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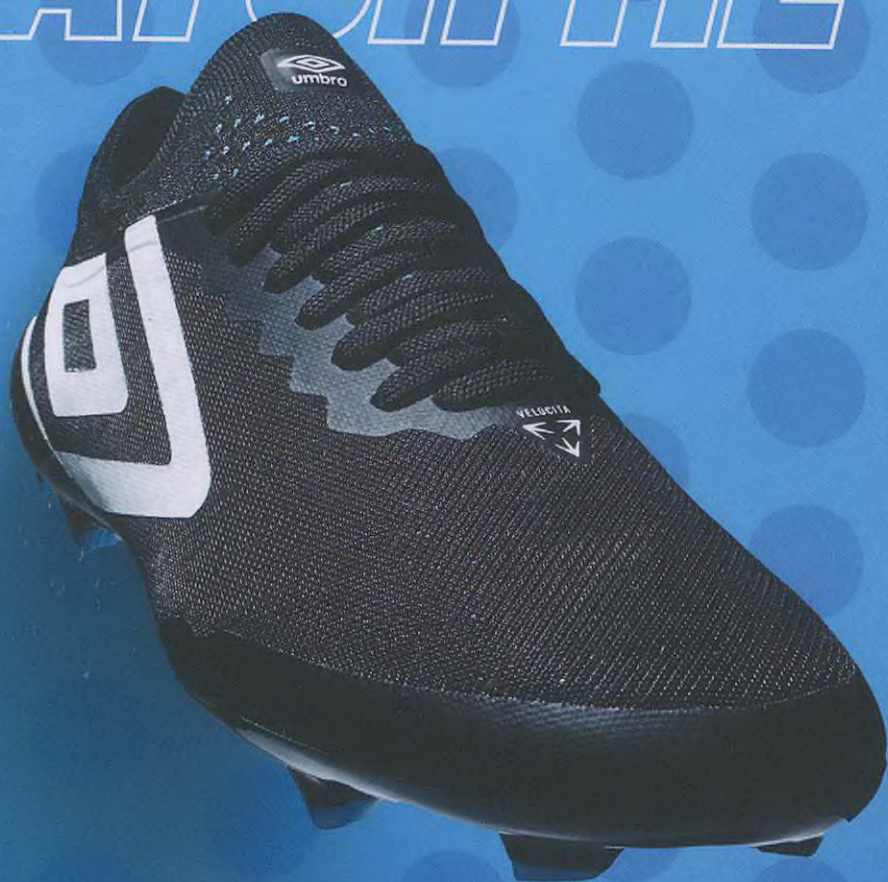
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
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CAPTAIN GORDON

Good evening Jambos!
We've prepared for tonight by winning all four of our Premier Sports Cup group games and it was particularly pleasing

to do so without conceding a single goal. We're on a great run of 11 consecutive clean sheets and as a defensive unit we've done well. Everyone's really stepped up and made crucial interventions, chucked their bodies in front of shots and defended as a team. As a goalkeeper, that's all you can ask for from the guys in front of you.

It doesn't matter who you're playing in terms of quality of opposition, to keep such an impressive clean sheet record is a huge credit to the team. We take confidence from that heading into tonight and we obviously know we'll face a stern test against quality opposition.

These are exactly the type of games we want to be playing in and we're all delighted to be back in the top-flight and, more importantly, at home in front of the maroon support again.

The momentum gained in the Premier Sports Cup mean we go into this fixture with confidence and the belief that we can get a result.

We know it'll be a difficult evening against a team of quality players, however, I take comfort from the fact that we have some really talented boys in every area of the pitch. Being back in the Premiership means the world to us and we are desperate to get off to a good start.

We don't yet have a full house here at Tynecastle but we know everyone here tonight will back us to the hilt. So whether you're watching from the stands or at home, rest assured we'll give it our all tonight and hopefully you're in for an entertaining game.

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Craig Gordon





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MANAGER NOTES



Good evening and welcome from Tynecastle Park. The start of the league campaign is upon us, and this is the moment we've been building up to since returning for pre-season. There has been a lot of hard work undertaken to get to this point and I'm happy with how the team has progressed over the past two months.

Topping our league cup group with four wins from four, and four clean sheets, was a good start and has allowed us to build some momentum that you wouldn't ordinarily get with friendly games. So we are in a good place, with wins under our belt and morale high, which leads us into tonight's match with confidence.

This evening we welcome Ange Postecoglou, the players and staff of Celtic to Tynecastle. Every game in the top flight is a big one, but this fixture is certainly one that stands out from most. Our two sides met last season in the Scottish Cup Final and we pushed Celtic all the way, narrowly losing out on penalties. That showed me that we can compete with the top teams in the Premiership, and playing at home will be a massive benefit for us.

It's great that we are able to bring even more Hearts fans into the stadium than last time. Of course, we want this packed out as quickly as possible, but we must abide by the current restrictions. That said, I have no doubts that 4,500 Jambos will be able to produce an electric atmosphere as we mark our return to the cinch Premiership.

If you're watching at home then I hope you enjoy the game, and if you're at Tynecastle then please do make some noise!

Robbie Neilson

OPPOSITION REPORT

CELTIC

The best part of eight months has passed since Hearts locked horns with Celtic in that dramatic Scottish Cup Final in December 2020 and it's fair to say it's a very different looking Celtic coming to Tynecastle this evening.

The club has undertaken a significant transformation from top to bottom in recent months, with Dominic McKay taking up his position as CEO as Peter Lawwell prepares to step aside following 18 years at the helm.

Much of the focus throughout the summer months, however, has been on the managerial position which has been vacant since Neil Lennon left his post in February. After months of speculation, the Celtic hierarchy eventually found their man in Ange Postecoglou. The former Australian national team manager, most recently with Japanese side Yokohama Mariners, has wasted little time in re-shaping the squad ahead of the new season.

There has been no shortage of comings and goings at Parkhead with captain Scott Brown leading the way in the departures lounge, having joined Aberdeen. He was followed out the door by influential defender Kristoffer Ajer, with the Norwegian securing a lucrative move to newly promoted English Premiership side Brentford. The likes of Vakoun Bayo, Jack Hendry, Diego Laxalt, Mo Elyounoussi, Shane Duffy and Jonjo Kenny have also left for pastures new.

In terms of new faces, the most recent comes in the shape of Swedish central defender Carl Starfelt, with the 26-year-old joining from Russian side Rubin Kazan. Prior to his arrival, the Celts also completed the signing of fellow central

defender Osaze Urhoghide from Sheffield Wednesday.

