



Celtic

Programme No. 5

v Dundee



Scottish Premierleague
Celtic Park, Saturday Sept 11, 2004
Kick-off 3.00pm

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LOVEFOOTBALL



A WARM welcome to Celtic Park for today's match with Dundee. It is two weeks since our last league game, with the first set of World Cup qualifying matches taking precedence as well as taking some of our players away.

It is always a worrying time when players are on international duty. While it is an honour for them to represent their country and is also an indication of the quality we have at the football club, there is always the risk of injury in these games and it is only when all the players return to Celtic Park that we can assess the situation and, hopefully, have a full squad to choose from for our next game.

It has been a pleasing start to the season, with four league victories out of four, but given that there are still another 34 fixtures to complete, we are a million miles away from having won anything.

Our previous league games have produced some wonderful moments but also some aspects which we know we have to work on and it is this that will keep the players focused.

Of course, it was pleasing to win our last league game, a 1-0 victory over Rangers.

Alan Thompson's late strike was a great goal and gave us what I thought was a well-deserved win. However, as I have already stated,



there is such a long way still to go in the campaign that any talk of this having been a decisive victory is well wide of the mark.

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I am also aware that many of you will already be looking forward to Tuesday night and our first UEFA Champions League game against Barcelona here at Celtic Park.

That is wholly understandable. Since the draw was made, it has been a fixture which has

generated a lot of excitement and I know that there will be a special atmosphere on the night.

However, that luxury of being able to look ahead is not one the players can enjoy.

They cannot afford to let their minds wander to Tuesday night and they will be focused on what is a massive game for us today.

The visit of Dundee to Celtic Park this afternoon is the most important game for us and it is vital that we continue our good start to the season.

Dundee have endured some well-publicised problems off the field but Jim Duffy has done an excellent job in ensuring that has not affected the team on the park, and as with every game against Dundee, we will need to be at our best to secure all three points.

Over the past few seasons, the players have shown that they do focus on the task in hand, whether that is a game before a big European night or a match the weekend after, and today will be no different.

And your support, which I know will be at its most vocal come Tuesday night, is just as important this afternoon.

Jim Duffy



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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DUNDEE

Momo Sylla	3	1	Derek Soutar
Jackie McNamara	4	2	Barry Smith
Joos Valgaeren	5	3	Brent Sancho
Bobo Balde	6	4	Tom Hutchinson
Juninho	7	5	Robert Mann
Alan Thompson	8	6	Lee Wilkie
Chris Sutton	9	7	Glen Atle Larsen
John Hartson	10	8	Mark Fotheringham
Stephen Pearson	11	9	Steve Lovell
David Fernandez	12	10	John Sutton
Paul Lambert	14	11	Iain Anderson
Bobby Petta	15	12	Garry Brady
Ulrik Laursen	16	13	Kelvin Jack
Didier Agathe	17	14	Neil Barrett
Neil Lennon	18	15	Neil Jablonski
Stilian Petrov	19	16	Jonay Hernandez
Robert Douglas	20	17	Calum McDonald
Magnus Hedman	21	18	Steven Robb
David Marshall	22	21	Robert Linn
Stanislav Varga	23	24	Chris Hegarty
Henri Camara	27	28	Stephen McNally
Shaun Maloney	29	30	Scott Murray
Ross Wallace	33		
Craig Beattie	37		
John Kennedy	41		
Stephen McManus	44		
Kevin McBride	45		
Aiden McGeady	46		
Michael McGovern	47		
Scott Cuthbert	49		

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee: **John Underhill**
 Assistant Referees: **Gordon Middleton**
Derek Clark
 Fourth Official: **Charlie Richmond**

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RECENT FORM

Scottish Premierleague, Aug 29, 2004
CELTIC 1 v 0 RANGERS (Thompson)
 Scottish Premierleague, Aug 22, 2004
INVERNESS CT 1 v CELTIC 3 (Hartson 2, Petrov)
 Scottish Premierleague, Aug 14, 2004
KILMARNOCK 2 v CELTIC 4 (Hartson 2, Thompson 2)
 Pre-Season Friendly, Aug 10, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 0 SPURS (Beattie, Camara)
 Scottish Premierleague, Aug 8, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 0 MOTHERWELL (McNamara, Sutton)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

UEFA Champions League
CELTIC v BARCELONA
 TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER
 Scottish Premierleague
HIBERNIAN v CELTIC
 SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 3:00pm
 CIS Cup, Third Round
CELTIC v FALKIRK
 TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER kick-off tbc
 Scottish Premierleague
CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE
 SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 3:00pm

No wait problem

With Barcelona set to arrive in town, there is a danger Celtic could take their eye off the ball this afternoon. Ross Wallace insists not

IT will be difficult for the 60,000 Celtic supporters coming along to Celtic Park for today's game to remain focused on the 90 minutes ahead. Listen closely to the proverbial buzz around the ground and you might just make out the word 'Barcelona' amidst the noise and confusion.

It is wholly understandable that fans will feel like this. Tuesday night's Champions League match is, after all, the first of several massive games coming up for Martin O'Neill's side in the next few months.

And regardless of the quality of today's pre-match entertainment, it will not be able to compete with the Champions League theme tune or the spine-tingling sound of the Celtic Park faithful singing *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

It must be difficult, therefore, for the players not to have at least indulged in a little wishful thinking about the week ahead.

