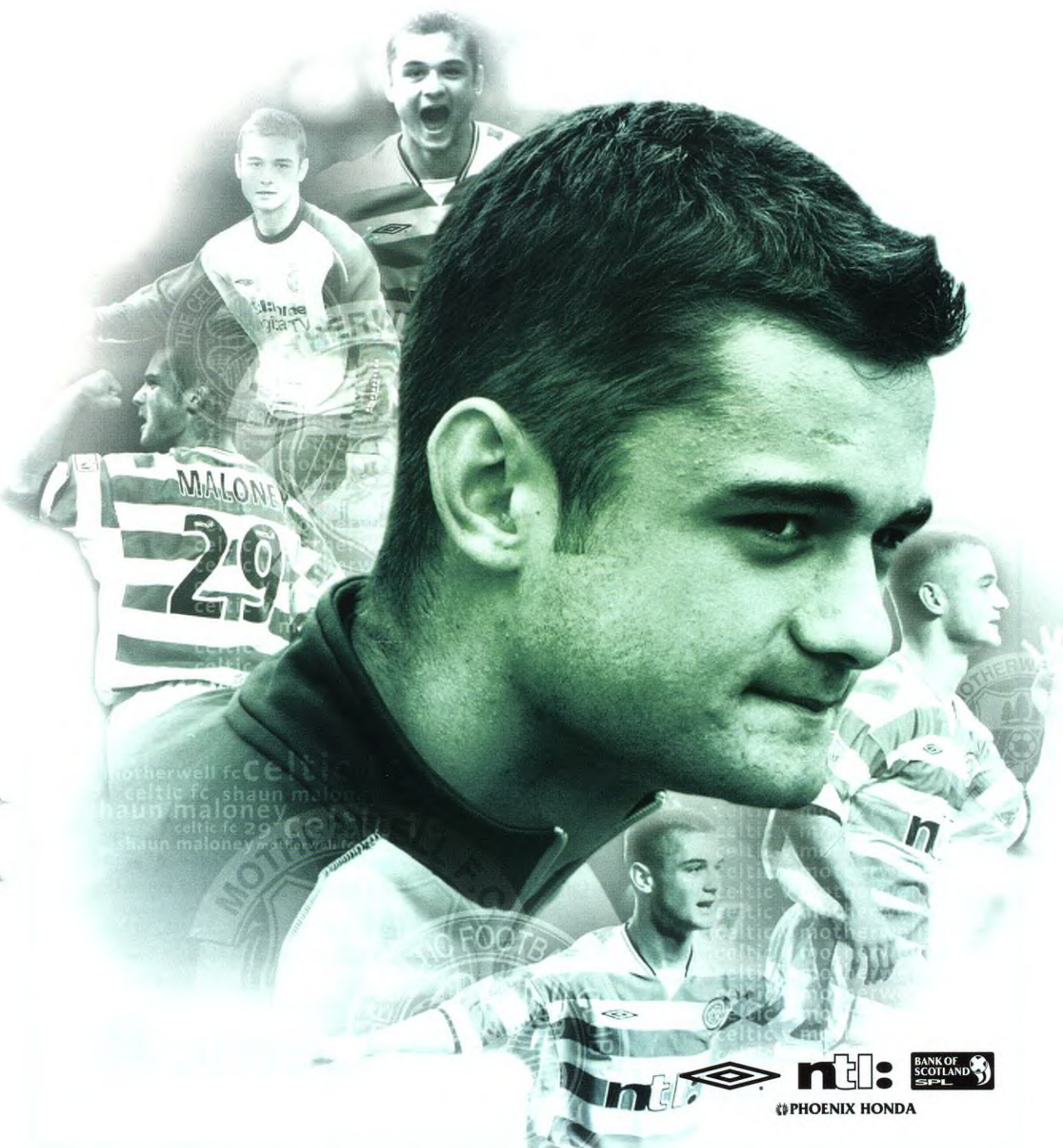


# Celtic

v MOTHERWELL

Scottish Premier League  
Sunday 1st December 2002 k.o. 3.00pm



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“It is a busy and exciting time for us at the minute and you can be rest assured that everyone here is giving maximum effort.”

**WE had an excellent win against Celta Vigo on Thursday night but we know that we will still have plenty of hard work to do in a fortnight's time when we travel to Spain.**

Before the game we stressed the importance of keeping a clean sheet and it was satisfying that we did that and also got a goal, although I think it's fair to say that we could have won the game by an even wider margin.

The players were terrific, as was the backing the team received, although there were a few times when you could feel the anxiety of the crowd during the course of the 90 minutes.

In European football it is so vital to retain possession of the ball and pass it well and it isn't possible to go forward all of the time.

One of the most satisfying things about our performance against Celta Vigo was how we retained the ball, whereas against Blackburn in the first

leg of the tie we lost it cheaply and put ourselves under a lot of pressure.

