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CELTIC v DUNDEE

Celtic Park, Saturday 13 December 2003, Kick-off 3.00pm

Scottish Premierleague 2003/04

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CARLING ARE PROUD TO BE SUPPORTERS OF CELTIC FC. **LOVEFOOTBALL**



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IT is difficult to put into words the disappointment everyone connected with the football club feels over our elimination from the Champions League.

Only four minutes remained on the clock when the Swiss referee, Urs Meier, deemed that Bobo Balde had deliberately handled the ball and pointed to the penalty spot.

The Lyon players looked every bit as bemused as the rest of us – their initial reactions, thinking that they had won a corner, says it all – but the Brazilian internationalist, Juninho stepped up to score and put us out of this year’s competition.

Lyon and Bayern Munich progress to the last 16 of the tournament, we go into the UEFA Cup in February 2004.

Those are the bare facts, yet they tell less than a quarter of the story.

On Wednesday, the players battled back bravely to twice level the match but the penalty gave us so little time to come back and score a third goal.

We had overcome the setback of an early Lyon goal with John Hartson’s deserved equaliser. And, indeed, TV replays show that we had a clear case for a penalty

ourselves when Chris Sutton was clumsily upended in the Lyon penalty box just before half-time. The referee chose to ignore our claims.

Half-time, in fact, arrived too soon for us because we were on top.

Lyon’s second goal, a poor one from our point of view, definitely knocked us back and they had their best spell of the game for the next 15 minutes.

However, we gradually got ourselves back into the game and Chris Sutton’s equaliser gave us something to hold on to. The penalty award proved decisive.

The reality is that we are out of the competition. The consolation for us is that we are still in the UEFA Cup and have ensured European football at Celtic Park after Christmas for the second consecutive season.

While in the immediate aftermath of the result in Lyon, it appears to be scant consolation, our job now is to pick ourselves up from that disappointment and look forward, not only to the UEFA Cup, but also to maintaining our position at the top of the league.

We know that winning the Championship this season will

guarantee automatic entry to the group stages of next season’s Champions League, and it is in this arena that we want to be performing.

That will only be achieved if we maintain the level of consistency we have shown in the league, starting with this afternoon’s match against Dundee.

The situation surrounding Dundee has attracted widespread publicity but their players have responded in the correct manner and, in Jim Duffy, they possess a manager who has the ability to get the best out of his players.

We will, therefore, have to play with ferocious determination if we are going to win the game.

The support in Lyon was exceptional. The European nights at Celtic Park are exceptional and the players respond to that type of backing.

We need it also for all the league matches. Thank you.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FACTFILE

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

(capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with gold trim

Third strip: Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

Record attendance: 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

Record victory: 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

Record defeat: 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

Most league goals (1 season): 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season): 35, Brian McClair 1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

Website: www.celticfc.net

HONOURS

Scottish League (38)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15, 1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

Scottish Cup (31)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001

League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/2001

European Cup (1) 1967 **Coronation Cup (1)** 1953

CELTIC FACTS

● On December 7, 1968, Celtic beat St Mirren 5-0 at Parkhead, their sixth consecutive league win. They scored 24 goals on the run.

● The players wore black armbands in the league match against Hearts on December 8, 1962 in tribute to ex-Celtic skipper Willie Lyon, who passed away three days before at the age of 50.

● In 1933, on December 9, Peter Scarff died from TB at the age of 25. He had been forced to retire two years previously after 112 games for Celtic.

● In a friendly match against Benfica at Parkhead on December 11, 1974 in aid of UNICEF, the teams finished 3-3; and the trophy went to the Portuguese side who won the penalty shoot-out.

● Against Aberdeen at Celtic Park on December 12, 1970, John Fallon made the last of his 184 appearances. His 61 shut-outs gave him an excellent record of 33%.

● In the Paul McStay testimonial against Man Utd on December 12, 1995, goals from Pierre van Hooijdonk and Chris Hay gave Celtic a 3-1 win.

● On December 13, 1890, in the second replay of a fifth round tie in the Scottish Cup, Celtic managed to overcome Royal Albert at Ibrox by 2-0, in front of a crowd of 2,000.

