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**CELTIC**  
v **ABERDEEN**  
SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
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KICK-OFF 3.00pm



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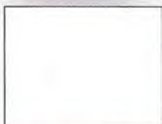
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# We didn't want revenge, just a place in the semi-finals

*Hartson spoiled a strong display and he will suffer the consequences, as will the rest of the team*

AN excellent performance and result on Monday evening saw us beat Aberdeen at Pittodrie in the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup.

There was much hype before that particular match. Our opponents had beaten us in the league just before Christmas, and the media debate centred on whether the duck walk performed by the Aberdeen players after their win had wound up our camp.

The truth is, while we didn't consider it totally appropriate, we went to Aberdeen with the sole intention of making the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup.

The attitude of the players was superb and I could have asked for little more.

Allied to their attitude, the performance on the evening was good enough to secure that semi-final berth. That outcome was always one which would have satisfied us.

Two very well worked goals, taken by John Hartson and Stilian Petrov, were enough to ensure that victory. And although we failed to

convert a number of clear-cut chances to add to our lead, we thoroughly deserved a victory which now sets us up to play the winner of the replay between Dundee United and Ayr United.

There were a number of excellent individual performances on the evening and Stilian Petrov was given man-of-the-match.

He was in brilliant form and I was delighted he was rewarded with a terrific goal. What was also pleasing from our point of view was there were at least three other candidates competing with him for man of the match.

However, Aberdeen will come to Celtic Park this afternoon ready for action. They have their own targets to pursue, with a UEFA Cup berth in their sights.

We will be without the services of a number of key players, one of whom is Hartson.

He spoiled an otherwise strong display on Monday by getting sent off needlessly. He will suffer the consequences of his actions, as will the team.

More than ever before, players are under pressure to behave themselves on the field of play and, even in difficult times, attempt to stay out of trouble.

The same was true during my playing days although, being less courageous than most, I never seemed to have a problem with walking away from trouble!

Just as our performance on Monday was pleasing, we played well against Dundee the previous Saturday to take three important points in the quest for the Championship.

Henrik Larsson had already put us ahead before departing the scene with a hamstring strain - as I pen these notes both he and Joos Valgaeren are making steady progress in their rehabilitation - before goals from Johan Mjallby and Hartson guided us to victory.

A big thank you to those who travelled to Dundee and Aberdeen (probably both) for your magnificent support.

I'll never tire of telling you how much this is appreciated.

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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	29	26	2	1	71	14	80
Rangers	29	20	7	2	66	22	67
Livingston	28	13	8	7	39	28	47
Aberdeen	29	13	5	11	42	40	44
Kilmarnock	29	10	8	11	33	36	38
Hearts	29	10	6	13	38	39	36
Dunfermline	29	9	7	13	34	51	34
Dundee Utd	29	8	8	13	29	51	32
Dundee	28	8	7	13	27	42	31
Motherwell	29	8	6	15	39	53	30
Hibernian	29	5	10	14	34	48	25
St Johnstone	29	4	4	21	20	48	16

### TODAY'S OTHER SPL FIXTURES

Dunfermline v Livingston  
 Hibs v St Johnstone  
 Kilmarnock v Dundee  
 Motherwell v Hearts

### SUNDAY FIXTURE

Dundee United v Rangers

### NEXT WEEKEND'S SPL FIXTURES - SAT, 9th MARCH

Dundee v Aberdeen  
 Dunfermline v Kilmarnock  
 Hearts v Dundee United  
 Livingston v Hibs  
 St Johnstone v Motherwell

### SUN, 10th MARCH

Rangers v **CELTIC**

### UNDER-18 FIXTURES (Bold: home games)

Dundee Utd	Mar 9	tbc	Lge
<b>Dundee</b>	<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
Dunfermline	Mar 23	tbc	Lge
<b>Hearts</b>	<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
Hibs	Apr 6	tbc	Lge
<b>Raith Rvs</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
Kilmarnock	Apr 20	tbc	Lge
<b>Livingston</b>	<b>Apr 27</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
Motherwell	May 4	tbc	Lge

### FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### UNDER-21 FIXTURES

<b>Hibs</b>	<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
Kilmarnock	Mar 11	tbc	Lge
<b>Livingston</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
Motherwell	Mar 25	tbc	Lge
<b>Rangers</b>	<b>Apr 1</b>	<b>tbc</b>	<b>Lge</b>
St Johnstone	Apr 8	tbc	Lge

Outstanding Fixture: v St Johnstone (from 19/11/01)

tbc

### FIXTURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# CELTIC | ABERDEEN



RAB DOUGLAS	20	PETER KJAER	1
DIMITRE KHARINE	23	RUSSELL ANDERSON	2
JONATHAN GOULD	1	DEREK WHYTE	3
TOM BOYD	2	CATO GUNTVEIT	4
MOMO SYLLA	3	THOMAS SOLDBERG	5
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	JAMIE McALLISTER	6
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	ROBERTO BISCONTI	7
DIANBOBO BALDE	6	DARREN YOUNG	8
HENRIK LARSSON	7	ROBBIE WINTERS	9
ALAN THOMPSON	8	DEREK YOUNG	10
CHRIS SUTTON	9	HICHAM ZEROUALI	11
JOHN HARTSON	10	BEN THORNLEY	12
MORTEN WIEGHORST	11	MARK PEAT	13
PAUL LAMBERT	14	PHILLIP McGUIRE	14
BOBBY PETTA	15	DAVID LILLEY	15
OLIVIER TEBILY	16	RACHID BELABED	16
DIDIER AGATHE	17	KEVIN McNAUGHTON	17
NEIL LENNON	18	CHRIS CLARK	18
STILIAN PETROV	19	EUGENE DADI	19
COLIN HEALY	24	KEVIN RUTKIEWICZ	20
LUBOMIR MORAVCIK	25	LEON MIKE	21
SHAUN MALONEY	29	DARREN MACKIE	22
STEVE GUPPY	30	RYAN ESSON	23
SIMON LYNCH	32	ROSS O'DONOGHUE	24
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	FERGUS TIERNAN	25
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	ROBERT DUNCAN	26
JAMIE SMITH	39	CALUM BETT	27
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	SCOTT MICHIE	28
JOHN KENNEDY	41	DAVID PREECE	30
LIAM MILLER	43		

Referee: JOHN UNDERHILL  
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 STUART MacAULAY  
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