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### EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

Winners 1972, Runners-up 1961, 1967

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Runners-up 2008

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**Where Legends Are Made**

Steven needs to write his name in to the history books this afternoon

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# City Slickers

McCoy reflects on last season's Old Firm battles

**I**n his playing days, McCoy reflected on 54 seasons as Old Firm players, winning 25, but he still thought he contributed more when the Glasgow clubs played each other.

The Scot spent his early years at Celtic and then moved to Rangers in 1951. He spent his last years at the home dugout with Walter Smith until early McCoy's dying wish was to play a game for Rangers.

It is clear that Old Firm games can be the difference between success and failure in the SPL.

Last season Rangers clinched the title having won six draws and lost one of their Old Firm encounters while Celtic lost the League Cup after a 2-0 win at Hampden.

The draws in 2006/07 were almost impossible to predict and as usual they had a lot of everything including goals, controversy and drama.

The first game on August 13, 2006 and

it was a day Kenny Miller will never forget. Having failed to score following his return to the club, the former Celtic striker scored against his team to spend a season with us in 2006/07.

There's another goal that I will never forget. It was a game against Celtic. Celtic scored a goal in the 10th minute. I scored a goal in the 11th minute. We were 1-1. It was a very memorable occasion.

That game ended in a very tight penalty shoot-out. I was very nervous.

It was a great day for me. I had scored a goal and I will never forget it. I will never take my eyes off for a second or try to

would miss something.

"It really was a wonderful match but I don't know if it will be one that I will have been the longest time."

The next morning of the League Cup was on December 27 and it was a 1-0 win for Celtic. I scored that goal and it was a 2000 looking to overcome a strong point deficit if they were to be crowned champions.

The result was a bit of a surprise. I was a 21-year-old player and I was playing in the 2000. It was a bit of a surprise. I was a 21-year-old player and I was playing in the 2000. It was a bit of a surprise.

McCoy reflects on the 50 seasons he's had but just how important it is to take your goalkeeping opportunities.

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This is a truly the match that marks at the end of the day.

ALLY HICKEY

On Sunday February 15, I began to think about the Rangers that I had known for a long time and I had thought to take these photos and go up to the stadium.

A few days before we had seen Kenny Miller and Mike in the game finished games with both teams taking heavy losses for not getting the trophy of our achievement in the 2000 match.

"You know what a bit when people get carried away, well Ally."

"They go from the 22 game in Falkirk which was really bad down to a classic and then the golden goal is the worst Old Firm ally they have ever seen."

"There's no middle ground in the way the Old Firm games are played in Glasgow and Celtic."

"OK, I wasn't on the eye that's for sure but it wasn't the worst I've seen in the Old Firm derby."

After losing the League Cup final on March 22 it was back to work on May 19th for the biggest Old Firm derby in history.

Steven Davis was the man of the moment.

They were a goal in the 20th minute but it was all about goals and courage as Rangers clinched the win they needed to back.

The result meant that after Smith's men lost a two-point lead over Celtic, with only three games left and a huge amount of supporters waiting for a dramatic day.

Ally said: "It was a moment when we had to win, a draw wasn't good enough. I guess we played very well in

they were really good and there was a big goal."

"The goal was really well worked with Kenny on the left providing a great ball across for Smith to score at the back post."

"So I was really pleased to be in the team with the way we played that day, but with the way we finished the season."

"We should be professional and just get on with the job."

"After the final whistle the players really had the better sense, they could go on and win the title."

"In the previous year we were very unfortunate but I think it was there any longer because they were finished that day."

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## End of an era - same old story

**R**ANGERS ARE NOT losing the derby, they are losing the game. It's a sad state of affairs as the club's most popular fixture in the world has become a far less exciting affair than it once was. The game has become a far less exciting affair than it once was. The game has become a far less exciting affair than it once was. The game has become a far less exciting affair than it once was.

James Smith, who has been the main man at the club for years, was appointed again as the club's manager in a move that has caused many to wonder if he is the man for the job.