Israeli winger Liel Abada and central midfielder Liam Shaw have also joined the squad, with Japanese winger Kyogo Furuhashi also committing himself to the club having joined from Vissel Kobe in his homeland.

The departure of Scott Brown paved the way for Callum McGregor to be named new club captain and his first test came against FC Midtjylland in the Champions League qualifiers. Following a 1-1 draw at Celtic Park in the first leg, the Hoops jetted out to Denmark for the crucial second tie – played just a few hours after this publication went to print.

Regardless of the outcome of that fixture, the Glasgow side will be desperate to get their season off to a winning start tonight as they look to wrestle the title back from Rangers.





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CLAIRE DELWORTH

Ahead of the new season, Hearts Women have a point to prove. Claire Delworth spoke to Chris McPherson.

Claire Delworth will be a familiar face to anyone who's visited the club shop at Tynecastle. The Hearts Women right-back has been smiling away on the windows of the store under the Main Stand for quite a while now. But while they might recognise her, people knowing who she actually is, is something she and the rest of the women's team want to fix this season.

Hearts Women enjoyed their maiden season in SWPL1, the highest level of women's football in Scotland, under the toughest of circumstances. Firstly, the season was abandoned after just one round of fixtures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Then, manager Kevin Murphy left the club to move to Rangers just weeks before the season was due to restart, with many of the players leaving the club during that period.

After Andy Kirk was appointed manager, the season was two months old before it was halted again due to the national lockdown, and took four months to restart. By the time Hearts had finished their final match against Spartans on June 6th, it was 15 months since the season had begun. Despite some promising performances in the final weeks of the campaign, the girls finished in last place but by virtue of league reconstruction, were spared relegation. This did mean there was perhaps a lack of jeopardy, but a chance to build for the future.

"I think we need to improve a lot on last season, but luckily there was no relegation so we need to take that as a real learning curve," said Delworth, speaking the day after Hearts Women played their first pre-season friendly against Kilmarnock, winning 1-0.

"This season, we want to push on and perform better, and play as a unit. We've had a year together now as a squad so we're more familiar with different set-ups and different formations. We've obviously got a new manager coming in, so we'll have a new way of playing that we'll need to get used to and learn. We want to get more points on the board and win more games.



"There's a bit more pressure this season because we know we have to perform, and there's the danger factor of knowing bad results can mean relegation. We don't have anything to fall back on. We'll have new tactics integrated that will help us get the results we need."

The heavy defeats and long delays are a far cry from the closing fixture of the 2019 season, when Hearts defeated Partick Thistle at Tynecastle Park and secured promotion to SWPL1, but having played that day, lifelong Jambo 'Dele' would jump at the chance to play in Gorgie again, and to have the chance to show Hearts fans, and even players from the men's team, what they can offer to the club.

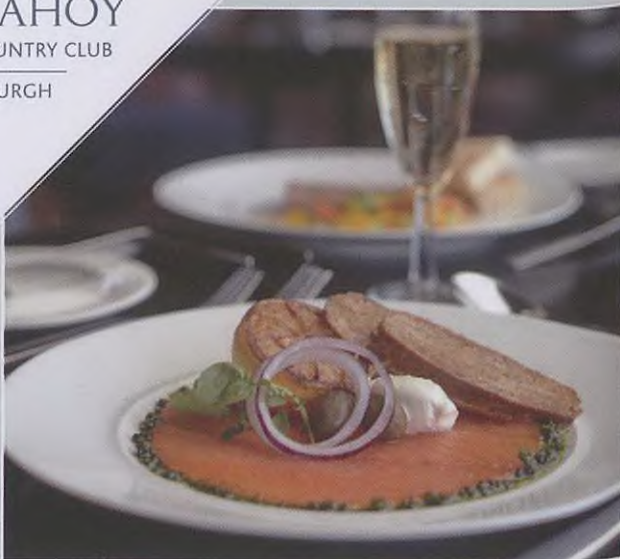
"We'd love the opportunity to play at Tynecastle again. We'd be really lucky to get the chance to play there again. Hearts have supported us so much over the past year, so to see the club support us further and helping us developing how we're portrayed by the fans would be brilliant. We'd love more exposure to the fans. I think it's important we show that we're two teams but we're one club. I'd like there to be more crossover between the men's and women's teams in terms of social media and appearances together.

"I think if fans came along to watch us, it might open their minds. We get written off, women's football in general is written off, but we try to play the same football as the men. The fans would enjoy it, it's still football and we're trying to win games, just like the men do. I think, because women's football hasn't enjoyed the same level of exposure as men's football, there's an idea that it isn't as good or worth as much time, so people might have missed out, but if they come to a game, we will show them otherwise. It might be their daughter, their niece, their sister or any family member or friend that wants to get into football and we'll be there for them.

"It would be massive for any of us. I'm a big Jambo so any messages I get from players means the world to me, but when you see Craig Gordon sharing Charlotte Parker-Smith's Save of the Season nominations, and helping her win through a public vote, that's massive for us. It promotes the women's football to fans who might not have awareness of us, but they will follow players



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like Craig and be introduced to us via him. We'd love it if we had more followers and could show what we're about."

Hearts Women had the youngest team in the league by some margin last season, partly through necessity and partly through ability, with the U19 group showing real signs of talent, and producing an impressive display against their counterparts at Glasgow City over the weekend, the powerhouse team in Scottish women's football.

"A lot of our younger players really stand out. Amelie Birse (16), a striker. Tyler Thomson (16), another striker from the U19s who just came up and scored the winner against Kilmarnock for us on Sunday. Shona Cowan (17) in defence. We've got a good basis. Eilidh Davies (16-year-old midfielder), I can't rate that girl any higher than I already do. She's going to be great. We have a really promising group. The U19s are a really exciting team who have a big future if they keep

working hard."

Finally, you couldn't stop Claire talking about her beloved Jambos. Her social media is littered with photos of her in replica tops from childhood, and she's desperate to get back to Tynecastle as a fan for this season, one which she's entirely optimistic about.

"It's an exciting start to the season. We're going into the season unbeaten, no goals conceded, so that's a good foundation to build on. Celtic is a huge game to start the season, you couldn't ask for a bigger game, and we'll have players who won't have experienced anything like it before. We have a lot of wrongs to put right this season, and we've got a lot of people to prove wrong. I can't wait."

