

TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

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A very good afternoon to you all and welcome to the National Stadium for what is sure to be a memorable Scottish Cup Final. It is a special day in more ways than one, as we say farewell and thanks to sponsors Tennent's whose association with the Scottish Cup comes to an end today.

There have been many special days here at Hampden Park since we welcomed them as Cup sponsors some 18 years ago and we are sure that today's Final between Dunfermline Athletic and Celtic will be no different. Whatever the outcome we hope you all have a day to remember.

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- Spectators are urged to exercise the utmost care when leaving the ground, particularly in staircase areas. Your doing so will reduce to a minimum the risk of accident.

We ask you to pay particular attention to this notice.

WELCOME TO THE TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP FINAL 2007

>> TODAY, AS A PASSIONATE SUPPORTER OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL, WE CELEBRATE OUR 18 YEAR ASSOCIATION WITH THE TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP, A COMPETITION WHICH BOASTS THE WORLD'S OLDEST NATIONAL FOOTBALL TROPHY AS ITS PRIZE.

In the great tradition of cup football this year's competition has provided many fantastic games and incredible results, including last minute winners and form-defying runs, seasoned with moments of magic and plenty of goals. We now have two worthy finalists in a repeat of the 2004 Final: Dunfermline Athletic v Celtic.

Dunfermline have confounded their league form to enjoy the most inspiring of roads to Hampden. The Pars overcame three of the tournament favourites: Rangers, holders Hearts, and finally Hibs – after a gruelling 180 minutes of football. With such an amazing run to the final, victory today would surely be one of the greatest cup stories in the history of the competition.

Celtic reach the final for the first time under the leadership of Gordon Strachan, and since lifting the trophy in 2005. They are looking to complete a fantastic season as they chase the League and Cup double.

Tennent's Lager pass on our best wishes to both clubs as we look forward to an entertaining and exciting game in what we are sure will be a fitting climax to the Scottish domestic football season.

Today's game marks the 18th and final year of our sponsorship of the Scottish Cup. We will continue our support and commitment to Scottish football through our role as official sponsor of the Scotland National Sides and look forward to sharing our passion for the game with all Scottish football supporters, wherever it takes us, whatever it takes.

We would also like to thank the Scottish FA, the clubs and especially the fans for their passion and commitment through 18 glorious years of the Tennent's Scottish Cup.



**TENNENT'S LAGER:
18 GLORIOUS YEARS
1 FANATICAL SUPPORTER**

Phil McGuire (left) and Jim O'Brien celebrate their 3-2 win over Rangers



SCENESETTER

It's like waiting for a bus. Nothing for ages then two come along in quick succession.

Celtic and Dunfermline met in the Scottish Cup finals of 1961 and 1965 then, after an absence of almost 40 years, reconvened at the National Stadium in 2004. The Hoops won that day to go 2-1 up in the series. Now Dunfermline are looking for an equaliser.

There are obvious similarities between today's clash and that of 2004. Then, as now, Celtic were champions and there was an emotional farewell as Henrik Larsson signed off his wrecking spree of Scottish defences by scoring a double in his last game.

Right: Dunfermline players celebrate Scott Wilson's late winner against Hearts in the fourth round tie.

Today, Parkhead skipper Neil Lennon will don the green and white for the final time, having arrived on the scene part way through season 2000/01. Like Larsson, he



will be desperate to bow out on a high.

There was another new arrival in the Bank of Scotland Premierleague seven years ago – Dunfermline Athletic. But they too have just bid farewell to the SPL, a 2-1 defeat at Inverness a fortnight ago plunging them into Division One.

It was an example of just how cruel football can be. Pars boss Stephen Kenny was April's Manager of the Month after a superb run of results suggested Dunfermline would claw back a massive deficit and survive against all the odds.

When they whacked Motherwell 4-1 on Holiday Monday it seemed nothing could stop the Pars but the loss of two goals at the Caledonian Stadium, coupled with St Mirren's upturn in fortunes, did for them.

Dunfermline have shown, though, that this afternoon's encounter will be no formality for Celtic and it is hard to envisage such a one-sided encounter as when Gordon Strachan earned his first piece of Celtic silverware with a 3-0 CIS Cup final success against the Pars 18 months ago.

The Fife club's road to Hampden could hardly have been more demanding. Along the way, they have disposed of holders Hearts and CIS Cup winners Hibernian. And, until Kilmarnock's surprise win at Ibrox two weeks ago, they were the only team to inflict a domestic defeat on Rangers in 2007.

Kenny's men will not be short on confidence despite their heartbreaking

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relegation. They have both the assuredness of experience and the pace and vitality of youth in their squad and will want to enter next season's UEFA Cup as Scottish Cup winners, even although defeat today cannot take away the fact they are assured of European football in 2007/08.

Dunfermline's most recent Scottish Cup triumph was against Hearts four decades ago. Man had yet to step foot on the moon but the fans will be walking on air tonight if their black and white favourites can bring the trophy back to East End Park.



Kenny Miller grabs the winner against Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the Quarter Final

Standing in their way are Scottish Cup specialists Celtic. The Parkhead men are seeking their third triumph in the space of four years. Manager Gordon Strachan, a winner with Aberdeen in the 1980s, is aiming to complete the domestic set of honours with Celtic, having already won two league titles and the CIS Cup.

Whoever we support we can identify with the range of emotions that will course through both sets of fans. Joy, hope and despair – football can be the most alluring and savage mistress.

worthy league champions for the second successive season.

In Europe, the club reached the last 16 of the Champions League and suffered a 1-0 aggregate loss to AC Milan. That looked a terrific effort at the time and even more in hindsight, given that the Italians lined up against Liverpool in Athens on Wednesday.

Come August, European adventures will be on the agenda for both clubs but today is about domestic glory. For the players this is a chance for silverware. An opportunity to become a hero and the knowledge that it's OK to perform a dodgy dance wearing a daft hat if you win.

Integral to the occasion are the supporters. This is also their big day. Whoever we support we can identify with the range of emotions that will course through both sets of fans. Joy, hope and despair – football can be the most alluring and savage mistress.

In his book, *Fever Pitch*, Nick Hornby argues the case for those who describe a sporting moment as their best ever: "We do not lack imagination, nor have we had sad and barren lives – it is just that real life is paler, duller and contains less potential for unexpected delirium." Few here today would argue with that.

Last term, this competition brought anguish in the shape of a shock defeat to Clyde but Celtic have dug deep to reach their 53rd final. Beating Dumbarton and Livingston was routine enough but it was in the quarter-final at Inverness that they really showed their mettle, scoring two late, late goals to progress.

In the semi-final, St Johnstone pushed hard but Celtic prevailed. It has been a feature of the Hoops' season. Even when they have not played well they have managed to dig out results when it mattered.

Sure, a few points have been spilled in the spring but the championship was all but in the bag by Christmas. It should not be forgotten that Celtic strung together an incredible 27-game undefeated sequence in the SPL and are

Steven Pressley after equalising against Inverness Caledonian Thistle in the Quarter Final





Above: Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink scores a penalty in the 2-1 defeat of a spirited St Johnstone side

A FAMILIAR TALE

Semi-Final
Saturday, April 14, 2007
Hampden Park, Glasgow

ST JOHNSTONE 1 CELTIC 2

Hardie 19 Vennegoor of Hesselink pen 13, 54

St Johnstone: Cuthbert, Anderson, James, McManus, Stanic, Sheerin (McLaren 89), McInnes, Mensing (Morais 75), Hardie, Scotland, MacDonald.

Celtic: Boruc, Caldwell, Pressley, McManus, Naylor (O'Dea 90), Nakamura (Gravesen 78), Lennon, Hartley, McGeady, Riordan (Miller 65), Vennegoor of Hesselink.

Attendance: 28,339

Referee: Charlie Richmond

On the afternoon of the Grand National, Celtic were pushed all the way to the finishing line by their First Division opponents but kept their noses in front to reach the Tennent's Scottish Cup Final for the third time in four seasons.

It was cruel on St Johnstone, who had put so much into the game, and the tournament, only to fall at the penultimate hurdle, just as they had done against Hibernian in the CIS Cup back in January.

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink was the Hoops hero with a double to take his tally in this season's competition to four goals. The first came via the penalty spot and the second was a trademark header after Martin Hardie had hauled Saints level.

St Johnstone had already beaten SPL quartet Rangers, Dundee United, Motherwell and Falkirk in the cups this season and they almost

made a dream start at the National Stadium. Peter MacDonald sent Jason Scotland clear but Stephen McManus averted the danger with a timely block and Celtic were soon in front.

Saints keeper Kevin Cuthbert got nowhere near the ball when he rushed out to challenge Vennegoor of Hesselink and referee Charlie Richmond pointed to the spot despite St Johnstone protests. The Dutchman dusted himself down to score from the spot.

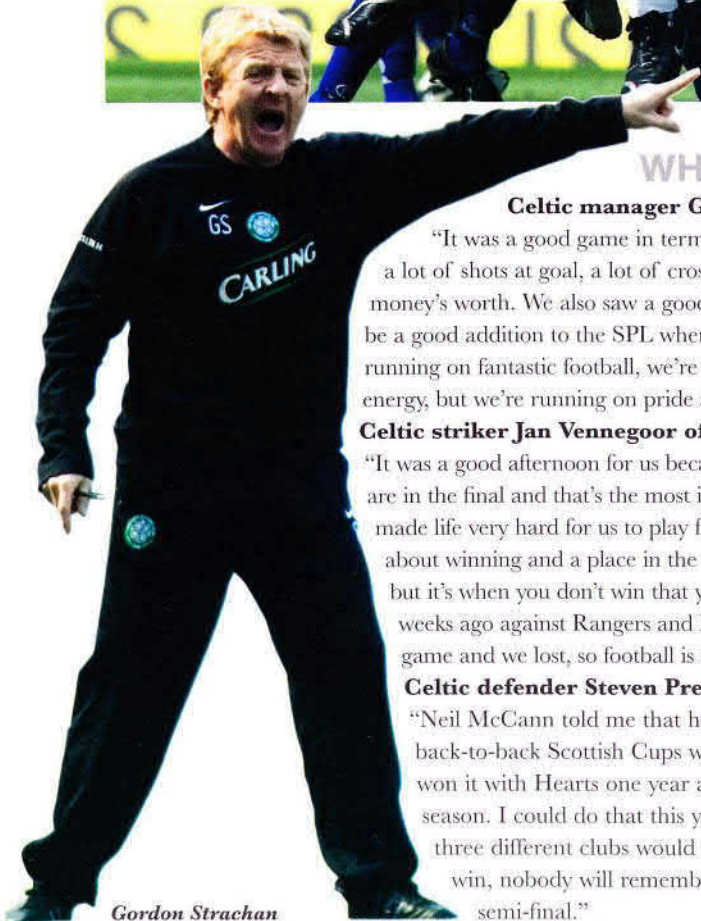
But any hopes Celtic had of a comfortable afternoon were dashed in 19 minutes when the Perth men levelled. Paul Sheerin picked out Hardie and he defied a tight angle to lob the ball over Artur Boruc.

The tie was settled early in the second half when Vennegoor of Hesselink met a Shunsuke Nakamura corner at the near post and gave Cuthbert no chance. St Johnstone pressed hard and Kevin James, among others, might have forced a replay but Celtic held on to reach their 53rd Scottish Cup Final and deny their opponents a first ever appearance in one.



Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink heads in the winner for Celtic



Gordon Strachan

WHAT THEY SAID

Celtic manager Gordon Strachan

"It was a good game in terms of excitement. There were a lot of shots at goal, a lot of crosses, so people got their money's worth. We also saw a good St Johnstone side, who will be a good addition to the SPL when they get there. We're not running on fantastic football, we're not running with too much energy, but we're running on pride and determination."

Celtic striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink

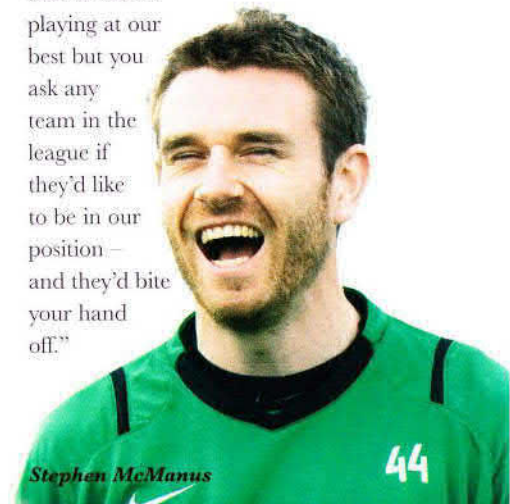
"It was a good afternoon for us because we won the game and we are in the final and that's the most important thing. St Johnstone made life very hard for us to play football but in the end it's about winning and a place in the final. We didn't play our best but it's when you don't win that you have problems. A few weeks ago against Rangers and Milan we played a really good game and we lost, so football is sometimes strange."

Celtic defender Steven Pressley

"Neil McCann told me that he was the first player to win back-to-back Scottish Cups with different clubs when he won it with Hearts one year and Rangers the following season. I could do that this year and also to win it for three different clubs would be superb. If we go on and win, nobody will remember how we played in the semi-final."

Celtic defender Stephen McManus

"It was preying on my mind all week that a booking would put me out of the final. It was quite a difficult situation because I knew I had to be very sensible out there. Thankfully, I was OK and we are delighted to get to the final. People have said we aren't playing at our best but you ask any team in the league if they'd like to be in our position – and they'd bite your hand off."



Stephen McManus

OTHER GAMES ON THE ROAD TO HAMPDEN

Third round
Saturday January 6, 2007

CELTIC 4 DUMBARTON 0

Zurawski 4, 9
Vennegoor of Hesselink 43
Riordan 69

Celtic: Boruc, Telfer, Pressley, O'Dea, Naylor, Nakamura (Riordan 45), Lennon (Gravesen 72), Sno, McGeady, Zurawski, Vennegoor of Hesselink (Miller 78).

Dumbarton: Grindlay, Geggan, Canning, Craig, Brittain, Borris (Gemmell 76), Gentile (Hamilton 45), Bagan, Winter, Boyle, McQuilken (McNaught 63).

Attendance: 18,685
Referee: Willie Collum

Gordon Strachan celebrated his first home Tennent's Scottish Cup tie as Celtic boss with an easy win against Gerry McCabe's Third Division Dumbarton. The Hoops had lost to Clyde a year earlier but there was never any chance of another upset here and the tie was done and dusted inside 10 minutes. Maciej Zurawski lobbed Stephen Grindlay to open the scoring after four minutes then the Pole lashed a shot into the rigging to ensure victory. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink netted from close range before the interval and Derek Riordan added a fourth goal 20 minutes from time.

Below: Maciej Zurawski lifts the ball over Dumbarton goalkeeper Steven Grindlay to give Celtic an early lead



Fourth round
Sunday, February 4, 2007

LIVINGSTON 1 CELTIC 4

Mackay 18
O'Dea 30
Riordan 45, 59
Vennegoor of Hesselink 61

Livingston: Stewart, MacKay, McPake, Tweed, Golabek, Fox (Hamill 57), Mitchell, Walker, Craig (Smylie 82), Makel (Dorrans 63), Teggart.

Celtic: Boruc, Telfer, McManus, O'Dea, Naylor, Nakamura, Hartley, Lennon (Sno 76), Jarosik (Gravesen 68), Vennegoor of Hesselink, Riordan.

Attendance: 7,281
Referee: Charlie Richmond

Celtic suffered an early scare at Almondvale but ran out easy winners in the end as Shunsuke Nakamura ran John Robertson's Livi ragged. Dave Mackay headed the hosts into a shock lead after 18 minutes but Darren O'Dea hammered the equaliser past Colin Stewart on the half hour and a neat Derek Riordan finish had the Hoops ahead by half-time. Riordan rattled in the third and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink completed the scoring after an hour.

Left: In action during the Fourth round tie against Livingston – Derek Riordan, who scored twice.

Quarter-final
Sunday, February 25, 2007

INVERNESS CT 1 CELTIC 2

Bayne 18
Pressley 89
Miller 90

Inverness CT: Fraser, Tokely, Dods, Munro, Hastings, Wilson (McAllister 86), Black (McSwegan 77), Duncan, Rankin, McBain (Hart 45), Bayne.

Celtic: Boruc, Wilson (Sheridan 73), Pressley, McManus, Naylor, Hartley, Lennon, Sno (Gravesen 78), Nakamura, Jarosik (McGeady 65), Miller.

Attendance: 7,119
Referee: Dougie McDonald

Drama in the Highlands as Celtic stormed back with two goals in the last couple of minutes to break Inverness hearts as they proved yet again that they can never be written off. Caley Thistle forged in front with their first attack in 18 minutes when Graham Bayne diverted a Barry Wilson cross past Artur Boruc. The Polish shotstopper was beaten again before the break but this time Bayne had strayed offside. When Shunsuke Nakamura fired a superb effort against the post Celtic must have felt their luck was out but with a minute left Steven Pressley stretched to nod in the equaliser. The Hoops weren't finished there and 60 seconds later Kenny Miller curled a beauty round Michael Fraser to send them into the semis.



Greg Shields celebrates Dunfermline's sensational semi-final victory



PARS ON COURSE

Now, after an injury-disrupted campaign, he was in a similar position.

