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v ST JOHNSTONE

Scottish Cup 4th Round
Sunday 23rd February 2003 k.o. 3.00pm



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IT was indeed a splendid effort by everyone on Thursday evening here at Celtic Park.

The players, the staff and the crowd combined to give the Club a wonderful victory against Stuttgart, who are lying third in the German Bundesliga.

Considering that we went into that game with quality players missing from the team sheet, the performances from those who played made it a very proud evening for the Club.

And to come from a goal behind to take a 3-1 lead into the second leg of the UEFA Cup tie speaks volumes for the character of those who achieved it.

We have now had victories over teams from the major leagues in European football in recent months, and this undoubtedly will improve the co-efficient for Scotland for later times.

The second leg will be a very severe test for us next week but we know this already.

All we have done is given ourselves a chance to get through to the quarter-finals of a major European tournament.

However, the fact remains

that Thursday was a terrific night indeed for Celtic Football Club.

Three wonderful goals by Paul Lambert, Stilian Petrov and a youthful Shaun Maloney gives us confidence for the match next Thursday in Germany.

Today represents an opportunity to turn our attention to the Scottish Cup and there will be no complacency on our part as we prepare to entertain St Johnstone.

Billy Stark's side are pushing for promotion back into the Premierleague and as a one-off Cup tie, there is no question that we will have to prepare ourselves for everything that will entail.

It is a demanding schedule for us at the minute with so many games, and we will need everyone available to us over the next few weeks as we continue our assault on all four competitions that we remain involved in.

Last week's postponement of our SPL game at Motherwell creates a bit of a fixture problem at a very crucial stage of the season.

We haven't been too fortunate with injuries this season, at at critical points in the season we have had to do without key players.

But we will try to cope with it as best we can.

These things happen in football, and we will just have to get our heads down and get on with the job in hand.

As I've said many times before, the attitude and commitment of the players cannot be questioned. Their determination will remain strong for the remainder of the season.

The backing we got on Thursday night was superb and, without a doubt, it gave the players a massive lift.

We will need that backing again this afternoon as we strive for a place in the quarter-final of the Scottish Cup.



Celtic FC 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: White shirts, black shorts and socks

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

1. Although many fans had been expecting it, the resignation of Willie Maley in January 1940 still came as a surprise. On 10th February, another ex-player was appointed as his successor. Jimmy McStay had been a great servant to the club as a player (472 apps) but had an unhappy tenure as manager. He seemed to have little authority over normal managerial decisions, the Directorate wishing to have more control than they did with the autocratic Maley. Jimmy lasted five years before another Jimmy – McGrory-came in to replace him.

2. On 20th February 1932, former player James Kelly died in Blantyre aged 67. Kelly had been the cornerstone of early Celtic teams. Signed from Renton, his arrival caused many other players to treat the new side seriously and they were quick to join him. He played 139 matches, then became a director and later Chairman between 1909 and 1914.

3. Joe McCulloch joined Celtic on loan from Third Lanark and quickly won a Glasgow Cup medal in the number three shirt against Partick Thistle in September 1940. Only a month later, he was called up and won an 'Army' cap against Scotland at Ibrox in November of that year. Joe took part in the 1944 invasion of Europe and played for the 15th Division, Royal Scots Fusiliers, to celebrate the liberation of Holland. Tragically, Company Sergeant Major Joe McCulloch was killed in action near the Rhine on 24th February 1945.

ST JOHNSTONE FACTS

1. St Johnstone FC was founded in 1884 but only reached the First Division in 1924, the same year the club moved to Muirton Park. At the end of the 1988-89 season, the Directors handed over that ground to the Asda supermarket chain, in exchange for Asda building them a new £4.4million stadium on land owned and presented to the club by life-long supporter, Bruce McDiarmid.

2. In their long history, St Johnstone has only once reached the European scene. By losing 1-0 to Celtic in the Final of the League Cup in 1970, they went into the UEFA Cup of the following year, where they had a promising start, beating Hamburg 5-1 in the first round and Vasas Budapest 2-1 in the second. A 1-0 home victory over Zeljeznicar in round three left their fans hopeful but in Yugoslavia the team crashed to a 5-1 defeat.

