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**Understand how much Old Firm games mean to the supporters of both Celtic and Rangers.**

But ultimately what is at stake is the same as every other match – three points. And as I pointed out prior to our game against Hibernian, the past few weeks have demonstrated that every three points to be played for can make for twists and turns in the campaign.

This championship will not be won and lost on four Old Firm games. Every week for Rangers, for Hearts and for us, games can make the difference between first and third in the league.

We'll be totally focused on winning this afternoon as we are desperate to start 1998 in a positive fashion.

Last year ended well for us and we want to use the Coca-Cola cup success as a springboard to an even better second half of the season.

If we work as hard in the coming months as we did in the past five then we have every chance of achieving what we set out to do.

In bringing in new players since I arrived in July, we have looked to continually change things for the better.

It is impossible to turn things around completely in the space of

# Cheer us on to a great '98

a few months but we have made good progress.

We will not dwell on the past however and look only towards the next game.

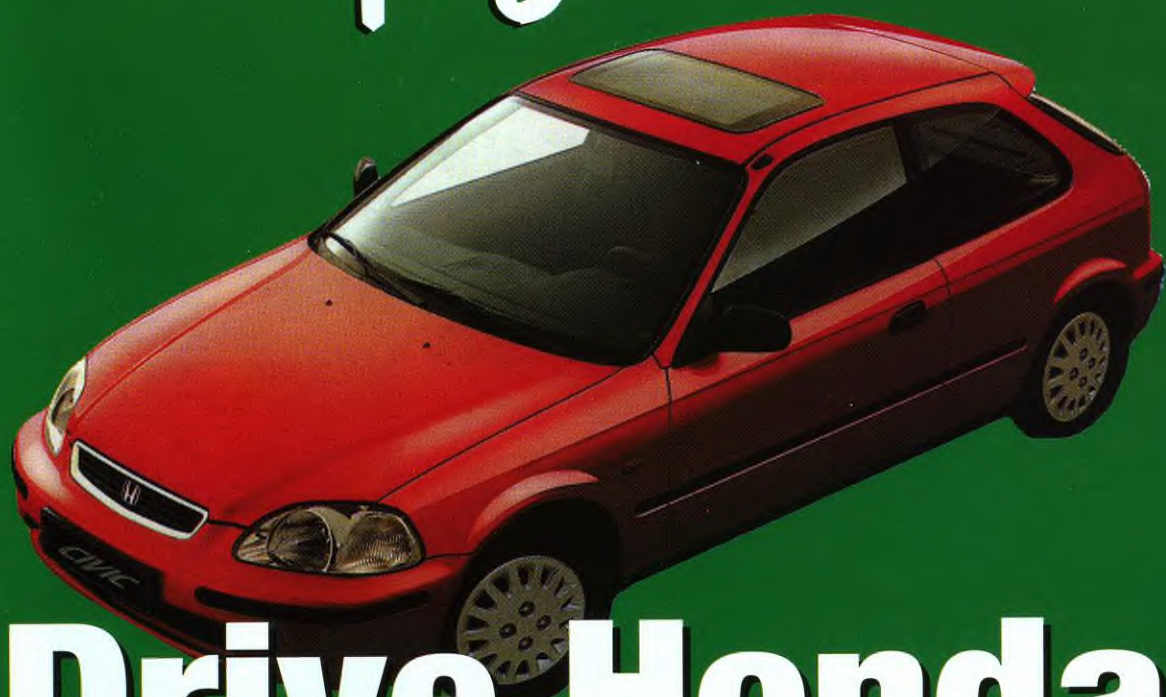
Everyone at the club is aware that the meetings with Rangers over the past couple of seasons have not brought great cheer for those of Celtic allegiance, but it takes only one game to turn that around.

After failing to perform well at Ibrox in November's 1-0 defeat, we improved in the 1-1 draw that came shortly after.

We will be hoping today will be another step in the right direction to the Old Firm results we want.

I wish all the Celtic fans a happy new year as we look forward to a successful 1998 on and off the park.

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GORAM** 

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**Joachim  
BJORKLUND** 

**Jonas  
THERN** 

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GASCOIGNE** 

**Marco  
NEGRI** 

**Rino  
GATTUSO** 

**Brian  
LAUDRUP** 

**Gordon  
DURIE** 

**Jorg  
ALBERTZ** 

# TODAY'S VISITORS

# RANGERS

**BACK ON TRACK...** Rangers have sorely missed the services of Brian Laudrup and Paul Gascoigne (centre) in recent weeks but both are expected to play today

**R**ecent matches have proved just how important **BRIAN LAUDRUP** and **PAUL GASCOIGNE** are to Rangers.

An uninspired 1-0 win over Hibs, followed by a 0-0 draw with Dunfermline were fought out without the services of the injured Dane and the suspended Geordie.

