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CELTIC v HEARTS

Celtic Park, Saturday 18 October 2003, Kick-off 3.00pm

Scottish Premierleague 2003/04

Programme No.08



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



A WARM welcome back to Celtic Park for this afternoon's match against Hearts.

It's nearly three weeks since we last played at home in what proved to be a memorable night for everyone.

The victory over Lyon in the Champions League was a special occasion. The performance of the team was superb, the backing of the supporters was magnificent, and we thoroughly deserved our 2-0 win against an excellent Lyon side.

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It was pleasing to get three points after the disappointment of our opening game against Bayern Munich, and it sets us up nicely for two difficult matches against Belgian champions Anderlecht.

Following our European exertions against Lyon, we faced another tough game, this

time against Rangers at Ibrox. Again, the players gave everything and got their just reward with the 1-0 victory.

I was also delighted to see John Hartson scoring what proved to be the winning goal - his fiftieth for the club - and it is encouraging to see him continue his progression back to full fitness.

The victory over Rangers also put us back on top of the table, but it is far too early in the season to make anything of that. There are another 30

league games in this campaign, starting with today's match against Hearts, so there is still a long, long way to go.

Last weekend was a quiet one for some of the players, giving them the opportunity of a few days rest, while others were away on international duty. As ever, there is always a slight

concern that injuries may be picked up during these games but thankfully, all our players returned to Celtic Park in good shape.

It's also a boost for those players whose national sides have either already qualified for Euro 2004 or, in the case of Scotland and Wales, made it to the play-offs.

This afternoon, we face a demanding game against Hearts.

Craig Levein's side are currently third in the table and will be looking to close the gap between them and both Rangers and ourselves.

Hearts also enjoyed a positive European result during the week, which was another boost for Scottish football and we know from previous encounters that we will have to be at our best to secure all three points.

And, as ever, your backing for the team will be essential as we look to maintain our position at the top of the table.

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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 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 16th October, 1937, Jimmy McGrory played - and hit the net - against Queen's Park in his last match for Celtic. It was the last of 445 appearances, in which he scored an amazing 472 goals. In 12 of the 15 seasons he had been with the club, he finished top scorer!

- The Old Firm derby which made more headlines off the park than on it took place on October 17, 1987. Chris Woods, Terry Butcher and Frank McAvennie were sent off. The three players, plus Graham Roberts, were charged with 'breach of the peace', Incidentally, the match finished 2-2.

- On 19th October, 1946, goalkeeper Willie Miller made his international debut in the 3-1 defeat by Wales at Wrexham.

- On the same day in 1957, Celtic fans were in 'seventh' heaven as their heroes crushed Rangers in the League Cup final at Hampden.

- A rare event in Celtic's history occurred on the same day in 1975, when the home match against Hibs had to be abandoned after 83 minutes due to fog.

- Willie Wallace's strike in 18 seconds against Waterford - in a European Cup 2nd round, 1st leg tie - is still the club's quickest-ever goal in Europe.

HEARTS FACTS

- Hearts were founded in 1874 and became one of the original members of the Scottish League in 1890.

- Hearts won the Scottish Cup for the first time in 1891, when they beat Dumbarton 1-0 at 2nd Hampden Park in front of 10,836.

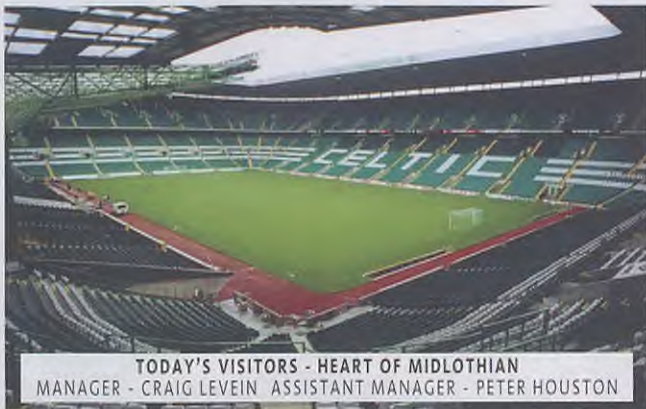
- In 1896, Hearts and Hibs met for the first - and so far only - time in the Scottish Cup. The match was held at Logie Green, home of St Bernard's, winners the previous year, and ended in a 3-1 victory for Hearts. 17,034 were present.

- For the third time in just over a decade, Hearts won the Scottish Cup in 1901, beating Celtic 4-3 at Ibrox before a crowd of 12,000.

- The biggest-ever attendance at Tynecastle was 53,396 for the Scottish Cup tie versus Rangers on 13th February 1932.

- Hearts' biggest victory was a 21-0 win over Anchor in the Scottish Cup of 1888; the largest defeat came at the hands of Vale of Leven in the same year, 8-1.

- The pitch at Tynecastle is 108 yards x 73 yards, much too short for the length recommended by UEFA. That is one reason the club is so keen to move from its present site.



