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It's a great pleasure to welcome the board, management, players and staff of Celtic back to West Lothian this evening.

We took a lot of positives from our last meeting with this evenings visitors; the game at Celtic Park remains a testimony to our own spirit and the determination shown by the lads then was a real credit to their character. However, Celtic's dominance of the league this term has been remarkable, and it goes without saying that we can expect no less than another top-quality clash with the current champions this evening. If we are to take anything from the game then we'll have to ensure that our focus remains keenly tuned for the entire 90 minutes.

Our weekend exit from the Scottish Cup was a great disappointment to all concerned – not least to the lads themselves. We'd shown great battling qualities the previous week when I felt we dominated proceedings against Hearts and, when the midweek clash with Dundee was postponed, had prepared well for what we knew would be a completely different undertaking at Pittodrie. To their credit, Aberdeen worked well and put us under pressure with an early advantage, and while I didn't agree with the circumstances which led to the second goal, we have to take the defeat on board and work towards correcting the mistakes.

While we relished the prospect of a good Cup run, our departure allows us some benefit in that we can now focus our full attention on league matters. This evening's encounter will certainly provide a stern test of our mettle but, once again, we look forward to your best support in helping us meet the challenge.

Now lets hear the Lions ROAR!

Jim Leishman



It's a great pleasure this evening to welcome Martin O'Neill and the playing staff and supporters of Celtic Football Club on the occasion of their third visit to West Lothian.

Tonight's contest is one we are especially looking forward to. Our previous encounters with the Parkhead side have thrown up some spectacular displays from both teams and generated a great atmosphere among their respective followings, and I fully expect that trend to continue here this evening.

While Celtic's successes of this term are well chronicled, it is perhaps ironic that the only team to take a full complement of points from them this season, is the same which halted our progress in the Scottish Cup last week, and that both teams have been drawn against each other in the quarter-final stage. However, our memory of defeat at the hands of Aberdeen is a little fresher than that of the Celtic squad and, while Celtic

have continued their run of winning form, we come into this evenings game on the back of a disappointing result at Pittodrie on Saturday. Tonight's encounter will therefore provide a real test of our determination to rebuild the composure which has highlighted our season thus far: no easy task, perhaps, when facing the current league leaders, but the lads are prepared to give a good account of themselves this evening.

I'm pleased to report that our injured players are continuing to make a steady progress towards a full recovery, and I was especially delighted to welcome Javier Broto back to the senior training sessions last week. Both Stuart Lovell and Sheriff are close to making a return to first-team selection while our latest signing, Morten Petersen has now made a complete recovery and is presently working towards regaining full, match fitness.

Finally, my thanks to all those who followed us to Pittodrie on Saturday; we've had a gruelling schedule of fixtures to complete over the last month and your support has been commendable. I trust you'll be in fine voice this evening as we look forward to a truly entertaining encounter.

Enjoy the game.

Davie Hay

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On Saturday 19th January Livingston and Hearts squared up at a wet and windswept Almondvale for a match billed as a 'six pointer'; the fourth placed Edinburgh side very much hoping to close the six point gap on third placed Livi.

Hearts were also keen to avenge their two previous defeats by Livingston this term and pushed forward from the kick off. In the opening minute striker Ricardo Fuller twisted past Rubio and raced through on goal, but the alert Gary Bolland moved across to cover and nicked the ball off his toes with a superbly timed tackle.

The Lions' defence were kept busy as Hearts continued to press for an early opener. Fuller again made room for himself in the 13th minute but his angled drive from inside the area flew well over the top.

Almost immediately, Livingston stepped up their play and twice came close to scoring; Stevie Tosh gathered the ball midway in the Hearts half and, after taking a few strides forward, launched a vicious drive at goal which flew inches wide of target when taking a deflection off Stephen Pressley. Moments later, a well delivered cross from Philippe Brinquin found David Bingham in the area, but his shot was charged down by the Hearts defence.

Hearts were reduced to ten men in the 35th minute when Alan Maybury was red carded by referee Dougie McDonald following a challenge on David Fernandez after the whistle had gone.

A header from Hearts sub Stephen Simmons looked to have beaten Nick Culkin in the 43rd minute but somehow the Lions keeper managed to arch back to tip the ball over the bar.

Right on half time David Fernandez sliced through the Hearts defence before cutting the ball back across goal to the inrushing Stevie Tosh at the back post, but the midfielder's volley went wide of the upright.

With the advantage of the extra man, Livi put Hearts under severe pressure immediately following the restart. A mesmerizing run from Fernandez allowed Stevie Tosh room to make an overlap on the left and his dangerous ball into the area was only just cleared by the defence with Bingham and Barry Wilson lurking nearby.

In the 53rd minute the Lions David Bingham opened the scoring with a superbly set up goal; a wonderful crossfield



**STEVIE TOSH -
A GREAT PERFORMANCE**

ball from Quino, a stand out in midfield, picked out Brinquin on the left of the Hearts penalty area. The Frenchman's first time, cushioned cross found Bingham in the area and he powered his header past the helpless McKenzie.

The loss of a goal spurred Hearts forward and three minutes later a 20-yard curling shot from Fuller brought out a good stop from Nick Culkin. The Hearts striker went down in the box minutes later but referee McDonald believed it to be a dive and awarded a yellow card.

Livingston's second goal came in the 65th minute when Brinquin, finding himself in acres of space on the right, ran from midway in the Hearts half before delivering another inch perfect cross into the box for Fernandez who forced his way bravely between two defenders to nod home.