However, both are expected to return to the fray today – leaving the Light Blues near to full strength.

Another big money signing that could make his comeback today is Chilean striker **SEB ROZENTAL**.

He injured his knee in only his second game since signing from Universidad Catolica last January – but is now fit for a return.

A definite starter up front this afternoon is Italian **MARCO NEGRI**.

Since signing from Perugia this summer Negri has netted against every side in the Premier League – including FIVE in one game

## By KERRY BURNETT

against Dundee United.

Rangers have three other Italians on their books, and two of them are likely to start today, with defender **LORENZO AMORUSO** the odd man out due to continued injury problems.

Teenage midfielder **RINO GATTUSO** has become a real favourite with the Ibrox fans, due to his never say die attitude – but his temperament is always likely to land him in trouble.

Defender **SERGIO PORRINI**, signed from Juventus, has taken some time to settle into his role at Ibrox but now seems to be hitting top form.

The return of **RICHARD GOUGH** from Kansas City may well be the reason behind Porrini's boost in form.

The captain has steadied the much criticised Rangers defence – and Celtic will know all about his goal threat after he netted in the first Old Firm clash of the season.

The final spot in central defence will be claimed by Swedish internationalist **JOACHIM BJORKLUND**.

Amazingly, Bjorklund has NEVER scored a goal in his senior career – so

*RUNNING AWAY WITH IT... can Celts stop Marco Negri's goalscoring spree?*



let's hope he doesn't start with a bang today!

Scotland midfielder **STUART McCALL** will probably fill in at right-back due to the disappointing form of Norwegian **STAALE STENSAAS** – a pre-season signing from Harald Brattbakk's former club Rosenborg.

That leaves ex-Dundee United defender **ALEX CLELAND** to charge up and down the other flank.

Cleland netted his first goal for Rangers against Celtic two years ago and was a virtual ever-present in the first team last season. But he has struggled to hold down a place this year due to all the new signings.

The outfield players are completed by vastly experienced Swede **JONAS THERN** who operates just in front of the defence.

Thern was another player to be hit by injury early in his Ibrox career but he now appears to be approaching the kind of form that encouraged Walter Smith to sign him on a free transfer from Roma.

But perhaps the most important player for Rangers will again be goalkeeper **ANDY GORAM** (below). He always seems to keep his best form for the Old Firm fixtures and who would bet against him producing more amazing saves again this afternoon.



# Normal service set to resume

**ANDY GORAM** (goalkeeper)  
Age 33 - signed from Hibernian in June 1991

**ANTTI NIEMI** (goalkeeper)  
Age 25 - signed from FC Copenhagen in June 1997

**JOACHIM BJORKLUND** (defender)  
Age 26 - signed from Vicenza in July 1996

**ALEX CLELAND** (defender)  
Age 26 - signed from Dundee Utd in January 1995

**RICHARD GOUGH** (defender)  
Age 35 - signed from Kansas City Wiz in October 1997

**SERGIO PORRINI** (defender)  
Age 28 - signed from Juventus in June 1997

**GORDAN PETRIC** (defender)  
Age 28 - signed from Dundee Utd in July 1995

**TONY VIDMAR** (defender)  
Age 26 - signed from NAC Breda in July 1997

**JORG ALBERTZ** (midfielder)  
Age 29 - signed from Hamburg in July 1996

**JONAS THERN** (midfielder)  
Age 29 - signed from AS Roma in July 1997

**PAUL GASCOIGNE** (midfielder)  
Age 30 - signed from Lazio in June 1995

**GENNARO GATTUSO** (midfielder)  
Age 19 - signed from Perugia in June 1997

**CHARLIE MILLER** (midfielder)  
Age 21 - signed from Rangers B.C. in July 1992

**MARCO NEGRI** (forward)  
Age 28 - signed from Perugia in June 1997

**GORDON DURIE** (forward)  
Age 31 - signed from Tottenham Hotspur in November 1993

**BRIAN LAUDRUP** (forward)  
Age 28 - signed from Fiorentina in July 1994

**ALLY McCOIST** (forward)  
Age 34 - signed from Sunderland in June 1983

# TONY'S **DX** QUIZ TIME

**A** pair of VIP Directors' Box briefs for the visit of Aberdeen on Monday 2 February tops the list of QUIZLINE prizes.

Barring of course, a home tie in the third round of the Tennents Scottish Cup, in which case tickets for that game will be the prize.

Plus, this week we are offering £50 of DX vouchers from our sponsors to be used for a mobile phone or phone accessories.

And, a final chance to win one of 10 copies of Celtic's latest video - entitled 'The Bhoys Are Back', the story of our recent league cup success, in conjunction with PNE Video.

