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Scottish Premier League
Sunday 13th April 2003 k.o. 3.00pm



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“I have said in the past that people are entitled to say what they like but I believe the semi-final of the UEFA Cup is an exception ”

THURSDAY evening was indeed a special occasion here at Celtic Park when our UEFA Cup semi-final against Boavista of Portugal was played in front of a packed house.

The 1-1 scoreline could have been sweeter but it has given us a chance to reach the final in Seville in May.

We played some delightful football in the early stages of the game. TV replays (not much use to us now) suggest that we had two clear cut penalty claims turned down in the opening half hour.

Luck was certainly not on our side throughout the evening but we have no time or desire to bemoan our misfortune.

Their goal, just after half-time, could have deflated us completely but we fought back immediately to equalise and we had enough chances later in the game to have taken a lead to Portugal in a fortnight's time.

The tie is far from over and we can take heart from the away performances this season in this very competition. The players, most importantly, feel that they can still make it to the final.

I was disappointed with the reaction Neil Lennon received from a large majority of fans when passing the ball back to Rab Douglas at one point during the game.

This isn't something that I would have expected in a UEFA Cup semi-final. On such great occasions a player shouldn't be uneasy at facing their own supporters, especially since we know that nights like these don't come along every 10 minutes.

I have said in the past that people pay their money and are entitled to say what they like, but perhaps there may be an exception to that rule and I believe the semi-final of the UEFA Cup is one such exception.

Meanwhile, this weekend we return to domestic duty with a league game against Kilmarnock this afternoon.

It seems like a long time since we last had a league match here at Celtic Park and everyone is looking forward to this afternoon's contest.

Our focus now will be on the league title and we know that we cannot afford to drop any

points between now and the end of the season.

Everything remains in our own hands and there is absolutely no way that we will relinquish our title easily. This afternoon will doubtless be another difficult match for us, but we know that we need to go out and get three points and that is what we'll be aiming for.

Kilmarnock will be boosted by their recent results, and no-one needs reminding that when we came back from Celta Vigo in December we were held to a draw at Rugby Park. This is a game that we need to win and we will approach it with every intention of doing that.

Didier Agathe made his return for us on Thursday night after being out for a month, while Chris Sutton continues his rehabilitation from a wrist break.



Celtic FC Factfile

Formed: 1888

Stadium: Celtic Park (capacity 60,506)

Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks

Away strip: Gold shirts, green shorts, gold socks

Third strip: White shirts, black shorts and socks

Record attendance: 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

Record victory: 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

Record defeat: 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

Most league goals (1 season): 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season): 35, Brian McClair 1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

Website: www.celticfc.net

Honours

Scottish League (38)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05, 1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10, 1913/14, 1914/15,

1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19, 1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70, 1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77, 1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88, 1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

Scottish Cup (31)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001

League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68 1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98, 1999/2000, 2000/2001

European Cup (1)

1967

Coronation Cup (1)

1953

CELTIC FACTS

1. After 14 years of terrorising defences, outside right Andy McAtee made his last appearance for the club on 12th April 1924. A strong-legged, quick winger with a thunderbolt of a shot, Andy arrived from Mossend Hibs in 1910 and went on to play 439 matches for Celtic, scoring 72 goals. In 1917, his career was put on hold for a time when he joined the 29th Division, Royal Field Artillery and fought in the Italian Alps. Andy won 4 Championship medals with Celtic (1914-17) and 4 Scottish Cup winner's medals (1911, 1912, 1914 and 1923).

2. On the 15th April, 1911, Celtic ran out on to the Ibrox pitch for the 13th Scottish Cup Final of their 24-year history. The omens were good for victory. Celtic had won on 6 previous occasions; the opponents were Hamilton, whom they had beaten twice in the League; and in their journey to the Final against St Mirren, Galston, Clyde and Aberdeen, the Celts had not conceded a goal. 45,000 watched the first match end in a 0-0 draw; and only 28,000 came to the replay, which Celtic won 2-0.

