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CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE

Celtic Park, Saturday 8 November 2003, Kick-off 3.00pm

Scottish Premierleague 2003/04

Programme No.11



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“Although it is satisfying to have put ourselves back in charge of our own destiny in Europe , we have to ensure that our full attention is now on Dunfermline today”

WE go into this afternoon’s game on the back of a tremendous win here on Wednesday night when we re-ignited our Champions League aspirations with a marvellous victory over Anderlecht.

The spirit, determination and ability was awesome and to score three goals in such a short space of time in the ferocious environment of the Champions League was incredible.

However, although it is satisfying to have put ourselves back in charge of our own destiny in so far as Europe’s premier club competition is concerned, we have to ensure that our full attention is now on Dunfermline today.

We have enjoyed a fine few days, but there is absolutely no time to bask in glory.

The game today is much too important for complacency to set in.

Dunfermline, of course, held us to

a 0-0 draw on the opening day of the campaign at East End Park and although we have since recovered ground from that particular hiccup we know enough to expect an equally testing afternoon again.

We will approach the game with the intention of winning the match but that means we need everyone to be at their best.

So far this season our work-rate and application has been outstanding, as our record of 33 goals scored and just three conceded testifies.

That same energy and concentration will be needed for 90 minutes again this afternoon.

This is the last game we have before the international calendar kicks in with a number of our players representing their respective countries as they search for a place at Euro 2004 in Portugal next summer.

It goes without saying that we want to go into that break on the back of a win and with the collection of three points.

To do so we will need to produce a performance that matches those we have produced in recent weeks here at Celtic Park.

Finally, to go back to Wednesday evening.

The support and backing given to the team throughout the 90 minutes was quite spectacular and it is what makes European evenings so extraordinary. This afternoon we will need that same vocal support once again.

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 November 8, 1961, Jimmy Johnstone signed pro forms.
- On the same day in 1980, Jimmy's great pal Bobby Lennox retired from football and became a club coach. In 571 appearances, Bobby scored 273 goals, winning 10 Championship medals, eight Scottish Cup medals, four in the League Cup and one European Cup.
- At Hampden Park, on November 9, 1963, Bobby Murdoch made his international debut against Italy, when Scotland won 1-0.
- Also on November 9, two Celtic stalwarts made their debuts for the club. In 1985, Mark McGhee played his first Old Firm match, losing 0-3; while in 1991, Tony Mowbray got off to a better start in the 2-1 victory over Aberdeen.
- At Firhill, on November 11, 1963, Frank Haffey broke his ankle in his last match for the club. Between 1958 and 1964, Frank played 201 matches, with 61 shut-outs (30%).
- Jimmy Walsh was sold to Leicester City on November 13, 1956, only a fortnight after playing for Celtic in the final of the League Cup against Partick Thistle. In 144 appearances, Jimmy scored 59 goals.
- And on the same day in 1965, Jim Kennedy was transferred to Morton, after 241 matches. Three years later, 'Presi' was back at Parkhead as liaison officer between Celtic and the Supporters' Clubs.

DUNFERMLINE FACTS

- Dunfermline Athletic FC was founded in 1885 and first entered the Scottish League in 1912, in Division 2.
- The club nickname is 'the Pars', although the | reason is uncertain. One theory suggests it arrived when the club reached league status, thus on a 'par' with the others; another suggests it came from the black-and-white strip, which resembled the colouration of the fish called a 'par'.
- The club's biggest victory was the 11-2 win over Stenhousemuir in a Division 2 league match on September 27, 1930; and the heaviest defeat was the 1-11 loss to Hibs in the Scottish Cup on October 26, 1889.
- The record attendance at East End Park is the 27,816 who watched the league match against Celtic on April 30, 1968.
- The club's record transfer fee received was the £650,000 for Jackie McNamara from Celtic in October 1995.
- Dunfermline's biggest outlay was £540,000, which was paid to Bordeaux for Istvan Kosma in September 1989.
- In 1935, the east terracing at East End Park was upgraded using wood from the ocean liner Mauretania, which was being broken up in a local shipyard.



