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**Celtic**



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**IT’S now almost a month since we played Kilmarnock in our last match here at Celtic Park, and there is simply not enough space on this page to truly do justice to the events which have taken place in the intervening period.**

It will suffice to say that, after making a less than promising start to our period of five successive away matches, the players’ character and skill once again came to the fore to give ourselves a bit of a chance.

The defeat at Tynecastle on April 19 was, at the time, a major blow and yet, within days, the lads had picked themselves up to progress to the UEFA Cup final with a hard-fought and thoroughly merited 1-0 victory over Boavista. The scenes afterwards, both in the stadium and in Oporto airport, will live forever in my memory, and none of you will need me to tell you how much credit the players deserve for taking the club to its first European final in 33 years.

The same applies for the remarkable energy and ability they displayed just a couple of

days after returning from Portugal when, having travelled to Ibrox under immense pressure, they claimed another magnificent and deserved victory. That represented a tremendous effort from everyone concerned, and it revived our hopes of holding on to the league title.

As I said at the time, and I’ve just stated above, we had only given ourselves a chance. Rangers remained in much the stronger position, given that their points were already in the bag and we had two more very difficult away matches to negotiate within the space of a few days. The first of those came at East End Park last Saturday, when goals from Henrik Larsson, Alan Thompson and a double from Stilian Petrov gave us an excellent 4-1 victory.

It was another tremendous performance from the players, and some of the football on show was a joy to behold. The same was true on Wednesday evening at Fir Park, a venue at which we had already lost this season,

when the players produced a sparkling performance against a physically committed Motherwell side.

In the end, and courtesy of two goals-apiece from Stilian Petrov and Paul Lambert, our skill and discipline was rewarded with a resounding 4-0 victory.

That result meant we left Fir Park top of the league for the first time in some five months, albeit on goal difference and, while much will happen in the three remaining matches, we will do everything we can to try to stay there.

To do that, we will need to achieve a positive result this afternoon against Hearts, and that’s something we know from recent experience to be very difficult indeed. Craig Levein will have his side fired up for the match as they challenge for a place in the UEFA Cup, and it will be an extremely tough match for us. However, it is one we must win and we will approach it with every intention of doing so.

CELTIC FACTS



# 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. On May 10, 1975, Jim Brogan skippered the team in his last game for the club, a 2-2 draw against Rangers in the final of the Glasgow Cup at Hampden, which meant that the teams shared the trophy. Jim joined Celtic from St Roch's in 1962, made his debut in the league against Falkirk in September 1963 and went on to make 339 appearances in total, scoring nine goals. He moved to Coventry and Ayr United before retiring in November 1977.
2. The repercussions of the 1980 Scottish Cup Final on May 10, 1980 were huge. Both Celtic and Rangers were fined over £20,000 each as punishment for their fans fighting on the pitch after the game finished. They were among the worst scenes witnessed at a football match for many a year. 70,303 were present; over 200 were arrested. Celtic won the trophy when George McCluskey deflected a Danny McGrain shot into the net in the first period of extra-time.
3. That same Danny McGrain was given a free transfer by the club on May 12, 1987. Danny signed in May 1967; made his debut against Dundee United in August 1970; and made a total of 657 appearances for Celtic. In the course of his career, Danny overcame a cracked skull (1972), diabetes (1974) and a chronic ankle injury (1977). His testimonial against Manchester United on August 4, 1980 was attended by 45,000 and he received the MBE in 1983.

## HEARTS FACTS

1. Heart of Midlothian FC won the Division 1 League Championship on four occasions-1894/95, 1896/97, 1957/58 and 1959/60 - as well as the First Division in 1979/80. They were Scottish Cup winners in 1891, 1896, 1901, 1906, 1956, and 1998; and League Cup winners in 1954, 1958, 1959 and 1962. Their European experience consists of four matches in the European Cup, 10 in the Cup-Winners' Cup and 38 in the Fairs/UEFA Cup.
2. Hearts started off playing at the Meadows between 1874 and 1878, then moved to Powderhall for three years. By 1881, the team's home was Old Tynecastle, and the present site dates from 1886. Record victory came against Anchor in a local cup tie in 1880 (21-0); biggest defeat was at the hands of Vale of Leven in a Scottish Cup tie in 1888 (1-8). Gary Mackay holds the record for league appearances (515); while John Robertson scored most goals in a career (214).
3. Bernard 'Barney' Battles was a great Celtic star in the early days of the club. In two spells between 1895 and 1904, he provided a driving inspiration from the half-back position in 136 matches. After he died of influenza in 1905, his coffin was followed by a cortege of 2,000 and another 40,000 lined the route to Dalbeth cemetery. His son, also 'Barney' was born after his dad died; he later went on to star with Hearts, for whom he still holds the record for goals in a season (44 in 1931).