Hearts Women opened their pre-season campaign with a closed-doors friendly against Kilmarnock on Sunday afternoon at Oriam. Featuring rolling subs, every fit member of the squad got some minutes in their legs, and the match was settled by a goal

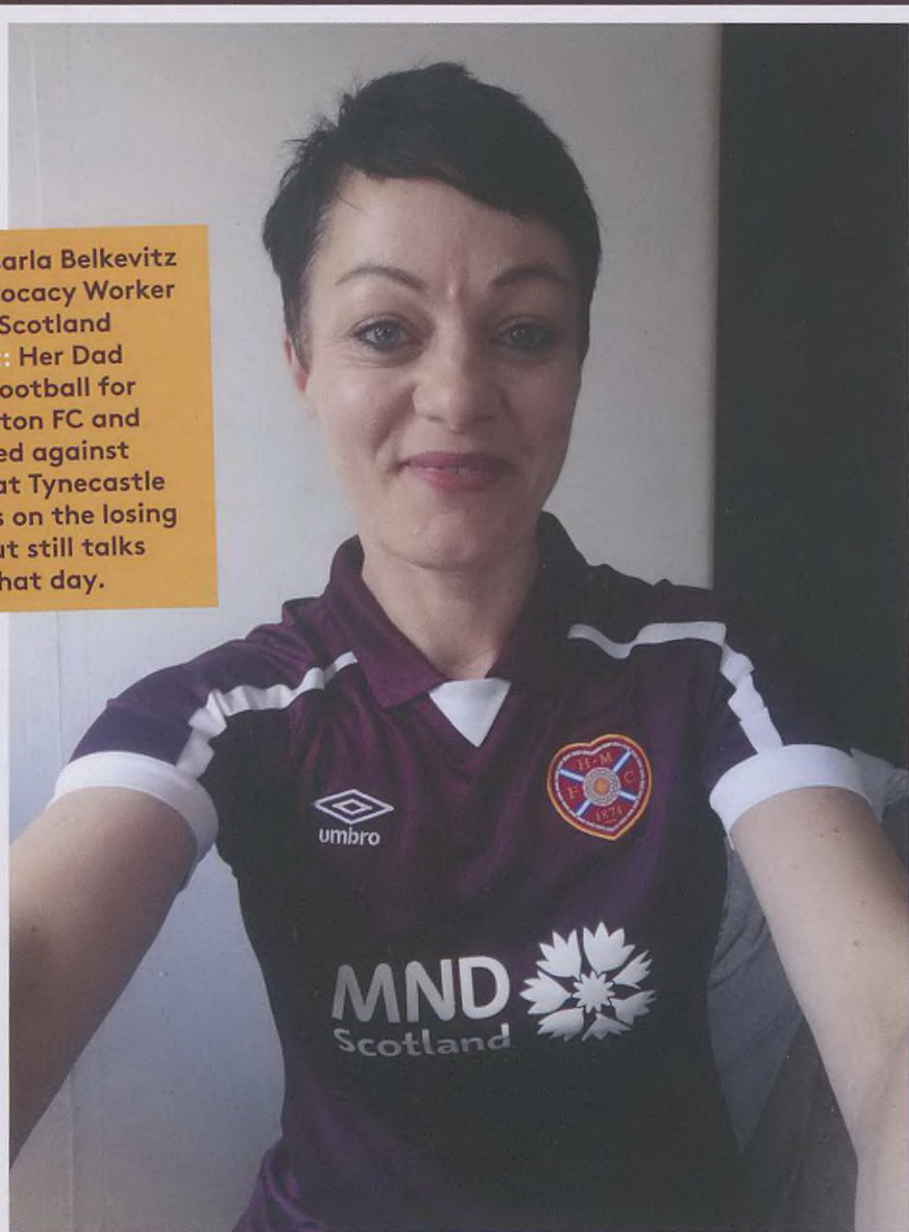
around the hour mark by young striker Tyler Thomson. Hearts also gave 15-year-old goalkeeper Lisa Rodgers the full 90 minutes, and she impressed with her ability to pass out of defence and command her area.

The rest of pre-season will see more closed-door friendlies against the likes of Boroughmuir Thistle, and Dundee Utd, before the campaign starts up properly with the SWPL Cup Group Stages, as Hearts welcome SWPL2's St Johnstone to Oriam on August 8th. The following weekend, the girls face Celtic at K-Park in East Kilbride, before finishing two weeks later with a home game against SWPL2 side Partick Thistle.

Hearts Women kick-off their SWPL1 campaign on September 5th, at home to newly promoted Hamilton Academical, followed by a double Edinburgh derby, with a trip to Spartans the next weekend, and then a return to Ainslie Park for a tie with Hibernian.

PEOPLE WITH BIG HEARTS.

Name: Carla Belkevitz
Job: Advocacy Worker
at MND Scotland
Fun Fact: Her Dad
played football for
Dumbarton FC and
competed against
Hearts at Tynecastle
- he was on the losing
team but still talks
about that day.



CARLA: THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY JOB

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Supporting people affected by Motor Neurone Disease

Our 'People with Big Hearts' feature this week is Carla Belkevitz, an Advocacy Worker with MND Scotland. She tells us about the work she does for the charity, her Lithuanian heritage and her personal view on the sponsorship between the charity and Hearts.

Carla has worked for MND Scotland since March 2018. Covering the north of Scotland, she ensures people with Motor Neurone Disease receive the statutory services they are entitled to from the Government.

She didn't have much interest in football when she was at school: "My Dad's a Hearts supporter, but I wasn't that fussed about football when I was younger. I was always happy to hear when they'd won!"

Coming from a Lithuanian family her interest in football began to grow in the Romanov era when players like Marius Zaliukas

connections in Scotland, this was really important for me because I feel very strongly about my family heritage and it was nice to see players from Lithuania in the team."

This season Carla was extremely excited to buy her very first Hearts home strip as a result of the new connection between MND Scotland and the Club. "The strip is lovely and I am so delighted with the sponsorship, I think it's tremendous and it will be amazing to see the players with the logo on their chest each week. It's a great memory for the charity."

As an Advocacy Worker, Carla sees first-hand how big an impact the money being raised makes in helping provide services which support people with Motor Neurone Disease to get the housing, care or adaptations they need as quickly as possible. "We didn't have an Advocacy team until 3 years ago and it's thanks

joined Hearts team, "There weren't many Lithuanian

to fundraising initiatives like the one with Hearts, that we are able to provide the services we do. It's really important we highlight what the money raised can do for people living with MND and the changes it can make to the charity."