3. Jackie Gallagher was a strong, bustling centre-forward who played at Celtic Park from 1943 till 1951. This was a particularly unsettled period at the club, with a great deal of chopping and changing but Jackie still managed a wonderful record of 94 goals in 116 matches. One game stands out. On 8th April, 1944, in a Southern League Cup sectional match against Partick Thistle at Parkhead, he scored five goals in a 6-0 win, putting him into the list of around a dozen Celtic players to have gone 'nap'.

KILLIE FACTS

1. 1. Kilmarnock recorded their best-ever victory in a Scottish Cup tie against Paisley Academical in 1930, when they won 11-1. The worst defeat was a 9-1 thrashing at the hands of Celtic in the League on 13th August 1938. And they won their only Championship in 1964-65 with the closest-ever finish. A 2-0 victory over Hearts, their nearest challengers, in the final match of the season, gave Killie the title by a goal average of 0.04. If goal difference had been in operation, Hearts would have won.

2. In the course of their history, Kilmarnock have been involved in several unusual events. They were one of only 16 teams, for instance, to take part in the first Scottish Cup in 1873, when they lost 3-0 to Renton. In a match against Partick Thistle in 1945, Killie were ordered to retake a penalty a record seven times before the ref was satisfied. They eventually missed it. And, in the 1929 Scottish Cup final victory over Rangers, Killie keeper Clemie became the first goalkeeper to save a penalty in a Final.

3. Kilmarnock were worthy representatives for Scotland in European competition in the late 1960s and early 1970s. They reached the first round proper of the European Cup in 1965-66 after a qualifying tie, going out 7-3 on aggregate to Real Madrid. On four other occasions, they were in the Fairs Cup, their best performance coming in 1966-67, victories over Royal Antwerp, La Gantoise and Lokomotiv Leipzig putting the Ayrshire side into the semi-finals, where they went down 2-4 to Leeds United.

TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **KILMARNOCK**



SEASON 2002/03
CURRENT LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Rangers	32	27	3	2	82	22	84
2. CELTIC	30	24	4	2	74	20	76
3. Hearts	31	15	8	8	52	45	53
4. Kilmarnock	32	16	8	10	43	44	50
5. Dunfermline	32	13	5	14	48	55	44

TEAM SPONSOR: SERIOUSLY STRONG

 MANAGER JIM JEFFERIES	STADIUM RUGBY PARK	CAPACITY 18,128	PREVIOUS RESULT KILMARNOCK 1 v CELTIC 1	
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CELTIC



KILMARNOCK

ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	1
TOM BOYD	2	2
MOMO SYLLA	3	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	5
BOBO BALDE	6	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9	10
JOHN HARTSON	10	13
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	14
PAUL LAMBERT	14	15
BOBBY PETTA	15	16
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	17
DIDIER AGATHE	17	19
NEIL LENNON	18	20
STILIAN PETROV	19	21
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	22
STANISLAV VARGA	23	23
COLIN HEALY	24	24
JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO	26	25
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	26
SHAUN MALONEY	29	29
STEVE GUPPY	30	33
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	34
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	37
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

GORDON MARSHALL	
GREG SHIELDS	
SEAN HESSEY	
BARRY McLAUGHLIN	
GARY LOCKE	
FREDERIC DINDELEUX	
ANDY McLAREN	
STEVE FULTON	
CRAIG DARGO	
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ALAN MAHOOD	
PETER CANERO	
GARY HAY	
JAMES FOWLER	
STEPHEN MURRAY	
PAUL DI GIACOMO	
CHRIS INNES	
KRIS BOYD	
MARK CANNING	
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RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 6 APRIL 2003
DUNDEE 1 v **CELTIC 1** (Thompson)

SCOTTISH CUP 5th ROUND 23 MARCH 2003
INVERNESS CT 1 v **CELTIC 0**

UEFA CUP 1/4 FINAL 2ND LEG 20 MARCH 2003
LIVERPOOL 0 v **CELTIC 2** (Thompson, Hartson)

CIS CUP FINAL 16 MARCH
RANGERS 2 v **CELTIC 1** (Larsson)

UEFA CUP 1/4 FINAL 1ST LEG 13 MARCH 2003
CELTIC 1 v LIVERPOOL 1 (Larsson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 8 MARCH 2003
CELTIC 1 v RANGERS 0 (Hartson)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SPL
HEARTS v CELTIC SAT 19 APRIL 2003 3.00pm

