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CELTIC v PARMA

Pre-season friendly
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Today's game against Parma is a tough one on two counts.

It's tough because, like all Serie A teams, Parma know how to play good football and the fact they managed runners-up spot in their league last year speaks volumes about their quality.

The timing of it also makes it difficult, this afternoon's match sandwiched by our crucial UEFA Cup games against Inter CableTel.

We can go into both today's friendly and Tuesday's return leg against CableTel in good heart after our 3-0 win in Cardiff on Wednesday.

The beauty of the victory was that we scored at the right moments - early on and just before half-time.

In the second half we maybe tired a bit and our performance in the last half-hour was possibly flat. They had many men in the centre of the park and it was our game plan to play the ball out through the flanks but we didn't do it often enough.

We were perhaps more defensive than we should have been - you do not create chances at the back.

We were more aggressive in the first half than the second and

We'll take tough with the smooth

should have played at the same pace after the interval. But as a start to our competitive season the result was the one we wanted and I am now looking forward to my first home match in charge.

Celtic Park is a great stadium and I can't wait to soak up the atmosphere created by 40,000 of our fans. The support in Cardiff was lovely.

Although the result is not important today, we will be looking to win - just as we will be out to claim victory every time we play.

It would be pleasing to score a win in my first home match and I am hopeful that we will have many good victories to celebrate here in my time at the club.

My ambition is to put Celtic back among the feared sides in Europe. In that respect, Parma's visit might just give us a hint of what is required to do that.



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TODAY'S VISITORS

MAN OF THE YEAR
... French ace
Lilian Thuram was
voted tops in
Serie A last
season and links
well with £10m
man Enrico
Chiesa (below)



Like many present day football clubs, Parma AC really came to life with a cash injection.

That was a decade ago, when Italian millionaire Tanzi bought them.

Tanzi is the owner of the world's biggest dairy company, Parmalat, who also own Brazilian side Palmeiras.

It is Parma, however, that have really benefited from the injection of money, having gone from strength to strength in the time that Parmalat have been associated with them.

Indeed, though their year of formation is credited as 1913, it is the financial revolution of 10 years ago that has made them what they are today – one of Europe's most formidable clubs.

In the 1990s they have captured the Coppa Italia (Italian Cup), UEFA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup.

The prized Scudetto (Serie A title trophy) has, however, eluded them so far.

But when you remember that they have been in the premier Italian league for only 10 years, it's not too much of a

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disgrace just to have finished second last year!

And that second place has guaranteed them entry into the Champions League qualifying round.

They look a sure-fire bet to get to the league for real – playing the winner of Widzew Lodz, of Poland, v Neftchi Baku, of Azerbaijan tie.

And you wouldn't wager too much against them not picking up the European Cup to complete a hat-trick of European trophies.

Parma haven't been too busy on the transfer front during the summer but have signed a few new names in the close season, midfielder Giunti from Perugia, Brazilian striker Adailton from Guarani who set a scoring record at the recent World Cup youth finals,



Moneybags Tanzi tops the cream

Parma owe it all to the dairy king

netting six goals in one match against South Korea. Not surprisingly, he finished top scorer with 10.

Three players were picked up from relegated Verona – keeper Matteo Guardalben, striker Filippo Maniero and midfielder Pierluigi Orlandini.

Orlandini began his career at Lecce in 1992 and has since had spells at Atalanta and Inter. He has been capped at youth level for Italy.

It looked as though Roberto Baggio was about to sign, but coach Carlo Ancelotti – the former AC Milan and Italy star in his own right – reckoned the Italian ace would upset the pattern of his team and the deal came to nothing.

They still have a fearsome line-up however, the stand-out players being young defender Fabio Cannavaro who has recently burst on to the international side and marked Alan Shearer out of the game when England played Italy at Wembley.

Cannavaro started his career with Napoli before joining Parma in 1995.

Despite the loss last term of Zola to Chelsea, strikers Enrico Chiesa and Hernan Crespo from Argentina have formed a formidable partnership.

Crespo joined Parma from River Plate of Argentina in a £2.6million deal in 1996. He's a natural opportunist and a fantastic finisher who



CAP THAT
... Massimo Crippa has played for Italy at every level

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is in Argentina's national side.

Chiesa cost a staggering £10million when Parma bought him from Sampdoria where he had come through the ranks, before going to Modenan and Cremonese, then returning to Samp.