Carla believes that the new sponsorship with Hearts will help to raise even more of an awareness of the illness, educate people and help them to better understand more about MND whilst also raising the profile of the charity. "Teaming up with a football club is brilliant, to see people of all ages proudly wearing their new Hearts strips and knowing that they have helped contribute towards our charity, it really is amazing."

Carla's Dad now lives in America and she can't wait to send his new strip over!

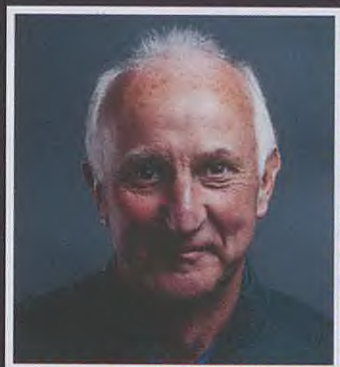
Thank you to Carla for sharing her insight to a charity that is very close to many Jambo hearts - our charity champion!



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FROM THE VAULT



Club Photographer David Mollison picks out an image from last weekend's match against Inverness CT at Tynecastle.

In a quiet moment last week I took this shot of the new floodlights. It got me thinking about the lights that we tend to take for granted.

Hearts replaced their 30-year-old floodlights in the close season. Previously there were 176 lamps. Now there are 56 LED 88 lux lamps. The positioning of each lamp is designed to provide the maximum coverage of the playing surface, hence why they look a bit skew-whiff!

As well as illuminating the playing surface, the new lights also help Hearts to significantly reduce the impact on the environment by being more energy efficient, which could save the club a significant amount of money over the next ten years.

I also discovered that the arrangement of the lamps means that there is space to add more specialist lighting to enable light shows which are becoming more common place at many stadiums.





THE TEAM

FOR ME

STUART BELL



Why did you start supporting Hearts?

For me it's not something I chose. We were born Hearts fans, all four of us (although one went astray!). I remember maroon wallpaper, two huge stuffed bears with the crest, a plethora of memorabilia that the Auld Yin (my dad) had either inherited from my Papa Bell or had collected himself over the years, and many, many strips, both signed and not. I grew up listening to stories, passionately told, of near miss seasons and what was considered success for Hearts. I was always told "It's hard being a Jambo, but there's nothing more rewarding either." Words to live by.

What was your first Hearts game?

Hard one this. It took many years for us to step foot into Tynecastle; partly because dad played amateur football on weekends and we'd go support him as a family, partly because my eldest brother went along to a heavy defeat to Dundee United, then went off to Ibrox and returned a Rangers fan(!) The first game I remember attending is against Motherwell, I think, about 17 or 18 years ago. My twin and I bought tickets in the Wheatfield stand and we took the Auld Yin along with us. Tynecastle was bouncing - you'd think it was a derby the way they were carrying on - but the mood was soon flattened by an away goal. We lost but the fans around us applauded the team off the park. (This was before the booing every result; win lose or draw.) We went a few more times that season and soon learned that that end is always the same, regardless. They just love their football and love their team and love showing it.

Any favourite memories from Hearts games that you've been to?

Plenty. Every time we go to Easter Road and the silence descends on the home end as we score always gives me a wee lift. There's nothing better than downing Hibs at home and restoring the natural order! Favorite recent memories would be beating Aberdeen in the cup two seasons ago, when Tynie became like a bear pit during the penalties, or the 4-1 drubbing of St. Mirren where Naisy scored a hat-trick. The former was just a magic night where both teams went at it and it came down to the maroon factor to decide the outcome (the fans, of course); the latter because if you watch the replays of the goals, you can see the Auld Yin celebrating every one like it's the best thing he's ever seen.

Favourite away days, and why?

I don't tend to travel to away days, but the few I've been to were fairly memorable. I remember going to see us beat Falkirk when we were first relegated

to the Championship. It was a fairly miserable night and my other half and I had taken her dad, brother and granddad with us. The poor lighting and distance from the pitch made picking players out difficult for everyone except the 80-odd year-old man with sight problems - clearest game he'd seen in years, apparently!

Another stand out would be getting taken to Pittodrie by an Aberdeen daft friend of mine so I "could see how football should be played". He was right; Hearts outplayed them, outscored them, and I got free hospitality to boot. We're still friends and I don't think I'll ever let him live that one down.

How does Hearts affect your family and friendships - is football a big part of your life?

I wouldn't say football is a big part of my life, but Hearts are. Don't get me wrong, I love going to see a match and have been known to frequent the odd sports bar to watch games I'm interested in. But if Hearts are in town or on the TV, that's where I'll be. Or Scotland. I try not to miss them either!

There's something about being a Hearts fan that other teams just don't get (and some of our own fans as well), something indefinable. It goes beyond community, beyond family, beyond football. When you see someone wearing the strip you know that they've been through the same as you, the same heartache and the same giddy highs. You know that that person chooses to keep going through that for the same reason as you. When you get us together on a matchday, no matter what we thought before kick-off, we back the team to the hilt because they are the same as us. They're an extension of us on the pitch and they need us to cheer them on or lift them up. When the club needed us, we stepped up because no-one else was going to look after our club. It's our home and it's where our history lies.

My family are Hearts fans, and Hearts are my family. My friends don't quite get that, and that's okay. They only support football teams; I support something bigger.

Do you have any favorite players from down the years?

The legendary John Robertson will always be a favorite of mine, as will Stephane Adam. That cup final is something special and it deserves to always be special, but I watched that on TV so it doesn't count here. I hero worshipped that whole team. Other favorites are Elvis - never needed a mic to hear him chewing out someone on the pitch! And Craig Gordon. I admired a certain Robbie Nielson for his defensive ability and his range on a throw in.



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That man knew how to score goals and he knew how to win hearts. Genuinely nice guy as well. I remember serving him and some of his teammates when I worked for Sainsbury's. He was always happy to chat with an awe-struck Jambo at the tills, and he never made me feel like the dumb kid I'm sure I was. The only other Hearts legend I've met is Gary Locke. His cousin was a friend of mine and he gave us a lift to school once or twice!

What's the best thing about being a Hearts fan? What's the worst?

See above for the best. The worst thing is the weight of fan expectation. We have no God-given right to win things any more than other teams do, yet a certain section seem to think that we do. It causes in-fighting when we really should pull together, and it nearly caused us to go out of business altogether. Calm, level heads are hard to find in

football and even harder to find at Tynecastle. Our passion for our club makes us expect the best but we forget to prepare for the worst.

That's part of being a Hearts fan as well.

