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IT'S WHAT WE STAND FOR.

HAVE to say that I thought the team came away with an excellent result against Beitar Jerusalem on Tuesday night and hopefully we can carry that through to this evening's match against Celtic.

The players worked very hard in the extremely hot temperature of Israel and, despite going a goal behind, I felt we deserved a draw out of the match.

It's always hard to get a result away from home in Europe and the fact that Beitar hadn't been defeated in their own stadium for 18 months made it all the more pleasing.

The players are getting to know each other with every game they play together and that is good to see, although we still need time before we will be at our best.

Tonight's game should be interesting, as derby matches always are, with Celtic also having played a match in Europe during the week.

I have been pleased with the start we've

"Last season Celtic played better – but Rangers still won"

made to the league campaign and hopefully we can continue that good form tonight.

I've heard a lot about these Old Firm matches and I watched all of last season's games on video. What I did notice is that although Celtic seemed to play better football it was Rangers who came out on top with three victories from the five meetings.

That just shows you that luck plays a big part in these games and it's not always the best team that wins on the day. However, we will be giving our all to be the best tonight and continue to improve on our recent form.

At PSV Eindhoven I nearly always won the derby matches against Ajax and it would be good if I could maintain that record with Rangers.



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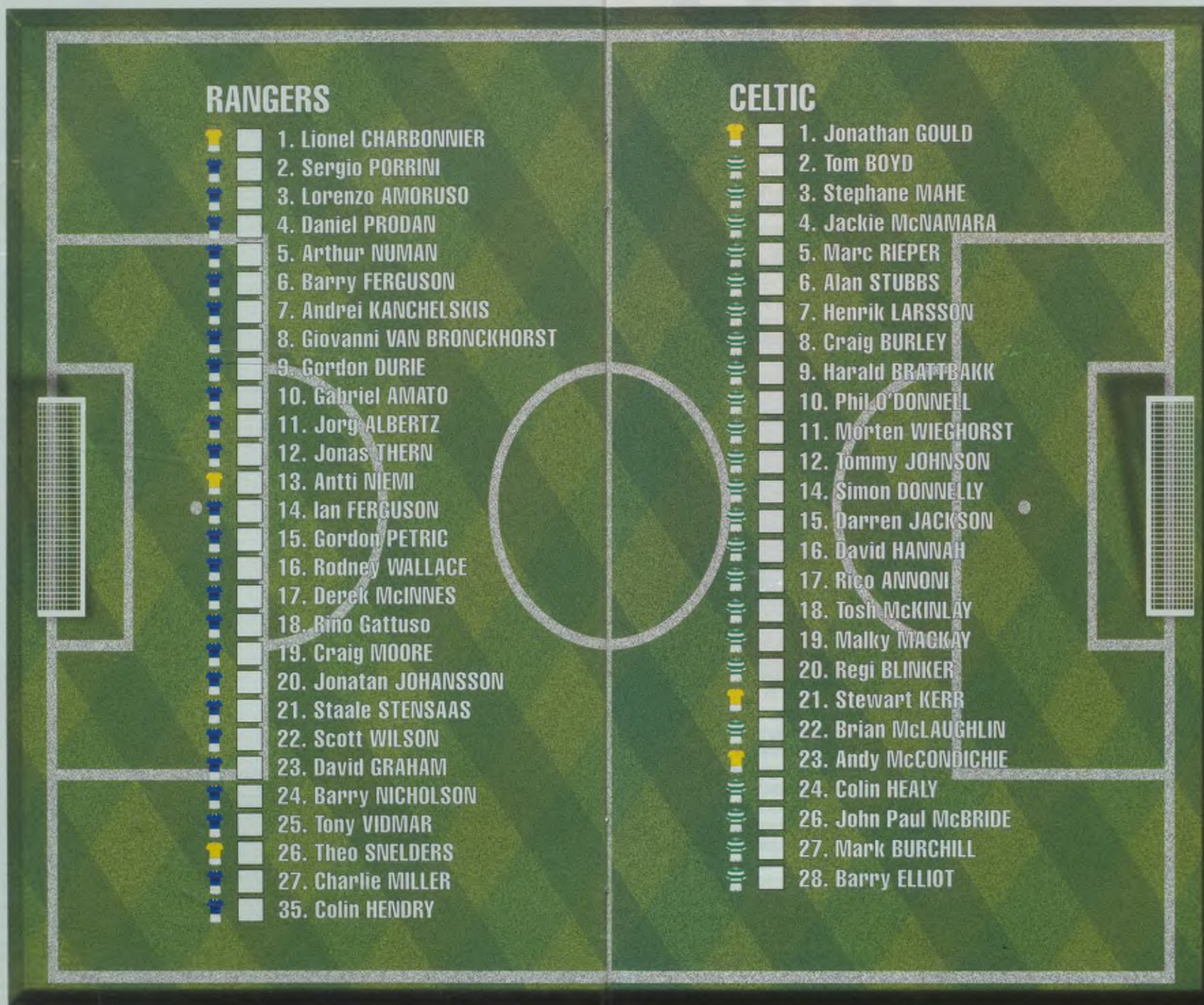


