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**VERSUS RANGERS**

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**MO CAMARA**

*Warming to the task*

**JOE MILLER**

*Old Firm memories*

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We prepared for the game with the sole aim of winning that fixture and that has been our focus again ahead of today's game



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**W**E return to league action this afternoon after a 10-day break following our CIS Cup victory over Rangers and, once again, it is Alex McLeish's side who are our opponents.

Old Firm games are certainly occasions to savour and we have experienced the highs and lows of this fixture already this season. It is important to stress, therefore, that what has gone before will have no bearing on proceedings today.

Our approach to the last game was not based on anything that had happened at Ibrox or any sort of 'revenge' motive that is often spoken about in the press.

We prepared for the game with the sole aim of winning that fixture and that has been our focus again ahead of today's game.

Every victory we have achieved this season has been due to an incredible amount of hard work that's been done on the training pitch and then in the game itself. To assume that any victory is assured is a mistake that would prove costly, as plenty of teams over the years would testify to.

Today, we are taking nothing for granted, certainly not when we're facing a team whose desire to win this game is as great as ours. A

derby game brings its own set of unique circumstances and while they are fantastic occasions to be involved in, it does make them difficult matches to win.

The players have done very well to get themselves into the position they are in at the moment but, as anyone in football will tell you, league trophies are never handed out in November. We have months of hard work ahead of us if we want to achieve anything but I know the players are committed to doing just that.

That hard work starts today in what will be a tough game against Rangers. Both sides will be committed to winning the game and it promises to be a difficult encounter. As I have already mentioned, our focus is solely on this match. We neither look forward nor back, as we don't know what is ahead of us while what has gone before is only something to recall at the end of the season. The players have been excellent in remembering that so far this season and it will be the case again today.

And, as usual, we are looking for your backing. The support we received in the CIS Cup game was fantastic and helped to make it a special occasion. Our supporters do have an important role to play in these games and I am sure you will all play your part.

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**Scottish Cup Winners [ 33 times ]**  
 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, 2004, 2005

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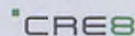
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Sunday, December 4  
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**ABERDEEN v CELTIC**

