

# Celtic

v LIVINGSTON

Scottish Premier League  
Sunday 9th February 2003 k.o. 3.00pm



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## “Livingston have brought in a few players during the transfer window and we know they will make it difficult for us”

**TODAY sees a return to league action after our midweek cup exertions.**

The players showed great determination and spirit in the CIS Cup semi-final victory over Dundee United.

The weather conditions made it a difficult night but we coped well and secured the win.

Bobo Balde played an important part in the game, not least because of the two goals he scored. In the second half, in particular, he used the space and time he had on the ball at the back to great effect.

The victory now sets up an Old Firm cup final. It is a game that everyone connected to the football club will be looking forward to and one that we will do our utmost to win.

It is also just one of a number of important games coming up in the next few weeks. There is the UEFA Cup tie against VfB Stuttgart, which we know will be extremely tough. Stuttgart are currently fourth in the Bundesliga and will be formidable opponents.

It is also a game that we are

looking forward to. European nights are always special occasions at Celtic Park and I expect this one to be no different.

And just one week before the CIS Cup final, there is another Old Firm game, a league encounter here at Celtic Park.

Before all that, we have a number of other important league games coming up, starting with today's match against Livingston.

Jim Leishman and Davie Hay brought in a few players during the transfer window and we know they will make it difficult for us.

When Livingston played at Celtic Park earlier this season, it took goals from Henrik Larsson and Bobo Balde to give us the victory.

Both players were on target last Thursday, with Henrik scoring his 34th goal of this season.

With the number of games coming up, every player in the squad will be expected to play their part.

Jamie Smith, for one, has

come into the team in recent weeks and has done really well. I was delighted that he has been called up to the Scotland squad for the game against the Republic of Ireland on Wednesday, where he, along with several of his team-mates, could find themselves up against Colin Healy.

During these international weeks, all club managers keep their fingers crossed that the players will report back injury free and I'm no different.

It is important to have all our players fit for the remainder of the campaign and it's also important for the support to play their part as well.

Your backing and encouragement of the team is appreciated and will be needed in the weeks and months to come.



# 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 McGorry, 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. On February 8, 1946, Jimmy Delaney was transferred to Manchester United for £4,000. A talented right winger, Jimmy scored 73 goals in his 160 Celtic appearances and his departure caused much heartache among the support, although the Old Trafford faithful soon recognised his prowess. Jimmy had broken his arm so badly against Arbroath on April 1, 1939 that the surgeons wanted to operate. His arm was re-set and put in plaster but he didn't play again until August 2.
2. 40,000 turned up at Parkhead for the visit of Dundee on February 10, 1974. Although top of the table, with 16 wins out of 20, the Celtic fans were worried after the defeat by Motherwell the week before. The team: *Hunter, McGrain, Brogan, Connelly, McNeill, Hay, Hood, Murray, Deans, Dalglish and Lennox*. Celtic were two down inside 30 minutes but pulled one back through Davie Hay. This was Celtic's first Sunday League match.
3. Jimmy McMenemy played his last match for Celtic against Albion Rovers on February 14, 1920. As an inside-forward, his 515 games were remarkable as was his 168 goal tally. He moved to Partick Thistle and used his midfield guile to take the Jags to the Scottish Cup final in 1921, when they beat Rangers. Jimmy added that winners' medal to the six he had won with Celtic.

## LIVINGSTON FACTS

1. Livingston's ground, commonly referred to as Almondvale, is properly described in the football annals as the West Lothian Courier Stadium. The highest attendance was 10,024 in the Premier League match against Celtic on August 18, 2001. Although the play raced from end to end, the game ended in a goal-less draw.
2. When Livingston inaugurated the stadium for a league match against East Stirling on November 11, 1995, a full house at that time of 4,148 attended, with many hundreds locked put. For the following game, 3,900 attended and the club was on its way. Sponsorship levels rose to eight times the level they had reached when the club played at Meadowbank and the directors could sell trackside advertising without worrying about an athletics track.
3. Livingston's worst-ever defeat came in its previous existence as Meadowbank Thistle. Only a few months into the new club's life, in December 1974, against Hamilton in a Division 2 league match, they were crushed 8-0. The best-ever win came on January 29, 2000, in a Scottish Cup tie against Queen of the South down at Palmerston in front of 1,530 spectators. Livvy won 7-0, with striker Marino Keith grabbing a hat-trick.



# TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **LIVINGSTON**



SEASON 2002/03

CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

|                | P  | W | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| 8. LIVINGSTON  | 26 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 34 | 41 | 26  |
| 9. Partick     | 26 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 26 | 42 | 24  |
| 10. Aberdeen   | 26 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 22 | 41 | 24  |
| 11. Dundee Utd | 26 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 22 | 49 | 20  |
| 12. Motherwell | 25 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 29 | 44 | 18  |

TEAM SPONSOR: INTELLIGENT FINANCE

|   |                              |                           |   |   |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
|  <b>MANAGER</b><br>JIM LEISHMAN | <b>STADIUM</b><br>ALMONDVALE | <b>CAPACITY</b><br>10,016 | <b>PREVIOUS RESULT</b><br>LIVINGSTON 0 v CELTIC 2 |  |
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## CELTIC



## LIVINGSTON

|                      |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|
| ROBERT DOUGLAS       | 20 | 1  |
| TOM BOYD             | 2  | 2  |
| MOMO SYLLA           | 3  | 4  |
| JACKIE McNAMARA      | 4  | 5  |
| JOOS VALGAEREN       | 5  | 6  |
| BOBO BALDE           | 6  | 7  |
| HENRIK LARSSON       | 7  | 8  |
| ALAN THOMPSON        | 8  | 9  |
| CHRIS SUTTON         | 9  | 10 |
| JOHN HARTSON         | 10 | 12 |
| DAVID FERNANDEZ      | 12 | 13 |
| PAUL LAMBERT         | 14 | 14 |
| BOBBY PETTA          | 15 | 15 |
| ULRIK LAURSEN        | 16 | 17 |
| DIDIER AGATHE        | 17 | 18 |
| NEIL LENNON          | 18 | 19 |
| STILIAN PETROV       | 19 | 20 |
| MAGNUS HEDMAN        | 21 | 21 |
| COLIN HEALY          | 24 | 23 |
| JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO | 26 | 24 |
| JON PAUL McGOVERN    | 27 | 25 |
| SHAUN MALONEY        | 29 | 27 |
| STEVE GUPPY          | 30 | 28 |
| MARK FOTHERINGHAM    | 34 | 29 |
| JOHAN MJALLBY        | 35 | 32 |
| JAMIE SMITH          | 39 | 33 |
| STEPHEN CRAINEY      | 40 | 34 |
| JOHN KENNEDY         | 41 | 35 |
| LIAM MILLER          | 43 | 36 |
|                      |    | 37 |
|                      |    | 38 |

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|----------------------|
| ALAN MAIN            |
| PHILIPPE BRINQUIN    |
| OSCAR RAMOS RUBIO    |
| MARVIN ANDREWS       |
| EMMANUEL DORADO      |
| BARRY WILSON         |
| JAUN JOSE CAMACHO    |
| ROLANDO ZARATE       |
| DAVID BINGHAM        |
| FRANCISCO QUINO      |
| DAVIDE XAUSA         |
| LEE MAKEL            |
| GUILLERMO AMOR       |
| STUART LOVELL        |
| FERNANDO LOPEZ       |
| DAVID McEWAN         |
| GUSTAVE BAHOKEN      |
| CHERIF TOURE-MAMAN   |
| WILLIAM SNOWDON      |
| EAMON FULLERTON      |
| RICHARD BRITTAIN     |
| BURTON O'BRIEN       |
| DAVID McNAMEE        |
| JIORDANO PELLEGRINO  |
| MATIAS COELHO        |
| EMALIANO OLCESE      |
| KELLY BERVILLE       |
| JULIÁN MAIDANA       |
| FERNANDO PASQUINELLI |
| TOM ENGLISH          |
| ALESSANDRO COSIMI    |

## CLUB SPONSORS



## RECENT FORM

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

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 29 JANUARY, 2002  
**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)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 26 DECEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 4 v HEARTS 2** (Hartson 3, Larsson)

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**MOTHERWELL v CELTIC** SAT 15 FEBRUARY 2003 12.30pm

UEFA CUP 4th ROUND 1st LEG  
**CELTIC v STUTTGART** THURS 20 FEBRUARY 2003 8.30pm

SCOTTISH CUP 4th ROUND  
**CELTIC v ST JOHNSTONE** SUN 23 FEBRUARY 2003

## TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| REFEREE:            | MIKE McCURRY                   |
| ASSISTANT REFEREES: | MARTIN DORAN<br>GORDON McBRIDE |
| FOURTH OFFICIAL:    | JOHN FLEMING                   |



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NEIL LENNON





WORDS: *Stephen Sullivan*

# 100 not out

**AT the close of a century, it's traditional to take stock and reflect on things passed.**

Certainly, for Neil Lennon, who - if selected - will play his 100th match in Celtic colours against Livingston this afternoon, it was as good an opportunity as any to look back on his Hoops career thus far.

