



1967 EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

PRE SEASON FRIENDLY

QUEENS PARK RANGERS VS CELTIC

SUNDAY 15TH JULY 2007 • LOFTUS ROAD • KICK-OFF 2PM
PRICE £2

stadium safety notice

Important Information

Queens Park Rangers FC would like to remind supporters that the Club faces heavy sanctions from the Football Association should there be any repeat of the mindless actions of a small minority of spectators.

Behaviour of this kind has no place at Loftus Road and we urge all spectators to support the Club identifying and excluding anyone involved in criminal

acts. Missile throwing, entering the field of play, racist/indecent/abusive language, consuming alcohol within the view of the pitch, are all against The Law within football stadiums.

The Club, in conjunction with the Police and Local Authority, will have no hesitation in enforcing these regulations; Resulting in prosecution and a lengthy ban from Loftus Road.

Behavioural Policy

In the interest of public safety we would ask all supporters to co-operate with the following policy:

1. Under no circumstances are people allowed on to the pitch. This is an offence under Football (Offences) Act 1991.
2. Supporters must not use racial chants or indecent or abusive language whilst in the stadium. This is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991.
3. The throwing of any item on to or towards the pitch or in to an area for spectators is strictly forbidden. This is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991.
4. Consumption of alcohol in view of the pitch is contrary to Licensing

regulations and will lead to ejection. This is an offence under the Sporting Events

- (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985.
5. You are asked to observe ground regulations by not bringing in to the stadium any objects that might cause injury to others.
6. This is an all-seater stadium and persistent standing in the seated area will lead to you being asked to leave or ejected.
7. In the interest of public safety you are required to refrain from standing, blocking or sitting in any gangways, exits or stairwells.
8. A reminder that no camera or recording devices of any type may be brought in to the stadium without express licence.

The following information is for the benefit of spectators and to ensure all who attend games at Loftus Road do so in comfort and safety.

Evacuation message

In the event of an emergency, the following message will be played over the stadium public address system. Please listen carefully and follow all instructions given to you by stewards.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to continue this event. Please leave the stadium as quickly and quietly as possible using exits indicated to you by stewards."

Please note that should an evacuation be carried out, refunds will not be considered at the time. However, Retain your ticket and await further information from the Club.

First Aid

Should you require medical first aid during your visit, contact the nearest steward who will arrange for qualified first aiders to assist you. First Aid teams are located at all four corners of the playing area.

The medical First Aid centre is situated under Block T at the rear of Ellerslie Road Stand.



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Heard racist abuse at your club? Report it! 0800 169 9414

A lot of good work has gone on in the game to fight racism. At grounds across the country it is no longer as common to hear racist chanting and to see black players being abused because of the colour of their skin, but it still happens.

Football's anti racism campaign, Kicks It Out, operates a free phone telephone number to enable fans of all clubs to report incidents of racist abuse inside and outside stadiums. With your help we can make this an issue that football has tackled once and for all

If you hear racial abuse or chanting, or see fans being harassed because of the colour of their skin, report it in confidence to the hotline number.

Racist abuse, it's not football. Report it!
Freephone 0800 169 9414

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CELTIC WELCOME

NO matter where Celtic play in the world, one thing you can guarantee is that our supporters will be there in numbers to cheer us on.

I know that will certainly be the case this afternoon here at Loftus Road.

As well as fans travelling down from Scotland and over from Ireland for our match against the R's, there is a strong base of Celtic supporters in England who, I'm sure, will take this opportunity to watch the team at close-hand.

Their presence, as ever, will provide a great boost to the players as we try to win this game.

Today's match with QPR will be the fourth match of our pre-season campaign and will provide another test for the squad, as we gear up for another season.

We have already come through two matches in Switzerland, followed by a game against Peterborough United, and now we have today's game.

Celtic are expected to win every game we take part in. Our supporters demand this of us, and it is a pressure that everyone at the Club very quickly becomes aware of when they join.

At the same time, I know that John Gregory will be hoping his side do the same, and at their own ground, in front of their own supporters.

It will, I hope, all add up to an entertaining game at Loftus Road this afternoon.

Gordon Strachan
Celtic Manager



CLUB HISTORY IN BRIEF...

THE EARLY DAYS

Established in 1888 to provide for the poor of Glasgow, Celtic is now one of Europe's largest Clubs.

Celtic Football Club was established in the late nineteenth century by a Marist Brother, known as Brother Walfrid, principally as a means of using the game of football to raise money to provide food for the poor in the East End of Glasgow.

Celtic's first game was played on May



28th 1888 against Rangers, with the Bhoys running out 5-2 victors.

The Club's first piece of silverware, the North Eastern Football Association Cup, arrived during their first season.

In 1892 Celtic moved to its current ground, Celtic Park, which became known as 'Paradise' to its supporters, due to its proximity to the local cemetery.

THE WILL TO WIN

Over the next 50 years, Celtic won numerous Cup victories and League titles in Scotland.

In 1937, it was victorious in the Scottish Cup in front of around 140,000 spectators, and in the following year, marked its Golden Jubilee by winning the League Championship, as well as the Empire Exhibition Trophy.