3. Muirton Park was a much bigger stadium than McDiarmid. The record attendance was 29,972 against Dundee in the Scottish Cup on 10th February 1952. St Johnstone's biggest victory was the 8-1 defeat of Partick Thistle in the League Cup on 16th August 1969; and their own worst moment came at Cathkin, in the Scottish Cup on 24th January 1903, when the 'Hi-Hi' won 10-1.

TONIGHT'S SQUADS

TONIGHT'S VISITORS **ST JOHNSTONE**



SEASON 2002/03
CURRENT 1st DIVISION POSITIONS

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Falkirk | 23 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 54 | 22 | 53 |
| 2. ST JOHNSTONE | 25 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 33 | 18 | 45 |
| 3. Inverness CT | 23 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 51 | 26 | 43 |
| 4. Clyde | 22 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 38 | 22 | 41 |
| 5. Ayr United | 23 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 25 | 23 | 32 |

TEAM SPONSOR: CITY LINK

MANAGER
BILLY STARK

STADIUM
McDIARMID PARK

CAPACITY
10,673

PREVIOUS RESULT - SAT 19/02 SPL
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ST JOHNSTONE

CLUB SPONSORS

| | | |
|----------------------|----|----|
| ROBERT DOUGLAS | 20 | 1 |
| TOM BOYD | 2 | 2 |
| MOMO SYLLA | 3 | 3 |
| JACKIE McNAMARA | 4 | 4 |
| JOOS VALGAEREN | 5 | 5 |
| BOBO BALDE | 6 | 6 |
| HENRIK LARSSON | 7 | 7 |
| ALAN THOMPSON | 8 | 8 |
| CHRIS SUTTON | 9 | 9 |
| JOHN HARTSON | 10 | 10 |
| DAVID FERNANDEZ | 12 | 11 |
| PAUL LAMBERT | 14 | 12 |
| BOBBY PETTA | 15 | 14 |
| ULRIK LAURSEN | 16 | 15 |
| DIDIER AGATHE | 17 | 16 |
| NEIL LENNON | 18 | 17 |
| STILIAN PETROV | 19 | 18 |
| MAGNUS HEDMAN | 21 | 19 |
| COLIN HEALY | 24 | 20 |
| JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO | 26 | 21 |
| JON PAUL McGOVERN | 27 | 22 |
| SHAUN MALONEY | 29 | 23 |
| STEVE GUPPY | 30 | 24 |
| MARK FOTHERINGHAM | 34 | 25 |
| JOHAN MJALLBY | 35 | 26 |
| JAMIE SMITH | 39 | |
| STEPHEN CRAINEY | 40 | |
| JOHN KENNEDY | 41 | |
| LIAM MILLER | 43 | |

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| KEVIN CUTHBERT |
| DARREN DODS |
| STUART McLUSKEY |
| JIM WEIR |
| TOMMY LOVENKRANDS |
| GRANT MURRAY |
| PADDY CONNOLLY |
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| KEIGAN PARKER |
| MARC McCULLOCH |
| ROSS FORSYTH |
| DAVID McCLUNE |
| MARTIN LAUCLAN |
| MARTYN FOTHERINGHAM |
| EMMANUEL PANTHER |
| MARK FERRY |
| PETER MacDONALD |
| JOHN ROBERTSON |
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| RYAN STEVENSON |
| MARK ROBERTSON |
| STUART NOBLE |
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RECENT FORM

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SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 2 FEBRUARY, 2003
PARTICK TH 0 v CELTIC 2 (Sutton 2)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 29 JANUARY, 2003
CELTIC 2 v DUNDEE UTD 0 (Larsson, Hartson)

SCOTTISH CUP 3rd ROUND 25 JANUARY, 2003
CELTIC 3 v ST MIRREN 0 (Larsson 2, Sylla)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 2 JANUARY, 2003
ABERDEEN 1 v CELTIC 1 (Larsson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 29 DECEMBER, 2002
CELTIC 1 v DUNFERMLINE 0 (Larsson)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

