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# SHOWDOWN

THIS afternoon we welcome Celtic to Ibrox for this season's first Old Firm derby – and you don't need me to say what this means to all of you.

The television cameras will be here and the ground, as usual, will be packed to capacity. Now all I need to do is to try to make sure the players get the right result.

Before Thursday's UEFA Cup tie in Poland we defeated Dundee United 6-1 at Tannadice, and a result like that can only give the players the confidence they need to take into their next SPL game.

Today we take on a team who are not only our arch-rivals but also the league leaders, and it is vital we narrow their four-point lead at the top of the table.

Having said that, though, the 2001/2002 league campaign isn't even three months old so this game will by no means decide the destination of the Championship. Prizes are handed out in May – not September!

From a manager's point of view, it is always disappointing to lose any match but when it's a derby game it hurts that little bit more because you know how much it means to all the fans. That is why last season was so unfortunate because our record against Celtic was not the best.

Although we were very rarely at full strength in any of the games, to lose three consecutive matches

## WE CAN CLOSE GAP IN HIGH NOON CLASH

against our city rivals is just not acceptable.

We did, however, have one moment of derby joy which came at this very ground. I'm sure you don't need me to remind you of that terrific 5-1 victory back in November last year and nobody more than me would love to see a repeat of that this afternoon.

That, of course, is easier said than done. It will take a huge effort from everyone involved to get the kind of result we are looking for today, but the players know what they have to do and what is expected of them so hopefully they can produce the right performance.

As I did in my first season, Martin O'Neill steered Celtic to the Treble last term and they deserve every credit for that. Everyone talks about Henrik Larsson's influence on their team – and I'm as big an admirer as anyone of the striker – but they have more than just one good player.

You don't achieve the type of success that Celtic did last season

with just one man. They have quality throughout their squad and a lot of strength in depth which has helped them reach the Champions League group stages this term.

We will respect Celtic this afternoon, but not fear them. From our own point of view, we are at last going in the right direction in terms of injury problems with many key players returning to action.

But regardless of the 11 men who pull on that Light Blue jersey this afternoon, they must give nothing less than 100 per cent. No-one involved with the club will accept anything less.

It's funny, but as a manager a derby is the easiest type of game to be in charge of. Once I announce the team everyone knows what is expected of them and I want the fans to raise the roof as well.

Let's just hope it's enough and we're celebrating three points at 1.45pm this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.



**As manager a derby is easy – players know just what is expected of them**



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# HATE TRICK

RONALD DE BOER was the victim of constant verbal abuse from Feyenoord fans during his days with their bitter rivals Ajax – now he HOPES the Celtic supporters make him a similar hate-figure.

The dynamic Dutch midfielder reckons being singled out for stick by the Rotterdam faithful was a compliment in disguise because deep down they feared the midfield maestro who was a constant thorn in their side.

Now De Boer, who is quick to point out that he has a 100 per cent record against Martin O'Neill's men, is hoping to maintain his impressive form against Celtic and become a lucky Old Firm mascot for Dick Advocaat.

The only time the 31-year-old has played in the powderkeg fixture was in the 5-1 home win at Ibrox last November, where he netted in Gers' sole victory over the Treble winners last season.

It's a day the Dutchman will never forget, but now he is nearing the type of form that once had him regarded as one of Europe's best players, the £4.5million signing from Barcelona is hoping for a repeat this afternoon.

De Boer was the star of the successful young Ajax side of the mid-1990s, his hometown team having been born and raised in Amsterdam, which

## I'll make Celts fans loathe me says Ron

swept all before them under coach Louis van Gaal.

And he said: "We always won quite easily against Feyenoord and their fans used to hate it. It was so frustrating for the Rotterdam people and, because we won everything at home and in Europe, they saw us as arrogant.

"There were a couple of us who they particularly didn't like and I, along with my brother Frank, was one of them. We took so much abuse from Feyenoord fans but it never bothered us – it made us more determined to win.

"Hopefully I will soon have the same reputation in the Celtic fans' eyes because if someone doesn't like you then it's because deep down in their heart they fear you. I have a 100 per cent record against them – played, scored and won once – so hopefully that will continue today at Ibrox.

