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HATELEY

Referee:
J McCluskey (Stewarton)
Linesmen:
G P Mitchell (Arbroath)
B W Cassidy (Carmunock)



CREANEY



NICHOLAS



COLLINS



McGINLAY



McSTAY



BYRNE



BOYD



MOWBRAY



GILLESPIE



GRANT

BONNER



CELTIC

OTHER CANDIDATES

RANGERS — SCOTT(RG), McCOIST, MIKHAILITCHENKO, WISHART, HAGEN.

CELTIC — MARSHALL (RG), PAYTON, SMITH, O'NEIL, WADOWCZYK.



RANGERS: Manager — Walter Smith **CELTIC:** Manager — Lou Macari

Welcome to Ibrox Stadium



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Ryan McWilliams, aged 11,
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WHO'S WHO AT IBROX

SECRETARY

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TEAM MANAGER

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ROLL OF HONOUR

European Cup Winners' Cup

Winners 1972

Runners-up 1961, 1967

Scottish League Champions

(43)

1891, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993.

(The Championship was shared with Dumbarton in 1891)

Scottish Cup Winners (25)

1894, 1897, 1898, 1903, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1973, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1992, 1993.

Scottish League Cup Winners (19)

1946/47, 1948/49, 1960/61, 1961/62, 1963/64, 1964/65, 1970/71, 1975/76, 1977/78, 1978/79, 1981/82, 1983/84, 1984/85, 1986/87, 1987/88, 1988/89, 1990/91, 1992/93, 1993/94.

The Gaffer



OUR League Cup success against Hibs last weekend leaves us in no doubt that we must continue that good form in the league campaign.

So far this season we've played our best stuff in the League Cup and now we must look to continue that in the league programme, starting today against Celtic.

We can consider ourselves somewhat fortunate that no team has had a great start to the season. Every side has had to contend with upsets and, as a result, we find ourselves only two points off the lead after an indifferent start to the season.

In previous seasons we've found ourselves in very similar positions and we've always managed to catch up, but there's nothing automatic in football and just because we did it in previous seasons doesn't mean we'll do so again.

Obviously I'm hopeful now the injury situation is settling down and we're beginning to get players back into action that the results will pick up.

We've had three victories in a row now which is pleasing after the up and down start to the season and I'm hoping we can continue to take advantage of that situation, particularly at home.

We face some big games at Ibrox against teams such as Celtic and Aberdeen as we enter a new quarter of the season and it's vital we pick up all points on offer — starting this afternoon.

Contrary to what people may think it's not too strange to find both ourselves and Celtic off the lead at the top of the table at the moment.

League positions at the moment aren't a great indicator to how the teams are actually doing. Some, like ourselves, are only now beginning to settle down, whereas other have had a really good start to the season and may now be dropping back a little, you never know.

The league won't really begin to settle down until after the halfway stage and that's why it's important we begin to show some consistency to put us nearer the top again.

In addition, I believe the fact we've beaten Celtic already at Ibrox this season has no relevance and never has with Old Firm games. Before I came to Rangers I used to hear managers say you can take nothing for granted as no-one really knew for sure what was going to happen in an Old Firm match and that's 100 per cent correct.

We're more cheered at the present moment by the fact our team line-up is beginning to look settled again as I've said that goes hand in hand with victory.

However, I stress once again that winning doesn't happen automatically. The team now coming together again did well last season, but the players must make sure they can prove they can do well again.

That's something I always say to them and the boys here know they have to accept that challenge and so far they've done that. The challenge was there for them to be successful on Sunday against Hibs and they responded in a positive manner.

Now is the time for them to show the determination to succeed in the league is every bit as strong as before — and that challenge begins at three o'clock this afternoon.

Inside Ibrox

RANGERS fans can feast on some of the greatest goals scored by their favourite team this Christmas.

The Gers have joined forces again with top video producers Cameron/Williams to launch a new video called Rangers Gold.

Narrated by top Scots comedian Andy Cameron it will feature explorers and celebrities who have been asked to name their favourite Rangers' goals.

The video will feature appearances by greats Denis Law and George Best, as well as Sir Stanley Matthews, who turned out for the Light Blues on several occasions during the Second World War.

Former Gers including Derek

Parlane, John Greig, Bob McPhail, Jim Forrest, Gordon Smith and Derek Johnstone have also contributed.

As well as the goals, Andy Cameron will also take the supporters on a light-hearted tour behind the scenes at Ibrox Stadium and there will be an interesting look at the trophy room.

