

Celtic

v RANGERS

Scottish Premier League
Sunday 6th October 2002 k.o. 2.15pm



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Side by side.



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WE go into this afternoon’s first Old Firm game of the season on the back of a pleasing UEFA Cup victory over FK Suduva...

And we watch with interest to see who we will be paired with when the draw for the second round takes place on Tuesday.

I was obviously delighted with the result and took the chance in Lithuania to change the side around a little, with some of the young lads coming into the squad.

John Kennedy, Simon Lynch, Liam Miller, Shaun Maloney, Colin Healy, Jamie Smith and Stephen Crainey were all involved and I was pleased with the contribution that they made.

However, this afternoon’s game is a massive match, one that everyone is looking forward to and I am sure the atmosphere will be something to behold.

Some Old Firm games go well

beyond your expectations while others sometimes fail to live up to the expectations beforehand, but the atmosphere is always terrific and I am sure that will be the case again today.

Although everyone is excited at the prospect of the first Old Firm game this season, I would be loath to interpret too much into the outcome of today’s encounter.

Similarly, I wouldn’t read too much into Rangers’ exit from the UEFA Cup on Thursday night, because it will make no difference whatsoever to today’s game. These matches are totally different and I cannot imagine that it will have any bearing on our match.

Last season we came back from a 1-0 defeat in Valencia in the UEFA Cup to play Rangers on a Sunday here at Celtic Park and I don’t think the midweek result had any influence that afternoon when

goals from Henrik Larsson and Joos Valgaeren gave us a 2-1 win.

Each of these games is unique and I have no doubt that either the results of recent weeks or the outcome of previous matches will have any significance in this meeting.

We are in a positive frame of mind at the minute after playing very well against Kilmarnock last Saturday when we won 5-0 and, as always, we will be going out today to give absolutely everything and do what we can to pick up three points.

It is an exciting afternoon for everyone and, needless to say, I urge you to give us your full vocal backing as we bid to go out and win the match.



Celtic FC Factfile

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
(capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts,
white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Gold shirts, green
shorts, gold socks

Third strip: White shirts, black shorts and 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

1. In the first-ever Old Firm match, on 28th May 1888, Celtic won 5-2. The first 'proper' meeting came in the Scottish Cup in 1890 when the crowd of 15,000 saw Willie Groves hit the winner for Celtic in the first half. The first League fixture came the same season, on the 21st March and resulted in a 2-2 draw.

2. The years between 1904 and 1910 were wonderful for Celtic fans. The Bhoys won the League for 6 consecutive years and also collected 2 Scottish Cups, 5 Glasgow Cups and 2 Charity Cups. All Rangers had to show for their efforts was 3 Charity Cups. During those six seasons, Celtic played 192 matches, winning 136, drawing 33, scoring 444 goals and losing 153. The feat was recognised by the SFA awarding a plaque to the club which is still in the Celtic Boardroom today.

3. In 1904, Old Firm encounters were just as eagerly awaited as today. Outside of the two main competitions, Rangers had more of an affinity with the Glasgow Cup, Celtic with the Charity Cup. 50,000 turned out at Hampden on 8th October 1904 to see the Glasgow Cup final. The Celtic defence gave nothing away and Alec Bennett scored the winner. Four years later, Bennett moved to Ibrox, where he continued his career for another 9 years.

RANGERS FACTS

1. Rangers were founded in 1873 and they initially shared the Fleshers' Haugh pitch at Glasgow Green with a team called Eastern. In 1875, they moved to Burnbank near Kelvinbridge. By the start of 1876/77 season, they were based at Titwood, now the home of Clydesdale Cricket Club. The move to Ibrox took place in August 1887.

2. The man who masterminded Rangers from 1889 onwards was William Wilton. Just after the 1st World War ended, Rangers won the 1919/20 League by five points from Celtic, scoring 106 goals in the process. On 2nd May, while on a break with some friends on a yacht moored at Greenock, Wilton slipped from the gangplank, fell into the sea and drowned.

3. The Old Firm met for the 5th time, in the Scottish Cup final of 1909. The first match ended 2-2 before a crowd of 70,000, while another 60,000 were there for the replay, which again resulted in a draw, this time 1-1. After the whistle several players lingered on the pitch, obviously unsure about the possibility of extra-time. When they moved toward the pavilion, the crowd erupted in anger. Police and firemen were attacked, the stadium badly damaged and parts of it set alight. The SFA abandoned the tie and the Cup was withheld.

TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **RANGERS**



SEASON 2002/03

CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Rangers	9	8	1	0	26	3	25
2. Celtic	9	8	0	1	22	3	24
3. Hearts	9	4	4	1	18	10	16
4. Dunfermline	9	5	0	4	15	18	15
5. Kilmarnock	9	3	3	3	8	15	12

TEAM

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	MANAGER ALEX McLEISH	STADIUM IBROX PARK	CAPACITY 50,444	PREVIOUS RESULT RANGERS 3 v CELTIC 2	
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CELTIC



JONATHAN GOULD	1	1
TOM BOYD	2	2
MOMO SYLLA	3	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	5
BOBO BALDE	6	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9	10
JOHN HARTSON	10	11
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	12
PAUL LAMBERT	14	14
BOBBY PETTA	15	15
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	16
DIDIER AGATHE	17	17
NEIL LENNON	18	18
STILIAN PETROV	19	20
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	21
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	22
COLIN HEALY	24	23
PAUL SHIELDS	26	24
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	26
SHAUN MALONEY	29	27
STEVE GUPPY	30	
SIMON LYNCH	32	
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

RANGERS

STEFAN KLOS
FERNANDO RICKSEN
CRAIG MOORE
LORENZO AMORUSO
ARTHUR NUMAN
BARRY FERGUSON
CLAUDIO CANIGGIA
CHRISTIAN NERLINGER
MICHAEL MOLS
NEIL McCANN
ROBERT MALCOLM
RONALD DE BOER
BERT KONTERMAN
BILLY DODDS
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RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 28 SEPTEMBER, 2002

CELTIC 5 v KILMARNOCK 0 (Larsson 3, Sutton 2)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 22 SEPTEMBER, 2002

DUNDEE 0 v **CELTIC 1** (Larsson)

UEFA CUP 1st ROUND 1st LEG 19 SEPTEMBER, 2002

CELTIC 8 v SUDUVA 1 (Larsson 3, Petrov, Sutton, Lambert, Hartson, Valgaeren)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 14 SEPTEMBER, 2002

CELTIC 1 v HIBS 0 (Hartson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 10 SEPTEMBER, 2002

MOTHERWELL 2 v **CELTIC 1** (Hartson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 1 SEPTEMBER, 2002

CELTIC 2 v LIVINGSTON 0 (Larsson, Balde)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

HEARTS v **CELTIC** SUN 20 OCTOBER 2002

CIS CUP ROUND 3

CELTIC v INVERNESS CT WED 23 OCTOBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

DUNFERMLINE v **CELTIC** SUN 27 OCTOBER 2002

TODAY'S

MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: STUART DOUGAL

ASSISTANT REFEREES: WILSON IRVINE

MARTIN DORAN

FOURTH OFFICIAL:

DOUGIE McDONALD



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WORDS: *Stephen Sullivan*

Action Replay

Neil sets his sights on more TV highlights

IT'S January 2, 1983, and an 11-year-old Neil Lennon rushes home to watch the highlights of the previous afternoon's Old Firm derby.

Having already read and re-read reports of Celtic's winning goal, the youngster already has it pictured, and prays that the strike is indeed worthy of the superlatives of those who were at Ibrox to witness it.

He is not to be disappointed. After Celtic

REPEAT SCREENING

Neil watched Charlie Nicholas' goal over and over again

take an early lead through Paul McStay, Rangers soon draw level thanks to Kenny Black and, as the play flows from end to end in a thrilling second half, the Ne'erday honours remain precariously balanced. Then, with 67 minutes showing on the clock, Lennon sits forward in anticipation as Charlie Nicholas accepts a throw-in from Murdo MacLeod on the left touchline.

Nothing appears on, and yet the darling of the Hoops faithful bursts towards goal, feints, stops, drifts away from another Rangers defender and then, with a flash of his left boot, sends an explosive shot across Jim Stewart and into the postage stamp corner. "What a goal," recalls Lennon, with a wistful smile.

Today, of course, it is he and his Celtic team-mates who will be charged with leaving the club's current generation of supporters with similarly unforgettable memories. And while it's highly unlikely that the less-than-prolific Irishman will net a wonder goal of his own this

afternoon, Rangers should discount the former Leicester midfielder's contribution at their peril.

Lennon has a passion for the Glasgow derby and, having enjoyed a recent resurgence in form and fitness, he can't wait to help write a new chapter of Old Firm history.

"This game's special," he said, "it always is. It's the passion and the pride that make it so important. People aren't quick to let you forget if you lose, put it that way. And you also know the team which does best in these games has a more than decent chance of winning the league.

