

CELTIC

v **RANGERS**

SCOTTISH CUP
FOURTH ROUND



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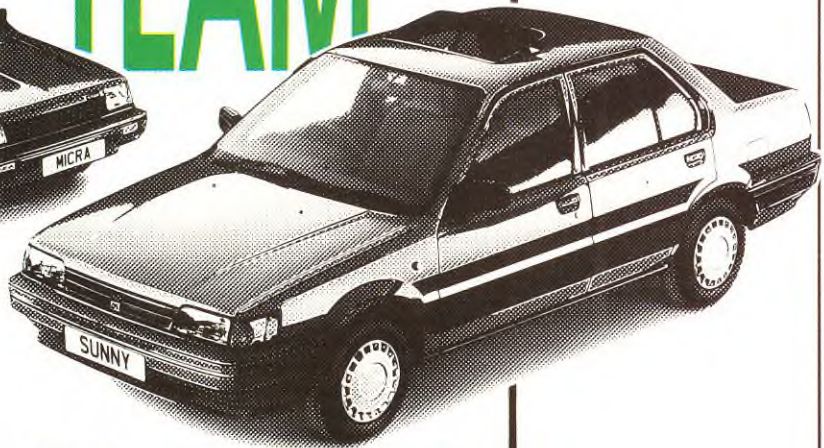
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THIS is it, then. The most eagerly anticipated Scottish Cup fourth round tie in years and arguably the most important game of the season so far. Certainly it is a match which I, as manager of Celtic, cannot contemplate us losing.

Ever since the draw was made a month ago, the pairing of Celtic and Rangers has been to the forefront of the minds of the supporters. As professionals, the management and players of both clubs obviously had to concentrate upon the league games in between but it was almost a relief this week to be able to turn our attentions fully to the cup game.

It was also very pleasing to be able to do so with the Aberdeen match behind us and several encouraging aspects to look back on.

Perhaps most encouraging of all was the fact that we battled back to take something from the game, a feat we had not achieved for some time, and that we did so by playing good football.

Our heads did not go down when Charlie Nicholas scored with as spectacular a strike as I have ever seen. Indeed, while much has been made of the way we came back into the game in the second half, I felt we played some good stuff before the interval too and were always very much in contention.

We dictated the play after the break and scored a wonderful equaliser. Joe Miller took on Pat Bonner's throw-out and moved it on to Mike Galloway, whose pass to Paul McStay was inch-perfect. Paul's first touch was spot-on and he took that split-second to compose himself before shooting confidently past the keeper.

The accuracy of the build-up and the conviction of the finish are the sort of things which can give the players great confidence and, together with the hard work put in over recent weeks, see us approach today's game in a far more positive frame of mind than would have been possible two or three weeks ago.

The attitude of the players was exemplified by Dariusz Wdowczyk and Mike Galloway, who both picked up injuries in the first half and might even have come off at the interval but insisted on playing on. At the time of writing, it was not sure that they would be fit for today's game though I hoped to have them available.

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THE BOSS SPEAKS OUT

Moving on to today's game, I think it would be fair to say that the managers of the big clubs would prefer if their teams did not meet until the later stages of a knockout competition.

Such feelings are dismissed, though, the moment a pairing like this one is made. It is the sort of game which everyone looks forward to.

It is often said that, to win a cup, you have to beat the best teams in the competitions and it does not matter if that is in the first round, the fourth round or the final itself.

Before our campaign began, I set my players the target of qualifying for the final at Hampden in May, just as I did in the past two seasons. That can only be achieved by treating each round as a 'final' in itself. That has certainly been the case for this one.

Rangers were installed as cup favourites before the fourth round draw was made and, certainly, they have come out on top in recent league meetings between the sides. After the 1-1 draw at Celtic Park, they have chalked up 1-0 wins at both Ibrox and Celtic Park.

However, in each of the two games we lost, I felt that we had done enough to earn a share of the points but were denied the break we needed. At Ibrox we had the best chance of the game but then lost out to a last-minute goal, while Pat Bonner did not have a save to make in the game at Celtic Park on January 2, but could not capitalise on territorial advantage in the second half.