Jim McIntyre



Showing nerves of steel, McIntyre dinked the ball down the middle as Andrew McNeil dived to his right and Dunfermline were in the Scottish Cup final for the fifth time in their history.

McIntyre's incredible winner also ensured the Pars of a place in the UEFA Cup.

The veteran striker might have been the matchwinner but Stephen Kenny's entire

team put on a great display in what was a compelling game of football in which both sides were

committed to attack.

Missing Scott Wilson through suspension, the Fifers had Greg Shields to

John Yorkston:
I'm delighted with the performance, delighted with Stephen (Kenny) and delighted for the players and the fans.

had upset those of a green and white persuasion by ignoring an earlier appeal at the other end – correctly pointed to the spot.

A decade earlier, Jim McIntyre had settled a Tennent's Scottish Cup semi-final in Kilmarnock's favour with a late goal against Dundee United at Easter Road.

Semi Final Replay

Tuesday, April 24, 2007
Hampden Park, Glasgow

HIBERNIAN 0 DUNFERMLINE 1

McIntyre pen 88

Dunfermline: De Vries, Shields, McGuire, Bamba, Muirhead, Young (Burchill 77), Mason, McCunnie, Hammill (Ross 88), O'Brien (O Morrison 70), McIntyre.

Hibernian: McNeil, Whittaker, Hogg, Jones, Murphy, Scott Brown, Beuzelin (Chisholm 74), Stevenson, Sproule (Shiels 67), Benjelloun, Gray (Fletcher 46).

Attendance: 8,536

Referee: Craig Thomson

History was on Hibernian's side. In 11 previous Scottish Cup encounters between the clubs they had progressed nine times, although crucially the Pars had won the only other semi-final back in 1965, as well as the most recent contest – a fourth round replay in 2003.

The Pars could also point to a recent SPL win over John Collins' side, who had gone off the boil since their stunning CIS Cup Final triumph against Kilmarnock while Stephen Kenny's side were finding form at just the right time.

After a goalless first game, the teams reconvened at the National Stadium and again proved almost inseparable. Extra time and penalties were on everyone's mind until the game was settled in Dunfermline's favour with just two minutes left.

Adam Hammill's surge into the area was curtailed illegally by defender Chris Hogg and referee Craig Thomson – who

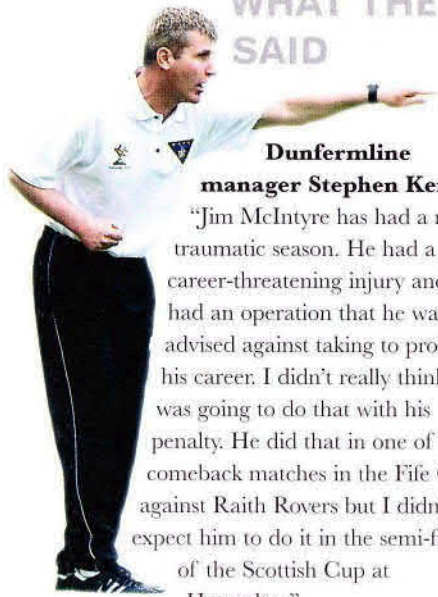
Jim McIntyre (right) books Dunfermline's place in the Tennent's Scottish Cup Final with an expertly placed penalty kick



thank for an astonishing goalline clearance after Scott Brown had burst into the box and clipped the ball beyond Dorus de Vries.

The Dutchman also denied Brown with a smart save in the second half before Hammill's trickery led to the decisive penalty. Substitute Mark Burchill should have added a late second goal but shot too high. Dunfermline, as in 2004 against Inverness, prevailed in a semi-final replay as Hibernian yet again suffered at the penultimate stage.

WHAT THEY SAID



Dunfermline manager Stephen Kenny:

"Jim McIntyre has had a really traumatic season. He had a career-threatening injury and had an operation that he was advised against taking to prolong his career. I didn't really think he was going to do that with his penalty. He did that in one of his comeback matches in the Fife Cup against Raith Rovers but I didn't expect him to do it in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup at Hampden."

Dunfermline matchwinner Jim McIntyre:

"That's five times I've dinked the ball in from the spot and that's it. I did it three times for Dundee United and once before for Airdrie in the quarter-finals against Partick Thistle, but no more. I've rode my luck as far as I can. I would have looked the biggest mug ever if I didn't connect properly."

Pars chairman John Yorkston: "I think this means I'm going to get drunk tonight! I'm delighted with the



Gary Mason



performance, delighted with Stephen (Kenny) and delighted for the players and the fans. I think everybody played their part, it was a bit nervy at times but we're there. It's great to be back in Europe, I can recall some great nights at East End Park against the likes of Valencia and West Brom."

Midfielder Gary Mason: "I am disappointed getting this far and missing

Stephen Kenny: "Jim McIntyre has had a really traumatic season. I didn't really think he was going to do that with his penalty."

Dunfermline goalkeeper Dorus De Vries makes the catch under pressure from Steven Fletcher (left) during the first meeting at Hampden Park on 15th April



the final but I'm delighted for the boys. It was a greasy surface and my momentum took me forward. I never thought there was much in the challenge but maybe a couple of fouls before contributed to it. It's a horrible situation and I think it's a bit harsh but that's the way the rules are."

Semi Final

Sunday, April 15, 2007
Hampden Park, Glasgow

HIBERNIAN 0 DUNFERMLINE 0

Hibernian: McNeil (Simon Brown 45), Whittaker, Jones, Hogg, Murphy, Sproule, Beuzelin, Fletcher, Stevenson, Scott Brown, Benjelloun (Gray 89).

Dunfermline: De Vries, Shields, Wilson, McGuire (Ross 45), McCunnie, Muirhead, Hammill (Owen Morrison 80), Bamba, Mason, O'Brien, McIntyre (Burchill 90).

Attendance: 25,336

Referee: Craig Thomson

No goals but no shortage of entertainment at a sunshine-bathed Hampden, as the competition produced only the second stalemate at this stage in a decade. Hibernian had more of the ball but Dunfermline came closest to scoring when Jamie McCunnie rattled the post. Gary Mason spurned a terrific opening when he fired wide with just Simon Brown to beat while at the other end Abdessalam Benjelloun was denied by a goalline clearance from Soulemayne Bamba.

OTHER GAMES ON THE ROAD TO HAMPDEN

Third round

Sunday, January 7, 2007

DUNFERMLINE 3 RANGERS 2

Hamilton 17 Boyd 54, 68
Simmons 29
McGuire 46

Dunfermline: McKenzie, Wilson, McGuire, S Morrison, Young, Ross, Simmons, O Morrison (Woods 67), Crawford, O'Brien (Bamba 76), Hamilton (Daquin 83).
Rangers: McGregor, Hutton, Rodriguez (Burke 34), Svensson, Murray, Rae, Ferguson, Hemdani, Adam (Buffel 64), Boyd, Novo.

Attendance: 7,231

Referee: Iain Brines

A stunning result for Stephen Kenny's side who couldn't score in the SPL but were 3-0 up on managerless Rangers early in the second half. The Pars were hanging by the end but hang on they did to book an unlikely place in the fourth round. Jim Hamilton opened the scoring after 17 minutes and dreadful defending allowed Stephen Simmons to poach a second goal on the half hour. The home fans were in dream land when Phil McGuire headed a Scott Morrison corner past ex-Par Allan McGregor right after the restart and, although Kris Boyd scored twice with a quarter of the game still to play, Dunfermline clung on.

Fourth round

Saturday February 3, 2007

DUNFERMLINE 1 HEARTS 0

Wilson 90
Dunfermline: De Vries, Ross, McGuire, Wilson, S Morrison, O'Brien (O Morrison 86), Mason, Simmons, Hammill, Crawford (McIntyre 79), Burchill (Hamilton 68).
Hearts: Banks, Zaliukas, Karipidis (J Armstrong 61), Tall, Wallace, Mikoliunas (Jankauskas 75), Kingston, McCann, Driver, Pospisil (Bednar 67), Elliot.

Attendance: 9,597

Referee: Mike McCurry

Having disposed of Rangers, Dunfermline were now paired with Hearts – another cruel draw. Again, though, East End Park played host to an upset as the Tynecastle side, much-changed from the team who had beaten Gretna on penalties in May, tumbled out of the competition. For long spells in the second half it looked as if the best Dunfermline could hope for was a replay but Andrew Driver, Saulius Mikoliunas and substitute Roman Bednar all missed chances before the tie was settled in dramatic fashion. Time was almost up when Adam Hammill launched a free-kick into the area and defender Scott Wilson



Derek Young (left) and Owen Morrison of Dunfermline tussle for possession during the Quarter Final

soared above the men in maroon to plant a header past Steve Banks.

Quarter-final

Saturday February 24, 2007

DUNFERMLINE 2 PARTICK THISTLE 0

Simmons 4, 86
Dunfermline: De Vries, Ross (Bamba 89), Wilson, McGuire, S Morrison, O'Brien (Crawford 90), Mason, Simmons, O Morrison (McCunnie 72), Hamilton, Hammill.

Partick Thistle: Arthur, Smith (Strachan 49), J Robertson, Brady, Boyd, Keogh, J Gibson, B Gibson, Russell, Roberts, Young (McConalogue 82).

Attendance: 7,090

Referee: Iain Brines

Scott Wilson (3) watches his effort go beyond a despairing Steve Banks in the Hearts goal to give the Pars a late winner



PREVIOUS FINAL MEETINGS

Saturday, April 22, 1961

CELTIC 0 DUNFERMLINE 0
Attendance: 113,328

Despite finishing only 12th in the top flight – Celtic were fourth in 1960/61 – Dunfermline had reached the final of the Scottish Cup for the first time in their history under the guidance of Jock Stein.

Goalkeeper Eddie Connachan was outstanding and made a stunning save to thwart John Hughes while at the other end Frank Haffey would have been delighted to have kept a clean sheet after conceding nine goals to England the previous weekend.

The Pars might have won it late on when George Peebles came close, but it was a terrific effort to earn a draw given that they were forced to play for a spell without injured defender Jackie Williamson in the days before substitutes were permitted.



Celtic: Haffey, McKay, Kennedy, Crerand, McNeill, Clark, Gallagher, Fernie, Hughes, Chalmers, Byrne.
Dunfermline: Connachan, Fraser, Cunningham, Mailer, Williamson, Miller, Peebles, Smith, Dickson, McLindon, Melrose.
Referee: H Phillips

Dunfermline Athletic goalkeeper Eddie Connachan (right) makes a leaping save

Replay – Wednesday, April 26, 1961

CELTIC 0 DUNFERMLINE 2
Thomson 67
Dickson 88
Attendance: 87,866

Eddie Connachan played the game of his life as Dunfermline got their hands on the Scottish Cup for the first time. Incredibly, the keeper had worked his usual shift in the coalmine in the days leading up to the replay but it didn't stop him from performing heroics.

Celtic were denied by a string of superb saves before and after the Pars took the lead midway through the second half when Dave Thomson headed home a George Peebles cross.

The destiny of the trophy was decided with a couple of minutes left when Charlie Dickson took advantage of a defensive error and Dunfermline skipper Ron Mailer soon had his hands on the cup. He said: "I will never see



Goalkeeper Eddie Connachan is carried off by his victorious teammates after Dunfermline won

another display of goalkeeping like that put up by Eddie Connachan."
Celtic: Haffey, McKay, O'Neill, Crerand, McNeill, Clark, Gallagher, Fernie, Hughes, Chalmers, Byrne.

Dunfermline: Connachan, Fraser, Cunningham, Mailer, Miller, Sweeney, Peebles, Smith, Thomson, Dickson, Melrose.
Referee: H Phillips



Pars manager Jock Stein and trainer Jimmy Stevenson congratulate Ron Mailer and George Miller

Saturday, April 24, 1965

CELTIC 3 **DUNFERMLINE 2**

Auld 31, 51

Melrose 15

McNeill 81

McLaughlin 43

Attendance: 108,800

The glory years were just around the corner for Celtic but in 1964/65 they finished only eighth in the First Division, five places below Dunfermline and they hadn't won the Scottish Cup for 11 years.

They looked to be up against it at Hampden as they trailed 2-1 at half-time and faced the strong wind in the second half, but it was a memorable comeback by the Hoops as Jock Stein masterminded a victory against the team he had led to glory four years earlier.

Harry Melrose put the Pars ahead with an acrobatic effort but Bertie Auld headed the equaliser after Charlie Gallagher's shot smacked back off the bar. When John McLaughlin hammered in a free-kick Dunfermline were back in front but Auld again equalised and skipper Billy McNeill headed Celtic's winner with nine minutes left. Four days later Dunfermline gained some revenge with a 5-1 league win!

Celtic: Fallon, Young, Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill, Clark, Chalmers, Gallagher, Hughes, Lennox, Auld.

Dunfermline: Herriot, W Callaghan, Lunn, Thomson, McLean, T Callaghan, Edwards, Smith, McLaughlin, Melrose, Sinclair

Referee: H Phillips



Above: Celtic's Bertie Auld scores his team's second goal



Left: Celtic captain Billy McNeill clings onto the Scottish Cup as he is carried by his teammates



Henrik Larsson scores and below Stilian Petrov adds Celtic's third



Saturday, May 22, 2004

CELTIC 3 **DUNFERMLINE 1**

Larsson 58, 71

Skerla 40

Petrov 84

Attendance: 50,846

Henrik Larsson was the scourge of the Pars as he struck twice in the second half to end his Celtic career on a high. Dunfermline, who had finished fourth in the SPL under Jimmy Calderwood, contributed plenty in their first Scottish Cup final since 1968 but were eventually undone by the talismanic Swede.

Celtic had the ball in the net after 34 minutes but Stilian Petrov's effort was ruled out because of a foul in the build-up and it was Dunfermline who took the lead five minutes before the interval when defender Andrius Skerla squeezed a header past David Marshall.

Just before the hour mark, the Pars claimed a penalty when Bobo Balde appeared to handle in the box following a corner but referee Stuart Dougal was unmoved and Celtic surged upfield to equalise. Aaron Labonte's slip allowed Larsson to race clear and he beat Derek Stillie with a superb curling shot.

It was Larsson who gave Celtic the lead 13 minutes later, taking an Alan Thompson pass and turning to beat Stillie with another exquisite finish. Petrov made sure for Martin O'Neill's men with a late third, having been set up by Ross Wallace.

Celtic: Marshall, Varga, Balde, McNamara, Agathe, Lennon, Petrov, Pearson (Wallace 58), Thompson, Larsson, Sutton.

Dunfermline: Stillie, Darren Young, Skerla, Byrne (Tod 88), Mason (Grondin 82), Nicholson, Dempsey (Bullen 60), Derek Young, Labonte, Brewster, Crawford.

Referee: S Dougal

MEETINGS OUTSIDE THE FINAL

February 6, 2005
Fourth round

DUNFERMLINE 0 CELTIC 3

Celtic eased into the last eight thanks to early goals from John Hartson and Chris Sutton on the East End plastic. Hartson killed the tie with his second of the day before half-time.

March 7, 2001
Fourth round replay

CELTIC 4 DUNFERMLINE 1

Ramon Vega netted twice and Henrik Larsson added a pair of second-half penalties as the hosts progressed. Scott Thomson had given the Pars hope with a 28th-minute equaliser.

February 17, 2001
Fourth round

DUNFERMLINE 2 CELTIC 2

Barry Nicholson struck in the final minute of a thrilling tie in which Andrius Skerla also scored late on for the Pars, while Henrik Larsson took his tally for the season to 39 with a double.



Celtic's Chris Sutton (right) and Andy Tod of Dunfermline during the fourth round match in 2005



Celtic's Ramon Vega is tripped by Dunfermline's Michael Doesburg (left) during the Scottish Cup fourth round replay, March 2001



Celtic goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson saves a shot by Dunfermline Athletic's Tom Callaghan (right)

February 13, 1999
Fourth round

CELTIC 4 DUNFERMLINE 0

Dr Jo's side scored four times in the space of 15 minutes before half-time to oust the Pars. Henrik Larsson grabbed a hat-trick and Harald Brattbakk was also on target.

February 16, 1998
Fourth round

DUNFERMLINE 1 CELTIC 2

Stephane Mahe and Harald Brattbakk sent Celtic into the quarter-finals before David Bingham's late consolation.

March 21, 1990
Quarter-final replay

CELTIC 3 DUNFERMLINE 0

Paul McStay, Tommy Coyne and Joe Miller were on target as Celtic booked their semi-final spot in front of a 40,798 crowd.

March 17, 1990
Quarter-final

DUNFERMLINE 0 CELTIC 0

A big crowd of 19,568 looked on but there were no goals at East End Park and it was the same outcome in the league a week later.

February 19, 1983
Fourth round

CELTIC 3 DUNFERMLINE 0

All the goals came in the final quarter of the match, with Frank McGarvey netting twice and George McCluskey adding a late third in front of 12,374 fans at Celtic Park.

February 17, 1971
Fourth round replay

DUNFERMLINE 0 CELTIC 1

Harry Hood scored a 19th-minute winner and Celtic went all the way, beating Rangers in the final.

February 13, 1971
Fourth round

CELTIC 1 DUNFERMLINE 1

Willie Wallace had Jock Stein's men in front but Joe McBride equalised early in the second half for Dunfermline.

