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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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ANGE POSTECOGLOU

THIS is our first home league game of the season and I'm delighted to welcome so many of you here to Celtic Park today. Hopefully, before too long, we will be back to playing in front of a full stadium of 60,000 supporters, and I know that's something all of us are looking forward to.

Our focus today, of course, is on the 90 minutes ahead and the need for all three points. That will be the same for every game and our aim is to bounce back from last weekend's disappointment.

More importantly, we want to keep improving our football. If we keep playing and improving our football then the results will naturally follow.

Last Saturday's game saw both Carl Starfelt and Kyogo Furuhashi make their Celtic debuts, while this week

also saw us add to the squad, with Joe Hart and James McCarthy joining the club. They are two very experienced players, at both club and international level, and I'm looking forward to working with them.

We have a busy schedule of fixtures ahead of us, with our most recent game being in the Czech Republic on Thursday night against Jablonec.

The deadline for this match programme is such that I've had to write these notes ahead of that game, but it goes without saying that I hope we got a positive result to take into next week's second leg.

However, that is a game which we will start preparing for after this afternoon's match against Dundee. Our focus, since returning from the Czech Republic, has been on preparing for this

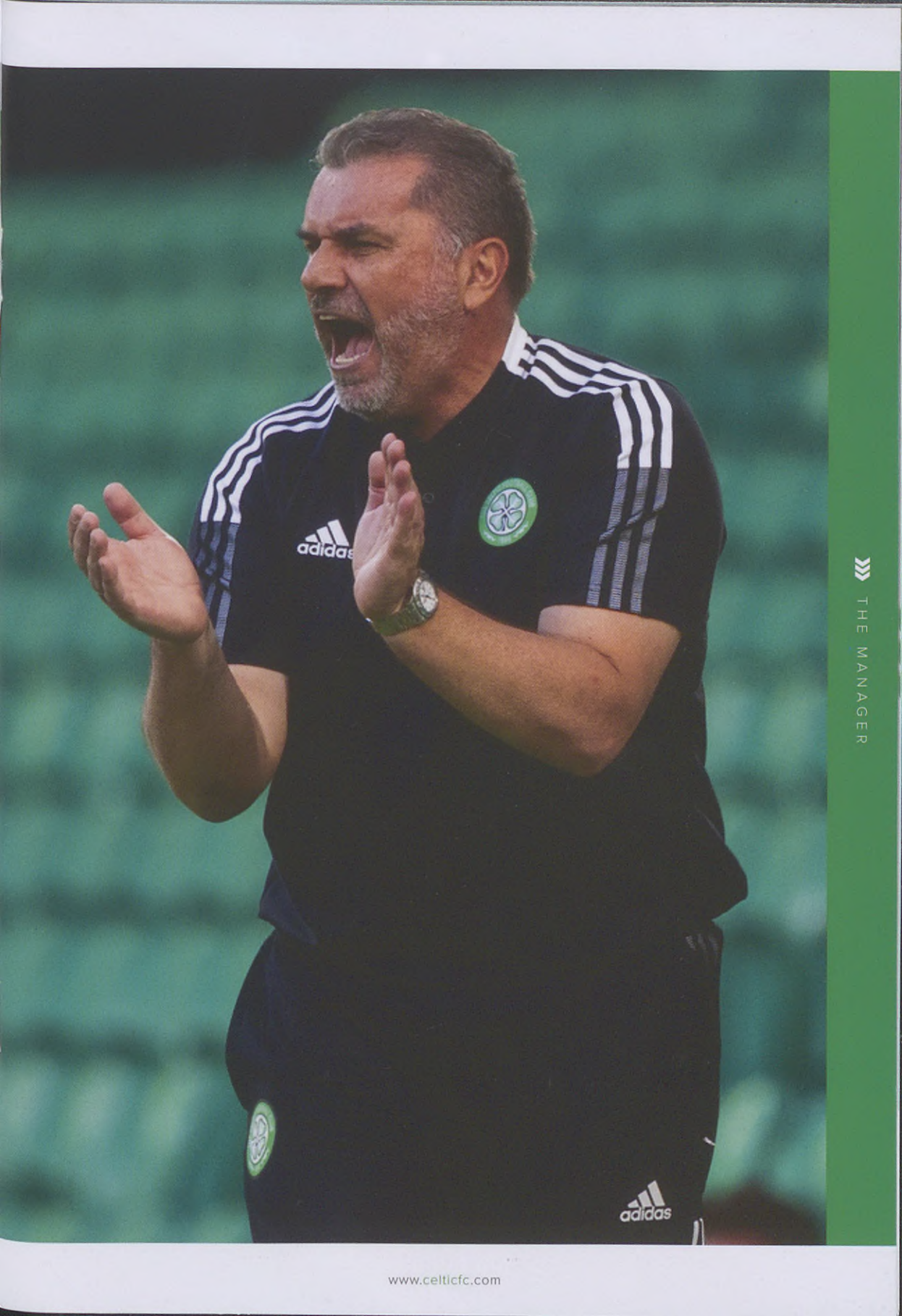
game and our aim is to do everything we can to get a positive result today.

Like our opponents last weekend, Dundee are also newly-promoted back to the Premiership and they will come to Celtic Park looking to maintain their unbeaten start to the season, which included a 2-2 draw at St Mirren in their opening league game.

So we go into today's game fully prepared and knowing that we will have to be at our best to ensure that all three points remain here.

As I mentioned already, it is great to have so many of you back in the stadium today. Thank you for your support and enjoy this afternoon's game.

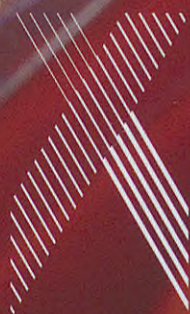
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»» THE MANAGER



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SPEEDFLOW



THE CAPTAIN

CALLUM MCGREGOR

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ONE of the many tasks that falls to the captain is to write the match programme notes, and so, on the first occasion that I've had to do them, I want to thank all of you for your support and good wishes since I was appointed.

I know I have big shoes to fill, but it's a challenge I'm looking forward to in the months and years ahead.

It's always good to be back home and all the players are looking forward to running out at Celtic Park again, especially in front of a bigger crowd than before, and I'm sure it will be a great atmosphere today. And, in particular for the new boys in the squad, it'll be their first chance to experience a game here with the fans behind us.

We can all enjoy that, of course, but the most important thing is for us to put on a good performance and get the three points. We know that Dundee won't make it easy for us, so we'll have to make sure we're at our best this afternoon.

We go into this match on the back of a Europa League tie on Thursday in the Czech Republic, and we hope that we've been able to bring back a good result to take into this week's second leg here.

It's part and parcel of life at this club to deal with the demands of domestic and European football. It's something we all relish, and we'll be doing everything we can to ensure group-stage football this season.

The focus for now, though, is on the Scottish Premiership and the need to get our first points on the board for the new campaign. That's what we've focused on since Thursday night, and that's what we're determined to do in the course of this afternoon.

Your support today is absolutely vital, as it will be throughout the season, and hopefully at the end of the 90 minutes, we'll be celebrating a positive result. Enjoy the game.



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NEW BHOY KYOGO FURUHASHI



"Not only is Celtic a globally known club, but a club with great history too. So I am very happy that I can play here, but I also want to prove my worth while I'm here And I want to play good enough for the fans to support me."

"Shunsuke still plays in the J-League today, and has attained legendary status. But rather than comparing, I want to focus on myself and improve my own abilities. I received a call from Shunsuke before I arrived here and he told me, 'Just focus on yourself and hone your own playing style' which was great advice."

"The main goal is to help Celtic win the league, as well as a personal target to score 10 to 15 goals over the course of the season."

"I don't like to talk too much about the future, but I must admit that after visiting the stadium earlier, I got to see the beauty of Celtic Park in person. So I am very keen to impress the fans who will all make the effort to travel here and support their favourite team."

"I am a striker, so I want to produce visible results such as goals and assists. So I would like to produce these results to help us win and make the fans happy."



