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WELCOME

Welcome to this afternoon's Betfred Cup final between Rangers and Celtic at Hampden Park

This is the 74th final of a competition that began back in 1946/47, and it's fair to say the demand for tickets has been exceptional.

I'm told the last six-figure attendance for a League Cup final was in 1970 when 106,000 supporters packed into this historic venue and I'm sure we could have reached that figure today had the capacity been available!

As it is, there will be around 50,000 fans in attendance and many more watching on television at home and abroad.

I would like to thank our broadcast partner BT Sport for their excellent coverage throughout this season's Betfred Cup, which began with Heart of Midlothian v Dundee United in July.

A big thanks also to our sponsor,

Betfred, for their continued backing of the tournament, which has been won by Celtic in each of the previous three seasons. They will no doubt be determined to retain the iconic silverware, while Rangers will be doing all they can to lift the trophy for the first time since 2010/11.

It promises to be a real showpiece occasion. Celtic and Rangers have each suffered just a single domestic defeat this season and both have also impressed on the European stage, so a fascinating 90 minutes, or perhaps more, awaits.

Good luck to Neil Lennon, Steven Gerrard and both sets of players.

Enjoy the game

Neil Doncaster
Chief Executive, SPFL



FROM OUR SPONSOR

Welcome to Hampden Park for the final of this year's Betfred Cup - and what an afternoon we have in store!

In the first final featuring both sides since 2011, Celtic are looking to lift their fourth consecutive Betfred Cup (and 10th consecutive domestic trophy), whilst hoping to bring an end to this unbelievable run are Rangers, the most successful side in League Cup history having claimed 27 wins.

This season, much credit must go to both sides, who are battling each other in the closest Premiership title race for years, and today's encounter comes at a most intriguing point of the season. We can no doubt expect a game packed full of entertainment, excitement and amazing drama, and it would be no surprise if whoever lifts the iconic trophy this afternoon sees it as a massive fillip in the title race itself.

As sponsors, we are obviously concentrating on today's final, but I would like to thank all of the teams who started in the competition back in July and provided us with some terrific games along the way. I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our host broadcaster BT Sport who, as always, have provided superb coverage of this year's Betfred Cup, culminating in today's nine-hour marathon, which hopefully can do real justice to this special fixture.

I'd also like to thank BBC Scotland for their excellent coverage from the group stage to today, and to the whole of the media, both written and broadcast, who cover the competition with such expertise and passion, and for which we are most appreciative.

The Betfred team would also like to thank Steven Gerrard, Neil Lennon and both sets of players who have been extremely accommodating in the build-up, and to all at the SPFL who are always a pleasure to work with. Lastly, but absolutely not least, to you the fans, who provide such an incredible atmosphere to today's game; one which I have been looking forward to ever since the semi-finals were completed.

Here's to a game that matches the atmosphere, that stays long in the memory for all of the right reasons, and where football is the real winner.

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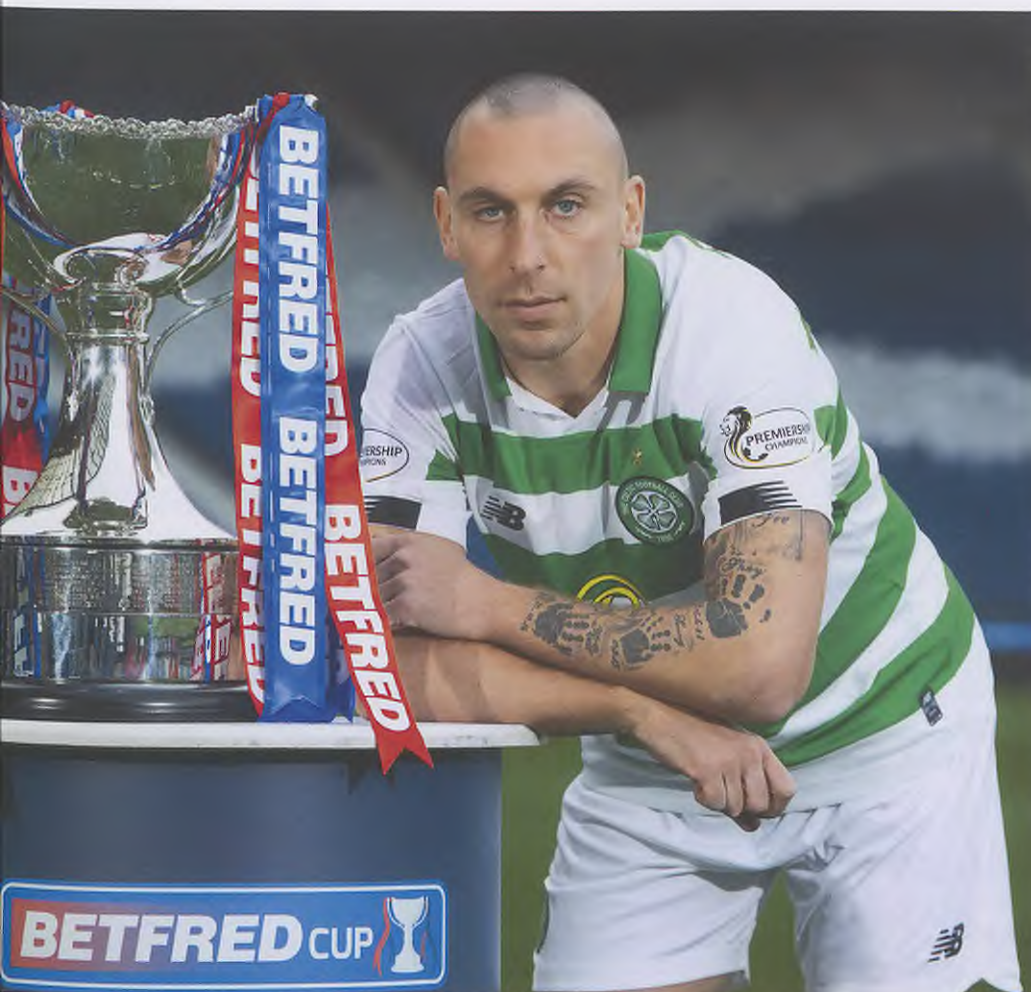
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