TODAY'S VISITORS - HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
MANAGER - CRAIG LEVEIN ASSISTANT MANAGER - PETER HOUSTON

CELTIC



HEARTS

Michael Gray	2	1
Momo Sylla	3	2
Jackie McNamara	4	3
Joos Valgaeren	5	4
Bobo Balde	6	5
Henrik Larsson	7	6
Alan Thompson	8	7
Chris Sutton	9	8
John Hartson	10	9
David Fernandez	12	10
Paul Lambert	14	11
Bobby Petta	15	12
Ulrik Laursen	16	13
Didier Agathe	17	14
Neil Lennon	18	15
Stilian Petrov	19	16
Robert Douglas	20	17
Magnus Hedman	21	18
David Marshall	22	19
Stanislav Varga	23	20
Shaun Maloney	29	21
Steve Guppy	30	22
Ross Wallace	33	23
Johan Mjallby	35	24
Craig Beattie	37	25
Jamie Smith	39	26
Stephen Crainey	40	27
John Kennedy	41	28
Liam Miller	43	29

Tepi Moilanen	1
Alan Maybury	2
Austin McCann	3
Steven Pressley	4
Kevin McKenna	5
Andy Webster	6
Scott Severin	7
Phil Stamp	8
Mark De Vries	9
Andy Kirk	10
Jean-Louis Valois	11
Steven Boyack	12
Craig Gordon	13
Neil Macfarlane	14
Gary Wales	15
Robbie Neilson	16
Dennis Wyness	17
Paul Hartley	18
Stephen Simmons	19
Patrick Kisnorbo	20
Graham Weir	21
Neil Janczyk	22
Robert Sloan	23
Joe Hamill	24
Craig Beattie	25
David Dunn	26
Paul McMullan	27
David McGeown	28
Liam Fox	29

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CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
CELTIC	8	7	1	0	19	3	22
Rangers	8	7	0	1	26	7	21
Hearts	8	4	2	2	11	8	14
Dunfermline	8	3	3	2	6	7	12
Dundee	8	3	2	3	11	10	11
Motherwell	8	3	2	3	9	11	11
Hibernian	8	3	2	3	8	11	11
Livingston	8	2	3	3	8	10	9
Kilmarnock	8	2	2	4	8	15	8
Aberdeen	8	2	1	5	9	15	7
Dundee Utd	8	1	2	5	5	16	5
Partick Thistle	8	0	2	6	7	14	2

CLUB SPONSORS



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

UEFA Champions League ANDERLECHT v CELTIC	TUES 21 OCTOBER 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v ABERDEEN	SAT 25 OCTOBER 3.00pm
Scottish Premierleague KILMARNOCK v CELTIC	SAT 1 NOVEMBER 12.30pm
UEFA Champions League CELTIC v ANDERLECHT	WED 5 NOVEMBER 7.45pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE	SAT 8 NOVEMBER 3.00pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Premierleague, October 4, 2003
RANGERS 0 v 1 CELTIC (Hartson)

UEFA Champions League, September 30, 2003 CELTIC 2 v 0 LYON (Miller, Sutton)
Scottish Premierleague, September 27, 2003 HIBERNIAN 1 v 2 CELTIC (Thompson, Larsson)
Scottish Premierleague, September 20, 2003 CELTIC 3 v 0 MOTHERWELL (Sutton, Larsson, Maloney)
UEFA Champions League, September 17, 2003 BAYERN MUNICH 2 v 1 CELTIC (Thompson)
Scottish Premierleague, September 13, 2003 DUNDEE 0 v 1 CELTIC (Balde)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	Kenny Clark
Assistant Referees:	Graeme Alison Neil Brand
Fourth Official:	Brian Cassidy

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, 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

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS Tim Williamson & Gavin McCarthy CLUB DOCTOR Roddy Macdonald KIT CONTROLLER John Clark

Craig Beattie has scored nine goals in seven games for Kenny McDowall's under-21 side so far this season and is hoping he can keep up his run of good form and grab a place in the Celtic starting eleven

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

IT'S the received wisdom that, in recruiting young players, the worst mistake a scout can make is to look for the finished article.

If, for example, one was to attend a schoolboy international match, he would be advised not to be distracted by the solid and physically well-developed player captaining his country. Instead, it would be expected of him to seek out the youngster with obvious deficiencies but with a weapon or two in his armoury, then leave it to the club to bring that player in and allow their coaches, and mother nature, to take their course.

It's by this premise that Celtic look to have stolen a march on their oldest rivals with the capture of Craig Beattie. When he first walked into Celtic Park a few years ago, Beattie was a lanky lad with plentiful supplies of pace and energy, but little else. This was potential in its rawest form, and there were many who no doubt emphasised with Rangers' decision to release the player from his contract with a verdict of: "Thanks, but no thanks."

Over three years on, however, this very decision looks certain to come back to haunt the Ibrox club as Beattie's stock in the East End



SUPER STRIKE
Craig Beattie scores against Helsingborgs during Celtic's pre-season tour of Sweden.

of the city continues to rise at a rapid rate. Also spelling bad news for Alex McLeish is the news that the experience of being rejected at such a tender age has helped create a player fixated with self-improvement.