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KYOGO FURUHASHI

Position: Forward
Squad Number: 8
D.O.B: 20/01/95
Born: Nara, Japan
Height: 5'7"
Signed: 16/07/21
Debut: v Hearts (a) 1-2, (SPFL) 31/07/21
Previous Clubs: Vissel Kobe, FC Gifu



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JAMES FORREST ON
REVERSING CELTIC'S
FORTUNES AND WELCOMING
FANS BACK TO PARADISE

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: JOE DONNELLY



WITH 414 appearances under his belt, 322 starts, 92 goals and 20 trophies in green and white, Youth Academy graduate James Forrest is the current Celtic first-team's most decorated and longest-serving player. In a career spanning 11 years and counting, the 30-year-old Quadruple Treble-winning winger has experienced more highs than lows at Paradise, but maintains staying mentally level in the face of success and disappointment is vital in modern football.

By his own admission, results so far this season have erred in the latter direction but, under the guidance of new manager Ange Postecoglou, the midfielder is determined to help return the Hoops to winning ways.

In domestic competition, that begins with today's visit from Dundee – the Dens Park side having been promoted this season from the Championship after a two-year absence from Scottish football's top-flight. Forrest in turn expects a tough contest from James McPake's men, but cannot wait to perform in front of the Paradise faithful's largest showing of the season so far, as 24,500 supporters watch on from the stands.

"With a new season, we were obviously looking forward to a new manager coming in, new players coming in and working hard to get things going," said Forrest in an exclusive interview with the official matchday programme. "You have a new buzz about the place but obviously when the first couple of results aren't the best, that takes a bit of a hit.

"That said, once we pick up a few good results, I'm sure we can turn that around. It's hard because sometimes when you're winning, people can take it for granted. When you go on a run like we're on just now it's tough – the players know that, the manager does and, of course, the fans do too – because at a club like Celtic we're expected to win every game.

"The pressure is always there, but we have a lot of good players, a lot of good staff and we want to turn it around very quickly.

"The thought of getting the fans back in is class – even

getting a few thousand in for the pre-season friendlies, a wee bit more for the Midtjylland home game, and now we're looking at 24,500 for today's game, that's incredible."

Despite missing a large portion of last season through injury, Forrest, like his skipper Callum McGregor, is otherwise one of Celtic's most featured players over the course of any given campaign. During the 2018/19 Treble-winning trail, for example, Forrest made 56 appearances across all competitions for the Hoops – second only behind McGregor's 59.

For Forrest, a fixture-heavy schedule is preferred, win, lose or draw. He said: "There are always a lot of fixtures at this time in the season, and that's the thing about competing in a lot of competitions – there is always another game a couple of days later. When you win, that's good because you can't rest on your laurels, and when you lose you get the chance to bounce back quickly and get over a disappointing result."

Last weekend's narrow 2-1 league-opening defeat to Hearts at Tynecastle was of course one such result, which saw Celtic wrongly denied a goal for offside before John Souttar headed home the winner for the Edinburgh side in the dying minutes of the match.

Ange Postecoglou was naturally disappointed to kick off the Scottish Premiership campaign with a loss, especially having dominated possession over the course of 90 minutes. Still, the Australian looks positively to the future and repeated the message that his players are still adjusting to his style of play.

With Carl Starfelt entering the squad at the weekend after just one training session, and with Kyogo Furuhashi making a late substitute appearance having travelled to Scotland earlier that day, time can only help this squad settle – combined with the reassurance of its most experienced players in captain Callum McGregor and James Forrest himself.

"I've only had a couple of weeks working under the new manager, but I've enjoyed it," Forrest continued. "He's got an attacking

mind-set and style of play which really suits me. Again, the results maybe haven't gone our way yet, but I believe that if everybody keeps working hard and believing in what he's doing then I think we'll be alright.

"Cal's been great since moving full-time into the captain's role. The manager has said that himself, he's been really impressed with his leadership qualities. But Cal also needs other players to step up as well, so we all shoulder that responsibility in some ways.



THE PRESSURE IS ALWAYS THERE, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF GOOD PLAYERS, A LOT OF GOOD STAFF AND WE WANT TO TURN IT AROUND VERY QUICKLY."

"It can't just be everyone focusing on Cal, but he has a big figure in the dressing room, he's great on the park too. For me, he was definitely the right and obvious choice as captain and I think in time he'll only continue to get better.

"I think it's always been the case here at Celtic, that the boys who've been here longest teach the newer guys what the club is about. I think that applies to the Scottish boys in the dressing room in particular, and I think we've always had a good group.

"Whenever foreign boys come in, they're always welcomed into a tight dressing room, which is the way we always want it to be. Obviously, with the last year, with Covid and the restrictions, and





disruptions that's brought with it, we've had guys in different dressing rooms and that's never ideal. But we've still maintained that tightness, and hopefully as restrictions continue to lift, we can start galvanising the group again."

Having spent two years playing in Scottish football's second tier, Dundee returned to the Premiership last weekend with an action-packed 2-2 draw at Dens Park wherein James McPake's men came from behind twice, scored an own goal, conceded a penalty and had a man sent off.

The last time today's visitors faced Celtic was during the 2018/19 campaign, when the Dark Blues failed to score in three games – with the Hoops winning 5-0 away from home in October, 3-0 at Celtic Park in December, and 1-0 again at Dens Park in March.

Forrest expects a different game this afternoon, but said Celtic's approach remains the same: to play attacking football, to create chances, and, crucially, to do everything they can to try to win.

He said: "I know a lot of their players, and I've played against a number of them over the years. They'll be up for it, they'll make it hard for us without a doubt.

"They'll also be buzzing after having been promoted last season, especially after a couple of seasons away from the top flight, and they'll be playing with a point to prove. It'll be a tough game today, but it's the first game at Celtic Park in the league, with a number of fans in the stadium, all of which makes it one we're really looking forward to.

"Especially given this is our first league game at home, that extra push from the fans is more than welcome. As players, we want nothing more than to get people back in their numbers, and hopefully we can keep moving in the right direction."



»» **TONY CAN BE PROUD**

DESPITE a disappointing result in the capital last weekend, Tony Ralston's 54th-minute equaliser was easily the best goal of the game when the full-back showed great composure to twist, turn and thunder the ball high past Hearts stopper Craig Gordon into the net.

Team-mate James Forrest was delighted for the 22-year-old, hailing his goal but also his performances in Ange Postecoglou's starting XI in recent weeks.

"It was some finish from Tony, all of the boys were buzzing for him," said Forrest. "It was quality, I've watched it back a few times, and he showed great composure and found himself in a good position as well. I think even before the Hearts game, he'd done really well in the games he's played so far."

»» **POSITIVES TO BE DRAWN**

JAMES Forrest admits Celtic's start to the season has been less than ideal, however remains assured there are enough positives in the Hoops' play to suggest they can turn things around quickly.

This is a view shared by manager Ange Postecoglou and his coaching staff, and Forrest is determined to implement their analysis into the busy run of games he and his team-mates have on the horizon.

He said: "The manager has said that to us – he's taken a lot of positives from the games, even despite the results. It's naturally harder to do that whenever you lose, but the staff behind the scenes here are good at analysing everything, showing us where we might have gone wrong but also where things have gone as planned.

"With that in mind, we can see we're not a million miles away, maybe we just need a bit of luck here and there and to be a bit more ruthless when we're on top."