No matter how much we hope, the game won't always be played out in the opposition's penalty box for perhaps 87 minutes out of 90 minutes.

Similarly, it isn't always possible for Didier Agathe to go past every full-back every time he takes possession.

However, I was delighted with the victory and we have at least given ourselves a chance for the return leg.

Before we can even start to think about that, we have three critical league matches that need our full attention, beginning with this afternoon's game against Motherwell.

They played very strongly against us when we met them at Fir Park earlier in the season and although they haven't had the best of fortunes since then, there's no doubt they'll be well up for today's game.

We'll have to be fully prepared

for what we expect to be another exacting match and there is no room for any complacency.

The game is quickly followed up by trips to Easter Road and Ibrox before we play Celta Vigo in the second leg of the UEFA Cup.

It is a busy and exciting time for us at the minute and you can be rest assured that everyone here is giving maximum effort as we strive to stay alive in Europe while also retaining our place at the top of the SPL.

Your support is always needed and I would hope that you will give us your full backing again this afternoon as we attempt to pick up another three points.



# 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 November 30, 1997, Celtic won the League Cup by beating Dundee Utd 3-0 at Ibrox. The goals came from Rieper, Larsson and Burley. It was the first trophy for Wim Jansen. Astonishingly, it marked the return of the League Cup to Celtic Park for the first time since the 1982/83 season.

2. On November 30, 1940, Roy Milne made his debut against Morton. Roy was a calm defender who made 133 appearances between 1940 and 1952. Unfortunately, outside of the Charity and Glasgow Cups, Celtic didn't win any trophies during those years but Roy had a varied career, in the RAF throughout the war and then moved to the USA, where he managed a club in Los Angeles.

3. After eight years at Albion Rovers and a season down at Llanelly, Jock Stein signed for Celtic on December 4, 1951. He was brought in on the recommendation of assistant trainer Jimmy Gribben. The three regular centre-halves all had injuries. Jimmy Mallan, Alex Boden and John McGrory. Just eight days after his arrival, Jock Stein made his debut against St Mirren.

## MOTHERWELL FACTS

1. Motherwell were founded in 1887. During the course of their history, they won Division 1 in 1982 and 1984 and Division 2 in 1954 and 1969. Their most momentous championship win came in 1932. They were the only club outside of Celtic and Rangers to do so between 1904 and 1939.

2. With only eight minutes left of the 1931 Scottish Cup final, Motherwell were 2-0 up against Celtic. Celtic's Bert Thomson sent a cross into the middle. A voice shouted, "go for it Alan" but instead of goalkeeper Alan McClory gathering the ball, Alan Craig dived at it and sent it straight into his own net. Within minutes, Jimmy McGrory got the equaliser and Celtic won the replay 4-2.

3. Motherwell's other trophy wins were: League Cup in 1951 and the Scottish Cup in 1952 and 1991. The 1991 win got them into the Cup-Winners' Cup, where they were knocked out by Katowice. They reached the UEFA Cup in 1994/95, and lost to Borussia Dortmund in the first round. In 1995/96, they went out at the same stage, this time to MyPa of Finland.



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# TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **MOTHERWELL**



SEASON 2002/03  
SPL CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
8. Aberdeen	16	4	5	7	16	28	17
9. Livingston	16	4	3	9	21	25	15
10. Partick Th	16	3	6	7	13	27	15
11. Dundee Utd	16	3	4	9	15	29	13
12. Motherwell	16	2	3	11	16	32	9



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**13,742**



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JONATHAN GOULD	1	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	9
JOHN HARTSON	10	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	11
PAUL LAMBERT	14	12
BOBBY PETTA	15	13
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	14
DIDIER AGATHE	17	16
NEIL LENNON	18	17
STILIAN PETROV	19	18
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	19
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	20
COLIN HEALY	24	38
PAUL SHIELDS	26	40
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	
SHAUN MALONEY	29	
STEVE GUPPY	30	
SIMON LYNCH	32	
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

STEPHEN WOODS
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STEVEN HAMMEL
KEITH LASLEY
DOUGIE RAMSEY
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RECENT  
**FORM**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 24 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**LIVINGSTON 0 v CELTIC 2** (Larsson 2 (1 penalty))

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 17 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 4 v PARTICK THISTLE 0** (Larsson, Petrov (2), Whyte og)

UEFA CUP 24 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**BLACKBURN 0 v CELTIC 2** (Larsson, Sutton)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 10 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**DUNDEE UTD 0 v CELTIC 2** (Hartson, Sutton)

CIS CUP 6 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 1 v PARTICK THISTLE 1** (Celtic won 5-4 on penalties)

FORTHCOMING  
**FIXTURES**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**HIBERNIAN v CELTIC** WED 4 DECEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**RANGERS v CELTIC** SAT 7 DECEMBER 2002

UEFA CUP  
**CELTA VIGO v CELTIC** THU 12 DECEMBER 2002

TODAY'S  
**MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE:	JOHN ROWBOTHAM
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FOURTH OFFICIAL:	IAIN BRINES



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# on the verge of greatness

## Bobby Lennox reflects on his strike that started Celtic on the road to nine-in-a-row

**BACK in days of yore when a win reaped only two points, the end-of-season table, below, looks pretty tight to say the least.**

At first glance though, it would seem that Celtic's far superior goal difference made the final game of the season little more than a fait accompli for Jock Stein's young guns.