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TONIGHT'S VISITORS

men to watch



DJ
verdict

CELTIC travel to Ibrox this evening hoping to record their first away victory in this famous derby fixture for over four years.

The Bhoys' Old Firm record has been somewhat indifferent recently but they will have to put that behind them today if they're to avoid slipping further behind in the championship race.

Saturday August 27 1994 is the date when the men from the East End last got the better of the Gers in the South Side of Glasgow.

Celts' captain **TOM BOYD** was one of the stars in the 2-0 win that day and he is one of the few survivors from the starting line-up.

The 32-year-old is one of the most experienced campaigners within the Celtic ranks and he is almost certain to start for Jozef Venglos' side.

One of the success stories of Celtic's championship winning side last season was that of goalkeeper **JONATHAN GOULD**.

The former Bradford City man took the step-up in class with relative ease and put in a string of impressive displays that resulted in him being included in the Scotland squad for the World Cup in France.

But it was the performances of midfield men **CRAIG BURLEY** and **PAUL LAMBERT** that were crucial in seeing Celtic wrestle the title away from Ibrox for the first time in a decade.

Both players arrived at Parkhead last season in contrasting circumstances. Burley took the option of

travelling north after failing to work his way into Ruud Gullit's Chelsea side and the move has boosted his career immensely.

Meanwhile Lambert arrived in the East End of Glasgow after a successful spell with Borussia Dortmund which saw him win a European Cup gong. But his family failed to settle in Germany and a move to Scotland was just what the former Motherwell man needed.

Incidentally it was both these players who scored in last year's Ne'erday Old Firm victory at Celtic Park, a result that had a major bearing in the destination of the title.

So it will be a great relief to Dick Advocaat to hear that Lambert is suspended for today's game due to his sending-off against Kilmarnock last Saturday.

Swedish international **HENRIK LARSSON** scored 19 goals for the Celts last season and if he features

tonight will be a major threat to the Rangers defence.

It was Larsson who scored in the first minute on Tuesday night to give Celtic a vital lead against Portuguese side Guimaraes.

And he was also a major influence the previous week as Sweden beat England 2-1 in a European Championships qualifier.

By **GAVIN BERRY**

Bottle. That's what today's game is all about and it's up to the men in the middle to prove what they're made of because I firmly believe this encounter will be won or lost in midfield.

The loss of the suspended Paul Lambert is a huge blow to Celtic because he's the one who picks up the ball, makes the passes and sits in the centre allowing the influential Craig Burley to get forward.

They're certainly going to miss him - but who do they bring in as a replacement?

There's a few possible options. I think they'll opt for Simon Donnelly wide on the right with Craig Burley, David Hannah and Phil O'Donnell which leaves them inexperienced in the very area Rangers are strong right now.

With the two Fergusons playing well against anyone these days, Celtic's middle men will have to be at their best to compete and I can see them calling on their defence to help them out.

You may remember Enrico Annoni doing a fine man-marking job on Brian Laudrup in previous games and I can see him being asked to perform the same task on Barry Ferguson.

If they can snuff out young Fergie then they'll also cut out a lot of Rangers passing as everything goes through him.

Alongside Annoni will be the two centre-backs, Marc Rieper and Alan Stubbs with full-back Stephane Mahe which will suit Rangers style of play as the



Can Light Blues stand the pace?

Henrik Larsson caused Gough and company a few problems last season



Ibrox side now prefer to play the ball on deck rather than putting high balls into the box.

This could be an ideal situation for Gabriel Amato and, especially, Rod Wallace. The little striker is very nippy on his feet and could cause Celtic big problems.

Just as Henrik Larsson could do to the Gers, I can see him playing a lone role up front, with Darren Jackson moving back to fill the midfield and stop Rangers playing.