"The Old Firm is something very special, I've played in other derby games

such as Feyenoord-Ajax, as I mentioned, and Barcelona-Real Madrid but this surpasses both of them. The people just seem to get so involved in the match – it's amazing! When you talk about derby games, this is as big as they come."

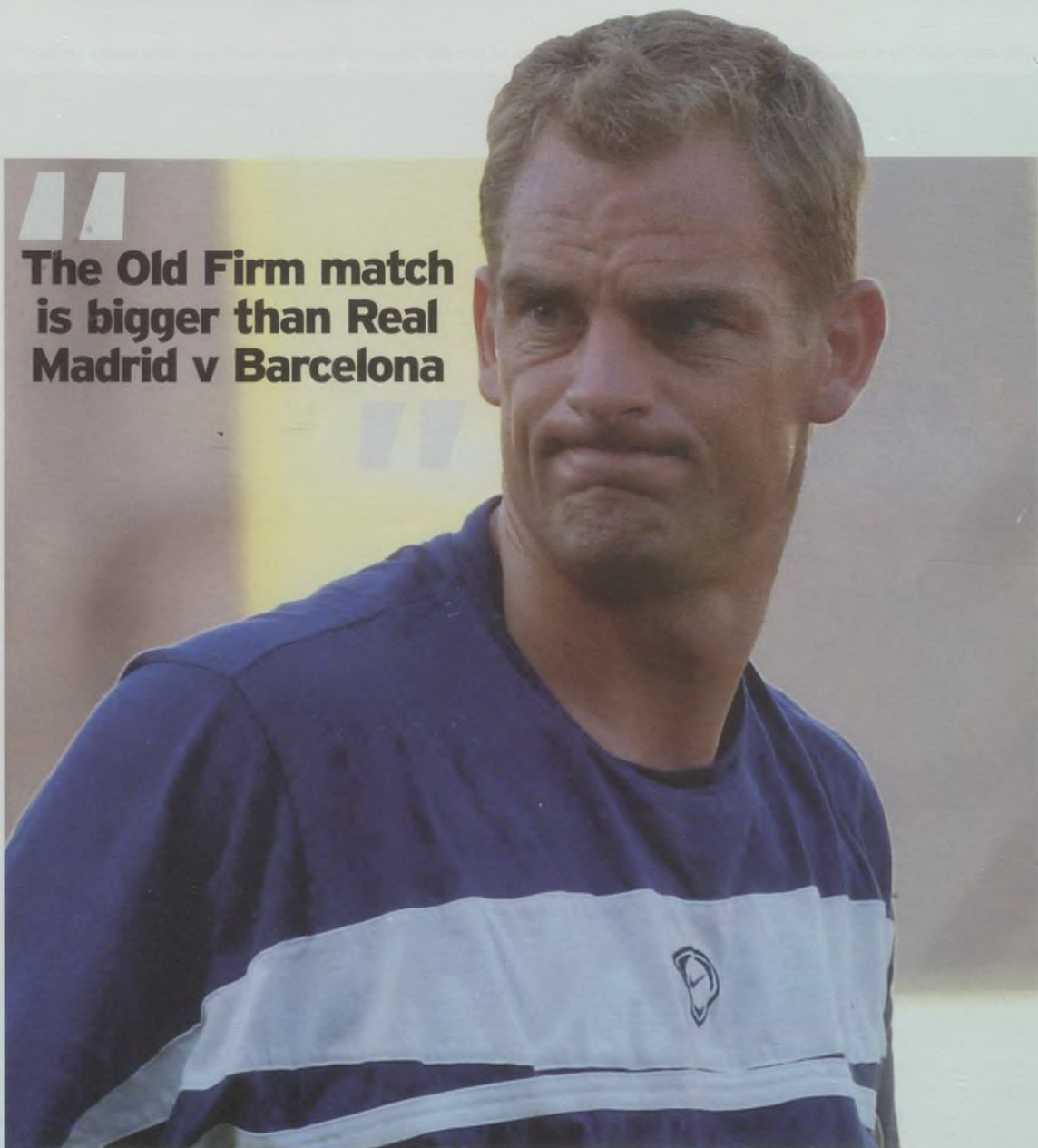
De Boer finally seems to be over the injury problems that plagued his first season in Glasgow and even in the early part of this campaign. He was in dazzling form in the last SPL outing at Tannadice and was even regarded as Man of the Match in some observers' eyes despite Tore Andre Flo notching a hat-trick.

