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# CELTIC v RANGERS

Celtic Park, Sunday 7 March 2004, Kick-off 12noon

Tennent's Scottish Cup 5th Round 2003/04

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## “For the second successive season we have been able to bring European football to Celtic Park after Christmas”

### **WELCOME to Celtic Park for today's Scottish Cup quarter-final clash with Rangers.**

Every Old Firm game is a special occasion and the fact today's encounter is in a knock-out competition only adds to the atmosphere. I know that everyone has been looking forward to this game since the draw was made.

However, the game itself comes in the middle of a hectic period for ourselves.

Our continuation in the UEFA Cup, courtesy of defeating Teplice over two legs, means that we are looking forward to a wonderful contest with Barcelona for a place in the last eight of the competition.

In between those two games against Teplice we managed to score five against Livingston to stay top of the league. However, success has come at some considerable cost.

Shaun Maloney, as you were already aware, injured his knee and will require surgery soon which will mean he will be out for between eight and nine months.

John Hartson will also require surgery to his back because of a disc problem. He has also been ruled out for the remainder of the season and, to compound matters,

Ulrik Laursen suffered a season-ending injury last Monday in the under-21 game versus Livingston when he dislocated his shoulder.

The injuries have occurred at a particularly inopportune time, and in John Hartson's case it's been pretty much a case of *deja vu* as, this time last year, he suffered a similar injury which ended his UEFA Cup participation at a time when he was playing wonderfully well.

Our options have been severely limited but that's how things go at times and we will just have to get on with it.

As I mentioned before, the UEFA Cup draw has pitted us against Barcelona.

For the second consecutive season, we have been able to bring European football to Celtic Park after Christmas and the fact that we are still involved in the competition at this stage is testament to the character and ability of the players.

These are the sort of games everyone at the football club wants to be involved in. Barcelona are currently fourth in the Spanish league and are enjoying a fantastic run of form. It will be exceptionally difficult but equally exciting for the fans and, of course, we will

have to be at our very best on both occasions to give ourselves any chance of progressing to the last eight.

We will barely have had enough time to draw breath after today's game before the first leg of that UEFA Cup tie against Barcelona takes place this Thursday at Celtic Park and we know how difficult it will be.

However, all thoughts of European football have been put to one side and we are totally focused on the difficult task that awaits us today.

Old Firm games are unique occasions and I hope that today's game lives up to expectations.

Alex McLeish's side have won the Scottish Cup for the past two seasons so we have no need to be reminded of the formidable task ahead.

The support we received in Teplice was absolutely outstanding and it was greatly appreciated, especially in the second half when we started to get to grips with the game. We will need all of that vocal support 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 6, 1956, Willie Loney died in Glasgow at the age of 77. Willie was centre-half in the six-in-a-row league-winning team of 1905/10.

● On March 7, 1986, Jimmy McColl passed away in Edinburgh at 86. The great Jimmy Quinn's replacement scored 123 goals in 169 appearances.

● On March 9, 1965, Jock Stein took over as manager at Celtic Park. The previous incumbent Jimmy McGrory stepped aside to become public relations officer.

● Against Airdrie, at Broomfield, on March 10, 1959, Steve Chalmers made his first-team debut. He made 406 appearances and his 231 goals included the winner in the European Cup final in 1967.

● March 11 seems to be a memorable date for Celtic strikers. In 1980, Frank McGarvey was bought from Liverpool for £325,000; in 1989, Tommy Coyne made his first start against Hearts; and in 1993, the same Tommy was sold to Tranmere Rovers.

● On March 12, 1892, there were chaotic scenes at the Scottish Cup final between Queen's Park and Celtic at Hampden. 40,000 were jammed in, with 20,000 outside, and thousands trying to climb over the walls. The match was interrupted by crowd invasions and was eventually designated a friendly, although most of the crowd was unaware of this.



## RANGERS FACTS

● Rangers FC has had 10 managers over the last 50 years; Bill Struth, Scott Symon, Davie White, Willie Waddell, Jock Wallace, John Greig, Graeme Souness, Walter Smith, Dick Advocaat and Alex McLeish.

● The record attendance for a match at Ibrox was 118,567 supporters who crammed in to see the Old Firm Division One league match on January 2, 1939.

● The record transfer fee received by Rangers was the £8,500,000 paid by Arsenal for Giovanni Van Bronckhurst in 2001.

● The biggest fee paid out was the £12 million to Chelsea for Tore Andre Flo in November 2000.

● Rangers' record defeat came against Airdrie in 1886, a 2-10 loss.