The video, which will retail at £12.99, is in the final stages of production and will be released in time for the Christmas market.

It will be available from all good High Street retailers, as well as the Rangers Shops and directly from the Rangers Commercial Department.

Look out for further details in future editions of the Rangers News and Matchday Programme.

MEMBERS of the charity Cruse, which helps the bereaved come to terms with the death of loved ones, said thanks to Rangers fans this week.

They held a successful collection day outside Ibrox Stadium before the game against St Johnstone.

They raised more valuable funds and have passed on their thanks to all the Gers fans who contributed.

Organiser William Bruce said: "The fans to gave their cash so freely. They were very generous indeed and everyone at Cruse would like to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone who helped make it such a memorable afternoon."



GREENOCK club Darroch Park swept the board at the recent Rangers Supporters Association bowls competition.

They won both the Ally McCoist Singles Trophy as well as the doubles event, beating Port Glasgow and Rothesay in the respective finals.

Rangers PRO John Greig made an appearance at the Fairfield Bowls Club in Govan to present the

prizes at the annual event, which attracted 40 teams.

Jimmy Clements of the Supporters Association told the Matchday Programme:

"It was a great day out and all the games were very competitive and of the usual high standard.

"Our congratulations go to Darroch Park and our thanks to all the players who took part, as well as John for taking time out to present the trophies."

Inside Ibrox



★ MEET the catering champs of Ibrox Stadium — the staff from outlet 2A in the lower Copland Stand.

Stadium Catering Manager Kenny Moar decided to introduce a staff incentive scheme last season and the Copland crew swept the board.

Kenny marked every outlet in the stadium throughout last season on aspects such as hygiene, speed of service, attendance record and stock control and 2A finished top of the pile.

In addition to a shield to display in their catering bar, each member of the team was also rewarded with a bonus

of £100 each.

Kenny is seen here presenting the award to Mark Davidson while looking on (from left to right) are other team members Isobel Laing, the Concourse Supervisor, Angela Clark and Tammy Early.

Kenny said: "The service throughout the stadium was excellent, but the staff of 2A showed exceptional standards and had a terrific service record.

"Although this is the first year of the staff incentive scheme it has proved to be well worth while and we hope to continue it throughout this season and into the future."



★ RANGERS and Scotland keeper Andy Goram reckons the surgeons made a mistake when rebuilding his injured knee.

Andy, who guests on a Question of Sport at 8.30pm this Tuesday, explained in gruesome detail to a shocked studio audience how a dead man's achilles was used to replace his knee ligaments.

"Trouble was, they didn't tell me it was a Sumo's!"

joked Scotland's Player of the Year for last season.

"I've put on about seven stone. I think they gave me his chins and stomach as well."

Part way through the programme, with their team struggling, captain Bill Beaumont leaned over and said to Andy: "I think they gave you the Sumo's brain as well."

Fortunately for Bill this was one time when Andy didn't have his crutches handy.

Today's visitors



AFTER weeks of speculation, **LOU MACARI** will take charge of Celtic for the first time this afternoon.

The former Parkhead striker gets a real taste of Scottish football for the first time in 20 years.

And he will be looking for a more enjoyable day this time around — his last outing for Celtic was a 2-1 defeat here at Ibrox on January 6, 1973.

He had 11 years at Manchester United before making his first venture into management, with Swindon Town as player-

boss almost 10 years ago.

He led Swindon from the old Fourth Division to the threshold of the First, and then moved on to West Ham and Birmingham City. Macari took the latter to Wembley where they lifted the Leyland Daf Cup and he returned with Stoke City for the Autoglass Final.

He also led them to the Second Division title last season, and while his latest role promises to be his biggest challenge, former team-mates are backing him to make a success of it.

However, the new manager has hinted there will be no dramatic changes in the Celtic line-up this afternoon compared with recent weeks.

Since Liam Brady resigned after a 2-1 defeat at St Johnstone, and assistant manager Joe Jordan quickly followed suit, Frank Connor has been in charge.

And the results under his leadership have been encouraging, with two wins and a draw against league leaders Hibernian at Easter Road.

So much so, that Macari is likely to leave Connor in charge for today's game and take a temporary back seat.

What the new boss will undoubtedly see is a Celtic side determined to make a good first impression, and they certainly have players capable of doing just that.

After a disappointing start to the season, when caretaker Scotland manager Craig Brown dropped him from the side to face Italy earlier this month, **PAUL McSTAY** is a man with a mission.

