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CELTIC v LIVINGSTON

Celtic Park, Saturday 30 August 2003, Kick-off 3.00pm

Scottish Premier League 2003/04

Programme No.05



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LOVEFOOTBALL



WEDNESDAY evening saw us defeat MTK Hungaria and qualify for the group stages of the Champions League.

We had done much of the spadework a fortnight previously in the away game in Budapest when we scored four goals without reply, but naturally there was still a concern that things might go badly wrong.

However we won 1-0 on the evening and, after what seemed an interminable length of time, took our place in the draw in Monaco the following day.

I can remember vividly the disappointment etched on everyone's face when we lost to

European matches in which to look forward to and try to enjoy.

Over the last few seasons we have had some thrilling evenings at Celtic Park when we have hosted some of the most salubrious names in European football.

And I'm sure the prospect of facing the likes of Bayern Munich, Anderlecht and Lyon will give rise to further nights of excitement in the stadium.

We are fortunate in the sense that geographically speaking we do not have a tremendous amount of travelling to do which is good news, but I am sure that both Anderlecht and Lyon will be of the

I heard that Partizan Belgrade had knocked Newcastle out of the competition on penalties, and it just shows you how hard it can be to get into the group stages.

I am absolutely delighted that we are in the position that we are, and now we are all determined to enjoy it and make the most of it.

But back to domestic matters. Games against Livingston here at Celtic Park have traditionally been exciting occasions with last-minute goals in successive seasons winning the fixture for us.

There is no question that they will come to Glasgow keen to take something from the game but, as always, we will approach the game with the attitude that we want to take all three points.

When the Champions League group stages get underway in a fortnight's time we will enter a frantic part of the season with midweek and weekend games the norm. It is a demanding task, but one that everyone is up for.

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Basel on the away goal rule exactly a year ago.

That feeling was something we did not want to experience again and delightfully we overcame the obstacle.

Last year's subsequent UEFA Cup run was terrific and perhaps that experience might help us in the coming months. We have six

same mind as ourselves; that second spot is within reach.

It will be an enormous challenge for us, but it is something that we are all looking forward to and I am absolutely delighted to be involved in the competition.

It brought it home to me just how difficult it can be to make it through the tricky qualifiers when

Partizan

Celtic Football Club Factfile

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
(capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts,
white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Gold shirts, green
shorts, gold socks

Third strip: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with
gold trim

Record attendance: 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

Record victory: 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

Record defeat: 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

Most league goals (1 season): 50, Jimmy McGrory,
1935/36

Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season): 35, Brian McClair
1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

Website: www.celticfc.net

HONOURS

Scottish League (38)

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,
2000/2001, 2001/2002

Scottish Cup (31)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985,
1988, 1989, 1995, 2001

League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68 1968/69,
1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98,
1999/2000, 2000/2001

European Cup (1) 1967 **Coronation Cup (1)** 1953

CELTIC FACTS

- On August 29, 1888, on a specially prepared pitch in Kelvingrove Park, Celtic lost 0-2 to Partick Thistle in the semi-final of the Exhibition Cup.
- In a League match against Hamilton at Parkhead on the same day in 1931, Jimmy McGrory and Peter Scarff each scored a hat-trick as Celtic won 6-1. This proved to be John Thomson's last game at Celtic Park.
- In 1975, on the opening day of the Scottish Premier League, a goal by Kenny Dalglish was not enough to prevent Celtic being beaten 2-1 at Ibrox before a Premier League record crowd of 69,594.
- Not too many players score four goals in a game, but Johnny Divers senior did just that against Third Lanark in the Glasgow Cup on 31/8/1938.
- Against Dundee at Dens Park, in a League Cup tie on the last day of August 1994, Paul McStay was sent off for retaliation for the first time in his career.
- Charlie Tully was granted a free transfer by Celtic after 11 years with the club on September 2, 1959. He had made 319 appearances, with 47 goals.
- On September 3, 1966, against St Mirren in a League Cup tie, Willie O'Neill became Celtic's first-ever substitute when he replaced Jimmy Johnstone.