January 24, 1970
First round

CELTIC 2 DUNFERMLINE 1

John Hughes and Harry Hood turned the tie on its head with goals after 81 and 89 minutes. Jim Gillespie had put the Pars ahead.

January 27, 1968
First round

CELTIC 0 DUNFERMLINE 2

Dunfermline dumped out the holders thanks to second-half goals from Hugh Robertson and Pat Gardner. The Pars went on to beat Hearts in the final.

March 26, 1966
Semi-final

CELTIC 2 DUNFERMLINE 0

Celtic were well on top in this Ibrox semi-final and eased through with goals from Bertie Auld and Stevie Chalmers.

January 21, 1933
First round

DUNFERMLINE 1 CELTIC 7

There were hat-tricks for Jimmy McGroarty and Hugh O'Donnell as Celtic embarked on their road to Hampden with an easy win.

January 27, 1912
First round

CELTIC 1 DUNFERMLINE 0

John Brown's goal was enough for Willie Maley's men, who went on to defeat Clyde in the final.

CUP FINAL – FACTS AND FIGURES

ROLL OF HONOUR – SCOTTISH CUP WINS

33 Celtic	2 Motherwell
31 Rangers	2 Renton
10 Queen's Park	2 Third Lanark
7 Aberdeen	1 Ardronians
7 Hearts	1 Dumbarton
3 Clyde	1 Dundee
3 Kilmarnock	1 Dundee United
3 St Mirren	1 East Fife
3 Vale of Leven	1 Morton
2 Dunfermline	1 Partick Thistle
2 Falkirk	1 St Bernard's
2 Hibernian	

NUMBER'S UP

In the seven Tennent's Scottish Cup finals played this millennium, the most common number of goals scored by a team is one, which has happened five times out of 14.

There have been four blanks, three occasions when a team have scored three goals and one occurrence each of two goals and four goals.

LAST WIN BY SPL CLUB

Hearts	.....2006
Celtic	.....2005
Rangers	.....2003
Kilmarnock	.....1997
Dundee Utd	.....1994
Motherwell	.....1991
Aberdeen	.....1990
St Mirren	.....1987
Dunfermline	.....1968
Falkirk	.....1957
Hibernian	.....1902
Inverness CT	.....No wins



SUCCESS NORTH AND SOUTH

Celtic manager Gordon Strachan was a Scottish Cup and FA Cup winner in successive years in the 1980s. He won the trophy with Aberdeen in 1982, 1983 and 1984 then helped Manchester United defeat Everton 1–0 in 1985. Remarkably, all these games were decided in extra time.

UNWANTED FIRST FOR PARS

Dunfermline are the first club to reach a Scottish Cup final and be relegated in the same season. Aberdeen were bottom of the table when they lost 4-0 to Rangers in 2000 but Ebbe Skovdahl's team avoided the drop as the SPL was expanded from 10 clubs to 12 that summer. Dundee United came close to relegation before they played Celtic in the 2005 decider, finishing eighth in the Bank of Scotland Premierleague but only three points off the bottom. In 1962, St Mirren lost the Scottish Cup final 2-0 to Rangers and avoided relegation only on goal average after finishing 16th in Division One. Had goal difference been the deciding factor, the Buddies, and not St Johnstone, would have gone down. Going further back, Albion Rovers finished at the foot of the 22-team Scottish League when they lost to Kilmarnock in the 1920 cup final but there was just one division that season and so they avoided the drop.

RECENT WINNING SKIPPERS

1990	.....Aberdeen	.....Alex McLeish
1991	.....Motherwell	.....Tom Boyd
1992	.....Rangers	.....Richard Gough
1993	.....Rangers	.....Richard Gough
1994	.....Dundee United	.....Maurice Malpas
1995	.....Celtic	.....Paul McStay
1996	.....Rangers	.....Richard Gough
1997	.....Kilmarnock	.....Ray Montgomerie
1998	.....Hearts	.....Dave McPherson
1999	.....Rangers	.....Lorenzo Amoruso
2000	.....Rangers	.....Arthur Numan
2001	.....Celtic	.....Paul Lambert
2002	.....Rangers	.....Barry Ferguson
2003	.....Rangers	.....Barry Ferguson
2004	.....Celtic	.....Jackie McNamara
2005	.....Celtic	.....Jackie McNamara
2006	.....Hearts	.....Steven Pressley



Dunfermline, 1968



Ebbe Skovdahl



Jim McIntyre

JIM COUNTS ON EXPERIENCE
 Dunfermline striker Jim McIntyre is set to achieve the remarkable feat of appearing in Tennent's Scottish Cup finals for three different clubs outwith the Old Firm. He was a substitute for Airdrieonians against Celtic in 1995 and helped Kilmarnock beat Falkirk in 1997. McIntyre's record would have been even better had he not missed the 2005 final with Dundee United because of suspension.

HOPE FOR DUNFERMLINE

It is more than 40 years since Celtic lost a Scottish Cup final to any side other than Aberdeen or Rangers but Dunfermline will take heart from the fact they were the team who achieved the feat – with a 2-0 win in 1961. Hibs (twice), Airdrieonians (twice) Dundee United (four times) and Dunfermline (twice) have all failed in the interim.

RED CARDS REACH FOUR

Paul Hartley became only the fourth player to be sent off in a Scottish Cup final when he saw red against Gretna 12 months ago. History was made as Hearts became the first team to win the trophy having been reduced to 10 men. Jock Buchanan of Rangers was dismissed when the Light Blues were beaten 2-0 by Kilmarnock in 1929 and Roy Aitken saw red in 1984 as Celtic lost 2-1 to Aberdeen in extra time. The Dons were the beneficiaries again in 1986 when Hearts skipper Walter Kidd took an early bath in his side's 3-0 loss.



Steven Pressley

ELVIS EYES A TREBLE

Steven Pressley is bidding to complete a unique treble this afternoon, having already won the Scottish Cup with Rangers (1993) and Hearts (2006). No other player has won the trophy with three different teams although James Oswald (St Bernard's, 1895) and Third Lanark (1889) was with Rangers, but not in the team, when they won in 1897 and 1898. Mixu Paatelainen was a cup final loser with three separate clubs – Dundee United (1988), Aberdeen (1993) and Hibernian (2001). John O'Neil is also in the same boat – he was a runner-up with Dundee United in 1991, Hibernian in 2001 and Gretna in 2006.

SPL CHAMPS UP FOR THE CUP
 Since the Bank of Scotland Premierleague began in 1998/99 the league champions have only failed to reach the cup final once in nine seasons. That was last term, when runners-up Hearts beat Division Two champions Gretna. The only time the SPL winners reached the final but didn't lift the trophy was in 2001/02 when Rangers edged Celtic 3-2.

BIGGEST FINAL VICTORIES

1888	Renton	6-1	Cambuslang
1972	Celtic	6-1	Hibernian
1934	Rangers	5-0	St Mirren
1892	Celtic	5-1	Queen's Park
1897	Rangers	5-1	Dumbarton
1908	Celtic	5-1	St Mirren
1996	Rangers	5-1	Hearts
1928	Rangers	4-0	Celtic
1939	Clyde	4-0	Motherwell
1952	Motherwell	4-0	Dundee
1969	Celtic	4-0	Rangers
2000	Rangers	4-0	Aberdeen

ON THIS DAY

Only one previous Scottish Cup final has been played on May 26. That was in 2001 when Martin O'Neill's Celtic side clinched the Treble with a 3-0 victory over Hibernian. Henrik Larsson scored twice after Jackie McNamara – the last substitute to net in a final – had given Celtic the lead.

SCOTTISH CUP PROGRESS CHART

	CELTIC	DUNFERMLINE
1980	WINNERS	Fourth round
1981	Semi-finals	Third round
1982	Fourth round	Third round
1983	Semi-finals	Fourth round
1984	Runners-up	Third round
1985	WINNERS	First round
1986	Quarter-finals	Third round
1987	Fourth round	Third round
1988	WINNERS	Quarter-finals
1989	WINNERS	Third round
1990	Runners-up	Quarter-finals
1991	Semi-finals	Third round
1992	Semi-finals	Fourth round
1993	Fourth round	Third round
1994	Third round	Third round
1995	WINNERS	Fourth round
1996	Semi-finals	Fourth round
1997	Semi-finals	Fourth round
1998	Semi-finals	Fourth round
1999	Runners-up	Fourth round
2000	Third round	Third round
2001	WINNERS	Fourth round
2002	Runners-up	Fourth round
2003	Quarter-finals	Quarter-finals
2004	WINNERS	Runners-up
2005	WINNERS	Fourth round
2006	Third round	Third round

PREVIOUS TENNENT'S



1990 - Aberdeen

This is the 18th season of Tennent's involvement with the Scottish Cup and their current sponsorship runs until the 2007 final, in what is one of the longest-running partnerships in football. Here's what has happened in the 16 previous Tennent's Scottish Cup finals.

May 12, 1990 at Hampden Park

ABERDEEN 0 CELTIC 0

After extra time, Aberdeen won 9-8 on penalties
Attendance: 60,493

Aberdeen: Snelders, McKimmie, D Robertson, Grant, McLeish, Irvine, C Nicholas, Bett, Mason (Graham Watson), Connor, Gillhaus.

May 18, 1991 at Hampden Park

MOTHERWELL 4 DUNDEE UNITED 3

(Ferguson 32, O'Donnell 59, Angus 65, Kirk 94) (Bowman 56, J O'Neil 67, Jackson 89)

After extra time
Attendance: 57,319

Motherwell: Maxwell, Nijholt, Boyd, Griffin, Paterson, McCart, Arnott, Angus, Ferguson (Kirk), O'Donnell, Cooper (O'Neill).



1991 - Motherwell

May 29, 1993 at Celtic Park

RANGERS 2 ABERDEEN 1

(Murray 22, Hateley 43) (Richardson 87)

Attendance: 50,715

Rangers: Goram, McCall, D Robertson, Gough, McPherson, Brown, Murray, Ferguson, Durrant, Hateley, Huistra (Pressley).

May 21, 1994 at Hampden Park

DUNDEE UNITED 1 RANGERS 0

(Brewster 47)

Attendance: 37,450

Dundee United: Van de Kamp, Cleland, Malpas, McNally, Petric, Welsh, Bowman, Hannah, McLaren (Nixon), Brewster, Dailly.



1992 - Rangers

May 9, 1992 at Hampden Park

RANGERS 2 AIRDRIEONIANIANS 1

(Hateley 30, McCoist 45) (Smith 81)

Attendance: 44,045

Rangers: Goram, Stevens, D Robertson, Gough, Spackman, Brown, Durrant (Gordon), McCall, McCoist, Hateley, Mikhailichenko.

May 27, 1995 at Hampden Park

CELTIC 1 AIRDRIEONIANIANS 0

(Van Hooijdonk 9)

Attendance: 36,915

Celtic: Bonner, Boyd, McKinlay, Vata, McNally, Grant, McLaughlin, P McStay, Van Hooijdonk (Falconer), Donnelly (O'Donnell), Collins.



1993 - Rangers



1995 - Celtic

May 18, 1996 at Hampden Park

RANGERS 5 HEARTS 1

(Laudrup 37, 49, Durie 66, 81, 84) (Colquhoun 76)

Attendance: 37,730

Rangers: Goram, Cleland, D Robertson, Gough, McLaren, Brown, Durie, Gascoigne, I Ferguson (Durrant), McCall, Laudrup.

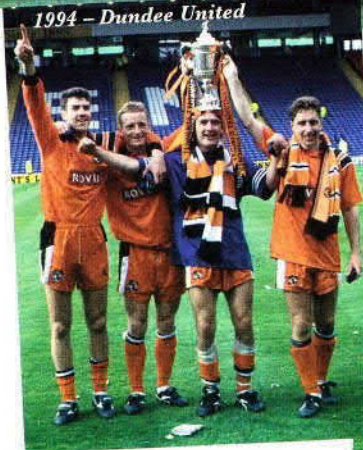
May 24, 1997 at Ibrox

KILMARNOCK 1 FALKIRK 0

(Wright 20)

Attendance: 48,953

Kilmarnock: Lekovic, MacPherson, D Kerr, Montgomerie, McGowne, Reilly, Bagan (Mitchell), Burke, Wright (Henry), McIntyre (Brown), Holt.



1994 - Dundee United



1996 - Rangers



1997 - Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH CUP FINALS

May 16, 1998 at Celtic Park
HEARTS 2 RANGERS 1

(Cameron pen 1, Adam 52) (McCoist 80)

Attendance: 48,946

Hearts: Rousset, McPherson, Naysmith, Weir, Salvatori, Ritchie, McCann, Fulton, Adam (Hamilton), Cameron, Fogel.

May 29, 1999 at Hampden Park
RANGERS 1 CELTIC 0

(Wallace 48)

Attendance: 51,746

Rangers: Klos, Porrini (Kanchelskis), Amoruso, Hendry, Vidmar, McCann (I Ferguson), McInnes, Van Bronckhorst, Wallace, Amato (Wilson), Albertz.

May 27, 2000 at Hampden Park
RANGERS 4 ABERDEEN 0

(Van Bronckhorst 36, Vidmar 47, Dodds 49, Albertz 51)

Attendance: 50,685

Rangers: Klos, Reyna, Moore (Porrini), Vidmar, Numan, Kanchelskis, B Ferguson, Albertz, Van Bronckhorst (Tugay), Wallace (McCann), Dodds.

May 26, 2001 at Hampden Park
CELTIC 3 HIBERNIAN 0

(McNamara 38, Larsson 47, pen 79)

Attendance: 51,284

Celtic: Douglas, Mjallby, Valgaeren, Vega, Thompson (Johnson), Agathe, Lennon, Lambert (Boyd), Moravcik (McNamara), Larsson, Sutton.

May 4, 2002 at Hampden Park
RANGERS 3 CELTIC 2

(Lovenkrands 20, 90, Ferguson 69) (Hartson 18, Balde 50)

Attendance: 51,138

Rangers: Klos, Ricksen, Amoruso, Moore, Numan, Ross, Ferguson, Lovenkrands, De Boer, Caniggia (Arveladze), McCann.

May 31, 2003 at Hampden Park
RANGERS 1 DUNDEE 0

(Amoruso 66)

Attendance: 47,136

Rangers: Klos, Ricksen, Moore, Amoruso, Numan (Muscat), Malcolm, Ferguson, McCann, De Boer, Mols (Ross), Arveladze (Thompson).

May 22, 2004 at Hampden Park
CELTIC 3 DUNFERMLINE 1

(Larsson 58, 71, Petrov 83)

(Skerla 40)

Attendance: 50,846

Celtic: Marshall, McNamara, Varga, Balde, Thompson, Petrov, Lennon, Agathe, Pearson (Wallace), Larsson, Sutton.

May 28, 2005 at Hampden Park
CELTIC 1 DUNDEE UNITED 0

(Thompson 10)

Attendance: 50,635

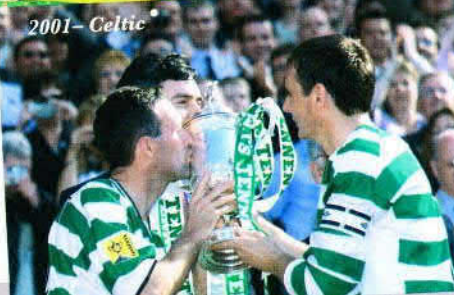
Celtic: Douglas, Agathe, Varga, Balde, McNamara, Petrov, Lennon, Thompson (McGeady), Sutton, Hartson (Valgaeren), Bellamy.

May 13, 2006 at Hampden Park
HEARTS 1 GRETNNA 1

(Skacel 39) (McGuffie 76)

After extra time, Hearts won 4-2 on penalties
Attendance: 51,232

Hearts: Gordon, Neilson, Pressley, Tall, Fyssas, Cesnauskis (Mikoliunas), Aguiar (Brellier), Hartley, Skacel, Bednar (Pospisil), Jankauskas.





AGAINST THE ODDS

By Iain Collin (Capital City Press)

Ask the Dunfermline players what they think about their manager, Stephen Kenny, and the answers will not be long in coming.

Plenty others have also been quick to highlight the qualities of the man who, against all odds, helped cajole the Pars to the brink of an against-all-odds escape from relegation before time – and games – eventually ran out on them a fortnight ago.

Ex-charges at old clubs in his Irish homeland, even childhood friends and former teachers, have all talked prior to today's Cup Final of his meticulous preparation, his focus, his drive and determination, his humility.

The one person least likely to sing such praises, however, is Kenny himself. The 35-year-old has already been dubbed the quiet man of Scottish football in some

quarters. There are no touchline histrionics like Martin O'Neill, no teacup hurling à la Sir Alex Ferguson, no cutting

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post-match quips in the mould of his counterpart in the opposite dugout today, Gordon Strachan.

Yet, while he may go about his business in a more reserved manner to other notables in the game, his ability to wring out results means his methods cannot be questioned. A manager at 27 with Longford Town, Kenny

took the club into the Irish top flight before amassing a championship, cups and – as a result of a remarkable Tennent's Scottish Cup run with Dunfermline – now, incredibly, European football with every club he has managed.

The European stage brought a low point as well, when he was sacked by Bohemians following a UEFA Cup defeat to Estonian outfit Levadia Tallinn, but there have been few others since his premature move into the dugout. Even relegation to the First Division should not be allowed to blot his copybook, given the already perilous state of the club when he took over in November.