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NEW BHOY CARL STARFELT



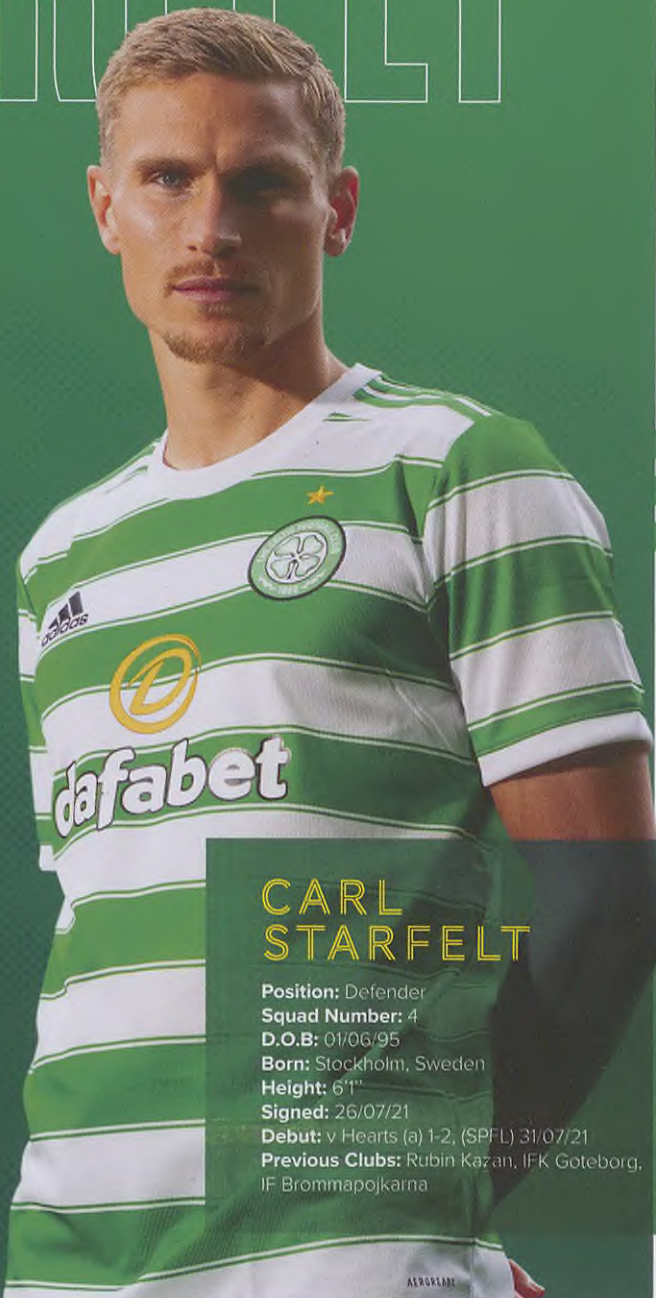
"It is a massive honour for me to join Celtic, one of Europe's great football clubs. I know how special Celtic is and I know what the club means to so many millions of people. This is a great moment and move in my career and it is one I will really cherish."

"A number of my own countrymen have had the privilege of pulling on the famous green and white Hoops, and now it will be a massive honour for me to follow in their footsteps and wear this jersey."

"When Celtic call, you answer and I knew right away what I wanted to do, so I'm very happy that all this has gone through."

"Everyone on the pitch has to lead and to try and be a leader. It's not only me, it's not only the experienced guys, and everyone has to play their role. I have to take responsibility that I contribute well and do so in my own way. I'm confident that I can do that."

"Celtic has a great reputation in Sweden. Most people know the history and when you think of Scottish football, you think of Celtic. Of course, we've had many Swedish players who did it very well here, and played in the national team and did very well, so the club has a very high reputation."



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CARL STARFELT

Position: Defender

Squad Number: 4

D.O.B: 01/06/95

Born: Stockholm, Sweden

Height: 6'1"

Signed: 26/07/21

Debut: v Hearts (a) 1-2, (SPFL) 31/07/21

Previous Clubs: Rubin Kazan, IFK Goteborg, IF Brommapojkarna



»»» THE DEES

STADIUM: DENS PARK
CAPACITY: 11,775
MANAGER: JAMES MCPAKE

DUNDEE FC

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT DENS PARK

Dundee earned promotion back to the Scottish Premiership after a two-year spell in the Championship. They got off to a poor start last season but improved as the campaign progressed to finish second, 12 points behind league winners Hearts. That earned James McPake's side a chance to earn promotion via the play-offs and they seized their opportunity, defeating Kilmarnock 2-1 in both legs. James McPake and assistant Dave Mackay were rewarded for the promotion with new rolling contracts and will have their first taste of

managing in the top flight in the 2021/22 season. Much of Dundee's business over the summer involved extending the contracts of the players already there such as central defender Liam Fontaine who agreed an extension for the 2021/22 season. Cammy Kerr has been a regular in the side since breaking through to the first team back in 2013 and agreed a two-year extension in the summer. Goalkeeper Adam Legzdins also signed a new two-year deal with the club as did Paul McMullan who spent the latter half of last season on loan from Dundee United. The first new signing was 23-year-old Ayr United

winger Luke McCowan who scored nine goals last season in the Championship with the Ayrshire side. James McPake also acquired the services of Irishman Ryan Sweeney. The former Mansfield Town defender agreed a deal that will see him remain at Dens Park until the summer of 2023.

LAST SEASON v CELTIC

The last time Dundee and Celtic met in the Premiership was the 2018/19 season which ended with the Dens Park side being relegated. The two sides played each other three times that season, the first of which took place at Dens Park on Hallow'een

night and proved to be a horror show for the home fans who saw their team lose 5-0. Tom Rogic opened the scoring with a beautiful curling shot from the edge of the area. Scott Sinclair scored from the penalty spot before James Forrest slid in to finish Kieran Tierney's cross. Odsonne Edouard made it 4-0 before half time and Ryan Christie scored the fifth just after the restart. The following game was another convincing win for Celtic three days before Christmas. Mikey Johnston, who scored his first senior goal four days before, grabbed a brace with goals either side of half-time and Filip Benkovic rounded off the win with Celtic's third.

matches. He was recognised for his performances when he was named in the SPFL Championship Team of the Season. Captain Charlie Adams offers his team plenty of experience having played over 200 games in the English Premier League. The 35-year-old is at the tail end of his career but his vision and passing ability remain a valuable asset to Dundee. Swedish striker Osman Sow joined Dundee last season and ended the campaign as top goalscorer. The 31-year-old is no stranger to the Scottish Premiership having played for Dundee United and Kilmarnock. He bagged 10 goals and provided five assists in his



»»» PAUL MCPMULLAN

Dundee fared better in the third game that season but still lost out to a superior Celtic side. The Hoops dominated the game but it took until the dying seconds of the game for them to secure the all-important goal when Forrest squared for Edouard to finish from close range.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

It's no surprise that James McPake made a move to hold on to winger Paul McMullan. The 25-year-old joined Dundee from their city rivals in the second half of last season on loan and made a significant impact with 13 assists in 19 league

appearances for the Dark Blues last season.

AND ANOTHER THING...

The name Bill Shankly looms large in the football world given his achievements with Liverpool but the Scottish manager's brother was also a brilliant manager. Bob was manager of one of, if not the greatest Dundee side. Dundee's one and only league title came in 1962 under Bob Shankly. The following season he led them all the way to the semi-final of the European Cup. Dundee beat Cologne, Sporting Lisbon and Anderlecht - all champions of their respective leagues - on route to the semi-final where

they came up against AC Milan. The Italians would go on to win the European Cup for the first time in their history that season and they reached the final in convincing fashion. Dundee suffered a 5-1 defeat at the San Siro in a match which saw the referee showered with gifts from the hosts - he was later banned from refereeing on bribery charges. Dundee made history in the return leg, beating the Italian giants 1-0 back in Scotland thanks to Alan Gilzean's goal. Bob Shankly led Dundee to the Scottish Cup final in 1964 during a season in which they scored an incredible 141 goals.

IN THE AWAY
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DUNDEE are back in the top flight after a two-year spell in the Championship. Their fight for promotion back to the Premiership didn't get off to the best of starts with only one win in their first five games, but James McPake's side gradually improved as the season wore on and improved on their third-place finish from the 2019/20 season.

Their second-place finish got them into the Premiership play-offs and they defeated Kilmarnock 2-1 at Dens Park in the first leg of the final before following that up with another 2-1 win at Rugby Park.

James McPake and assistant Dave Mackay have been rewarded with new rolling contracts and will have their first taste of managing in the top flight this season.

#1 GOALKEEPER - ADAM LEGZDINS

Adam joined Dundee in November 2020, shortly after leaving Burnley where he spent the previous three years. He made his debut for the Dark Blues away to Ayr United one week after arriving but an injury prevented him from following up on that. Legzdins was sidelined for three months, but he returned in March and managed five clean sheets in the final 10 league games of the season. The 34-year-old was rewarded for his performances with a new contract that will see him remain at the club until at least the summer of 2023. Legzdins' career began at Birmingham where the Englishman progressed through the club's academy system while gaining experience with loan spells at clubs such as Halifax Town and Oldham Athletic. His first taste of regular first-team action was with Burton Albion in League Two, and it was there that Legzdins played the majority of his professional football. He also played in the Championship with Derby County and later in his career with Birmingham.