● In the 1920s, December 13 was not a good day for Celtic against Rangers in benefit matches. In 1921, they lost 0-2 in the Unemployment Cup.



DUNDEE FACTS

● Dundee FC was founded in 1893 and for the first five years played all their matches at Carolina Port.

● Shortly after the squad's move to Dens Park, Dundee were runners-up for the First Division title in 1903, six points behind Hibs and two ahead of Rangers.

Four years later, they were again runners-up, this time behind Celtic.

● Dens Park's biggest attendance came in the Scottish Cup in 1953 when 43,024 turned up to see them play Rangers.

● The biggest transfer fee received by Dundee was the £500,000 from Celtic for Tommy Coyne in March 1989.

● The biggest outlay was the £250,000 that Dundee paid to Manchester United for Scotland goalie Jim Leighton in February 1992.

● Dundee's biggest win was an incredible 10-0 on two occasions, first against Alloa on March 9 1947 and then against Dunfermline on 23 March of the same year.

● The team's heaviest defeat was the 11-0 drubbing that they got from Celtic at Parkhead on October 26, 1895.

● The club record for most league appearances is held by Doug Cowie, with an amazing 341 from 1945-1961.

● The most capped player is Alex Hamilton, with 24. Alan Gilzean scored most goals in a season, 52 in 1963/64.





TODAY'S VISITORS - DUNDEE
 MANAGER - JIM DUFFY

CELTIC			DUNDEE
Michael Gray	2	1	Julian Speroni
Momo Sylla	3	2	Barry Smith
Jackie McNamara	4	3	David Mackay
Joos Valgaeren	5	4	Tom Hutchinson
Bobo Balde	6	6	Lee Wilkie
Henrik Larsson	7	8	Gavin Rae
Alan Thompson	8	15	Steven Milne
Chris Sutton	9	16	Jonay Hernandez Santos
John Hartson	10	17	Nacho Novo
David Fernandez	12	18	Brent Sancho
Paul Lambert	14	19	Lee Mair
Bobby Petta	15	25	Steve Lovell
Ulrik Laursen	16	26	Garry Brady
Didier Agathe	17	27	Calum McDonald
Neil Lennon	18	30	Mark Fotheringham
Stilian Petrov	19		
Robert Douglas	20		
Magnus Hedman	21		
David Marshall	22		
Stanislav Varga	23		
Shaun Maloney	29		
Steve Guppy	30		
Ross Wallace	33		
Johan Mjallby	35		
Craig Beattie	37		
Jamie Smith	39		
Stephen Crainey	40		
John Kennedy	41		
Liam Miller	43		

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CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CELTIC	15	14	1	0	48	5	43	43
Rangers	15	12	2	1	39	12	27	38
Hearts	15	8	2	5	23	19	4	26
Dunfermline	15	6	5	4	18	20	-2	23
Motherwell	15	5	5	5	17	18	-1	20
Kilmarnock	15	6	2	7	22	31	-9	20
Livingston	15	4	6	5	15	17	-2	18
Dundee	15	4	5	6	16	18	-2	17
Hibernian	15	4	4	5	15	20	-5	16
Dundee Utd	15	3	4	8	13	29	-16	13
Aberdeen	15	3	2	10	14	30	-16	11
Partick Thistle	15	1	2	12	13	29	-18	5

CLUB SPONSORS

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Premierleague	MOTHERWELL v CELTIC	SAT 20 DECEMBER 3:00pm
Scottish Premierleague	CELTIC v HIBERNIAN	SAT 27 DECEMBER 3:00pm
Scottish Premierleague	CELTIC v RANGERS	SAT 3 JANUARY 12:30pm
Scottish Premierleague	HEARTS v CELTIC	SUN 18 JANUARY 3:00pm
Scottish Premierleague	ABERDEEN v CELTIC	SAT 24 JANUARY 12:30pm



RECENT FORM

UEFA Champions League, December 10, 2003
 LYON 3 v 2 CELTIC (Hartson, Sutton)