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## League Stats

Top scorers

Player	Goals
Steven Davis	15
James Smith	12
Alan Hogg	10
James McGhee	8
James McQueen	7
James McKeown	6
James McQueen	5
James McKeown	4
James McKeown	3
James McKeown	2
James McKeown	1

Top assists

Player	Assists
Steven Davis	12
James Smith	10
Alan Hogg	8
James McGhee	6
James McQueen	5
James McKeown	4
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**Teenage picks**

**Archie Campbell**

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A close-up portrait of Walter Smith, an older man with grey hair, smiling and looking to the right. He is wearing a white and blue jacket with a Rangers crest on the chest. The name 'Walter Smith' is overlaid in large, bold, red and blue letters.

# Walter Smith

**G**OOD afternoon and welcome to the first Old Firm match of the season with Celtic here at Ibrox Stadium.

Today's game will have a lot of importance placed on it – as every derby does – and for us it's an opportunity to get back to winning ways in the league.

**“If we can replicate how we did initially in midweek, I believe we can give ourselves a good chance of coming out on top against Celtic.”**

After three consecutive draws in the SPL without any goals, we are now looking for a much more consistent run of results in terms of victories.

We've had a hard week and although we haven't won either of our games with Aberdeen and Sevilla, we have played a lot of good football.

Now we must make it count. We know we have to pick up a notch and avoid dropping more points as we realise doing so would make our task harder.

It will be interesting to see how this

game pans out, with Tony Mowbray coming into it as a manager for the first time.

It's always an intriguing aspect of meetings between Rangers and Celtic when there's a new man in charge of one of the teams.

But while people sometimes exaggerate the effect of tactics, this

fixture is what it is and the outcome in it is often determined by a set of circumstances over 90 minutes.

One thing you must try to do is impose yourself and we know from Tony's time at Hibs that he'll look to do just that with good football.

What we must do ourselves is consider what changes we have to make to come out of top and that is something we have been doing for a number of days now.

This is an important game for us and it's one we need to win as we appreciate how vital the outcome

could be in the long run.

We are hopeful we can do that and get ourselves back on track as we have a good record here.

Of course, we have to come back from a difficult night against Sevilla and I'm confident the players have it in themselves to do that.

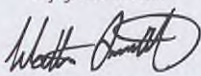
The boys in our squad are aware that even though they lost in the end, they played much better than the final scoreline suggested.

Sometimes particular incidents in Champions League matches dictate how the game pans out and that was certainly the case on Tuesday.

I don't think anybody could say we didn't play well in the first hour of the game and I was encouraged by our performance up to that point.