Saturday, December 10  
 Scottish Premierleague  
**CELTIC v HIBERNIAN**

Sunday, December 18  
 Scottish Premierleague  
**Inverness CT v CELTIC**

Monday, December 26  
 Scottish Premierleague  
**CELTIC v Livingston**

Sunday, January 1  
 Scottish Premierleague  
**Hearts v CELTIC**

**TODAY'S OFFICIALS**

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**Assistant Referees:** Martin Cryan  
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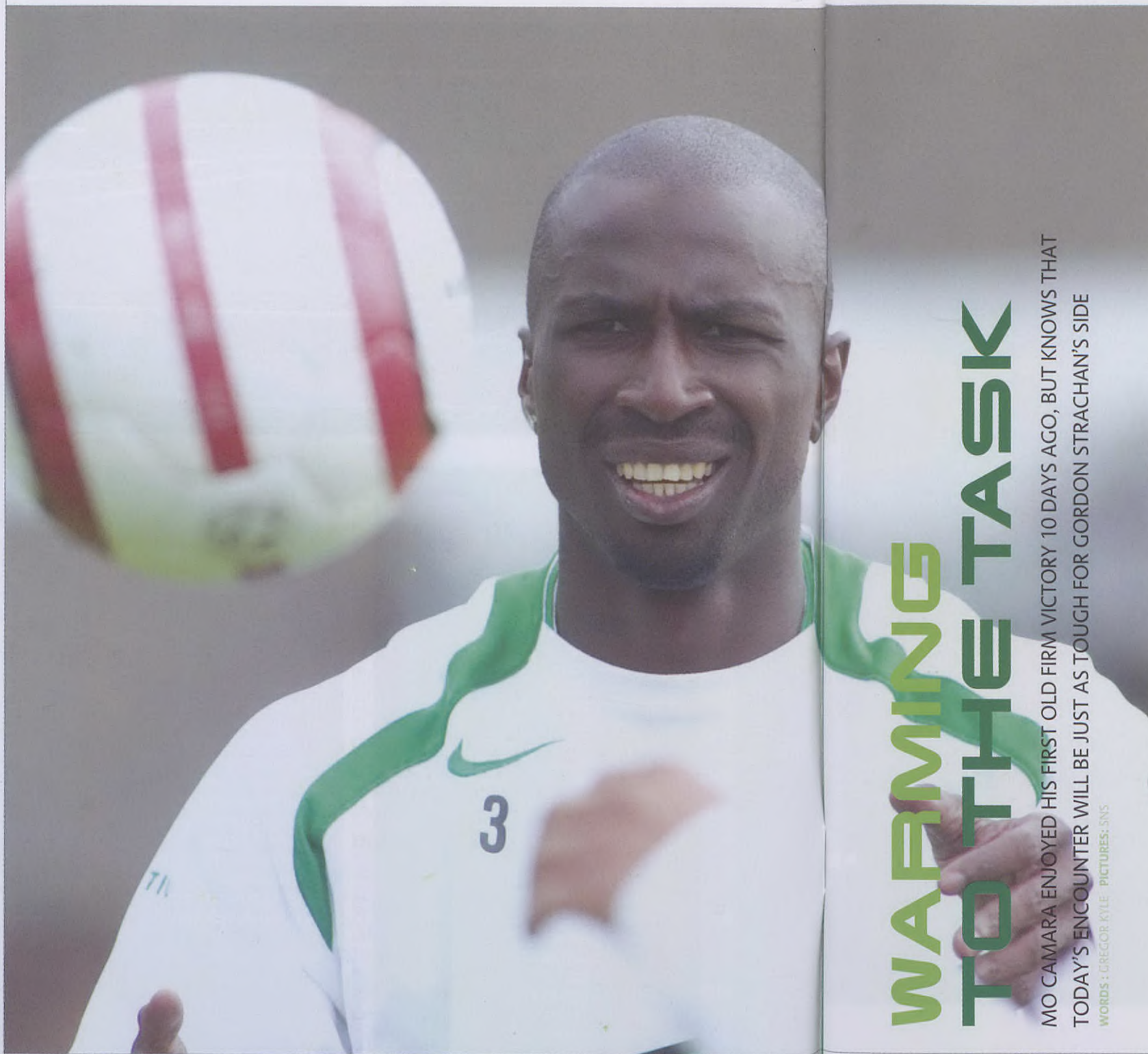
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- 3 MOHAMED CAMARA
- 4 ADAM VIRGO
- 5 DU WEI
- 6 DIANBOBO BALDE
- 7 MACIEJ ZURAWSKI
- 8 ALAN THOMPSON
- 9 CHRIS SUTTON
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**RANGERS**

- 1 STEFAN KLOS
- 2 FERNANDO RICKSEN
- 3 OLIVIER BERNARD
- 4 THOMAS BUFFEL
- 5 MARVIN ANDREWS
- 6 BARRY FERGUSON
- 7 BRAHIM HEMDANI
- 8 ALEX RAE
- 9 DADO PRSO
- 10 NACHO NOVO
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- 12 ROBERT MALCOLM
- 14 SOTIROS KYRGIAKOS
- 16 JULIEN RODRIGUEZ
- 17 CHRIS BURKE
- 18 JOSE PIERRE-FANFAN
- 19 STEVEN THOMPSON
- 20 ALAN HUTTON
- 21 FRANCIS JEFFERS
- 23 FEDERICO NIETO
- 24 IAN MURRAY
- 25 RONALD WATERREUS
- 26 PETER LOVENKRANDS





## WARMING TO THE TASK

MO CAMARA ENJOYED HIS FIRST OLD FIRM VICTORY 10 DAYS AGO, BUT KNOWS THAT TODAY'S ENCOUNTER WILL BE JUST AS TOUGH FOR GORDON STRACHAN'S SIDE

WORDS: GREGOR KYLE PICTURES: SNS

**I**T WAS an experience that any footballer would dream of being a part of and one that will live with Mo Camara forever. Last Wednesday's Old Firm game was an unforgettable occasion for the Guinean left-back who played such an important role in Celtic's 2-0 victory.