#20 DEFENDER - COREY PANTER

Corey Panter arrived at Dens Park this summer on loan from Luton Town. The 21-year-old is a graduate of Luton Town's academy system having joined the club back in May 2009. He has yet to break into the English Championship side's senior squad but Panter has gained senior experience with loan spells at non-league sides Hendon and Biggleswade Town during the 2019/20 season. He signed a new deal with Luton in the summer before joining Dundee for pre-season with a view to agreeing a loan spell at the club. His performances in Dundee's pre-season friendlies against Forfar, Leyton Orient and West Ham convinced James McPake to sign the English defender on a season-long loan deal. Panter will offer Dundee options at the back with his ability and experience playing at centre-half and left-back.



#14 DEFENDER - LEE ASHCROFT

Lee Ashcroft joined Dundee at the start of last season from Dunfermline where he had spent the previous four seasons. The 27-year-old played a significant role in helping the Dark Blues secure a play-off spot at the end of last season, which was against Kilmarnock where he started his career as a youth. Ashcroft made 37 appearances for James McPake's side during the 2020/21 campaign and contributed some important goals along the way. He scored the winner against his former club Dunfermline in a 3-2 win back in March as well as important equalisers against Morton and Inverness that helped secure another two points for his side. The Barrhead-born defender also popped up with an important goal in the second leg of the play-off final with the winner against Kilmarnock. Ashcroft made 70 appearances for the Ayrshire side in the Premiership and now finds himself back in the Scottish top flight after five years in the Championship.

#18 MIDFIELDER - PAUL McMULLAN

The Celtic Academy graduate has continued his rich vein of form from the second half of last season this summer with a strong showing in pre-season for Dundee. McMullan signed a pre-contract two-year deal with the Dark Blues in January for the start of the 2021/22 season but moved to Dens Park early after Dundee agreed a loan deal with their city rivals Dundee United. He made a significant impact in the later part of last season with 13 assists in 19 league matches and was recognised for his performances by being named in the SPFL Championship Team of the Season. The 24 year-old scored two goals in Dundee's three pre-season friendlies this summer, including one against Premier League outfit West Ham. He then bagged a brace in Dundee's first competitive match during a 4-0 win over Brora Rangers in the group stages of the League Cup.

26# MIDFIELDER - CHARLIE ADAM

At 35-years-old the former Scotland internationalist is in the twilight of his career but he continues to be a standout player for Dundee and was awarded the Scottish Championship Player of the Season last term. The experienced midfielder joined the club last summer and was hugely influential in helping guide the Dark Blues back into the Premiership through the play-offs with eight goals in 32 appearances, including one in the play-off final first leg against Kilmarnock. Adam brings a wealth of experience to James McPake's side having made 88 appearances with Rangers before moving to Blackpool during the 2008/09 season. He helped the Bloomfield Road club gain promotion to the Premier League through the play offs the following season and was nominated for the PFA Players' Player of the Year in his first season in the English top flight. He earned a move to Liverpool the following season and also played for Stoke City, making over 200 appearances in the Premier League during his time down south.

23# STRIKER - CILLIAN SHERIDAN

Cillian Sheridan signed a two-year deal with Dundee in July after a two-week trial with the club. Sheridan will be a name familiar to Celtic fans given the Irishman's time at the club. He came through the Celtic Academy and broke into the first team during the 2008/09 season. He made three appearances in the Group Stages of the UEFA Champions League that season, including a place in the starting XI against Manchester United. The Irish internationalist only managed a total of 17 appearances with the Hoops that season but scored four goals during that time. Loan spells with Motherwell, Plymouth and St Johnstone followed before Sheridan made a permanent move to CSKA Sofia in Bulgaria. He briefly returned to Scotland between 2011-13 with stints at St Johnstone and Kilmarnock. During his career so far the 32-year-old has also played in Cyprus, Poland, Australia and Israel.

LAST TIME OUT AGAINST »»» DUNDEE

»»» WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

TODAY'S VISITORS LAST PLAYED IN THE TOP FLIGHT IN SEASON 2018/19 AND THEY FACED THE HOOPS THREE TIMES DURING THAT CAMPAIGN.

Celtic recorded three wins out of three over the course of the season against Dundee and here we take a look at how the games went.

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SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018
DENS PARK, DUNDEE

**DUNDEE 0
CELTIC 5**

(Rogic 20, Sinclair 32,
Forrest 37, Edouard 45+2,
Christie 48)

CELTIC swept aside Dundee 5-0 in a dominant performance at Dens Park. The Hoops continued their excellent form to hand Brendan Rodgers his 100th win as Celtic manager.

Five goals from five different scorers saw the Hoops take all three points in what was a comprehensive display from start to finish. Tom Rogic opened



the scoring before Scott Sinclair converted from the spot to make it 2-0.

James Forrest got Celtic's third and Odsonne Edouard made it 4-0 just before the break. Ryan Christie then netted the fifth shortly after the break.

CELTIC: Gordon, Lustig, Boyata (Ajer 69), Benkovic, Tierney; McGregor, Rogic (Morgan 55),

Christie, Sinclair, Forrest; Edouard (Arzani 55)

Not Used: Bain, Hendry, Hayes, Johnston

DUNDEE: Hamilton; Kerr, Innis, O'Dea, Kusunga; Curran, Kamara, Spence, Kallman, Deacon (Lambert 68); Miller

Not Used: Parish, Moussa, Ngwatata, Mendy, Nabi, Boyle

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018
CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW

CELTIC 3 DUNDEE 0

(Johnston 44, 50, Benkovic 70)

CELTIC enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Dundee at Paradise just before Christmas. Mikey Johnston scored an impressive brace, while Croatian centre-back, Filip Benkovic netted his second goal for the club – and the Hoops' third on the day.

The Hoops took the lead at the end of the first period when captain for the day, Callum McGregor, picked up possession in central midfield, and laced the ball through to Johnston. The striker turned his man with a deft first-touch, and fired a snap-shot



into the back of the net to give the Hoops a well-deserved 1-0 lead.

Celtic pressed for another immediately after the restart, and doubled their lead on 50 minutes. A neat one-two between Emilio Izaguirre and Scott Sinclair on the left wing allowed the latter to cross for the incoming Johnston, whose rising header grazed the underside of the bar on its way into the net.

The home side further extended their lead on 70 minutes. Ryan Christie fired a shot inside the visitors' penalty area which forced

a save. Benkovic pounced on the loose ball to make it 3-0.

CELTIC: Bain; Ralston, Simunovic (Ajer 58), Benkovic, Izaguirre; McGregor, Rogic, Ntcham, Forrest (Christie 62), Sinclair, Johnston (Hayes 78)

Subs not used: Gordon, Gamboa, Morgan, Brown

DUNDEE: Hamilton; Ralph, Kerr, Kamara, Woods, Inniss; Nabi (Lambert 62), McGowan, Kallman (Miller 54), Curran; Boyle

Subs not used: Parish, Alassane Mendy, Spence, Moore, Bradbury

SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019
DENS PARK, DUNDEE

DUNDEE 0 CELTIC 1

(Edouard 90+5)

CELTIC celebrated St Patrick's Day in style when a last-minute Odsone Edouard winner against Dundee secured all three points on the road. The victory saw the Hoops extend their lead at the top to 10 points with eight games remaining.

As the game wore on, the Hoops at times struggled to break down Jim McIntyre's men, but to the home side's credit, they continued to defend with discipline, denying Celtic space at every turn.

Dundee defended deeper still,



barely crossing the half-way line, as the match entered its closing five minutes and the Hoops sought to break the deadlock – which they eventually did five minutes into second-half added time.

Edouard drove at the Dundee defence with typical directness on the left, before finding James Forrest on his outside. He hit the byline, before crossing for the Frenchman, now just yards from goal, who in turn stabbed the ball home to send the travelling support wild.