TODAY'S VISITORS **HEARTS**



**MANAGER CRAIG LEVIN**
 **STADIUM TYNECASTLE**
 **CAPACITY 18,001**
 **PREVIOUS RESULT HEARTS 2 v CELTIC 1**

SEASON 2002/03

**CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. CELTIC	35	28	4	3	87	24	88
2. Rangers	35	28	4	3	89	27	88
3. Hearts	35	17	9	9	56	48	60
4. Kilmarnock	35	16	8	11	45	46	56
5. Dunfermline	35	13	5	17	49	61	44

TEAM SPONSOR: ALL-SPORTS

**CELTIC**



**HEARTS**

**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	10
JOHN HARTSON	10	13
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	14
PAUL LAMBERT	14	15
BOBBY PETTA	15	16
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	17
DIDIER AGATHE	17	19
NEIL LENNON	18	20
STILIAN PETROV	19	21
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	22
STANISLAV VARGA	23	23
COLIN HEALY	24	24
JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO	26	25
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	26
SHAUN MALONEY	29	27
STEVE GUPPY	30	28
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

TEPI MOILANEN
ALAN MAYBURY
STEPHANE MAHE
STEVEN PRESSLEY
KEVIN McKENNA
SCOTT SEVERIN
KEVIN TWADDLE
PHIL STAMP
MARK DE VRIES
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NEIL MacFARLANE
ROBERT SLOAN
PAUL KACZAN
NEIL JANCZYK



**RECENT FORM**

- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 7 MAY 2003  
**MOTHERWELL 0 v CELTIC 4** (Petrov 2, Lambert 2)
- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 3 MAY 2003  
**DUNFERMLINE 1 v CELTIC 4** (Larsson, Petrov 2, Thompson)
- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 27 MAY 2003  
**RANGERS 1 v CELTIC 2** (Thompson, Hartson)
- UEFA CUP SEMI FINAL 2ND LEG 24 APRIL 2003  
**BOAVISTA 0 v CELTIC 1** (Larsson)
- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 19 APRIL 2003  
**HEARTS 2 v CELTIC 1** (Larsson)
- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 13 APRIL 2003  
**CELTIC 2 v KILMARNOCK 0** (Larsson, Petrov)

**FORTHCOMING FIXTURES**

- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**CELTIC v DUNDEE** WED 14 MAY 2003 7:45pm
- UEFA CUP FINAL  
**CELTIC v PORTO** WED 21 MAY 2003 7:45pm
- SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**KILMARNOCK v CELTIC** SUN 25 MAY 2003 T.B.C.

**TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS**

- REFEREE: MICHAEL McCURRY
- ASSISTANT REFEREES: STUART MACAULAY  
JIM DUNNE
- FOURTH OFFICIAL: COLIN HARDIE



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ULRIK LAURSEN

Words: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

# Destiny calling

Ulrik Laursen is looking forward to the UEFA Cup final and says the team will give everything they've got to bring the cup back to Paradise

AS their pursuit of silverware nears its weary conclusion, Celtic's players will all have their own individual sources of inspiration to help them make one last dash for the finishing line.

For some, it will be memories of previous triumphs, days when the sun shone and trophies were held aloft in celebration while, for others, it will be the challenge of surpassing themselves and their predecessors.

For the likes of Ulrik Laursen, however, an old-fashioned fear of failure tends to suffice. The likeable big Dane has been back in Martin O'Neill's team of late and, having played his part in throwing the title race wide open, he's determined to help the club achieve an incredible league and UEFA Cup double.

He admits, however, that it's the foreboding thought of finishing the season empty-handed which is currently spurring him on at present.

