



CELTIC
v **DUNDEE UTD**
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY MARCH 16 2002
KICK-OFF 3.00pm



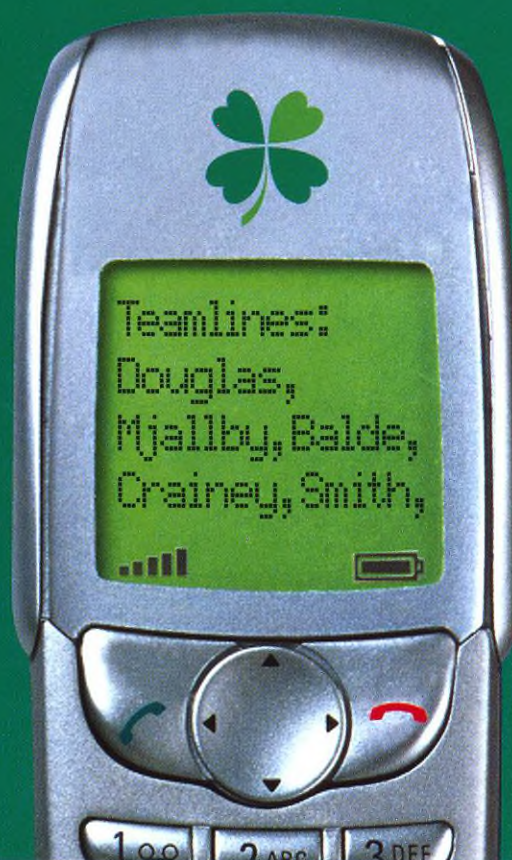
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Your support will help us edge over the finishing line

We have yet to lose an SPL game at Celtic Park this season and I want it to remain so until the last day of the season

THE point secured against Rangers last weekend has left us in an ideal position as we enter the final strait of the campaign.

I thought we performed very well at Ibrox, especially in the first half when we dominated proceedings.

Stilian Petrov, once again, scored a terrific goal to give us the lead fastening on to a through ball from Henrik Larsson.

Had John Hartson's goal stood, we could well have been in an unassailable position by half time.

As it was, however, we had only Stilian's goal to protect in the second half against a very strong wind. Rangers came back determined and equalised when Arthur Numan hit an unstoppable shot from outside the box.

We soon regained composure and should have won the game in the late stages but scorned two excellent chances to do so.

Still, the players had done enough to maintain our lead at the top of the SPL table.

The support from the Celtic fans on Sunday was truly amazing and I won't tire from saying how much it

is appreciated by the players.

We know exactly what we have to do to retain the Championship. Despite some key players missing through injury and suspension I was pleased with the efforts of Steve Guppy and Stephen Crainey, who were both experiencing their first Old Firm matches.

Crainey, as an up and coming young Scot, received much praise for his Old Firm performance and hopefully he will continue to improve as time goes by.

With Joos Valgaeren under the surgeon's knife for a hernia operation, we will need all the help we can get between now and the end of the season. Steve will certainly play a part for us.

A word for Stilian Petrov now. He has been getting forward and into the box on many occasions in recent weeks and is getting big rewards, in terms of goals, for his magnificent efforts.

We now need just nine points to take us over the finishing line but this afternoon we have to focus our attention on Dundee United and try to win the game.

It will be another tough match for us, but the players are desperate to accumulate the points and they are looking forward to the clash.

When we played United at Celtic Park earlier in the season we enjoyed a magnificent 5-1 win in which John Hartson scored his first goals for the club when he netted a glorious hat-trick.

That game was sandwiched in between our Champions League matches against Rosenborg and Porto and there is no doubt that is a platform on which we would dearly love to be performing again next season.

We have yet to lose an SPL game this season at Celtic Park and that is a record that we would love to keep intact right up until the final day of the season.

We will need your support greatly today. Bobo Balde, Alan Thompson and John Hartson all miss out because of suspension and we will have some other problems because of injury.

But, as I said earlier, we are in the final strait and your efforts today can keep the players going until the end.

