and Anthony Stokes had put the champions in charge

John Rankin struck the consolation for the beleaguered visitors, who had come into this match on the back of two wins from their opening two games.

Prior to kick off, Celtic's 45th league championship flag was raised by Fergus McCann to huge cheers, with 'The Bunnet' receiving

a rousing reception from all corners of the ground.

It had been a breathless start to proceedings and with only four gone, the Hoops made the breakthrough when a header ricocheted into the path of Denayer, who gratefully accepted the chance, emphatically thumping home from seven yards.

Struggling to stem the tide, United's resistance was soon broken again as the Hoops doubled their tally. Berget won a corner on the left and Commons glanced a header in at the near post from Stokes' set-piece.

Celtic's energy and high-tempo was proving too much for Jackie McNamara's men and a wonderful piece of pressing from Johansen delivered number three. Robbing

Paul Paton of possession, he advanced on goal before burying a drive under Cierzniak.

Barely 10 after the break, Stokes swung in the free-kick which ended up in the back of the net. Mulgrew claimed it had taken the slightest of touches off him, although replays suggested that it was the Irishman's goal.

Before the midway point of the half, the Bhoys bagged their fifth. Stokes' corner was knocked back across goal by Ambrose and Berget applied the finish from close-range.

Although John Rankin pulled one back for United with a deflected drive, Ronny Deila's men finished with a flourish as Berget bagged his second at the death to cap off a dream start for the manager at Celtic Park.

CELTIC (4-4-1-1): Gordon; Ambrose, van Dijk, Denayer, Izaguirre; McGregor (Forrest 69) Johansen (Kayal 46), Mulgrew, Berget; Commons; Stokes (Griffiths 69)

Not Used: Zaluska, Bitton, Boerigter

DUNDEE UNITED (4-3-3):

Cierzniak; Watson, Fojut, Morris, Townsend; Paton, Armstrong (Bilate 40) Rankin; Dow (Erskine 57) Ciftci, Mackay-Steven (Spittal 75)

Not Used: McCallum, Graham, Erskine, Telfer, Smith, Spittal





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Rules as:

H25 A person present at or in a stadium where an Official Match is being played engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.

H26 Conduct is violent where there is (i) actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or (ii) intentional damage to property.

H27 Disorderly conduct includes

H27.1 conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely or designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a category mentioned in Rule H29 or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group.

H27.2 using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct;

H27.3 displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; and

H27.4 using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.

H28 Presumed in the context of Rule H27.1 means presumed by the person or persons engaged in the conduct.

H29 The categories referred to in Rule H27 are:-

H29.1 female or male gender;

H29.2 colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;

H29.3 membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;

H29.4 sexual orientation;

H29.5 transgender identity; and

H29.6 disability.

H30 In Rule H29.3 religious group means a group of persons defined by reference to their religious belief or lack of religious belief, membership of or adherence to a church or religious organisation, support for the culture and traditions of a church or religious organisation and/or participation in activities associated with such a culture or such traditions.

H31 In Rule H29.5 transgender identity means any one or more of transvestism, transsexualism, intersexuality or change of gender.

H32 In Rule H29.6 disability means physical or mental impairment of any kind.

Unacceptable Conduct is defined in the SFA Rules as:

Unacceptable Conduct means Violent Conduct and/or Disorderly Conduct as the context so requires.

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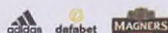


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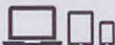