Not so! For back then it was goal average rather than goal difference that unlocked the horns in a neck and neck finish and as Wednesday, May 4 dawned, the title race was still as clear as mud.

By the end of that night, Rangers defeated Clyde 4-0 at

Ibrox while Celtic edged out Dunfermline 2-1 and eventually everything became a bit clearer.

The Bhoys still had to visit Fir Park on Saturday, May 7 knowing they could lose and still lift the title, but if they lost heavily, the flag would be flying above Ibrox.

As it was, Bobby Lennox with practically the last kick in the last minute of the last day of the season found the back of the net and Celtic were Champions for the first time in 12 years - and Nine-In-A-Row had kicked off.

Lennox said: "If I remember rightly, we would have had to have lost 4-0 to lose the Championship race but we were in control throughout the game.

"We really had the game by the scruff of the neck but the ball just wasn't going in.

"I also remember looking up at the old enclosure and seeing Celtic supporters up on the roof which looked pretty scary to me.

"That was one of our best ever Championship days as we were leaving for the States pretty soon afterwards and that just set us up for a great trip."

Jimmy Johnstone found Jim Craig and the defender teed Lennox up for what would hardly be the most spectacular goal of his illustrious career.

"Jinky played the ball through to Cairney," said Lennox, "and he just set it up for me and it was so close to the line, I just studded it in.

"Big Cairney might say that I fell over the ball rather than hit it in, but you've got to have the skill to put it in, even that close to the goal!



### Scottish First Division 1965/6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. CELTIC	34	27	3	4	106	30	57
2. Rangers	34	25	5	4	91	29	55

## BOBBY LENNOX

"But the 1-0 win wasn't a fair reflection of the game and we should have had it tied up long before the last minute.

"Fir Park wasn't the easiest place to get a result at and as the game went on it became more frustrating for us but we had that confidence and we knew we could do it."

The win meant that Celtic lifted the title on points rather than goal average but although it was the first of the famous nine, it was also the first of three Championship campaigns that went right down to the wire.

Lennox said: "Back in those days you only visited the likes of Fir Park, Pittodrie, Easter Road and all the rest of the grounds once in the league so you had to get it right first time, there was no kick-back.

"However that was our first title and we were a young team but we obviously didn't know exactly what we were on the brink of. We

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had won the Scottish Cup the previous season and that was the start of everything.

"I suppose if we didn't win the cup in '65 there was a fair chance the team could have broken up.

"That was the game that kick-started the whole Celtic years of glory thing but we really could have split up if we had lost - it was that crucial.

"But just three days before the Motherwell game there was another vital match when we played Dunfermline at Celtic Park and Alex Ferguson actually put the Pars ahead.

"I equalised and wee Jinky hit the winner so that was a nail-biter

### BOBBY DAZZLER

*Lennox in action for Celtic against Motherwell*



to set us up for another nail-biter in the Championship visit to Fir Park.

"But we were young and we were fearless as you are at that age and, without being big-headed about it, we knew we could lift the title."

The record books state that Lennox won 10 Championship medals, as a leg-break, courtesy of John Greig at Ibrox, had Bobby nursing his pain on the sidelines for most of season 1976/77, but the man himself knows differently.

"I actually received 11," he said, "as big Jock gave me one for 1976/77 when I was out for most of the season with the injury, he said I deserved it.

"They are all special to me and winning the first one at Fir Park was something else. Of course, the European Cup win in Lisbon was a real highlight and the pinnacle of our careers but I still say that the Scottish Cup win in 1965 was by far the most important."

It wasn't just the scarf-waving supporters on the Fir Park enclosure roof who celebrated though, as Celts throughout the world hailed the first Championship for 12 years, the longest the team has gone without lifting the prized title.

But Lennox has two differing outlooks on the barren years - from the perspective of a supporter and a player.

He said: "As players that meant nothing to us as we were young and just starting out. We weren't involved 10 years previously so we saw it as a fresh start for us, for the club and for the supporters.

"Of course, as supporters we suffered, and for the guys who travelled to see the team every week it must have been murder."

That's something the current batch of supporters can relate to - but at least in those 12 years Rangers lifted the title only six times!



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