TODAY'S VISITORS - DUNFERMLINE
MANAGER - JIMMY CALDERWOOD ASSISTANT MANAGER - JIMMY NICHOLL

CELTIC



DUNFERMLINE

Michael Gray	2	1	Marco Ruitenbeek
Momo Sylla	3	2	Lee Bullen
Jackie McNamara	4	3	Scott Wilson
Joos Valgaeren	5	4	Darren Young
Bobo Balde	6	5	Andrius Skerla
Henrik Larsson	7	6	Scott M Thomson
Alan Thompson	8	7	Barry Nicholson
Chris Sutton	9	8	Gary Mason
John Hartson	10	9	Stevie Crawford
David Fernandez	12	10	Craig Brewster
Paul Lambert	14	11	Derek Young
Bobby Petta	15	12	Gary Dempsey
Ulrik Laursen	16	14	Noel Hunt
Didier Agathe	17	16	Chris McGroarty
Neil Lennon	18	17	Sean Kilgannon
Stilian Petrov	19	18	Richard Byrne
Robert Douglas	20	20	Derek Stillie
Magnus Hedman	21	22	David Grondin
David Marshall	22	26	Mark McGarty
Stanislav Varga	23	27	Scott McNicol
Shaun Maloney	29	28	Aaron Labonte
Steve Guppy	30	29	Anthony Storey
Ross Wallace	33	31	Billy Mehmet
Johan Mjallby	35	32	Andy Tod
Craig Beattie	37		
Jamie Smith	39		
Stephen Crainey	40		
John Kennedy	41		
Liam Miller	43		

CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CELTIC	11	10	1	0	33	3	31
Rangers	11	8	2	1	30	9	26
Hearts	11	6	2	3	18	15	20
Dundee	11	4	4	3	14	12	16
Motherwell	10	4	3	3	13	12	15
Dunfermline	10	4	3	3	10	10	15
Hibernian	11	4	3	4	12	15	15
Livingston	11	3	4	4	11	13	13
Kilmarnock	11	3	2	6	12	25	11
Dundee Utd	11	2	3	6	7	19	9
Aberdeen	11	2	1	8	9	23	7
Partick Thistle	11	0	2	9	9	22	2

CLUB SPONSORS



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Premierleague
DUNDEE UTD v CELTIC SAT 22 NOVEMBER 3:00pm

UEFA Champions League
CELTIC v BAYERN MUNICH TUE 25 NOVEMBER 7:45pm

Scottish Premierleague
CELTIC v PARTICK TH SAT 29 NOVEMBER 3:00pm

CIS Cup 3rd Round
PARTICK TH v CELTIC THURS 4 DECEMBER 7:45pm

Scottish Premierleague
LIVINGSTON v CELTIC SAT 6 DECEMBER 12:30pm

UEFA Champions League
O.LYONNAIS v CELTIC WED 10 DECEMBER 7:45pm

RECENT FORM



UEFA Champions League, November 5, 2003
CELTIC 3 v 1 ANDERLECHT

Scottish Premierleague, November 1, 2003
KILMARNOCK 0 v 5 CELTIC (Sutton 3, Hartson, Maloney)

Scottish Premierleague, October 25, 2003
CELTIC 4 v 0 ABERDEEN (Larsson 3, Sutton)

UEFA Champions League, October 21, 2003
ANDERLECHT 1 v 0 CELTIC

Scottish Premierleague, October 18, 2003
CELTIC 5 v 0 HEARTS (Miller 2, Larsson, Varga, Stamp o.g.)

Scottish Premierleague, October 4, 2003
RANGERS 0 v 1 CELTIC (Hartson)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: **Michael McCurry**
Assistant Referees: **Stewart Shearer**
Willie Dishington
John Gilmour
Fourth Official:

Celtic Football Club, Celtic Park, Glasgow G40 3RE 0141-556 2611

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, Tom Allison, Eric Hagman

CFAC DIRECTORS Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, John Keane, Michael McDonald

MANAGER Martin O'Neill **ASSISTANT MANAGER** John Robertson **COACH** Steve Walford

HEAD OF YOUTH Tommy Burns **YOUTH TEAM COACH** Willie McStay **UNDER-21 COACH** Kenny McDowall

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS Tim Williamson & Gavin McCarthy **CLUB DOCTOR** Roddy Macdonald **KIT CONTROLLER** John Clark

Momo Sylla doesn't mind what position he gets to play in just so long as the Guinean internationalist gets a place in Martin O'Neill's starting eleven

Start me up

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

AS the Celtic fans make their way home from this afternoon's match, Momo Sylla will be preparing for a journey of his own.