What have you missed most about going to Hearts games during the pandemic?

That atmosphere at Tynecastle. The tension in the buildup to a match, that almost tangible excitement that only gets released when Scott Wilson puts on our song and we sing our hearts out. Then the match begins and everyone is scrutinising every pass made, every movement off the ball, every missed touch. And they let you know what they think about it, be you a home or away player. There's nothing like it, and it was sadly missed last season.

It's been a tough recent period for Hearts, but are you optimistic ahead of the new season?

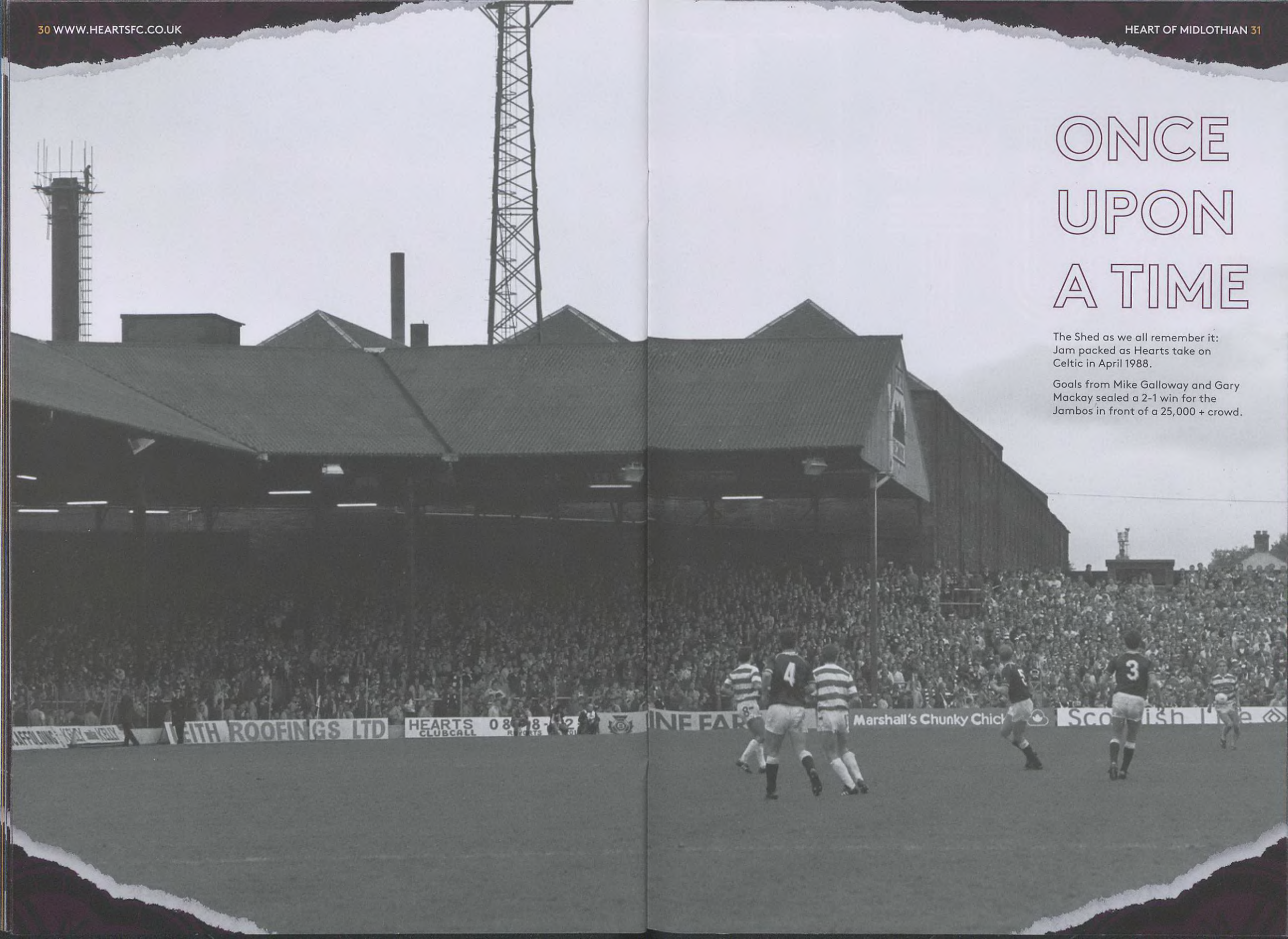
I am very optimistic for the new season, of course I am. I have the same maroon-tinted specs as most fans! Yes, we've had some hard times that we didn't need. Yes, we've had to deal with an undeserved relegation and some turgid displays during a pandemic. But those things can't dampen my excitement that we're back where we belong and that this team and this manager can do great things.

My expectations for this season are high. I expect a top four finish at least, with cup semifinals a minimum side achievement. The team are good enough for that and our manager has proven he's capable of leading a team that far in the past. I want a top two finish and a cup to parade around the city. I think we have some of the necessary quality in the team to do this and some of the experience in the coaching staff to push the team beyond their limits. Whatever happens, even another relegation, I'll continue to back my team.

ONCE UPON A TIME

The Shed as we all remember it:
Jam packed as Hearts take on
Celtic in April 1988.

Goals from Mike Galloway and Gary
Mackay sealed a 2-1 win for the
Jambos in front of a 25,000 + crowd.



KITTED OUT

In a new feature for 21/22, Hearts shirt collector Grant Young shines the spotlight on some of our jerseys and players from years gone by.

Just like today, Hearts opening game of season 1985/86 was against Celtic on the 10th of August 1985. The game ended in a 1-1 draw; the Hearts goalscorer was debutant John Colquhoun who netted in the 27th minute. John would go on to have a stellar career with Hearts making 424 competitive appearances with 385 starts and scoring 82 goals. His time at Hearts would span 12 years, with a brief spell at Millwall and Sunderland between 1991 and 1993 before returning to Gorgie as part of a deal that saw Derek Ferguson head South to the Black Cats.

Much loved by the Gorgie faithful for his trickery on the wing, goaling scoring exploits, trendy mullet and the trademark style of shirt tucked in at the front untucked at the back, John would give his all every time he wore a maroon jersey. Fans appreciated this, as well as his abundant skills, he was a firm favourite until he

retired from the game.

On Saturday the 1st of October 2016 John was deservedly inducted into the Hearts Hall of Fame, joining his fellow team mates Gary MacKay, John Robertson, Henry Smith, Sandy Jardine and Alex MacDonald. He is quoted as saying 'I was delighted and humbled that I was deemed worthy enough to join the great names who were already in it. It was predominantly the Hearts fans that drove me getting into the hall fame, so that makes me especially proud'.

