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GORDON STRACHAN

WELCOME back to Celtic Park and in our last home programme I spoke of the need to grasp the opportunity of bouncing back from the disappointment of the cup exit from the previous weekend.

Well, bounce back we did in no uncertain terms with an immediate 4-2 home win over Kilmarnock closely followed by an equally vital 3-1 away victory against Motherwell to go 10 points clear at the top of the table.

Our attacking performance against Kilmarnock was something else and that took our tally of goals against the four teams nearest us in the table to 13 in the four most recent games as we also scored three each against Rangers, Hibernian and Hearts.

We all want to see wins and at the end of the day we will gladly accept the same three points for a 1-0 win but if we can entertain and put on a performance by upping the score for a more emphatic win, then so much the better.

Of course, we have worked on, and will continue to work on eradicating any slips at the back due to our attacking play, as in those four games I mentioned our only clean sheet was against Rangers, but in our most recent game the number of chances forged by the opposition fell markedly and we will try and limit that further.

We also seem to find our scoring boots when we play Motherwell as that was our 12th goal against them in three games this season but their counter was one of those 'wonder-goals' that defences can do little about so despite that goal, we could be pleased with the way our defence kept potentially dangerous strikers at bay.

Over the course of the last couple of weeks we have also been busy in the transfer market with the immediate signing of Mark Wilson from today's visitors Dundee United and the pre-contract signings of Gary Caldwell from Hibs and Kenny Miller from Wolves.

Mark has already settled in and I'm confident that Gary and Kenny will do well for us when they arrive in the summer but unfortunately we couldn't come to a satisfactory agreement with Chinese club Shanghai Shenhua over Du Wei's time here and sadly we had to let the big man go.

But we look forward to the visit of Dundee United today and I know they are capable of causing us problems but the response from our lads has been good all season.

Craig Brewster is now there as manager and Inverness Caley Thistle never made it easy for us under him, and with players like former Celt David Fernandez in the pool, there is definitely plenty for us to think about.

CLUB DIRECTORY & HONOURS

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Telephone: 0845 671 1888
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Formed: 1888
Stadium: Celtic Park
Capacity: 60,506
Home strip colours: Green / white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks
Away strip colours: Green shirts, green shorts, green 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 in 1 season: 50 - Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36
Most Premier/SPL goals in 1 season: 35 - Brian McClair, 1986-87
 35 - Henrik Larsson, 2000-01

CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [39 times]
 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, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2003-04

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

League Cup Winners [12 times]
 1956-57, 1957-58, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1974-75, 1982-83, 1997-98, 1999-00, 2000-01

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 MOTHERWELL v **CELTIC**

Wednesday, February 8
 Scottish Premierleague
CELTIC v Falkirk

Sunday, February 12
 Scottish Premierleague
 Rangers v **CELTIC**

Sunday, February 19
 Scottish Premierleague
 Dunfermline v **CELTIC**

Saturday, March 4
 Scottish Premierleague
CELTIC v Aberdeen

Saturday, March 11
 Hibernian v **CELTIC**

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee: Mike Ritchie
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CELTIC

- 1 ARTUR BORUC
- 2 PAUL TELFER
- 3 MOHAMED CAMARA
- 4 ADAM VIRGO
- 6 DIANBOBO BALDE
- 7 MACIEJ ZURAWSKI
- 8 ALAN THOMPSON
- 10 JOHN HARTSON
- 11 STEPHEN PEARSON
- 12 MARK WILSON
- 16 ROY KEANE
- 17 DIDIER AGATHE
- 18 NEIL LENNON
- 19 STILIAN PETROV
- 22 DAVID MARSHALL
- 23 STAN VARGA
- 25 SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA
- 29 SHAUN MALONEY
- 31 ANTHONY McPARLAND
- 33 ROSS WALLACE
- 35 PAUL LAWSON
- 37 CRAIG BEATTIE
- 38 ROCCO QUINN
- 40 MICHAEL GARDYNE
- 41 JOHN KENNEDY
- 42 MICHAEL McGLINCHEY
- 43 DIARMUID O'CARROLL
- 44 STEPHEN McMANUS
- 46 AIDEN McGEADY
- 47 MICHAEL McGOVERN
- 48 DARREN O'DEA
- 49 SCOTT CUTHBERT
- 50 GARY IRVINE