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FIXTURES/RESULTS 2021/22

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JULY 2021					
Sat 17	15.00	SLFL	A	Bonnyrigg Rose Ath	1-2
Sat 24	13.00	SLFL	H	East Kilbride	1-1
Wed 28	19.45	SLFL	A	University of Stirling	5-1
TBC	TBC	SLFL	H	Rangers B	
AUGUST					
Wed 4	19.45	SLFL	H	Berwick Rangers	2-0
Sat 7	15.00	SLFL	A	Bo'ness United	2-0
Wed 11	19.45	TT	H	Annan Athletic	2-0
Sat 14	15.00	SLFL	A	Vale of Leithen	10-0
Tue 17	19.45	SLFL	A	Civil Service Strollers	1-1
Sat 21	15.00	SLFL	H	Dalbeattie Star	1-0
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 04	15.00	TT	A	Greenock Morton	1-3
Wed 08	19.45	SLFL	H	Gala Fairydean Rovers	2-0
Fri 24	15.00	SLFL	A	Cumbernauld Colts	P.P
OCTOBER					
Sun 03	15.00	SLFL	H	East Stirling	
Wed 06	19.45	SLFL	H	Spartans	
Sat 09	15.00	SLFL	H	Gretna 2008	
Sat 30	15.00	SLFL	H	Cumbernauld Colts	
NOVEMBER					
Sat 6	15.00	SLFL	A	Berwick Rangers	
Tue 09	19.45	SLFL	A	Spartans	
Sat 13	15.00	SLFL	H	Broomhill	
DECEMBER					
Sat 4	15.00	SLFL	H	Edinburgh University	
Fri 10	19.45	SLFL	A	East Stirling	
Sat 18	15.00	SLFL	H	Bo'ness United	
Sun 26	15.00	SLFL	A	East Kilbride	
JANUARY					
Sat 01	15.00	SLFL	A	Rangers	
Sun 09	15.00	SLFL	H	Caledonian Braves	
Sat 15	15.00	SLFL	A	Gretna 2008	
Sat 29	15.00	SLFL	H	Bonnyrigg Rose Ath	
FEBRUARY					
Sat 12	15.00	SLFL	H	Vale of Leithen	
Sat 19	15.00	SLFL	A	Gala Fairydean Rovers	
Sun 27	15.00	SLFL	H	University of Stirling	
APRIL					
Sat 2	15.00	SLFL	A	Dalbeattie Star	
Sat 9	15.00	SLFL	H	Civil Service Strollers	
Sat 16	15.00	SLFL	A	Broomhill	



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AUGUST 2021					
Wed 7	15.00	Friendly	A	Sheffield Wednesday	3-1
Sat 10	15.00	Friendly	A	Charlton Athletic	2-1
Wed 14	19.45	Friendly	A	Bristol City	0-0
Sat 17	17.30	Friendly	H	Preston North End	0-1
Tue 20	19.45	UCL	H	FC Midtjylland	1-1
Sat 24	15.00	Friendly	H	West Ham United	2-6
Wed 28	18.45	UCL	A	FC Midtjylland	1-2
Sat 31	20.00	SP	A	Hearts	1-2
AUGUST					
Thu 5	16.45	UEL	A	FK Jablonec	4-2
Sun 8	15.00	SP	H	Dundee	6-0
Thu 12	19.45	UEL	H	FK Jablonec	3-0
Sun 15	15.00	LC	H	Hearts	3-2
Wed 18	19.45	UEL	H	AZ Alkmaar	2-0
Sat 21	15.00	SP	H	St Mirren	6-0
Thu 26	19.15	UEL	A	AZ Alkmaar	1-2
Sun 29	12.00	SP	A	Rangers	0-1
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 11	15.00	SP	H	Ross County	3-0
Thu 16	17.45	UEL	A	Real Betis	3-4
Sun 19	15.00	SP	A	Livingston	0-1
Thu 23	19.45	LC	H	Raith Rovers	
Sun 26	15.00	SP	H	Dundee United	
Thu 30	20.00	UEL	H	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	
OCTOBER					
Sun 3	12.00	SP	A	Aberdeen	
Sat 16	15.00	SP	A	Motherwell	
Tue 19	15.30	UEL	H	Ferencvárosi TC	
Sat 23	15.00	SP	H	St Johnstone	
Wed 27	19.45	SP	A	Hibernian	
Sat 30	15.00	SP	H	Livingston	
NOVEMBER					
Thu 4	20.00	UEL	H	Ferencvárosi TC	
Sun 7	15.00	SP	A	Dundee	
Sat 20	15.00	SP	A	Ross County	
Thu 25	17.45	UEL	A	Bayer 04 Leverkusen	
Sun 28	15.00	SP	H	Aberdeen	
DECEMBER					
Wed 1	19.45	SP	H	Hearts	
Sat 4	15.00	SP	A	Dundee United	
Thu 9	20.00	UEL	H	Real Betis	
Sun 12	15.00	SP	H	Motherwell	
Sat 18	15.00	SP	A	St Mirren	
Sun 26	15.00	SP	A	St Johnstone	
Wed 29	19.45	SP	H	Hibernian	
JANUARY					
Sun 2	15.00	SP	H	Rangers	
Wed 26	19.45	SP	A	Hearts	
Sat 29	15.00	SP	H	Dundee United	
FEBRUARY					
Sat 5	15.00	SP	A	Motherwell	
Wed 9	19.45	SP	A	Aberdeen	
Sat 19	15.00	SP	H	Dundee	
Sat 26	15.00	SP	A	Hibernian	
MARCH					
Wed 2	19.45	SP	H	St Mirren	
Sat 5	15.00	SP	A	Livingston	
Sat 19	15.00	SP	H	Ross County	
APRIL					
Sat 2	15.00	SP	A	Rangers	
Sat 9	15.00	SP	H	St Johnstone	
Post-split dates					
Sat 23		SP			
Sat 30		SP			
MAY					
Sat 7		SP			
Wed 11		SP			
Sat 14		SP			