With Rangers, Hearts and Hibs all put to the sword on Dunfermline's route to Hampden today, it appears the softly-spoken and pensive character is satisfied

which nobody has done for nearly 40 years in Dunfermline's colours."

Kenny jokes that he envisaged Dunfermline's participation in this season's tournament being over almost before it had begun when his side was drawn against Rangers in the third round. Yet, however much he may try to play down his role in revitalising the Fife club in the last six months, there is something in the winner-takes-all nature of cup football which undoubtedly brings out the best in the Dubliner.

One more victory this afternoon would land him the unprecedented honour of leading sides to both the Irish FAI Cup and the Scottish Cup within the space of six months. With further League Cup successes in his homeland and a UEFA Cup run with former team Derry City, in which they vanquished Gretna and IFK Gothenburg, as well as drawing with Paris St Germain at the Brandywell, indicates a special relationship with knock-out football.

"Motivation is important in cup games and I think the motivation of the players will be there without a problem," he added. "They all want to do themselves justice on such a big stage. We all want to do well, as a team, and we've shown in the cups that we can rise to the occasion. Cup football is a do or die situation and we have done well in that scenario."

Kenny's love affair with cups took him back to Ireland in December for one last hurrah with Derry City. Having steered them to the FAI Cup final before departing for Scotland, he returned to take charge of the Candystripes for one last time against the first senior club he signed for as a player, St Patrick's Athletic. Playing the last-ever match at the old Lansdowne Road, Derry took the trophy with a 4-3 extra-time triumph following a thrilling match which has been hailed as one of the finest the country has seen.

There can be no guarantees of a similarly exhilarating 90 or 120 minutes this afternoon in a famous old stadium which only 10 days ago witnessed a gripping UEFA Cup climax. However, spectators may find Kenny at last raising his voice in celebration if his promise to attack Celtic pays off and provides him with another cup full of cheer.

"It's ironic that Dunfermline are in the Scottish Cup final when we won the cup

in Ireland last year," he admitted. "It's a unique situation, all right, and to win both would be something that would be tremendous to achieve. To win the FAI Cup at Lansdowne Road, the home of football in Ireland, was great and to come to Hampden against a magnificent club like Celtic is a great honour.

"We've earned the right to be in the cup final, having beaten an institution like Rangers and then cup holders Hearts, Partick Thistle and CIS Cup holders Hibs. Now, we don't want to just get to the final and shut up shop and let the game pass us by. If we did that, I think defeat would be inevitable against a rampant Celtic team. We have to express ourselves and hope that we get enough breaks on the day to pull it off."

If they can, then Kenny may find he can't keep quiet for much longer.



Stephen Kenny

with his team making a big noise for him.

"All the players will be extremely proud to be at Hampden to play in a Scottish Cup final," Kenny said. "They are great occasions and I'm very proud that Dunfermline are involved in one when they have only had one other in the last 39 years. That shows it's not something that can be taken for granted in any way because we might not get another opportunity.

"All the staff at the club have worked extremely hard to get us there. Craig Robertson, Declan Devine, Colm O'Neill, Stevie Woods and plenty others have put in so much work to get us into the situation we are in and we don't want to just turn up and for it to be an occasion with nothing at the end of it. We have an opportunity to try and do something

DUNFERMLINE: MAN BY MAN



Dorus de Vries

Dorus de Vries

The 26-year-old has firmly established himself as Dunfermline No 1 after joining from Den Haag last summer. The Dutchman proved unbeatable during the month of April, keeping five clean sheets as the Pars notched up four wins and a draw. Formerly with Stormvogels Telestar, de Vries impressed Jim Leishman in pre-season trials with Dunfermline and made his debut in August's penalty shoot-out win at Ayr United in the CIS Cup.

Roddy McKenzie

Experienced shotstopper who also joined Dunfermline last summer, the 31-year-old

started the season as first-choice keeper at East End Park. Notched up a dozen appearances for the Pars but the last of those was against Falkirk in January. Has played his part in the Tennent's Scottish Cup campaign as he was between the sticks for the thrilling 3-2 win over Rangers in round three. Previously with Stenhousemuir, McKenzie spent several seasons with Hearts then helped Livingston to CIS Cup glory in 2003/04.



Greg Shields

The Pars skipper is now in his second spell with Dunfermline, having rejoined from Kilmarnock in January 2004. Keen to make up for the disappointment of missing the 2004 final against Celtic because he was cup-tied. The 30-year-old is one of several members of the Pars squad to have missed a chunk of 2006/07 through injury but he returned to the side at the end of March and was outstanding in the two semi-finals against Hibs. Played Champions League football with Rangers in the early part of his career then switched to East End Park in 1997, before heading south for a stint with Charlton.

Scott Wilson

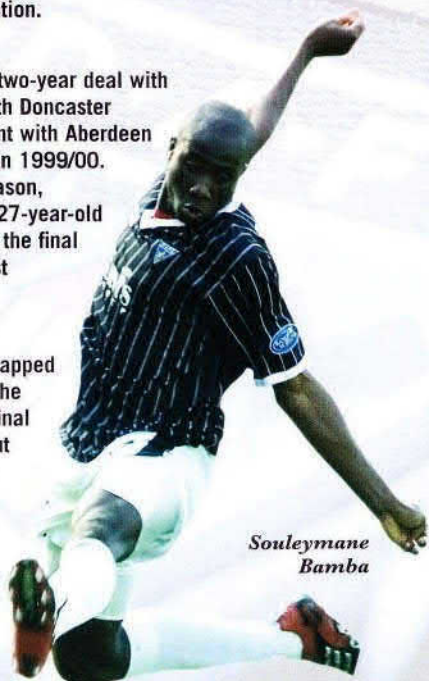
Missed the semi-final replay against Hibernian after picking up two bookings but should be back in the side this afternoon. The 30-year-old central defender scored the goal that knocked out holders Hearts in the fourth round. Will be looking forward to a return to the European scene next season, having played in the Champions League and UEFA Cup with Rangers. Had a spell on loan with Portsmouth in 2002 prior to joining Dunfermline that summer. Missed the 2004 final as he was recovering from an operation.

Phil McGuire

Former Scotland U21 defender signed a two-year deal with Dunfermline in July 2006 after a year with Doncaster Rovers. Most of his career has been spent with Aberdeen where the defender broke into the team in 1999/00. The Dons reached two cup finals that season, although he didn't feature in either. The 27-year-old has started all five games on the road to the final and netted the decisive third goal against Rangers in round three.

Souleymane Bamba

The 22-year-old central defender was snapped up from Paris St Germain at the start of the season and was a key man in the semi-final ties against Hibernian. Born in France but represented the Ivory Coast at the 2005 African Youth Championship. Missed a number of games in the early part of 2007 before re-establishing himself in the side. An uncompromising figure on the park and should be a threat at set-pieces but still waiting for his first Dunfermline goal.



Souleymane Bamba

Calum Woods

The 20-year-old defender penned a two-year deal at the start of the season after being released by Liverpool. Made his debut against Hearts on the opening day and was a regular feature in the early part of the campaign but has often been an unused substitute since the turn of the year. Came off the bench in the 3-2 win over Rangers, his only appearance in the Scottish Cup run.



Phil McGuire

Darren Young

Midfielder moved to Dunfermline from Aberdeen in 2003 and made his debut in a 0-0 draw with Celtic. Joined the Pars at the same time as his brother Derek, and this is the first season when the pair have not been at the same club. The 28-year-old has missed a number of games through injury but returned to the team for the replay win over Hibernian. Bidding for revenge against Celtic after being on the losing side for the Pars at this stage in 2004.

Stephen Simmons

Top scorer in the cup run with a goal against Rangers and a double in the quarter-final defeat of Partick Thistle. A booking in that match ruled him out of the 0-0 draw against Hibernian in the semi-final and injury has also hindered him of late. The 25-year-old signed was signed from Hearts and spent a brief spell on loan with Cowdenbeath in season 2000/01.

Jim O'Brien

Talented winger whose loan agreement from Celtic means he cannot play in this afternoon's game. The 19-year-old enjoyed a dream debut for the Pars as it came in the 3-2 success over Rangers. Has been a regular ever since on the left flank and has started every one of Dunfermline's five Scottish Cup ties, where his ability to create chances for others has been on show. Still to make a top-team appearance for Celtic but netted his first senior goal in Dunfermline's 4-1 win over Motherwell on May 7.

Adam Hammill

Another loan signing who has made a major impact since his arrival from Liverpool in January. The 19-year-old loves to attack down the flank and it was his skill that won the decisive penalty against Hibernian in the semi-final. Arrived too late to face Rangers in round three but has been a major player in the cup in subsequent rounds. Just one goal for the club so far – a stunning effort against Celtic at Parkhead in March.



Stephen Simmons



Adam Hammill

Scott Muirhead

Left-sided utility player who made his debut against Motherwell in January 2006 after a switch from Aberdeen, who he joined as a youngster. The 22-year-old can play at the back or in midfield but injury saw him miss most of the road to Hampden, although he returned for the decisive game against Hibs.

Scott Morrison

Celebrated his 23rd birthday on Wednesday and is one of several former Aberdeen players in the Dunfermline squad. A defender or wing-back who thrives on the left, he was sidelined for more than a year because of a serious knee injury suffered playing for the Scotland U21 side against Austria in August 2005 soon after joining the Pars. Returned for the match at Ibrox in November 2006 and has been a key member of the cup run.

Jim McIntyre

The Tennent's Scottish Cup specialist turned 35 on Thursday and would love to claim a winner's medal for the second time after helping Kilmarnock beat Falkirk a decade ago. Was in the Airdrie side beaten by Celtic in 1995 but missed out for Dundee United a decade later because of suspension. Netted an incredible late penalty in the semi-final replay against Hibernian, chipping the ball down the middle. Left Tannadice for East End Park 12 months ago but injury kept him out of the team until January. Has also played in England with Exeter and Reading.



Scott Morrison



*Jim
Hamilton*



Jim Hamilton

Dangerous frontman who has seen service with half the clubs in the Bank of Scotland Premierleague but is still only 31. Has scored key goals against Hearts in the SPL and Rangers in the Scottish Cup but missed the semi-finals against Hibernian because of injury. Returned to the side against St Mirren at the end of April. Already a Tennent's Scottish Cup winner, having come on as a substitute when Hearts beat Rangers 2-1 in 1998. Began his career at Dundee and played for Hearts, Aberdeen, Dundee United, Ross County, Livingston and Motherwell before moving to East End Park in summer 2006.

Jamie McCunnie

The 24-year-old made his Pars debut in September 2005 after spending a couple of years in the First Division with Ross County. A former Scotland U21 skipper, McCunnie is at home in defence or midfield and made his first team bow for Dundee United at the age of just 17. In and out of the side this season but started both semi-final games against Hibs and was denied by the post in the first of those.

Mark Burchill

Much travelled striker who scored an impressive 15 goals to help keep the Pars in the SPL last season but has struggled to find the net this term. The 26-year-old has six Scotland caps to his name and once scored a UEFA Cup hat-trick for Celtic in the space of three minutes. Joined Dunfermline from Hearts in July 2005, his CV also lists spells at Birmingham, Ipswich, Portsmouth, Wigan, Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham.

*Mark
Burchill*



Greg Ross

The defender turned 20 earlier this month but was Dunfermline's youngest ever SPL player when he made his debut against Kilmarnock aged 17 in November 2004. Scored the goal the last time Dunfermline beat Celtic – at Parkhead 18 months ago – and has been a regular in the team this season but came on as a sub in both games against Hibs.

Stevie Crawford

Now in his second spell at East End Park, the former Scotland striker, 33, was the man who ended Dunfermline's nine-match goal drought with a penalty against Kilmarnock in February. Famously won the League Cup with Raith Rovers in 1994/95 but lost successive Tennent's Scottish Cup finals with Dunfermline (2004) and Dundee United (2005). Amassed an impressive 25 caps for his country and rejoined Dunfermline from Aberdeen in August 2006. Has also played for Millwall, Hibernian and Plymouth.

Frederic Daquin

The 28-year-old Frenchman has been used in both midfield and attack for the Pars since he returned to Scotland in January 2006 after a spell with St Raphael. He was pitched into the deep end, though, coming on as a substitute as Dunfermline suffered an 8-1 home defeat to Celtic in the SPL. Spent some time at Hibernian a few years, many of his appearances for the Pars have come from the bench.

Owen Morrison

Hailing from Northern Ireland, the 24-year-old has been a regular member of the Pars team since joining from Bradford City in the summer. Has featured in all five games in the Scottish Cup run, often coming on as a substitute. His only goal so far came in the 1-1 draw against Rangers in August. Has turned out for both Sheffield clubs, as well as Hull City and Stockport.

*Frederic
Daquin*



DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC



Gary Mason is suspended for today's game after being booked twice in earlier rounds. Dunfermline are also without cup-tied duo Stephen Glass and Tom McManus, and Celtic loan signing Jim O'Brien.

	Apps	Goals
29 Dorus De Vries	4	-
1 Roddy McKenzie	1	-
2 Greg Shields	2	-
3 Scott Wilson	4	1
4 Darren Young	2	-
5 Jamie McCunnie	2 (1)	-
6 Scott Thomson	-	-
7 Stephen Simmons	3	3
9 Mark Burchill	1 (2)	-
10 Jim McIntyre	2 (1)	1
11 Scott Muirhead	2	-
12 Scott Morrison	3	-
14 Phil McGuire	5	1
15 Owen Morrison	2 (3)	-
16 Adam Hammill	4	-
17 Frederic Daquin	- (1)	-
18 Andy Tod	-	-
20 Jim Hamilton	2 (1)	1
21 Calum Woods	- (1)	-
23 Greg Ross	3 (2)	-
24 Souleymane Bamba	2 (2)	-
25 Stevie Crawford	2 (1)	-

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9 Kenny Miller	1 (2)	1
10 Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink	3	4
11 Paul Hartley	3	-
12 Mark Wilson	1	-
14 Derek Riordan	2 (1)	3
15 Evander Sno	2 (1)	-
16 Thomas Gravesen	- (4)	-
17 Steven Pressley	3	1
18 Neil Lennon	4	-
20 Jiri Jarosik	2	-
24 Jean-Joel Perrier Doumbe	-	-
25 Shunsuke Nakamura	4	-
26 Cillian Sheridan	- (1)	-
37 Craig Beattie	-	-
41 John Kennedy	-	-
44 Stephen McManus	3	-
46 Aiden McGeady	2 (1)	-
48 Darren O'Dea	2 (1)	1

CELTIC



Celtic goalkeeper Mark Brown is cup-tied after playing for Inverness in the third round of the competition.

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European Cup Winners 1966-67
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Scottish League champions (41) 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
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1906-07, 1907-08, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1922-23, 1924-25, 1926-
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Scottish League Cup Winners (13) 1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67,
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2000-01, 2005-06
Coronation Cup Winners 1953 Empire Exhibition Cup Winners 1938
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CELTIC: MAN BY MAN



Artur Boruc

Artur Boruc

The 27-year-old Poland No. 1 has been a key figure in Gordon Strachan's title-winning side for the second year in a row. Signed from Legia Warsaw in July 2005, Boruc has missed only a handful of games since for Celtic and shut out Champions League finalists AC Milan for more than 180 minutes, having also saved a penalty against Manchester United. Was Poland's first-choice keeper at the 2006 World Cup and looks set for the big stage again at Euro 2008, having helped the Poles to a commanding position in Group A.

Michael McGovern

Capped by Northern Ireland at U21 level, McGovern has been on the bench for Celtic's Tennent's Scottish Cup campaign as regular No 2 Mark Brown is cup-tied from his time at Inverness Caley Thistle. Still to make his debut for the Hoops but has had top-team experience on loan at Stranraer and St Johnstone. Celtic's other goalkeeper David Marshall spent time on loan at Norwich but is now back at Parkhead having suffered an injury at Carrow Road.

Gary Caldwell

The 25-year-old was snapped up from Hibernian during the close season and has been an impressive performer for the Hoops, despite missing a large chunk of the campaign through injury. Can play at centre-half, right-back or in the midfield holding role and is looking to complete a dream Hampden double, having scored the winner here for Scotland against France in October.

Suffered an injury the following month but returned to the Celtic team in the 1-1 draw at Tannadice on March 31. Has also previously played for Newcastle, Darlington, Coventry and Derby, the latter three being loan spells.



Gary Caldwell

Lee Naylor

The former Wolves left-back has been a revelation since Gordon Strachan plucked him from Molineux last summer. The 27-year-old, contracted at the club until 2009, was rightly among the nominees for SPFA Player of the Year. Capped by England at U21 level, Naylor loves to get forward and is a superb crosser of the ball. Bags of FA Cup experience from his days down south and has played in all of Celtic's games on the road to Hampden.



Steven Pressley

Central defender and Scotland regular moved to Celtic in January after nine years at Tynecastle. The 33-year-old has already made a big impact and came up with a vital late equaliser in the quarter-final at Inverness. A Scottish Cup winner with Rangers in 1993 and Hearts in 2006, the 33-year-old is looking to complete a treble this afternoon. Started his career at Ibrox then had spells at Coventry City and Dundee United before joining Hearts just after their Scottish Cup triumph of 1998.

