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## WHAT'S ON

**RANGERS v AYR UNITED, CIS INSURANCE CUP FINAL, HAMPDEN PARK, SUNDAY 17TH MARCH, KICK-OFF 3PM**

Limited number of tickets available. Contact Credit Card Hotline 0870 600 1993, open weekdays 10am - 7pm and weekends from 10am - 4pm, and from Rangers Ticket Centre, from tomorrow, open weekdays 10am - 4pm and Saturdays 10am - 12noon.

**RANGERS v KILMARNOCK, WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, KICK-OFF 7.45PM**

Tickets on sale from Rangers Ticket Centre and on the credit card hotline on 0870 600 1993. Adults £17, £18 and £22, juveniles £10, concessions £13.

Two under-12 teams from Rangers Youth Academy will be playing in a 60 minute eleven-a-side match prior to the Kilmarnock game. The match will kick-off at 6.15pm.

**RANGERS v PARTICK THISTLE, TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL, HAMPDEN PARK SUNDAY 24TH MARCH, KICK-OFF 3PM**

Applications now closed. Continuous credit card payment customers who have signed up for priority on all semi-finals and finals will automatically receive a ticket.

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Tickets are ready for uplift.

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Hospitality packages are still available for the above match from £135 + vat. Packages include pre-match hospitality at Ibrox Stadium, coach transfer to and from Hampden Park, Main Stand match ticket, corporate gift and match programme.

**RANGERS v KILMARNOCK, WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, KICK-OFF 7.45PM**

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### UNDER-21 FIXTURES

**RANGERS v ST JOHNSTONE, MONDAY 11TH MARCH, KICK-OFF 7PM**  
**RANGERS v ABERDEEN, MONDAY 25TH MARCH, KICK-OFF 7PM**

The above matches will be played at Strathclyde Homes Stadium, Dumbarton. Adults £2, Juveniles £1.

**LOVEN IT: Peter gives Gers the lead in the CIS victory last month**



**ROAR DEAL: Eck inspires the troops at Hampden**



# PASSION

GOOD afternoon and welcome to an occasion I have been looking forward to since becoming manager of Rangers Football Club - walking out the tunnel at Ibrox ahead of an Old Firm derby.

It will get me buzzing and I'm sure the players will feel the same way and sometimes that can give you the edge you need to lift your game even more.

I would have relished playing in an Old Firm game. They are passionate and we have seen a few skirmishes over the years, such is the passion. The players can get caught up in it as much as the fans.

However, it is important both sets of players keep their discipline today, we want the match to be remembered for the football rather than anything else.

Of course, we have the experience of our CIS Cup semi-final victory behind us and there is no doubt that will give the players confidence they can

## I can't wait to sample Ibrox Old Firm buzz

produce the same outcome today.

Today will be different to the Hampden experience because of the intimacy of Ibrox and the majority of the crowd will be Rangers fans.

We have injury worries going into the game, recent schedules having taken their toll. However, you can rest assured whoever takes the field will give their all to take the points.

I said to the players on my arrival that due to the rigours of modern day football, it is about a squad not 11

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players. They would all play a part and must be ready when the time comes.

The whole group has, in fact, been required and to their credit the players have shown they are ready to compete. Competition in any squad is important and it keeps everyone on their toes.

However, at Ibrox I'm always confident the players will get lifted by the crowd and we can pull out anything extra that we needed to pull out.

Of course, today's game is the first of many crucial ones for the club with the CIS Cup Final and the Tennent's Scottish Cup semi-final coming up in the next couple of weeks.

The games are coming thick and fast. Every top team likes it like that because it means you are involved in matches that matter. A club of our size should be playing in a number of games at this time of the season.

We would have liked to have been

involved in some more games this month but sadly that is not to be. We would gladly have taken them on top of the heavy schedule.

A big thanks to the fans for the magnificent backing in Rotterdam and the belief you showed right to the very end of the match. More of the same today, please!

However, for now it is only today that counts and the message is clear. We just want to score one more than the opposition - especially when it's a game against your oldest rivals. Enjoy the game.

**ALEX McLEISH, Manager**

## Heroes reunite for Stu

THE all-conquering nine-in-a-row squad is reuniting for the first time since achieving their historic run of success to honour team mate Stuart McCall in a testimonial match at Bradford's Valley Parade on Sunday, April 28

All of the greats from the most successful era in the club's history, inevitably led by Richard Gough, will be there including Ally McCoist and Mark Hateley.

