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CELTIC v LIVINGSTON

Celtic Park, Sunday 29 February 2004, Kick-off 3.00pm

Scottish Premierleague 2003/04

Programme No.21



Celtic 

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EXTRA COLD





“Our position at the top of the table has been achieved through the players’ commitment, determination and skill, and it is to their credit that we are in that position today”

THIS afternoon's game against Livingston is the latest in what has been a busy schedule of matches for us.

Having recorded a victory over Partick Thistle at Firhill last Sunday, setting a new Scottish record of 24 consecutive league victories in one season, we found ourselves back in European action on Thursday night.

Printing deadlines for today's programme has meant that I have had to compose these notes ahead of that game.

I hope that we have given ourselves a chance for the return leg in Teplice next week.

Certainly, last season's UEFA Cup run was both an enjoyable and memorable experience, culminating with the most amazing scenes in Seville.

The Celtic supporters covered themselves in glory that evening in May, and their behaviour and sportsmanship has been officially recognised by both UEFA and FIFA.

I naturally hope that such an accolade bestowed on the supporters only serves as a spur to maintain such high standards. As we know only too well in football, reputations are always heard-earned but so easily lost.

Everyone connected with the club will need to be at their best today and this Wednesday in Teplice if we are to stay in front in the league and remain in the UEFA Cup.

Our position at the top of the table has been achieved through the players' commitment, determination and skill and it is to their credit that we are in that position today, over and above the fact we broke the record for consecutive victories.

However, we know that we will have to be at our best to beat Livingston.

There has been much publicity regarding their off-field problems but David Hay will have his players focused on today's game and it is up to us to be at

our best in order to secure all three points.

And while on the subject of our opponents, a note of congratulations to David and his team for reaching the CIS Cup final amidst all the political problems they have faced.

As I've mentioned earlier, the games once again are coming thick and fast.

After Teplice we face Rangers in the quarter-final of the Scottish Cup.

By this time next week, many supporters will have gone to exceptional expense and trouble to support the club.

Believe me, that sort of fervour not only rubs off on all of us, but is always appreciated in the dressing room.

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB FACTFILE

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park
 (capacity 60,506)

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

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

Third strip: Gold shirts, green
 shorts, gold 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 (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

● Sandy McMahon played his last game for Celtic against Rangers, in a quarter-final tie in the Scottish Cup, on February 28, 1903. He scored 171 goals in 217 matches, picking up four championship and three Scottish Cup medals.

● On 29th February, 1960, Neil Mochan joined a very elite club when he scored five goals against St Mirren in a Scottish Cup tie. Only six Celtic players are in that club.

● Billy McNeill was born in Bellshill on 2nd March 1940.

● On 3rd March 1903, Alec McNair won the first of his 15 caps when Scotland lost to Wales in Edinburgh. On the same day in 1913, Andy McAtee won his only cap in the 0-0 draw with Wales in Wrexham.

● And, on that same day in 1996, in the Mike Galloway benefit match, a Celtic side beat a Celtic All-Stars side 3-1.

● Kenny Dalglish was born on 4th March in Glasgow in 1951 and shares a birthday with Owen Archdeacon who came into the world in Greenock in 1966.

● In front of 67,000 delirious fans at Parkhead on March 5, 1980, Celtic beat Real Madrid 2-0 in a quarter-final first-leg tie in the European Cup.



LIVINGSTON FACTS

● Livingston play all their home matches at the West Lothian Courier Stadium, although it is normally referred to as Almondvale. It has a capacity – all seated – of 10,024.

The club nickname is the 'Livvy Lions'.

● The record attendance at the stadium was a full house when Celtic visited for a Premier League match in August 2001.

● The club's record transfer fee received was the £1million paid by Celtic for Spanish forward David Fernandez in June 2002.

● The biggest transfer fee paid out by Livingston was £60,000 handed to Inverness Caley Thistle for Barry Wilson in May 2000.

● Livingston won the Third Division title in 1995/96 and were the First Division champions in 2000/2001.

● Since they began as Ferranti Thistle in 1974, the club has gone through only 8 managers. Livingston were also the first Scottish club to employ a Brazilian coach, in the early months of the 2003/2004 season.

