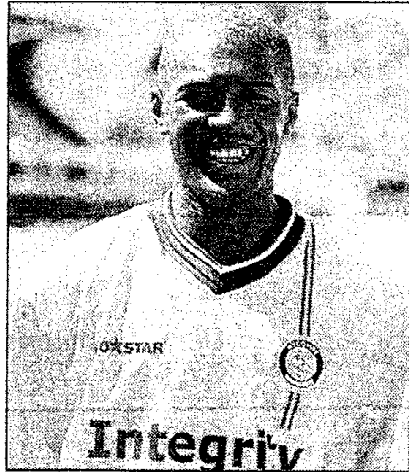


Testimonial was a great trip down memory lane



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IT was great to see Martin O'Neill and some of the old faces for Jason Cousins' testimonial and a real privilege to be on the same pitch as those Celtic players.

You see Henrik Larsson on the telly and you know he's special but it is only when you're playing against him that you realise how good he and the rest of those players are. Larsson's movement was absolutely superb.

The only disappointment was the size of the crowd. I thought there would have been a few more than there was.

It was meant to be a big payday for Jason at the end of a marvellous career and from that aspect it was disappointing, particularly when Celtic brought such a good team with them.

It was good to meet up with O'Neill again and to see Andy Kerr, Dennis Green, Steve Guppy and Gary Bonecrusher Smith from the old days.

It got me thinking about Martin O'Neill. Even when he was the manager here you could see he had something special, although I must admit I don't think we thought he'd manage a club as massive as Celtic.

There was always something about him though. He had a fantastic way with players and could make average players into good players, and good players into great players.

But he was always unconventional.

You never knew what he would do next. When I first signed I found it weird. Sometimes I'd drive all the way from Northampton for training and he'd just say have a relaxing bath and go home again.

Talking of managers I was disappointed to hear my old team-mate John Cornforth was sacked by Exeter this week.

Peter Reid also got the sack at Sunderland this week and immediately sacked Leeds boss David O'Leary was linked with the post.

I think that's wrong. If you are sacked as a manager you should not be allowed to manage for another 12 months.

Let a newcomer have a go. At the moment it's like a merry go round. You get the same old faces, who've failed at one club getting the chance to manage another one.

Sadly Corny got the sack on the day that we won at Colchester with yours truly scoring the only goal from the penalty spot.

It's taken me longer than I wanted to get my first goal this season but what a way to do it in front of all those tremendous Wycombe fans at Layer Road.

It was great to do it for them because I know how much beating Colchester means to them.

I would also like to thank in advance our supporters going to Cardiff tomorrow. I know it is an intimidating and volatile place to visit as a fan and we really appreciate your support.

Have a safe trip and hopefully we can make it worthwhile.

Ted makes his return in the reserves

CANADIAN international defender Mark Rogers made his comeback from a groin injury in the reserves' 5-1 defeat at home to Norwich City on Wednesday.

Jonny Dixon scored Blues goal when the Chairboys were already trailing 3-0 but the Canaries then hit back with two more.

Blues: Williams, Townsend, Parsons, Johnson, Rogers (Hole 65), Philo, Smillie (Warner 65), Lynott (Kelly 73), Griffiths, Dixon, Cook.

Blues ladies beat Thame 8-3 after extra time in their preliminary round league cup tie with a hat-trick by Su Oakley. They ran in five goals in extra time after it had finished 3-3 in normal time.

Sophy Bowden, Jeunine Bray, an own goal and a final strike from Amanda Quintal secured the win.