He said: "Although it's been a tremendous season, I think we have to acknowledge the

possibility of us coming out of it without a trophy. No-one wants to see that happen, not after the effort the boys have put in to getting us to this stage, so it's vital we fight until the very last whistle.

"Finishing the season with nothing just isn't an option for us and, personally speaking, the thought of how bad it will be if it happens makes me even more determined to make sure it doesn't. Fortunately, we know our destiny's in our own hands.

"We just need to cross every bridge as we come to it at the moment and think of our next game as the most important of our season. There's no point in us looking too far ahead because you can rest assured that, when the UEFA Cup final comes around, it will take care of itself.

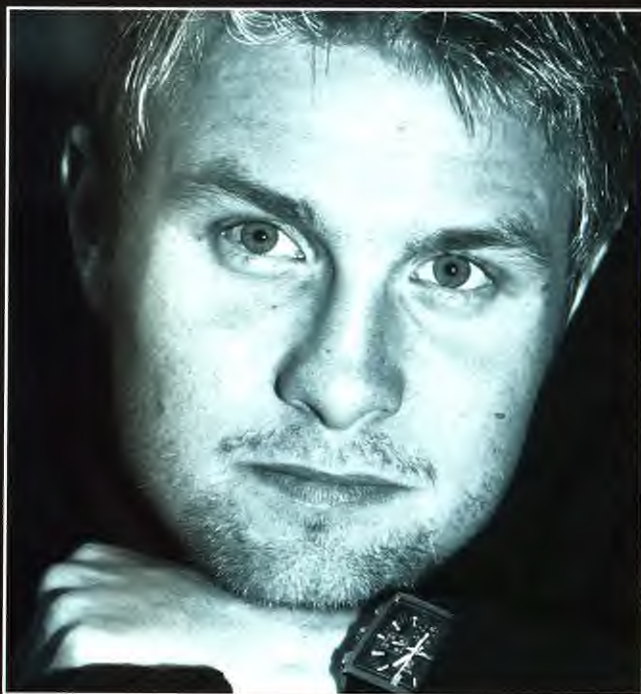
"It's a one-off game and, with the adrenaline that will be pumping through everyone's bodies, I'm sure tiredness won't come into the equation. Anyway, we've got plenty of time to prepare for that - a full week

after the Dundee game - so it means we've no excuse for not concentrating completely on the league."

Celtic will certainly go into this afternoon's crucial meeting with Hearts knowing only too well that they can ill afford another lapse against the side which looked to have ended their Championship dreams just three short weeks ago. Laursen certainly harbours plenty of respect for the work ethic and collective spirit so



ULRIK LAURSEN



evident in Craig Levein's side and, though - as a former Hibernian - it pains him to say it, he admits the Tynecastle side have firmly established themselves as Scotland's 'third force'.

"They've been very consistent, and that's showed in the way they've overtaken Dunfermline since the early part of the season," he said. "The main thing about them is they work hard for each other. There are no stars in their team, just hard-working boys, and Craig Levein seems to have done a very good job there."

"I expect it to be very tough. After last week's result, Hearts know that they have Kilmarnock chasing them for a UEFA Cup spot and they'll be desperate to get some kind of result here. It's difficult to say how they'll play, but to give them credit they make a real game of it the last time by coming out and having a go."

With Johan Mjallby once again in contention for a first team place, Laursen knows that he

faces an anxious wait before discovering, an hour or so before kick-off, whether he has retained his place in the Celtic side.

However, even if he finds his name omitted from O'Neill's team-sheet in favour of the Swede's, the former Hibs centre-half claims it won't change his positive assessment of his first season in the green-and-white hoops.

"If I'm being honest, I didn't really know what to expect when I first arrived here," he admitted. "The only thing I knew was that it would be a hard season for me because the boys had been so successful in the two years before."

**WAITING GAME:**

With Mjallby back in the frame, Laursen faces a challenge for a place in the first-team

But it's turned out well and, looking at things now, I'd say I'm pretty happy with the way things have gone for me.

"It was nice to get back in the Old Firm game, and I thought the whole team played well that day. But, against Dunfermline, I felt that I lost concentration on one or two occasions when I didn't play the easy pass. The challenge for me had been to keep up the standard that I'd set in the Rangers game and, to be honest, I didn't feel that I managed that."

