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# CELTIC v MTK HUNGÁRIA

Celtic Park, Wednesday 27 August 2003, Kick-off 7.45pm

Champions League 3rd Round Qualifier 2nd Leg 2003/04

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CARLING ARE PROUD TO BE SUPPORTERS OF CELTIC FC. **LOVEFOOTBALL**



**LAST Saturday's game at Firhill turned out to be a hard fought match indeed.**

We started very brightly, scored through Paul Lambert and looked to be in control of the game. However, Partick Thistle came back into the game with an equaliser which gave them great impetus.

Alan Thompson's goal from the penalty spot, when Stilian Petrov was clearly fouled from behind, gave us what turned out to be a winning advantage.

There was a bit of debate afterwards about the award of this penalty. I thought on the day that it looked a pretty clear-cut decision and subsequent TV replays showed that the referee was absolutely correct to award the spot kick.

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We didn't play well in the second half but eventually won the game.

Last week, however, we played splendidly in our opening home league fixture against Dundee United. The football was free-flowing and there were some wonderful goals to mark the occasion. Shaun Maloney, Didier Agathe, Alan Thompson, Jackie

McNamara and Henrik Larsson were on the scoresheet and on a very warm afternoon, the supporters were in very fine voice indeed.

This evening, we welcome MTK Hungária of Budapest to Celtic Park and, with qualification for the Champions League at stake, the prize could not be any greater. Our experiences in this competition two seasons ago are still vivid in the memory, and everyone at the football club would dearly love to see the team performing on that stage again.

This has become the Holy Grail of European football and to ensure that our name is in the hat tomorrow, we have to do enough to get through against MTK Hungária this evening. Though we

hold a strong advantage from the first leg, MTK remain an extremely useful side who, provided they play to their potential, could cause us real problems this evening.

I think they would admit that they failed to do themselves justice in the first leg, and certainly, having watched them in the build-up to the game, I could

never have envisaged us securing such a convincing victory.

The match in Budapest was one which I think we all anticipated would be extremely tight. On the evening, however, we took our chances very well indeed, and won comfortably in the end. But, as Kaunas proved in the last round, it doesn't always follow that the second leg will be easy, and MTK are a considerably better side than the Lithuanians.

At the moment, it appears that we will have to manage without Joos Valgaeren for tonight's match, which is a blow, particularly coming in the wake of the news that Johan Mjallby will be unavailable for around six weeks. I must say, however, that the players who have come into the side over recent weeks have done exceptionally well, and I've no doubts that whoever plays tonight will represent the football club well.

Football is very much a squad game these days in any case and, with the demands placed upon our players – 60 competitive games last season tells its own story – we will undoubtedly need everyone to play their part between now and next May.

*Alan Thompson*

# Celtic Football Club 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:** Black shirts, black shorts and socks with  
 gold trim

**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

- On 24th August 1907, having been at Ibrox for two seasons, Willie Kivlichan scored twice in his Celtic debut against Morton. Willie later graduated in medicine and became the club doctor.
- Brian McClair played his first match for Celtic in a League Cup tie against Brechin on 24/8/1983.
- Outside-left Adam McLean was sold to Sunderland in August 1928 after 11 years at the club. He had scored 138 goals in 408 games.
- In the Sandy MacMahon Benefit match at Parkhead on August 28th 1899, Celtic and Rangers drew 2-2.
- On the same day, in 1935, against Third Lanark in a League match, Jimmy McGrory scored the 50th hat-trick of his Celtic career.
- And in the incomparable McGrory's benefit match, on 27th August 1935, with Jimmy Quinn and Alan Morton as linesmen, Celtic were beaten 0-4 by Rangers. Due to injury, McGrory did not play.
- And on 28th August 1994, Neil Mochan died aged 67 in Falkirk from leukaemia.

## MTK HUNGARIA FACTS

- Level on points on the final day of last season, MTK won the League title by beating Ujpesti TE 1-0, while Ferencvaros were held to a goalless draw.
- MTK was founded in 1888 and kept that name until 1926, when the club first became known as Hungária.
- The name changed regularly. MTK again from 1940-1950; Textiles from 1950 to 1951; Bastya from 1951 to 1953; and Voros Lobogo from 1953 -1956.
- The club has won the League 22 times in total, including a world record ten-in-a-row between 1914 and 1925.
- MTK has won the Cup on 12 occasions.
- One of the club's finest players in the 1920s – Gustav Sebes – went to create the wonderful national side which won the Olympic title in 1952 and surprisingly lost the 1954 World Cup final to West Germany.
- MTK's ground lies back-to-back with that of the Second Division club, BKV Elore.