UEFA CUP 4th ROUND 2nd LEG
STUTTGART v CELTIC THURS 27 FEBRUARY 2003 6.30pm

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v HIBERNIAN SUN 2 MARCH 2003 3.00pm

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v RANGERS SAT 8 MARCH 2003 12.30pm

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: HUGH DALLAS
ASSISTANT REFEREES: DAVID DOIG
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WORDS: Stephen Sullivan

Up for the cup

Tom Boyd is hoping to be selected today and would relish the chance to come up against his former team-mate Chris Hay

IF NICE guys do indeed finish last, Billy Stark has genuine cause for concern. After all, finding someone in the game with a bad word to say about the St Johnstone gaffer is equivalent of unearthing a needle in the proverbial haystack.

Nevertheless, Tom Boyd believes Stark has no need to shift nervously in his seat. Having spent three years working under the Saints' boss during Tommy Burns' reign at Celtic Park, the veteran Hoops captain believes the qualities which made Stark an admired and respected assistant will also establish him as a first-rate manager in his own right.

He said, "Billy's a good guy and a good coach, and I hope he does very well with St Johnstone. I think he always had aspirations to go into management, and I see no reason why he can't become a real success there.

"During his time here, he was always the quiet one. Tommy was very involved and in amongst everything, but then that's just the way Tommy is. Billy

would stand back a little bit and just make the odd observation. He was the man to calm things down a bit when Tommy's enthusiasm got the better of him, and I can assure you that getting Tommy to stop talking was a difficult enough job in itself!

"But Billy was always very good with the players, and there's no doubt he was a big factor in creating the atmosphere at Celtic Park around that time. I always feel that assistant managers and coaches are very important in that respect, because more often than not they act as the liaison between the manager and the players.

"Billy was excellent at that. He was very well liked - I don't think I've ever met anyone with a bad word to say against him - although that may well change now he's a manager in his own right!"

Billy Stark's isn't the only face Boyd will recognise when the St Johnstone party arrive today. Indeed, should the Hoops skipper be given the nod to make his third appearance of the season, he



“I would like to play more often, but the defence is playing exceptionally well just now”

could well find himself charged with shackling a former teammate.

Chris Hay, nicknamed 'Posty' after it was discovered he moonlighted as a postman prior to arriving at Celtic Park, is now back in Scotland for the first time since leaving Glasgow in search of first-team opportunities back in 1997. And, having watched him bag a brace of goals in St Johnstone's vital win over Inverness Caledonian Thistle last week, Boyd knows the former Hoops striker could pose a genuine threat.

He said: "I know all about Posty, and it would be nice to get the chance to play against him this afternoon. He was coming through the ranks during my first few years here, and he played a couple of times for the first team before eventually leaving.



“He had a fair bit of pace and an eye for goal, so he's someone we'll need to keep an eye out for. But St Johnstone have also got Paddy Connolly, who's been about the scene up here for a long time now. Then there's young Keigan Parker, who seemed to make a bit of an impact when he first came in, so Billy seems to have a good blend of youth and experience at McDiarmid Park.

“And I think that after a bit of a shaky start, they're starting to play well now. They seemed to be having problems scoring at the start, judging from their results, but by the looks of things that's not such a problem any more. They've still got hopes of finishing in top spot and, as things stand with facilities, they're the only club in the First Division who can have a genuine hope of doing that.”

TOM BOYD



FORWARD THINKING:

Tom Boyd holds Saints manager Billy Stark in high esteem and says that young players like Keigan Parker, below, are the way forward for the Perth men. Left, former team-mate Chris Hay celebrates in his Celtic days



Boyd, meanwhile, is merely hoping to find his name on Martin O'Neill's teamsheet. As yet, the 36-year-old only appearances this season have been against lower division opposition in the CIS Cup and, after a taxing UEFA Cup match on Thursday evening, he's hoping that O'Neill opts once again to shuffle his pack.

He said: "Up until now, I've only played twice this season - both times in the cup. It goes without saying that I would have liked to play more often, but I've had to accept that the players at the back are playing exceptionally well. I'll just have to wait and see.

"If I remember rightly, it was towards the end of the season that I got a chance, so you never know. I certainly still believe I can do a job, and I'm available for selection if the manager wants me."