LIVINGSTON FACTS

- The team started as Ferranti Thistle in 1974 and joined Division 2 the same year, when they finished third bottom.
- They changed their name almost immediately when they moved to Meadowbank Stadium.
- Although Meadowbank Stadium had a capacity of 16,000, only the Main Stand, with 7,500 seats, was used for football matches. It was not unusual to see the track and various high jump, long jump and pole vault areas being used until one half-hour before kick-off.
- The club's heaviest defeat came at the hands of Hamilton, 8-0 in the Scottish Cup in December 1974.
- As Meadowbank Thistle, the club's first successes were the Second Division Championships in 1986 and 1987. They also reached the semi-final of the League Cup in 1984/85; and reached that stage in the B & Q Cup in 1992/93 and 1993/94.
- As Livingston, the club moved to Almondvale in 1995 and since 1999, the ground has become known as the West Lothian Courier Stadium.
- For the last match at Meadowbank, against Stranraer in May 1995, only 443 were present. For the first game as Livingston FC at Almondvale, versus East Stirling, over 4,000 turned up.

MANAGER **MARCIO MAXIMO** STADIUM **ALMONDVALE** CAPACITY **10,006**

CELTIC



LIVINGSTON

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SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
 PARTICK THISTLE 1 v **CELTIC 2**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC 5 v DUNDEE UTD 0

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER
 MTK HUNGARIA 0 v **CELTIC 4**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
 DUNFERMLINE 0 v **CELTIC 0**

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
CELTIC 1 v ARSENAL 1

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER
 KAUNAS 0 v **CELTIC 4**

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
 DUNDEE v **CELTIC** 13 SEPTEMBER

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v MOTHERWELL 20 SEPTEMBER

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
 HIBERNIAN v **CELTIC** 27 SEPTEMBER

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: WILLIE YOUNG
 ASSISTANT REFEREES: MARTIN DORAN
 GEORGE DRUMMOND
 FOURTH OFFICIAL: CRAIG THOMSON

MOMO SYLLA	3	1
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	2
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	4
BOBO BALDE	6	5
HENRIK LARSSON	7	6
ALAN THOMPSON	8	7
CHRIS SUTTON	9	8
JOHN HARTSON	10	9
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	10
PAUL LAMBERT	14	11
BOBBY PETTA	15	12
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	14
DIDIER AGATHE	17	15
NEIL LENNON	18	16
STILIAN PETROV	19	17
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	18
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	19
DAVID MARSHALL	22	21
STANISLAV VARGA	23	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	23
STEVE GUPPY	30	24
ROSS WALLACE	33	27
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	31
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	32
CRAIG BEATTIE	37	38
JAMIE SMITH	39	39
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

ALAN MAIN
DAVID McNAMEE
OSCAR RAMOS RUBIO
MARVIN ANDREWS
EMMANUEL DORADO
BARRY WILSON
JAUN JOSE CAMACHO
FERNANDO PASQUINELLI
THEODORE WHITMORE
JAMIE McALLISTER
FRANCISCO QUINO
LEE MAKEL
BURTON O'BRIEN
DEREK LILLEY
STUART LOVELL
RODDY McKENZIE
CHERIF TOURE-MAMAN
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FITNESS FIRST
John Hartson made his return to action



STRIKING EXAMPLE:
Chris Sutton heads the only goal of the game (left) and celebrates (below) while Liam Miller (top) impressed



Chris Sutton goal helps Celtic cruise into the Champions League group stage with another Euro clean sheet

CELTIC cemented their place in the lucrative group stages of the Champions League with a comfortable 5-0 aggregate win over MTK Hungaria.

Chris Sutton headed Celtic into the lead after just 13 minutes to give Martin O'Neill's side a thoroughly emphatic cushion but the highlight of what was a quiet outing was the return of John Hartson who replaced Henrik Larsson just before the hour mark.

With Sutton facing another two league games in the stands because of suspension, the return of Hartson is a significant boost.

This, however, was all about ensuring there were no slip-ups en route to the drama of Europe's premier competition.

With the job done

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 3RD ROUND QUALIFYING LEG

CELTIC 1 v MTK HUNGÁRIA 0

(AUG 5-0)

in Budapest a fortnight earlier, this was little more than a training exercise for Celtic and the game was mainly conducted at a pedestrian pace.