Stephen McManus

The 24-year-old central defender has enjoyed a tremendous season and has been a cornerstone of Celtic's success. Unruffled and commanding at the back, McManus made his Celtic debut against Hibernian in March 2004 but has become a mainstay under Gordon Strachan. The club's vice-captain made his debut for Scotland against Ukraine in October. Missed the win over Dumbarton in round three of the Tennent's Scottish Cup but has played in the other three ties.

John Kennedy

Made a dream return to action last month as Celtic clinched their second successive Bank of Scotland Premierleague title with a 2-1 victory at Kilmarnock. Suffered a serious knee injury while making his Scotland debut on this ground in March 2004 but the 23-year-old is now fully recovered and recently signed a new deal until 2010.



Darren O'Dea

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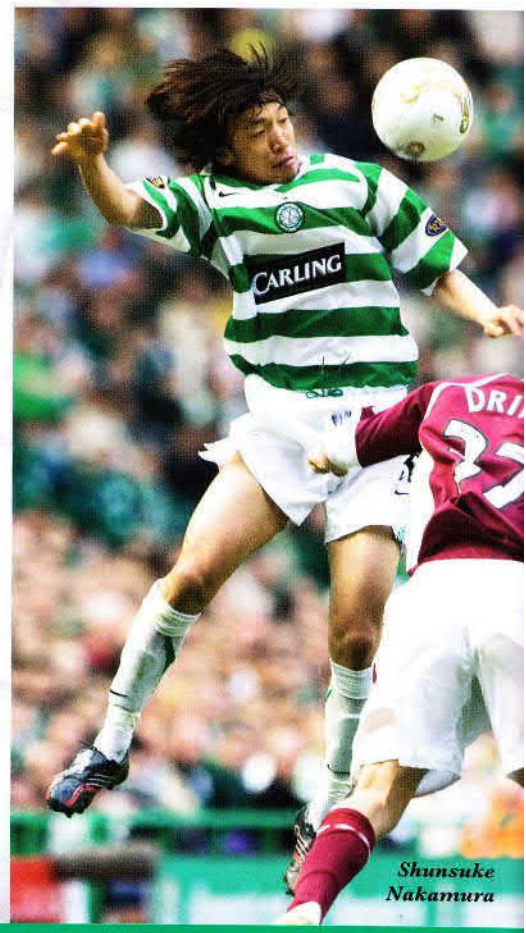
The 20-year-old from Dublin has burst on to the scene this season with a number of terrific displays in the heart of the Celtic defence, most notably in the two Champions League games against AC Milan. Made his debut against St Mirren in the CIS Cup in September and has featured in three of the four Tennent's Scottish Cup ties, scoring in the 4-1 win at Livingston.

Jean-Joel Perrier-Doumbe

Joined Celtic on loan from French club Rennes in January to provide cover at the back and that has been required following the departure of Paul Telfer and the injury to Mark Wilson. Had to wait until the recent games against Hearts and Rangers to sample top-team action. Born in Paris, the 28-year-old has also played for Auxerre and can turn out at full-back or in the centre of defence.

Shunsuke Nakamura

What a season it has been for the Japanese midfielder, who joined from Italian side Reggina at the start of last season. The 28-year-old scored a stunning free-kick to beat Manchester United in the Champions League then conjured up another pearler in the last minute to spark a title party at Kilmarnock on April 22. His performances saw him crowned SPFA Player of the Year and he was also honoured by the Scottish Football Writers. Scored a hat-trick against Dundee United in October and ever present on the road to Hampden.



Shunsuke Nakamura

Neil Lennon

It will be an emotional final game for the Celtic skipper who recently announced that he was leaving the club in the summer. The 35-year-old joined the Hoops from Leicester City in December 2000 and has won five Bank of Scotland Premierleague titles in that time. Looking for his fourth Tennent's Scottish Cup triumph today, having helped Celtic to victory over Hibernian (2001), Dunfermline (2004) and Dundee United (2005). The former Manchester City and Crewe player has played around 300 games for Celtic and will be much missed.



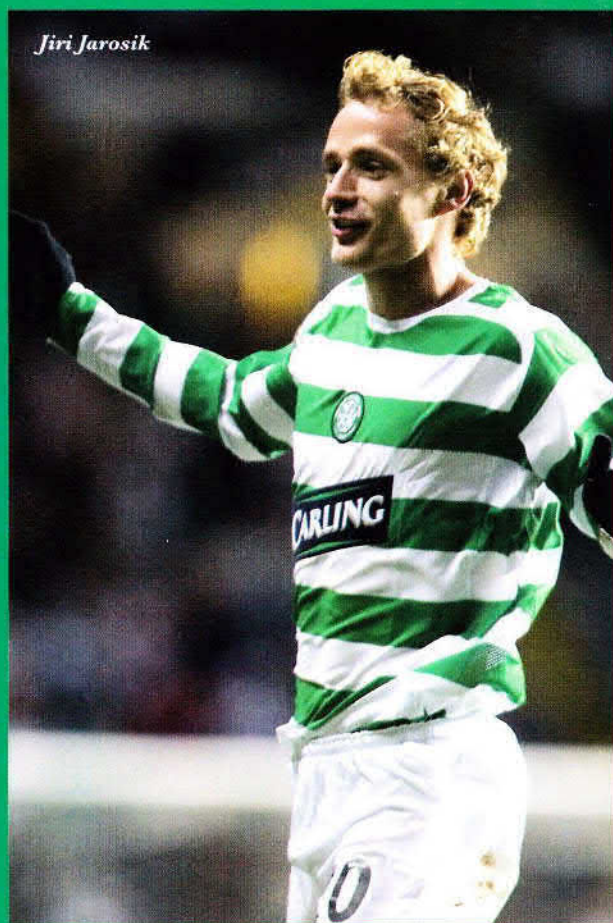
*Left: Thomas Gravesen
Below: Neil Lennon*

Paul Hartley

The 30-year-old Scotland midfielder joined Celtic from Hearts just as the transfer window was about to close and is now looking for a second successive winner's medal in this, after helping Hearts edge out Gretna a year ago, although he was sent off at the end of extra time. Made his Celtic debut against Livingston in this competition but still waiting for his first goal for his new club. Previously with Hamilton, Millwall, Raith, Hibs and St Johnstone.

Thomas Gravesen

The Dane was recruited from Real Madrid in August 2006 and made an immediate impact with a fine performance on his debut at Aberdeen. Has scored twice against Rangers this term and also bagged a hat-trick against St Mirren but the former Everton ace hasn't started as many games as he would have hoped and has come on as a substitute in all four of Celtic's matches on the road to Hampden.



Jiri Jarosik

Evander Sno

The 20-year-old joined Gordon Strachan's side from Feyenoord 11 months ago and has proved a shrewd acquisition. A holding midfielder, Sno made his debut against Kilmarnock on the opening day and amassed 18 SPL appearances – seven starts and 11 as sub – before suffering a knee injury while on U21 duty with Holland on March 27. He has recently returned to training and hopes to make the squad today. One goal to his credit so far – in the 2-2 draw against Hibs in November.

Aiden McGeady

Recently turned 21, the Republic of Ireland internationalist has had an excellent season and made the shortlist for SPFA Young Player of the Year, which was won by Kilmarnock's Steven Naismith. Can play wide in midfield or up front and has the skills and trickery to cause trouble to the best of defences. Scored on his Celtic debut against Hearts in March 2004 and came on as a substitute when Martin O'Neill's side beat Dundee United in the 2005 Scottish Cup Final.

Derek Riordan

Has already scored three times in this season's Tennent's Scottish Cup but has often been used a substitute in the Bank of Scotland Premierleague. Netted 20 goals for Hibernian last term and that form saw Gordon Strachan bring him to Parkhead in August. The 24-year-old Scotland internationalist combines a real goalscoring threat with an ability to drop deeper or play wide and damage defences from there.

Jiri Jarosik

A versatile performer who is equally at home in midfield or up front, the 28-year-old from the Czech Republic was transferred from Chelsea to Celtic in June of last year. He scored on his debut against Kilmarnock and has been an important member of Gordon Strachan's squad. Has won titles with Sparta Prague, CSKA Moscow, Chelsea and now Celtic. Netted eight goals while on loan with Birmingham City last season.



Kenny Miller

Kenny Miller

The former Hibernian and Rangers striker, 27, returned north last summer from Wolves. Blessed with an incredible work ethic and real pace, Miller scored his first Celtic goal in the 2-0 win over Rangers in September and followed it up with another against FC Copenhagen in the Champions League. Netted a double in a superb display against Benfica and scored a dramatic late winner at Inverness in the quarter-final of this competition. A key player for Scotland, Miller once netted five goals in an SPL game for Rangers.

Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink

The towering Dutchman, 28, has been a big hit at Parkhead and scored within 14 minutes of making his debut against Hibernian in August. Previously with PSV Eindhoven, he was also a prolific scorer for FC Twente. Injury has seen him miss a few games but he is Celtic's leading scorer by a distance and netted his 18th goal of the campaign against Aberdeen a fortnight ago. Bagged a brace against St Johnstone in the semi-final, taking his cup tally to four.

Craig Beattie

The 23-year-old striker has yet to feature in Celtic's run to the final but was an unused sub against St Johnstone in the last round and will hope to make the squad today. The pacy frontman has scored some important goals for the club this season but has not managed to hold down a regular place. Made his Scotland debut against Georgia in March, coming off the bench to score a crucial late winner.



Craig Beattie

Three first team-regulars have not featured in recent weeks because of injury – defender Mark Wilson, midfielder Evander Sno and striker Maciej Zurawski.

VIEW FROM

Dunfermline fan Keith Mackie, 35, might live in Falkirk but there is no doubting his allegiance to the Pars.

When did you start supporting Dunfermline?

My first Pars game was as a three-year-old in 1974. My dad said I was crying by half-time and wanted to go home. Some things never change! However, I overcame my early reservations and have been a regular at East End Park since 1977. My earliest real memories are from 1978/79 when we won promotion from the old Second Division with a draw in the final game against Falkirk.

Who is your all-time hero and who is your current Pars favourite?

Unfortunately, I was born too late to see all the legends of the 1960s, so I would have to say the late, great Norrie McCathie. Of the current squad, Greg Shields is my favourite simply due to his consistency.

How far did you think you would progress in this year's tournament?

When we drew Rangers at home in round three, I expected defeat considering the run of form we were on at the time. But we've now proved people wrong three times in this cup run, where only against Partick Thistle were we considered favourites.

What was the highlight of the run to the final?

I've been lucky to make it to every game in the cup run and Jim McIntyre's cheeky, chipped penalty against Hibs would have to be the highlight! The wins against Rangers and Hearts are right up there too.

What are your top three moments as a Dunfermline fan?

1. Taking to the field for the 2004 Scottish Cup Final. It was the first time I'd ever seen my team in a Scottish Cup Final and I've never felt prouder. The sense of occasion has never been matched before or since for me.
2. Seeing the Pars away from home in Europe was amazing! I've watched Scotland abroad regularly, but seeing my own club was something very special.
3. Winning at Tannadice to all but clinch the 1995/96 First Division title. The Press had written us off, but the way the team and fans dug in was unbelievable.

Despite relegation, Stephen Kenny looks like a shrewd appointment – what have you made of him?

Up until the recent fantastic run we were on, there have been many doubters – myself included. But, in the long term, Stephen will be a great success at Dunfermline. I also think there is a real connection between him and the fans that hasn't been evident since the first spell under Jim Leishman and under Bert Paton.

Have you dug out the passport for next season's UEFA Cup or

are you still haunted by Hafnarfjordur?

The least said about the match at McDiarmid Park the better! However, Iceland was a fantastic trip and I'll certainly be cheering us on again in Europe next season!

How do you see today's game going?

I really fancy our chances as Stephen Kenny has a fantastic domestic cup record and the players have been playing with real belief in the cup. I've been lucky enough to see the Pars defeat Celtic seven times – and five of those were in Glasgow! I predict a 2-1 win for us!

What has been low point of your time supporting Dunfermline?

The single worst time, on the pitch, would have to be in December 1984 when we lost 3-1 at home to East Stirling in the first round of the Scottish Cup. Awful! Off the pitch, it would have to be the tragic death of big Norrie.

Who would you like to see the Pars sign in the summer?

I would like to see us add wingers to the squad on a permanent basis. Both Adam Hammill and Jim O'Brien have done really well since arriving on loan and have given us great width. Of course, relegation might impact on who we can bring in now.

DUNFERMLINE



THE STANDS

CELTIC

Glasgow-based Celtic supporter Joe Shields gives the lowdown on his beloved Hoops.

When did you start supporting Celtic?

I've supported Celtic since as long as I can remember. My dad took me to my first game when I was eight – the 1975 Scottish Cup Final which was also Billy McNeill's last game. Celtic beat Airdrie 3-1.

Who is your all-time Celtic hero and who is your current favourite?

It's got to be Henrik Larsson! Not only a tremendous player but a true professional. Of the current crop, my favourite is Stephen McManus who has come on leaps and bounds over the last year or so and has great potential for the future.

What are your favourite Scottish Cup memories?

The game that stands out in my mind is the 1988 Scottish Cup Final where Frank McAvennie scored in the last minute to give us a 2-1 win over Dundee United and secure the double in our centenary year.

What are your top three moments as a Celtic fan?

1. Without a doubt the UEFA Cup Final in Seville in 2003. I was lucky enough to get a ticket for the game. I've never known an atmosphere like it, before and during the game.
2. The 2-0 win against Real Madrid at Celtic Park in 1980 in the European Cup. We were sitting in the main stand and my dad seemed to throw me 20 feet in the air when we scored our second goal!
3. The 6-2 win against Rangers at Celtic Park in August 2000. I couldn't get to the match as I was in Liverpool for my friend's wedding that weekend. We watched the game in a pub in Liverpool – what an atmosphere!

How do you see the game going today and what is your score prediction?

Dunfermline were unlucky to be relegated from the SPL. They have been playing some good football over the past few weeks and I fully expect them to give us a harder game than they did in the CIS Cup Final last year. I think that, on the day, Celtic will be too strong for them and will win 2-0.

Who have been Celtic's key players this season?

The outstanding talent of Shunsuke Nakamura has certainly contributed to Celtic's success this year. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink has been unlucky with injury this year, although he has contributed with very important goals. Stephen McManus has been solid at the back all season and has been a key player for me.

How much do you think Neil Lennon will be missed next season?

Tremendously, as I don't feel the role Neil plays in midfield is fully appreciated. Martin O'Neill had incredible success at Celtic but Gordon Strachan has come in and continued that.

What do you make of him?

Gordon Strachan's tactics differ greatly from Martin O'Neill's but he has proven with the honours he has won already for Celtic that he is a very good manager.

What have been the low points of your time supporting Celtic?

The defeat in the UEFA Cup Final after playing so well was a particularly low point for me. Losing the League on the last day of the same season against Kilmarnock was a double blow. We also lost the League on the last day of the season against Motherwell at Fir Park in 2005 which was extremely hard to take, having been 1-0 up.

Who would you like to see Celtic sign in the summer?

I'd like Celtic to sign Kaka. But something tells me he won't want to leave AC Milan to move to Celtic Park!

What are your expectations for next season?

I would love the domestic Treble next year and if we could reach the last 16 or, even better, the last eight in the Champions League it would be a tremendous achievement.

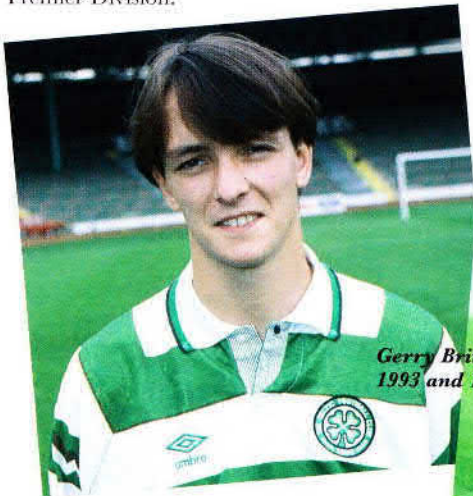


PARS AND CELTS A-Z

A wander through the alphabet based on today's finalists.

A is for anniversary. It was 40 years ago yesterday that Celtic became the first British team to win the European Cup. Jock Stein's men famously defeated Inter Milan 2-1 in Lisbon with goals from Tommy Gemmell and Stevie Chalmers.

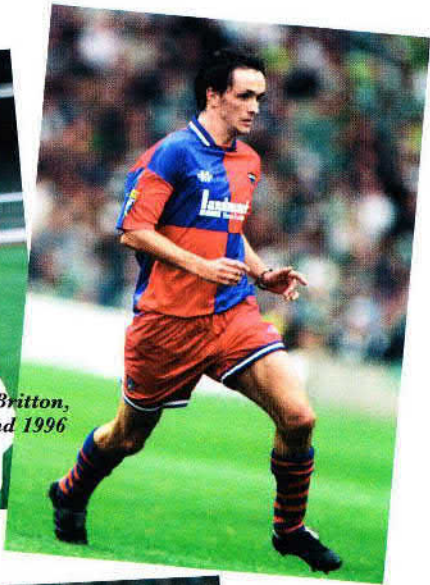
B is for Britton. Current Stranraer manager Gerry played a handful of first-team games for Celtic at the start of the 1990s but found appearances easier to come by for Dunfermline, where he scored an impressive 13 goals in the 1996/97 Premier Division.