CELTIC: Bain; Toljan (Weah 78), Lustig, Ajer (Benkovic 73), Tierney; Brown, McGregor, Forrest, Johnston (Hayes 59), Sinclair; Edouard

Subs not used: De Vries, Henderson, Burke, Bayo

DUNDEE: Dieng, Ralph, Woods, Kusunga, O'Dea, O'Sullivan (J Curran 73), Wright (Dales 90+3), McGowan, Robson, Miller (C Curran 71), Horstfield

Subs not used: Parish, Kerr, Dales, Hadenius, Moore

FACTS 'N' STATS

CELTIC v

DUNDEE

LEAGUE MEETINGS (All point tallies based on three points for a win)

CELTIC PARK*	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Celtic	120	84	24	12	292	96	196	276
Dundee	120	12	24	84	96	292	-196	60

DENS PARK*	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Celtic	118	62	25	31	197	139	58	211
Dundee	118	31	25	62	139	197	-58	118

TOTAL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Celtic	238	146	49	43	489	235	254	487
Dundee	238	43	49	146	235	489	-254	178

*denotes all home venues

CUP CLASHES

SCOTTISH CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD
Celtic	23	17	4	2	49	15	34
Dundee	23	2	4	17	15	49	-34

THE CLUBS HAVE MET IN:

ONE SCOTTISH CUP FINAL
1924/25
CELTIC 2-1 DUNDEE

FIVE
SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS PLUS ONE REPLAY

LEAGUE CUP	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD
Celtic	22	13	2	7	44	27	17
Dundee	22	7	2	13	27	44	-17

THE CLUBS HAVE MET IN:
TWO LEAGUE CUP FINALS
NO LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

1967/68
CELTIC 5-3 DUNDEE
1973/74
DUNDEE 1-0 CELTIC

WHERE IT ALL

BEGAN

AUGUST 19, 1893 (LEAGUE)



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GOOD NEWS

AND BAD

BIGGEST DUNDEE WIN - APRIL 19, 1980
DUNDEE 5-1 CELTIC

BIGGEST CELTIC WIN - OCTOBER 26, 1895
CELTIC 11-0 DUNDEE

OTHER

MEETINGS

DRYBROUGH CUP

Semi-final

July 31, 1973 Celtic 4-0 Dundee

Semi-final

July 31, 1974 Dundee 1-2 Celtic (aet)

BOBBY WILSON TESTIMONIAL

December 1, 1975 Dundee 5-1 Celtic

FRIENDLIES

May 10, 1950, Dundee 0-3 Celtic

July 26, 1957, Dundee 5-2 Celtic

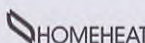
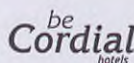
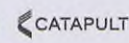
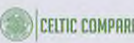
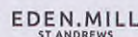
July 5, 1991, Dundee 1-1 Celtic

March 11, 1995, Dundee 4-2 Celtic



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CALLUM MCGREGOR



►► **ONE of the brightest talents to emerge from Celtic's Youth Academy system, Callum McGregor has gone on to establish himself as one of the best Scottish players of his generation as well as becoming the new club captain.**

Working in the heart of midfield, McGregor has become a fans' favourite and a key component of the team. His range of passing, technical ability and reading of the game make McGregor an asset in both attack and defence.

A successful loan spell at Notts County for the duration of the 2013/14 season was the platform McGregor needed to break through at Paradise. He made 41 appearances for the League One outfit and finished top scorer that season. His rise continued upon his return to Glasgow and the then 21-year-old made quite the impact on his Hoops debut with a winning goal in a 1-0 victory away to KR Reykjavik in a Champions League qualifier.

He remained a regular in the first team throughout Ronny Deila's time as manager but it was under Brendan Rodgers that McGregor made huge leaps forward and he became an instrumental figure throughout the Invincibles, Double, Treble and Quadruple Treble runs.

McGregor built on his form during the 2016/17 invincible season with consistently excellent performances in the 2017/18 campaign where his 12 goals made him the only player to score in every competition for Celtic that season. And he set more records in 2018/19 season as Celtic clinched the Treble. Treble. His value to the team was highlighted in the number of appearances he made that year. At the close of the 2018/19 campaign he had played more minutes of competitive football than any other player in world football.

Season 2020/21 has already seen him break the 300-appearance barrier as well as take him over the 50-goal mark for the Hoops.

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

SQUAD NUMBER: 42

D.O.B: 14/06/93

BORN: GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

HEIGHT: 5'10"

SIGNED: 07/07/09

DEBUT: V KR REYKJAVIK (A)
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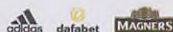
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CELTIC NEWS

HOMHEAT GROUP TO SPONSOR CELTIC WOMEN'S FIRST TEAM

CELTIC Football Club last week announce that its women's team have agreed a new year-long shirt sponsorship deal with Homeheat Group Limited.

This is another massive boost to the club, with the announcement coming ahead of the women's season. Celtic players, Caitlin Hayes and Chloe Craig launched the sponsorship announcement, and the players and their team manager, Fran Alonso, are delighted with the news.

Fran Alonso said: "We are delighted to make this announcement of a year-long sponsorship with Homeheat Group. This level of support will allow us to develop our team further and it hugely appreciated by everyone at the club.

"We are looking forward to another exciting season and we will be doing all we can to achieve as much success as possible. We are delighted to be going into this season in association with our new sponsor."

Hugh Stewart OBE, Non-Executive Chairman of Homeheat, said: "Celtic Women's team are at the forefront in helping to develop the women's game at all levels and age groups in Scotland.

"Homeheat is a leading innovator in domestic heating solutions and are delighted to sponsor Celtic Women's team in the coming season."

For more information on Homeheat, please visit: www.homeheatscotland.com



CELTIC ANNOUNCES VITALITY AS ITS OFFICIAL WELLNESS PARTNER

CELTIC Football Club recently announced Vitality – the innovative insurance and investment company – as its official Wellness partner.

Promoting health and wellbeing is equally important for Celtic Football Club, which works with its local communities and supporters through its Celtic FC Foundation.

Celtic Chief Executive, Dom McKay said: "We are delighted to announce a new partnership with Vitality, a company that not only has a rich history of sports partnership with leading sports brands but has a real focus on encouraging men and women to stay physically active, healthier and enhance their wellbeing.

"We look forward to working with Vitality over the next three years as Celtic helps Vitality deepen awareness of the brand within the UK while promoting the benefits of a healthy lifestyle."

Neville Koopowitz, CEO of Vitality, added: "We are delighted to be partnering with Celtic Football

Club as their official Wellness partner, inspiring more people in Scotland to get active and make positive changes that benefit their health.

"We look forward to working together, building on the great work of the club's Foundation improving the health and wellbeing of local communities."

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CLUB HONOURS

SCOTTISH LEAGUE WINNERS (51 TIMES)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96,
1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06,
1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09,
1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15,
1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19,
1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36,
1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66,
1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,
1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72,
1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77,
1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82,
1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98,
2000/01, 2001/02, 2003/04,
2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08,
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14,
2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17,
2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20



SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS (40 TIMES)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904,
1907, 1908, 1911, 1912,
1914, 1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937, 1951,
1954, 1965, 1967, 1969,
1971, 1972, 1974, 1975,
1977, 1980, 1985, 1988,
1989, 1995, 2001, 2004,
2005, 2007, 2011, 2013,
2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

LEAGUE CUP WINNERS (19 TIMES)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66,
1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69,
1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83,
1997/98, 1999/00, 2000/01,
2005/06, 2008/09, 2014/15,
2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19,
2019/20

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS 1967

CORONATION CUP WINNERS 1953



CELTIC B FIXTURES/RESULTS 2021/22

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

DATE	TIME	COMP	H/A	OPPONENT	RES
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	
Sat 7	15.00	SLFL	A	Bo'ness United	
Wed 11	19.45	TT	H	Annan Athletic	
Sat 14	15.00	SLFL	A	Vale of Leithen	
Tue 17	19.45	SLFL	A	Civil Service Strollers	
Sat 21	15.00	SLFL	H	Dalbeattie Star	
Sat 28	15.00	SLFL	A	Edinburgh University	
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 04	15.00	SLFL	A	Caledonian Braves	
Wed 08	19.45	SLFL	H	Gala Fairydean Rovers	
Fri 24	15.00	SLFL	A	Cumbernauld Colts	
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	



SLFL Scottish Lowland Football League. TT Trust Trophy
All fixtures subject to change.

