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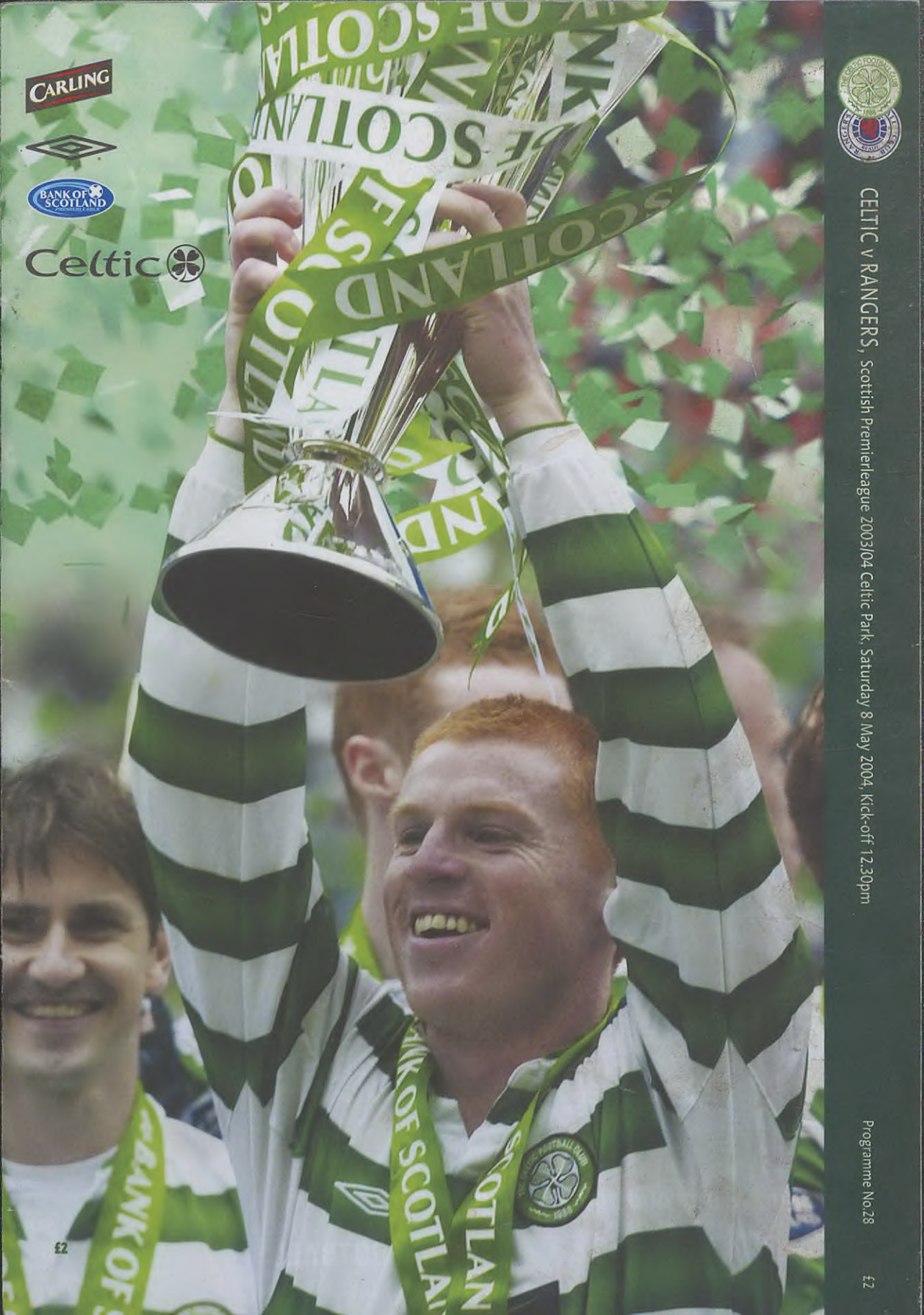


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CELTIC v RANGERS, Scottish Premierleague 2003/04 Celtic Park, Saturday 8 May 2004, Kick-off 12.30pm



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**LOVE**FOOTBALL







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**FIRST of all, welcome to Celtic Park for final Old Firm game of the season.**

After a couple of home defeats here against Aberdeen and Dunfermline we are looking to bounce back this afternoon with a victory over our oldest rivals.

However, despite the defeat last weekend the scenes afterwards were very special indeed.