Hearts battled hard to try and reduce the leeway and a powerful header by Stephane Adam brought out a wonderful stop by the fully stretched Nick Culkin.

Barry Wilson thought he had won a penalty two minutes from time as Hearts keeper, McKenzie sent him crashing to the ground inside the box while he raced through on goal, but he was shocked to be accused of diving and shown the yellow card by the referee.

Right on full time Hearts were awarded a penalty but Nick Culkin capped a great performance by pulling off another fine save from Simmons spot kick.

Livingston: Culkin, Brinquin, Bolland, Anderson, Rubio, Quino, Wilson, Tosh, Fernandez, Hart and Bingham. Subs: McEwan, Lowndes (on for Fernandez), Makel (on for Hart), Caputo and Santini.

Livingston travelled North on Saturday 26th January for a 4th round Scottish Cup tie with Aberdeen at Pittodrie. The North of Scotland had been hit by heavy snow followed by a thaw and rain through the week and after a second inspection of the playing surface at 1pm - an earlier one at 11am had put the game in doubt - referee John Underhill decided to allow the match to go ahead.

The Dons - hoping to avenge two earlier heavy defeats by the Lions this season - pressed forward from the kick off and within five minutes breached Livingston's back line. A cross from the right was helped on by Eugene Dadi to Robbie Winters and the Dons striker spun and drove a low shot past Nick Culkin.

A Stevie Tosh strike from the edge of the box was deflected wide minutes later and David Fernandez had his header from the resultant corner brilliantly saved by Peter Kjaer, but Livingston fell further behind in the 17th minute.

Aberdeen were awarded a disputed free kick on the edge of the area and, after a re-take, Jamie McAllister drilled the ball low into the corner of the net to give the home side a 2-0 half time lead.

Half time sub Dario Aurello should have reduced the deficit two minutes after the restart following a good cross from Philippe Brinquin but his effort was too close to the keeper. David Bingham, Rubio and Aurello all had further chances but Aberdeen held out to win through to a quarter-final clash with Celtic at Pittodrie.


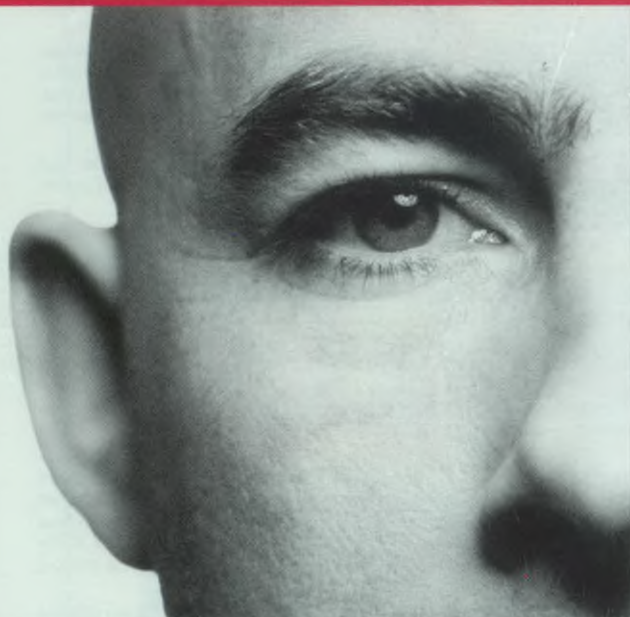
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Played	Sub	Goals	Yellow	Red	Result
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					PHILIPPE BRAQUIN
					GARY BOLLAN
					OSCAR RUBIO
					MARVIN ANDREWS
					JOHN ANDERSON
					BARRY WILSON
					STEVEN TOSH
					NATHAN LOWMEDES
					DAVIDE FERNANDEZ
					DAVID BINGHAM
					FRANCISCO QUINO
					DAVID KAUSA
					STUART LOVELL
					DAVID MCEWAN
					STEPHEN WHALEN
					MICHAEL HART
					MASSIMILIANO CAPUTO
					DARREN BRADY
					DAVID MCGUIRE
					STUART GREACEN
					VINCENT O'SULLIVAN
					DIDIER SARTINI
					NICK CULPIN
					CARLOS AURELLIO
					CHERIF TOURE MAMAN
					RICHARD BRITTAIR
					LEE MAHEL
					MORTEN PETERSEN

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						1 JONATHAN GOULD
						2 TOM BOYD
						3 MOHAMMED SYLLA
						4 JACKIE MCNAMARA
						5 JOOS VALGAEREN
						6 BOBO BALDE
						7 HENRIK LARSSON
						8 ALAN THOMPSON
						9 CHRIS SUTTON
						10 JOHN HARTSON
						11 MORTEN WIEGHORST
						14 PAUL LAMBERT
						15 BOBBY PETTA
						16 OLIVIER TEBILY
						17 DIDIER AGATHE
						18 NEIL LEMON
						19 STILIAN PETROU
						20 ROBERT DOUGLAS
						22 STEPHANE BONNES
						23 DIMITRI KHARIN
						24 COLIN HEALY
						25 LUBOMIR MORAVCIK
						28 RYAN MCCANN
						29 SHAUN MALONEY
						30 STEVE GUPPY
						32 SIMON LYVCH
						33 JOHN CONVERY
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DUNFERMLINE	25	9	4	12	30	42	-12	31
DUNDEE UNITED	26	8	7	11	28	44	-16	31
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