But as Ross Wallace pointed out, any such thoughts are always left behind in the dressing room.

"You think about Barcelona coming but you have to take one game at a time, and that means

Interview: PAUL CUDDIHY

Dundee," he explained. "When today's game comes and you're ready to walk out on the pitch you forget about anything else. You're just concentrating on winning the game that's about to start.

"We'll be going out to win. Dundee have a few younger players and they will match us for effort. Jim Duffy's got the team working hard. He's got good quality, mixed in with youth, but hopefully our ability will show in the end."

While it might be tempting to write that such an attitude, replicated throughout the squad, will come as a relief to Martin O'Neill, it's more accurate to state that it will come as no surprise.

The Celtic manager has, over the past four years, seen how his team have played prior to a big European tie or performed on returning to the domestic stage after taxing exertions abroad. They have not let him down, so when Ross Wallace says that the team is "taking one game at a time," it is not so much a cliché as a truism.

For the young Celt, however, taking one game at a time means,

in this instance, missing today's encounter with Dundee. A slight hamstring strain looks set to rule him out of the action against his hometown team, though he is hopeful of being ready for the Barcelona game.

"I've had a wee run of games so hopefully I can get past this injury," he said. "Obviously, I'm on a bit of a high just now, and though it's just a wee setback, hopefully I'll be fit and back for the Barcelona game."

"I've just got to keep working away. I'm only 19 and have still got a bit to learn. With the likes of Alan Thompson playing alongside me or in training there's nobody better I could learn from."

"He's played there for the past few years. You learn from watching him in training, and we also have Stephen Pearson and Bobby Petta as well."

And if there was anyone else, Wallace could look to for advice on how to successfully play in that wide left role, he need look no further than one of the finest left wingers Scotland has ever produced.

Celtic's assistant manager, John Robertson, has played at the highest level. He has the caps and the



medals to prove it. Video footage also reveals he set up the winning goal in one European Cup final and then scored the winning goal in the following year's showpiece.

"Robbo was one of the best," said Wallace, "and for me I can only learn from what he says, as well as the likes of Thommo, and if I take on board their advice and do what they're telling me, I shouldn't go too far wrong."

At only 19, Wallace is the first to admit that he still has much to learn in the game. That attitude, aligned to a willingness to work hard is what should stand the player in good stead for the future.

His progression into the first-team squad, alongside that of Craig Beattie, Aiden McGeady and David Marshall also provides the perfect motivation for the younger players looking to establish a future for themselves at Celtic.

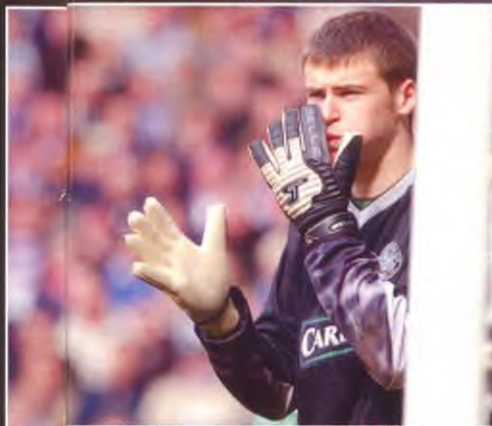
And regardless of whether he is comfortable with the tag 'role model' when it comes to those younger players, Wallace knows that seeing players come through the ranks and making it into the first team is an inspiration.

"You look at the likes of Shaun and big John Kennedy," he said. "We looked up to them a couple of years ago. It's going to happen all the time because the youth set-up's so good. Every year there's going to be good players who are looking up to us just now. We did that as well so it's only natural that this happens."

"There's a few who are pushing and are



WING WIZARD: Wallace has Celtic assistant manager and European Cup winner John Robertson to look up to, while he's relished his rise to the first-team scene with peers Aiden McGeady (right) and David Marshall (below)



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looking quite good, and if they get a good season playing for the youths or the reserves, they might get their chance.

"Because there are not a lot of under-21 players, a lot of the 16s and 17s are getting the chance to play for the under-21s, which didn't happen a few years ago so it's a big opportunity for them to show what they can do."

"The manager's been brilliant that way. If he thinks you're good enough he'll put you in. That's a great incentive for us, for me and Craig and Aiden, and also

YELL OF A FEELING: John Kennedy set a fine example to Ross



big David Marshall who's flying at the moment so, obviously the manager's shown that if you're good enough he'll put you in and it's up to us to work hard in training and impress in the games we're in."

Wallace, along with some of his younger colleagues, certainly seized the opportunity when it presented itself during Celtic's North American tour. And it was those players who hit the headlines in the games against Chelsea, Liverpool, Manchester United and Roma.

"It was good," Wallace admitted. "I didn't expect to play as much as I did. I started a couple of games and to play against some of the teams over there - they're world-

class teams - for the likes of myself, Craig and Aiden it was great.

"I thought we did alright when we were over there and didn't look out of place, and the senior players helped us a lot."

"In the games you get you have to try and impress the manager as well as every day in training. He knows what you can do but in the games you have to do a wee bit extra to put yourself in his thoughts for the following game."

"I don't set any targets. I don't know if any other players do. I just like playing my football and, obviously running out in front of 60,000 people gives you a buzz and you just want to do that again."

"Once you get a taste of it you want it all the time but, obviously, because of the players who are here, it's quite hard to do that so the opportunities you do get you've got to grab it with both hands."