DUNDEE UNITED

- 1 DEREK STILLIE
- 3 DAVID McCRACKEN
- 4 DEREK McINNES
- 5 ALAN ARCHIBALD
- 6 CHARLIE MULGREW
- 7 MARK KERR
- 8 GRANT BREBNER
- 9 LEE MILLER
- 10 JIM McINTYRE
- 11 BARRY ROBSON
- 12 STUART DUFF
- 15 LEE MAIR
- 16 CRAIG BREWSTER
- 17 CRAIG SAMSON
- 18 GARY KENNETH
- 20 DAVID FERNANDEZ
- 21 COLLIN SAMUEL
- 23 PAUL RITCHIE
- 25 DAVID ROBERTSON
- 26 GREG CAMERON
- 27 BARRY CALLAGHAN
- 28 ROSS GARDINER
- 31 EWAN McLEAN
- 36 DAVID GOODWILLIE





FOCUS ON YOUNG GUNS

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW : GREGOR KYLE PICTURES: SNS

LEAGUE titles are never won in 90 minutes, but only through a season's-worth of endeavour and consistency. But if Celtic do go on to Championship success in this 2005/2006 season, last Saturday's 3-1 victory at Fir Park could prove to be among the 'defining matches'.

The team travelled through to Fir Park on Sunday with a defence depleted by injury to Roy Keane, a Stephen McManus' suspension and also Bobo Balde's involvement in the African Cup of Nations.



With Celtic having already conceded four on the road at Motherwell in the first game of the season, their opponents may well have been looking forward to lining up against a central defensive partnership that had until Sunday no more than five starts between them.

But Stan Varga and Adam Virgo in particular proved to be the foundation from which Celtic moved on to master their opponents and the supporters travelled back to Glasgow talking not about the side's defensive frailties, but instead about the possibilities for the second half of the season.

The game also heralded the return to the side of Mo Camara for the first time since the defeat by Dunfermline in November and while the Celtic defender is reluctant to pinpoint 'defining moments', he believes that last weekend's performance said a lot about the strength and character of the squad.

"Motherwell is not an easy place to go and get a result at," said Camara. "They are a good team, with a good squad of players and they have shown their quality in the past against us.

"We were also missing some players, including our regular centre-halves, but we were ready for this game.

"At Celtic Football Club the players are working hard every day in training so that they are ready for matches like this.

"Some people will play on a Saturday, some people won't, but they are all working very hard in training. Stan Varga and Adam came into the team and they both played very well. The challenge now is to continue that good performance in our next game."

A further talking point for supporters on the

bus back was the assured and immensely strong performance of Adam Virgo at the heart of the Celtic defence.

In previous appearances the versatile former Brighton-man has been utilised on the right of the Celtic defence, in the midfield holding-role and even up front by Gordon Strachan.

But on Sunday, he seemed to be at his very best playing centre-half and Camara says that he saw many qualities in Virgo while lining up as an opponent at former club Burnley.