	MANAGER <b>FULOP FERENC</b>	COACH <b>SANDOR EGERVARI</b>	STADIUM <b>HIDEKGUTI NANDOR STADIUM</b>	CAPACITY <b>12,700</b>	
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 MTK HUNGARIA 0 v **CELTIC 4**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
 DUNFERMLINE 0 v **CELTIC 0**

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY  
**CELTIC 1** v ARSENAL 1

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER  
 KAUNAS 0 v **CELTIC 4**

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY  
**CELTIC 1** v BOCA JUNIORS 0

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MOMO SYLLA	3	1
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	2
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	3
BOBO BALDE	6	4
HENRIK LARSSON	7	5
ALAN THOMPSON	8	6
CHRIS SUTTON	9	7
JOHN HARTSON	10	8
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	9
PAUL LAMBERT	14	10
BOBBY PETTA	15	11
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	13
DIDIER AGATHE	17	14
NEIL LENNON	18	16
STILIAN PETROV	19	17
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	19
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	20
DAVID MARSHALL	22	22
STANISLAV VARGA	23	23
SHAUN MALONEY	29	24
STEVE GUPPY	30	25
ROSS WALLACE	33	26
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	28
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	30
CRAIG BEATTIE	37	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

VEGH ZOLTN	1
MOLNR ZOLTN	2
ELEK NORBERT	3
JEZDIMIROVICS GORAN	4
PUSZTAI OLIVÉR	5
HALMAI GBOR	6
ZAVADSZKY GBOR	7
PISONT ISTVN	8
WELTON SILVA	9
ILLÉS BÉLA	10
DANIEL REDNIC	11
FERENCZI ISTVN	13
ZIJKOS	14
SZABÚ OTTÓ	16
LENGYEL ROLAND	17
KOMLŪSI JDM	19
CZVITKOVICS PÉTER	20
KOVCS ZOLTN	22
JUHSZ ROLAND	23
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# Europe bound

Celtic's lightning winger will, as always, be giving his all in the club's bid to reach the Champions League and play against the top teams in Europe

**FEW would have expected Celtic's victory in Budapest to have been quite so clinical in its execution.**

But a 4-0 win from the opening leg of the final Champions League qualifying round has given Martin O'Neill's side the ideal platform from which to pursue a place in the group stages of the competition.

It is an identical first-leg result from the one that Celtic enjoyed

in the previous round against Kaunas, but the return in Glasgow was something of a damp squib compared to the four-goal spread put on in Lithuania.

Now, an invitation to dine at the table of Europe's elite is all but in the post although Didier Agathe has nevertheless maintained that Celtic's appetite for success goes in hand in hand with their desire to put on a

decent showing this evening.

The winger was an unlikely goal hero in Budapest as well as in Glasgow the following week, and he is looking to use the game as another chance to show off Celtic capabilities.

The tie may have lost some of its urgency but with John Hartson on the verge of a return to full fitness and Henrik Larsson in a position to supplement the new

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record that he set with his 31st European goal a fortnight ago, there could be further goals yet to come.

Said Agathe: “Although we won the game well in Hungary, we still want to go out and play well

because as well as making sure there are no mistakes we want to continue being professional in the way we approach the game.

“From my own point of view I always want to give 100%, it

doesn't matter what game I am playing in because they are all important to me.

“It was nice to get my name on the scoresheet a few weeks ago against MTK and then against Dundee United, but as always it is the result at the end of the night that counts.

“We have done our job well up until now with a good display in the first leg and that has taken

**HUNGRY FOR SUCCESS**  
Agathe scores against MTK Hungaria in the first leg in Budapest two weeks ago.

some of the pressure off us. We know how important it is to play in the Champions League, not just because of financial reasons for the club but also because Celtic should always be competing at that level.

