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Confidence could be the key to victory tonight. But effort and patience will be equally important as we bid to make the first round proper of the UEFA Cup.

Tirol are a fine team, as they proved in the first leg in Austria a fortnight ago, and have quick players up front who can cause any side problems.

But Alan Stubbs' free-kick strike in that 2-1 defeat in Innsbruck gives us a great chance of progressing – providing, that is, we guard against the counter-attack and do not leave ourselves open at the back by attempting to force the issue at the expense of a measured approach.

We go into tonight's game in good heart and the most pleasing aspects of our 2-0 win over St Johnstone on Saturday were the two beautiful goals we scored.

Both Henrik Larsson and Darren Jackson found the target with super counters and we took great heart from them.

Our second half display was the best spell of football since I came here.

On the back of the league defeats by Hibernian and Dunfermline, it was vital we claimed three points at the weekend and I think the hunger

Weekend win gives us boost

the players showed was an indication that they recognised that. Jonathan Gould produced as good a save as I have seen in a long time to prevent St Johnstone taking the lead and everyone played their part in a fine win.

We now have more fit players to choose from than at any stage of the season and that means we have an eager squad fighting for 11 starting places, which is the way it should be.

This is a big week for us with the Old Firm game next Monday but we will give no thought to the derby until after this evening's match.

An extended run in Europe builds confidence and we will be looking to take a major step towards achieving that by winning through against Tirol tonight.



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TONIGHT'S VISITORS

TIROL-NEW LOOK FOR AUSTRIANS



You think Celtic's first-team squad has been transformed in the past three months?

Well, the comings and goings in the green and white are small beer compared with FC Tirol Innsbruck's close season manoeuvrings in the transfer market.

Over the summer no fewer than **NINE** players left the club and **EIGHT** were brought in.

And, again just like Celtic, the control of the team is in new hands with four straight defeats at the start of the season costing Dieter Constantin his job and leading to the elevation of former player Heinz Peischl to the post.

This brought an upturn in the club's fortunes and the 2-1 defeat over Celtic in the UEFA Cup a fortnight ago came in the middle of an impressive winning run in which recent signing

FRANCIS SEVERENS was the man with five goals in three games.

The 29-year-old purchase from Royal Antwerp was, however, overshadowed by fellow front man **CHRISTIAN MAYERLEB** in the first leg in the Tivoli Stadium two weeks ago.

Changes galore in line-up

The pacy 25-year-old, who was brought from Admiral Wacker last year, showed himself to be the type of forward no defence likes to come up against with his willingness to run at players bringing him both goals.

Making up a three-pronged attack in the 2-1 victory over Celtic was Slovakian **IVICA VULIC**, another recent addition.

The 23-year-old is by no means one of the youngest in a Tirol squad that features several teenagers.

It will be interesting to see if Peischl adopts such an attacking formation this evening with a 3-4-3 reaping him dividends in the first leg and his young side relishing the challenge in Austria.

However, at the back there is a reliance on experience with Russian internationalist **STANISLAV TCHERTCHESSOV** turning 34 next week but still a top stopper, as the man brought

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from Spartak Moscow last year proved in the first leg.

Slovenian 20-year-old **ALEKSANDER KNAVS** has been tipped for big things this season and it was potential that prompted Tirol to pluck him from Olympia Laibach in the summer.

He is likely to have two older heads helping him along tonight if the Austrian side adopt a three-man central defence with 32-year-old Norwegian internationalist **RUNE TANGEN**, a summer import from Moss, and 29-year-old **OLIVER PRUDLO** pressed into those roles in the first leg.

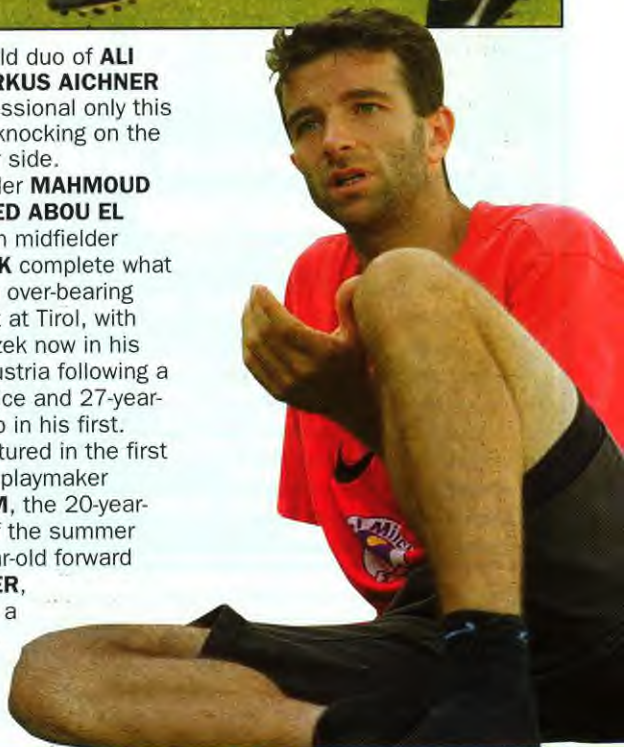
Amazing, with four years service at the club, Prudlo is one of Tirol's longest serving players - midfielder **ROLAND KIRCHLER** the man who can claim the title of the daddy of the team with the 27-year-old having come through the ranks.