And as they do the work up front, Frenchman Lilian Thuram keeps the shop shut at the back with Cannavaro, and was

last year's Serie A player of the year.

Thuram was born in the West Indies and moved to France as a youngster, where Monaco spotted him at Fontainebleau youth team. He has been capped by France and cost Parma £4.5million.

Ze Maria should occupy one of the full-back positions, the Brazilian having joined Parma in 1996 from Portuguesa.

And on the right side

of the defence is Antonio Benarrivo who is a pacey full-back, well capable of switching to the left. He joined Parma from Padova in 1991.

In the midfield you'll find Croatian Mario Stanic, who joined Parma from Club Brugge in December last year.

Stanic was capped three times by Yugoslavia before starring for Croatia in Euro '96. Dino Baggio

was a surprise capture by Parma in 1994 when they bought him from Juventus. Before that the lesser known Baggio had spent one season at Inter, and the rest of his time at Torino where he began his career in 1988.

Massimo Crippa is another long-standing Parma player, joining the club in 1993 from Napoli, after spells at Torino, Pavia, Seregno and lower league side Saronno. Crippa has been capped by Italy at all levels.

Pedros is another possibility for the middle of the park, the Frenchman making his name at Nantes and having a brief spell at Marseilles before moving to Italy in January this year.

Fausto Pizzi is in his third spell at Parma. He began his career at Inter in 1981, then had spells at Centese, Vicenza, Parma, back to the San Siro with Inter, back to Parma and then to Napoli.

Argentinian Roberto Nestor Sensini spent five years at Udinese before moving to Parma.

Keeper Gianluigi Buffon was No.2 in the Italian Olympic squad, and is fast establishing himself as No.1 at Parma.

A possible 4-4-2 line-up for Saturday is Buffon; Ze Maria, Thuram, Cannavaro, Benarrivo; Stanic, Dino Baggio, Orlandini, Crippa; Chiesa, Crespo.

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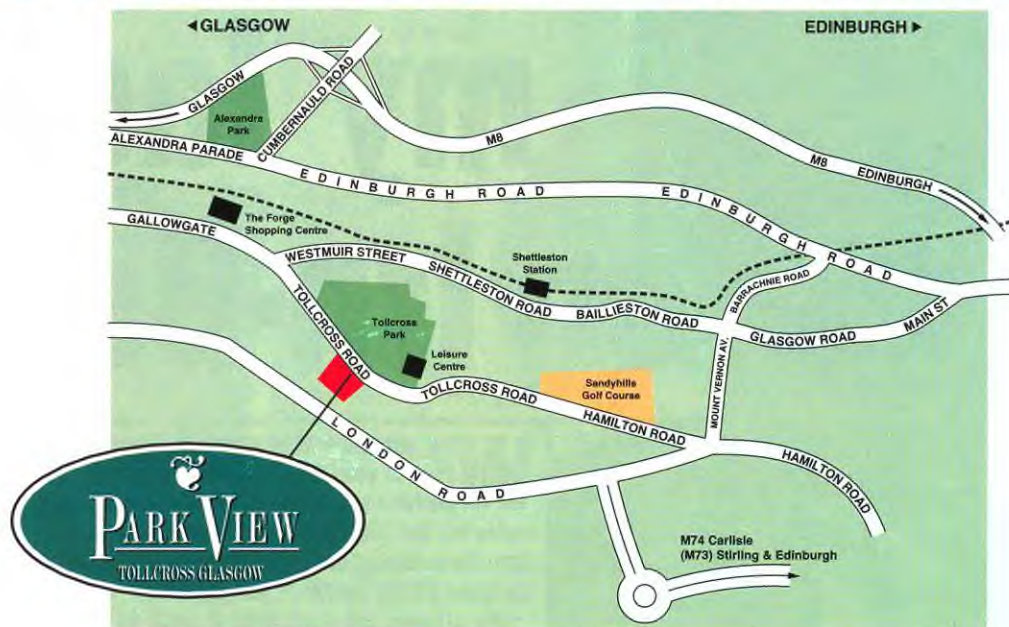
PARMA'S MAJOR HONOURS

Domestic Cup - (1) 1992
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SMASH AND GRAB
... Dino Baggio was captured from Juventus back in 1994

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