As the player himself explained, the whole team were on song that night and his enjoyment of the occasion was only enhanced by the fact that for the first time this season, a considerable body of the Celtic support were singing his praises.

The cries of 'Super Mo Camara' followed similar chants at away grounds around the country and have been a source of some satisfaction after what was admittedly, for him, a difficult start to his Celtic career. But the morning after that victory, the game and all its sights and sounds were instantly consigned to the memory bank of a player who has not looked back for a single second since moving up to Glasgow.

"It was unbelievable," recalled Camara. "When you play football, every player would like to play in an atmosphere like that. It's definitely the best atmosphere that I've experienced here and in my life. The closest I have come to experiencing something like that was when I was representing my country (Guinea) and we played a game against Nigeria away where there were 80,000 people in the stadium

"I think it's good for a football player to play in that kind of atmosphere, in a stadium like that, the ambience, everything, is great. But we need to forget all about that game now. We will know exactly what goes on in one of these games now and how fast the game is played, but we must forget all about it and concentrate on today. We played well, but we have today's game to think about and I think it will be a much harder game for us."

This is not to suggest that the first game, during which Camara bombed up and down the left flank for 90 minutes, was in any way an easy night's work. Having already been on the losing side in an Old Firm game at Ibrox in August, the player has great respect both for his opponents and the fixture itself, and when he runs out today he expects a tough test from a Rangers' side who will be hurting after last week's result.

"When you lose a game like that, as a player, it stays in your mind and they have a chance to come back here and play us again today," he said. "Everybody in the club here, the players, the manager, the staff, they all know that because of that defeat, this is going to be a very hard game."

"But we need to focus on what we do, on how we play; we need to forget about the last game and every game we have played this season, because this game is a massive for this club this year. This game is more important than the last game we played, for us and for Rangers, and it will be a very hard game."

As Camara knows, it is imperative that Celtic remain focused on their own, ever-improving game as they run out for this match. The side, much like the left-back himself, has improved with each game and, as he explained, they are now playing like a football team.

"I think that before, in the last three or four months, we had three or four players who were playing very well," he said. "Now, at the moment, over the past two months, every player from the starting 11 to the subs is coming in and playing football. You don't just see three or four players you see a football team work."

