



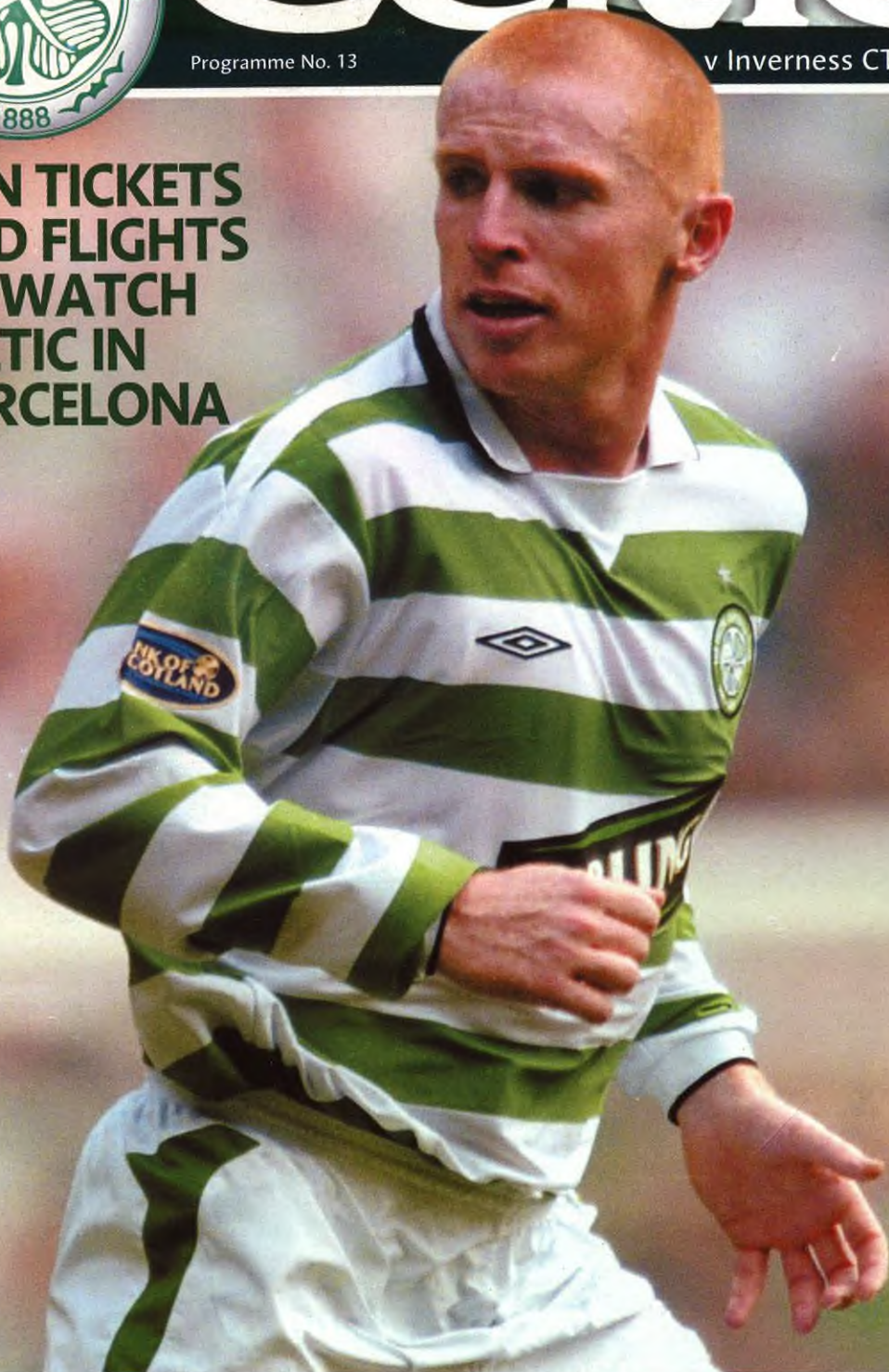
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LOVEFOOTBALL



ALMOST two years and seven winning games on the run in Old Firm terms is pretty impressive stuff and extremely difficult to attain but that was our record against Rangers going in to last Wednesday evening's CIS Cup quarter-final.

The run was eventually ended in extra time at Ibrox when Rangers went through to the semi-final by a 2-1 scoreline.

John Hartson put us ahead in the 66th minute with a wonderful header and for a while it seemed as if that one goal would be sufficient.

However, Rangers forced an equaliser with just over five minutes to go and, as mentioned earlier, won the game in extra time.

It was naturally disappointing to lose the tie and the seven-game winning streak against our biggest adversaries but hopefully it is not a fatal blow.

The league obviously takes precedence over the CIS Cup and we travel back to Ibrox in a week's time to renew rivalry with three points at stake.

However, before that date, today's game against Inverness Caley takes on supreme significance.

We have many reasons to treat this game and the opposition with the utmost respect.