Gerry Britton, 1993 and 1996

E is for English Premiership. Simon Donnelly had a spell there with Sheffield Wednesday after leaving Celtic in 1999. Later spent two years at Dunfermline before a switch to Partick Thistle last summer.

F is for Faulconbridge. Loan signing Craig scored his only Dunfermline goal against Celtic in May 1998, just when it looked as if Wim Jansen's team were about to get their hands on the trophy. But the 1-1 draw only delayed the championship party for a week.



Craig Faulconbridge

H is for Hibernian. Pat Stanton was manager there but also enjoyed a good spell as a player at Celtic Park before going on to manage Dunfermline in 1980.

I is for interesting fact. The first ever SPL hat-trick was scored in this fixture, by Craig Burley on the opening day of the 1998/99 season. Celtic won 5-0.

J is for Jock. Legendary manager Stein guided the Pars to Scottish Cup glory in 1961 - the club's first major trophy - before going on to win every honour going with Celtic - the European Cup, 10 league titles, eight Scottish Cups and six League Cups.

C is for Callaghan. Midfielder Tommy played in two Scottish Cup finals for the Pars before Jock Stein paid £30,000 to take him to Celtic in November 1968. Younger brother of Dunfermline and Scotland full-back Willie Callaghan.

D is for Dublin. Dion netted Celtic's third goal when the teams met here in the CIS Cup final 14 months ago. The veteran frontman spent this season at Peter Grant's Norwich City.



Dion Dublin

G is for goalkeeper. Graham Barclay's Celtic career amounted to a single Scottish Cup tie in 1974/75 but he was a regular when loaned to Dunfermline the following season. Another keeper, Bent Martin, joined the Pars from Celtic in 1966.



Jock Stein



K is for Kozma. Hungarian star Istvan scored Dunfermline's second goal when they last beat Celtic at East End Park back in 1989/90. Ross Jack got the other goal in front of almost 20,000 fans.

L is for Lennon. The Celtic skipper's last goal came in a match against Dunfermline 15 months ago – what price another rare strike in his final outing for the Hoops?

M is for McNamara, as in Jackie. Started his

career at Dunfermline and made the rarely-trodden path from East End Park to Celtic Park in 1995 for a fee of around £600,000. Spent a decade in Glasgow and played a key role in the club's success before a surprise move to Wolves after lifting the 2005 Tennent's Scottish Cup as captain.

N is for Nottingham Forest. Paul Chalmers had a trial there after leaving Celtic in 1986 but the striker moved to St Mirren. Had a single season with Dunfermline, netting nine goals in 1992/93.

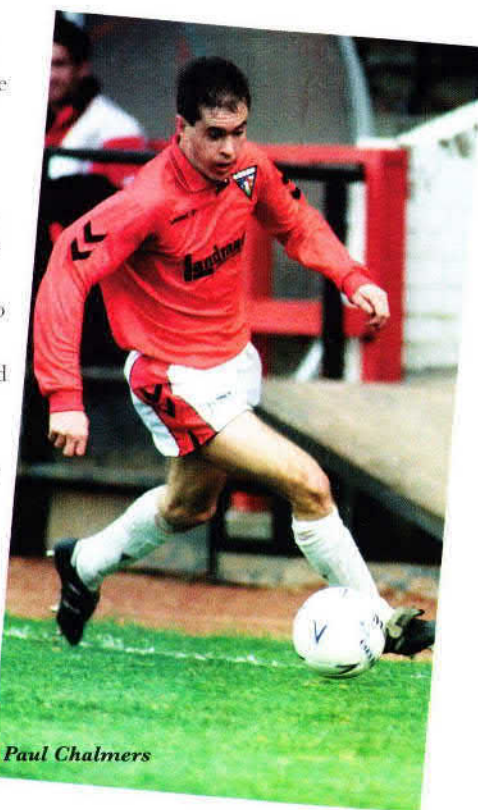
O is for O'Neill. Former Celtic boss Martin's first game against Dunfermline was at East End Park in September 2000 and resulted in a 2-1 win thanks to Henrik Larsson's late goal.

P is for police. Defender Lex Baillie joined the force after ending his football career with Dunfermline in 1993/94. Was at Celtic Park for several years but was never a regular and moved on to St Mirren.

Q is for quick. Jason Dair gave Dunfermline the lead after just 50 seconds when they faced Celtic at Parkhead in December 2000 but the hosts recovered to win 3-1.

R is for rare. There has only been one goalless draw between the teams in the last 17 years – that was at East End Park on the opening day of the 2003/04 season.

S is for Smith. Winger Mark joined Celtic from Queen's Park in 1986/87 and made half a dozen appearances for the Hoops before moving to Dunfermline for their first season in the Premier Division. Scored a famous Scottish Cup goal in the 1988 win over Rangers.



Paul Chalmers

T is for thrilling. Celtic's all-conquering season of 1966/67 included a 5-1 victory at East End Park where they recovered from a 4-2 deficit early in the second half.

U is for Unit Four Plus Two. They topped the charts in the month that Celtic and Dunfermline met in the 1965 Scottish Cup Final. No, we don't remember them either. They were soon replaced at No 1 by Cliff Richard then The Beatles.

V is for Viduka. Mark was the last player to be sent off in a Dunfermline v Celtic fixture, seeing red in the Hoops' 2-1 win at East End Park in May 1999.

W is for Walter Smith. Was replaced as Everton manager by David Moyes in March 2002. Moyes started his career with Celtic in 1981/82 and was a regular in the Dunfermline defence a decade later.

X is for Xausa. Canadian Davide gets a mention here on the grounds we can't find any 'X's who played for Celtic or Dunfermline. Xausa played against both clubs for Livingston and scored a couple of goals against the Pars.

Y is for Young. David of that name was on the books at Celtic Park in the late 1970s and was a regular in the Dunfermline side of the mid-1980s that went from Division Two to the Premier Division in successive seasons.

Z is for Zurawski. Polish striker Maciej was the last player to score a hat-trick in this fixture, grabbing four goals when Celtic won 8-1 at East End Park in February 2006.



Mark Viduka

TODAY'S REFEREE KENNY CLARK

Taking charge of one Tennent's Scottish Cup Final is an achievement but Kenny Clark will this afternoon handle his third such occasion.

The Paisley-based official, 45, was the referee when Celtic overcame Hibernian 3-0 in 2001 and was in the middle again two years later when Lorenzo Amoroso's goal won the cup for Rangers against Dundee.

"It's always a surprise to be given the cup final but a pleasant one," said Kenny. "It's been an enjoyable season although there was a wee blip at the start of the campaign. After knocking my pan in doing pre-season training with one of the Junior teams I then managed to injure myself playing basketball with my son!"

Kenny has refereed two games on the road to Hampden already – Motherwell's 1-0 win at Airdrie United in round three and Queen of the South's fourth-round tie with Cowdenbeath at Palmerston.

It was in Dumfries that the whistler took charge of a senior game for the first time back in February 1991 – Stranraer edging the Second Division derby match 2-1 – but next season will be his last.

"Cup finals take a bit of topping but, over and above that, I was lucky enough to go as a linesman to the Barcelona Olympic Football tournament in 1992."

He said: "I think by a couple of years I am the longest-serving Class 1 referee. I'm the old dog! I've only got next season to go and I'm now reconciled to it. It's just the way the system works and I suppose everyone has their shelf life and you have to make way for the younger guys and that was something I benefited from.

"However, I still think it's a wee bit odd that referees have a mandatory retirement age when players and athletes don't, but if that's the way national bodies and FIFA and UEFA want to do it then that's what we have to live with."

Football has changed hugely since Kenny began his refereeing career and he admits life is now more difficult for officials given the blanket coverage of the game.

"Inevitably it continues to get quicker and I don't think that is just down to the passage of time perhaps making me a little slower!" he joked. "Secondly, the level of media interest has massively increased in the time I have been a Class 1. If you have 20 cameras they are going to pick on something that the match officials have missed and that makes the referee's job that bit harder."

But he is not an advocate of using technology: "I've yet to be convinced there is a suitable way of doing that for football. The only one I can imagine is goal line technology but they haven't refined that properly yet to a level where it can be introduced. To start saying that you should have video replays of incidents, I just don't think it works."

Casting an eye over the highlights of his career to date, Kenny said: "Cup finals take a bit of topping but, over and above that, I was lucky enough to go as a linesman to the Barcelona Olympic Football tournament in 1992. It was a fantastic experience to be there and to have access to all the sporting venues – for example, to be in the stadium when Sally Gunnell won her gold medal. I also remember the Women's Volleyball final between the USA and Brazil which was a visual treat and entertaining in every way!"

Kenny describes his successful role as an after-dinner speaker as "missionary work to make people realise that referees are not robots" but he knows that coming across well on the pitch is vital too. He said: "The most important asset a referee can have is the ability to man-manage and that separates the good referee from the really good referee. It's knowing whether to cajole players or to get a bit more severe and it's about owning up to your own mistakes as well.

A solicitor by profession, Kenny works in Dumbarton and admits he owes his

colleagues for their support: "I have only been able to do what I have done in refereeing – particularly the international stuff – thanks to the huge cooperation I've had from my partners, and I'll always be grateful to them for that."

Married to Aileen, his two sons are keen footballers. Scott has just helped Gleniffer Thistle Boys Club win the title, while Ross plays for Lochfield Primary School: "The two of them are hard-tackling defenders so I dare say they are going to pick up their share of yellow cards!"

Assisting Kenny this afternoon are Category 3 specialist assistant referees Keith Sorbic and Neil Brand. The experienced Iain Brines, who was in the middle for Celtic's SPL match at Easter Road on Sunday, is the fourth official.



1968—THE LAST HURRAH

By Ed Hodge (Capital City Press)

Stephen Kenny, the Dunfermline manager, has made no secret of his passion for delving into the history books to be inspired by the club's glorious past.

Much of the meticulous Irishman's reading has inevitably focused on the 1960s and early 1970s – a period when the Pars were a significant force, not only at home but also abroad.

While Sir Alex Ferguson famously turned out for the club during that spell, it was the legendary Jock

led them to their first-ever Scottish Cup final triumph – ironically via a 2-0 replay victory over Celtic.

Willie Cunningham, a Northern Irishman, and ex-goalkeeper George Farm brought sustained success from the dug-out. Farm lead Dunfermline to their second – and last – Scottish Cup win in 1968, before they reached the semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup the following season, losing to eventual winners Slovan Bratislava.

Henrik Larsson, are formidable favourites to claim a league and cup double in Neil Lennon's farewell appearance. Yet, given Kenny's magnificent cup record in his homeland, perhaps an open-top bus parade back in the Kingdom of Fife should not be ruled out tonight.

Just over 39 years have passed since Farm's heroes enjoyed such a memorable vehicular pleasure after their 3-1 defeat of Hearts. Touring Dunfermline in jubilant fashion, crowds lined the streets in their thousands before each player was introduced to ecstatic cheers one by one on the balcony of the City Chambers. The swinging 60s had never been so good for those of a Pars persuasion.

"I think the bus left from Kincardine and went through all the wee villages before it went up Dunfermline High Street," recalls Alex Edwards, a young, talented little winger of the 1968-winning side. "It was a long time ago now, but that's what trophies mean to people. A great day."

Although the game was never a Hampden classic, featuring a dreadful first half, Dunfermline held their nerve to run out expected winners that April afternoon – three years after losing the final to Celtic.

In 1968, they had beaten Celtic, Aberdeen and Partick Thistle to reach the semi-final stage but St Johnstone provided stubborn resistance and a replay was required to reach Hampden.

Even then, things were not straightforward and there were requests to hold the final at

Easter Road. Dunfermline were unhappy the shine was taken off the occasion as Rangers were playing a vital league match against Aberdeen at Ibrox on the same day – they lost 3-2, effectively handing the title to Celtic – and that reduced the Hampden gate.

The final attendance of 56,365 was, at that time, the lowest recorded post-war;

Alex Edwards



Stein who ignited the Fifers towards a decade of unprecedented success.

Best known for his achievements as Celtic and Scotland boss, Stein accepted his first managerial post at East End Park in March 1960 and within 14 months had

Of course, in more recent times, the club have fallen at cup final hurdles (1991, 2004 and 2006), but can Kenny rekindle the halcyon days by grasping the tantalising prospect of etching his own name in Fife folklore?

Celtic, 3-1 victors over the Pars in the 2004 final thanks to the inspiration of



they certainly deserve to enjoy the final, soak it up and then battle for their lives.

"It's a pity they've gone down, but it's hard to say why it happened. I'd like to see them back where they were many years ago, but everyone knows they've not got the money to buy their way to success, like a Gretna can. On paper, Celtic should win today but the favourites don't always do it."

Edwards took early retirement and can now regularly be found on the golf course at Forrester Park near his home. Few will recognise him as being part of arguably the finest Dunfermline side of all-time, but he seems the type uncomfortable to accept plaudits.

Kenny, mild-mannered and articulate, is of a similar nature and tales of heroism don't interest him. Yet, if he can add Scottish Cup glory to UEFA Cup qualification today, there will be no denying a new chapter of Dunfermline history to rival even the very best.

Tommy and Willie Callaghan

but the Fife faithful burst into life early in the second period as Edwards, Bert Paton and Pat Gardner went close.

The opener duly arrived from a Gardner volley on 56 minutes before Ian Lister doubled the lead from the penalty spot after Paton tumbled in the box. A John Lunn own goal raised the tension, but Gardner's thunderous 73rd-minute strike sealed a deserved win.

"The first half of the game, to be honest, was not very exciting," admits Edwards, now 60. "But Dunfermline were a far superior team to Hearts in those days. We beat Celtic in the first round at Parkhead and they had just won the European Cup, so we were really expected to win the cup final. It wasn't the best of games in the world, but it doesn't matter as long as you win, I suppose."

Edwards was dubbed by his teammates 'the boy superstar' after breaking into the Dunfermline team aged just 16 and five days under Stein. It's a club record that still remains intact to this day, before Edwards joined Hibs in 1971 and soon became a notable favourite down Easter Road.

But the Cairneyhill local will be back decked in black and white among the Fife support this afternoon, hoping the form – and luck – that has carried Kenny's men to the final can continue despite the obvious pain of relegation.

He added: "I go to most Dunfermline

games and sometimes see the Hibs playing. The Pars have done not too badly, carrying quite a lot of luck in the cup, which helps. Beating Rangers, Hearts and Hibs to get here is as tough as it gets so



Dunfermline Athletic's manager George Farm hugs goalkeeper, Bent Martin after their 3-1 victory



THE MATCH DETAILS

Saturday, April 27, 1968
Hampden Park, Glasgow

DUNFERMLINE 3 HEARTS 1

Gardner 56, 73 Lunn own goal 70
Lister pen 59

Attendance: 56,365

Dunfermline: B Martin, W Callaghan, J Lunn, J McGarty, R Barry, T Callaghan, I Lister, R Paton, P Gardner, H Robertson, A Edwards.

Hearts: J Cruickshank, J Sneddon, A Mann, A Anderson, E Thomson, G Miller, R Jensen (R Moller), J Townsend, D Ford, J Irvine, T Traynor.



CAPTAIN'S LOG - GREG SHIELDS

By Ed Hodge (Capital City Press)

What stands out from the Tennent's Scottish Cup in your career so far?

This run in the cup is the best I've ever been involved in. As a teenager, I was in a final squad with Rangers and never appeared in it, so it doesn't really mean anything. Most disappointing was being cup-tied for Dunfermline's 2004 final against Celtic. That was so frustrating after playing in the third round with Kilmarnock.

Can you believe the club have reached the final given how tough the draw has been all the way through?

We've got here the hard way. We've been underdogs in every game apart from the Partick match and even that was a banana skin. But beating Rangers in the third round gave us the belief to then defeat Hearts and Hibs - three teams in the top six. It's a credit to everyone involved and shows we do have a decent team.

Stephen Kenny seems to have had a big impact on the club since he arrived. What is he like to work with?

He is very hands-on, his own man and does it his way. I think a lot of the players took a little while to adjust to what he was doing but, with a good backroom team, he has slowly put in the changes he wanted to. He gives players confidence, which is the most important thing. He has also developed good, attacking football with our young wingers in Adam Hammill and Jim O'Brien prominent.

What was it like watching from the stands in the early part of 2007 when you were injured?

I missed games I thought we could have won, so being on the sidelines was hard to bear. But we fought back to enjoy five clean sheets in a row towards the end of the season and that illustrated our improvement. It was good to play a part in that.

How confident are you that Dunfermline can pull off a shock and beat Celtic, and does the fact only a single goal has separated the teams on each occasion this season give you hope?

You never go into a game thinking you're going to lose. We've beaten Celtic before in Glasgow in the league but in last

season's League Cup final against them we never really turned up. I'm sure this time we'll have more of a go and I think we are also better prepared. Confidence is high, but Celtic are more than a match for anyone. They took AC Milan close in the last 16 of the Champions League and have to be given respect for that. However, we're no pushovers, we've had a great cup run and we want it to continue.

You must be happy at Dunfermline given that you signed a new contract when the team were bottom of the table?

Myself and Scott Wilson both signed new deals in February. A lot of people questioned us then, but I think Scott and I realise where the management are trying to take the club. We were eight points adrift at the bottom at the time, but we believed in the club and still believe that. We were given contracts and hopefully we can repay the manager by winning the cup final.