YOUNG CELTS TAKE THE 'B' ROAD



FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, THE CELTIC 'RESERVES' ARE NOW TAKING PART IN REGULAR SENIOR FOOTBALL AS MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH LOWLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE, THE FIFTH TIER OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

Now christened the 'B' team, the 2021/22 Hoops second-string are back in league business and, after a pre-season when nearly a full team of teenagers were away on duty with the first team, Tommy McIntyre's youngsters are determined to use this ground-breaking opportunity to get right back into Ange Postecoglou's first-team plans.

Here's how the first three games went.

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SCOTTISH LOWLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE
NEW DUNDAS PARK, MIDLOTHIAN | SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021

BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC 2

(Currie 25, Hunter 50)

CELTIC 1

(Lawal 60)

BOSUN Lawal's debut goal wasn't enough to salvage anything from the Celtic B Team's opening game of the season as Tommy McIntyre's side fell to a narrow 2-1 defeat.

Lee Currie fired Bonnyrigg ahead midway through the first half and George Hunter doubled the home side's lead shortly after half-time. Lawal reduced the deficit on the hour mark but the Hoops couldn't find an equaliser before full-time.

CELTIC: Oluwayemi (Mullen 49); Paterson, Otoo, Lawal, Murphy (Jackson 72), Wylie, Carse, Letsosa, Vata, Davidson, Dobbie.

Subs: Robertson, Deane.

BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC: Adams, Brett, Young, Horne, Stewart, McGachie (Connolly 89), Currie, Hunter (R Gray 70), S Grey, Wilson, Barrett.

Subs: Andrews, Martyniuk, Hoskins, Turner, Hall.

»»» BOSUN LAWAL



SCOTTISH LOWLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PENNY CARS STADIUM, AIRDRIE | SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021

CELTIC 1

(Moffat 43)

EAST KILBRIDE 1

(C Malcolm 93)

THE Celtic B Team had to settle for a draw in their first home game of the season after a late equaliser from East Kilbride cancelled out Owen Moffat's first-half goal.

The Hoops were rewarded for their efforts just before the break when Bruno Davidson and Moffat linked up well on the edge of the area. Moffat finished the move well by coolly slipping the ball beyond the onrushing keeper.

CELTIC: Mullen, Paterson, Otoo, Lawal, Jackson, Murphy, Carse (Deane 89), Wylie, Moffat, Davidson, Vata.

Subs: Robertson, Morrison, Letsosa, Dawson.

EAST KILBRIDE: Brennan, Stevenson, Brady, Kenny, Old, B Malcolm, McLaughlin, Stewart (McAninch 19), C Malcolm, Erskine (Rodgers 45), Elliot.

Subs: Richardson, Smith, Kean.

» OWEN MOFFAT



SCOTTISH LOWLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE
FORTHBANK STADIUM, STIRLING | WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING 1

(McGale 86)

CELTIC 5

(Brooks 56, 71, Vata 59, Moffat 85, Wylie 90)

CELTIC outclassed the University of Stirling at the Forthbank Stadium in Stirling with a dominant 5-1 win.

Adam Brooks opened the scoring just after half-time before Rocco Vata doubled the lead on the hour mark. Brooks completed his brace with a great finish and Moffat made it 4-0 with a sensational long-range goal. Stirling grabbed a goal back through Robbie McGale before Ben Wylie rounded off a fine night for the Hoops with Celtic's fifth.

CELTIC: Oluwayemi; Jackson, Lawal, Hjelde, Paterson, Otoo, (Brooks 40 (Davidson 83)), Murphy, Carse, Wylie, Moffat, Vata.

Subs: Robertson, Mullen, Letsosa, Deane, Dobbie.

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING: Fry; Berry, Doan, Burrows, Lavery, Zoeten, Downie, Jarvis, Penker (Thompson 79), Davidson (McGale 60), McGill (Kennedy 60).

Subs: Taylor, Bainbridge, Mirzsalimov, Godik.

» BEN WYLIE





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"It's amazing for me to arrive at such a big club as Celtic, it's really a dream and I know this club and its supporters have a really big name, and I really want to show this club and the supporters what I am able to do."

"I think I am strongest on the right side of the pitch, but I can play in attack or I can also play on the left side, and I will do what the coach will ask me to do, I will try to give the best of myself to the team."

"I received the information that the club was interested in me and that the coach wanted me, so I didn't have to think twice, I immediately said yes and I arrived one week after the approach."

"I'm really very happy to be here and all of the team received me in a warm way, we have a very good feeling and I feel like I am at home."

"I know I will give 100 per cent of myself in every practice and every game, I will try to give my confidence and potential to the club and I really hope and want that this will bring good results."



LIEL
ABADA

Position: Forward

Squad Number: 11

D.O.B: 03/10/01

Born: Petah Tikva, Israel

Height: 5'6"

Signed: 14/07/21

Debut: v FC Midtjylland (h) 1-1, (CL) 20/07/21

Previous Clubs: Maccabi Petah Tikva



DAN

DOYLE

THE FIRST CELTIC SUPERSTAR

»» WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

IT was 130 years ago this week that early club legend, Dan Doyle joined Celtic, as the defender signed on the dotted line on August 10, 1891 after playing for a host of clubs in the late 1880s.

The left-back had played for Broxburn Shamrock, Hibernian and East Stirling among others north of the border, while his sojourn down south since 1888 had seen him play for Newcastle East End, Grimsby, Bolton Wanderers and Everton, and it was from the Merseyside club that he joined Celtic.

The fledgling Celts had previously used only 34 players in their first three seasons prior to Doyle making his debut and that number included names pivotal to the history of Celtic Football Club such as Willie Maley and Jimmy Kelly among others. However, it was Doyle who would be the first to be elevated to hero status with the Celtic support of the time.

He would eventually take over from Kelly to become the club's second ever skipper, holding the captaincy from 1897 to 1899.

Here we take a brief look at Dan Doyle's career.

A bit of background...

Arguably Celtic's first real superstar, Dan Doyle was the pin-up boy who was lured from English champions Everton in 1891 to become a sensation in Glasgow. Born in Paisley, Dan played with Hibernian and Grimsby among others, before finally landing at Celtic. He was delighted to play for the club and, along with Jimmy Kelly, set high standards on the pitch. Off the field, Doyle sometimes courted controversy, but there was no denying his talent or appeal. With him in the team, crowds flocked to see Celtic and he took over as captain in time to lead the club to the Scottish League in 1898.

What kind of player was he?

Superb, basically. A tenacious left-back, he was one of the world's best in that position during his era. Physically, he was immensely strong and had the ability to boss games. He was talented with both feet and imperious in the air. Jimmy Kelly was the captain at the start of Doyle's Celtic career, but Dan still commanded a lot of respect from his team-mates and opponents. He feared no-one and didn't take kindly to being ordered about by anyone. He was a great player and a massive character – on and off the pitch.

Highlight?

Just joining his beloved Celtic would have been a massive achievement for the man nicknamed 'Ned', but being able to then play an integral role in the club's early success was the stuff of dreams. He won four Scottish League titles and one Scottish Cup, while he also represented Scotland eight times. As expected, he was also chosen to captain his country – becoming the second Celt to do so after Jimmy Kelly.

Low point?

In 1888, Doyle was involved in the death of a player. He was playing with Grimsby Town against Stevely when he was involved in an accidental collision with

opponent William Cropper. Over the next few hours, it became apparent that Cropper was in serious trouble and, with him in too much pain to be taken to hospital, he died in the pavilion. A subsequent inquest cleared Doyle of any wrongdoing, realising it had been a genuine accident. However, the tragedy clearly affected him and he briefly considered giving up the game.

Where did he go after Celtic?

Life was never really the same for Doyle after his Celtic career finished. Like many of the great players throughout the history of football, he found his new existence away from football difficult to deal with. The twin evils of gambling and alcohol saw him virtually penniless at the time of his death. However, he was not deserted by Celtic in his final years – legendary Hoops figure Willie Maley among those who looked out for him until the very end - when he died from cancer in April 1918.

And another thing...

Doyle's move to Celtic caused major controversy in the British game. He was registered as an Everton player, but also agreed to sign for Bolton and Celtic at the same time – picking up close season wages from all three clubs. At this juncture, the English clubs were professional, while Celtic carried an amateur status, but to the amazement of everyone down south, Doyle opted to join the Scottish club in the 1891/92 season. There was widespread anger at this decision and led to a campaign by the English press to have him banned from ever playing football in that country again.



