

# Celtic

v HIBERNIAN

Scottish Premier League  
Saturday 14th September 2002 k.o. 3.00pm



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**WE suffered our first domestic league defeat in 10 months last Tuesday evening when Motherwell beat us 2-1 in a thrilling match at Fir Park.**

With Rangers' victory over Hearts the following evening, we lost our place at the top of the table on points for the first time in two years, something I hadn't realised until it was pointed out to me.

However, there are 32 league games left and I'm sure the Championship race will have a few more twists and turns during the coming months before anything is decided.

But back to last Tuesday. There is no doubt that we should have won the game. We created many chances during the course of the match but unfortunately it seemed to be one of those nights when the ball just wouldn't go in for us.

I don't have to tell you how disappointed everyone at the club was with the result, but during the course of the season

things like that will occur and you just have to get on with it.

There is little point in dwelling on that result and it goes without saying that we will be looking for a positive reaction against Hibs this afternoon after Tuesday's setback.

It has been almost a fortnight since we last played at Celtic Park and the players will do everything to get a good result this afternoon.

Bobby Williamson is a manager for whom I have much respect. He did brilliantly for Kilmarnock when he was at Rugby Park and I have no doubt he will turn the fortunes of Hibs round and that good days will once again come to Easter Road.

Meanwhile, Johan Mjallby's injury is certainly a bad blow both for the player himself and the team. He had an operation on Wednesday morning and the surgeon discovered what both the doctor and physician had

been concerned about and as a result he will be out for three months.

His performances for Celtic in the last two years have been consistently excellent and we will miss him greatly. Injuries to key players are an occupational hazard in this game and we just have to cope as best we can.

Today's game is a match we want to win, but it is a game that is quickly followed by the first leg of our UEFA Cup match against Suduva on Thursday night.

A positive result today would be the perfect preparation for our mid-week European game, but there will be no complacency on our part ahead of today's important SPL fixture.



# 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.** On Sept 12, 1931, only days after the burial of John Thomson, Celtic went ahead with their next league fixture against Queen's Park. Before the game, the players and supporters observed a two-minute silence; as the 'Last Post' was played, the goal was left empty.

John Falconer, complete with newly re-built kneecap, took over Thomson's position and the 2-2 draw was played out in a strangely quiet atmosphere.

**2.** Willie Fernie scored on his final appearance for the club, a 2-2 draw with Rangers in the league on Sept 16, 1961. In his 317 appearances, he scored 74 goals, with the high spots of his career being the League/Cup 'Double' of 1953/54 and the 7-1 League Cup win over Rangers.

**3.** John Millsop joined Celtic from in 1948 and became a versatile stand-in as required. He went on the North American tour of 1951 and one year later, played in the match against Belfast Celtic when the white strip with green sleeves was worn for the first time. Jackie was taken ill after training on Sept 9, 1952 and operated on for appendicitis in Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Unfortunately, complications set in and he died on the 17th, at the age of 22.

## HIBS FACTS

**1.** Edinburgh Hibernian began as an athletic outlet for the Catholic Young Men's Society attached to St Patrick's parish in the city's Cowgate. Founded by Canon Edward Hannan in 1875, the club was run as a strictly Catholic organisation. The Edinburgh Association refused permission to join the league and the SFA returned its entry fee, saying that their association 'was founded for Scotchmen'.

**2.** In 1887 Hibs reached the Scottish cup final at Hampden, where they met Dumbarton before a crowd estimated at between 12,000 and 15,000, winning 2-1. Before heading home to the east, the club was given a celebratory dinner in St Mary's Hall in the Calton, at which their secretary John McFadden urged fans from the west to form a similar club. The result, later that year, was the founding of Celtic Football and Athletic club.

**3.** In the course of their long history, Hibs have had some notable achievements. In 1955, Hibs entered the new European Cup competition and did well. They beat Rot Weiss Essen 5-1 on aggregate in round one, defeated Djurgarden 4-1 in the quarter-final before losing 0-3 to Stade de Reims in the semi-final.

# TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **HIBERNIAN**



SEASON 2002/03  
CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
8. Partick Thistle	6	1	3	2	-1	6
9. Dundee Utd	6	1	3	2	-5	6
10. Livingston	6	1	1	4	-4	4
11. Aberdeen	6	1	1	4	-7	4
12. HIBERNIAN	6	1	0	5	-9	3

TEAM SPONSOR: CARLSBERG

	MANAGER <b>BOBBY WILLIAMSON</b>	STADIUM <b>EASTER ROAD</b>	CAPACITY <b>16,039</b>	PREVIOUS RESULT <b>HIBS 1 v CELTIC 1</b>	
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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	9
JOHN HARTSON	10	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	11
PAUL LAMBERT	14	12
BOBBY PETTA	15	13
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	14
DIDIER AGATHE	17	15
NEIL LENNON	18	16
STILIAN PETROV	19	17
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	18
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	19
COLIN HEALY	24	20
PAUL SHIELDS	26	21
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	23
STEVE GUPPY	30	24
SIMON LYNCH	32	25
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	26
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	27
JAMIE SMITH	39	28
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	29
JOHN KENNEDY	41	30
LIAM MILLER	43	31

## HIBERNIAN

NICK COLGAN
GARY SMITH
JANOS MATYUS
YANNICK ZANBERNARDI
PAUL FENWICK
IAN MURRAY
TOM McMANUS
GRANT BREBNER
PACO LUNA
FREDDY ARPINION
JOHN O'NEIL
DEREK TOWNSLEY
KEVIN NICOL
MIXU PAATELAINEN
CRAIG JAMES
JARKKO WISS
GARRY O'CONNOR
MARK DEMPSIE
MATHIAS JACK
ALAN DEMPSIE
MATHIAS DOUMBE
ALAN REID
ALEN ORMAN
FREDERIC DACQUIN
LES BYLE
DEREK RIORDAN
PAUL HILLAND
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CRAIG McCONNELL
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## CLUB SPONSORS



## RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 10 SEPTEMBER, 2002  
MOTHERWELL 2 v **CELTIC 1** (Hartson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 1 SEPTEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 2** v LIVINGSTON 1 (Larsson, Balde)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 2nd LEG WED 28 AUGUST, 2002  
FC BASEL 2 v **CELTIC 0**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 24 AUGUST, 2002  
PARTICK THISTLE 0 v **CELTIC 1** (Larsson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 17 AUGUST, 2002  
**CELTIC 5** v DUNDEE UTD 0 (McNamara, Sutton, Petrov, Hartson, Larsson)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 1st LEG WED 14 AUGUST, 2002  
**CELTIC 3** v FC BASEL 1 (Larsson, Sutton, Sylla)

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

UEFA CUP  
**CELTIC** v FK SUDUVA THUR 19 SEPTEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
DUNDEE v **CELTIC** SUN 22 SEPTEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**CELTIC** v KILMARNOCK SAT 28 SEPTEMBER 2002

## TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: DOUGIE McDONALD  
ASSISTANT REFEREES: GORDON HUNTER  
TOM MURPHY  
JOHN GILMOUR

FOURTH OFFICIAL: JOHN GILMOUR



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## Ulrik's Chris cross-ed

Danish defender Laursen reckons a lesson from Sutton made him a better player

**FOR those who were in Edinburgh to witness Celtic's first meeting with Hibernian last season the match is probably best remembered for a glorious goal from the Hoops' recently retired maestro Lubo Moravcik.**

For Ulrik Laursen, however, it was another Celt who made the afternoon unforgettable for all the wrong reasons.

Laursen recalls with a shudder that he was taught the most painful of football lessons by an in-form Chris Sutton, who netted twice, the second from a botched back-pass by the bewildered Dane.

Yet, while many would strive to forget such a tortuous

experience, Laursen has done the opposite, using the memory to fine tune his talent.

He recalled: "I seemed to match Chris quite well in the first 15 minutes but after that everything went in his favour. He is a very skilful striker and strong as well so I always knew to expect a tough game.

"If you don't get on top of him, he can make you look foolish. That's what happened to me that day.

"However, I always think you learn more from games like that than you do from ones where you play well.

"You can maybe have five great games in a row and think you're the best player in the world but one match is always going to bring you

"I think you learn more from bad games like that"

back down to earth. Chris made life very difficult for me that day but I hope I've used the experience to make me a better player."

This afternoon, should both retain their places, Sutton and Laursen will be united in their determination to return Celtic to winning ways after Tuesday evening's defeat at Fir Park.

However, while grateful not to be facing the big Englishman, Ulrik admits to fresh concerns at the prospect of facing another powerful targetman.

Mixu Paatelainen may be less than sprightly at 35, but Laursen saw enough of the burly Finn during his time in Leith to justify labelling him as Hibs' main attacking threat. Such is his admiration for

Paatelainen that Ulrik claims Bobby Williamson should field the veteran ahead of boy wonder, Garry O'Connor.

He said: "Hibs have three or four very good strikers but, with no disrespect to Garry, I think their best option would be to pair Mixu and Paco Luna up front.

"Mixu's a talented striker and, although he's definitely not the quickest, he makes up for that with his strength and aerial ability.

"Luna is also dangerous in the air and possesses a lot of skill on the ball. They will be a good combination for Hibs this season.

"We have to win but it will be tough. I know what Hibs are capable of and they're better than their league position suggests."

Laursen's respect for his former team-mates is genuine. However, he admits the Hibeers are not the formidable force they were two seasons ago when, under Alex McLeish, they sparred with the Old Firm at the

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summit of the SPL.

Nevertheless, just as he didn't begrudge McLeish the plaudits which followed Hibs' rise, Laursen suggests the Rangers' boss should also accept blame for the club's subsequent slide.

"Things went wrong at Hibs because McLeish got rid of too many characters," he said. "Russell Latapy would probably have left anyway



**AT FULL STRETCH:** Chris Sutton gave Ulrik Laursen and torrid time last season

but we should have kept Paatelainen and Stuart Lovell. They were brilliant on and off the pitch and it was awful when they were replaced by lads who struggled to settle because of language problems.

"Mixu and Stuart kept the dressing room together and, without them, we lost track of it all."

Perhaps mindful of the treatment dished out to Didier Agathe on his Easter Road return, Laursen admits he's unsure of what reception he will receive from the visiting support this afternoon. He does not, however, feel he has to justify his decision to switch to the Scottish Champions, save for insisting he was not motivated by money.

What he does crave is the backing of the Celtic faithful, particularly given the knowledge that his former team-mates will be putting everything into using the



### FALL GUYS

*Stuart Lovell, Mixu Paatelainen and Russell Latapy were all great losses to Hibs and the team went downhill*

Hoops fans to their own advantage.

"It was always mentioned when we came to Celtic Park and Ibrox that, if we kept a clean sheet for 25 minutes, the fans would start to turn. That's why it's so important that the fans stay behind us.

"Whenever I came here with Hibs, we always knew we had to produce something special to get a result because, just from looking at the team-sheet, we could see Celtic were better than us.

"The game plan was always to play as high up the pitch as we could, but you end up with 11 men behind the ball regardless.

"It takes something extraordinary to win a point here at Celtic Park and, whenever we did that, we celebrated it like it was a win. I don't intend giving them that satisfaction today though you can be sure of that."

ULRIK LAURSEN

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