Indeed, in this area the club boasts several exciting prospects

with the 18-year-old duo of **ALI YILMAZ** and **MARKUS AICHNER** both turning professional only this year and already knocking on the door of the senior side.

Egyptian defender **MAHMOUD MOHAMED HAMED ABOU EL DAHAB** and Polish midfielder **JERZY BRZECZEK** complete what is certainly not an over-bearing foreign contingent at Tirol, with 26-year-old Brzeczec now in his third season in Austria following a move from Katowice and 27-year-old Abou El Dahab in his first.

Others who featured in the first leg were budding playmaker **HANNES JOCHUM**, the 20-year-old yet another of the summer influx, and 30-year-old forward **GERMOT KRINNER**, who appeared as a substitute and is in his second season at Innsbruck.



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On his recent flight home from his family holiday to Turkey, Ryan was overjoyed to learn that he had won £5000 in holiday vouchers.

Thinking nothing could beat that, he arrived home to a letter telling him that he had been chosen to be team mascot.

When he arrived at the park, he said: "I

MEET THE MASCOT

know Good Luck is meant to come in threes and if I meet my favourite player, Simon Donnelly, that will be me completely happy."

And who were Celtic to disappoint?

Ryan met Simon, together with the rest of the team and had the time of his life.

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Fair share of strikes for Murdo

By DAVID McDONALD

Celtic return home tonight trying to overcome a 2-1 first leg defeat for the third time in European competition.

The other two occasions were: **1970/71, EC - Boldklub 1903 Copenhagen (Denmark) 1-2, 3-0 (4-2 on aggregate).**

1989/90, CWC - Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1-2, 5-4 (6-6 on aggregate, Partizan won on away goals).

● Celtic face Austrian opposition tonight for the third time in Europe and on both previous occasions they have failed to progress to the next round.

In 1977/78 they met tonight's opponents, who were then known as SW Innsbruck, and despite goals from Joe Craig and Tommy Burns the Bhoys lost 4-2 on aggregate.

The other meeting is now infamous and came in 1984/85 when they were paired with Rapid Vienna. The Austrians won the first leg 3-1 at home but Celtic ran out 3-0 winners in the return.

As the result of a bottle being thrown on to the pitch, the return leg was ordered to be replayed away from Glasgow.

It took place at Old Trafford and Rapid won the match 1-0 and



WIRED IN... Celtic enjoyed their biggest European win for 14 years against Inter CableTel

● went on to the field where they lost 3-1 to Everton.

● On nine previous occasions Celtic have tried to overcome a one-goal deficit in Europe.

In the first six they were successful, but in the last three they have been eliminated.

● Celtic's 3-0 win in Cardiff against Inter CableTel was only their second away win in this competition. The first was against Aarhus of Denmark on September 28, 1983 when they won 4-1.

● The 8-0 aggregate win over the Welsh side was Celtic's biggest in Europe since 1977/78 when they beat Jeunesse d'Esch of Luxembourg 11-1 in the European Cup.

● Celtic's 5-0 home win over Inter CableTel was their biggest European victory since beating Sporting Lisbon by the same scoreline in 1983.

● Celtic's top scorer in the Fairs Cities/UEFA Cup is none other than assistant head coach Murdo MacLeod, with three goals.

His European "hat trick" came in 1983/84 against Aarhus, Sporting Lisbon and Nottingham Forest.

● In all their years of playing in Europe, Celtic have never won a tie on the away goals rule.

They have been involved in two that have been decided in that way, and lost them both to Politechnica Timisoara in 1980/81 and Partizan Belgrade in 1989/90 both in the Cup Winners' Cup.

MacLeod's European hat-trick