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CELTIC v MOTHERWELL

Celtic Park, Sunday 14 March 2004, Kick-off 1.30pm

Scottish Premierleague 2003/04

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IT was a wonderful evening for Celtic on Thursday as we took on and beat one of the best names in European football.

Alan Thompson volleyed the headed knockdown from Henrik Larsson into the Barcelona net to give us the lead and eventual victory against a side who, despite being beaten, showed that their recent magnificent run of form in the Spanish League has been no fluke.

However, the players of this club were fully deserving of the victory, and regardless of the outcome at the Nou Camp stadium in 11 days time, I think their efforts on the field made every one of us connected to the club feel a great sense of pride.

Like everything else in life, such feelings are ephemeral, but I think it's been obvious in the past two seasons that this group of players give everything to the cause.

Again, it was a special European night here at Celtic Park. The level of noise was, at times, quite deafening, and the support was magnificent.

However, Alan Thompson was caught in possession once and misplaced a pass for the first time in two seasons and, unfortunately,

these actions provoked howls of disapproval from sections of the crowd.

It was reminiscent of when Neil Lennon played a back-pass against Boavista in the semi-final of last year's competition.

After 74 undefeated games here at Celtic Park, I'm not sure that any of this set of players deserve the 'dreaded treatment'.

I know from my own experiences as a player at Nottingham Forest that when the crowd showed its displeasure at my mistakes, it tended to put me off for the next couple of years.

Thankfully, Thompson and the rest of this group are made of sterner stuff, and his brilliantly-executed goal possibly proves that point. Having said what I said, there is no doubt that you, the crowd, deserve a major chunk of credit for keeping the 74-game unbeaten run intact.

Rab Douglas, who received a red card at half-time, is understandably distraught at the decision and we are looking into the possibility of putting in an appeal, if the TV cameras have footage that can back up our case.

We are a bit stretched at the

moment with injuries to the squad, to the extent that we only had 17 fit players in the squad last Thursday, and this will be an opportunity to bring in some young players. They will need your encouragement and support at all times over the next few weeks.

Having beaten Rangers to reach the semi-final of the Scottish Cup, and followed that up with a victory over one of Europe's top clubs, we now return to league action this afternoon against Motherwell.

Terry Butcher's side have fashioned a top-six place for themselves and having suffered defeat in the Scottish Cup last weekend, they will be keen to bounce back today.

Motherwell are a team who always make it very difficult for us and we will have to be at our best today to secure all three points.

We are in a healthy position at the top of the table right now but we know that there are league games still to be won, starting this afternoon.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FACTFILE

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
 (capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts,
 white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with
 gold trim

Third strip: Gold shirts, green
 shorts, gold 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

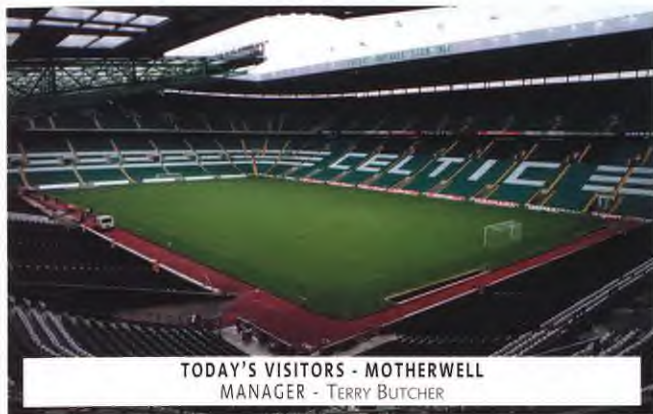
- On March 14, 1931, thanks to goals by McGrory, Napier and Hughes, Celtic beat Kilmarnock 3-0 in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup. Only 53,973 were at Hampden for the match.
- On the same day in 1936, when Celtic 5-0 won over Motherwell in the league, Jimmy McGrory is reputed to have scored a hat-trick within three minutes.
- On March 15, 1919, Celtic beat Albion Rovers 3-1 in the second round of the Victory Cup, one of the few occasional trophies which they did not win.
- March 17, 1976 was a bad day for Celtic who went out of the Cup-Winners' Cup at the quarter-final stage, losing 0-1 to Sachsenring Zwickau in East Germany.
- On March 18, 1905, Jimmy McMenemy, Peter Somers and Jimmy Quinn made their international debuts in Scotland's 4-0 victory over Ireland, Quinn scoring one of the goals.
- Although Celtic went down 1-2 to Rangers in the League Cup final on March 18, 1978, they created a world record by appearing in 14 consecutive finals.
- Another bad day, this time on March 19, 1980, as Celtic crash 0-3 to Real Madrid in the Bernabeu, losing 2-3 overall.
- On March 21, 1925, Celtic thrashed Rangers 5-0 in the Scottish Cup semi-final, before the first-ever six figure attendance in Scotland. 101,714 crammed into Hampden for the match.