His will involve the crossing of continents, however, as he jets out to join up with his Guinean international team-mates in South Africa ahead of the second leg of their preliminary World Cup qualifier against Mozambique.

Guinea's lead from the first leg is a slender one, having triumphed by a single goal in Conakry, and Sylla knows only too well the

importance of preventing their nation's dreams of reaching Germany in 2006 from being prematurely ended. Yet, closer to home, Sylla has another battle to wage - with the prize a first-team place, something which has thus far remained elusive at Celtic Park.

Save for a short spell at the start of last season during which Didier Agathe was injured, the former St Johnstone star has remained a largely peripheral figure in Paradise, unable to hold down a starting slot.

Nevertheless, having spent a

period earlier this season seriously pondering his future, Sylla is now focussed on catching his manager's eye - and enjoying life on and off the field.

"Things are so much better for me now," he said. "Maybe two months ago, I didn't what was happening with me and I was thinking a lot about what to do. But now everything is okay in my head, things are settled in my life and I am happy again.

"I am a naturally positive person, and I know that being a



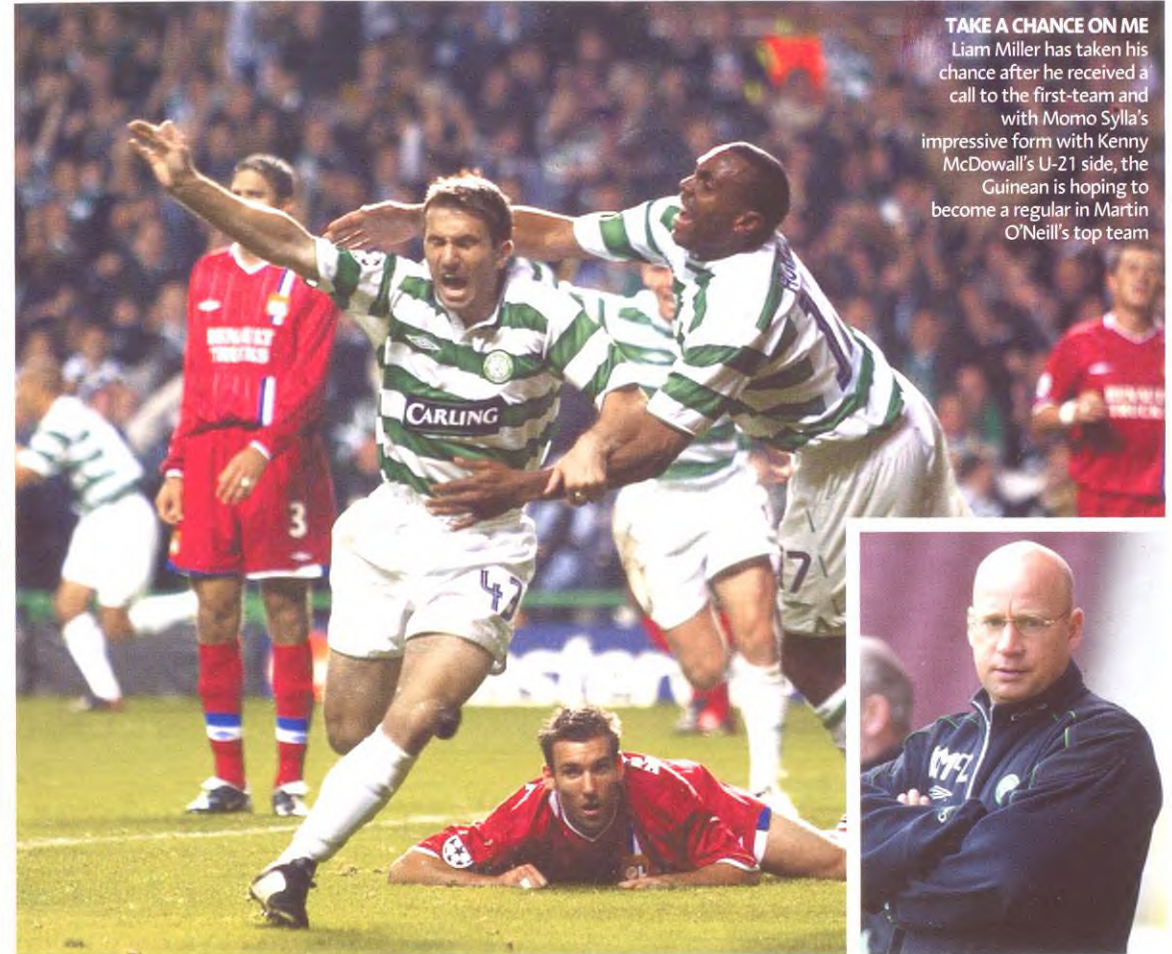
footballer is one of the best jobs in the world. To be paid for doing something you did for fun when you were a kid is an amazing thing, and I am very grateful. I am also happy when I am at home because my life is good and my girlfriend is pregnant (Sylla's first child is due in three months). I am enjoying my life all the time, and I am positive that things will start going well for me at Celtic.