TOMMY BURNS

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A photograph of Tommy Burns, a young man with red hair, sitting on a green field. He is wearing a white Celtic FC jersey with green horizontal stripes and the club's crest on the left chest. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

ON THIS DAY IN
HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 26

»» WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

1891

Celtic's first competitive game on September 26 came back in 1891 when they played Dumbarton at home. And goals from the potent strike-force of Sandy McMahon and Johnny Campbell gave the Celts a 2-0 victory. While that season saw Celtic win their first major trophy – the Scottish Cup in April 1892, it was Dumbarton who won the league championship, finishing two points ahead of the Celts, who lost the corresponding away game to Dumbarton 1-0.

1910

Celtic drew 1-1 with Partick Thistle at Firhill on this day in 1910, with Jimmy McMenemy on target for the Hoops, but while the result might have been disappointing, the game is noted for being the debut of Andy McAtee, who made the first of 439 appearances for the club over a 14-year period. The outside-right also scored 72 goals for the Hoops and was part of the four-in-a-row side of 1913-17, while he also won four Scottish Cups. Andy McAtee also served during the First World War. He is rightly considered a Celtic great.



BOBBY COLLINS

1927

Celtic hit seven past Third Lanark in the semi-final of the Glasgow Cup, with Jimmy McGrory netting five of the goals. The other strikes came from Paddy Connolly and Adam McLean. It followed the 4-1 victory in the previous round against Queen's Park, with McGrory scoring a hat-trick. In the final, played at Hampden, Celtic beat Rangers 2-1, with Connolly and McGrory on the scoresheet for the Hoops.

1936

Jimmy Delaney scored the only goal of the game as Celtic beat Hearts 1-0 at Tynecastle on this day in 1936. He's scored the previous week in a 1-1 draw at home to Rangers, while he followed up the goal against Hearts with a double against Aberdeen in a 3-2 win for the Hoops. Unfortunately, Celtic finished third that season, behind Rangers and Aberdeen, although they did win the Scottish Cup, beating Aberdeen in the final at Hampden, in front of a world record crowd of 146,433.

1953

Bobby Collins produced a rare feat of scoring prowess on this day in 1953 as Celtic beat Aberdeen at Celtic Park in front of a crowd of 26,000. Not only did the 'Wee Barra' score a hat-trick, but all three goals came from the penalty spot. It would be a season of celebration for the Hoops, coming on the back of the Coronation Cup triumph in 1953 as they won the league and cup double, finishing five points clear of Hearts at the top of the table and beating Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup final.

1962

It was 59 years ago on this day in 1962 that Celtic played their very first competitive European fixture when they took on Valencia in Spain. The first leg finished 4-2 in Valencia's favour, with the Celtic goals coming from Bobby Carroll and an own goal. In the return leg, the Hoops fought out a 2-2 draw, but it was the Spaniards who progressed to the next round of the competition. The Celtic team for that first European tie was: Fallon, McKay, Kennedy, Crerand, McNeill, O'Neill, Chalmers, Jackson, Carroll, Gallagher, Byrne.

1981

The Hoops beat Partick Thistle on this day in 1981 with Charlie Nicholas and Tommy Burns scoring the goals at Celtic Park in front of a crowd of 15,000. The Hoops would go on to retain the league title, finishing two points clear of Aberdeen, although they didn't do so well in the domestic cups, failing to qualify for the League Cup knockout stages for the first time in 18 years. In the Scottish Cup, Aberdeen beat them 1-0 in the fourth round while Celtic lost out in the first round of the European Cup to Juventus.