The Celtic captain is keen to prove wrong his critics and reports suggest he was in much better form in the last two games, against Hibs and then Sporting Lisbon in the UEFA Cup 10 days ago.

McStay is just one member of a four-man midfield which, on its day, could stand comparison with any in the country.

JOHN COLLINS has been troubled with injuries this season, but he has shown since his move from Hibs three years ago that he is a very talented individual.

He has contributed with quite a few goals in that time, including eight in the league last year. He has yet to find the net for his club this season, but did score in Scotland's 1-1 draw with Switzerland just before he picked up his injury.

PAT MCGINLAY has also been a regular marksman in the past — indeed, his incredible scoring record from the Hibs midfield was part of the reason Liam Brady had to splash out just over £500,000 for his services at a tribunal.

He has netted only twice for his new club, and will certainly be looking to add to that, beginning today.



STICKING IT OUT . . . Pat Bonner who has re-established himself as Celtic's Numbr One choice for goalkeeper

Today's visitors



PETER GRANT

The fourth member of the midfield is a much more settled player nowadays after a long-running contractual dispute with the club.

Like new boss Macari, **PETER GRANT** is a product of the Celtic youth policy and has proved to be one of their most successful Bhoys.

The fiercely competitive midfielder made his league debut for Celtic here in April 1984, and he will want to help produce a better debut for his boss than he enjoyed — Rangers won 1-0 thanks to a Bobby Williamson goal.

McStay apart, the only survivor in the Celtic ranks from that day is goalkeeper **PAT BONNER** — and the Republic of Ireland international could provide some inspiration for his skipper.

It was not so long ago that Bonner had more than his fair share of critics and **GORDON MARSHALL** took his place in the first team.

But Bonner battled back and is now displaying the sort of form which has made him such a favourite with the Parkhead punters.

The players who will be trying to help him keep Rangers out today will probably be chosen from **TONY MOWBRAY**, **GARY GILLESPIE**, **MIKE GALLOWAY**, **MARK McNALLY**, **TOM BOYD** and **DARIUSZ WDOWCZYK**.

Mowbray and Gillespie have both had their share of injury trouble since arriving at Parkhead, so much so that they have barely played together, as



MIKE GALLOWAY

Liam Brady had hoped when he signed both of them.

However, both are top performers and with injuries now hopefully behind them, they will be out to make up for lost time.

That could mean further bad news for Mike Galloway. The former Hearts man had an outstanding start to the season, but was forced to carry the can for Celtic's League Cup semi-final defeat last month.

It was his error which allowed Ian Durrant to set up Mark Hateley's winner, he was dropped for the league visit to Tynecastle three days later and has found it difficult to force his way back in recently.

Tom Boyd first made his name at Motherwell, where he captained them to Scottish Cup success two years ago. He then moved to Chelsea, but quickly returned north of the border in a swap for striker Tony Cascarino.

He is naturally left-sided, but has found himself on the right for Celtic while Polish international Wdowczyk has operated on the other side.

However, Boyd could switch to his favoured position today, with Mark McNally or Peter Grant moving to right-back and Wdowczyk settling for a place on the bench.

There could also be a place somewhere in the line-up for young Irishman **PAUL BYRNE**, who has impressed since getting his chance



CHARLIE NICHOLAS

when Stuart Slater moved to Ipswich.

The 21-year-old came to Celtic highly recommended from Bangor at the end of last season and his wing skills have already endeared him to the Celtic fans.

If selected, it will be his job to provide the chances for in-form **GERRY CREANEY** and **CHARLIE NICHOLAS**.

Creaney is yet another player who has suffered through injury, but since fellow **FRANK McAVENNIE** and **ANDY PAYTON** are still sidelined, he has been given an early chance to shine again.

And if his goals tally is anything to go by, it is a chance he has taken. Creaney has scored in each of Celtic's last four matches, taking him to five in total, level with Payton and just one behind McAvennie.

Nicholas, meanwhile, has again been displaying the skilful touches that have become his trademark, and he has also netted four goals this year.

The calibre of the squad means that Macari has the basis of a good side, and with promising youngsters such as **BARRY SMITH**, **STEWART KERR**, **BRIAN O'NEIL**, **JAMIE McQUILKEN** and **STUART GRAY** waiting in the wings, he will feel he can make a success of his new job.

And with around 75 per cent of today's spectators hoping he won't get off to a winning start, he will be all the more determined to do so.