It takes 10 months of massive effort just to earn the right to lift the Premierleague trophy and takes just half an hour parading it to the four corners of the ground, but that half hour is worth every single second of effort during the season.

To have missed out last season by a solitary goal was, from our viewpoint, very disappointing but Sunday’s events here at Celtic Park more than made up for it.

Three years ago when the league was won we lost two games in the final run-in that ultimately had no bearing on anything. The same has happened this season also.

But, the fact is that the league was won on our 32nd game of a 38-game campaign.

That in itself speaks volumes for the ability of the players and I am delighted to see some of them have been honoured just recently.

Chris Sutton won the Players’ Player of the Year with Stephen Pearson taking the Young Player of the Year award from both his fellow professionals as well as the Scottish sportswriters. Jackie McNamara rounded off a particularly excellent season by winning the Player of the Year from the sportswriters and it is nice to see their efforts acknowledged.

This afternoon will be another massive game for us and regardless of the normal incentive that exists when you play your oldest rivals, there is the additional aim of going for six consecutive Old Firm victories - a feat that has not been achieved in the post-war period.

Rangers are currently enjoying some excellent form and it goes without saying that this is a huge match for both sets of players. It is an afternoon that we are all looking forward to and, as always, I thank you for the support you have given the team this season.



## 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 (39)

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, 2003/2004

#### 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 April 30, 1907, in a match against Hearts, Willie Orr became the first player to score from a penalty in a Scottish Cup final. Peter Somers got the other two in the 3-0 win, which gave Celtic Scottish football's first ever double.

● On the same day in 1910, Celtic drew 0-0 with Dundee at Dens Park to seal a sixth consecutive League Championship. At that time, they had only lost 29 games out of 192 matches.

● Against Clyde, on May 1, 1971, Bertie Auld made the last of his 279 appearances for the club. He scored 89 goals, won five League Championships, three Scottish Cup and 4 League Cup medals.

● Although Celtic lost 1-2 to Falkirk on May 2, 1987, Brian McClair scored from the penalty spot, his final goal for Celtic in his penultimate match. That made his total 120 in 199 matches.

● At Hampden, against Airdrie on May 3, 1975, Billy McNeill's last task as a Celtic player was to lift the Scottish Cup after the 3-1 win. In an 18-year career, he played 790 times.

● In 1963, for the first time since 1928, an Old Firm Final attracted a crowd of 129,643 to Hampden on May 4. A strong wind rather spoiled the occasion, which ended in a 1-1 draw. The man-of-the-match that day was undoubtedly Celtic keeper Frank Haffey.



## RANGERS FACTS

● Rangers first entered the Scottish Cup in its inaugural year of 1874, but didn't win the trophy for twenty years. They reached the final in 1877 but after two draws they were beaten 3-2 by Vale of Leven in the second replay.

● Their first victory in the competition came in 1894, when they beat Celtic 3-1 in the first Old Firm final. Unfortunately for Rangers, there were no spaces left by that time to inscribe their name on the Cup itself, so their name went on the base.

● That set off quite a successful few years for the Light Blues in the tournament, as they won in 1897, 1898 and 1903. However, that was followed by an astonishingly barren period – all 25 years of it – before they won the Scottish Cup again. They did reach four finals in that time, in three of which they were beaten by Third Lanark, Partick Thistle and Morton; in 1909, the Cup was withheld after the Hampden Riot.

● Rangers had much more success in the League Championship. In the period from the end of Celtic's four-in-a-row run – 1913/1917 – to the start of World War 2, Rangers won 16 out of a possible 22 titles.

● Rangers were the second Scottish team to enter European competition. They played in the European Cup of 1956-57, receiving a bye in the first round, then drew 3-3 with Nice over two legs, before going out 3-1 in the third game.







TODAY'S VISITORS - RANGERS  
 MANAGER - ALEX MCLEISH

CELTIC



RANGERS

Momo Sylla	3	1
Jackie McNamara	4	2
Joos Valgaeren	5	3
Bobo Balde	6	5
Henrik Larsson	7	7
Alan Thompson	8	10
Chris Sutton	9	12
John Hartson	10	14
Stephen Pearson	11	15
David Fernandez	12	16
Paul Lambert	14	18
Ulrik Laursen	16	19
Didier Agathe	17	21
Neil Lennon	18	22
Stilian Petrov	19	23
Robert Douglas	20	25
Magnus Hedman	21	26
David Marshall	22	27
Stanislav Varga	23	32
Shaun Maloney	29	36
Ross Wallace	33	37
Johan Mjallby	35	
Craig Beattie	37	
Jamie Smith	39	
John Kennedy	41	
Liam Miller	43	
Stephen McManus	44	
Aiden McGeady	46	
Michael McGovern	47	

