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“AC MILAN ARE A TEAM FULL OF QUALITY AND WE MUST BE AT OUR VERY BEST TO TRY AND GET SOMETHING OUT OF THIS GAME”

TONIGHT we face AC Milan in a vitally important match. While it is our final UEFA Champions League tie of this campaign, we hope it will not be our last European game of the season.

With a UEFA Cup place on offer to the third placed team in the UEFA Champions League groups, there is a tremendous incentive for both ourselves and Shakhtar Donetsk.

The wonderful result against Barcelona has put our future participation in European competition in our own hands. We know that if we beat AC Milan tonight then we will qualify for the UEFA Cup, regardless of how Shakhtar fare against Barcelona.

Let me assure you, however, that this scenario is a lot easier to write about than it will be to achieve.

AC Milan are the reigning Italian champions and are currently in second place behind Juventus in this season's Serie A.

They won the UEFA Champions League in 2003 and we already know from our meeting at the San Siro, that they possess players who are capable of hurting us.

However, our performance that night, particularly in the second-half, gives us confidence that we can compete with one of the best sides in Europe.

Our efforts deserved at least a share of the points that night and the same level of commitment, endeavour and skill will be required for the ninety minutes against an excellent side.

I have said it many times before but your support is vital as we try to ensure European football after Christmas for a third consecutive season.

That would be a fantastic achievement



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in itself and a sign of just how much these players have done in restoring our European reputation.

Our group in this season's UEFA Champions League has undoubtedly been the hardest of all eight groups.

To be drawn against both Barcelona and AC Milan – two teams who are

among the favourites to win the competition – meant it was always going to be a difficult task for us.

This has proved to be the case although we have acquitted ourselves very well against such top class opposition without perhaps enjoying that little bit of luck which is sometimes needed in order to get something from these teams.

However, drawing 1-1 in the Nou Camp – making us the only team to have come away with anything from Barcelona this season – was a fine result, both for ourselves and for Scottish football, which deserves to be praised.

Tonight will be an equally tough challenge, regardless of the fact we are at home.

AC Milan are a team full of quality and we must be at our very best from first minute to last in order to try and get something out of this game.

Saturday's victory over Hibernian showed the resilient side of our team in battling for a victory and our efforts tonight will aim for the same outcome.

It promises to be another special European occasion at Celtic Park, of which there have been so many in recent seasons, with supporters and players each contributing to what we hope will be a successful night.

Formed: 1888
Stadium: Celtic Park (capacity 60,506)
Home strip: Green/white hooped shirts, white shorts, white socks
Away strip: Green shirts, white shorts and green 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