You played Champions League football for Rangers so how exciting is the thought of a return to Europe with the Pars?

I played a couple of games in the Champions League for Rangers, but unfortunately played in the defeat to the Icelandic team, Hafnarfjordur, in 2004 for Dunfermline. That was a huge disappointment as we went in with high hopes. They were just a bunch of part-timers really, so it was shocking. We'll be up against those kind of teams again next season so we have to be well aware.

Who is the best player you have played alongside and against during your career?

The best player, ability-wise, is Claus Jensen. I played with him at Charlton, he's now at Fulham, and he was unbelievable. The best against would have to be Henrik Larsson. He was the man who changed the game for Celtic to beat us in the cup final in 2004.

You'll be 31 in August and will want to keep playing for a few years yet. Do you have any long-term aims like coaching or management?

Future career in management? Absolutely no chance! I don't fancy it all. I see the pressure managers go through and I would rather walk away from the game. I'd rather retire and do things I'm

interested in just now. Myself and Andy Tod already have a company buying and selling properties and relocating people.

Having helped Charlton back into the Premiership a few years ago, has it been disappointing to see them struggle this season?

A lot of the guys I knew there from 1999-2002 have left now. During my time there were a lot of experienced players, lads like Mark Kinsella, John Robinson, Dean Kiely and John Salako. It was great for me growing up being a part of that. I keep in

touch with a few players but people move on. It's sad they were relegated.

Who did you vote for in the SPFA awards?

I voted for Scott Brown as Young Player of the Year – he's by far the best young talent in the SPL. He's got the lot and is very difficult to play against. But I'm not telling you who I voted for in the top award!

What are your interests away from the game?

I play a lot of golf, I'd say my handicap is probably six. I've been playing really well recently and I'm a member at Aberdeen.



"Stephen Kenny is very hands-on, his own man and does it his way... he has slowly put in the changes he wanted to."

Celtic full back Lee Naylor is put under pressure by Freddie Daquin and Greg Ross

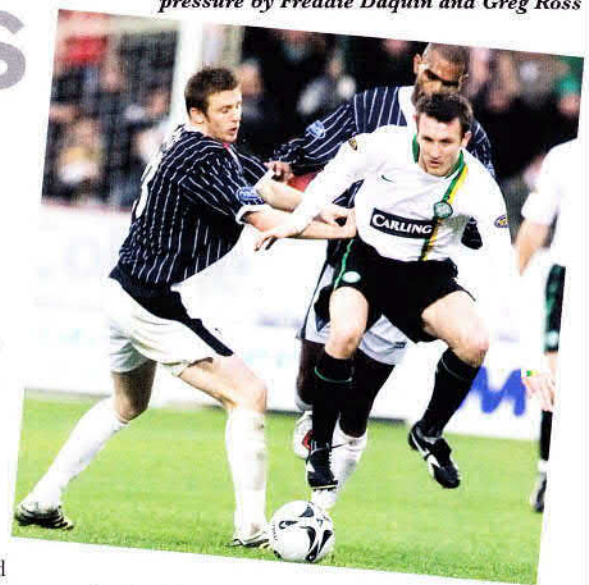
THIS SEASON'S MEETINGS

Saturday, September 16, 2006

CELTIC 1 DUNFERMLINE 0

McManus 31
 Attendance: 55,894
Celtic: Boruc, Telfer, Caldwell, McManus, Naylor, Nakamura, Lennon, Gravesen, Maloney (McGeady 63), Vennegoor of Hesselink, Miller (Zurawski 81). Subs (not used): Marshall, Sno, O'Brien, Jarosik, Balde.
Dunfermline: De Vries, Shields, Scott Wilson, Simmons (Owen Morrison 84), McGuire, Young, Mason, Bamba, Labonte, Crawford (Daquin 78), Hamilton. Subs (not used): McKenzie, Tod, Ross, Craig Wilson, Williamson.
 Referee: Eddie Smith

afternoon as Dunfermline failed to break their away scoring duck. De Vries made a splendid early save from Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and Thomas Gravesen rattled the woodwork after Celtic had gone ahead, while McManus missed a good late chance to double the lead. Dunfermline struggled to make inroads and ended the weekend second from bottom of the table, two points ahead of Motherwell.



Stephen Kenny having only recently replaced Jim Leishman, six points adrift of Motherwell at the wrong end of the standings.

Kenny Miller, who passed up a good early opportunity, had a goal ruled out for the visitors during a first half of little quality but the champions picked up the pace in the second period.

Aiden McGeady broke the deadlock four minutes after the interval, taking a pass from Miller and going past Aaron Labonte before beating Dorus de Vries with a fine shot into the corner.

Polish striker Maciej Zurawski sealed the points midway through the half when he collected a pass from Neil Lennon and spun his marker before sending a terrific shot into the net. Stephen Simmons pulled one back from close range in the final minute.



Stephen McManus scores

A narrow margin of victory but Celtic were in control for most of this match and the outcome was rarely in doubt as Gordon Strachan's men moved four points clear of Rangers – who would lose at Hibernian the following day – at the top of the table.

Defender Stephen McManus was the unlikely matchwinner when he headed a Shunsuke Nakamura corner past Dorus de Vries just after the half-hour mark.

The game was preceded by a minute's applause to mark the 75th anniversary of the death of legendary Celtic keeper John Thomson but current Parkhead custodian Artur Boruc enjoyed a quiet

Sunday, December 10, 2006

DUNFERMLINE 1 CELTIC 2

Simmons 90 McGeady 49, Zurawski 69
 Attendance: 7,080
Dunfermline: De Vries, Labonte, Shields, Scott Wilson, Scott Morrison (McGuire 73), Ross, Mason, Simmons, Muirhead (Owen Morrison 77), Crawford, Daquin (Burchill 73). Subs (not used): McKenzie, Hamilton, Woods, Williamson.
Celtic: Boruc, Wilson, Balde, O'Dea, Naylor, Nakamura (Pearson 75), Lennon (Sno 88), Jarosik, McGeady, Miller, Zurawski (Gravesen 75).
 Subs (not used): Marshall, Telfer, Riordan, O'Brien.

Referee: Craig Thomson

Celtic moved an incredible 16 points clear of Rangers and Aberdeen at the summit of the Bank of Scotland Premierleague with only 18 games played thanks to a comfortable win at East End Park.

The result left Dunfermline, with new boss

Saturday, March 3, 2007

CELTIC 2 DUNFERMLINE 1

Miller 4 Vennegoor of Hesselink 76
 Attendance: 59,131
Celtic: Boruc, Telfer, Pressley, McManus (O'Dea 68), Naylor, Nakamura, Gravesen, Sno, McGeady, Beattie (Vennegoor of Hesselink 62), Miller (Riordan 80). Subs (not used): Brown, Lennon, Jarosik, Perrier-Doumbe.

Dunfermline: De Vries, Young, Scott Wilson, McGuire, Scott Morrison, Hammill, Simmons, McCunnie (Mason 72), Glass, Owen Morrison (McManus 60), Hamilton (Crawford 76). Subs (not used): McKenzie, Ross, Williamson, Bamba.

Referee: Steve Conroy

Again the scoreline was close but Celtic were in control until the loss of a late goal gave Dunfermline a



Aiden McGeady (right) scores, December 2006



glimmer of hope. That was soon snuffed out by the final whistle as Gordon Strachan's team made it 27 games without defeat in the Bank of Scotland Premierleague, a result that extended their lead to 18 points.

Dunfermline could have buckled but instead battled away and it was not until 14 minutes from time that the hosts were able to breathe easily. Thomas Gravesen thundered a volley towards goal and Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink touched it into the net.



Celtic striker Kenny Miller scores

Having required a last-minute goal to see off Inverness in the Tennent's Scottish Cup a week earlier and with a crucial Champions League last-16 tie in Milan looming, Celtic were looking for a flying start, and they got one.

There were just four minutes on the clock when Aiden McGeady sent over a cross and Kenny Miller had the easiest of tasks to sweep the ball past Dorus de Vries.

Goal of the day came from the boot of the Pars' Adam Hammill, the on-loan winger finding the top corner with a stunning effort from outside the box, but it was little consolation as Dunfermline ended the day still nine points adrift of second-bottom St Mirren.

**DUNFERMLINE'S
LAST WIN OVER
CELTIC**

Saturday, November 26, 2005
CELTIC 0 DUNFERMLINE 1
Ross 17

Attendance: 58,203
Celtic: Boruc, Telfer, Balde, McManus, Camara (Pearson 76), McGeady, Lennon, Petrov, Thompson (Zurawski 62), Sutton, Hartson.
Subs (not used): Marshall, Virgo, Lawson, Agathe, Conroy.
Dunfermline: McGregor, Shields, Scott Wilson, Zambarnardi (Campbell 13), McCunnie, Derek Young, Mason, Tod, Ross, Labonte, Hunt (Tarachulski 86).

Subs (not used): Halliwell, Craig Wilson, Phinn, Dunn.
Referee: Craig Mackay

A remarkable result and even more so when put into context. Celtic went into the game just ahead of Hearts at the top of the league while Dunfermline were bottom with just five points and had lost their last seven games.

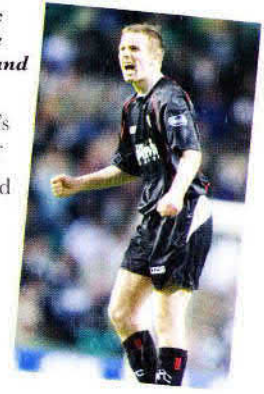
Having defeated Rangers 3-0 a week earlier, the pundits had this one down as a stroll for Celtic. They were wrong. Greg Ross grabbed what proved to be the winner just 17 minutes in when he turned Andy Tod's knock-down past Artur Boruc from six yards.

The Pars came close to doubling their lead before half-time and Jim Leishman's men dug in after the break to frustrate the Hoops, although Chris Sutton and John Hartson almost equalised.



Greg Ross (left) beats Celtic keeper, Artur Boruc, to give Dunfermline a shock lead and celebrating (right)

This was to prove Celtic's only home league defeat of the season and they suffered just three losses in 38 SPL matches overall. Dunfermline climbed above Livingston on the day and ultimately avoided relegation but were made to pay in their next meeting with Celtic, going down 8-1 at East End Park in February 2006.



Dunfermline's Jim Hamilton (left) loses out to Stephen McManus



OTHER LEAGUE MEETINGS SINCE THE SPL BEGAN

2005/06			
Feb 19	Dunfermline	1-8	Celtic
Nov 26	Celtic	0-1	Dunfermline
Aug 28	Dunfermline	0-4	Celtic
2004/05			
Mar 12	Celtic	6-0	Dunfermline
Dec 12	Dunfermline	0-2	Celtic
Sep 25	Celtic	3-0	Dunfermline
2003/04			
May 2	Celtic	1-2	Dunfermline
Feb 11	Dunfermline	1-4	Celtic
Nov 8	Celtic	5-0	Dunfermline
Aug 9	Dunfermline	0-0	Celtic
2002/03			
May 3	Dunfermline	1-4	Celtic
Dec 29	Celtic	1-0	Dunfermline
Oct 27	Dunfermline	1-4	Celtic
Aug 3	Celtic	2-1	Dunfermline
2001/02			
Apr 13	Celtic	5-0	Dunfermline
Feb 9	Celtic	5-0	Dunfermline
Dec 9	Dunfermline	0-4	Celtic
Sep 8	Celtic	3-1	Dunfermline
2000/01			
Mar 4	Dunfermline	0-3	Celtic
Dec 2	Celtic	3-1	Dunfermline
Sep 18	Dunfermline	1-2	Celtic
1998/99			
May 5	Dunfermline	1-2	Celtic
Dec 19	Celtic	5-0	Dunfermline
Oct 17	Dunfermline	2-2	Celtic
Aug 1	Celtic	5-0	Dunfermline

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Alex McLeish with the trophy after it took extra-time and penalties for Aberdeen to defeat Celtic in the 1990 final.

Twelve months on, one of the greatest finals of them all – Jim and Tommy McLean, leading out Dundee United and Motherwell days after the death of their father, then being as lost as the rest of us in a game that had everything.

Goals, seven of them. Heroism, as 'Well keeper Ally Maxwell played on with a damaged spleen. The lead swapping two and fro. United forcing extra-time in the final seconds of the 90.

Aberdeen and Celtic, toe to toe for 120 minutes without flinching. Penalties, for the first time since men with waxed moustaches started playing for that handsome silverware.

Kirky, popping up with a winner that meant he never had to buy a drink in the town for the rest of his natural.

Classic stuff, one of THE great climaxes to the season, matched maybe only by Lovenkrands stooping in injury time to give Rangers a 3-2 win over Celtic in 2002. Or little Gretna going down in a shootout with Hearts this time last year.

Or hey, how about the last time today's team met, when Andrius Skerla's goal let Pars fans dream through 2004's half-time. Only for those dreams to be dashed as Henrik Larsson's glorious Celtic career ended with a typical double strike followed by a flood of farewell tears.

Yet it's not just the final that makes this competition special; it crackles from way back in August with qualifying ties in places like Girvan and Burntisland, Inverurie and Galashiels.

From there emerge so many great stories – the Ross Countys and Peterheads proving themselves worth the step-up from Highland League to Third Division, the Whitehill Welfares and Keiths coming out of the hat to face Celtic and Rangers.

And then there's Spartans. The one and only Spartans.

In two momentous runs to the last 16 over the last three years, they've beaten Alloa and Berwick, Queen's Park and Arbroath. But even those achievements aren't what their story's all about.

Because who'll ever forget the graft they put in to make ramshackle City Park – with its grass banks for terraces and Ben Nevis of a pitch – fit to host ties with Livi and St Mirren?

That's how much the Tennent's Scottish Cup means to them. They could have doubled their dosh by relocating to Easter Road or Tynecastle, but it wouldn't have been the same. Memories like these aren't for sale.

Sure, feats like those created by Mickey Lawson's men don't happen every day; but



Kilmarnock captain Ray Montgomerie with the Tennent's Scottish Cup

the joy of this cup is the anticipation. Season after season, I watch the draws and try to pick where the shock, the fairytale, the little miracle will happen.

Let's give thanks that they've rarely been in short supply.

Stenny midfielder Steele scoring the double that sunk the Dons in '95, then getting up next morning to muck out the byre at his farm. Killie and Falkirk filling Ibrox for the final in '97. Wee Kevin McAllister going back there against Hearts in the semis next season and scoring a wondrous solo goal only for the game to be lost in the dying seconds.

Berwick Rangers holding THE Rangers 0-0 at Shielfield in 2002, Champions League winner Ronald de Boer being kept at bay by street sweeper Gerry Farrell, Hibs fans praying every year for their century-old jinx to end. Craig Brewster's goal finally making sure Dundee United's hoodoo ended against Rangers in '94.

Clyde beating Celtic on Roy Keane's debut, then winger Michael McGowan speaking for a team of frees to the teams who freed them by revealing a t-shirt reading: Get It Up Ye.

Caley Thistle going ballistic. Then doing it again. Being at Dingwall in February 1999, when ref Dougie McDonald put a Ross County-Clydebank on despite driving snow because the Bankies couldn't afford to come back another night.

We've had last-gasp winners, missed sitters, blinding saves, woeful fumbles, crunching tackles, red cards, goal-line clearances, disputed decisions, bulging nets, screaming lungs, ecstatic faces, eyes swollen with tears.

Seeing their faces when they won it in extra-time.

And there's another thing. In the first Tennent's year, the Bankies made the last four. Today, they don't exist. Same goes for Airdrieonians, shock finalists against each half of the Old Firm in '92 and '95.

We've had nine-goal thrillers, ten goal thrillers. Ross County even scored ELEVEN against St Cuthbert's Wanderers back in '93.

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We've seen it all and more, over and over.

Now all it needs to top the lot is a final of finals this afternoon. A fitting end to two decades when Tennent's have grasped what the Scottish Cup's all about absolutely perfectly.

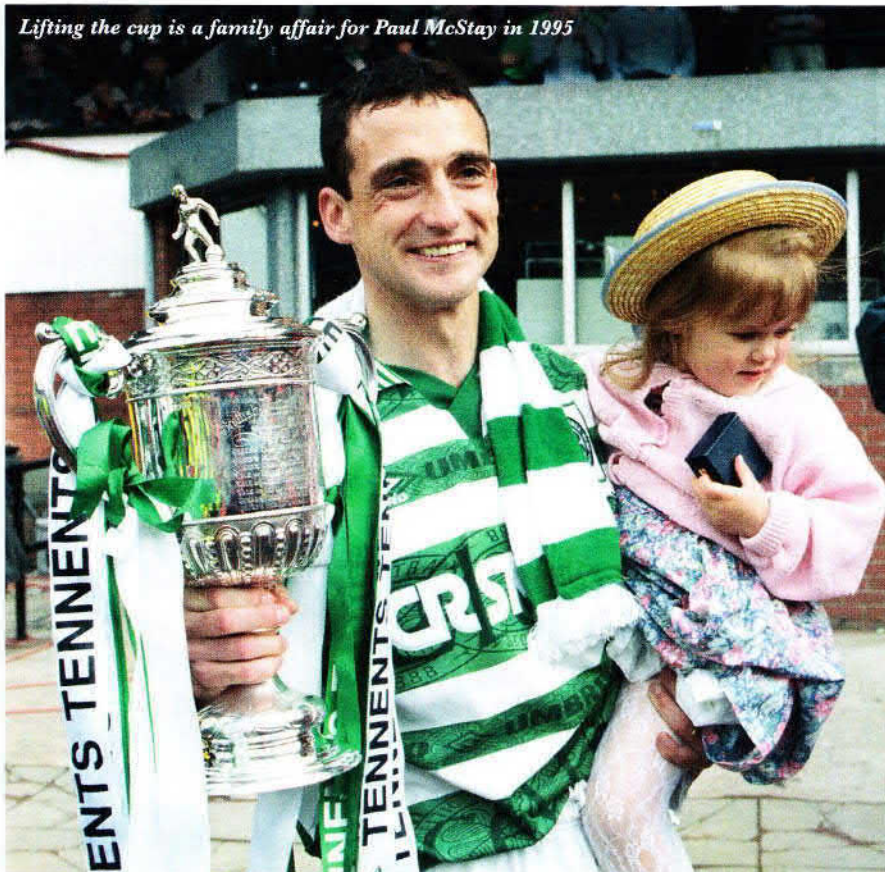
It'll be strange not to have their name over the door next season. Hopefully, one day they'll be back.

