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CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD

Celtic Park, Saturday 16 August 2003, Kick-off 1.00pm

Scottish Premier League 2003/04

Programme No.03



PHOENIX HONDA



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CARLING ARE PROUD TO BE SUPPORTERS OF CELTIC FC. LOVEFOOTBALL



A VERY warm welcome to you all for our first home league match of the new season. Despite just one game having been played, much has happened that is of great consequence to the football club.

In Europe, we came through comfortably against Kaunas, winning 5-0 on aggregate, before coming up against MTK Hungária in Budapest on Wednesday evening. It was a game which looked fraught with difficulty.

I had been lucky enough to see the second leg of their second qualifying round victory over HJK Helsinki, and they showed enough ability on the ball to give us great cause for concern. However, we

and quality of play provided by the players. They performed magnificently, securing a result of which any team in Europe would have been rightly satisfied and proud.

I said before Wednesday's match that I would have been delighted to simply keep the tie alive – a score draw would have been perfectly acceptable – and I think most people would have felt the same. As it is, we've scored four goals away from home.

The goals themselves were superb. I thought the first, a sublime lob from Henrik Larsson, was so, so important because, psychologically, it gave us a great

through the second half when, after some excellent work from Alan Thompson, he intelligently lifted the ball over the blocking defender before side-footing it into the net. The fourth goal by Chris Sutton was an absolute gem.

We have much to look forward to in a fortnight's time but I can assure you that complacency will not set in with so much at stake.

I thought we did okay at Dunfermline but naturally we were all disappointed not to win the opening league fixture. We had a number of chances, especially second half, to win the game but failed to find the net for the first time in 59 games.

That's in the past now, though, and today we must raise our level of performance if we are to win against a Dundee United team of which great things appear to be expected. Ian McCall has certainly strengthened his squad with the addition of some exciting players over the summer and, although they endured a disappointing start to the season against Hibernian last weekend, we know to expect an extremely tough match.

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put on a spirited and polished performance in Budapest to win by four goals, and in so doing we have given ourselves a wonderful chance of qualifying for the group stages of the Champions League for the second time in three attempts.

That we managed to score four goals was all down to the effort

boost and allowed the players to relax and play their own game. Scoring an away goal was always high on our agenda, and when Didier Agathe scored the second after fine work by Chris Sutton, we were able to press home the advantage.

Stilian Petrov then scored an excellent third goal midway

Celtic Football Club Factfile

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
 (capacity 60,506)

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

Away strip: Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

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

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 McGroory, 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 12th August 1982, Graeme Sinclair was bought from Dumbarton for £65,000.

● Bobby Collins and Michael Haughney made their debuts in a League Cup tie against Rangers on 13th August 1949, with Big Mike scoring one of the goals in the 3-2 win.

● Charlie Tully made his debut against Morton at Celtic Park on 14th August 1948. The league match finished 0-0.

● On 14th August 1992, three new players arrived on the same day. Liam Brady paid West Ham £1.5 million for Stuart Slater; Rudi Vata came in from Dinamo Tirana for £200,000; and Andy Paton arrived in a swap deal for Chris Morris from Middlesbrough.

● Gary Gillespie was signed from Liverpool for £925,000 on 15th August 1991.

● This was a good time of year in days gone by for benefit matches, many of them against Rangers. In 1909, the Jimmy Quinn testimonial had finished 8-4. In 1913, Alec McNair's had resulted in a 0-2 defeat. On 16th August 1922, on behalf of Willie McStay, Celtic won 3-1. And one year later, for Adam McLean, the Bhoys won 2-1.

DUNDEE UNITED FACTS

● In the spring of 1909 the Irish community in Dundee got together to form a football club following the demise of Dundee Harp three years earlier. The team was formally known as Dundee Hibernian. The change of name to Dundee United took place in 1923

● The club gets its nickname of 'The Terrors' because of the lion on the club's badge.

● The biggest-ever crowd at Tannadice is the 28,000 who watched the Fairs Cup tie against Barcelona on 16/11/66 which Dundee United won 4-0.

● United's biggest-ever victory was the 14-0 win over Nithsdale Wanderers in the Scottish Cup in January 1931; the biggest defeat was the 1-12 loss to Motherwell in Division 2 in January 1954.

● The record transfer fee paid out was the £750,000 for Steven Pressley to Coventry in July 1995.

● Dave Narey made 612 League appearances between 1973 and 1994.

● Maurice Malpas is the only Dundee United player in the SFA's Hall of Fame. He was captain of the 1994 Scottish Cup winning side and his 617 league game total is a United record.