"I want to play, I expect to play - but I know that there are many other players, good players, in the same position as me. But nothing will happen for me if I don't make it happen. I know that I must work hard and I feel sure that, if I do that, my chance will come one day.

"When it does, I know that I have to be ready. If I am not, it's possible that another one might not come for a long time and then all that hard work in training has been for nothing. But just look at Liam (Miller). He was given a chance, he took it and now everyone respects him as a top player."

Sylla did at least enjoy a run-out of sorts last weekend when he was thrown on in place of Neil Lennon for the final 10 minutes of Celtic's 5-0 thrashing of Kilmarnock, and he enjoyed playing alongside Miller, a player from whom he evidently draws considerable inspiration.

He said: "It was a good victory last week, and I was happy to get on and play a small part. Big wins like that are always special because we never expect to win by five goals away from home. Any victory is good, of course, but one so convincing gives everyone a little extra confidence.



TAKE A CHANCE ON ME

Liam Miller has taken his chance after he received a call to the first-team and with Momo Sylla's impressive form with Kenny McDowall's U-21 side, the Guinean is hoping to become a regular in Martin O'Neill's top team

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"I enjoyed it, and it has also been good for me to be involved with the under-21s recently because, even though it is not the same level of competitiveness and quality, you get a boost for your fitness and your sharpness."

And Sylla's form for Kenny McDowall's high-flying side has been impressive, with two assists in Monday's 3-1 victory over Kilmarnock following hot on the heels of a double strike in a 3-0 victory at Pittodrie the week before. Now the 26-year-old Guinean is aiming to prove he can also hit the net at senior level.

"Yeah, I hope so," he said. "I think I definitely expected to score more goals when I signed here, but sometimes a lot of that is down to the position I play. Most of my games here at Celtic have been on the right and, although it is still possible to score from there, it is not expected of you. The job of a wingback is just to run the line, defend and attack, and put in crosses for big John, Suttie and Henrik. It is not an easy position to score from."

Yet, despite having turned out in virtually every outfield position

since moving to these shores from Le Mans in the summer of 2000, Sylla claims he'll happily continue to prove a jack of all trades, provided it earns him a more prominent role.

"You know, my position on the field doesn't matter to me anymore," he insisted. "I just want to play and enjoy my football - I don't care whereabouts on the pitch on that is. I will just try and play my best, whether that is on the middle or the right. I am ready to play anywhere for this team, and hopefully the gaffer will give me that chance. At the moment, I can't complain because there are some very good players in front of me who are doing well. But I think I would do a good job for the team if I was given a chance."