

Celtic

v DUNDEE UNITED

Scottish Premier League
Saturday 17th August 2002 k.o. 3.00pm



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DUE to printing deadlines, I am forced to pen these notes ahead of our vital Champions League qualifier against FC Basel.

One thing I am certain of is that it will have been a very tough encounter, perhaps tougher than some people expected, and I only hope the result was a favourable one from our point of view.

Regardless, I'm sure there will be a great deal to be resolved as we travel to Switzerland for the return leg next week. It goes without saying that no-one at this football club is under any illusions as to the importance of European football to our season. Nevertheless, the Championship remains the number one priority of everyone here at Celtic, and today sees us return to important league business with the visit of Dundee United.

I imagine one or two of our players will still be feeling the effects of their midweek exertions, although they at least have a season of playing regular Wednesday-Saturday football behind them thanks to our involvement in last season's Champions League.

I have already made it clear that, should we again progress to the group stages, our squad will be stretched to its limit, with every player in our first team required to play their part.

Regardless of who plays this afternoon, there is certainly no question of the players being anything other than completely focused on what promises to be another difficult match.

Dundee United haven't enjoyed an ideal start to the season, drawing with Partick Thistle on day one before losing a closely-contested match with Kilmarnock last week, but that will only make them more determined to claim a result today.

The last time United visited Celtic Park, it was only a solitary goal from Stilian Petrov that denied them a share of the spoils, and I'm sure their manager Alex Smith will be aiming to go one better this time.

However, with two league games played so far, our players appear to be in fine form, and they go into the match today

determined to continue their fine start to the league campaign.

I have certainly been more than satisfied with our domestic form thus far, and I was delighted that we followed up our opening day victory over Dunfermline with another three points at Pittodrie last Saturday. As always, the result is the most important factor in any match but, at a venue which has witnessed many a tight match in the past, I was delighted with the convincing manner of our victory.

There was a tangible air of confidence about our players, and in the end I felt we were unfortunate not to win by a greater margin.

We will be looking for a similar standard of performance today, although if things don't flow from the start, I would ask you to remain patient and supportive of the team.



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. Celtic's first league match was played against Renton at Parkhead on August 16, 1890, when they were on the receiving end of a 1-4 defeat. However, Renton were soon suspended from the competition for playing a friendly against St Bernard's from Edinburgh, a team already banned by the SFA for dabbling with professionalism. So, Celtic's first official league match was therefore a 5-0 victory over Hearts at Tynecastle on August 23, 1890.

2. In the first season of 1888/89, when Celtic played only cup-ties, the club used two keepers, Willie Dunning and John Kelly. For the following year, Jim McLaughlin was between the sticks, although somewhat reluctantly, as he considered himself a full-back. Jamie Bell was drafted in but the committee failed to notice he was not a fortnight clear of his last club Dumbarton and Celtic had four points deducted.

3. Celtic have played a few teams with tongue-twisting names in Europe. But in 1980, in a Cup-Winners' Cup tie, a side from Hungary put all the others into the shade. Fortunately, we hammered Diosgyoeri Miskolc 6-0 in the first leg at Parkhead, thanks to goals by McGarvey (3), McCluskey (2) and Sullivan, making the return leg pretty irrelevant. Probably just as well, since Celtic went down 1-2.

DUNDEE UNITED FACTS

1. After making only two appearances in Europe during the 1960s, Dundee United increased that to five in the 1970s, then in the the 1980s, they appeared every season. This included one final appearance (UEFA Cup 1986/87, losing 1-2 to Gothenburg), one semi-final (European Cup 1983/84, a 2-3 loss to AS Roma) and two quarter-finals (UEFA 1981/82, when they went down 2-3 to Radnicki Nis; and 1982/83, 0-1 to Bohemians of Czechoslovakia).

2. United started life as Dundee Hibernian, becoming Dundee United in 1923. Their Record victory is 14-0 over Nithsdale Wanderers and worst defeat 1-12 to Motherwell. Despite being only 100 yards apart, Tannadice and Dens Park are not the closest football stadia in the world; MTK and BKV Elore of Budapest are back to back!

3. Dundee United won the 2nd Division championship in season 1924/25. The club's first match against Celtic in a major competition was on Sept 19, 1925 at Tannadice. United won 1-0. On April 24, back at Parkhead, the Hoops stamped their authority as League Champions with a resounding 6-2 victory, the goals coming from McLean (3), McGrory (2) and McFarlane.

TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS
DUNDEE UNITED



SEASON 2001/02
FINAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
7. Kilmarnock	38	13	10	15	44	54	49
8. DUNDEE UTD	38	12	10	16	38	59	46
9. Dundee	38	12	8	18	41	55	44
10. Hibernian	38	10	11	17	51	56	41
11. Motherwell	38	11	7	20	49	69	40

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 MANAGER ALEX SMITH	STADIUM TANNADICE	CAPACITY 12,500	PREVIOUS RESULT CELTIC 1 v 0 DUNDEE UTD 0	
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CELTIC		DUNDEE UNITED
JONATHAN GOULD	1	PAUL GALLACHER
TOM BOYD	2	JAMIE McCUNNIE
MOMO SYLLA	3	DANNY GRIFFIN
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	KEVIN McGOWNE
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	JIM LAUHLIN
BOBO BALDE	6	CRAIG EASTON
HENRIK LARSSON	7	CHARLIE MILLER
ALAN THOMPSON	8	DEREK LILLEY
CHRIS SUTTON	9	JIM McINTYRE
JOHN HARTSON	10	JIM PATERSON
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	ALLAN SMART
PAUL LAMBERT	14	PAUL JARVIE
BOBBY PETTA	15	HASNEY ALJOFREE
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	STUART DUFF
DIDIER AGATHE	17	STEPHEN CARSON
NEIL LENNON	18	JIM HAMILTON
STILIAN PETROV	19	ANASTASIOS VENETIS
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	STEVEN THOMPSON
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	HUGH DAVIDSON
COLIN HEALY	24	ARNAR GUNNLOUGSSON
PAUL SHIELDS	26	ALAN COMBO
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	DAVID WINTERS
SHAUN MALONEY	29	DAVID McCRACKEN
STEVE GUPPY	30	STEPHEN McCONALOGUE
SIMON LYNCH	32	
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

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CELTIC 2 v 1 DUNFERMLINE (Larsson 2)

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SPURS 1 v CELTIC 1 (Maloney)

SPL SAT 10 AUGUST 2002
ABERDEEN 0 v CELTIC 4 (Mjallby, Sutton, Sylla, Lambert)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
PARTICK TH v CELTIC SAT 24 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 3pm

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 2nd LEG
FC BASEL v CELTIC WED 28 AUGUST 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v LIVINGSTON WED 1 SEPTEMBER 2002

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: KENNY CLARK
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