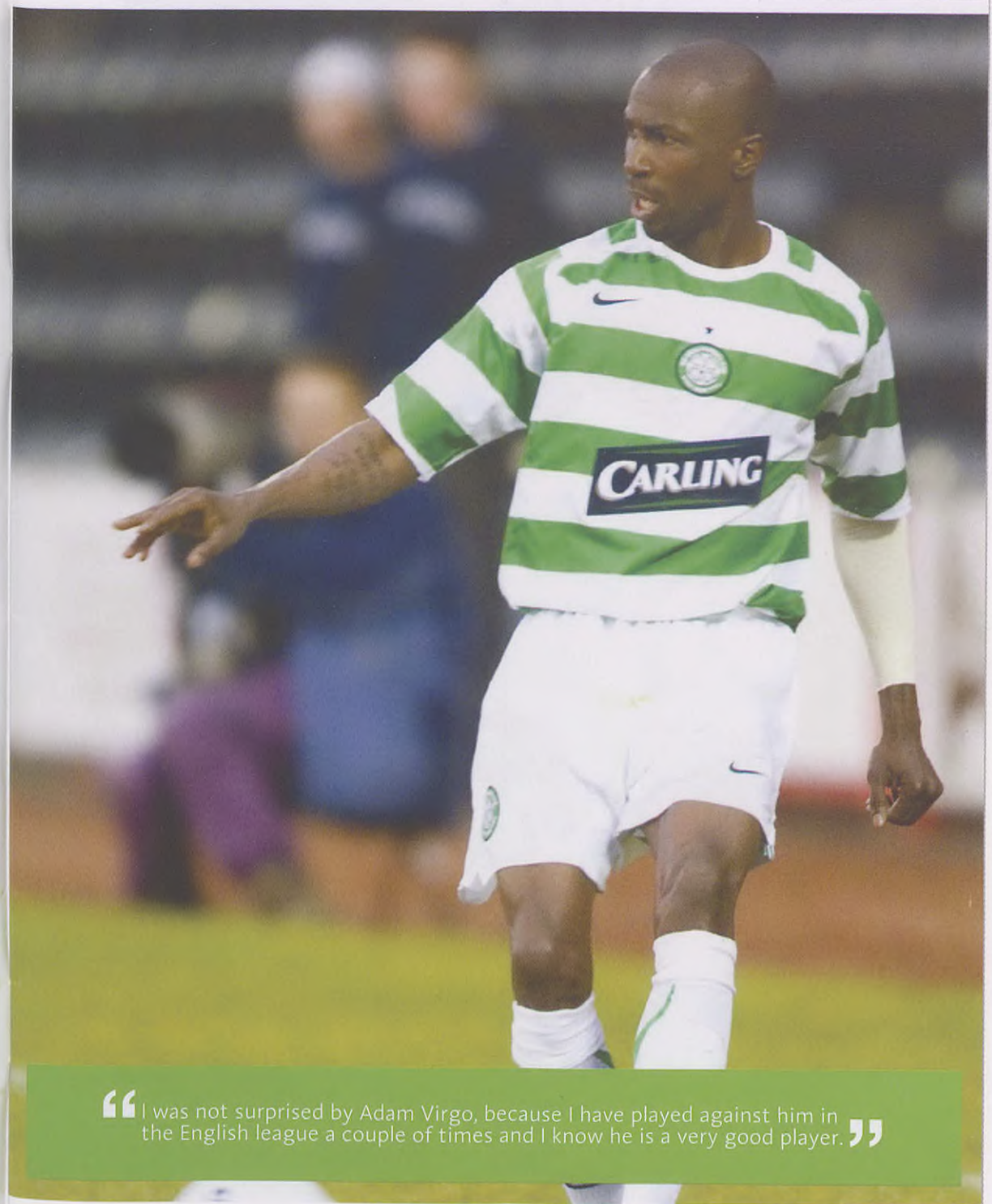
"I was not surprised by Adam, because I have played against him in the English league a couple of times and I know he is a very good player."

Camara continued: "When you come to a massive club, like Celtic Football Club, it is hard to earn your place in the team. But I know that he is a very good player and a passionate person. He has been working hard in the gym and in training and I think against Motherwell he showed that he will be a good player for Celtic Football Club."

Camara is another player who has shown since moving to Glasgow that he has a voracious appetite for hard work and once again he was taking the time to speak to the matchday programme after a 'day-off' spent working in the gym at Celtic Park.

While Camara would have been putting in the extra-time at any club, he has in the past stated that he has redoubled his efforts in order to meet the high standards that are demanded at Celtic.

This work-rate saw him rewarded with 20 consecutive starts for the club from the start of the season and he hopes that this attitude



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