But in the meantime, I'll tell them this.

If they could take these last 18 years and put it in a can, it'd taste like heaven.

By Bill Leckie, The Scottish Sun

Lifting the cup is a family affair for Paul McStay in 1995



THE STORY SO FAR

One of football's enduring appeals is its ability to surprise. This season's Tennent's Scottish Cup has been a case in point, with great stories and shock results right from the off.

The qualifying competition began way back in August, which is when the students of Edinburgh University defeated their

Preston Athletic, courtesy of their thoroughly deserved 2-0 win over Third Division Stenhousemuir.

Edinburgh University, holding the trophy before the start of the competition

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the last four minutes to storm through. It wasn't the last time Banff was witness to an incredible match, more of which later. Elsewhere in round one, Arbroath saw off Albion Rovers, Brechin edged out Queen's Park after a replay, Berwick secured a late win at East Fife, Alloa got the better of Stranraer and Stirling Albion beat near neighbours East Stirling.

Garry Kenneth (back) heads Dundee Utd two goals against St Mirren

Glasgow rivals en route to the first round after an absence of more than 30 years. There they met Keith from the Highland League and claimed a famous victory thanks to Michael Hazeldine's double at Peffermill. Headlines were made, too, by non-league

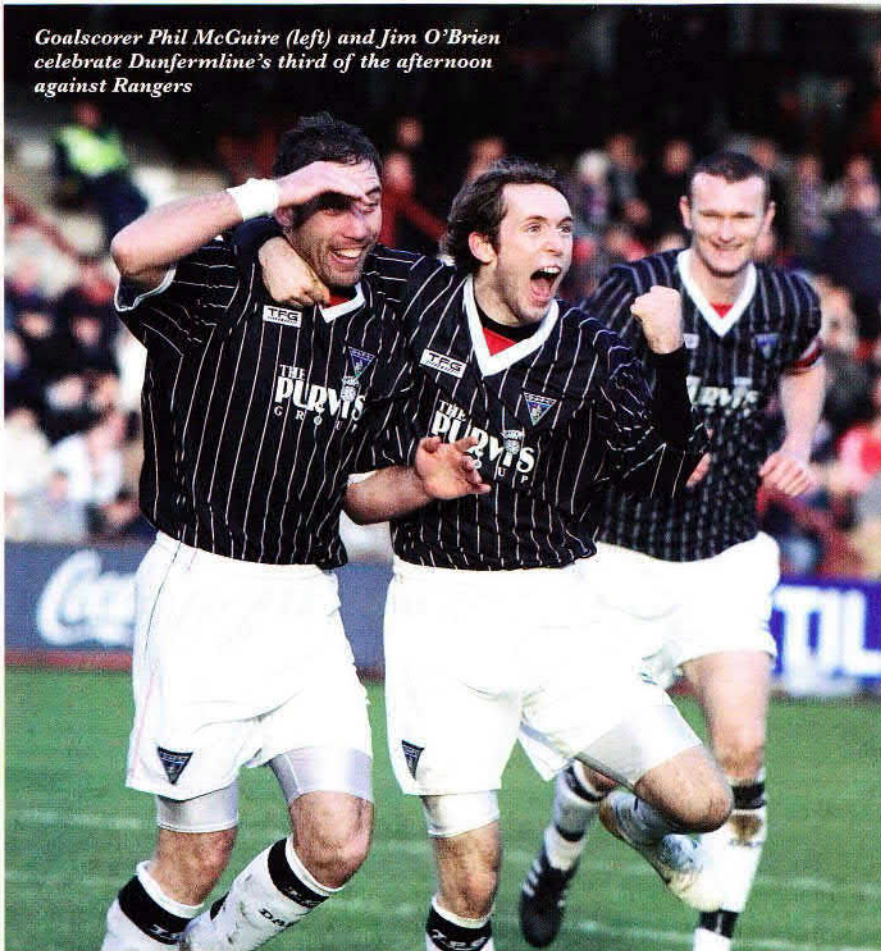
Queens Park forward David Weatherston does well to hold off John Ward of Brechin



Another Division Three club in Montrose fell victim to non-league opponents in the sort of finish you could hardly have made up. The Gable Endies appeared to be coasting to victory at Princess Royal Park but two red cards handed the hosts the initiative and they scored three goals in

On to round two, where Edinburgh's Uni's dreams of reaching the glamour stage of the tournament were dashed as Cowdenbeath showed no mercy at Central Park, romping to a 5-1 victory. It was the end of the road, too, for Preston Athletic but they lost only narrowly at Brechin. Division Two leaders Morton proved too strong for Annan but Stirling Albion were given a scare at Edinburgh City, scraping

Goalscorer Phil McGuire (left) and Jim O'Brien celebrate Dunfermline's third of the afternoon against Rangers



result of the round was Dunfermline's shock 3-2 success over Rangers. Also making major headlines were Morton, who shrugged off the loss of a goal to storm back and dump out Kilmarnock, 3-1 at Cappielow. Chris Templeman was the Greenock hero with two of the goals.

Holders Hearts made a first ever trip to Stranraer and returned with a 4-0 victory

Biggest win of the competition to date came at Forthbank where Inverness scuttled Stirling 6-1, making a mockery of suggestions they might come a cropper.

Morton keeper Paul Mathers (right) beats Kilmarnock's Frazer Wright (second right) to the ball

through 1-0. In the big Highland derby, Deveronvale came from behind to oust Fraserburgh while Buckie Thistle were edged out by Elgin. Dumbarton created an upset by winning away to Raith Rovers, while Berwick Rangers, Ayr United and Stranraer booked their places in the third-round draw, which was made at Meadowbank Stadium.

Six SPL clubs were paired together, with St Mirren falling 3-2 to Dundee United after the original game had been postponed due to a flu epidemic. Hibernian came through against Aberdeen thanks to an impressive 4-1 win in an Easter Road replay but



Andrius Velicka



Motherwell's Richie Foran heads his side into the lead against Airdrie



in which Andrius Velicka grabbed a hat-trick. Martin Johnstone of Elgin also managed a treble but was on the losing side in an epic match against Deveronvale, in which the hosts were left hanging on for a 5-4 win despite being 4-0 ahead inside half an hour.

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Celtic breezed past Dumbarton at Parkhead. Penalties were required for the



Above: Jimmy Gibson (left) opens the scoring for Partick Thistle against Deveronvale

Below: Rob Jones of Hibs leaps high above the Gretna defence to power home the opening goal



Martin Hardie shocks Falkirk by scoring the opener for St Johnstone

first time this season as Queen of the South reached the last 16 at Dundee's expense. Last year's runners-up Gretna again knocked Clyde out of the competition while Livingston won on Hamilton's plastic pitch and Partick Thistle defeated Ross County in Dingwall. Cowdenbeath and St Johnstone were replay winners at Brechin and Ayr. Highland League Deveronvale had high hopes of reaching the last eight when they were handed a home tie against Partick Thistle.

They had their chances but didn't take them and were beaten by a single goal. In the other match not involving top-flight teams, Queen of the South, revived in the league, were too strong for Cowdenbeath.

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Holders Hearts were expected to oust Dunfermline at East End Park but instead they were beaten by Scott Wilson's last-gasp goal. It was a happier afternoon for the other half of Edinburgh as Hibernian eased to victory against Gretna. St Johnstone bounced back from their CIS Cup semi-final defeat to Hibs to record a stunning 3-0 win at Falkirk while Inverness squeezed past Dundee United. Morton were backed by a massive following at Motherwell but the SPL side prevailed thanks to two first-half goals.

The quarter-finals were played over three separate days and there were no surprises on the Saturday. Hibernian had to work hard for victory at Dumfries but they got there in the end to keep alive their dreams of a cup double. Dunfermline, thanks to a Stephen Simmons double, saw off Partick Thistle. On the Sunday, Inverness were looking to complete a hat-trick of recent Tennent's Scottish Cup shocks against Celtic and came within two



Hibs midfielder, Guillaume Beuzelin, tackles Queen of the South's Willie Gibson

minutes of their aim until Gordon Strachan's men produced a late, late show to go through. Motherwell were favourites to make up the semi-final quartet but instead were completely outplayed by St Johnstone at Fir Park – the 2-1 scoreline barely reflected the events of the night.

And so to the semi-finals, which were played out at the National Stadium on successive afternoons of glorious sunshine. Celtic did just enough to end St Johnstone's challenge while Dunfermline and Hibernian couldn't conjure up a goal between them. Jim McIntyre's cheeky penalty settled the replay to set up the third major final between Dunfermline and Celtic in the space of three years.

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TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP RESULTS 2006/07

FIRST ROUND

Saturday, November 18, 2006

Arbroath 2 Martin 13, 84 Att: 493	Albion Rovers 1 Felvus 70
Brechin City 1 Callaghan (pen) 79 Att: 515	Queen's Park 1 Ferry 21

*Steven Hampshire and Steven Reilly,
Brechin City v Queen's Park*



*Stephen Robertson makes a good
stop to deny Motherwell striker Scott
McDonald, Airdrie v Motherwell*

Saturday, November 25, 2006

East Stirling 0 Att: 550	Stirling Albion 2 Cramb 16 Shields 25
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REPLAY

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Queen's Park 1 Ronald 23 Att: 535	Brechin City 2 Hampshire 52 Connolly 53
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SECOND ROUND

Saturday, December 9, 2006

Annand Athletic 0 Att: 1,206	Morton 3 Greacen 7 Weatherson 30 Stevenson 37
Berwick Rangers 2 Haynes 35 Wood 88	Arbroath 0 Att: 458
Brechin City 2 Russell 34 Ward 55	Preston Athletic 1 Newall 88 Att: 452
Cowdenbeath 5 Buchanan 31, 45 Lennon 41 Paatelainen 80 Baxter 82	Edinburgh Univ 1 Hair 72 Att: 896
Deveronvale 2 Smith 21, 74 Att: 1,169	Fraserburgh 1 Dolan (og) 8
Edinburgh City 0 Att: 511	Stirling Albion 1 Bell 8
Elgin City 1 Moffat 38	Buckie Thistle 0 Att: 2,109
Peterhead 0 Att: 610	Ayr United 2 Dunn 20 Vareille 75
Raith Rovers 0 Att: 1,616	Dumbarton 1 Gemmell 51
Stranraer 3 Moore 18 Wright 45 Ramsay 65	Forfar 1 Lunan 58 Att: 196

THIRD ROUND

Saturday, January 6, 2007

Airdrie United 0 Att: 5,924	Motherwell 1 Foran 31
Berwick Rangers 0 Att: 1,910	Falkirk 2 Gow 9 Craig 51
Celtic 4 Zurawski 4, 9 Vennegoor of Hesselink 43 Riordan 69	Dumbarton 0 Att: 20,760
Clyde 0 Att: 1,378	Gretna 3 Graham 41 Paarpalu 69 McMenamin 76
Cowdenbeath 1 Clarke 22 Att: 675	Brechin City 1 Byers 90
Deveronvale 5 Chisholm 6 Murray 10 Smith 26 McKenzie 29 Watt 61	Elgin City 4 Johnston 39, 55, 74 Mackay 70 Att: 1,646
Dundee 1 Lyle 37 Att: 2,681	Queen of South 1 O'Connor 45
Hamilton Accies 2 McArthur 54 McCarthy 86 Att: 1,228	Livingston 4 Dorrans 30, 81 Tweed 65 Hammill 73
Morton 3 Templeman 61, 88 McGowan 72	Kilmarnock 1 Nish 47 Att: 6,797
Ross County 0 Att: 1,535	Partick Thistle 1 Robertson 15
St Johnstone 0 Att: 2,173	Ayr United 0
Stirling Albion 1 O'Brien 15 Att: 1,521	Inverness CT 6 Dargo 8, 41 Wyness 13 McBain 22 Wilson 47 Morgan 69



Stranraer defender Scott Wilson (left) and goalkeeper Scott Black (right) deny Michal Pospisil, Stranraer v Hearts

Stranraer 0
Att: 5,100
Sunday, January 7, 2007

Hearts 4
Velicka 17, 43, 90
Bednar 79

Dunfermline 3
Hamilton 17
Simmons 29
McGuire 46
Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Rangers 2
Boyd 54, 68
Att: 7,231

Aberdeen 2
Brewster 58
Nicholson 89
Att: 7,905

Hibernian 2
Sproule 43
Killen 73

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Dundee United 3
Robson 31
Kenneth 46
Robertson 90

St Mirren 2
Brittain (pen) 76
Sutton 81
Att: 4,010

Replays
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Brechin City 0
Att: 594

Cowdenbeath 1
Hill 38

Queen of South 3
Dobbie 40, 69
O'Connor 86

Dundee 3
Lyle 48, 87
Deasley 82

After extra time, QoS won 4-2 on penalties.

Att: 2,037
Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Ayr United 1
Stevenson 66

St Johnstone 2
Scotland 5
MacDonald 116
Att: 1,948

After extra time
Thursday, January 18, 2007

Hibernian 4
Fletcher 13
Stewart 45
Benjelloun 47, 56
Att: 11,375

Aberdeen 1
Nicholson 10

FOURTH ROUND
Saturday, February 3, 2007

Deveronvale 0
Att: 2,460

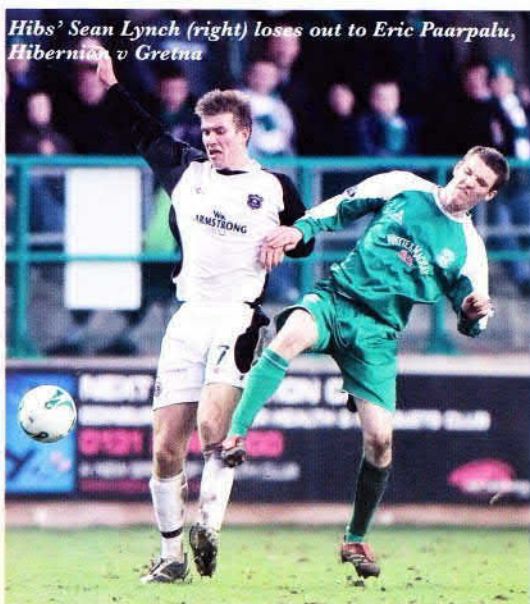
Partick Thistle 1
Gibson 31

Dunfermline 1
Wilson 90

Hearts 0
Att: 9,597

Falkirk 0
Att: 3,908

St Johnstone 3
Hardie 27
James 38
MacDonald 69



Hibs' Sean Lynch (right) loses out to Eric Paarpalu, Hibernian v Gretna

Hibernian 3
Jones 28
Fleming (og) 54
Benjelloun 59

Gretna 1
Berkeley 80
Att: 14,075

Inverness CT 1
Duncan 16

Dundee United 0
Att: 3,519

Motherwell 2
Kerr 10
McDonald 34
Att: 9,394

Queen of South 2
Dobbie (pen) 29
Adams 54
Att: 2,264

Morton 0
Att: 9,394

Cowdenbeath 0
Att: 2,264

Sunday, February 4, 2007

Livingston 1
Mackay 18
Att: 7,281

Celtic 4
O'Dea 30
Riordan 45, 59
Vennegaor of Hesselink 61

QUARTER-FINALS
Saturday, February 24, 2007

Dunfermline 2
Simmons 4, 86

Partick Thistle 0
Att: 7,090

Queen of South 1
O'Neill 48
Att: 6,198

Hibernian 2
Murphy 45
Sowunmi 51

Sunday, February 25, 2007

Inverness CT 1
Bayne 18
Att: 7,119

Celtic 2
Pressley 89
Miller 90

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Motherwell 1
McCormack 85
Att: 5,788

St Johnstone 2
MacDonald 21
Scotland 72



Peter MacDonald and Mark Reynolds (right), Motherwell v St Johnstone

SEMI-FINALS
Saturday, April 14, 2007

St Johnstone 1
Hardie 19
(pen) 13, 54
Att: 28,339

Celtic 2
Vennegaor of Hesselink
Att: 28,339

Sunday, April 15, 2007

Hibernian 0
Att: 25,336

Dunfermline 0

REPLAY
Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Hibernian 0
Att: 8,536

Dunfermline 1
McIntyre (pen) 88