He was involved in four of the six goals in the romp over Dundee United and scored the fourth himself with a cheeky little flick, before being taken off and replaced by Peter Lovenkrands with the applause from the adoring Light Blue legions ringing in his ears.

"I felt I played well against Dundee United," said De







## The Old Firm match is bigger than Real Madrid v Barcelona

Boer, playing down his efforts. "I was involved in the first four goals so I was pleased with my own performance but, more importantly, the team played well. We started well, then they scored a goal from nothing, but in the second half we got going.

"I'm sure that 6-1 victory will give us confidence going into the Celtic game, especially as we played so well as a team. A lot of players have been returning from injury and there

could be more back today."

Ibrox boss Advocaat has watched his injury crisis ease slightly in recent weeks with players such as Craig Moore, Lorenzo Amoruso and skipper Barry Ferguson all returning to first team action. Michael Ball and Michael Mols both featured in an Under-21 game at the start of the week and Shota Arveladze and Claudio Reyna are in full training, leaving only Christian

**JOY OF SIX**  
Ronald de Boer hopes the six-goal thrashing of Dundee United will help fire Gers up to face Celts

Nerlinger and Scott Wilson sidelined.

But De Boer laughed: "Now that all these players are back, where will the manager find room for everyone? Seriously though, the people who are not going to be involved will be disappointed but I don't think that will worry the gaffer – it's a nice problem to have!"

Henrik Larsson has saved the day for Celtic on more than one occasion this season, not to



## ronalddeboer

mention last term, but De Boer insists it would be unfair to say that Martin O'Neill's side are simply a one-man team despite the Swede's phenomenal scoring record.

"You can speak about Henrik Larsson all day," said the Dutchman, who played against the Celtic striker in the Ajax-Feyenoord derby. "Everyone knows how good a player he is but I think the way they play as a team is the most important thing. They have a skillful squad, not just one outstanding individual.

"They are very strong, particularly their back three which is very tough, and we have to be up to the physical challenge. They also have a lot of technically-gifted players and that is sometimes overlooked.

"I had never played in an Old Firm game before the 5-1 match but there was a lot of tension in the dressing-room before the match, especially from the Scottish players who are so passionate. It was a nice game, and I'd love a repeat scoreline.

"They are a good team, of that there is no doubts, but when everyone is fit we can beat them – there is no doubts about that either."

De Boer is confident that both he and his team-mates won't suffer from having so little time to prepare for the game, having touched down in Glasgow in the early hours of Friday morning following their UEFA Cup tie against Anzhi Makhachkala on Thursday night.

In contrast, Celtic won at home to FC Porto on Tuesday night in their Champions League encounter. De Boer said: "It might be a slight disadvantage for us but when you're on a winning streak then that gives you the boost you need for the next game. When you're winning it doesn't matter how many games you play, in fact, they can't come quickly enough.

"You can lose to Celtic, it's possible. But we must do everything in our power to ensure it doesn't happen. If we do lose we can still win the SPL because it's a long season and I know from



**TAKE FIVE AND PARTY** De Boer fires home in Gers' 5-1 defeat of Celts last November

experience that the Champions League can take a lot out of you in terms of energy."

De Boer said he was accused of being arrogant during his days in Holland but insists that's not the case. He said: "I'm never arrogant, just a nice guy I guess. Maybe on the pitch, because of the way I play and the way I move, people get the wrong impression of me and think I'm arrogant. That's just my style but I'm definitely not arrogant."

The Dutchman will have numerous friends and family over for today's game but twin brother Frank won't be one of them – and he won't be joining him at Ibrox on a permanent basis either. Rumours persist that the central defender

will be moving from Barca to Rangers but Ronald said: "He will not be coming, it's not even been discussed.

"There were a lot of my family and friends over for the game last November but this time there will be even more – SIXTEEN in total – so hopefully we can play well and give them all, and the rest of the Rangers fans, something to cheer about."

De Boer signed for Rangers on the same day John Hartson failed an Ibrox medical examination but who would have thought that day the two of them could have been lining up AGAINST each other in the first Old Firm derby of the following season?

Here's hoping it's the former who is celebrating.