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## Supporting RNID Scotland

Fans at Hampden today are asked to support RNID Scotland, The Co-operative's Charity of the Year, whose goal is changing the world for the 758,000 people in Scotland who are deaf or hard of hearing. With the support of members and customers, The Co-operative aims to raise £200,000 in Scotland for RNID's Hear to Help projects which reduce isolation for people with a hearing loss. Director of RNID Scotland, Delia Henry, says: "Using volunteers, many with a hearing loss, Hear to Help provides essential local support to hearing aid users and we appreciate your generosity today. We're also encouraging fans finding it difficult to hear football banter or who need to turn up the volume to follow match commentaries, to call 0844 800 3838 or visit [www.rnid.org.uk/hearingmatters](http://www.rnid.org.uk/hearingmatters) to check your hearing and ensure you're getting the full enjoyment of football's fantastic sounds."

## The Co-operative Insurance presents your pre-match and half-time entertainment

**1.30 p.m.** Supporters will be entertained with a selection of popular music  
**2.15 - 2.30 p.m.** Celtic and Rangers Under-13 Youth Teams' Skills Demonstration  
**2.40 p.m.** Old Firm Legends introduced to Fans.  
**2.50 p.m.** Old Firm Youth Teams form Guard of Honour & Flag Bearers take up Position on Pitch  
**2.53 p.m.** The two teams and managers each accompanied by child mascots and led by the Match Officials will be welcomed into the arena.  
**2.54 p.m.** Pyro-technic Display  
**2.56 p.m.** Presentation of Players and Managers of both Clubs and Match Officials to Mr. Simon Butler, Chairman, The Co-operative Insurance and Mr. Brown McMaster, President of The Scottish Football League.  
**3.00 p.m.** KICK-OFF

### 3.45 p.m. HALF-TIME

During the Half-Time Interval, The Co-operative Insurance Cup "Ten Second Challenge" will take place involving five players and a goalkeeper each from the respective Under-13 Youth Teams of Celtic and Rangers. Joining each team will be two winners from the recent Co-operative Insurance Cup Masterclass. Each Player has ten seconds to score against the opposing goalkeeper starting from the halfway line.

### 4.00 p.m. SECOND HALF

### 4.45 p.m. END OF MATCH

\*In the event of the match being level after 90 minutes, extra-time of 30 minutes (i.e. 15 minutes each way) will take place and thereafter, if necessary, Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the Rules laid down by The International Football Association Board will be taken.

## Man of the Match Presentation

The Man of the Match will be presented by Mr. Dick Parkhouse, Managing Director, Retail, The Co-operative Financial Services, at the side of the pitch in front of the BT Scotland Stand.

## Trophy and Medal Presentation

The Scottish Football League Cup Trophy and Medals will be presented by the Chairman of The Co-operative Insurance, Mr. Simon Butler, accompanied by the President of The Scottish Football League, Mr. Brown McMaster.

## Today's Matchday Programme Front Cover was designed by Leanne Ablett

The designer of today's Co-operative Insurance Cup Final Matchday Programme cover is Leanne Ablett, a third year student from St. Andrew's and St. Bride's High School in East Kilbride. Leanne's favourite subject is graphic communication and she wants to be a graphic designer when she leaves school. When Leanne learned she had won the competition, her initial reaction was: "I am absolutely chuffed, really excited and still in a state of shock. My friends are really happy for me and have not stopped 'phoning. All of my family are extremely proud of me, especially my granda. "I decided to enter the competition when I saw it in the Sunday Herald because I liked the idea of what was involved in designing for a real project and this one gave me the opportunity to try out a lot of the skills we had just learned in class." Leanne set out to create the reflections of both captains who were coming up for the Cup. The influence of Leanne's dad and brother, who are mad football fans, has rubbed off. Leanne supports Celtic and her favourite player is Shunsuke Nakamura, although her favourite sport is netball. Leanne is really looking forward to attending the Cup Final and taking in the atmosphere and excitement on the day. Leanne's CDT teacher, Tony Craig, sent in a number of applications from his students and on hearing of Leanne's win commented: "Everyone at St. Andrew's and St. Bride's is delighted for Leanne. Her success has created lots of excitement around the whole school, especially when people realised her prize was a hospitality package for The Co-operative Insurance Cup Final. We are extremely pleased that an enterprising initiative promoted within the subject of Graphic Communication was so successful."



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# WELCOME

**I**t gives me great pleasure to welcome all supporters, officials and players from both Celtic and Rangers to this afternoon's Co-operative Insurance Cup Final here at Hampden Park, Glasgow.