2006

On this day in 2006, Gordon Strachan's Celtic side beat FC Copenhagen 1-0 in the UEFA Champions League. The only goal of the game came from Kenny Miller, who netted from the penalty spot. The Hoops would progress to the knockout stages of the competition that season, securing their qualification with a memorable 1-0 victory over Manchester United at Celtic Park, with Shunsuke Nakamura scoring a stunning free-kick and Artur Boruc saving a late penalty.

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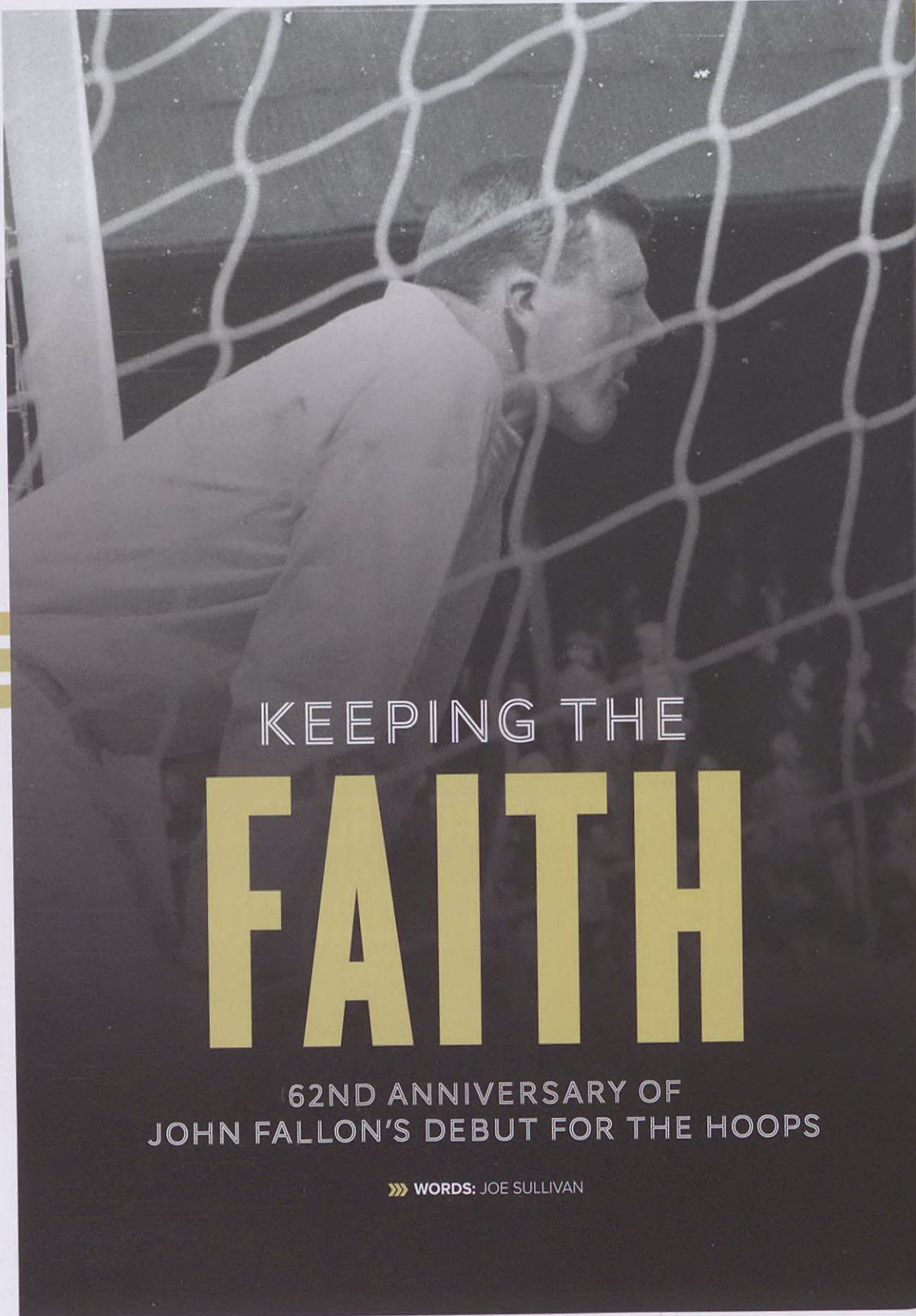
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KEEPING THE
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62ND ANNIVERSARY OF
JOHN FALLON'S DEBUT FOR THE HOOPS

»» WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

WHEN John Fallon joined Celtic on December 11, 1958, he fulfilled a lifelong dream, signing for the club he had supported passionately as a boy.