CELTIC FACTFILE

Celtic career: 1891-1899

Position: Left-back

Celtic debut: v Hearts on 15/08/1891 (3-1 loss)

Appearances: 133

Goals: 6

Honours: 4 Scottish League titles, 1 Scottish Cup

Caps: 8 (Scotland)



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DATE	TIME	COMP	H/A	OPPONENT	RES
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					
Sun 8	15.00	SP	H	Dundee	
14/15	TBA	LC	H	Hearts	
Sat 21	15.00	SP	H	St Mirren	
Sun 29	12.00	SP	A	Rangers	
SEPTEMBER					
Sat 11	15.00	SP	H	Ross County	
Sat 18	15.00	SP	A	Livingston	
Sat 25	15.00	SP	H	Dundee United	
OCTOBER					
Sat 02	15.00	SP	A	Aberdeen	
Sat 16	15.00	SP	A	Motherwell	
Sat 23	15.00	SP	H	St Johnstone	
Wed 27	19.45	SP	A	Hibernian	
Sat 30	15.00	SP	H	Livingston	
NOVEMBER					
Sat 6	15.00	SP	A	Dundee	
Sat 20	15.00	SP	A	Ross County	
Sat 27	15.00	SP	H	Aberdeen	
DECEMBER					
Wed 1	19.45	SP	H	Hearts	
Sat 4	15.00	SP	A	Dundee United	
Sat 11	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			



All fixtures subject to change.





SEND IN THE CROWDS

TOSH MCKINLAY PLAYED IN FRONT OF MASSIVE CROWDS IN THE HOOPS AND HE'S HOPING TODAY IS THE FIRST STEP TO THE CURRENT CELTS GETTING BACK TO THOSE DAYS

» WORDS: TONY CONNELLY

IT has been almost a year-and-a-half since Celtic fans last filled the stands in Paradise for a league game, and Tosh McKinlay believes the support from the crowd today will be a huge boost for Ange Postecoglou and his players.

Celtic's last home league game in which fans were allowed into the stadium was back in March 2020 and ended in a 5-0 win over St Mirren. That fixture proved to be the final one of the season and the following 26 competitive games at Celtic Park were played out against a backdrop of empty seats and echoes.

Now, as Scotland slowly begins to return to normality following the initial restrictions of the Coronavirus pandemic, a total of 24,500 Celtic fans have been allowed into Paradise

to watch Celtic's first home league game of the 2021/22 season.

Today's opponents are newly-promoted Dundee, back in the Scottish Premiership after a two-year spell in the Championship. The Dens Park club are used to being regulars in the top flight, especially during the eight seasons McKinlay played for them, and he knows Celtic will have prepared to face a top Premiership side.

The impact of having supporters back inside the stadium cannot be underestimated and the former Celtic defender and current scout for the club believes the backing of the fans can help the team get off to a winning start at Celtic Park.

"Celtic don't underestimate anyone so they'll be ready for

it. This is the first league game at Celtic Park and hopefully having the punters in will make a difference for the players. I saw the reaction in the pre-season games, so hopefully, the fans will help the team get off to a good start at home.

"We'll be there on the day and I'm sure we'll be on the front foot, get at Dundee and come away with a good result.

"It's a season with the crowds back and that'll be a massive thing for any Celtic player. To play in front of those big crowds is a big reason why you sign for the club and your enthusiasm and energy comes from the crowd. I'm very optimistic about this season and believe we can get the Premiership title back."

McKinlay has plenty of fond memories of playing in front of the Celtic supporters as well as

winning every piece of domestic silverware as a Celtic player during his time at the club. His road to realising his dream of winning trophies began at Celtic as a boy, but his time with Dundee helped shape him into the attacking full-back that helped bring success to the club many years later.

"Dundee were always a top-flight club," said McKinlay. "When I went into the team we had plenty of experienced campaigners that helped me like Cammy Fraser, Bobby Glennie, Les Barr and Iain Ferguson. I went to Dundee because just like Celtic, they were a club that always gave youth a chance and brought players through the ranks. I got my chance very early and was in the first team by 18.

"At that time I was in the team with the likes of Stewart McKimmie and Ray Stephen. There was always a good chance of young players getting an opportunity and I was pleased to get in the first team at that age and kick on from there.

"The last game of the season in 1986 when Albert Kidd scored a couple of goals to beat Hearts was one of many happy memories I had there. There was no one season in particular that stands out above the others, it was always good times. I stayed longer than thought I would but it was good going there straight from school, doing your schoolwork and then your chores as part of the

groundstaff. I learned my trade and got a good education."

While McKinlay took another path to the Celtic first team, some of the players in the squad today have continued the long tradition of progressing through the Academy system and into the senior side. As one of Celtic's scouts, McKinlay has been pleased to see the young Bhoys realising their dream of playing in the green and white jersey at Paradise.

"I decided I was going to go to Dundee to continue learning my trade and get in there whereas other boys I played with signed on with Celtic and came through that way," said McKinlay. "It's always good to see players come through the ranks. In my time in the Celtic first team we had the likes of Mark Burchill coming through and it's great to see that continuing now. We've always had players coming through in all positions and I think the boys who have come through have done well.

"I keep tabs on the players coming through and watch them in the games at Lennoxton. Young Owen Moffat's done well since coming in which is great to see. It's all about progress, learning your trade and taking the opportunities when you come through.

"Dane Murray's done well. He was pitched in during the Champions League qualifier and didn't look out of place. He's composed on the ball and

has done well. It looks as if he'll get more opportunities. The opportunities have been there for the young boys which has been pleasing and the young boys have done great."

The young defenders coming through, especially full-backs, are a significant part of the attacking tactics for most teams and McKinlay's is an ideal template for them to follow, just as those who came before him were for him.

"I was brought up with people like Danny McGrain and Tommy Gemmill and I tried to base my game on them," he said. "I came through the ranks at Celtic as a young boy and you were always encouraged to get forward and help out with the attack. I was encouraged to do that at Dundee as well. We were always a very forward-thinking team. If you look at the history of Dundee they always had great teams and were renowned as a football club. I was always encouraged to get involved with the attack and defensively do your duties. I always had the energy and stamina to get up and down the line.

"When Tommy Burns brought me to Celtic Park that was a dream and I was another piece of the jigsaw in which I was encouraged to play the same way. I was on one side and Jackie McNamara on the other side and it was a good combination with the good wingers we could link up with."

'B' BHOYS' BENEFITS >>>

THE development of the young Celtic players from the Academy has been given a huge boost this season with the Celtic B Team playing in the Lowland League.

Tommy McIntyre's side is already in the routine of playing on Saturdays and Wednesdays as they compete for points in the league and Toshi McKinlay believes there are a plethora of benefits to yield from the new set-up.

"It's men's football which is great for their development," said McKinlay. "You don't need to put them out on loan and they can play collectively as a team and get to know each other better. As part of my remit, I keep tabs with the loan players like Robertson, McIntroy and Paterson.

"They can play collectively now and grow as a team now rather than being scattered all over the place. They might go to a team that plays a very different system and then they're coming back to Celtic Park and aren't used to playing the way they need to at Celtic. This way will be very beneficial for them this season."

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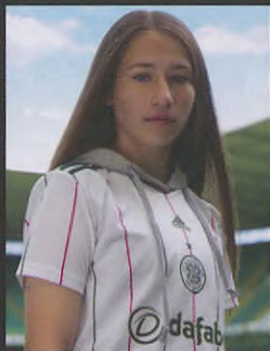
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AUGUST 2021					
Sun 08	14.00	SWPLC	A	Partick Thistle	
Sun 15	14.00	SWPLC	H	Hearts	
Wed 18	TBC	UWCL	A	Levante	
Sat 21	TBC	UWCL	A	TBC (Rosenborg or FC Minsk)	
Sun 29	14.00	SWPLC	H	St Johnstone	
SEPTEMBER					
Sun 05	14.00	SWPL1	A	Aberdeen	
Sun 12	14.00	SWPL1	H	Glasgow City	
Sun 19	14.00	SWPL1	A	Motherwell	
Sun 26	14.00	SWPL1	H	Hibernian	
OCTOBER					
Sun 03	14.00	SWPL1	H	Forfar Farmington	
Sun 10	14.00	SWPL1	A	Hamilton Accies	
Sun 17	14.00	SWPL1	H	Spartans	
Sun 24	14.00	SWPL1	A	Hearts	
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	Forfar Farmington	
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 06	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	Forfar Farmington	
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	



»» CHARLIE WELLINGS



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MEET THE NEW GHIRLS...