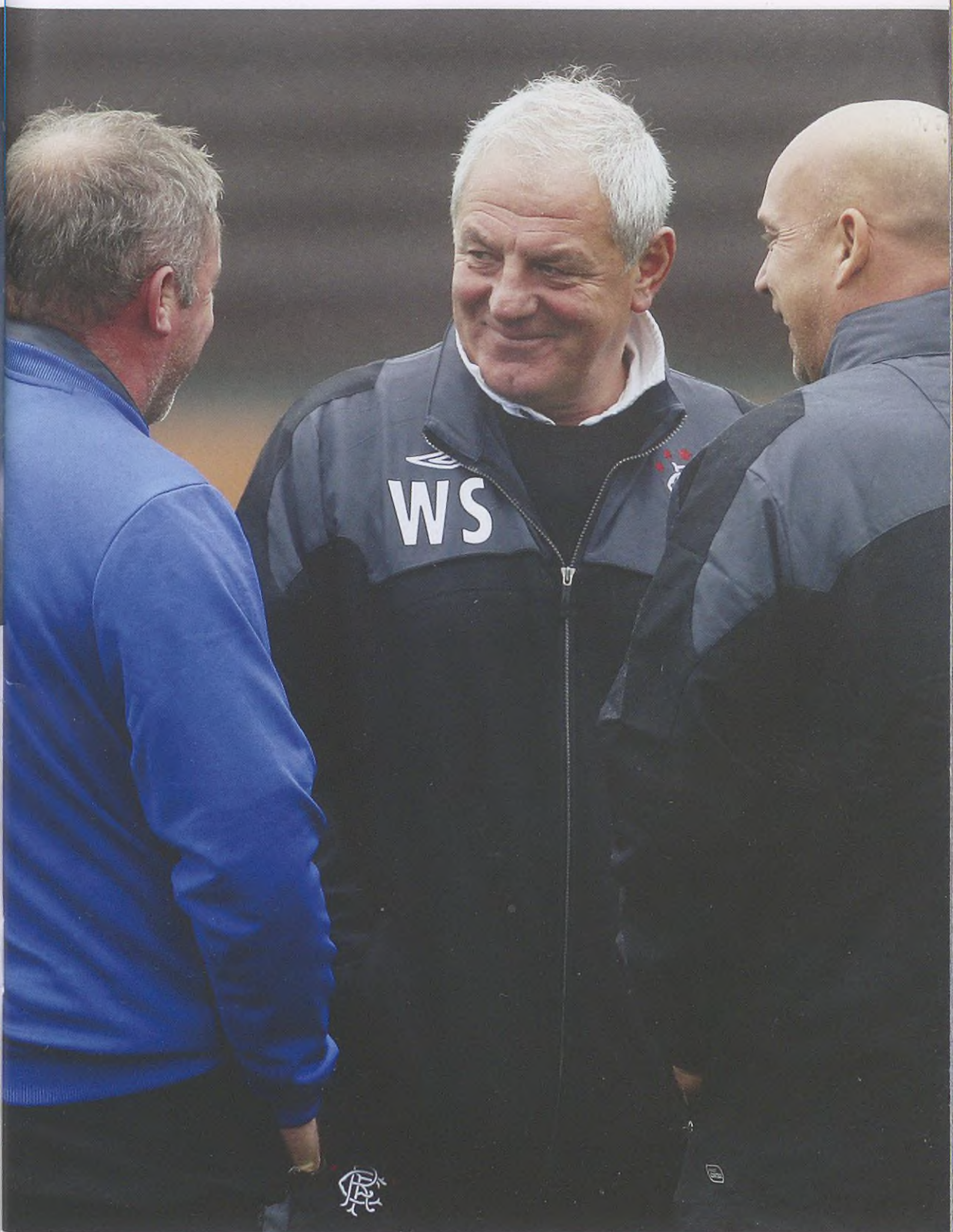
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Enjoy the match

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Walter Smith'.

WALTER SMITH













# David Weir

**A**N Old Firm fixture at any time is a huge game for both sides and this afternoon's match will be no different.

As a team we are looking to put the disappointment of Tuesday night's defeat behind us, but we must draw on the positive aspects of our performance against Sevilla.

They are one of the best sides in Spain and the favourites to progress from our Champions League group, but after our first half display the overwhelming

punished on the occasions that we did.

It's a learning experience for the squad and although the performance in general was good there is no getting away from the fact that we made mistakes at the back and that cost us.

Today's match is the perfect opportunity to put right those mistakes and although every game is different there are positives to be drawn from the performance.

However it is a fact that with those performances you want results and while

The two sides today are evenly matched and every year a lot rests on the games between the Old Firm. That's reflected in the tightness of our recent encounters.

However, if you can get the upper hand in these games it can go a long way to deciding where the title goes.

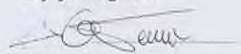
They are crucial games from the point of view of retaining our title and that is our priority again this season so it is important that we are prepared for today's match.

Being at home should be an advantage, but you can't rely on that to get you a result, it's what you put in to the game that determines that.

However you, the fans, were fantastic against Sevilla and didn't turn against us even when the game was going badly.

That support is valued by the players and we hope to hear a similar reaction today, with a little more to cheer come the final whistle.

Enjoy the game



David Weir

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feeling at the outcome was one of disappointment.

If you only saw the scoreline you would assume that we had been well beaten but that isn't my recollection at all.

However at that level you can't afford to switch off for a second and we were

it's nice to have both together, given the choice today we would take the result over the performance.

We know if we aren't at our best against Celtic we will struggle to win the game so it's up to us to eradicate the errors and to build on those things that we did well against Sevilla.