Inverness Caley have emerged triumphantly twice in the Scottish Cup in recent seasons against us,

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and on merit on both occasions.

Despite a CIS Cup victory at home a couple of years back and a league win at Pittodrie over them earlier this season, we have the

highest regard for what they have done, firstly, in getting in to the SPL, and secondly, in their brilliant efforts so far this season in trying to stay there despite being unable to play their home games at their own ground in Inverness. This will be a tough game for us today.

A week ago we managed to beat Kilmarnock here at Celtic Park. We didn't play well in that game and survived a couple of anxious moments but we eventually took all three points to stay in front in the league.

And that is what is necessary today against Caley Thistle.

Our visitors have been dealt a blow by the loss of their excellent young manager John Robertson who has left to take over at Hearts.

Even if they arrive temporarily managerless will make absolutely no difference to their approach to today's game.

It was a very positive one some months ago at Pittodrie against us. I see it being exactly the same today.



Formed: 1888
Stadium: Celtic Park (capacity 60,506)
Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks
Away strip: Green shirts, white shorts and green socks
Third strip: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with gold trim
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 (39)
 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, 2003/2004

Scottish Cup (32)
 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, 2004

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



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Jackie McNamara	4	2	Ross Tokely
Joos Valgaeren	5	3	Stuart Golabek
Bobo Balde	6	4	Darren Dods
Juninho	7	5	Stuart McCaffrey
Alan Thompson	8	6	Roy McBain
Chris Sutton	9	7	Barry Wilson
John Hartson	10	8	Steven Hislop
Stephen Pearson	11	9	Graham Bayne
David Fernandez	12	10	Richard Hart
Paul Lambert	14	11	Juanjo
Ulrik Laursen	16	12	Russell Duncan
Didier Agathe	17	14	Grant Munro
Neil Lennon	18	15	Liam Keogh
Stilian Petrov	19	16	Richard Hastings
Robert Douglas	20	17	Darran Thomson
Magnus Hedman	21	18	David Proctor
David Marshall	22	19	Bryan Prunty
Stanislav Varga	23	20	Craig McMillan
Henri Camara	27	21	Michael Fraser
Shaun Maloney	29	22	Paul McMullan
Ross Wallace	33	23	Liam Fox
Craig Beattie	37	24	Ian Black
Rocco Quinn	38		
John Kennedy	41		
Stephen McManus	44		
Kevin McBride	45		
Aiden McGeady	46		
Michael McGovern	47		
Scott Cuthbert	49		

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

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RANGERS 2 v 1 CELTIC
 Scottish Premierleague, Nov 6, 2004
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 UEFA Champions League, Nov 2, 2004
CELTIC 1 v 0 SHAKHTAR (Thompson)
 Scottish Premierleague, Oct 30, 2004
MOTHERWELL 2 v 3 CELTIC (McGeady, Thompson, Beattie)
 Scottish Premierleague, Oct 27, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 3 ABERDEEN (Hartson 2)

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BARCELONA v CELTIC
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 Scottish Premierleague
DUNDEE v CELTIC
 SUNDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2pm
 Scottish Premierleague
CELTIC v HIBERNIAN
 SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER 5pm



NEIL'S LOOKING FOR PERFECT PICK-ME-UP

Interview: GREGOR KYLE

IT'S the morning after the night before and Celtic Park is in the grip of an Old Firm hangover.

Any Celtic supporter will know well the gnawing pain that follows defeat against Rangers, the nagging angst as you go through your working day, picking over the bones of the previous night's game and trying to block out the jeers and jibes of blue-blooded colleagues.

The taste of defeat is never sweet, but in the wake of this fixture the flavour is made all the more bitter.

The day after a match there are few places of work that the pain of losing an Old Firm game is more keenly felt than at Celtic Park.

Everyone in the stadium seems to suffer and the knowledge that this defeat followed a run of seven back to back wins against Rangers does little to alleviate the stress.

Among the players, that pain manifests itself in the grim determination with which they concentrate on training and look ahead to today's Premierleague fixture against Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

Getting everything back on track after this week's Old Firm CIS loss is a priority for midfielder Lennon

"It's hard, it's never nice to lose an Old Firm game, but you just have to get on with things," said Neil Lennon as he looked back on this week's League Cup defeat. "We had a good run, an excellent run against Rangers but now we just have to concentrate on the games ahead.

"I felt we were a bit unlucky in the game. We didn't play well in

immediately from the Old Firm defeat in the cup with a win in the league.

Coming so quickly after Wednesday's game it is an opportunity to refocus and get back to business in the SPL, which is undoubtedly where the club's priorities lie at the start of each season.

Looking back on Celtic's

progress in the league so far Lennon is happy with the way the season is progressing, but

urged for concentration in today's game against an in form Caley Thistle.

The Highland side arrive in Glasgow coming off the back of two wins and two draws and are starting to show signs that they are now adjusting to life in the SPL.