It's now two years, two months and one day since the Irishman realised a long-held dream by signing for his boyhood heroes, and although the highs of trophies, titles and adulation have been tempered by his much-publicised international retirement, he has no regrets.

However, at the end of his personal century, has it flown in for Lennon... or has it felt more like 500?

"A bit of both really!" he admitted. "In a way, it only seems like yesterday that I was making my debut. I can still remember that game really vividly. But in other ways,

Neil Lennon looks back at some of his favourite moments as he celebrates his centenary of Celtic games this afternoon

because so much has happened in between, it seems as if I've been here a lifetime. I didn't actually realise that I was coming up for 100 games, so this is a very nice surprise."

Already, Lennon has played his part in some of Celtic's most celebrated modern day matches, but which does he consider to be the stand-outs?

"Oh, there are loads," he said. "The 3-0 game at Ibrox, the Valencia game, beating Livingston to win the league, the Treble-winning Scottish Cup final against Hibs and the game at Ewood Park earlier this season. There have certainly been a lot more good games than bad ones, and I'm very

lucky in that respect.

"If I'd to pick one, it would probably be the Valencia game. I think that's the best we've played since I arrived here. Valencia went on to win the Spanish league, and they'd been in two successive Champions League finals before playing us, so it was some achievement to dominate them the way we did that night.

"In the end, we were one penalty away from knocking them out, and I thought we'd done enough to beat them over the 90 minutes. I felt we matched them man for man over the two legs and, as for the atmosphere at Celtic Park, well, it was the best I've ever



experienced. It was electric.”  
 And the 31-year-old hopes to experience plenty more like it before he finally departs Paradise. Indeed, as he stands on the threshold of a century of Celtic appearances, Lennon was anxious to look forward as well as reminisce, stressing that he would never put a limit on his Hoops’ career.

“Who knows?” he said. “As long as I stay injury free, I’m hoping to chalk up as many appearances as I can here. I always wanted to play for a big club, and they don’t come any bigger than this one. The place is just full of top-class players, and competition for places is fierce.

“At the moment, I’m just glad to be back playing again. When I did my right hamstring a couple of years ago, I came back too early and ended up putting myself out for even longer. I didn’t want the same thing to happen again. That’s why I waited until I was 100 per cent right, and so far I haven’t had any reaction at all.”

Lennon knows only too well that he and his team-mates will be widely tipped to win with a degree of ease this afternoon against a Livingston side which

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**TOP PERFORMER:**

Neil Lennon tussles for the ball with Curro Torres in Valencia

has failed to scale the heights reached during a sensational debut season in the top flight. However, the Irishman was adamant that no-one in the home dressing room will be underestimating a side which has made life uncomfortable for the Bhoys on more than one occasion in the past.

He said: “Livingston look like they’re going through a bit of a transitional period at the

moment, and they’ve obviously lost David Fernandez and Javier Broto to us, which has taken away part of the team’s backbone. But Davie Hay and Jim Leishman have done a tremendous job, not only in getting them to the SPL, but also in taking them into Europe, which was a phenomenal achievement.

“Whenever we’ve played them - apart from



the day we won the league - it’s always been very close. I remember the 3-2 game here on Boxing Day a couple of years back; that was a cracking match. We had to rely on Henrik to



win it for us in the last minute, and it was a huge victory for us.”  
 Meanwhile, you may have noticed that Lennon is currently in the process of shedding his trademark bleach-blond locks - a style which never found favour with his mother - to return to his ginger

roots. “I’m just giving my head a rest for a while,” he explained. “I’d begun to forget what I looked like underneath!”  
 “Some people have complimented me on it, and there are some others who have given me a fair bit of stick. But I’m happy enough... and my mum’s delighted!”