**Will Celtic get 10 in a row?**

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The season has been off to a rocky start for Celtic and doubts have started over 10 in a row. After a week consisting of a 2-0 defeat to rangers, a lacklustre 3-1 loss against AC Milan and an unconvincing 3-3 draw at Pittodrie, people are beginning to question if Celtic will surpass Rangers’ 9 in a row record back in 1988-89 to 1996-97. With Rangers 6 points clear will Gerrard hang on and stop Celtic, let’s look at some talking points.

**Rangers after January**

At the start of January in 2019 Rangers were level on 42 points along with Celtic with Kilmarnock on 41. Although by the end of March they trailed by 13 points. People made up excuses that it was Gerrard’s first season but in the following season we seen a repeat. Rangers were 2 points behind Celtic on New Year’s Day, and everyone was telling the media they were ‘a different team this year’ but when the season stopped in late March due to corona, they were 13 points behind. These stats should give Lennon confidence.

**No response**

The last time Celtic dropped points in a league game after an old firm defeat was in 2016 where they lost in penalties to Rangers and drew 1-1 with Ross County the following game. That was until last week when not only did they drop points in the league against Aberdeen they lost 3-1 to AC Milan in the Europa League. Usually teams should be scared of a dominant side after defeat but in the 3-3 draw against Aberdeen it seemed like Celtic were the team hanging on to the draw. This should be something Neil Lennon changes!



**Edouard’s return**

Celtic’s last hope is for Odsonne Edouard to return and keep up his goalscoring record of 0.49 goals per game (a goal every 2 games) since he joined Celtic in 2017. If he returns as the Odsonne Edouard of the previous seasons he may be able to get Celtic back on track but if he performs like he was at the very beginning of the season he may not make as big an impact as people are making out, especially after Ryan Christie returned against Aberdeen and never managed to get 3 points. An Edouard return could mean that Neil Lennon’s 352 could work with him playing beside Griffitths or Ajeti rather than Elynoussi and Klimala being asked to play roles that they clearly can’t naturally play.

Personally, I think the title is Rangers’ to lose but with their post January form from the past 2 seasons I wouldn’t be surprised if Celtic fulfilled their dream of 10.