"Last season we were so

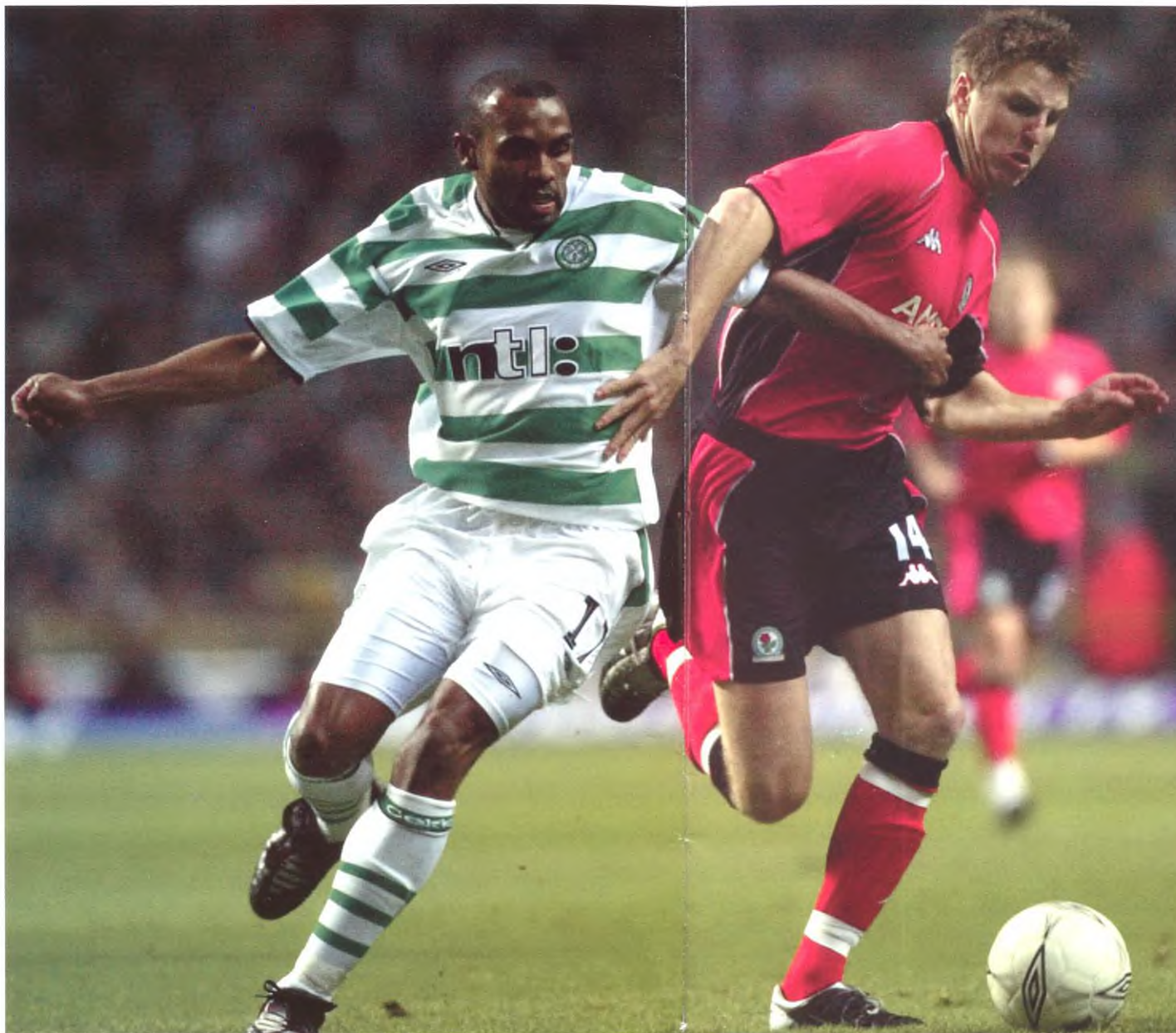
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disappointed when we failed to make it against Basel, and at this minute we have to make sure that we finish off what we started two weeks ago."

Celtic's exploits in Europe over the last two seasons have provided ample thrills with pulsating encounters against the cream of the continent. Liverpool, Juventus, Valencia and Celta Vigo are just some of the names who have turned up in the East End of late and the opportunity to repeat those feats is something Agathe is inevitably excited about.

So much will hinge on who Celtic share a group with, should they avoid any catastrophic pitfalls this evening, and it is a position that Agathe is delighted to be in.

"The Champions League is massive," he smiled. "Over the last few seasons I think we have



**MY BALL**  
Agathe in action against Blackburn (left) and haring down the wing this season



**SO NEAR**  
Agathe wants to make up for the disappointment of losing to Basel last year



grown in experience when it comes to Europe because we have competed against some outstanding teams.

"The chance to do that again is brilliant, but this is the direction that we want to keep going in because we want to always be playing at this level.

"Anything can happen and that is very exciting. We have shown that on our day we can be a match for anyone and that is

something that I hope will be an important factor for us if we can qualify for the group stages.

"By playing well in places like Anfield and Vigo we have shown not only to outsiders but also to ourselves exactly what we can do when we work hard and believe in it. That is what we want again this season. Of course, we know that we still have much to learn but this is where we want to be and we'll give it everything.

"We always respect our opponents but I think what we have learned is that you cannot afford to give anyone too much respect."

Agathe reserved some of his finest performances for Celtic last season for the UEFA Cup, and similarly in the Champions League two seasons ago the winger stood out in salubrious company.

Graeme Souness praised Agathe's displays in the

aftermath of Celtic's UEFA Cup win over Blackburn last season, while Celtic's memorable display in Turin in their inaugural Champions League game resulted in much vaunting of the winger.

There have been times recently, however, when Agathe has been criticised by sections of the Celtic support for his reluctance to utilise the blistering pace that he has at his disposal, but the 27-year-old is unperturbed.

"I always go out and give my best," he said. "Sometimes in the Scottish league defenders double up on me and there isn't the space that I used to have. It is better to cut inside and pass rather than lose possession.

"In Europe it can be different because there is much more space to use and it is generally one against one. I always work hard and this evening it will be no different."