Success followed in the 1950's, but

it was in the period 1965 to 1975, however, under the management of a former player, Jock Stein, that Celtic achieved the reputation of being one of Europe's premier Clubs.

GOLDEN ERA

In that period, fielding some of the best known players of their time, including McNeill, Dalglish, Johnstone and McGrain, Celtic won the League Championship for nine successive seasons and more notably, the European Cup in 1967.

Celtic were finalists again in 1970, only to lose out to Feyenoord in the showcase Final.

THE GREAT CENTENARY 1988

Success continued in the 1980's with four League Championship wins, four Scottish Cup wins and a League Cup victory.

Celtic won the League Championship and the Scottish Cup in its centenary year of 1988 and the Scottish Cup again in 1989.

TURMOIL AND DISPUTES

By 1993, it was clear that Celtic was losing support as a result of poor performances in major competitions.

In March 1994, expatriate businessman and Celtic supporter Fergus McCann took control of the financially-strained Club shortly before it was declared bankrupt.

In the process he ousted a by now disjointed board of directors, which included members with long family connections with Celtic. Shortly after that, former player Lou Macari was replaced as Manager by another ex-Celt, Tommy Burns.

Burns and the rest of the board set out to build a new Celtic - and a new Parkhead.

The ground was rebuilt in 1995, and, in accordance with Fergus McCann's five-year plan, the Club was reconstituted as a plc, a development quickly followed by the most successful share-issue in the history of British football, with 10,000 taking up the offer of investing a minimum of 620, thus contributing 14 million towards



the re-financing of the Club.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM

On June 1st 2007, the appointment of Martin O'Neill as Celtic's Manager was made.

O'Neill's impact was immediate, as he guided the Hoops to a glorious treble - the first time this feat had been achieved by the Club since 1969.

Despite no domestic success in the 2002/03 campaign, it was a season to remember for all Hoops supporters and one which re-established Celtic as one of the great names in European football.

A thrilling run to the UEFA Cup Final was only ended by Jose Mourinho's Porto, on a night when 80,000 Celtic fans made the journey to Seville.

Celtic stormed back in season 2003/04, dominating the Scottish Premier League and winning by a 17 point margin.

Legendary striker Henrik Larsson bowed out with a memorable double, as the Green and White army celebrated yet another Scottish Cup crown.

That proved to be O'Neill's final trophy too, as he left Parkhead for family reasons, and was replaced by Scottish legend Gordon Strachan.





THE BIG DAY CELTIC INTERNAZIONALE

25TH MAY 1967 - ESTÁDIO NACIONAL, LISBON

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THERE were scenes unprecedented at such a match when Celtic won the European Cup in Lisbon yesterday, beating the Italian champions, Inter Milan 2-1.

There was a crowd of 54,000, but so noisy and colourful were the 7,000 Celtic supporters who travelled across Europe by air and road, that it seemed at times that it was a home match for them.

When the final whistle blew hundreds invaded the field. Some knelt down and kissed the turf, some took clods as souvenirs. And in the excitement, the players were badly mauled by those who sought to congratulate them. When they were finally shepherded to the pavilion, it was remembered that the Cup had not been presented.

Billy McNeill had to be taken back through the crowd and up the terraces to the rostrum to receive the great trophy. Later he was seated on a motor car roof and the Cup was paraded in that way before the crowd.

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Scottish supporters pushed their way into the dressing room and were given sips of champagne from the Cup. Twenty minutes after the finish excited supporters - some of them wearing the kilt - were still dancing about the field and falling full length to kiss the turf.

There had been tremendous traffic chaos before the match all round Lisbon and some had deserted



cars and buses and set out on the five-mile walk to the stadium. Afterwards the cheering, singing supporters began the march into Lisbon, and the streets of the old town were noisy and excited. Towards midnight there were frantic efforts to round them up and get

them to the airport in time for the planes which were flying out.

Jock Stein, the Celtic Manager, said: “This was a triumph for attacking football against defensive methods. This victory by Celtic will be good for the game, because attacking soccer is what the fans want to see.

“Even before half-time, I thought Inter were slowing and when we

went out in the second half we were confident we were going to win.

“After Gemmell had made it 1-1, Inter had nothing left. They didn’t even fight back.”

Helenio Herrera, the Inter coach, said: “It was impossible to stop the onslaught of Celtic. The better team won. But we were without Luis Suarez and Jair da Costa, and Sandro Mazzola was not fit.”

The players’ wives and sweethearts, who had been flown out in the morning, met the team later at a restaurant where Celtic had their own private celebration after the official banquet at which medals were presented. They have made a clean sweep of European and Scottish football and await a match with the South American champions for the championship of the world.

Extract taken from John Rafferty’s column in The Scotsman

FANS MEMORIES

FOR the majority of Celtic fans, memories of that famous night in Lisbon are dominated by grainy black and white television images. Maura McColgan can rely on a first-hand account in glorious Technicolor.

Maura, Manager of the Celtic Park Visitor Centre, was one of the lucky Hoops fans who made the pilgrimage to the Portuguese capital on May 25th 1967, and witnessed Jock Stein's Celtic beat Inter Milan 2-1 to lift the European Cup.