»» WORDS: JOE SULLIVAN

THE Celtic women's side's competitive season kicks off soon when, following a League Cup schedule against Partick Thistle and Hearts, they travel to Trondheim for their UEFA Women's Champions League tie against Spanish side Levante, before playing another game at the same location three days later against either host club, Rosenborg or FC Minsk of Belarus.

On their return, the Ghirls open their new SWPL1 season with a trip to play top-tier newcomers, Aberdeen on September 5 before their first home league game of the campaign at their new base of Airdrie's Penny Cars Stadium.

They haven't been letting the grass grown under their feet, though, following a magnificent climax

to last term when the final-day 8-0 win over Motherwell combined with a 2-0 win for Glasgow City over Rangers clinched second place for the Ghirls **AND** Champions League qualification for the first time ever, they have been working hard behind the scenes.

Amid four straight pre-season wins against English outfits such as Huddersfield Town, Burnley, Sunderland and Blackburn Rovers, Jodie Bartle signed for another year while youngsters Tegan Bowie and Chloe Warrington signed their first ever professional contracts.

Then there are the new Ghirls who joined during pre-season. Here we take a look at the new intake prior to Shen Mengyu arriving from China.



MARÍA CATHARINA ÓLAFSDÓTTIR GROS

Icelandic youth internationalist winger, María Catharina Ólafsdóttir Gros joined from Thor KA on a two-year deal. The 18-year-old became a first-team regular with Thor KA, and has already won the Úrvalsdeild Women, League Cup A and the Super Cup in her short career so far. Playing for her country's Under-16s, 17s and 19s, the wide player is highly-rated in her native Iceland and adds another attacking edge to Alonso's arsenal.



CHEYENNE SHORTS

Cheyenne Shorts jetted in from the States via France after also wearing the green and white of French side St Etienne. The 22-year-old centre-back will help strengthen Fran Alonso's defence after signing from NWSL side, Orlando Pride. Shorts is keenly looking for game-time after the 18 months of relative inactivity on the playing front with both the Orlando side and St Etienne thanks to the covid pandemic. The Denver-born player joined Orlando Pride when drafted there after four years of football at her hometown University of Denver.



CHARLIE WELLINGS

Exciting young English forward, Charlie Wellings brings versatility to Fran Alonso's options up top. Joining Bristol City after breaking into Birmingham City's first team at just 17, with whom she notably scored at Wembley, the 23-year-old also brings experience from the England youth set up, having won six caps and scoring four goals for the Under-21s, and winning the third place playoff in the 2018 Under-20s World Cup.



TYLER TOLAND

Highly-rated Irish midfielder Tyler Toland joined the Hoops ahead of the 2021/22 season from Women's Super League side Manchester City following a loan period at SWPL1 rivals Glasgow City and brings international and Champions League experience to Fran Alonso's side. Making her senior international debut at just 16, Toland remains Ireland's youngest ever women's senior internationalist, winning the cap after impressing all the way through the youth ranks.

FRAN ALONSO



CELTIC QUIZ

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CELTIC PLAYERS OF THE PAST?

1. Who was Celtic's first African-born player?

- A Jean-Joel Perrier-Doumbe
- B Olivier Tebily
- C Jorge Cadete
- D Bobo Balde

2. What was the score when Jimmy Johnstone made his Celtic debut?

- A Kilmarnock 0-2 Celtic
- B Celtic 3-3 Kilmarnock
- C Kilmarnock 0-6 Celtic
- D Kilmarnock 6-0 Celtic

3. Who was Celtic's first ever used substitute?

- A Stevie Chalmers
- B Willie O'Neill
- C Jim Brogan
- D John Hughes

4. Which Celt scored the first goal (and hat-trick) in a Sunday game in Scotland?

- A Kenny Dalglish
- B Joe Craig
- C Dixie Deans
- D Harry Hood

5. Which of the Lisbon Lions was the first to play at Hampden?

- A Bertie Auld
- B Billy McNeill
- C Stevie Chalmers
- D Ronnie Simpson

6. Scott Brown shares his birthday with which other famous Celt?

- A John Clark
- B Neil Lennon
- C Danny McGrain
- D John Collins

7. What was the score when Kenny Dalglish made his Celtic debut?

- A Celtic 10-0 Hamilton Accies
- B Celtic 9-3 Clyde
- C Clyde 0-9 Celtic
- D Hamilton Accies 2-4 Celtic

8. Aside from being Celtic keepers, what do Pat Bonner and Peter Latchford have in common?

- A They share the same birthday
- B They both made substitute appearances
- C They both played GAA
- D They have the same middle name

9. Which three teams has Frank McAvennie signed for twice?

- A Celtic, Aston Villa, West Ham
- B Celtic, West Ham, Swindon Town
- C Celtic, South China, Aston Villa
- D Celtic, West Ham, St Mirren

10. Which Celt has played for four European Cup/Champions League-winning clubs?

- A Mark McGhee
- B Henrik Larsson
- C Alan McInally
- D Juninho

11. Stevie Chalmers and John Clark both moved to which club on leaving Celtic?

- A Crystal Palace
- B West Brom
- C Morton
- D Dumbarton

12. Billy McNeill was known by which name when he first joined the club?

- A William
- B Bill
- C Willie
- D Wills



Answers:

- 1 Jorge Cadete 2 Kilmarnock 6-0 Celtic 3 Willie O'Neill 4 Dixie Deans 5 Ronnie Simpson 6 Neil Lennon 7 Hamilton Accies 2-4 Celtic 8 They both played GAA 9 Celtic, West Ham, St Mirren 10 Henrik Larsson 11 Morton 12 Willie



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VASILIS BARKAS	01	01	ADAM LEGZDINS
CHRISTOPHER JULLIEN	02	02	CAMMY KERR
GREG TAYLOR	03	03	JORDAN MARSHALL
CARL STARFELT	04	04	LIAM FONTAINE
NIR BITTON	06	05	RYAN SWEENEY
KYOGO FURUHASHI	08	06	JORDAN McGHEE
LEIGH GRIFFITHS	09	07	ALEX JAKUBIAK
ALBIAN AJETI	10	08	SHAUN BYRNE
LIEL ABADA	11	09	DANNY MULLEN
ISMAILA SORO	12	10	PAUL McGOWAN
DAVID TURNBULL	14	11	DECLAN McDAID
JOE HART	15	14	LEE ASHCROFT
JAMES McCARTHY	16	16	CHRISTIE ELLIOTT
RYAN CHRISTIE	17	17	LUKE McCOWAN
TOM ROGIC	18	18	PAUL McMULLAN
MIKEY JOHNSTON	19	19	FINLAY ROBERTSON
ODSONNE EDOUARD	22	20	COREY PANTER
BOLI BOLINGOLI	23	21	IAN LAWLOR
OSAZE URHOGHIDE	26	23	CILLIAN SHERIDAN
LUCA CONNELL	28	24	MAX ANDERSON
SCOTT BAIN	29	26	CHARLIE ADAM
LIAM SHAW	30	30	HARRISON SHARP
LEE O'CONNOR	32	35	JASON CUMMINGS
SCOTT ROBERTSON	41	44	JACK WILKIE
CALLUM McGREGOR	42		
DANE MURRAY	47		
JAMES FORREST	49		
EWAN HENDERSON	52		
ADAM MONTGOMERY	54		
KERR McINROY	55		
ANTHONY RALSTON	56		
STEPHEN WELSH	57		
CONOR HAZARD	65		
KARAMOKO DEMBELE	77		

REFEREE: EUAN ANDERSON
ASSISTANT 1: CALUM SPENCE
ASSISTANT 2: GRAEME LESLIE
FOURTH OFFICIAL: ANDREW DALLAS