Balancing those results to a degree is our victory over Rangers in last season's Scottish Cup final, a game in which the circumstances were similar to today's. Then we had to win to take something from the season, this time we must win to retain a realistic chance of a trophy for the season.

It remains only to remind the supporters of both teams that their behaviour at the three Old Firm games so far this season has been excellent and it is very important that this continues. As I have said before, Old Firm matches undoubtedly come under closer scrutiny than any other, and from both sides of the border, so it is imperative that no opportunity is given to the media to produce the type of headlines which damage the reputation of football in Glasgow.



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CELTIC'S SCOTTISH CUP RECORD

Competed in competition 89 times.

WINNERS: 29 times.

RUNNERS UP: 15 times.

SEMI-FINALISTS: 10 times.

QUARTER-FINALISTS: 15 times.

***OTHER ROUNDS: 19 times.**

**Includes 1909 replay when cup was withheld after the cup final replay against Rangers ended in a riot, after the match was drawn.*

SCOTTISH CUP WINNERS IN THE EIGHTIES

Year	Winners	Runners-up	Score in Final
1980	Celtic	Rangers	1-0
1981	Rangers	Dundee Utd	4-1 after 0-0 draw
1982	Aberdeen	Rangers	4-1 after extra time
1983	Aberdeen	Rangers	1-1 after extra time
1984	Aberdeen	Celtic	2-1 after extra time
1985	Celtic	Dundee Utd	2-1
1986	Aberdeen	Hearts	3-0
1987	St Mirren	Dundee Utd	1-0 after extra time
1988	Celtic	Dundee Utd	2-1
1989	Celtic	Rangers	1-0

RANGERS' SCOTTISH CUP RECORD

Competed in competition 103 times.

WINNERS: 24 times.

RUNNERS UP: 15 times.

SEMI-FINALISTS: 10 times.

QUARTER-FINALISTS: 10 times.

***OTHER ROUNDS: 44 times.**

**Includes 1909 replay when cup was withheld after the cup final replay against Celtic ended in a riot, after the match was drawn.*



AROUND THE CLUB

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FRONT COVER SHOT OF **STUART MUNRO**
and **JOE MILLER.**

Courtesy of Sunday Mail.

CENTRE SPREAD OF **DEREK WHYTE**

Picture by John Cullen.

PAGE 31 SHOT OF **MILE GALLOWAY**
and **PAUL ELLIOTT**

Picture by Charles McQuillan.

NEWS BEAT

The Cup-tie that wasn't

THE FACT that it is exactly 20 years since the paths of Celtic and Rangers last crossed in the Scottish Cup prior to the final has been widely publicised.

But it is worth noting that the clubs were in line for an Ibrox quarter-final clash in 1978.

Rangers were drawn at home to the winners of the postponed Celtic v. Kilmarnock fourth round tie, but first division Killie shocked their Old Firm opponents by drawing 1-1 at Celtic Park then winning the replay 1-0 at Rugby Park with a late goal.

Interestingly, had Celtic advanced, the Scottish Cup quarter-final at Ibrox would have been one of three Old Firm matches scheduled for successive Saturdays.

Rangers, who were to complete the treble, defeated Kilmarnock 3-1 in the Scottish Cup on March 11 then beat Celtic at Hampden Park 2-1 after extra time in the League Cup final the following Saturday, Gordon Smith notching a controversial last gasp winner after goals from Davie Cooper and Johannes Edvaldsson.

Celtic gained a measure of revenge on March 18 with a 2-0 premier division win at Celtic Park through first half goals from Ronnie Glavin and Roddie MacDonald.

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Billy's Scottish Cup record



THIS is how it all began back in 1965. This was Billy McNeill's first Scottish Cup winners medal which was won in a 3-2 final victory over Dunfermline. He went on to collect six others, giving him a total of seven — a Scottish record with a single club, which still stands today.