This is the first time since season 2002/03 that Celtic and Rangers have faced each other in the Final of this competition, and only the third time they have done so since season 1986/87. On that last occasion, on 16th March, 2003, Rangers won 2-1, in front of a crowd of 50,034, thanks to goals from Claudio Caniggia and Peter Lovenkrands, with Celtic's reply coming from Henrik Larsson. The clubs have met in the Final of this competition on twelve previous occasions in the sixty three years of the competition, with Rangers coming out on top in seven of the last eight Cup Finals. Celtic's last win against their "Old Firm" rivals in the Final of the competition was back on 4th December, 1982, when goals by Charlie Nicholas and Murdo MacLeod, and a solitary response from Jim Bett, gave them a 2-1 victory, in front of an attendance of 55,372.

Celtic however, won three of the first four Cup Finals between the clubs, including, of course, the first one on 19th October, 1957, when a crowd of 82,293, saw Celtic win 7-1, the goals coming from a Billy McPhail hat-trick, two from Neil Mochan, one from Sammy Wilson and a penalty from Willie Fernie. Billy Simpson netted for Rangers. The referee was the legendary Jack Mowat from Burnside.

Thanks to their UEFA Cup duties, both clubs were not required to enter this season's competition until the Third Round, where they both met opposition from The Scottish Football League First Division. Celtic had no difficulties progressing comfortably to the Fourth Round by four goals to nil against Livingston at Celtic Park thanks to goals from Glenn Loovens, a Georgios Samaras double and a fourth from Scott Brown. Rangers however, had a much harder time at Firhill Stadium against Partick Thistle, where they had quite a struggle and had to pull out all the stops to win 2-1 after extra-time, thanks to two of the best goals of the season from Kris Boyd and Pedro Mendes.

In the Quarter Finals, it was Rangers who had the slightly easier passage, winning 2-0 at Ibrox Stadium, against Hamilton Academical in front of a crowd of 32,083, the goals coming from Kris Boyd and Kyle Lafferty. Celtic had a tougher time before overcoming Kilmarnock 3-1, in a fairly physical game at Rugby Park with the goals coming from Aiden McGeady, Scott McDonald and Shunsuke Nakamura.

In the Semi-Finals, Rangers won comfortably against Falkirk 3-0, in front of a crowd of 24,507, thanks to another goal from Kris Boyd, who is the only player to score in every round of the competition so far, and a double from Nacho Novo. In contrast, Celtic had to work extremely hard to overcome Dundee United in their Semi-Final, winning 11-10 in an epic penalty shoot-out after the game had finished 0-0 after extra-time, a game which was watched by a crowd of 19,258 and was televised live by BBC Television. The referee of that game, Calum Murray, is back at Hampden Park again this afternoon as Fourth Official. I am sure he is hoping for a slightly less strenuous time this afternoon!

We have now reached the Final of this season's Co-operative Insurance Cup and I am sure both managers, Gordon Strachan and Walter Smith, will be very keen to win the first silverware of the season. The game will be watched by a sell out crowd of over 50,000 here at Hampden Park and a large live television audience both here on BBC Television and overseas. Cup Finals at Hampden Park do not come along too often in the careers of any manager or player and are always very special occasions. Interestingly enough, this will be the first occasion that both Gordon Strachan and Walter Smith have been managers at an Old Firm Cup Final. I am certain both clubs will hope to be the first in Scotland to pick up a major National Trophy in season 2008/09.

On behalf of The Scottish Football League, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors The Co-operative Insurance, who have now extended their sponsorship of the competition until the end of season 2010/2011. Everyone at The Scottish Football League is delighted they have decided to do so. The Co-operative Insurance do not just sponsor football at the glamorous end but at grassroots level too, where, since 1999, they have provided playing kits to over 3,200 youth teams and coaching to over 16,000 children throughout the U.K.

They are extremely willing and enthusiastic sponsors and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Dick Parkhouse, Managing Director, Retail, The Co-operative Financial Services, and Simon Butler, his Chairman, along with their colleagues and invited guests attending the match this afternoon. The Co-operative Insurance are one of Scottish football's most important sponsors, with support spreading from schools and youth initiatives through to today's glamour Cup Final. I think it is the sharing ethos of The Co-operative movement that makes this sponsorship so rewarding for so many people involved in our game.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff here at the National Stadium, Hampden Park, for their help and co-operation over the past few weeks in organising this match.

Enjoy the game!

**BROWN McMASTER**  
President, The Scottish Football League

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