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>> GORDON STRACHAN



WOULD like to offer you a warm welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's match. I'm sure that it's one you've all be looking forward to and it is certainly an important game for the team.

However, our philosophy has always been on focusing only on our next fixture, regardless of the opposition or the competition. This has served us well these past two seasons and it is something that we have carried on this season.

For that reason, once we had played against Spartak Moscow in Russia two weeks ago, the players and the coaching staff here immediately turned their attention to our game against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

We knew that would be a hard game, though I thought the players did exceptionally well to win the game 3-1. When you consider the difficult game we had in Moscow in tough conditions, to travel home and then head up to Aberdeen and collect all three points was very impressive.

After our Pittodrie victory, we then focused on

Saturday's game against Hearts at Celtic Park and it was only after that game finished that we could concentrate on tonight's match with Spartak Moscow.

Even before the first leg in Russia, we knew that Spartak were a very good team and everything we saw that night only confirmed that first impression. So to come away from that game with a 1-1 draw was certainly something that we were pleased with.

However, no-one at this football club believes that the tie is already won. Far from it, we are all well aware of how dangerous Spartak Moscow will be tonight and they will be doing everything they can to get a favourable result.

Both sides know the rewards awaiting the winner and that, along with the fact there will be two quality sides on show tonight, should make for a terrific game of football.

Of course, we will be doing everything we can to ensure that the job is completed successfully. Your backing of the players tonight will be a vital ingredient in the team hopefully achieving its aim.



>> CELTIC FACTFILE



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday, September 2
Scottish Premierleague
St Mirren v **Celtic**

Saturday, September 15
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v Inverness CT

Sunday, September 23
Scottish Premierleague
Hibernian v **Celtic**

Saturday, September 29
Scottish Premierleague
Celtic v Dundee United

Sunday, October 7
Scottish Premierleague
Gretna v **Celtic**



CLUB HONOURS

Scottish League Winners [41 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, 2005-06,
2006-07

Scottish Cup Winners [34 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, 2007

League Cup Winners [13 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,
2005-06

European Cup Winners 1967

Coronation Cup Winners 1953

CLUB DIRECTORY & HONOURS

Celtic Football Club
Celtic Park Glasgow G40 3RE
Telephone: 0871 226 1888
Website: www.celticfc.net

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park

Capacity: 60,506

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

Away strip colours:
Green/black striped 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

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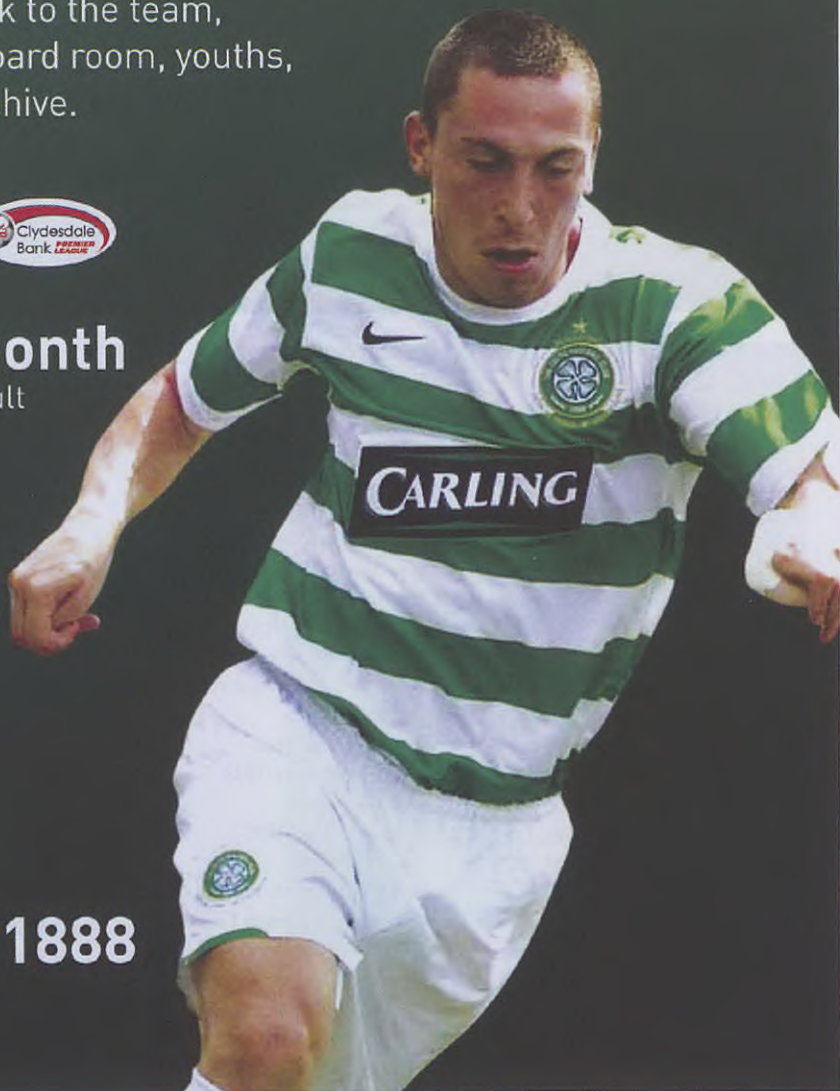
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UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK AND AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