He joined as an 18-year-old and was farmed out to Fauldhouse United and made the breakthrough from Jock Stein's coaching system when regular keeper Frank Haffey was injured at work.

Fallon made his debut for the first team in a league game against Clyde at Celtic Park on September, 26, 1959 shortly after his 19th birthday.

Following that, he made fleeting appearances while Haffey held the gloves but by November, 1963 he had made the No.1 spot his own until the arrival of Ronnie Simpson.

The Blantyre-born goalkeeper was understudy to Ronnie Simpson in the all-conquering season of 1966/67 and was one of the first on the pitch at Lisbon to celebrate when the final whistle sounded.

Fallon later took over from Simpson and went on to play 195 first team games, in many ways epitomising the passion and enthusiasm of the Celtic support.

Among his greatest performances was an inspirational display in a 0-0 draw with AC Milan at the San Siro in 1969 amid a heavy blizzard and also in the victory over Real Madrid in Alfredo Di Stefano's Testimonial two years previously.

Fallon is also credited with a leading role in the 1969 League Cup final win over St Johnstone, with some commentators stating that his two saves near the end of the game effectively handed Celtic the cup.

John Fallon grew up listening to songs stories of John Thomson's greatness, and it was a dream come true, as a supporter, to become a Celtic

goalkeeper himself and, indeed, he was one of a select band of only a handful of Celts such as Billy McNeill, John Clark and Stevie Chalmers to play with the Hoops in the 1950s, all the way through the 1960s to the 1970s.

And, it is fitting that he played just as an important part in introducing the success-strewn and trophy-laden golden years of Celtic as Billy McNeill.

Everyone knows that it was big Cesar who rose to head home the winner in the Hoops' tide-changing 3-2 Scottish Cup final win over Dunfermline Athletic in 1965.

What has become lost in the green mists of time, though, is that John Fallon produced two excellent saves to stop the Fife team from taking the lead for a third time - our history could have been very different if either of those attempts had gone in.

He was also presented by his team-mates to the crowd at the end of the 1969 Scottish Cup final 4-0 win over Rangers when some excellent saves contributed a clean sheet to a magnificent overall team performance.

He was also Celtic 12th man that historic night in Lisbon as in the pre-substitute days a back-up keeper was allowed on the bench for the first time in a European Cup final.

And as the 12th man term had become synonymous with devoted and unfaltering backing of the men on the pitch, it's more than appropriate that the man on the bench that night would bleed green and white if you cut him.

If John Fallon had been in the employ of any other club he would still have been in Lisbon that night on the terraces wearing a Celtic scarf rather than on the bench wearing a keeper's top.

JOHN FALLON

Goalkeeper, 1958-1972

Celtic debut: September 26, 1959;
Scottish League, Celtic 1-1 Clyde
195 Celtic appearances
European Cup final substitute in 1966/67

COMPETITION	APPEARANCES
League	125
Scottish Cup	14
League Cup	36
Europe	20
Total	195





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THE REAL
MACKAY

THE MAN WHO WAS THE
CELTIC SKIPPER BEFORE CESAR

»» WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

IT was on this day 57 years ago, on September 26, 1964 that Dunky MacKay played his last ever game for Celtic in a 4-2 defeat to Hearts at Tynecastle.

Here we take a look at the defender's career.



A BIT OF BACKGROUND...

In 1957, when Celtic's triumphant League Cup-winning side went over to the States for a summer tour, a number of the much-vaunted 'Kelly Kids' travelled with them. Used primarily as 'hamper boys', this batch of bright young hopefuls were also aiming to make their debuts in the series of friendlies. Right-back Dunky MacKay was among their number but failed to feature, emerging the following year in a mini-tour of Ireland. His chance came at the start of the season and within weeks of his debut he was being hailed as the 'discovery of the season' and a 'five star proposition'. Before joining Celtic, the young full-back had previously played for Junior side Maryhill Harp, but by 1959 he was one of the shining stars in an underachieving side.

