

SCOTTISH BUILDING
SOCIETY SWPL1

SUNDAY 10TH
FEBRUARY 2019

KICK OFF 2PM

CELTIC

FORFAR FARMINGTON

CELTIC FC WOMEN



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SCOTTISH WOMEN'S
PREMIER LEAGUE

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A NOTE FROM THE MANAGER

Good afternoon and welcome to K-Park for our opening game of the new season.

I would also like to welcome Forfar Farmington players, staff and their supporters. I have known Stevie Baxter for many years and I'm sure the Forfar manager will be intent on making a significant impact this season.

It does seem a long time since we played our last league game and a quick glance at my diary confirms it was late October against Stirling.

Since then, we have been busy growing the team and I'm pleased to introduce four new players to the squad — Kodie Hay, Kirsty McLaughlin, Emma Black and Kat Smart.

I believe all four have what we need to balance our team as we head into the new season, refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

The break also gave us the opportunity to take part in a very intense pre-season programme in Germany.

Friendlies were played against Turbine Potsdam, Sparta Prague, Polten and Red Star Belgrade in the Hallencup tournament and I take great heart in knowing that our players have all gained a lot from the experience.

This is the level of football we aspire to with Turbine Potsdam two-time winners of the UEFA Women's Champions League and we look forward to returning next year to compete once again with Europe's elite.

Given the run of away fixtures we have after today, it's great to begin 2019 with a home tie and your support is appreciated.

I hope today sees us deliver the type of performance we know we are capable of. Of course, we expect nothing other than a tough game from Forfar Farmington and it will take a good performance to see off the visitors.

Enjoy the game,

Eddie Wolecki Black
Manager, Celtic FC Women

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FORFAR FARMINGTON PROFILED

Forfar Farmington travel today also marking their own new era, as manager Stevie Baxter oversees his first match, following the departure of long-serving Mark Nisbet.

Having ended last season in fifth just two points off fourth placed Rangers, the Ghirls can anticipate a competitive opener to their 2019 account.

MANAGER: STEVIE BAXTER

HOME GROUND: STATION PARK

HONOURS: SWPL2 CHAMPIONS 2017

LAST MEETINGS

SWPL1

CELTIC 2-0 FORFAR

FORFAR 0-1 CELTIC

CELTIC 2-1 FORFAR

LEAGUE CUP

CELTIC 4-1 FORFAR

LAST 5 (2018)

CELTIC — LWLWW

FORFAR — LLLLD



CUNNINGHAM EYEING SCOTLAND RETURN

Following a return from injury, Celtic keeper Megan Cunningham is hoping to get back to action not only for Celtic, but also Scotland.

With the Scots preparing to make their World Cup debut this June, Cunningham, who has two full caps already, is keen to make a case for her involvement in Shelley Kerr's squad.

She said: "I've had a couple of caps for the A Squad, but hopefully I can try and get myself back to full fitness and back in amongst the numbers.

"We've obviously got a very important campaign coming up and the girls have done so well this year and are getting better and better. Shelley has come in and is really striving for better standards.

"I haven't had as many caps as I would like but hopefully I can get myself fully fit and see what happens from there."

Read the full interview at celticfcwomen.co.uk.

CRAIG SHARES EXCITEMENT FOR 2019

Vice-captain Chloe Craig has been at the club for a decade, but says this season is the most exciting yet.

The Celtic stalwart says having kept fitness levels up since last season and with the strides Celtic are taking and the demands put on themselves, she is ready to embrace the new campaign and rise to the challenges Eddie Wolecki Black has set.

"It's a really exciting year for the women's side. It's a good opportunity for us to prove ourselves as a club.

"With me being a Celtic supporter, this is one of the most exciting years I've had. Especially if we can come in together and train in the mornings and at night — it just gives that boost and pride to play for a club like Celtic," she explained.

Read the full interview at celticfcwomen.co.uk.

QUIZ

- 1 WHO IS WOLECKI BLACK'S LATEST SIGNING?
- 2 WHO HOSTED THE HALLENCUP PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT IN GERMANY?
- 3 WHERE DID CELTIC FINISH LAST SEASON?
- 4 WHO DID CELTIC BEAT IN A DRAMATIC MATCH TO CLOSE LAST SEASON?
- 5 HOW MANY FIRST TEAM DEBUTS DID THE GIRLS' ACADEMY BOAST LAST SEASON?

ANSWERS: 1. Kat Smart | 2. Turbine Potsdam | 3. Third | 4. Stirling University | 5. 8

ACADEMY CELEBRATES SCOTTISH RECOGNITION

Celtic's Girls Academy had a very happy New Year as six Ghirls were called into action for the Scottish Schools squad, and no less than 15 were invited to Scottish youth squads and camps.

Following a regional tournament, crossover trials, final trials and club games being carefully studied under the eyes of the SSFA, six Celts will be involved in the under-15s Scottish Schools campaign, joined by Academy player Emma Craig in Pauline Hammill's Scotland under-19s squad.

Elsewhere, a lucky 13 Celts will vie for a place in the under-15s, 16s and 17s squad following call ups to national camps.



CELTIC

MANAGER:
EDDIE WOLECKI BLACK

Keeva Keenan 2
Claire Crosbie 3
Cheryl McCulloch 4
Natalie Ross 5
Chloe Craig 6
Kirsty McLaughlin 7
Kat Smart 8
Josephine Giard 9
Kathleen McGovern 10
Sarah Ewens 11
Rachel Donaldson 12
Nicole Cairney 14
Kelly Clark 15
Emma Black 16
Kodie Hay 17
Megan Cunningham 25
Rachael O'Neill 40



FORFAR FARMINGTON

MANAGER:
STEVIE BAXTER

3 Leah White
4 Erin Cattanach
5 Donna Paterson
6 Danni McGinley
7 Kayleigh Noble
8 Hannah Stewart
9 Robyn Smith
10 Nicola Davidson
11 Alana Bruce
13 Fiona McNicoll
14 Lindsey Dunbar
16 Cheryl Kilcoyne
17 Cassie Cowper
22 Philippa Weber
25 Megan Robb
26 Beth McPherson
27 Lotte Deubel
34 Kayleigh Brough

NEXT MATCH

17/2 — HIBS V CELTIC (SWPL1)

AWAY | AINSLIE PARK, EDINBURGH | KICK-OFF 1PM