Gazza, Laudrup and the Hammer will be back in blue while Mark Walters, Trevor Steven, Nigel Spackman, Gordon Durie, John Brown, Ray Wilkins and, of course, Andy Goram will be there.

Joining in the fun will be Ian Ferguson, Dave MacPherson, Duncan Ferguson, Alex Cleland and Jimmy Nicholl. Graham Roberts will also attend while Walter Smith and Archie Knox have agreed to boss the team.

Tickets will be priced £10 for adults and £5 for children. Details of how to get buy will be released in the Rangers News and rangers.co.uk as soon as possible.



**TESTIMONIAL: Stuart McCall**

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WHEN Alex McLeish took Didier Agathe from Raith Rovers to Hibs he knew the Frenchman had bundles of potential.

And his investment paid off when the winger became an Easter Road favourite.

But Agathe – an unknown quantity on these shores back then – was only offered a short-term contract by McLeish, a move Big Eck would soon regret.

After setting the SPL on fire, Celtic swooped with a £50,000 bid leaving Hibs with no option but to cash in on their soon-to-be former player.

Parkhead boss Martin O'Neill had pulled off an astonishing coup and Agathe has gone on to wreak havoc in the SPL and Europe.

Only one man has come close to putting the brakes on Celtic's speed machine – Gers' defender Arthur Numan.

And now Numan wants to turn his string of impressive displays against Agathe into a string of impressive victories for the Ibrox men.

All too often recently the Dutch crack has won his personal battle with Agathe while Gers have lost the war against their oldest rivals.

It's a trend Numan is desperate to reverse as Rangers seek their first league win over Celtic in over a year.

Arthur said: "Moving from Hibs to Celtic has undoubtedly improved Agathe's game.

"His pace makes him very dangerous and he has proved that not only in Scotland, but Europe too.

"I was named man-of-the-match in September at Ibrox when Celtic won 2-0 and it was because he didn't cause too much damage. Hopefully I can stop him again today.

# NUMAN: I'LL SET THE PACE

## fastfact

**PETER Lovenkrands, Billy Dodds, Lorenzo Amoroso and Neil McCann and have all netted twice for Rangers against Celtic. Six stand on one goal - Mols, de Boer, Flo, Ferguson, Kanchelskis and Konterman.**

"We both made comebacks from injury in our CIS Cup semi-final win at Hampden last month. Now we've both got a run of games under our belts. I expect it to be a very competitive battle.

"Celtic have a good balance with Agathe's pace and strength on one side and Bobby Petta's skill on the other.

"Agathe does the same job as Peter Lovenkrands does for us – it's a very good option if you are under pressure. We can put the ball into space over the top and Peter will get on the end of it.

"However, playing against someone like that means you can't afford to lose your concentration for a single second during the match as it could be crucial."

The Dane's potential is frightening and after a bad run of injuries Numan is delighted at the progress

Lovenkrands has made under new boss McLeish.

Numan added: "Peter can be very important to us and he has shown that in the past couple of months.

"He is a weapon we can use in every game. Peter has the ability to create something out of nothing.

"His pace is unbelievable and once he gets past a defender they can't catch him. He's also very skilful and his change of direction can leave the opposition for dead.

"Neil McCann is another at Ibrox who can do that job very well. He's quick too and that helps us down the left flank.

"As I play on the left side I come into contact with these two more often than the others. Over the season we have managed to get a good understanding going.

"But when Peter or Neil push forward it is important there's a balance in the team between defence and attack. I





find myself as more of a provider.”

Scoring first in an Old Firm game is an enormous advantage and the fact no trailing side has come back to win for eight-and-a-half-years is a clear indication of the need to strike first.

Numan starred in numerous Derby clashes in Holland and thought he knew what lay in store when the Old Firm game came around. But he admits unless you've actually played in the match, you have no idea.

He said: “This fixture is such a massive game for both sides. Not many games in the world compare.

“The prestige and hype is amazing and you can never fully understand what it means to supporters until you run out on to the pitch for yourself.

“We want to beat them so badly. But I imagine they feel exactly the same way. For us though, it is important we beat them today and carry on from

our victory in the CIS Cup, even though we are so far behind in the league.

“Every single, point matters and even if we can close the gap slightly it will look better for us.

“Pride is an issue too in Old Firm matches and we want to make sure we don't come out losers.”

**COME AND HAVE A GO:**  
Ibrox ace Arthur Numan is desperate to get his teeth into another Old Firm game and renew his rivalry with Celtic wing king Didier Agathe



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