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It goes without saying that this is THE big game here where the players, supporters and media alike are all looking forward to a memorable match.

This is the Scottish derby in which the traditional rivalry spreads out not only through the city, but Scotland, Britain and indeed everywhere around the world.

It is a big occasion and I hope our important part in this game will prove fruitful over the events of the 90 minutes.

You, the supporters, will play a massive role as always in this splendid stadium by getting behind the team.

It's a great feeling to have that type of support and I am

sure that the Celtic fans will raise the roof for the team tonight.

In our game last Saturday the players worked hard and tried to do their best, we pushed the opposition back into defending in the last third of the pitch.

However, despite the fact that we applied much pressure to their penalty area, unfortunately we didn't score and that hurt inside.

The players worked hard but the game just didn't go their way as we just didn't get that rub of the green.

Now we have players returning from international duty and they have been



training with the other players who are fit for tonight's meeting.

What I do know is that the players who do take to the field will ensure they will give nothing less than 100 per cent

"I am certain the Celtic fans will raise the roof for the team tonight"

commitment, determination and professional pride. They will work hard and well together as a team unit to deliver the result we are looking for tonight.

Of course we welcome our historical opponents to Celtic Park for this game and we hope that together we will provide an exciting match for the spectators.

At the end of the 90 minutes though, we still aim to be championship contenders.



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An important man for Rangers tonight will be Stefan Klos. The former Borussia Dortmund star is well used to the big game atmosphere, having won a European Cup medal in 1997, but this encounter is sure to be something special even for him.

He has already said that tonight's game is the biggest moment since that night in Munich when Dortmund defeated Juventus to be crowned kings of Europe. And victory today will give him another crack at that stage next season – there is no bigger incentive.

Another former European Cup star is Sergio Porrini and the Italian right back's contribution to Gers' cause this season has been exceptional. He has only missed one game this season and his solid performances have been as consistent as his appearances.

After a shaky start to his season skipper Lorenzo Amoruso has rediscovered his form and has been inspirational for Rangers since the turn of the year. Having missed the 5-1 defeat in November, Amo has only good memories of Celtic Park as the venue where he lifted the League Cup. He'll be hoping to add a title to that list today.

It's been a bit of an on-off affair for Gers where Colin Hendry is concerned. Injury has interrupted his first season at Ibrox but when you stick your head into challenges that most wouldn't go near wearing a chain mail suit, the odd knock is inevitable. The game could hinge on how well he handles Henrik Larsson.

It's a Klos call, but it sure beats Euro glory

His ancestors may have been done for thieving and Australian Tony Vidmar is planning another robbery today – to take the title home from Celtic Park.

He missed last week's game against Aberdeen after his big toe lost an argument with someone else's stud but he is expected back in his left-back role today.

A keen chess player, Russian Andrei Kanchelskis is aiming to be Gers' knight in shining armour today. His pace on the right wing is always a danger and he showed his goal threat last week, notching the second against the Dons.

After being called to Frank Rijkaard's Holland squad, midfielder Giovanni van Bronckhorst should be brimming with confidence.

A close friend of Celtic's very own Hooray Henrik, the pair apparently enjoy the odd game of Fifa '99 on the Playstation. We'll soon see which one has the

edge in the real McCoy today. Known and loved by Rangers fans as the Hammer, Jorg Albertz has saved some of his finest performances for the Old Firm encounters. His two superb goals from midfield last season gave Rangers back-to-back Old Firm victories and he'll be desperate to make an impact in this league and cup final double header.

Neil McCann's dad is apparently a keen pigeon fancier and junior keeps the image going by regularly flying down the wing.

He has been a big hit since his arrival from Hearts in December and his threat from the left is an important part of Gers' creativity.

There have been doubts over his fitness for this game but Dick Advocaat will be keen to have him included.

One of the front-runners for Rangers' player of the year, there



have been few greater success stories this season than Rod Wallace. Having signed under freedom of contract the pint-sized hitman has proved to be a bargain, bagging 26 goals. Who would bet against him raising that total before the end of the season?

He scored one and set up another the last time Rangers and

Celtic met but Gabriel Amato has struggled to command a regular first-team place since then. The Argentinian's control and quick feet are a joy to watch but sometimes a more direct approach would pay dividends for Gabby. Nevertheless, he was outstanding in last week's victory over Aberdeen and has surely done enough to merit a start again tonight ahead of Finn Jonatan Johansson and Frenchman Stephane Guivarc'h.



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