

CHAMPIONS



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CELTIC
v **RANGERS**
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
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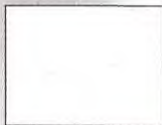
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No danger of players taking foot off the gas

THE Championship is won, but I have no doubt this afternoon's Old Firm clash will be contested with the customary zeal and passion that is the hallmark of all these games.

We have the enviable record of playing 18 league games at Celtic Park this season and winning every one of them, and it would be a marvellous achievement to go through the entire campaign without losing a point here.

To be honest, in the grand scheme of things such statistics don't hold massive significance for me, but it would be a special milestone to finish the season with an unblemished home record.

We will play Rangers again next month in the Scottish Cup final at Hampden but each of the games are unpredictable and I cannot imagine the outcome today will have any bearing on the cup destination.

Since clinching the title with an accomplished and fluent performance against Livingston a couple of weeks ago, the players have shown they are unwilling to take their foot off the gas.

Last season perhaps we had an eye on the cup final after the league had

been won, and although in the grand scheme of things they were unimportant, we were all stung by the defeats.

I was delighted with the continued professionalism on display at the weekend when we beat Dunfermline 5-0, and with 10 goals scored in our last two outings it offers further evidence of just how well the team are performing at the minute.

Confidence in the dressing room is understandably high but there's no way there will be any complacency on our part going into the game against Rangers.

Alex McLeish has lost just one league match since taking charge, and I'm sure Rangers will be eager to get back to winning ways this afternoon but as usual we will be going out with the intention of taking maximum points.

Another three points would give us a better overall tally than the collective amount we had last season, as well as obviously preserving our home record.

The last time we met Rangers at Ibrox it ended up in a share of the spoils although I felt at the time that we could have won, particularly after our first-half performance.

But Stilian Petrov's opener was cancelled out by an unstoppable Arthur Numan strike.

One player who will certainly play no part in today's game is Bobo Balde who is recovering from a knee operation. Bobo has had a fine season for us but both the player and the medical staff felt it best that he went under the surgeon's knife now in order to be fit again for pre-season.

If today turns out to be Lubo Moravcik's last home game then I'm sure I won't be alone in applauding him for the fantastic years he has spent at the club and I wish him every success in the future

This is our last home game of the season and once again I would like to thank you for the excellent support that you have given the players throughout the season.

You can never tire of performing in front of 60,000 people and your support makes a massive difference to the team.

We will need every ounce of it this afternoon as we attempt to finish our Celtic Park season on a flourish.

I hope you enjoy the game this afternoon.

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facts

Formed: 1888
Stadium: Celtic Park (cap 60,506)
Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks.
Away strip: Yellow shirts, green shorts and 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

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CHAMPIONS 35	31	3	1	88	16	96	
Rangers	35	24	8	3	78	25	80
Aberdeen	35	15	7	13	48	46	52
Livingston	35	14	10	11	43	41	52
Hearts	35	13	6	16	47	50	45
Dunfermline	35	12	8	15	39	57	44
Kilmarnock	35	12	9	14	38	48	45
Dundee	35	12	7	16	38	50	43
Dundee Utd	35	11	8	16	35	57	41
Hibernian	35	8	10	17	44	54	34
Motherwell	35	9	7	19	43	63	34
St Johnstone	35	5	5	25	24	58	20

TODAY'S OTHER SPL FIXTURE

Hibs v Motherwell

NEXT SATURDAY'S SPL FIXTURES

Dundee Utd v St Johnstone

Hearts v **CELTIC**

Hibs v Dundee

Kilmarnock v Motherwell

Livingston v Dunfermline

Rangers v Aberdeen

UNDER-21 CHAMPIONS



UNDER-18 REMAINING FIXTURES

(Bold: home games)

Livingston	Apr 27	tbc	Lge
Motherwell	May 4	tbc	Lge

FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



CELTIC RANGERS



RAB DOUGLAS	20	STEFAN KLOS	1
DIMITRE KHARINE	23	FERNANDO RICKSEN	2
JONATHAN GOULD	1	CRAIG MOORE	3
TOM BOYD	2	LORENZO AMORUSO	4
MOMO SYLLA	3	ARTHUR NUMAN	5
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	BARRY FERGUSON	6
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	CLAUDIO CANIGGIA	7
DIANBOBO BALDE	6	CHRISTIAN NERLINGER	8
HENRIK LARSSON	7	TORE ANDRE FLO	9
ALAN THOMPSON	8	MICHAEL MOLS	10
CHRIS SUTTON	9	NEIL McCANN	11
JOHN HARTSON	10	RONALD DE BOER	14
MORTEN WIEGHORST	11	BERT KONTERMAN	15
PAUL LAMBERT	14	BILLY DODDS	16
BOBBY PETTA	15	ANDREI KANCHELSKIS	17
OLIVIER TEBILY	16	MICHAEL BALL	18
DIDIER AGATHE	17	RUSSELL LATAPY	20
NEIL LENNON	18	MAURICE ROSS	21
STILIAN PETROV	19	SHOTA ARVELADZE	24
COLIN HEALY	24	TONY VIDMAR	25
LUBOMIR MORAVCIK	25	PETER LOVENKRANDS	26
SHAUN MALONEY	29	STEPHEN HUGHES	27
STEVE GUPPY	30	ALLAN McGREGOR	33
SIMON LYNCH	32		
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34		
JOHAN MJALLBY	35		
JAMIE SMITH	39		
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40		
JOHN KENNEDY	41		
LIAM MILLER	43		

Referee: **KENNY CLARK**

Assistant referees: **STUART LOGAN, DAVID DOIG**
Fourth official: **MICHAEL McCURRY**

Match Mascot:

CHRISTOPHER RAMSAY (age 11), from BELFAST

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AGONY AND THE ECSTASY

How a sit-down with Martin O'Neill put Douglas back on track

- **LOSING five goals in an Old Firm match just a few short months into a Celtic career would be the nadir of anyone's footballing life, but for a goalkeeper it's a scenario at the root of cold, middle-of-the-night sweats.**

When Robert Douglas went to Ibrox for his Old Firm debut and ended up on the wrong end of a 5-1 scoreline, he would have been forgiven for wanting to clamber under the duvet and shirk the post-mortem.

Instead he pulled on his gloves a few days

later, went to Easter Road, chalked up a clean sheet and then conducted his own enquiry into what went wrong, the result of which is the keeper has grown in stature as well as confidence over the last 18 months and a series of consistently strong performances, most notably in Europe, have cemented his place between the sticks.

The former Dundee stopper is quick to acknowledge that he has relaxed into his role which has contributed to his performances.

"That game at Ibrox was a huge hurdle for