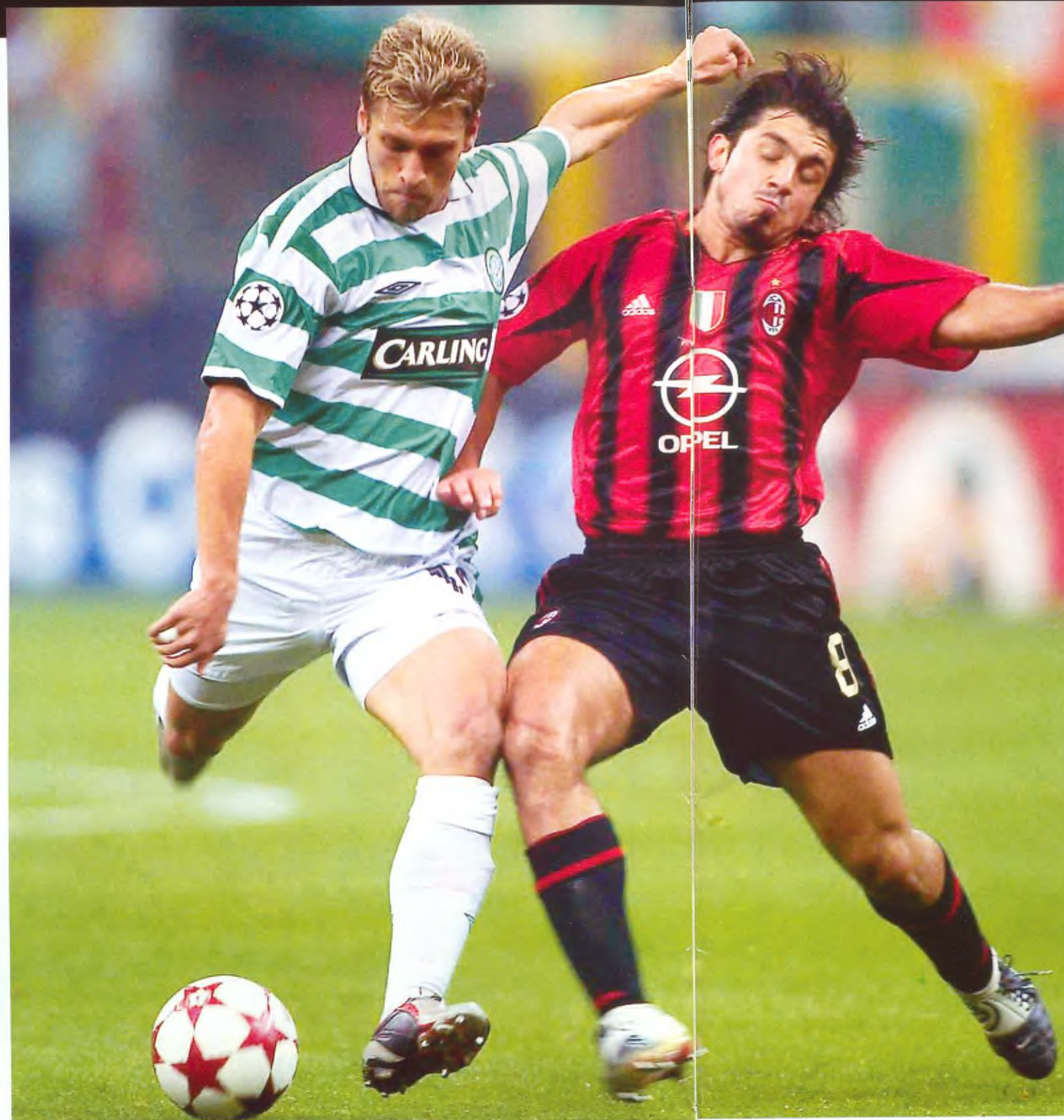
HONOURS

Scottish League (39)
 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, 2003/2004

Scottish Cup (32)
 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, 2004

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



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| John Hartson | 10 |
| Stephen Pearson | 11 |
| David Fernandez | 12 |
| Paul Lambert | 14 |
| Ulrik Laursen | 16 |
| Didier Agathe | 17 |
| Neil Lennon | 18 |
| Stilian Petrov | 19 |
| Robert Douglas | 20 |
| Magnus Hedman | 21 |
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AC MILAN

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| Nelson Dida | 1 |
| Marcos Cafu | 2 |
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| Kakha Kaladze | 4 |
| Alessandro Costacurta | 5 |
| Andriy Shevchenko | 7 |
| Gennaro Gattuso | 8 |
| Filippo Inzaghi | 9 |
| Manuel Rui Costa | 10 |
| Hernan Crespo | 11 |
| Valerio Fiori | 12 |
| Alessandro Nesta | 13 |
| Dario Simic | 14 |
| Jon Dahl Tomasson | 15 |
| Christian Abbiati | 17 |
| Fabrizio Coloccini | 19 |
| Clarence Seedorf | 20 |
| Andrea Pirlo | 21 |
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| Scottish Premierleague, Nov 28, 2004 DUNDEE 2 v 2 CELTIC (Camara, Hartson) | Scottish Premierleague DUNFERMLINE v CELTIC SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2pm |
| UEFA Champions League, Nov 24, 2004 BARCELONA 1 v 1 CELTIC (Hartson) | Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD SATURDAY, 18 DECEMBER 3pm |
| Scottish Premierleague, Nov 20, 2004 RANGERS 2 v 0 CELTIC | Scottish Premierleague HEARTS v CELTIC SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 3pm |
| Scottish Premierleague, Oct 24, 2004 CELTIC 3 v 0 INVERNESS CT (Sutton, Hartson2) | Scottish Premierleague CELTIC v LIVINGSTON SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 3pm |
| CIS Cup, Nov 10, 2004 RANGERS 2 v 1 CELTIC (AET) (Hartson) | |