Stefan Klos	
Fernando Ricksen	
Craig Moore	
Frank de Boer	
Shota Arveladze	
Michael Mols	
Robert Malcolm	
Ronald de Boer	
Zurab Khizanishvili	
Paolo Vanoli	
Michael Ball	
Steven Thompson	
Maurice Ross	
Allan McGregor	
Mikel Arteta	
Henning Berg	
Peter Lovenkrands	
Stephen Hughes	
Alan Hutton	
Chris Burke	
Hamed Namouchi	
Gary Mckenzie	
Ross McCormack	
Bajram Fetai	

CURRENT SCOTTISH PREMIERLEAGUE 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>CHAMPIONS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>91</b>
Rangers	35	24	6	5	73	29	44	78
Hearts	35	16	11	8	50	37	13	59
Dunfermline	35	14	11	10	40	44	-4	53
Motherwell	35	12	9	14	39	44	-5	45
Dundee Utd	35	11	10	14	42	56	-14	43
Hibernian	36	10	11	15	39	56	-17	41
Livingston	35	9	12	14	42	52	-10	39
Kilmarnock	35	11	5	19	45	70	-25	38
Dundee	35	9	10	16	42	56	-14	37
Aberdeen	35	9	7	19	38	56	-18	34
Partick Thistle	36	6	6	24	35	63	-28	24

CLUB SPONSORS



FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Scottish Premierleague  
 MOTHERWELL v **CELTIC** WED 12 MAY TBC

Scottish Premierleague  
**CELTIC** v DUNDEE UNITED SUN 16 MAY 3:00pm

Scottish Cup final, Hampden Park  
**CELTIC** v DUNFERMLINE SAT 22 MAY 3:00pm

RECENT FORM



Scottish Premierleague, May 2, 2004  
**CELTIC 1 v DUNFERMLINE 2** (Larsson)

Scottish Premierleague, April 25, 2004  
 HEARTS 1 v **1 CELTIC** (McGeady)

Scottish Premierleague, April 21, 2004  
**CELTIC 1 v ABERDEEN 2** (Larsson)

Scottish Premierleague, April 18, 2004  
 KILMARNOCK 0 v **1 CELTIC** (Petrov)

Uefa Cup 1/4-Final 2nd Leg, April 14, 2004  
 VILLARREAL 2 v **0 CELTIC**

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: **Hugh Dallas**  
 Assistant Referees: **Tom Murphy**  
**James Bee**  
 Fourth Official: **Stuart Dougal**

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# ALL FIRED UP

After being a ballboy in Celtic's famous 6-2 victory over Rangers in 2000, David Marshall is looking forward to playing his part in today's Old Firm clash

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

**PRIOR to starring in Celtic's 2-1 victory at Ibrox at the tail end of March, David Marshall's most memorable Old Firm experience came not in goal, but behind one.**

The date was August 27, 2000, and Marshall, then just 15, was one of two ballboys - the other being Stephen Low, Celtic's current under-19 captain - seated at the rear of a goal which greeted three goals inside the opening 12 minutes, scored by Messrs. Sutton, Petrov and Lambert.

Yes, it was 'the 6-2 game,' the match which announced the birth of the Martin O'Neill era at Celtic Park and left thousands of Hoops fans, and an aspiring young goalkeeper, with well-founded hope for the future. Today, this same youngster is likely to be playing alongside some of the stars of that famous victory - among them Larsson, Sutton and Petrov - and facing him in the opposite goal will be Stefan Klos, the highly respected Rangers keeper who endured a personal nightmare that sun-drenched August afternoon.

Indeed, while his Gers counterpart has doubtless spent the past three-and-a-half years attempting to forget it, Marshall insists the game which set O'Neill's



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side on the road to a Treble is one he'll always remember.

"The 6-2 game will always stick in the memory for me. I was obviously a ball boy down behind the goal over there (in front of the Lisbon Lions Stand), and it was a magnificent experience. Who wouldn't want to play in an Old Firm derby after experiencing something like that?"





"I also have great memories of the 5-1 game when Johan made his debut and Lubo scored a double and tore Rangers apart a wee bit. If today's half as good as either of those two games, I'll be happy."