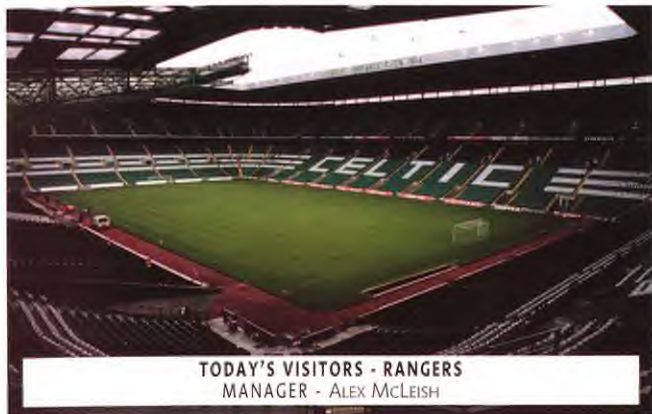
● The club's most-capped player is Ally McCoist with 60, if we overlook Frank de Boer. McCoist also holds the overall goals record with 355.

● The most league appearances record belongs to John Greig with 496; and for the most league goals in a season, we have to go back to 1931/32, when Sam English scored 44.

● Rangers played 54 matches in the European Cup-Winners' Cup, winning the competition in 1972. They were also twice runners-up, in 1960/61 and 1966/67.







TODAY'S VISITORS - RANGERS  
 MANAGER - ALEX McLEISH

**CELTIC**



**RANGERS**

Momo Sylla	3	1
Jackie McNamara	4	2
Joos Valgaeren	5	3
Bobo Balde	6	4
Henrik Larsson	7	5
Alan Thompson	8	7
Chris Sutton	9	8
John Hartson	10	9
Paul Lambert	14	10
Bobby Petta	15	11
Ulrik Laursen	16	12
Didier Agathe	17	14
Neil Lennon	18	15
Stilian Petrov	19	16
Robert Douglas	20	18
Magnus Hedman	21	19
David Marshall	22	20
Stanislav Varga	23	21
Shaun Maloney	29	22
Ross Wallace	33	23
Johan Mjallby	35	25
Craig Beattie	37	26
Jamie Smith	39	27
John Kennedy	41	32
Liam Miller	43	36
		37
		40

Stefan Klos
Fernando Ricksen
Craig Moore
Emerson
Frank de Boer
Shota Arveladze
Christian Nerlinger
Egil Ostenstad
Michael Mols
Gavin Rae
Robert Malcolm
Ronald de Boer
Zurab Khizanishvili
Paolo Vanoli
Michael Ball
Steven Thompson
Nuno capucho
Maurice Ross
Alan McGregor
Mikel Arteta
Henning Berg
Peter Iovenkrands
Stephen Hughes
Alan Hutton
Chris Burke
Hamed Namouchi
Steven Smith

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CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>CELTIC</b>	26	25	1	0	86	13	73	76
Rangers	26	19	3	4	52	21	31	60
Hearts	26	14	5	7	38	28	10	47
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	26	8	3	15	32	55	-23	27
Aberdeen	26	7	5	14	30	43	-13	26
Partick Thistle	26	3	3	20	27	54	-27	12

CLUB SPONSORS



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

UEFA Cup		
<b>CELTIC v BARCELONA</b>		THU 11 MARCH 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague		
<b>CELTIC v MOTHERWELL</b>		SAT 14 MARCH 1.30pm
Scottish Premierleague		
<b>DUNDEE v CELTIC</b>		WED 17 MARCH 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague		
<b>HIBS v CELTIC</b>		SUN 21 MARCH 1.05pm
UEFA Cup		
<b>BARCELONA v CELTIC</b>		THU 25 MARCH 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague		
<b>RANGERS v CELTIC</b>		SUN 28 MARCH 12.30pm

RECENT FORM



UEFA Cup 3rd Round, 2nd Leg, March 3 2004  
**FK TEPLICE 1 v CELTIC 3** (Celtic go through 3-1 on agg)

Scottish Premierleague, January 31, 2004  
**CELTIC 5 v 1 LIVINGSTON** (Pearson, Larsson, Thompson 2, Sutton)

UEFA Cup 3rd Round, 1st Leg, February 26 2004  
**CELTIC 3 v 0 FK TEPLICE** (Larsson 2, Sutton)

Scottish Premierleague, February 11, 2004  
**PARTICK TH 1 v 4 CELTIC** (Varga 2, Sutton 2)

Scottish Premierleague, February 14, 2004  
**CELTIC 2 v 1 DUNDEE UNITED** (Sutton, Maloney)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	<b>Hugh Dallas</b>
Assistant Referees:	<b>Stuart Macauley</b> <b>Martin Cryans</b>
Fourth Official:	<b>Willie Young</b>

**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



Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

# TURNING TIDE

Jackie McNamara knows only too well how internal turmoil affects a football club. He's just glad that the roles have changed and it is now Rangers' turn to enter this afternoon's crucial clash as underdogs

**NEVER** in recent memory, and certainly not in Jackie McNamara's time at Celtic Park, has an Old Firm game kicked off with the odds stacked so heavily in Celtic's favour.