MOTHERWELL FACTS

- Motherwell lost in the Scottish Cup finals of 1939 to Clyde, and 1951 to Celtic before winning the trophy for the first time in 1952, when they beat Dundee 4-0 in front of 136,274 spectators.
- The 1950s was a good period for Motherwell. They won the League Cup in 1950, beating Hibs 3-0 and reached the Scottish Cup final again in 1954, losing 2-4 to Hearts.
- The club's biggest transfer outlay was £500,000 paid to Everton for John Spencer in January 1994.
- The largest fee received came from Celtic for Phil O'Donnell, £1,750,000 in September 1994.
- Under the managership of Tommy McLean, Motherwell won the Scottish Cup in 1991, beating Dundee Utd 4-3 after extra-time in the final.
- Motherwell have played in Europe on three occasions, the Cup-Winners' Cup of 1991/92 (two matches) and the UEFA Cups of 1994/95 and 1995/96 (6 games in total).
- Motherwell's most capped player while with the club was Tommy Coyne, with 13 for the Republic of Ireland; Bobby Ferrier made the most league appearances (626 between 1918-1937); and Hugh Ferguson scored the most overall goals (283 between 1916-1925).
- In season 1931/32, Willie McFadyen scored 52 goals, a record not only for Motherwell but also for the First Division.





TODAY'S VISITORS - MOTHERWELL
MANAGER - TERRY BUTCHER

CELTIC



MOTHERWELL

Momo Sylla	3	1
Jackie McNamara	4	2
Joos Valgaeren	5	3
Bobo Balde	6	4
Henrik Larsson	7	5
Alan Thompson	8	6
Chris Sutton	9	7
John Hartson	10	8
Paul Lambert	14	9
Bobby Petta	15	10
Ulrik Laursen	16	11
Didier Agathe	17	12
Neil Lennon	18	14
Stilian Petrov	19	15
Robert Douglas	20	16
Magnus Hedman	21	17
David Marshall	22	18
Stanislav Varga	23	19
Shaun Maloney	29	20
Ross Wallace	33	21
Johan Mjallby	35	22
Craig Beattie	37	25
Jamie Smith	39	26
John Kennedy	41	28
Liam Miller	43	31

Gordon Marshall
Martyn Corrigan
Steven Hammell
Keith Lasley
Stephen Craigan
Gary Bolland
Derek Adams
Scott Leitch
Jason Dair
Phil O'Donnell
Alex Burns
Scott McDonald
David Partridge
Barry John Corr
David Cowan
Steven Craig
David Clarkson
Paul Quinn
Kevin McDonald
Shaun Fagan
William Kinniburgh
Jamie Ewings
Kenny Wright
Andrew Scott
Chris Higgins

CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CELTIC	26	25	1	0	86	13	73	76
Rangers	26	19	3	4	52	21	31	60
Hearts	27	14	6	7	39	29	10	48
Dunfermline	26	10	8	8	29	35	-6	37
Motherwell	26	10	6	10	31	30	1	36
Dundee Utd	26	8	6	12	27	41	-14	30
Livingston	26	7	8	11	30	38	-8	29
Dundee	26	7	7	12	32	40	-8	28
Hibernian	26	7	7	12	24	40	-16	28
Kilmarnock	27	8	4	15	33	56	-23	28
Aberdeen	27	7	6	14	30	43	-13	27
Partick Thistle	27	3	4	20	27	54	-27	13

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FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Premierleague	DUNDEE v CELTIC	WED 17 MARCH 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague	HIBS v CELTIC	SUN 21 MARCH 1.05pm
Uefa Cup 4th Round 2nd Leg	BARCELONA v CELTIC	THU 25 MARCH 8.00pm
Scottish Premierleague	RANGERS v CELTIC	SUN 28 MARCH 12.30pm
Scottish Premierleague	CELTIC v HEARTS	SAT 3 APRIL 3.00pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Cup 1/4 Final, March 7, 2004
CELTIC 1 v 0 RANGERS (Larsson)

Uefa Cup 3rd Round 2nd Leg, March 3, 2004
FK TEBLICE 1 v 0 CELTIC

Scottish Premierleague, February 29, 2004
CELTIC 5 v 1 LIVINGSTON (Pearson, Sutton, Thompson 2, Larsson)

Uefa Cup 3rd Round 1st Leg, February 26
CELTIC 3 v 0 FK TEBLICE (Larsson 2, Sutton)

Scottish Premierleague, February 22, 2004
PARTICK THISTLE 1 v 4 CELTIC (Varga 2, Sutton 2)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	Tom Brown
Assistant Referees:	Francis Andrews Steve Pullar
Fourth Official:	Scott MacDonald

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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, Kevin Sweeney

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

THE APPRENTICE

David Marshall enjoyed his first taste of European action against Barcelona in midweek ... Now he's aiming to continue his hard work with goalkeeping coach Terry Gennoe and force his way into Martin O'Neill's first team

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

YOUNG footballers generally fall into three categories. There are those of the painfully shy variety, full of sheepish, muttered replies, and plenty of others whose swaggering cockiness often belies their tender years.

