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Graeme
SOUNESS
on Rangers

IT'S hard to find anything new to say about Celtic games, but we have enjoyed some good results against them of late. However I want to emphasise that those results are in the past now and count for nothing.

It's all about today's game; today's result and being professional to obtain another two points.

This is an important spell for us and Ne'erday games are always special, although every Old Firm match holds a special attraction for players and fans.

It has been said many times before that previous form and any expectations of what should unfold on the pitch count for nothing in games like these.

I have certainly found that to be true in the past and I think we surprised a few people the last time we met by overcoming the injury problems which we had at that point in the season.

On that day it was all about self belief and professionalism and if we can match that this time round, then I'll be more than happy.

The players who came into that squad at that point all did themselves and this club proud and epitomised the spirit we need at Ibrox if we are to succeed in our quest for honours this season.

Last year was a good one for us with the Skol Cup and the League Championship to show for our

efforts.

But the old football saying about only being as good as your last game holds true and if we are to enjoy any measure of success in the year ahead we have to put all thoughts of past glories out of our minds and concen-

trate on taking the rest of this season game by game until May.

Firstly I want my players to do themselves justice today.

I would like to wish all our supporters and the Celtic supporters who are here today the very best for 1991.



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ALIVE AND KICKING



TV SHOW SPARKS MEMORIES FOR SUPER STEVEN

HE has been tipped as the first Englishman to win the Scottish Player's Player of the Year award; gave a Hampden performance in the Skol Cup semi-final which Graeme Souness described as the "most complete I have ever seen from a midfield player at Ibrox"; and has thrilled fans over the past two seasons with his marvellous skills.

But Trevor Steven, who also bears the distinction of scoring the championship-clinching goal at Tannadice last season, is not the type to get carried away with such praise, although he modestly admits that he has been pleased with the way things have turned out since he came north to join Rangers.

He is well used to success, having won a European Cup Winners' Cup medal, two league championships and the FA

Cup with Everton before he arrived at Ibrox.

But it hasn't always been that way. He began his career with Third Division strugglers Burnley and even after being transferred to Everton initially they were always in the shadow of their Merseyside rivals Liverpool.

A television special on Burnley in the Saint and Greavsie show a few weeks back brought back plenty of memories for Steven.

He joined Burnley straight from school at the age of 16 after being involved with them for three years beforehand, spending school holidays at Turf Moor.

Trevor told the Matchday Programme: "It was nice to see on the television that the club were doing well. Frank Casper the manager there now was first team coach when



I was there. He left and came back and is now doing quite well.

"The old kit man George Bray, was also there in my time and doesn't look a day older. It brought some nice memories watching it. I had some good times there. I was only there for three seasons, but we were successful at that time, and it was my first venture into professional football.

"When I joined they had just been relegated to the Third Division and had hit low point.

"I played half a game in my first season there and then in the second season I got my chance early on and played the whole of season 1981/82 and we won the Third

Division.

"We went into the Second Division, but the money wasn't available to buy the players we needed. We tried to get away with what we had and were found wanting and were subsequently relegated."

However it wasn't all bad news as Burnley enjoyed better fortunes in cup competition.

"We went to the semi-final of the Milk Cup, but Liverpool beat us over two legs and we were beaten in the quarter-finals of the FA Cup. These runs created a lot of interest in the town."

Trevor isn't the only ex-Burnley player who has gone on to play at top level.

"There are a few other

players who moved on from there. Mike Phelan who's now with Manchester United, Brian Laws who is at Nottingham Forest and Billy Hamilton who was Northern Ireland's striker in the 1982 World Cup.

"The mentor of the team was Alex Dobson, who played in the First Division with Burnley in the early part of his career, went to Everton and did well there before coming back to Burnley. When I was in the team he was playing sweeper and coached everybody along."

Although once Burnley had taken an interest in him at an early age, the first result Trevor looked for on a Saturday was Newcastle United's. "They were my 'local' team even though they were 60 miles away," he said.

Today's derby match, is one which attracts interest all over the world, but for all teams, games against their nearest rivals are serious occasions.

"Our local rivals were Blackburn Rovers who were only seven miles away, but we didn't play them too often. It's nothing compared to Rangers and Celtic, but perhaps in the days when they were both top First Division clubs it would have been a very big occasion."