If you were to ask any Hearts fan what number John wore when playing for Hearts, I am pretty sure that 99% would say no 7. It's fair to say in the majority of games he wore seven, he also on occasion would wear no 8, 9 and 10.

In fact, in one of the most famous European nights ever seen at Tynecastle on the 1st of March 1989, Hearts would defeat Bayern Munich 1-0 thanks to a beautiful free kick from Iain Ferguson who wore a long sleeve no 8. John played in that game and wore a short-sleeved no 9. For the record John was not a lover of long-



sleeved shirts and would only wear them if a short-sleeve shirt was not available, even then his sleeves would almost certainly be rolled up.

The shirt that night was made by kit manufacturer Bukta who had been supplying kits since season 1986/87 and would continue until 1990/91. Interestingly that night the shirt was emblazoned with the sponsor Novafone, however in the previous rounds against St Patricks, Austria Vienna and Velez Mostar the shirt was sponsor-less. Novafone had first appeared on the shirt at the home game against Rangers on the 10th December and would remain for the rest of the season.

The home shirt for season 1988/89 was a classic maroon, with a rolover v neck collar with treble white stripes and white piping running down from the neck to the armpit. The long-sleeved version would have the treble white stripes on the cuffs. Player worn shirts would have both an embroidered club badge and Bukta logo on the front of the shirt. The version made available to the fans via the shop would be a heat pressed flock logo and a heat pressed plastic badge.

It is also worthwhile noting that the embroidered Bukta logo on the front of the shirt had two versions. One version had maroon chevrons below the globe and the other had white chevrons.

The numbers on the back used that season were simple but stylish with a block effect.

Photos below are both match shirts, its highly likely that the no 9 was the shirt worn against Bayern Munich by John Colquhoun as it has the red chevrons. The no 8 was most likely worn by Iain Ferguson but because it has white chevrons it would have been worn in a League or Scottish Cup.

Grant Young is a Hearts shirt collector and is currently writing a book. He can be contacted at jambojim190512@yahoo.com or via twitter [@heartsshirts](https://twitter.com/heartsshirts)



Hearts On Tour

The The 50s/60s Tours

Throughout the most successful decade in the Club's history, manager Tommy Walker forged close bonds between his talented players by taking them on six post-season tours to destinations as far apart as the USA, South Africa and Australia. This season, I'm going to take a look at the memorabilia associated with Hearts' tours of the 1950's.

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12—Denny Ferguson Full Back	13—John Lough Full Back	14—Andrew Kelly Half Back	15—George Robertson Centre Half
1—Gordon Marshall Goal	2—Dobby Kirk Right Back	3—George Thomson Left Back	4—Andy Swanson Left Back
4—Jimmy Murray Right Half	5—Jimmy Milne Centre Half	6—Willie David Centre Forward	7—Gordon Smith Outside Right
8—Bobby Blackwood Inside Left	9—Bill Abbott Centre Forward	10—George Paul Inside Right	11—Johnny Hamilton Outside Left
11—Aryed Major Outside Left	12—Hunting Henry Inside Left	13—Tom Walker Outside Right	14—George Wright Right Half
15—Willie Hawthorn Left Half	16—Bibi Mann Centre Half	17—Ron Jackson Right Back	18—Al Davies Goal
19—Ced Bebb Forward	20—Mark Fern Full Back	21—Ron Sage Full Back	22—Lee Anderson Full Back

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Hearts made the short hop from Vancouver to Victoria on Sunday 5 June and checked into the city's Empress Hotel before preparing for their match with the Victoria All-Stars the following night. With another match scheduled for Wednesday and the Victoria side not predicted to cause Hearts too many problems, Tommy Walker took the opportunity to field some of the youngsters who had made the trip. John Lough kept his place and George Robertson, Alan Finlay and Andy Kelly were introduced, the last named making his only first team appearance for Hearts.

A small crowd of 2,500 were at the Royal Athletic Park to see the home side start brightly forcing two corners in the opening two minutes in an attempt to emulate the battling performance of the British Columbia side which had drawn with Hearts two days earlier. Although Hearts settled down with a shot which brought a save from the Victorian keeper after seven minutes, the home side passed up a couple of good chances to score in the first half as they dominated. Indeed, Hearts were lucky to be ahead at the break, taking advantage of a needless handball in the box by right back Volker Stoldt. George Thomson kept a cool head to give the tourists

the lead in 25 minutes. Hearts switched their forward line around at the break and this adjustment, together with the wind at their backs and their superior conditioning over their part-time opponents, allowed Hearts to totally dominate the second half with local newspaper reports suggesting that the All-Stars struggled to get over the half-way line in the second half. On 56 minutes, Ian Crawford doubled Hearts' lead as he blasted home a free kick from 20 yards. Six minutes later, Bobby Blackwood outpaced the home defence and completed the scoring by adding a third goal for Hearts.

A straightforward win for Hearts and the crowd were treated to a straightforward programme to match; just four pages including a full page advert for Evans Coleman & Evans who offered a complete building service. The front cover has match details and reveals that the programme was sponsored by the Victoria & District League and the British Columbia Soccer Commission. Inside, the two teams are set out in 2-3-5 formations. I wonder whether the previous owner of my copy, who ticked the names of the Hearts players who played, was disappointed that five of the six "spares" or substitute players actually played in the match for the visitors.

From Victoria, Hearts were off to Edmonton on the next leg of their journey and the Edmonton Journal wondered whether, after the two day programme of events lined up for the