The early minutes were dominated almost entirely by Celtic with a number of half-chances falling to various personnel before Sutton headed O'Neill's side further in front.

Didier Agathe, who had shown early flashes of his pace, was the architect, easing his way down the right flank before floating a cross towards the back post that Sutton looped into the net.

It gave Celtic a 5-0 aggregate lead but despite the Hoops' obvious superiority

from the opening leg, O'Neill stuck by a solid starting side.

Liam Miller replaced Neil Lennon while Stephen Crainey took over from Joos Valgaeren and Magnus Hedman took his place between the sticks.

Hartson, who completed 90 minutes for the under-21s on Monday afternoon, received a rapturous welcome from the Hoops support when he came on and he almost marked his first appearance since April 27 with a goal after being teed up by Sutton, but he fired his shot wide.

Miller continued to stake his

claim for a regular starting place with another effective performance in midfield and the 22-year-old almost claimed an assist midway through the opening period with a clever cross into the box for Larsson that the Swede popped just past the post.

Five minutes before the break Miller almost put his own name on the score sheet when a one-two with Sutton resulted in MTK's keeper Vegh Zoltn sticking out a leg to block the Ireland under-21 internationalist's attempt.

Given the emphatic lead from the opening leg there was never

going to be any real pressure on Celtic in the return and although there was an ease with which the team sprayed the ball about there was, inevitably, rarely any real urgency about the game.

John Kennedy and Bobby Petta were introduced at the break, the latter making his first competitive appearance of the season.

Torghelle Sandor had MTK's best chance to give the visitors a consolation goal immediately after the interval when he raced clear on the break. The striker eluded both Crainey and Kennedy but struck his attempt just wide

of Hedman's left-hand post.

Larsson almost extended Celtic's lead with a free kick that was comfortably held by Zoltn.

CELTIC (3-5-2): Hedman; Balde (Kennedy 46), Varga, Crainey, Agathe, Miller, Lambert, Petrov (Petta 46), Thompson; Sutton, Larsson (Hartson 59). Subs: Douglas, Sylla, McNamara, Maloney.

MTK HUNGARIA (3-5-1-2): Zoltn; Roland, Gabor, Adam; Zijkos, Goran, Zavadzsky Gabor, Istvan, Molnr Zoltn; Bela (Zabos 69); Sandor (Silva 80). Subs: Levente, Peter, Rednic, Ottu, Oliver, Silva.

ATTENDANCE: 41,720



The move from promising youngster to first-team regular is one of the most difficult to make. However, Liam Miller is ready to make the breakthrough.

Patience game

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

LAST season, Liam Miller was among the outstanding performers in a Celtic under-21 team that marched inexorably towards the title. It was Kenny McDowall's side's second championship triumph in as many seasons, and the trophy was joined in the Celtic Park boardroom just weeks later by the under-18 equivalent, clinched in style by Willie McStay's double-winning youths.

Combined, these achievements only served to re-affirm that the quality held in reserve continues to improve and, with the Tommy Burns/John Stephenson-led revolution now taking effect further down

the ranks, hopes are high that further progress lies ahead.

Yet, even with this steady advancement, the reality of life at Celtic Park is, as many youngsters have found to their cost, that at the same time they are moving forward, the bar is simultaneously being raised at first-team level.

There's certainly little doubt that a player of Miller's talents would have walked into the vast majority of Celtic sides over the last couple of decades, whereas he is, in fact, only now - at the age of 22 - beginning to emerge from the sizeable shadow cast by Messrs Lambert, Lennon, Petrov

and Moravcik over recent years. Composed, energetic and with the ability to dictate play, the Cork lad's impressive performances have been one of the undoubted highlights from Celtic's early season showings.

Yet Miller himself admits that he could easily have followed the likes of Mark Fotheringham and Jon Paul McGovern through the exit door and, as he prepared to hopefully line up against McGovern this afternoon, he couldn't help casting his mind back four years to recall a pep talk delivered by the then newly-appointed Martin O'Neill.

He said: "I remember when the