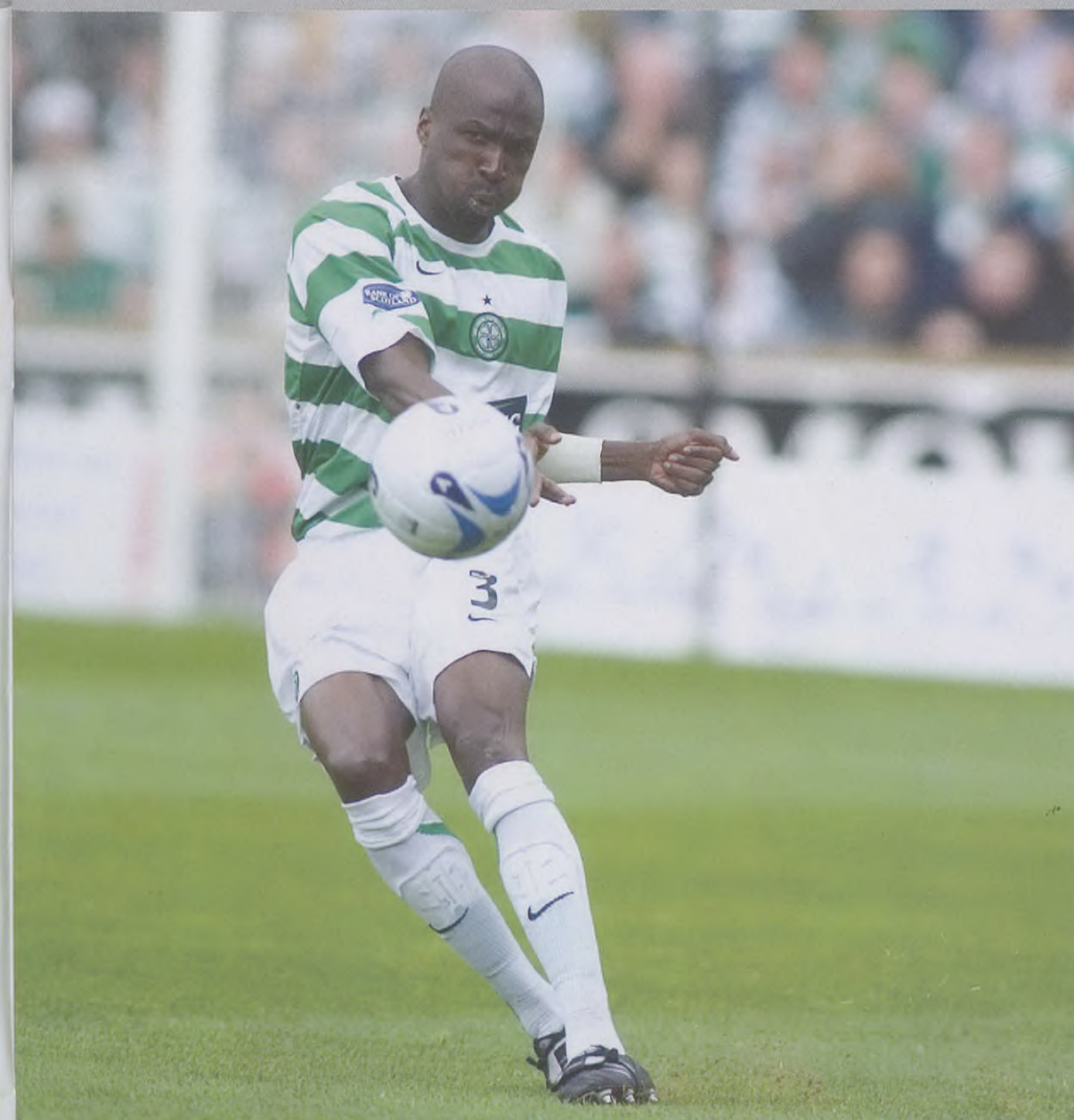
"Everyone has confidence here and we really just need to keep working, because your biggest enemy in football is success. When you start thinking 'I am so good', you end up in trouble. We need to forget about the past games and think about the next one."

The fact that Camara, alongside fellow new arrival Paul Telfer, has been one of the only two ever-presents in Gordon Strachan's side this campaign is one that has been largely overlooked by most observers. This situation is one that the player himself admits that he never anticipated when moving to Celtic Park from Burnley during the summer, but he is determined to do his utmost to continue to work and improve and hold onto his place in the side.

"When you come to a club like Celtic you don't think 'I am going to be playing in every game'," said Camara. "You come here to work hard and do your best for the team. I am giving everything for the team and for the supporters. If I am doing my best and I am not in the team, then I will at least know that I am doing my best to get there."

"At the moment, sometimes I am playing well, sometimes I am playing well for 45 minutes, but I am giving everything for Celtic Football Club and hopefully I can carry on doing that. Wherever you go, especially when it's a massive club like Celtic, you know that the first two months are not going to be easy."

"You are moving to a new city, you have a different life, different friends. It's not easy for everyone. It's been a little bit hard, but in life you cannot grow without pain. If you think about the pain, your head goes down and you



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