UEFA CUP SEMI-FINAL 2ND LEG
BOAVISTA v CELTIC THURS 24 APRIL 2003 8.05pm

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

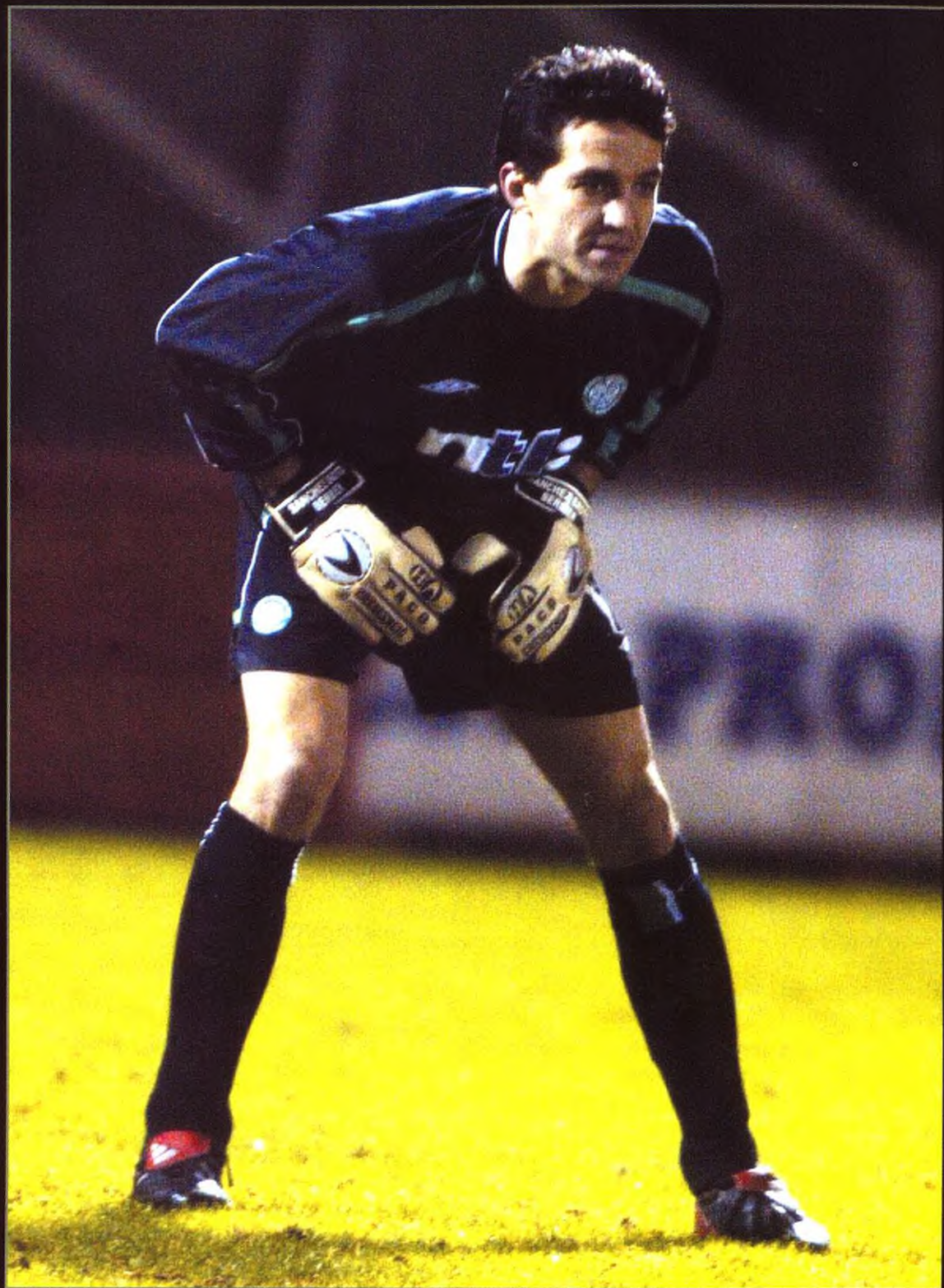
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JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO



WORDS: Stephen Sullivan

Glove affair

Ex-Livingston keeper Javier Sanchez Broto is delighted to be at Celtic Park and says the team still have a great chance of clinching the league

SEARCHING for a Celt who did himself justice in last Sunday's demoralising draw at Dens Park, only one name sprang readily to mind.