"We've done well this season so far," said Lennon. "We're four points clear at the top of the table

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the first half but I thought we did well in the second and it was just unlucky the way the result turned out.

"We were feeling bad, but that passes a little day by day and now we've got the game this afternoon."

Today's match against Inverness Caledonian Thistle could be the perfect curer for a Celtic side determined to bounce back





ON LEAVE: John Robertson guided Caley to the SPL but has left the Highland club to take over the hotseat at Hearts



and have been beaten just once in the league and you could say that we threw that one away.

"Caley will no doubt give us a hard game this Saturday. John Robertson has done an excellent job with the team and they've managed to put a bit of a run together lately. They've not been beaten now in four games and I am sure they'll come here with a lot of confidence."

In the wake of the departure of manager John Robertson for Hearts, Lennon believes that Celtic will have to be particularly wary of Caley and fully expects their players to emerge with points to prove.

"When a manager leaves a club it can go either way really," said Lennon. "But a lot of times you find that there are players getting a chance that didn't under the previous manager and they come out with a point to prove. The players will also be playing to impress the next guy who is coming in to the job."

"But every game is hard for us. It doesn't matter who the team is or where they are positioned in the league. You find that they'll always raise their game when they come to Celtic Park. We just have to be prepared for that."

The Caley side that Celtic are preparing to face is one that is

hitting its best run of form this season and looks to be close to establishing itself as an SPL side.

Undeniably hampered by the league's decision to make the club play its "home" fixtures over 100 miles away at Pittodrie in Aberdeen, the club is now starting to put together the run of wins needed to keep their place in the top flight.

Right winger Barry Wilson is the club's top goal scorer with five in the league this season and Caley will bring with them two former Celts eager to make their mark at Parkhead.

Having been voted last season's player of the year by ICT fans online, Liam Keogh is a vital cog in their midfield engine room and has impressed with his tireless running and pace. Meanwhile Bryan Prunty will return to Celtic Park looking to bag his first goal of the season against his former club.

Team



HIGHLAND FLING: Stilian Petrov is mobbed by his team-mates after netting in Celtic's defeat of Inverness at Pittodrie earlier in the season

captain Stuart Golabek has also been in excellent form at the back

alongside Darren Dods and Ross Tokely and Juanjo will no doubt arrive with a point to prove this afternoon having been sent off during Caley's 3-1 defeat by Celtic in August.

Having enjoyed two celebrated results against Celtic in recent years Caley may also fancy their chances against a home side that has

PACKING A PUNCH: Stuart Golabek will lead his troops out at Parkhead today hoping to keep Caley's fine recent run of form going



HIGHLIGHT NEIL: Lennon's celebration with John Robertson after his first ever Hearts goal at Dunfermline was memorable

YOU WANT TO BE DIFFERENT, NEIL? THEN GO AND SCORE A HAT-TRICK!

WHAT do Marco Ruitenbeek and Tony Caig have in common?

Well, even Neil Lennon himself would admit that curling the ball in from an acute angle and rippling the back of the net isn't one of his strong points.

Indeed, when the Irishman turned up with peroxide blond hair for the first time, Martin O'Neill questioned him as to why the change and the answer was: "I want to be different boss."

The manager replied: "If you want to be different, get out there and score me a hat-trick!"

A hat-trick from Neil Lennon may be more than wishful thinking considering he has hit the back of the net only twice since arriving at Celtic Park in December 2000 – but we can but dream. Those two goals were delights to savour though, and the first came only couple of months after he joined the Bhoys.

It was against Dunfermline at East End Park on January 12, 2001, and Lennon had just returned from earning one of his 39 Northern Ireland caps (his international goals tally also stands at two goals) in a 4-0 home defeat to Norway. Stilian Petrov in the 14th minute and Henrik Larsson in the 26th had already put the Celts 2-0 up when Lennon struck in 77 minutes. And if every picture tells a story then the snap of the midfielder running towards the Celtic speaks volumes.

His second strike was just as sweet and it was here at Celtic Park in a game against Hibernian later that same year. It was on December 1 when the Hibeas came calling, but their hosts were in no pre-Christmas present-giving mood. John Hartson had struck twice in the 11th and 40th minutes before Lennon got in on the act by tucking the ball away for another 3-0 win for the Bhoys.

So what do Marco Ruitenbeek and Tony Caig have in common?

Well, apart from being keepers, they both had to pick the ball out of the net after Neil Lennon put it past them – and neither of them couldn't care less what colour Lennon's hair was at the time!

been hit hard by injuries. But looking at the present situation Lennon presents no excuses and is determined that Celtic get back to winning ways at home today.

"That's what playing for a club like Celtic is about," said Lennon as he reflected on the fixture congested months of October and early November. "The more successful you are as a team, the more games you play and you can't complain about it."

"We've suffered a bit through injuries and at times lost goals through a lack of concentration, but you can't think about these sort of things. When you get out there you have a job to get on with and that's what we will do on today."