Accompanied by her late father, former Hoops player Dan McColgan, Maura watched awestruck as goals from Tommy Gemmill and Stevie Chalmers secured Celtic's place in European football's Hall of Fame.

Scenes of unbridled joy erupted all around her it as it became apparent that this entirely home-grown Celtic side - Simpson, Craig, Gemmill, Murdoch, McNeill, Clark, Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Auld and Lennox - had made history.

"It was just unbelievable," said Maura, as she looked back at the events of 40 years ago.

"I was sitting with my Dad behind the goal where Celtic scored and you could sense throughout the game that something magical was happening.

"In all honesty, when Inter scored the penalty to go 1-0 up, we did fear that was the end of it. I think a lot of people thought that we wouldn't win beforehand.

"I didn't know a lot about Inter, but everybody seemed to think they'd be good, simply because they were Italian.

"But we knew Celtic were playing well and had the best of the game. We knew a goal was coming and the scenes when Tommy scored were incredible.

"This big roar went up all over the stadium and when Stevie scored, everyone just went crazy. It was an amazing experience.

"There was a massive moat around the pitch and I remember my Dad saying, 'At

least that will keep the fans off the pitch'. Of course, it didn't."

After leaving Glasgow Airport at the crack of dawn, Maura and her father arrived at Lisbon a few hours later and headed for the City Centre, with a small detour included in their journey.

"We flew from Glasgow to Lisbon with a travel company based on Dumbarton Road," she recalled.

"They organised the whole trip and we left at 6.30am and came back straight after the game.

"We got into Lisbon just before lunchtime and, as it was a Holiday of Obligation, we all went to Mass. A Glasgow priest had travelled over on our plane and he held a service in a local hall."

The prayers obviously did the trick as Celtic stunned the Italians to become the first British club to lift the game's biggest prize. For Maura, it was the dream finish to the perfect trip.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime chance and, even though my family probably couldn't afford it at the time, we just had to be there," she smiled.

"There were a lot of Celtic fans sitting next to us in the stand, but I clearly remember a small Portuguese woman sitting next to a Glasgow man.

"They couldn't speak a word of each other's language, but by the end of the game they were best pals. It was like that all over the place.

"Lisbon was full of Celtic fans and all the Portuguese people were backing the team as well. It was a great atmosphere all over the city.

"When the final whistle went, there was a pitch invasion and we all thought the ceremony would be cancelled. Where we were sitting, none of us could see Billy walking across towards the balcony.

"Then, all of a sudden, we saw this figure going to lift the trophy - it was Billy. It's a like a dream now and at the time you

couldn't quite believe it was happening.

"I can't really remember how we got back to the centre of Lisbon, but the scenes were fantastic there as well. Everyone was hugging, shaking hands and having a massive celebration."

Some 24 hours after the delirious scenes inside Estadio Nacional, Maura was back in Glasgow - turning out at Paradise with her family to greet her Celtic heroes.

She added: "The team travelled back the next day and on the Friday night, myself, my Mum, Dad and Sister all came in to Celtic Park to see them parade the trophy.

"Again, it was a fabulous occasion. It was packed and, even though we were on the terracing, you knew the team had arrived because of the roar coming from outside. I can't believe it was 40 years ago."

But how does Lisbon compare to recent European trips for Maura, who has followed Celtic all across the globe?

"It was just as big as the Champions League nights are now," she said.

"We realised that it was a big, historic occasion and so many people travelled to Portugal, in whatever way was possible.

"In recent years, Seville was fantastic as well. It was heartbreaking; but still an amazing atmosphere and experience. Hopefully there will be a few more European finals to come. Why not?"

In her current position, Maura gets to rub shoulders with the Lisbon Lions on a daily basis and insists it's an honour to know the Celtic legends, who collectively provided her finest moment as a Celtic supporter.

While Jock Stein, Ronnie Simpson, Bobby Murdoch and Jimmy Johnstone are sadly no longer with us, the rest of the Lions squad are regular visitors to the stadium and make Maura's job easier by entertaining fans with countless tales from the past.

"It's great," she said. "When I came in at first in 1998, I was in awe of the Lisbon Lions and it's brilliant to work with them. They are all great characters."

BIG SIGNINGS FOR HOOPS REWARDS!

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Superdrug 

BURTON

cineworld
C I N E M A S

Hoops Rewards, the club's official loyalty programme, has just announced a big change to the way fans can collect their points.

Members can now earn big points when splashing the cash on the high street! With Halfords, Superdrug, Burton and Cineworld already on board Hoops fans can expect to see many more added soon.

Don't forget to register your payment cards so we can allocate your points every time you shop with them.



Hoops Rewards

NEW TO HOOPS REWARDS?

It's a simple concept, R's fans collect points every time they shop with one of the programme's partnered retailers. The points can be used to save on the cost of match tickets, club gear and even some VIP experiences!

To make it even easier to earn points we've hundreds of your favourite online and high street brands for you to shop with. It's completely free to register, just visit our website at www.hoopsrewards.co.uk



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King Henrik

Swedish sensation Henrik Larsson in action against Terrell Forbes in 2001.