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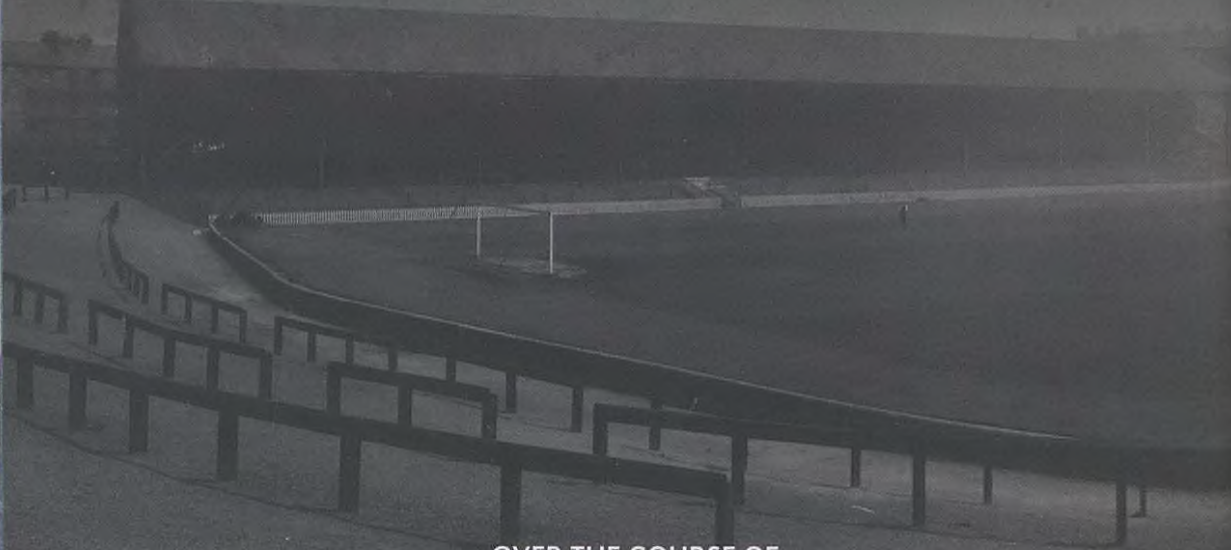
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PART TWO: THE HEARTS ARRIVE IN GORGIE

Since the club was formed in 1874, Hearts had played at the East Meadows, then Powburn, and finally Powderhall. It was important to settle down and establish an identity, and in February 1881, the Committee made the astute decision to lease a field at Tynecastle, in the developing industrial suburb of Dalry. Hearts' influential captain, Tom Purdie, already worked in that district, at the North British Rubber Mill in Fountainbridge and so did the wife of Hearts' first goalkeeper and founder-member, Jake Reid. Over the years, many players and officials would be employed at this vast complex which became a hot-bed of Hearts supporters.

On 19 February 1881, Hearts' first match at Tynecastle Park ended in a 2-1 defeat against local rivals, St. Bernards, before a healthy crowd of 1,000. However, the ground was officially opened on 9 April 1881 against another city club, Hanover, and this time, Hearts won by a handsome score of 8-0. The club subsequently flourished at Tynecastle and became established as one of the leading teams in Scotland.

At that time, Gorgie, with its enormous glue factory, grain mills and leather works, lay slightly further west, but it rapidly expanded to absorb the area of Tynecastle. The focal point of the district was the Tynecastle Toll Gate which stood on the site of what became the Tivoli Cinema. In previous years, this was where a fee was paid to use the road into central Edinburgh.

The club's new home was not the present ground, but a substantial field with space for two football pitches that ran north-south on the site of what is presently Wardlaw Street and Wardlaw Place. The nearest buildings were Morrison's Cabinet Works and the houses of White Park, both situated on the ground's eastern boundary, and the Caledonian Railway on its south side. Having two pitches allowed Hearts to

regularly play two matches as an attraction to the public.

It was several months before Tynecastle Park could boast a Pavilion for the players' privacy and, for a short period, they had to wash and dress at a public house, which was then known as the Midlothian Arms, and is now the Tynecastle Arms. By 1883, a grand-stand had been erected in front of the Pavilion. This wooden structure held around 250 spectators and the players entered the field through a tunnel in the Stand. Progress was evident, but games were often spoiled by the pronounced slope that ran down the pitch from the railway end to Mid-Calder Road (now Gorgie Road).

Many spectators arrived on horse-drawn cabs, in which five fares from the Tron Kirk cost 5/- (25 pence). These cabs made an impressive sight as they lined-up on Gorgie Road waiting for return fares, and their roofs also offered many youngsters their first view of the Hearts. The Edinburgh Tramway Company quickly realized that Hearts' games provided lucrative business and on match days, additional horse-drawn cars rumbled out to the terminus at Ardmillan Terrace. Routes could be further developed after the city limits were extended in 1882 to incorporate Tynecastle.

On 8 April 1882, Aston Villa became the first English team to play in Edinburgh and they defeated Hearts at Tynecastle by a comfortable margin of 6-2. There was no such trouble in an Edinburgh FA Cup-tie on 30 September 1882 when the team recorded its biggest victory at the ground, Holyrood being

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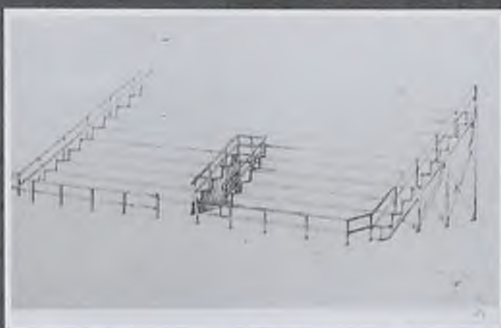
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Hearts only trophy success during their five-year occupancy of the first Tynecastle Park was winning the initial Rosebery Charity Cup competition on 21 April 1883. Nevertheless, the club had built-up a solid fan-base with between 3,000 and 5,000 watching important fixtures. The largest crowd to watch the "maroons" play across the street was 6,500. This was the attendance on 20 October 1883, when Hibs won 4-1 in the Scottish FA Cup. The ground record was established on 25

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February 1882 when a reported attendance of nearly 8,000 watched the Edinburgh FA Cup Final between Hibernian and St. Bernards.

The last match on the old ground took place on 27 February 1886, with Hearts beating Sunderland by 2-1. Because a long lease was not available, the first Tynecastle had never been fully developed and, in addition, the sloping pitch caused lengthy stoppages as the ball had to be regularly retrieved from the main road. Accordingly, the Committee decided that the club should move, but only one hundred yards, because the ever-expanding district of Gorgie-Dalry was a perfect home for Hearts.

At one time, the area's arable and livestock farms supplied the city, but this changed in the middle of the 1800s, due to the influence of the Caledonian Railway whose main line is today the West Approach Road. It also had branch lines to Haymarket; Haymarket West; and Granton, while extensive sheds were built at Dalry Road. The Haymarket Branch, opened in 1853, still carries traffic over Gorgie Road. Good communications attracted large developments, including Dalry Cemetery and the Magdalene Asylum and Reformatory. Industries also appeared with a builder's yard at Tynecastle Toll; a coal depot; a laundry; an iron works; and a cabinet maker's factory.