Scottish Premierleague, December 6, 2003
 LIVINGSTON 0 v 2 CELTIC (Thompson, Sutton)

CIS Insurance Cup, December 4, 2003
 PARTICK THISTLE 0 v 2 CELTIC (Beattie, Smith)

Scottish Premierleague, November 29, 2003
 CELTIC 3 v 1 PARTICK THISTLE (Sutton 2, Larsson)

UEFA Champions League, November 25, 2003
 CELTIC v 0 BAYERN MUNICH

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: **Willie Young**
 Assistant Referees: **Francis Andrews**
Willie Dishington
Steven Duff

Fourth Official:

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, Tom Allison, Eric Hagman
CFAC DIRECTORS Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, John Keane, Michael McDonald
MANAGER Martin O'Neill **ASSISTANT MANAGER** John Robertson **COACH** Steve Walford
HEAD OF YOUTH Tommy Burns **YOUTH TEAM COACH** Willie McStay **UNDER-21 COACH** Kenny McDowall
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS Tim Williamson & Gavin McCarthy **CLUB DOCTOR** Roddy Macdonald **KIT CONTROLLER** John Clark



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IN conjunction with the club's official kit sponsors UMBRO, we have a PAIR of tickets to give away for Celtic's next home SPL game against Hibernian on December 27.

All you have to do to be in with

a chance of winning the pair of tickets is answer the following question.

What was the score the last time Celtic played Hibs?

Answers on a postcard or sealed down envelope to:

Celtic Umbro Tickets Competition, Celtic Matchday Programme, PO Box 2413, Glasgow G40 3YB.





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- Special Christmas Quiz and competitions

ON SALE FROM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 – STILL ONLY £1.95

Paul Lambert has been working hard to regain his match sharpness and is ready for action should he be selected to play this afternoon

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

IF there has been any hangover from Celtic's European exertions this season, Martin O'Neill's players have hidden it well, opting for goals as their chosen cure.

Indeed, it has been a hallmark of the O'Neill era that, no matter their prior efforts, his players seem to possess an innate ability to consistently rise to the occasion.

Some of this may be attributed to the Irishman's man-management skills, some to the renowned professionalism fostered in his charges, but, regardless, the end result is that domestic opponents have grown resigned to gaining little or no benefit from facing a Celtic side supposedly weary from their midweek labours.

Of course, it does tend to help that, should he so choose, O'Neill can freshen up his side with players of genuine quality, hungry for action. It's into this category that Paul Lambert currently falls.

Honest enough to admit that Wednesday's Champions League match with Lyon had come just a little too early for him, the Celtic captain had, in fact, intended to delay flying out to France in order to play in Monday's under-21 game against Livingston.

Road to recovery

Frost put paid to that hope, however, and Lambert admits he's unsure as to whether O'Neill will bring him back into the first-team fold this afternoon.

"We've obviously come through a very hard game on Wednesday, but whether I play today is entirely the manager's call," he said. "I won't be knocking his door if I'm not in the team – put it that way.

"He has to judge what's best to

do and, to give him his due, he generally gets those kind of calls spot on. I know myself how far I've still to go, but I've got good players round about me to make life that bit easier and I wouldn't have any worries if I was asked to play.

"At the moment, I'm just looking to work hard, build up my fitness and, when the time comes, play my part in helping Celtic to



MIDFIELD MAESTRO

Paul Lambert just needs a few more games under his belt before he is ready to assume his regular role on a full-time basis

win as many matches as possible. Whether that involves a couple of under-21 games or sub appearances first, I don't know. But I'm definitely getting there and, touch wood, I'll be back to my

old level before too long.

"It's just fantastic to be part of things again, and it was good to make my comeback against Thistle a bit ahead of schedule. Originally, the plan was for me to

return in Monday's under-21 game against Livvy, and it was probably just as well that I got a run-out at Firhill given that the weather meant the '21s game had to be called off.

"That was disappointing because I'd been looking forward to getting another game under my belt, but now I just have to look towards getting in there and back to the level I know I can

"I'm back training and feeling fine and, while I'm definitely still a little bit short of being 100 per cent, I know that will come given a bit of time."