WHAT KIND OF PLAYER WAS HE?

'Before his time' appears to be the general consensus. Years before the emergence of Jim Craig and Tommy Gemmill, MacKay was one of the progenitors of the 'attacking full-back' role and a dynamic presence on the right flank. By

all accounts the Springburn-born defender never panicked or even hoofed the ball to safety, preferring instead to play his way out of trouble and use his pace to seize possession and burst forward. He wasn't even one for careering into challenges either and was a superb reader of the game who always seemed to arrive with timely interventions. Nor was MacKay gripped by the same lack of confidence and general uncertainty during the barren early '60s and this made him the ideal candidate to take over the captaincy from the great Bertie Peacock.

HIGHLIGHT?

This was perhaps being handed the captaincy itself, for MacKay's talent was never rewarded with the successes that other Celts enjoyed. Despite spending nine years at Celtic Park, MacKay won no major honours and finished on the losing sides in the 1961 and '63 Scottish Cup finals. He was however a regular pick for Scotland between 1959 and '62 and in his debut year in the national side, he put in a faultless performance in the game against England at Wembley. In total he won 14 Scotland caps and was also capped a further four times at Under-23 level.

LOW POINT?

For all his talent and years of service, MacKay's Celtic career ended in the most disappointing of fashions and in August 1963 he lost his captaincy to the man who would go on to become the club's most successful captain of all-time and arguably its greatest ever centre-back. It was the beginning of a new era at Celtic Park and as Billy McNeill accepted the armband, Ian Young also stepped into the side as the new first-choice right-back. MacKay had moved on by November the following season and a year later, the revolution would begin in earnest with the arrival of Jock Stein as manager. There was one other great disappointment in MacKay's career, that being his failure to make the grade in England. In May 1961 he had declared an interest in a move south, but despite his form and ability there were no takers from the English top flight.

WHERE DID HE GO AFTER CELTIC?

On leaving Celtic Park, MacKay moved to Third Lanark, where he joined another great Celt, Bobby Evans and found himself thrust into the midst of what would become a fatal decline. Within three years of his arrival in 1967 (the year that was also Celtic's most successful season) Third Lanark were out of business, amid claims of boardroom corruption. MacKay, like fellow former Celt Evans, had however already moved on by then and in 1966 he began a new life in Australia as the player-coach of Sydney's Croatia FC. A brief return to Scotland in 1972 saw him take on an identical role at Junior club St Anthony's, but in 1974 he returned to Oz as player-coach of Azzurri FC in Western Australia, later enjoying a spell with Melbourne's Essendon Lions in 1977.

AND ANOTHER THING...

For a player who never threw himself into rash challenges, MacKay was certainly not afraid to get stuck in when the right moment arrived and when the Scotland and England sides emerged from the tunnel at Wembley in 1959, he was the only one who was not wearing shinpads. He also bears the dubious distinction of being one of the few captains to make a fatal error during the toss of the coin, deciding that Celtic should play into a wild wind in a 1962 meeting with St Mirren. The Buddies were three-up by half-time.

CELTIC FACTFILE

Celtic career: 1955-1964
Position: Right-back
Celtic debut:
 v Clyde on 09/08/1958 (4-1)
Appearances: 236
Goals: 7
Honours: 0
Caps: 14 (Scotland)



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CELTIC FC WOMEN

FIXTURES/RESULTS 2021/22

Home games in **bold**. Celtic scores are shown first.