Then there are those in the mould of David Marshall. Disarmingly intelligent, Celtic's highly-rated teenage goalkeeper is as unassuming as he is assured, with a grasp of his situation at Celtic Park so sagacious it's almost unnerving.

Certainly, one would never have guessed from the nerveless manner in which he approached the task of replacing Rab Douglas against Barcelona on Thursday evening – most memorably in the audacious chipping of Luis Garcia – that this was a young man who had celebrated his 19th birthday less than a week before.

Even his cheeky dinked clearance, which had 60,000 hearts in mouths as it grazed across the Barça striker's head, barely caused a flutter.

"Everyone seemed to be worried about that clearance but me," he recalled with a smile. "As far as I was concerned, it was the right option to take. I thought that Garcia was too close for to take a step back and hammer it, so it didn't seem much of an issue to me until I got off and started taking a bit of stick from the lads.

"I was always pretty confident that I would pull it off anyway, and fortunately that's the way it worked out. It wasn't like I

was doing it to showboat or anything like that. Honestly, I just looked at the situation and made my decision."

This same maturity and self-assurance is also evident when Marshall reflects on the mob-based campaign, begun in the aftermath of Celtic's Champions League exit in Lyon, to have him installed as the club's number one goalkeeper. Indeed, while it was no surprise that Martin O'Neill saved the youngster from being elevated to the status of great white hope by resisting those besieging newspaper and radio phone lines, it's Marshall's own take on the situation which is most refreshing.

"To be fair, I think it was the right decision to keep me out of the team at that stage," he said. "I hadn't even turned 19 then, and you can guarantee that 99 per cent of the people who were writing in letters and phoning up hotlines had never even seen me play. All they'll have heard is that there's a young goalkeeper coming through and, as soon as something's gone wrong, they've automatically thought: 'Get him in!'

"But that's not the way to do things, and the manager obviously knows that. I've heard him say that he knows nothing about keepers, but I have to say that I think his judgement was pretty good in that situation."

Yet, content as he was to miss out on snatching the number one slot at that particular juncture, don't be fooled into



thinking that Marshall doesn't have his eyes on that particular prize. Rab Douglas' current role is one he unashamedly covets and, while time is very much on his side, he's intent on adding to his solitary first-team appearance thus far before season 2003/04 is out.

"I'm pleased with how things are going," he said. "With Magnus going out on loan, I'm obviously second to Rab, and hopefully I'll get my chance before long. I don't want it to come because of anything bad happening to Rab, though. Hopefully he'll stay fit and in good form.

"I'm just hoping to do well in training and under-21 games, and

"I'm hoping to do well in U21 games and show the manager I'm good enough to earn a place in the team"

hopefully show the manager that I'm good enough to earn a place in the team. And I'm hoping that, with our lead at the top of league being so big, that chance will come sooner rather than later.

"I've enjoyed being part of it, but I don't want to get caught in this comfort zone where I'm training, sitting on the bench and being part of things without actually participating. I know it's hard to get into the team, but you want to be training for a purpose - and that's contributing in the matches themselves.

"I've had one game away to Partick Thistle and I did alright there, so hopefully the manager won't have any worries about throwing me in. I'd certainly feel confident of doing a good job if I got the call."

Marshall has nevertheless learned from the painful experiences of his

senior comrades that, in his particular position, a media mauling is only ever one mistake away. Indeed, while accepting this as one of the few downsides of his chosen profession, the youngster admits to despairing at the personal nature of some of the more savage criticism to which Messrs. Douglas and Hedman have been subjected.

"It's part of the job, but I still don't think it's right," he said. "I mean, Magnus had

played 11 or 12 good games in the run-up to Lyon, and his first-half performance that night was good too. But one mistake and he's slaughtered; that can't be right.

"You've just got to get on with it, though, and I realise already that it's important to find a middle ground. By that, I mean that you shouldn't let the press get you too down because

there will come a time when they'll do you in. But, by the same token, don't get too high when things are going well because what happened with Magnus shows that you never know what's around the corner."

Something of which all the senior goalkeepers at Celtic Park can be guaranteed is the unwavering support and encouragement of Terry Gennoe. The club's jovial

goalkeeping coach has certainly been a major influence in resurrecting Douglas' confidence - shattered following Scotland's 6-0 defeat in the Netherlands - and he's someone for whom Marshall has nothing but praise.

He said: "Terry's been great in keeping the boys' heads up, particularly after some of the stuff that was written in the press earlier in the season. Every morning, he

comes in happy, ready to gee us all up for whatever our individual challenges are.

"But he himself would tell you that it comes down to the individual in the end. Rab and Magnus both know that the press stuff comes hand in hand with playing for a big club like Celtic when few people understand the demands of keeping your concentration when you often don't have a lot to do in a game. But that's life, and it's something I know I'll have to get used to as well if I get into the team here."

With Marshall, one suspects that this is not a matter of 'if', but 'when.'

WAITING IN THE WINGS
Marshall will bide his time and wait for his chance under the watchful eye of coach Terry Gennoe



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