● Livingston's biggest victory came against Queen of the South, in a Scottish Cup tie on January 29, 2000, when they won 7-0.





TODAY'S VISITORS - LIVINGSTON
MANAGER - DAVID HAY

CELTIC



LIVINGSTON

Momo Sylla	3	1
Jackie McNamara	4	2
Joos Valgaeren	5	3
Bobo Balde	6	4
Henrik Larsson	7	5
Alan Thompson	8	6
Chris Sutton	9	7
John Hartson	10	9
Paul Lambert	14	11
Bobby Petta	15	14
Ulrik Laursen	16	15
Didier Agathe	17	16
Neil Lennon	18	17
Stilian Petrov	19	18
Robert Douglas	20	20
Magnus Hedman	21	22
David Marshall	22	23
Stanislav Varga	23	25
Shaun Maloney	29	30
Ross Wallace	33	31
Johan Mjallby	35	38
Craig Beattie	37	
Jamie Smith	39	
John Kennedy	41	
Liam Miller	43	

Alan Main
David McNamee
Jamie McAllister
Oscar Rubio
Marvin Andrews
Emmanuel Dorado
David Fernandez
Fernando Pasquinelli
Jon Paul McGovern
Lee Makel
Burton O'Brien
Derek Lilley
Stuart Lovell
Roddy McKenzie
Colin McMenamin
Scott McLaughlin
William Snowdon
Richard Brittain
Ryan Harding
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CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
CELTIC	25	24	1	0	81	12	69	73
Rangers	25	19	3	3	52	19	33	60
Hearts	24	13	4	7	35	26	9	43
Dunfermline	25	10	7	8	29	35	-6	37
Motherwell	24	8	6	10	27	30	-3	30
Livingston	24	7	8	9	27	30	-3	29
Dundee	25	7	7	11	30	36	-6	28
Hibernian	25	7	7	11	24	39	-15	28
Dundee Utd	25	7	6	12	25	41	-16	27
Kilmarnock	25	7	3	15	28	53	-25	24
Aberdeen	24	6	5	13	29	42	-13	23
Partick Thistle	25	3	3	19	27	51	-24	12

CLUB SPONSORS



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

UEFA Cup 3rd Round, 2nd Leg FK TEPLICE v CELTIC	THURS 3 MARCH 5:00pm (BST)
Scottish Cup 5th Round CELTIC v RANGERS	SUN 7 MARCH 12:00pm
Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v MOTHERWELL	SAT 13 MARCH 3:00pm
Scottish Premierleague DUNDEE v CELTIC	WED 17 MARCH 7:45pm
Scottish Premierleague HIBS v CELTIC	SUN 21 MARCH 1:05pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Premierleague, February 22, 2004
PARTICK THISTLE 1 v 4 CELTIC (Varga 2, Sutton 2)

Scottish Premierleague, February 14, 2004
CELTIC 2 v 1 DUNDEE UNITED (Sutton, Maloney)

Scottish Premierleague, February 11, 2004
DUNFERMLINE 1 v 4 CELTIC (Varga, Thompson, Larsson 2)

Scottish Premierleague, February 7, 2004
HEARTS 0 v 3 CELTIC (Petrov 2, Larsson)

Scottish Premierleague, January 31, 2004
CELTIC 5 v 1 KILMARNOCK (Agathe, Hartson 2, Larsson, Pearson)

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:	STUART DOUGAL
Assistant Referees:	TOM MURPHY KEITH SORBIE
Fourth Official:	ANDREW HUNTER

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, Tom Allison, Eric Hagman

CFAC DIRECTORS Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, 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

UNDER their former guise of Meadowbank Thistle, today's visitors only ever played Celtic once under the competitive banner and that was in season 1994/95 in the Scottish Cup while the Bhoys were encamped at Hampden Park.

They made the step up to the senior leagues in season 1974/75 after gaining a growing reputation as Ferranti Thistle and made Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium their home.

It took them a full 20 seasons to finally meet Celtic in competition and, ironically, that was to be their last game against a top-flight club under the Meadowbank moniker as the close season brought big changes.