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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, 1954)
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 (37)

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

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
CELTIC	31	27	3	1	73	15	84
Rangers	32	22	8	2	70	23	74
Livingston	30	13	8	9	39	32	47
Aberdeen	31	14	5	12	45	43	47
Kilmarnock	31	11	8	12	36	40	41
Dunfermline	31	11	7	13	37	51	40
Hearts	31	11	6	14	41	42	39
Dundee Utd	31	9	8	14	31	53	35
Motherwell	31	9	6	16	42	55	33
Hibernian	31	7	10	14	40	48	31
Dundee	30	8	7	15	31	48	31
St Johnstone	32	4	4	24	20	55	16

TODAY'S OTHER SPL FIXTURES

Aberdeen v Dunfermline
 Dundee v Motherwell
 Hibs v Hearts (5.35pm)
 Kilmarnock v Livingston

SUNDAY FIXTURE

Rangers v Ayr United (CIS Cup final)

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Motherwell v Celtic (7.45pm)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Rangers v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

Celtic v Ayr United (Saturday, March 23; kick-off 5.35pm)
 Partick Thistle v Rangers (Sunday, March 24)

UNDER-18 FIXTURES (Bold: home games)

Dunfermline	Mar 23	tbc	Lge
Hearts	Mar 30	tbc	Lge
Hibs	Apr 6	tbc	Lge
Ross County	Apr 9	2pm	Lge
Raith Rvs	Apr 13	tbc	Lge
Kilmarnock	Apr 20	tbc	Lge
Livingston	Apr 27	tbc	Lge
Motherwell	May 4	tbc	Lge

FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

UNDER-21 FIXTURES

Livingston	Mar 18	tbc	Lge
Motherwell	Mar 25	tbc	Lge
Dundee Utd	Mar 27	2pm	Lge
Rangers	Apr 1	tbc	Lge
St Johnstone	Apr 8	tbc	Lge

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RAB DOUGLAS	20	ALAN COMBE	1
DIMITRE KHARINE	23	RONNIE O'BRIEN	2
JONATHAN GOULD	1	STEPHEN WRIGHT	3
TOM BOYD	2	DAVID HANNAH	4
MOMO SYLLA	3	JIM LAUCLAN	6
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	CRAIG EASTON	7
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	CHARLIE MILLER	8
DIANBOBO BALDE	6	DEREK LILLEY	9
HENRIK LARSSON	7	JAMIE FULLARTON	10
ALAN THOMPSON	8	JIM PATERSON	11
CHRIS SUTTON	9	JAMIE McCUNNIE	12
JOHN HARTSON	10	PAUL GALLACHER	13
MORTEN WIEGHORST	11	HASNEY ALJOFREE	14
PAUL LAMBERT	14	JAMIE BUCHAN	15
BOBBY PETTA	15	DANNY GRIFFIN	16
OLIVIER TEBILY	16	JIM HAMILTON	17
DIDIER AGATHE	17	ANASTASIOS VENETIS	18
NEIL LENNON	18	STEVEN THOMPSON	19
STILIAN PETROV	19	HUGH DAVIDSON	20
COLIN HEALY	24	DAVID PARTRIDGE	21
LUBOMIR MORAVCIK	25	JIM McINTYRE	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	DAVID WINTERS	23
STEVE GUPPY	30	DAVID McCRACKEN	24
SIMON LYNCH	32	STEPHEN McCONALOGUE	25
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	STEPHEN CARSON	27
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	SIMON PIERRE MYONDO	
JAMIE SMITH	39	ATANGANA	29
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	SEAN O'CONNOR	31
JOHN KENNEDY	41	MARC COCOZZA	32
LIAM MILLER	43	MARK WILSON	39

Referee: MIKE McCURRY
 Assistant referees: STUART LOGAN
 GRAEME ALISON
 Fourth official: GEORGE CLYDE

Match Mascots:
 MEGAN TIMMONS (age 12), from AIRDRIE
 &
 ROSS BREADY (age 12) from GLASGOW

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