By way of example, even after taking his tally for the season to nine goals in seven games with a brilliant hat-trick in the under-21s' 6-1 demolition of Motherwell on

Monday, Beattie was still intent on accentuating the negative when asked about his own performance.

He explained: "The game against Motherwell was a perfect example for me of what I have to do because, although I was happy enough to have scored a hat-trick, other things spoiled it for me. I know that might sound daft, but I really felt that my passing and

first touch let me down, and they're aspects of my game I know that I need to work on.

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every time I go on to the pitch. But being with the first team has only shown me how far I still have to go, and I'll never stop trying to improve my game.

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"For me, that's what it's all about, and it's what I've been trying to do ever since coming to this club. I do feel that I've already come on so much as a player, and the credit for that has to go to the coaches who've taken the time to work with me as much as anything



else. But I don't want to rest on my laurels, and being part of all the first-team squads this season has only made me all the more determined to work doubly hard to get into the team.

"I see how professional the senior boys are in terms of their preparation for matches and, in that respect alone, I've already learned so much. And I'm not just talking about the few hours before a game. Their preparation for a game begins a couple of days before, and that's something I've picked up a lot from."

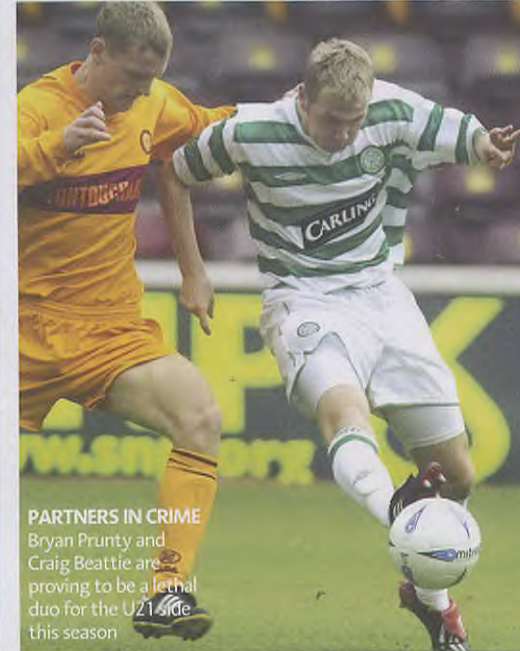
One player Beattie is particularly keen to learn from is, predictably, Henrik Larsson, and the youngster admits to having been delighted that his league debut - a 15-minute run-out against Dundee United earlier in the season - took place in the company of the great Swede. He even went as far as admitting, in fact, that his decision to spurn the advances of Tottenham Hotspur during the close season had much to do with his desire to share in Larsson's final season in the Hoops.

"Henrik was a big factor when it came to signing the contract, I must admit," he said. "The promise of being in there working alongside him at such close quarters was a major thing for me, and in that sense I'm just glad that I've come through the ranks at the time I did."

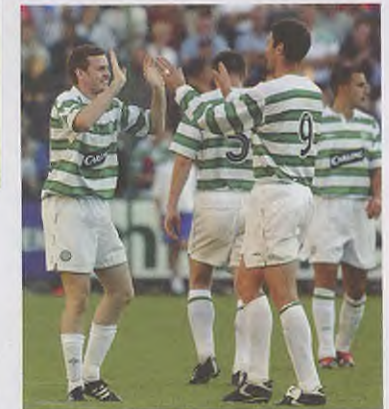
"I want to be the best eventually and to do that I've got to learn from the best - and you don't get much better than Henrik at the moment. And it's not just him. I'm working with and learning from four top-class strikers, and seeing the standard they set can



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PARTNERS IN CRIME
Bryan Prunty and Craig Beattie are proving to be a lethal duo for the U21 side this season



only help me see what I need to do in order to force my way into the first-team reckoning here."

However, Beattie is likely to have to settle for the odd substitute appearance under Martin O'Neill while continuing to lend his weight to the under-21s' bid for third successive title. At that level, his partnership with Bryan Prunty has shown signs of considerable promise, most notably in their last match against Motherwell, when Prunty was responsible for selflessly laying on all three of his strike colleague's goals.

It was work which didn't go unappreciated by Beattie, and he expressed a hope that his and Prunty's contrasting styles will continue to blend effectively as Kenny McDowall's side chase three-in-a-row.

"It looks like we're getting a good partnership there, doesn't it?" he said. "I thought we linked up

really well at Fir Park and caused a lot of problems for their defence, particularly in the first half. It's always good as a striker if you can develop a good partnership and hopefully that's what me and Bryan will get going this season.

"I obviously know him pretty well from having played up front together for the under-18s a couple of seasons back and, although he likes the ball into feet a bit more while I prefer it played ahead of me, I think our styles can compliment each other.

He certainly gave me some great passes on Monday, and hopefully we'll be able to combine to that kind of effect a lot more often this season."



HAT-TRICK HOPES

Kenny McDowall is hoping to guide his side to their third championships in a row this season