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Now all you have to do is call the **DX QUIZLINE on 0930 555 965** and follow the brief instructions, don't forget to leave a daytime telephone number where I can call you.



Start the new year with sounding off about Celts and take advantage of the QUIZLINE'S message taking facility. Here's two from over the Christmas period, first was Francis McCluskey from Stevenson in Ayrshire: "Today's the day for us - if we want to be playing Champions League

football next season then we have to book our place this afternoon."

And Angela Grier from Glasgow called to say: "What an improved player Alan Stubbs has become since this season began.

"Now the world knows why Celtic paid top money for him - he's a Celt people will remember."

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# It's been a while, to be Frank



DOUBLE STRIKE... McAvennie

- Alan Stubbs became the first man in the hoops to score in an Old Firm derby at the new Celtic Park when the sides last met on November 19. His last gasp equaliser in a 1-1 draw was the first home goal in a derby at Paradise since Charlie Nicholas's strike in the New Year meeting in 1994 which ended 4-2 in Rangers' favour.
- Celtic brought to an end a miserable run of defeats in Old Firm games with the aforementioned 1-1 draw – a result which prevented Rangers extending their winning sequence in the great rivals' league meetings to six-in-a-row. This has never been achieved in the history of the Old Firm fixture.
- Celtic's last New Year derby win came thanks to the scoring prowess of Frank McAvennie who netted both

goals in a 2-0 victory at Celtic Park on January 2, 1988. Of course, that term Celtic went on to claim a league and Scottish Cup double in what was their centenary season.

- Celtic haven't beaten Rangers in a league derby at Celtic Park since March 1994, goals from Andy Payton and John Collins paving the way for the men in green and white to record a 2-1 victory that brought to an end Rangers' run of 44 games unbeaten.
- The last Old Firm league game in which Celtic were triumphant was at their temporary home of Hampden in May 1995. Strikes from Pierre van Hooijdonk and Rudi Vata and an own goal from Craig Moore made for a 3-0 victory with the identities of the scorers significant in that all three were making their derby debuts.

## LAST TIME AROUND...

*Bell's Premier Division  
Wednesday, November 19, 1997  
Celtic Park, Glasgow*

**CELTIC 1**      **RANGERS 1**  
(Stubbs 90)      Negri (72)

Att: 49,509

**CELTIC (3-5-2):** Gould; Rieper, Stubbs, Mahe; McNamara, Burley, Lambert, Wiegborst, Boyd (Thom 79); Larsson, Donnelly (O'Donnell). Sub (not used): Annoni.

**RANGERS (3-5-2):** Goram; McCall, Gough, Bjorklund, Gattuso (Stensaaas 77), Gascoigne, Them, Albertz, Cleland, Durie, Negri (McCoist 84). Sub (not used): Snelders.

**REFEREE:** J Rowbotham (Kirkcaldy)  
**ASSISTANTS:** G Alison (Dumfries) & P Peace (West Calder)

**FOURTH OFFICIAL:** H Dallas (Motherwell)

**BOOKED:** Celtic – Mahe (foul on Durie

21), Boyd (foul on Negri 27), Wiegborst (dissent 44). Rangers – Gough (foul on Larsson 15), Them (foul on McNamara 29), Albertz (foul on McNamara 29), Gattuso (dissent 44), Cleland (foul on Donnelly 45).

**RED CARDED:** Rangers – Gascoigne (violent conduct 59), Durie (dissent after final whistle)

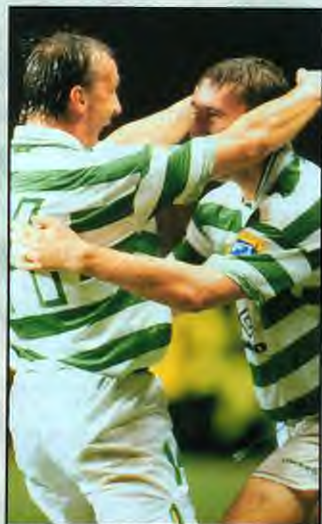
**FOULS COMMITTED:** Celtic 14, Rangers 18

**ON TARGETS:** Celtic 4 Rangers 3  
**CORNERS:** Celtic 12, Rangers 4

**CAUGHT OFFSIDE:** Celtic 7, Rangers 4  
**MAN OF THE MATCH:** Alan Stubbs was run close by Jackie McNamara but in the end the Scouser won it by a head!

**CHAMPAGNE MOMENT:** Celtic looked snappy all through but the cork didn't pop until Stubbs' header hit the net.

**FLAT BEER MOMENT:** The final whistle that sounded just when things looked liked spicing up.



GOLDEN BHOY... Stubbs celebrates