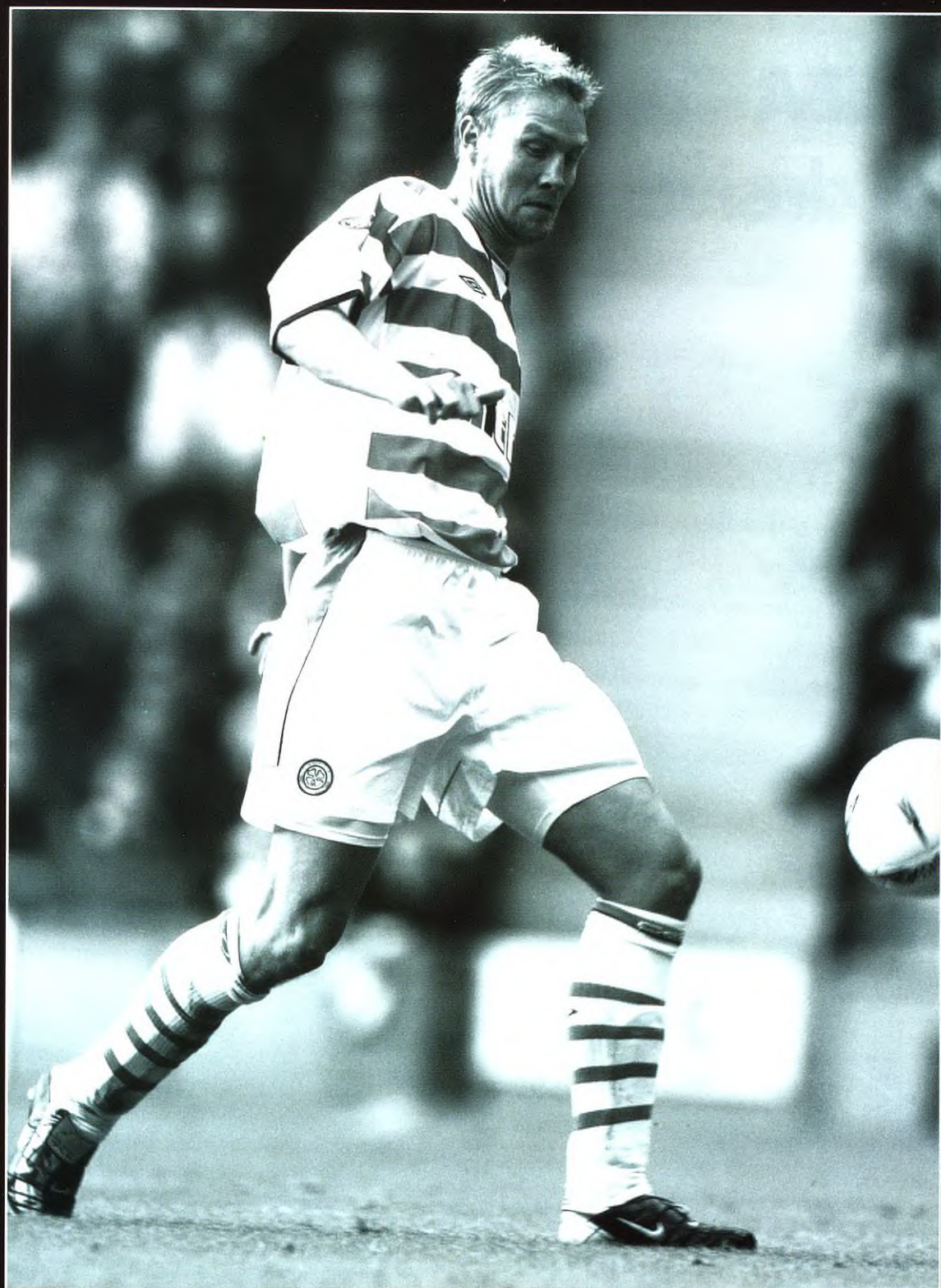
"But I've been glad to be back in the team for a few games because being left out after the Inverness cup game was a hard one to swallow. No-one wants their season to end on a note like that, and

I was no different. I want to finish the season on a high, and hopefully I can do that by helping the team win the league and the UEFA Cup."



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