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TEAM TALK

TODAY we welcome Celtic to Ibrox for what I am sure will be another thrilling Old Firm encounter.

This is a very big match for us – Celtic have already shown that they are going to be pushing us all the way this season in the league.

And that is a challenge we have got to be up for, not only this afternoon but in the rest of our campaign.

I am looking for a good display, and after taking the three points at Parkhead we don't want to be in a situation where we can't back that up by winning at home.

We did very well in the first Old Firm league game to get a 2-0 win in a hectic spell of matches for us.

However, we will have to improve on past results against Celtic at Ibrox which have not been in our favour in recent seasons.

There have been very strange circumstances when we have been winning at Parkhead, and they've been coming here and doing well at Ibrox.

That's something we must look to change – and the importance of today's game cannot be lost on us.

I normally don't think the season settles down until we go into our third group of fixtures, but when you look at this match, it would be a huge psychological boost if we could beat our nearest rivals away from home and here at Ibrox before the turn of the year.

Both teams have shown in the last couple of league games that



it's going to be a very tight championship race.

Celtic have drawn a couple of matches, as we have, but all I am focused on is Rangers hopefully getting the three points.

This has been as good a start to the league campaign as we have had in my time as manager with only one defeat, and long may that continue.

Obviously we have suffered huge disappointments in the Champions League and in the

Coca-Cola Cup, but our league form has been very pleasing, and we aim to keep that going today.

I know you all look forward to this particular fixture, and hopefully with your support behind us we can get the right result.

Thank you for all your backing – and enjoy today's match.



TODAY'S VISIT



DUTCH OF CLASS...
Pierre Van Hooijdonk

CELTIC boss Tommy Burns brings his troops to Ibrox this afternoon desperate to slash Rangers' lead at the top of the Premier League to one point.

Burns is now almost a year and a half into the managerial hot-seat at Parkhead after making the controversial move back to his first love from Kilmarnock.

And after ending the Hoops trophy starvation when he led them to the Scottish Cup last May, Burns is now hoping to smash Rangers' domination of the championship.

Since taking over the reins at Celtic, Burns has splashed out over £6.5 million on half a dozen new stars who are beginning to bed in well to his new-look side.

The most expensive of those acquisitions is German international **ANDREAS THOM**, who cost £2.2 million from Bundesliga cracks Bayer Leverkusen in the summer.

The pacy midfielder-cum-frontman has made a sparkling start in Scotland, and has shown just why he was one of the biggest names in Germany.

Thom was the first East German to play for the unified German football team, and with his precise passing and quick thinking will be the major threat to Rangers today.



BOSS TOMMY

In Celtic's main attacking role will be giant Dutchman **PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK** - who was prized from NAC Breda last season at a cost of £1.25 million.

Van Hooijdonk made an immediate impact - scoring on his debut against Hearts, and then went on to become a hero by heading the winner in Celtic's 1-0 Scottish Cup final win over Airdrie.

He has come in for some criticism this term for not getting into the box enough, but a double salvo at Partick last weekend will have boosted his confidence for today's Old Firm fixture.

It is in defence where Burns has done most of his re-shaping - with three new signings now in the Hoops rearguard.

TOSH MCKINLAY was snapped up from Hearts for £350,000 and has proved to be somewhat of a bargain buy.

His attacking

forays from left back caught the eye of national team boss Craig Brown, and McKinlay was called up for recent games against Greece and Finland.

He is one of a few to



COLLING THE TUNE...
Celtic midfielder John McGovern has scored some wonderful goals at Ibrox



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have played in all three city derbies – Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

In the other full-back spot will be promising Scotland Under-21 star **JACKIE McNAMARA**, who moved from Dunfermline last month for £600,000.

A quick, attack-minded player, McNamara looked certain to further his career in England, but Burns was always a fan, and it didn't take much to persuade the youngster to move to his boyhood heroes.

In the centre of defence **TOM BOYD** is now enjoying a new role next to iron man **JOHN HUGHES**.

Boyd, who turns 30 next week, moved to Parkhead three and a half years ago in a swap deal that saw Tony Cascarino move to Chelsea.

He originally slotted in at either full-back – a role he fulfills with Scotland – but Burns now deploys him in the centre and he has settled in very comfortably.

Big Yogi Hughes is his partner – a tough and rugged £380,000 signing from Falkirk earlier this season.

He seems to be relishing his crack at the big time, and has become a firm favourite with the Celtic fans due to his never-say-die approach.

Celtic have assembled one of the most formidable midfield units in the country with a balanced match of steel and skill.

The steel comes in the shape of midfield grafter **PETER GRANT**, who has spent 13 seasons at Parkhead.

Grant has seen it all in

his time in the green and white, but still emerges as the man with all the drive and passion in the midfield.

Next to him are the Scotland duo of **JOHN COLLINS** and **PAUL McSTAY**, two of the finest talents in the game.

Skipper McStay is in his testimonial year at Celtic, and endured somewhat of a rollercoaster ride last season.

He missed the crucial penalty which handed Raith Rovers the Coca-Cola Cup final last November, but bounced back to lead his side to Scottish Cup glory in May.

He bore the brunt of most of the club's troubles in the early 90's, but on his game is one of the best playmakers in the land.

Collins is still the centre of major transfer talk with rumoured moves to Middlesbrough and Chelsea.

The former Hibs ace has a knack of scoring at Ibrox with wonder free-kicks, and thrives on the Old Firm atmosphere.

Celts' £1.75 million man **PHIL O'DONNELL** could be back this afternoon after sitting out the last few games with a thigh injury, and he is another with match-winning potential.

SIMON DONNELLY has burst back into the first team frame this season with a string of good displays on the right and continues to impress, while tricky winger **BRIAN McLAUGHLIN** could also be involved at some stage today.

Frontman **ANDY**



THOM GUN...
The German hitman has been a superb buy for Tommy Burns' side

WALKER is another with a chance of being involved, and the ex-Bolton striker still has a good eye for goal.

Between the sticks for Celts will be big **GORDON MARSHALL**, who has been handed the gloves this term in place of veteran **PAT BONNER**.

Marshall defied Rangers with some good saves in the recent Coca-

Cola Cup tie at Parkhead, and is enjoying a rich vein of form right now.

After going down 2-0 to Gers back in September, Tommy Burns' Bhoys will be looking for revenge.

And they have enjoyed great success at Ibrox in recent seasons – so today's match should, as usual, be another thrilling Old Firm encounter.