MANAGER
IAN McCALL

STADIUM
TANNADICE

CAPACITY
14,255



CELTIC



DUNDEE UNITED

CLUB
SPONSORS

MOMO SYLLA	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5
BOBO BALDE	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9
JOHN HARTSON	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12
PAUL LAMBERT	14
BOBBY PETTA	15
ULRIK LAURSEN	16
DIDIER AGATHE	17
NEIL LENNON	18
STILIAN PETROV	19
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21
DAVID MARSHALL	22
STANISLAV VARGA	23
SHAUN MALONEY	29
STEVE GUPPY	30
SIMON LYNCH	32
ROSS WALLACE	33
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34
JOHAN MJALLBY	35
JAMIE SMITH	39
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40
JOHN KENNEDY	41
LIAM MILLER	43

1	PAUL GALLACHER
2	DANNY GRIFFIN
3	JIM PATERSON
4	DEREK McINNES
5	ALAN ARCHIBALD
6	GARY BOLLAN
7	MARK KERR
8	CHARLIE MILLER
9	COLLIN SAMUEL
10	JIM McINTYRE
11	BARRY ROBSON
12	SCOTT PATERSON
14	BILLY DODDS
15	STUART DUFF
16	OWEN COYLE
17	TONY BULLOCK
18	CRAIG EASTON
19	DAVID McCracken
20	JASON SCOTLAND
21	MARK WILSON
	STEPHEN CARSON
	ALLAN SMART
	DANIELE CHIARINI



RECENT
FORM

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER
 MTK HUNGARIA 0 v **CELTIC 4**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
 DUNFERMLINE 0 v **CELTIC 0**

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
CELTIC 1 v ARSENAL 1

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER
 KAUNAS 0 v **CELTIC 4**

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
CELTIC 1 v BOCA JUNIORS 0

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
CELTIC 0 v MAN UTD 4

FORTHCOMING
FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
 PARTICK THISTLE v **CELTIC** 23 AUGUST 2003

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER
CELTIC v MTK HUNGARIA 27 AUGUST 2003

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v LIVINGSTON 30 AUGUST 2003

TODAY'S
MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE:	ALAN FREELAND
ASSISTANT REFEREES:	DAVID DOIG BRIAN McGARRY
FOURTH OFFICIAL:	STEVE CONROY

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, Sir Patrick Sheehy, Kevin Sweeney, Tom Allison, Eric Hagman

CFAC DIRECTORS Eric Riley, Jim Hone, John Keane, Michael McDonald, Kevin Sweeney

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

PHYSIOTHERAPIST Brian Scott **CLUB DOCTOR** Roddy Macdonald **KIT CONTROLLER** John Clark



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RECORD BREAKER
Henrik Larsson fires
in his historic strike

Celtic are only 90 minutes away from a place in the Champions League after a thrilling performance in Hungary



SUTTON IMPACT
Henrik Larsson
congratulates Chris
Sutton on his goal

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 3RD ROUND QUALIFIER, 1ST LEG

MTK HUNGÁRIA 0 v CELTIC 4

THEY came. They saw. They conquered. Celtic's victory in Budapest was an outstanding display from a side now steeped in European experience.

Martin O'Neill's side dominated proceedings virtually unchallenged for the ninety minutes and the four goals they scored were the well-deserved rewards for their endeavours.

In sweltering heat at the Ferenc Puskas Stadium, Celtic put themselves within touching distance of the Champions League group stages with the 4-0 win over MTK Hungária.

And in the process, Henrik Larsson chalked up another record. His goal was his 31st for Celtic in Europe – a new record for a player with a British club. It was a fitting goal to create this new record – a

sublime lob over the despairing goalkeeper from just inside the box.

Didier Agathe chipped in with a rare goal, following up after the tireless Chris Sutton had been denied by the keeper. And even a faulty sprinkler which began spraying water on the pitch failed to dampen the night for the Hoops.

Stilian Petrov made it 3-0 midway through the second-half and Sutton grabbed the fourth in the last minute – a fitting reward for a player who had given everything to the cause.



SUPER STRIKE Agathe fires in Celtic's 2nd, Petrov celebrates his goal and Martin O'Neill gives instructions from the dugout



Hungry for success

Last season's UEFA Cup run has given Alan Thompson and his team-mates the desire to regain the Premierleague title and also to return to the Champions League

Exclusive Interview: ALISON McCONNELL

CELTIC didn't get the start they were looking for last weekend at East End Park but Alan Thompson has insisted that the Hoops will be looking to make up for that this afternoon against Dundee United.

The Geordie midfielder was disappointed that Celtic drew a blank for the first time in 59 league games in Fife and he is eager to ensure that there is no repeat when Martin O'Neill's side

meet the Tannadice outfit at Celtic Park.

"It is so important that we win this afternoon, especially because of the result against Dunfermline last week," said Thompson.

"We'll be going into the game with all guns blazing and with the full intention of getting three points. We've had a few games like the one we had last weekend where we have gone for a bit of the

game without making too many chances or creating much and then all of a sudden making a lot of chances very quickly.

"Unfortunately last Saturday the chances that we made just didn't go in. This afternoon we'll be doing everything we can to impress ourselves on the game from the beginning.

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Last season's UEFA Cup run gave Thompson a consistently high platform from which to deploy his talents, and the midfielder has

revealed that he believes his performances from January onwards were probably among the best he has produced in his career.

Against the likes of Liverpool and Stuttgart, Thompson was

intrinsic to Celtic's success although, as yet, talk of any international recognition on the back of that form has been just that: talk.

Whatever disappointment Thompson harbours over that snub is well hidden and the midfielder has repeatedly insisted that all he is interested in is applying himself to the job in hand at Celtic Park.