Marshall also wouldn't complain if there was a repeat of his first Old Firm experience as a player, one which began with him shouldering an unjustly heavy weight of expectation following his Nou Camp heroics and ended with his burgeoning reputation having been strengthened yet further. It was an experience the youngster would later put on a par with keeping Ronaldinho and co at bay.

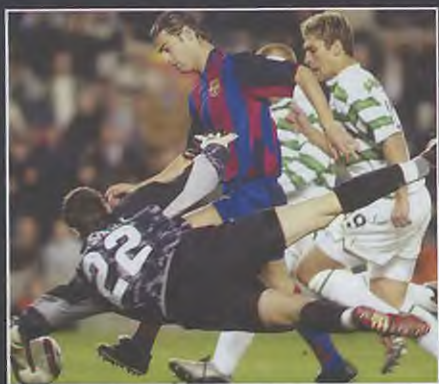
He said: "To go to Ibrox and win was brilliant, especially as it was just after we'd come back from Barcelona. That had been an unbelievably tough game for the lads, and I don't think anyone would have been surprised if we'd shown a bit of tiredness.

"But I thought we thoroughly deserved the victory, and it was sweet to win another one against Rangers, particularly at their place. I can't wait to play in this one, though, because I think every Celtic fan grows up dreaming of playing in an Old Firm game here at Celtic Park.

"Here, you're playing in front of your own crowd, whereas, at Ibrox, pretty much everyone's against you. The fans are magnificent here, so hopefully they can help us through again today and we can give them something back with another win."

With five consecutive Old Firm victories behind them, victory for this afternoon would, in fact, also secure a new post-war record for Celtic, who last chalked up six straight derby triumphs over a near-four-year period between January 1912 and October 1915. Marshall, while admitting to having been unaware of this particular statistic, insists he'd love to be part of a Hoops team which makes Old Firm history.

"I didn't actually know we were



**WONDER BOY** David Marshall's performances against Barcelona and Rangers earned the young keeper praise from team-mates and Celtic fans alike



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in line to do that, but it would definitely be a tremendous achievement if we could manage it," he said. "To win five-in-a-row against your biggest rivals and main competitors in the league is always going to be a massive thing in your favour, and it would

be fantastic if we could create a bit of history by making it six.

"Being honest, though, every victory over Rangers is fantastic, and I don't think another win today would be any more special than the last few we've had. It'll be very difficult, though, and for all that we've got a great record against them at the moment, we'll need to raise our standards of over the last few weeks if we're going to get a result."

There has, by Marshall's own admission, been a discernable drop in the quality and tempo of Celtic's performances since the title was clinched, and this has led to concerns being voiced about a perceived loss of momentum. Martin O'Neill this week dismissed such suggestions, however, and

the club's young goalkeeper has echoed his manager's claim that the team should be judged on their two remaining meaningful matches - against Dunfermline on May 22, and today, versus their oldest rivals.

He said: "I suppose the performances recently have been understandable enough given that the league's been won and we've just really been waiting for this game and the cup final. But the boys don't like to get beaten, especially here at Celtic Park, where we've had such a magnificent record over the past couple of seasons.

"We'll be looking to put things right today, and this is a different game altogether to the two we've lost recently. It's impossible to be anything other than totally fired up for an Old Firm game, especially

with the passion of the crowd and, believe me, there'll no-one out there today who will be thinking of the cup final."

For O'Neill, the very suggestion would be unthinkable, particularly when one considers that, since opting to build for the future by introducing to his much-maligned side the likes of Chris Burke, Alan Hutton and Ross McCormack, Alex McLeish has noted a marked improvement. It's been sufficient for the Celtic boss to label Rangers 'resurgent', and having witnessed first-hand some of the Ibrox club's more promising players,

Marshall also believes that McLeish's team are on the way back up.

He said: "I was actually away with Burke and Hutton recently when I went with the Scotland under-21s, and they're definitely good players. It's also been good to see Alan McGregor getting a wee shout in goal for them because he's waited a while for his chance.

"They'll see all this as promising, and I think Alex McLeish has been using the last couple of months to build for next season, which is understandable. But he won't be thinking of next season today. It's still an Old Firm game, after all, and with the six-in-a-row thing you mention, Rangers will be desperate to stop us from winning."



**TOP OF THE WORLD** Despite losing to Dunfermline last week, David Marshall was delighted to get his hands on the SPL trophy



**NATIONAL EXPRESS** Marshall knows Chris Burke through the Scotland squad