It was that of Javier Sanchez Broto, comfortably Celtic's most impressive player in a match which most would gladly see consigned to the dustbin of history.

The Spaniard has generally been a peripheral figure since arriving from Livingston in January on a six-month contract but, with the title race still too close to call, his saves against Jim Duffy's men could eventually prove to be the difference between green and blue ribbons adorning the league trophy.

That's why he was able to stride out of Dens Park with his head held a little higher than the majority of his team-mates, content that he had played his part in keeping Celtic's bid for three-in-a-row alive and kicking.

He said: "I was very happy after the Dundee game because I felt that it was a match we could have lost if I had not made one or two quite good saves. The most important thing is that I think we still have a big

chance in the league, and I am sure that all my team-mates feel the same way.

"People should remember that there are many, many points still to play for. It is a long season here at Celtic, and we still have a real chance. Everything is possible, so why not? We are a good team and everyone is determined to go all the way."

Broto's colleagues were not slow to acknowledge his role in preventing a damaging defeat last Sunday, with Johan Mjallby among those who praised the former Livingston keeper for showing himself to be of sufficient mental strength to bounce back from his debut disaster against Hibernian.

No-one, however, was more relieved than Broto himself that he grasped with both gloves the opportunity to make amends.

OUT OF LUCK:

Dundee's Mark Burchill was denied by Javier Sanchez Broto on this occasion, in a match when the Celtic keeper was in top form

He said: "It's been difficult for me because I made a big mistake here in my first game, and everyone remembers those moments. But I think that, after the mistake, I made some good saves in the match, and since then I have forgotten all about what happened. I have just been concentrating on my work with Terry (Gennoe), and I have been very happy training with him and the other keepers here.

"The relationship between the keepers is always different and special at any club, but it is especially strong here at Celtic. Every day, I enjoy my work with the other guys here, and we all support each other whoever plays.





“I have played in the Primera Liga but being here at Celtic is something very special”

“And Terry has been very good with me. He is an unbelievable coach, and Celtic are very lucky to have such a good professional working with their goalkeepers. He works very hard with every one of us, and I am very happy to be working with him.”

This admiration and respect is reciprocated by Gennoe himself, who claims to have thoroughly enjoyed his time working with the 31-year-old former Malaga and Real Zaragoza keeper. That's why he was as proud as anyone inside Dens Park when Broto proved to everyone that he doesn't intend allowing his Celtic career to be

IN SAFE HANDS: *Javier has been enjoying training with coach Terry Gennoe*

defined by one howler.

Said Gennoe: “Javier was obviously disappointed with his first-half performance against Hibs, but it must be said that he improved greatly in the second half, and that showed us that he had the character to cope with making a mistake. That said, he still wanted to show the Celtic fans how good he really is, and that's exactly what he did at Dundee, when, had it not been for his saves, we might well have lost the game.”

“At 31 years old, some goalkeepers are past learning. But the three goalies I have here who are at that age all want to improve, and it's a great atmosphere for learning. Javier has slotted in excellently, and the opportunity is there for him to impress the manager over the time he has left.”

Earning an extended stay at

Celtic Park is certainly Broto's aim. Indeed, though he has been at the club for less than three months, the Spaniard is clearly already infatuated.

“I am enjoying it very much,” he said. “I have played in the Primera Liga in Spain for three different teams, but Celtic is something special. It is a massive club and a great team, and I am very, very happy here.”

Yet Broto admits he can now only wait and hope for further opportunities to prove that he is capable of slugging it out with Messrs Douglas, Hedman and Marshall for the number one slot.

“I always hope for a chance,” he admitted. “Everyone wants to play as many minutes on the field as possible, and I want very much to help Celtic win the league. I just need to wait, but when the manager calls me, I will definitely be ready.”

JAVIER SANCHEZ BROTO