They re-entered the fray with Livingston as both their name and their new base and quickly embarked on one of the recent success stories of Scottish football.

Inside a relatively short period the 'new' team was eating at the

We look at Livingston's progression from the Third Division through to the Scottish Premierleague and a place in Europe ...

Words: JOE SULLIVAN

top table as, by season 2001/2002, they had joined the elite in the Premier League.

After one season in Division Three, they finished as champions and gradually clawed their way up the rankings to eventually taste European football after a magnificent first season in the top flight.

However, that first meeting at Hampden set the tone for what was to come in their now frequent meetings with Celtic and goals

from Pierre van Hoojdonk with two and Willie Falconer secured a 3-0 win for the Bhoys against a side who had Rab Douglas sitting on the bench.

Things looked up slightly in their first meeting with



CHAMPIONESSES
Barry Wilson & David Bingham with the First Division trophy



Livingston's league record since that first Celtic meeting.



1994/95 (Meadowbank Thistle)

Division Two

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
9	36	11	5	20	32	54	-22	35

Relegated

1995/96 (Livingston)

Division Three

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	35	21	9	6	51	24	27	72

Finished as champions and promoted at first attempt

1996/97

Division Two

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
3	36	18	10	8	56	38	18	64

Finished just one place but 10 points below promotion

1997/98

Division Two

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
3	36	16	11	9	56	40	16	59

Finished just one place but this time only one point below promotion

1998/99

Division Two

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	36	22	11	3	66	35	31	77

Champions by five points and promotion

1999/00

Division One

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
4	36	19	7	10	60	45	15	64

Finished just seven points below promoted

Dunfermline

2000/01

Division One

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	36	23	7	6	72	31	41	76

Champions by seven points and promotion to Premier

2001/02

Premier League

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
3	38	16	10	12	50	47	3	58

Excellent first season leading the pack behind the Old Firm

2002/03

Premier League

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
9	38	9	8	21	48	62	-14	35

Found going tougher this season but still finished above relegation zone

2003/04

Premier League

Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
6	25	7	8	10	29	33	-4	29



THAT WINNING FEELING

Dominic Keane shows off the First Division Championship trophy

the Celts under their new Livingston name as they gained a 0-0 draw at Almondvale in their first glory season in the big time.

Henrik Larsson may have missed a penalty that day but Livingston were one of only two teams that season, the other being Aberdeen in an uncharacteristic 2-0 defeat, to stop the Celts from scoring in a league game.

That Pittodrie reverse was to be the only league defeat that season and there were only three other draws, Hibernian and two against Rangers, as the Celts steamrolled to 103 points and an 18-point lead over Rangers at the finish.

The other big success story of season 2001/02, though, was that of the new West Lothian club who had taken up the Hibs role of the previous season by assuming the mantle of the only real challengers to the Old Firm.

Since that 0-0 draw though there has been a run of nine straight wins for the Bhoys, including one in the League Cup, with the men in green and white scoring 26 goals for the loss of only six.

Celtic's record against today's visitors

2003/2004						
Dec 12	SPL	A	Celtic	2	Livingston	0
Aug 30	SPL	H	Celtic	5	Livingston	1
2002/2003						
Feb 9	SPL	H	Celtic	2	Livingston	1
Nov 24	SPL	A	Celtic	2	Livingston	0
Sep 1	SPL	H	Celtic	2	Livingston	0
2001/2002						
Apr 6	SPL	H	Celtic	5	Livingston	1
Jan 30	SPL	A	Celtic	3	Livingston	1
Dec 26	SPL	H	Celtic	3	Livingston	2
Dec 19	CIS	A	Celtic	2	Livingston	0
Aug 18	SPL	A	Celtic	0	Livingston	0
1994/95						
Feb 18	SC	H	Celtic	3	Meadowbank	0



Celtic v Livingston

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
League	9	8	1	0	24	6	18	25
CIS	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	
Total	10	9	1	0	26	6	20	

Celtic v Meadowbank

SC	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	
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Celtic v Meadowbank/Livingston

Total	11	10	1	0	29	6	23	
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