Larsson has fantastic pace as he proved in the midweek European clash and that could give the rather slow Rangers defence a lot of worries.

So who's the danger man? Well, Craig Burley is the man who's been scoring goals for the Parkhead side.

He always tries to get himself free from markers and when he gets the ball he rarely gives it away.

When Celtic get forward the Rangers defence will have to keep a watchful eye on him as he's always sitting about 25 yards from goal, just waiting to pounce on any cutbacks or loose balls.

Celtic certainly pose a goal threat, with a number of players capable of scoring for them including Donnelly and O'Donnell and Rangers must be wary of the pace of this team.

As with Dundee United last week, they may well try to use this weapon by putting the ball over the top and letting their players run on to it.

My verdict? Rangers have a few Derby debutants who may well have been told all about this game but will never fully understand until they go out on that park.

There's going to be noise from the first minute right up till the last and the players have to handle that but I have no doubt they will. They're experienced players who know the score.

As for Celtic, before Tuesday they wouldn't have felt great coming into the game because of the off-field situation which, no matter what people say, *does* eventually get to the players.

But I think the European win will give them a huge boost and they'll be feeling a lot more confident.

It's a difficult one to call. Defensively Rangers haven't been great but at the same time they haven't conceded a lot of goals.

If the two Fergies can get a grip of the midfield and supply Wallace and Kanchelskis then I think Rangers could win by the odd goal.

Verdict: Rangers win



TONIGHT'S MATCH STATS



Since his arrival from Hamburg in 1996, Jorg Albertz has appeared in 10 Old Firm matches and finished on the losing side only twice. 'The Hammer' has also banged in three cracking goals.

Rangers are chasing their 100th victory over Old Firm rivals Celtic today – so bring on the century boys!

The first-ever Old Firm match was a 'friendly' in May 1888 which Celtic won 5-2. After the game both teams went for a supper and celebration together in a local hall.

During the 1978-79 season, the Gers played their home matches against Celtic at Hampden because of ground redevelopment at Ibrox. The results were 1-1 and 1-0 to the Gers. Hampden was also home to Celtic in 1994-95 when Old Firm honours were even with one victory apiece.

Super striker Ally McCoist netted at least once against Celtic in each of his first nine seasons with Rangers. With 27 strikes in total between 1983 and 1998, Coisty is the Gers' leading scorer in Old Firm matches.

Ex-Celt Mo Johnston made the headlines when he joined Rangers in 1989, but in earlier days it wasn't so unusual for players to appear for

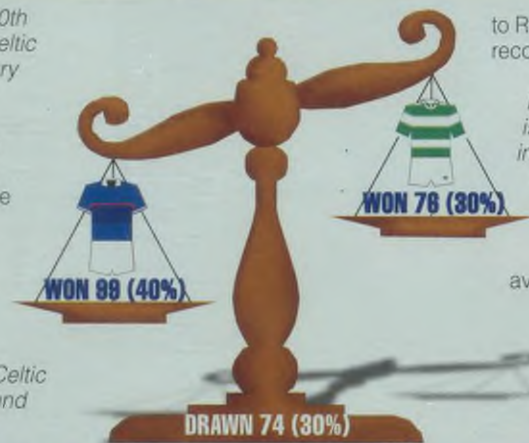
to Rangers' ground because of reconstruction work at Parkhead).

Rangers' 5-1 win in August 1988 is their biggest victory over Celtic in the Premier League and was their best in any Old Firm fixture for 28 years.

Rangers had the highest average home gate in the 1998-99 Premier League with 49,356, just ahead of Celtic on 48,532. The average Premier League attendance was 18,962.

The March 1976 Old Firm game was called off because of a 'flu epidemic among the Celtic players. It was eventually played in April and ended 0-0.

One of the most bizarre Old Firm confrontations of all time happened in Scotland's World Cup play-off against Czechoslovakia in 1961. During the extra-time period, Rangers' Jim Baxter fought with Celtic's Pat Crerand over first use of a trainer's sponge!



BALANCE OF PLAY

both clubs. Examples include Tom Dunbar, William Kivlichan and George T Livingstone who once scored four times for Celtic in an Old Firm match.

Amazingly, Celtic won at Ibrox THREE times within the space of four weeks in the early part of season 1971-72. The Hoops triumphed 3-2 in a First Division match and twice in League Cup ties (one of which had been switched