When he went to Everton Trevor also sampled other fiercely contested derby matches with Liv-

erpool where he faced Rangers boss Graeme Souness and present team-mate Nigel Spackman.

"When I first went there Liverpool had the beating of us quite easily. The first game I played in at Anfield I remember being a bit lost and we were convincingly beaten 3-0. I thought I did reasonably well, but I can remember thinking that the way Liverpool played was the sort of standard we had to reach."

"Eventually we did that. A bit of self belief among the players and some hard work by the manager and the coaches meant it all came good in time. By the end of my spell there, between '84 and '87, we had some nice wins against Liverpool and beat them at home and at Anfield.

"I played against the Gaffer and Nigel in those matches, but I also played against the Gaffer when I was with Burnley in the Milk Cup.

"He actually scored against us in the away leg, but it was a deflection which was going well wide and ended up in the back of the net and that turned the game for them.

"I also played against Nigel when he was with Chelsea and when he moved to Liverpool. They can both play a bit, but they have got a bit of dig in the tackle as well — the trick was not to

let them catch me!

"Everton was a very nice, well run club, and far different from what I was used to, but with limitations as far as spending power and the ability to pull crowds go. When I first went there they weren't doing well. It was nice to be involved with the club when it turned the corner and was successful. It was great to be part of the team which brought good times back to Goodison Park. We had three incredible seasons there, during which the club got bigger and bigger and it is now fulfilling its potential."

Trevor has yet to play in a losing side in a league match against Celtic and he is hoping to keep this up this afternoon. Rangers were underdogs when they went to Parkhead earlier in the season and still came away with the points and Steven reckons that with the right attitude they could do the same today.

"Self belief is very important in games like this," he said. "You have to go into them believing that you're going to get a good result."

"That's not something you can just switch on when you want it, but it's something we have here at Ibrox at the moment.

"You need to have that sort of feeling when you go to places like Parkhead and win. It's worked for us in the past — we've done well against them in

recent games and we'll certainly be looking to get the better of them again this time.

"It's really a do-or-die situation because the match is so important to both sets of fans. You can either be on cloud nine or really down, depending on the result."

One of Trevor's best performances this season came against Aberdeen in the Skol Cup semi-final, but afterwards he refused to take all the credit and pointed to the performances of Nigel Spackman and Terry Hurlock alongside him.

Hurlock has proved to be a big hit with the fans, but has also attracted some unwanted attention from referees and the press.

Said Trevor: "It's a pity everybody has gone overboard about Terry. I think his appearance has more to do with it than anything. He's got long, bushy hair and is stockily built. People look at him and expect him to be a real bruiser which is unfair as his contributions in a game are more than just winning the ball, which he does fairly in my opinion. I can't remember seeing him commit a dangerous foul in the time he's been here.

"You also have to take into consideration his work-rate and the fact that



he does have ability on the ball and can pass.

"But I'm sure Terry can handle the attention he attracts and we're all pleased with the job he's doing and I enjoy playing with him and Nigel in midfield."

Another couple of points today will take Rangers another step forward in their Premier title ambitions.

But apart from domestic success, Steven is also anxious to play his way back into the England team.

He is just one short of his 30th cap at the moment, but his international career has been on hold of late, despite a brief, but brilliant display for England during the World Cup.

"I just want to play as well as possible all the time, I think any professional will tell you that. I'm quite pleased with my form at the moment. I had a good start to the season and was a bit unfortunate to pick up an injury for a period in November.

"If you're doing well for your club, you'll hopefully be recognised at international level.

"I was pleased to get the opportunity to appear in the World Cup. It's hard to sit around doing nothing for so long.

"It all depends on the manager and if he thinks I deserve to be in there then great . . . if I get the chance I'll take it."

TODAY'S VISITORS — CELTIC

MANY of the features in today's Matchday Programme reflect on the year that has just ended and how it has affected Rangers at all levels.

If anyone was to look back on Celtic's fortunes in 1990 the conclusion they would draw is that it is surely a year to forget.

Defeat on penalties in the Scottish Cup final and fifth place in the Premier Division table meant Celtic were not involved in European competition for the first time in many years when the new season started in August.