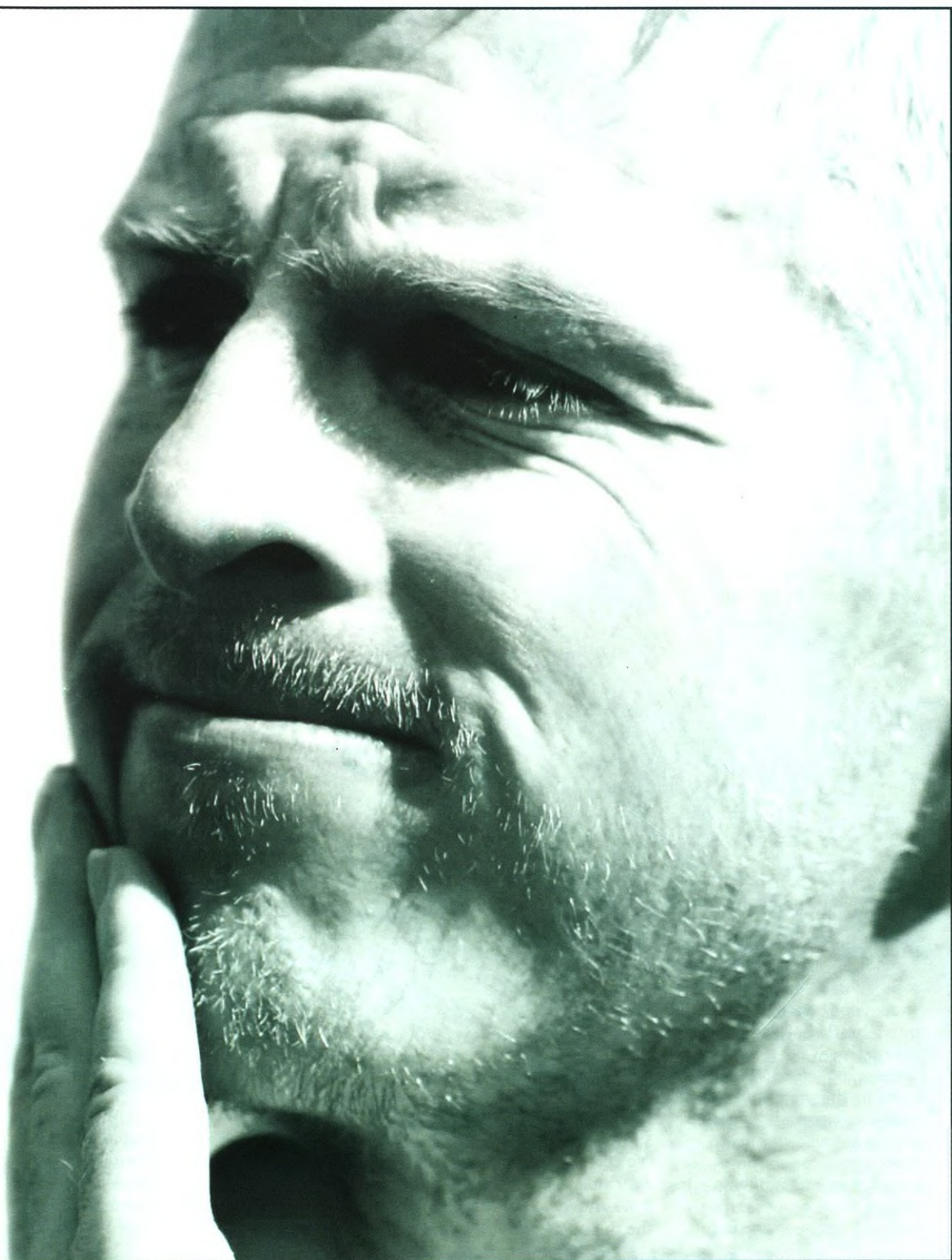
"Points can be dropped, as both ourselves and Rangers have shown already this season, but not many. Whoever wins today will have a definite edge in the Championship. There's no way it will decide anything at this stage of the season but these matches do go a long way towards determining who ends up on top."

With so much at stake,



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NEIL LENNON



players on both sides have generally been going out of their way to avoid providing the opposition with something to pin on their dressing room wall. However, someone always breaks rank and it was predictable that Lorenzo Amoruso was the one to oblige with an ill-advised comment about Henrik Larsson.

Nevertheless, Lennon had no any intentions of returning fire, and instead chose to voice admiration for one of his midfield rivals.

He said: "Amoruso always says something, doesn't he? But I'll leave him to it.

"Rangers are in great form and it's going to be tough today – it always is. They've got good players and, in midfield I hear the new boy Mikel Arteta's looking good. I've not seen him in the flesh but Alex McLeish normally buys well and I gather the lad has a lot of good qualities."

This respect for McLeish is genuine and Lennon admits Martin O'Neill has a more than worthy adversary in the former Aberdeen stalwart. Nevertheless, he rejected any suggestion that the Ibrox boss has an Indian sign over his Celtic counterpart, and insisted the Old Firm derby should not be personalised into a battle between the managers.

He said: "Before McLeish came in, the press were always comparing the gaffer and Dick Advocaat but no-one in here took any notice. Regardless of who is in charge there never seems to be much between the teams.

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"I arrived after the 6-2 and 5-1 games right enough but I've certainly never found it easy against Rangers whether it was Advocaat or McLeish in the dugout.

GOALDEN MEMORIES

Neil Lennon arrived at Celtic just after the great 6-2 win

"McLeish has done well though and stamped his personality on the place. There were a few players lacking confidence but he's got the best out of them by

giving them a fresh start."

Nevertheless, impressed though he has been by

McLeish's Ibrox revolution, Lennon is intent on putting the Rangers boss through hell to get revenge for what happened the last time the Old Firm met.

He said: "The Scottish Cup final stuck in the throat a bit, particularly because we had such a long summer to stew over it. We didn't do ourselves justice that day and, although the way we lost was a bit of a sickener, we couldn't really have any complaints. But today is a chance to go some way

TOP MEN

The Old Firm game is not a battle between the respective managers, insists Lennon

towards making amends."

Lennon appears once again to be approaching his best form and, while no-one should expect him to emulate Champagne Charlie's moment of magic almost 20 years on, don't bet against him helping Celtic to victory in his own understated way.