When Hearts arrived in 1881, the area had further expanded with tenements extending as far as White Park. Growth was relentless and thousands more came into the district to work in world-famous companies, including The Caledonian Distillery; Jeffrey's Brewery; The North British Rubber Mill; McEwan's Brewery; McVitie & Price; and our good neighbours of long standing, The North British Distillery. There was also an extensive piggery in Dalry Meadows where the school would eventually be built.

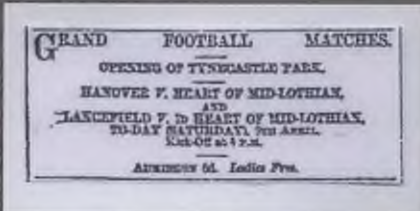
Hearts' final move commenced on Saturday 18 July 1885, when

the Edinburgh Evening News reported a special meeting of club members. James Pretsell, who was hugely influential in the field of education and would soon become President of Hearts, reported that the club had been offered an eight-year lease of Councilor James Steel's park, just across the road from the present ground. A motion that the club would take over the park and appoint a committee to draw up the terms of a lease was carried by a large majority.

The club spent the not inconsiderable sum of £200 to prepare its new home, with the site being large enough for two excellent pitches. These ran in an east-west direction, but unfortunately, this would prove to be unsatisfactory because wind regularly affected play. Spectators stood behind a stout rope on raised banking and a pavilion, together with the unroofed wooden stand from across the road, stood on the Gorgie Road side of the field.

The new Tynecastle Park was a handsome credit to the club, although the Edinburgh Evening News, while delighted at the overall stadium, was forced to report, "the facilities for entering were very poor with the crushing and squeezing to clear the barricade at times alarming. The entrance, which was along a lane opposite Newton Street, needs work and the press men also need accommodation. The pitch was much better being perfectly level. The old pitch had a decided slope which often proved successful for the team winning the toss".

However, the new stadium pleased the 5,500 supporters who attended the opening match against the well-known professional club, Bolton Wanderers, on Saturday, 10 April 1886. On that special day, the



sun shone, the enthusiasm was intense, and Hearts defeated the famous English side by 4-1.

With a low shot, Tommy Jenkinson scored the first goal at the new Tynecastle Park, after only five minutes. Rab Henderson with two goals and Bobby McNeill raised the score to 4-0 before the Wanderers secured a late consolation. The ball went through the Hearts goal off a post, following a wild scramble involving about ten players. Accordingly, the scorer of the first opposition goal at Tynecastle was not identified. In the early days of football, a group of forwards often forced the ball over the line and this was referred to as a "scrimmage".

Hearts' historic team was: Willie Gibson; Jimmy Adams and George Fairweather; Geordie Whyte, Davie Aitken and James Fraser; Tommy Jenkinson, Willie Mackay, Rab Henderson, Jimmy Common and Bobby McNeill.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE HEARTS HERITAGE TRAIL



Launched in 2017, the Hearts Heritage Trail coach tour visits locations throughout Edinburgh that have connections to history of the Club during its formative years. Uncovering some surprising locations and stories, the trail has brought hundreds of visitors an unforgettable experience filled with fun and facts, and of course, football.

3. Anderson's Tavern and Coffee Shop

Last time, we introduced the first Hearts Team. Having persuaded his teammates to adopt the name Heart of Midlothian, Tom Purdie was made the club's first captain. He was joined by John Sweeney, his workmate from the North British Rubber Company. James Reid was the goalkeeper and, as far as we know, he is the

only goalkeeper we have had that had only three figures on his right hand. James had lost two figures in an industrial accident; his teammates called him Three Finger Jake! Despite his lack of digits, he was a competent goalkeeper and was the first Hearts player to play one-hundred games for the club.

Other members of that first team included Hugh Wyllie, a boot-closer from West Richmond Street; brothers Bob and George Barbour from Rose Street and, not surprisingly in a city known as Auld Reekie, there were three chimney sweeps; Peter and John McBeath from the Pleasance, and Peter Donaghue from Causewayside.

The team needed a club house, initially to meet up, get changed in, and to entertain the opposition after games. Again,

Tom Purdie came to the rescue.

Anderson's Tavern and Coffee Shop stood on the corner of Nicholson Street and West Crosscauseway. The building has long been demolished but its replacement now houses one of Lesley Deans' Estate Agents offices. The tavern's proprietor, Aron Anderson drank himself to death and died in 1874 and the licence for the Tavern was taken over by his

wife Marion. Marion's brother, a mate of Tom Purdie had little problem persuading his sister to offer the first-floor room above the bar as Hearts first meeting and changing rooms. It also became the club's first registered address when Heart of Midlothian Football Club became members of the SFA.

Anderson's Tavern and Coffee Shop was ideally located for Hearts' first competitive games at the Meadows. The team would leave Anderson's and make their way through the pend at the back of St Patrick Square, on to Buccleuch Street, down Boroughloch, past the Boroughloch Brewery, and on to the Meadows. On the way, they would be joined by their very first supporters. One of them, William Smith, a local blacksmith, was an early benefactor to the club.

FIRST TEAM

APPEARANCES 2021/22

PLAYER		LEAGUE			LEAGUE CUP			SFA CUP			TOTALS		
		STARTS	SUBS	GOALS	STARTS	SUBS	GOALS	STARTS	SUBS	GOALS	STARTS	SUBS	GOALS
Craig	GORDON	-	-	-	4	-	4*	-	-	-	4	-	4*
Ross	STEWART	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michael	SMITH	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Cammy	LOGAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamie	BRANDON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alex	COCHRANE (L)	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Stephen	KINGSLEY	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
John	SOUTTAR	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Mihai	POSPECU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craig	HALKETT	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Peter	HARING	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Chris	HAMILTON \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loic	DAMOUR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott	McGILL \$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aaron	McNEFF	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Gary	MACKAY-STEVEN	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	2
Andy	HALLIDAY	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	1
Jamie	WALKER	-	-	-	0	3	1	-	-	-	0	3	1
Jordan	ROBERTS	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	0	1	-
Josh	GINNELLY	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Liam	BOYCE	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	4	-	3
Armand	GNANDUILLET	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Euan	HENDERSON	-	-	-	0	3	-	-	-	-	0	3	-
Connor	SMITH	-	-	-	0	2	-	-	-	-	0	2	-
Finlay	POLLOCK	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	2	2	1
Aaron	DARGE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aidan	DENHOLM	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	-	-	0	1	-
Leo	WATSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals	-	-	-	44	18	8	-	-	-	44	18	8

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