New rules have been introduced by the SFA and SPL in connection with "Unacceptable Conduct" at football stadia. The new rules form part of our Stadium Regulations. It is a condition of entry to stadia that the Stadium Regulations, including these new rules, are followed.

A summary of the new rules is set out below. Full details are available on the Celtic website at www.celticfc.net or by contacting the Customer Service Manager on 0871 226 1888.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT TOLERATE UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT AT CELTIC PARK OR AT AWAY FOOTBALL STADIA

- Unacceptable Conduct is conduct which is violent or disorderly

- Violent conduct includes any actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against any person, or intentional damage to property

Disorderly conduct includes:

- Conduct which stirs up or sustains, or is likely or is designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards individuals or groups of people because of:
 - Gender
 - Colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin
 - Membership or presumed membership, of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation
 - Sexual orientation
 - Transgender identity
 - Disability
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct

- Displaying writing or any other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting

This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO ANY, OR A COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Removal from the Stadium
- Suspension from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Indefinite ban from attending Official Matches involving Celtic Football Club
- Report to the police and possible criminal proceedings

Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on www.celticfc.net.

>> A WORD FROM THE CAPTAIN

EVERYONE knows how special European nights at Celtic Park can be. I've been to more than a few as a supporter and I've been lucky enough to play in a few as well.

They are among the best games to take part in and everyone, players and supporters, have so many great memories from these matches. Tonight, hopefully, will be another unforgettable occasion.

This game is incredibly important to everyone at Celtic. As players we want to compete at the highest level and the Champions League provides that for us. We enjoyed our experience of the group stages last season, doing well enough to get to the last 16 where I thought we gave AC Milan as tough a contest as they got for the rest of the competition, which they ended up winning.

Having got that far in the tournament, we're desperate to repeat that and this is our only aim tonight.

Of course, we know it's not going to be easy. Spartak Moscow are a side of real quality, which we saw in the first leg over in Russia, and they will be just as determined to get a good result tonight.

However, we have to be pleased with our performance and the result from the first leg. To come away from such a difficult venue with

a 1-1 draw is tremendous and it was great to see Paul Hartley getting his first goal for us.

But we know that the job is only half done and it's going to take a lot of hard work and determination to see it through.

I also know that, as supporters, you all look forward to these games when we play against some of the biggest names in football.

It's been said many times before that the Celtic fans play a vital role on these occasions and, as a player, I have to say that it's true.

The atmosphere at Celtic Park on a European night is incredible. You've heard so many players from other teams who've said the same after playing here and it is one of our greatest strengths.

We know we can rely on your great backing tonight and, hopefully, together, we can enjoy and successful night.

Stephen McManus



INTERVIEW: DAVID WOODS

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