DATE	TIME	COMP	H/A	OPPONENT	RES
AUGUST 2021					
Sun 08	14.00	SWPLC	A	Partick Thistle	3-1
Sun 15	14.00	SWPLC	H	Hearts	2-0
Wed 18	17.00	UWCL	A	Levante	1-2
Sat 21	11.00	UWCL	A	FC Minsk	2-3
Sun 29	14.00	SWPLC	H	St Johnstone	3-0
SEPTEMBER					
Sun 05	16.10	SWPL1	A	Aberdeen	4-2
Sun 12	16.30	SWPL1	H	Glasgow City	2-2
Sun 26	12.30	SWPL1	H	Hibernian	
Wed 29	19.00	SWPL1	A	Motherwell	
OCTOBER					
Sun 03	14.00	SWPL1	H	Partick Thistle	
Sun 10	14.00	SWPL1	A	Hamilton Accies	
Sun 17	14.00	SWPL1	H	Spartans	
Sun 24	14.00	SWPL1	A	Hearts	
Sun 31	16.00	SWPLC	A	Rangers	
NOVEMBER					
Sun 07	14.00	SWPL1	H	Rangers	
Sun 21	14.00	SWPL1	H	Aberdeen	
Sun 28	14.00	SWPL1	A	Glasgow City	
DECEMBER					
Sun 12	14.00	SWPL1	H	Motherwell	
JANUARY					
Sun 16	14.00	SWPL1	A	Hibernian	
Sun 23	14.00	SWPL1	A	Partick Thistle	
Sun 30	14.00	SWPL1	H	Hamilton Accies	
FEBRUARY					
Sun 06	14.00	SWPL1	A	Spartans	
Sun 20	14.00	SWPL1	H	Hearts	
Sun 27	14.00	SWPL1	A	Rangers	
MARCH					
Sun 05	14.00	SWPL1	A	Aberdeen	
Sun 13	14.00	SWPL1	A	Glasgow City	
Sun 20	14.00	SWPL1	H	Motherwell	
Sun 27	14.00	SWPL1	H	Hibernian	
APRIL					
Sun 17	14.00	SWPL1	A	Partick Thistle	
Sun 24	14.00	SWPL1	A	Hamilton Accies	
MAY					
Sun 08	14.00	SWPL1	A	Spartans	
Wed 11	14.00	SWPL1	H	Hearts	
Sun 15	14.00	SWPL1	H	Rangers	





OLIVIA

REWARDS

LIVI CHANCE HOPES TO PASS ON
HER EXPERIENCE TO YOUNGER
CELTS BREAKING THROUGH

»» INTERVIEW: LOUISE GOULD

CELTIC Women have started their Scottish Women's Premier League 1 campaign in good form – in no small part thanks to a host of new arrivals.

With an away win at Aberdeen and a dramatic draw against reigning champions Glasgow City after being 2-0 down, summer recruit Olivia Chance says the team have a "good foundation" to build on in the games to come.

The New Zealand internationalist, who scored both goals against Glasgow City in the 2-2 draw, was expecting that today's fixture against Hibernian would be another physical affair (the Ghirls' game against Hibs is also today at home with a 12.30 kick-off).

The 27-year-old signed from Australian side Brisbane Roar in August and brings a wealth of experience having played in the English Women's Super League with Bristol City, Everton and Sheffield United.

She said the top Scottish teams are beginning to look similar to some English sides in the way they work on and off the pitch.

"The league is definitely building and it's in this really cool phase where the teams are starting to turn professional," she said.

"It just takes time to slowly build it up and have the right resources around the team to really give the players the opportunity to do the best that they can."

Chance arrived at Celtic shortly after wearing her beloved Football Ferns shirt at the delayed Tokyo Olympics, before hopping on a plane to don the green and white of the Hoops in the UEFA Women's Champions League in Trondheim, Norway.

The Football Ferns were unfortunate not to make it out

of the group stage in Japan, having the extremely tough task of playing some of the best ranked women's sides in the world - Sweden, United States and Australia.

Sweden went on to win silver, the United States bronze and Australia placed just outside of the medals in fourth.

The Kiwi star has been a part of her home country's national set-up for over a decade, with 22 international caps to her name.

"With my international career, it's about getting myself into a club where I can hopefully get a lot of minutes and play the football that I like to play," she said.

"For the international stage, having the confidence here at Celtic and getting goals, that only adds to your ability and when you're high on confidence you're always a better player.

"Attacking style football, that's my strength as a player."

Chance said she wants to use her international experience to help the younger Scottish Hoops coming through the ranks.

"There are a lot of players here under the youth age national team and I guess it's trying to get those girls into the top team, get them to that extra level, that next stage in their careers," she said.

"There's the professionalism that comes with travelling a lot whilst on international duty and those things that come with it, I hope I can help the girls transition into that."