Celtic fans were optimistic about their favourites' chances when the new season began but were disappointed on the opening day of the season when they lost 2-0 at Motherwell and also had full-back Dariusz Wdowczyk sent off. Aberdeen then won 3-0 at Parkhead but by the time Celtic visited Ibrox for the first time this season on September 15, they had the boost of their first league win of the season, a 2-0 victory against Hibernian.

In that first game goalkeeper Pat Bonner was outstanding and many people felt he was the sole reason Rangers did not have the points wrapped up by half-time. However it was Celtic who took the lead through Derek Whyte before Terry Hurlock scored an equaliser.

That result, Celtic's first point at Ibrox for two seasons seemed to act as a spur and when the teams next met, in the Skol Cup

Final, the Parkhead men were favourites. Paul Elliott gave them the lead but goals by Mark Walters and then Richard Gough in extra-time gave Rangers the trophy.

The following week Aberdeen took another two points with another 3-0 win, this time at Pittodrie but once again Celtic fought back and were in good spirits for the final Old Firm clash of the year.

Mo Johnston opened the scor-

ered from inconsistency. Indeed, manager Billy McNeill pointed to that as being his side's biggest problem since the start of the season.

The best indication of that came in the first two weeks of last month. On the first Saturday of the month Celtic bounced back from that 2-1 defeat against Rangers to trounce Hibernian 3-0 in Edinburgh yet seven days later were on the wrong end of a 3-1 scoreline against Dundee



Paul McStay comes under pressure from Mark Hateley

ing for a depleted Rangers side early on but Paul Elliott equalised before half-time. Charlie Nicholas hit the post early in the second half and that turned out to be the turning point. Substitute Ally McCoist scored to give Rangers one of their best results of the year and their second victory in 1990 at Parkhead.

Since then Celtic have suf-

fered from inconsistency.

United at Tannadice. But no matter what has happened in recent times, everybody knows that today is a one-off. The Old Firm derby simply cannot be described as anything else, particularly when both sides still harbour title ambitions.

Many football observers wonder why Celtic have not

TODAY'S VISITORS — CELTIC



Peter Grant points Chris Morris in the right direction

done as well as they and their fans might have hoped, particularly in the first three months of the season, because there is little doubt they have a number of top quality players.

Captain Paul McStay was out injured for a spell before coming back in the aforementioned defeat at Tannadice last month but he is certainly one of the best players in Scotland at the moment.

Alongside him in midfield is John Collins, a £1million buy from Hibernian in the close season, another player of the highest calibre.

In defence there is Paul Elliott, who had something of a troubled year last season after signing from Pisa in Italy but has settled down to become one of Celtic's most consistent performers this season. And as Chris

Woods and the Rangers defence will have noticed, he seems to have developed a liking to scoring goals against Rangers with one in each of the last two meetings.

And the last Old Firm match at Ibrox proved, as already mentioned, that in Pat Bonner Celtic have a goalkeeper who can be relied on.

Add to those players the names of internationalists Derek Whyte, Dariusz Wdowczyk, Chris Morris, Anton Rogan, Peter Grant, Charlie Nicholas and 'Jacki' Dziekanowski and it is easy to see why they will always be capable of posing a threat to any side.

As well as the players who are listed above and are all well-known, manager McNeill has taken the opportunity this year to bring some of the young tal-

ent at Parkhead into the first team.

Defenders Mark McNally, Lex Baillie and Paul McLaughlin together with strikers Gerry Creaney, Gerry Britton and Dugald McCarrison have all been involved at one stage or another.

One player who has played a bigger part than he might have expected is striker Tommy Coyne. The former Dundee marksman was transfer-listed at the start of the season but made a dramatic return to the first team with a run of goals that made him Celtic's top scorer in the league within a matter of weeks.

Joe Miller will probably feature in the Celtic line-up and he will be hoping to add to the goals he has already scored against Rangers, in the colours of both Celtic and Aberdeen.

Mike Galloway is another who has played at Ibrox in colours other than those of Celtic. He was signed from hearts at the start of last season and only four players — Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Derek Whyte and Jacki Dziekanowski — appeared in more league games than he did. However, he has not been in first team action for some time and is unlikely to play today.

Rangers will know to be on their guard this afternoon. All these players, even those who do not feature in the Celtic side, plus the Celtic support will be looking to make 1991 far more memorable than 1990 — starting today.