Plagued by internal dissent and tormented by a league table which shows them 16 points adrift of their oldest rivals, Rangers arrive at Celtic Park this morning fully aware that the media, and many of their own fans, consider them to be in disarray.

The cracked crest - painfully familiar to Hoops fans - has yet to surface on the nation's back pages, but opinion appears united that defeat this afternoon would doom the Ibrox club's season to ignominious failure.

For McNamara, the picture is familiar - only the team involved has changed.

He has plumbed similar depths during his nine years in the Hoops and, while it would perhaps be stretching the point to claim he sympathises with the Rangers players, he does at least understand their predicament. McNamara also knows only too well that pain and anger can sometimes act to focus a

team's energies, no matter how poor their recent performances, and, as such, will go into today's match more wary than ever.

"Of course," he said. "Everybody's writing Rangers off, but no-one in our dressing room is daft enough to buy into all the stuff that's being said.

"You only have to look at their side to see that they've some quality players there, and there's no doubt that we'll go out there with the same respect for them that we always have.

"These things come in swings and roundabouts and I know what the Rangers lads are going through from my own experience. But I'm hoping we can keep things the way they are for a long time to come.

"The Old Firm never changes, and beating Rangers never becomes any less special. We really want to







win this one. The cup's very important to us; we want to win everything.

"The fact it's Rangers just adds a bit of spice to the whole occasion and hopefully we can go out there and get the result everyone at the club wants.

"But we know they're going to come here fired up after all the stick they took last weekend and during the week. They'll be more disappointed than anyone at what's happened and we know that

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makes them dangerous. But we just have to be ruthless and, if we play to our best, there's no reason why we can't go though."

McNamara is himself a doubt for the match having succumbed late in Wednesday's UEFA Cup match in Teplice to punishment that, at times, bordered on the vicious.

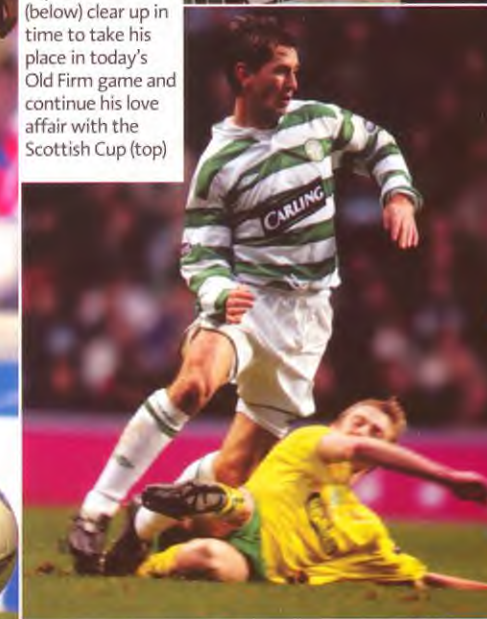
One blow too many forced him from the field with separate injuries to his ankle and foot, and the long-serving utility man is praying that they settle in time to allow him to take the field this afternoon.

"It was just an accumulation of a few knocks and kicks I took during the game, and it is sore," he admitted.

"They were a physical side, and we knew they would put in a few dodgy challenges from the way they'd played in the second half at Celtic Park. I did feel the referee could have been a lot stronger, but you never know what you're going to get in that sense when you're playing in Europe.



**KICK START**  
Jackie McNamara hopes his injury problems from the Teplice clash (below) clear up in time to take his place in today's Old Firm game and continue his love affair with the Scottish Cup (top)



"I just hope this injury will settle down in time because the Old Firm is a game that no-one likes to miss. It's a massive one for both teams - they always are - and I'd love to play.

"But I'll just have to wait and see. I'm hopeful, but a lot will depend on what Roddy (Macdonald) and the manager have to say, so fingers crossed it's good news."

McNamara has particular reason for wishing to avoid dropping out

of the side having spent the bulk of this season cementing, for the first time under Martin O'Neill's reign, a regular place in the side. The former Dunfermline man always believed himself capable of earning the right to be considered a first pick. The only surprise, he admits, is that's it as a left-back that he's succeeded in doing so.

"Aye, I must admit that I never expected to get back in the team there," he admitted, smiling.

"That's been quite a surprise. But although it's not a position I'm used to playing, I've been enjoying my football playing there.

"I've been loving it recently and the last thing I want right now is to drop out and disrupt this run I've been having. When you get a run of games, particularly after you've been out of things for a while, you want to play every week - and especially in games like this. It's a Scottish Cup quarter-final,

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and that's big enough. But the fact it's against our biggest rivals, and at Celtic Park, makes it absolutely massive for everyone.

"These are games everyone wants to be involved in. I love them. The build-up, the atmosphere, the game itself - everything's fantastic. The main thing - the only thing,

really - is to win. That's the only thing that matters, especially in games like this, because no-one remembers 20 years down the line that you played well and lost.

"Fortunately we've had a decent record against Rangers recently and hopefully we can keep that going this afternoon."