She said that having success with Celtic in the league, cup competitions and having another run in the Champions League will in turn help the Ghirls with their international careers.

"It's a really exciting time for the Scotland national team and the Scottish league," she said.

It's only been a matter of weeks, but the Olympian said she's settled into the Celtic squad quickly, forging good connections with fellow attacking players Charlie Wellings and Shen Mengyu.

"The girls are good, we have a great group and when you're happy I think that's when you play your best – that's really important for me, to enjoy being here and enjoy the environment."

She said she has a good friendship with Shen off the field, which is, of course helping on the field.

"We don't need to speak English to play well together.

"Playing with Charlie before at our previous club I think has been good for us. I know how she plays and where she wants the ball and things like that – it's been quite easy to develop with her as well."

UPCOMING DATES

FOLLOWING today's game against Hibernian, with the Edinburgh side going into the match at the top of the table with two wins from two, the Ghirls are back on league duty again on Wednesday night when they take on Motherwell.

The midweek game goes ahead at Motherwell Women's home base of Alliance Park, and the Celts will be right back into more weekend action when Partick Thistle visit the Penny Cars Stadium in Airdrie next Sunday at 2pm for another SWPL1 match.

CELTIC QUIZ

HERE ARE
TODAY'S
BRAIN-TEASERS.
HOW WILL YOU
DO IN OUR QUIZ
FOR THE VISIT
OF DUNDEE
UNITED?

1. What were Dundee United's colours between changing from the green and white of Dundee Hibernian in the early 1920s until taking up tangerine in 1969?

2. Jim McLean was a coach with which club before becoming manager of Dundee United for 22 years?



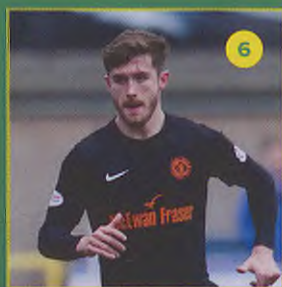
3. Who is the only former Celt to have managed Dundee United?

4. In what season did Celtic and Dundee United play each other four times inside a fortnight in consecutive games?

5. And how many times did the teams meet that season?

6. Anthony Ralston was on loan at Dundee United during which season?

7. Which two current Celts scored their first goals for the club against Dundee United?



8. Callum McGregor scored Scotland's only goal of this year's European Championships, but against which country?

9. Which member of Celtic's European Cup-winning backroom staff played for Dundee United?



10. Celtic's first ever Italian player also played for Dundee United – who was he?

11. Celtic Women's Olivia Chance plays internationally for which country?



12. When Celtic beat Dundee United 11-10 in a League Cup penalty shoot-out in 2009, which two keepers took spot-kicks against each other?

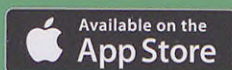
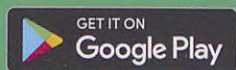
Answers:

1 Black & white, 2 Dundee, 3 Jackie McNamara, 4 2014/15, 5 Seven, 6 2017/18, 7 Alban Ajeti and Ismaila Soro, 8 Croatia, 9 Nelly Mochan, 10 Rolando Ugoilli, 11 New Zealand, 12 Artur Boruc and Lukasz Zaluska.

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LIAM SCALES 05	05 MARK CONNOLLY
NIR BITTON 06	06 MARK REYNOLDS
GIORGOS GIAKOUMAKIS 07	07 ILMARI NISKANEN
KYOGO FURUHASHI 08	08 PETER PAWLETT
ALBIAN AJETI 10	09 MARC McNULTY
LIEL ABADA 11	10 NICKY CLARK
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JOTA 17	18 CALUM BUTCHER
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CAMERON CARTER-VICKERS 20	22 KIERAN FREEMAN
BOLI BOLINGOLI 23	23 IAN HARKES
OSAZE URHOGHIDE 26	26 CHRIS MOCHRIE
SCOTT BAIN 29	27 LOUIS APPERE
LIAM SHAW 30	28 KERR SMITH
CALLUM McGREGOR 42	30 DARREN WATSON
DANE MURRAY 47	31 JACK NEWMAN
JAMES FORREST 49	32 ARCHIE MEEKISON
EWAN HENDERSON 52	33 SCOTT McMANN
ADAM MONTGOMERY 54	40 FLYNN DUFFY
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