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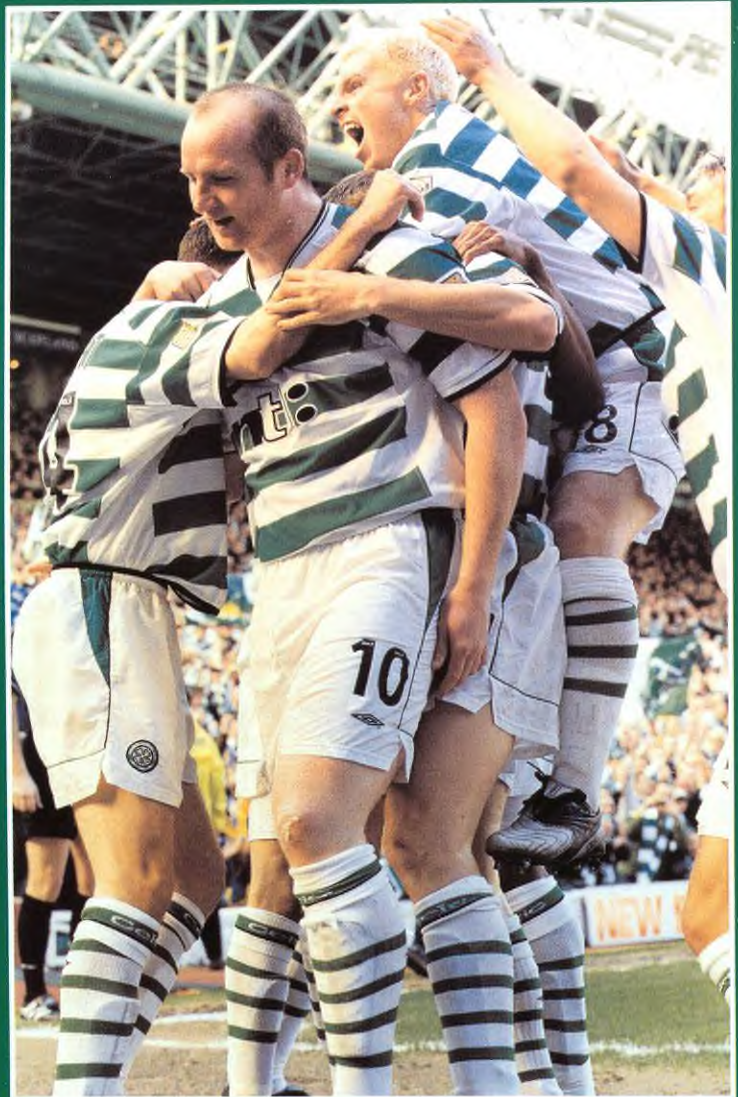
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FIRSTLY, I'd like to bid you all a very warm welcome back to Celtic Park after what I hope has been an enjoyable summer for everyone connected with the club.

The close season may be becoming shorter by the year, but I'm quite sure you have been looking forward to returning to Celtic Park over the last few months as, I can assure you, have myself and the players.

Despite the loss in the cup final last season, we enjoyed another successful league campaign, culminating in finishing the season



Henrik scores against Nigeria at the World Cup in Japan

with a remarkable 103 points. I have my doubts as to whether we will see a team reach that total again in the foreseeable future.

Our pre-season has thus far taken us to Ireland, England and Austria and, as well as the obligatory training sessions, the players have already taken part in six friendly matches. I've

never held much store by the results of pre-season games - they act as fitness and tactical exercises more than anything else - and generally at this stage of proceedings, fitness is the main thing we're aiming to improve on.

Nowhere was this more evident than against a very strong, physical Werder Bremen side last Friday.

That match certainly took us on to another level in terms of our preparations for the season, with the Bundesliga side offering a calibre of opposition we can expect to face in European competition this season. Our match with Ajax this evening will serve a similar purpose, as will the visit of Parma in a few days time, and I'm sure we can also expect a competitive, high quality match when we travel down to face Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane a week on Wednesday. Last season, I believe we saw the benefit of friendly matches of this sort when we played the likes of Manchester United, Fulham and Sunderland, all of which appeared to stand us in good stead when we began our Champions League campaign.

Two players who have yet to feature in our warm-up matches are Henrik Larsson and Johan Mjallby, although both returned admirably

physically and mentally prepared after their World Cup exertions. As I'm sure you'll agree, Henrik and Johan contributed a great deal to Sweden's success in an extremely difficult group section, and could well have made an even greater impression in the competition had the luck not been with Senegal. They are now extremely keen to become involved, as are Joos Valgaeren, Stephen Crainey and Bobo Balde, who are all currently recovering from injury.

At this time, I would also like to welcome David Fernandez to the football club. David has already settled in very well at the club, impressing in our friendly matches so far, and, when he reaches full fitness, I've no doubts he'll prove a real asset. Of course, we are still looking to make further inroads into the transfer market, and hopefully our efforts will bear fruit before long.

Before I finish, I would like to thank those of you who followed us on our pre-season travels. The support we received was fantastic.



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

AJAX FACTS

- FOUNDED in 1900 and named after the daring hero of Homer's *Iliad*, Ajax first tasted league success in 1918 and 1919 – largely due to the guidance of talented British trainer Jack Reynolds. He arrived in 1915 and stayed through to the '30s, when Ajax won five league championships during that decade (1931, '32, '34, '37, '39).
- Although the term 'total football' was probably initiated by Franz Beckenbauer through his role as an attacking sweeper with Bayern Munich, it was soon adopted and publicised by the Ajax side of the late '60s and early '70s.
 Under the coaching of Rinus Michel, the players revelled in the flexible system, where they were encouraged to combine roles in attack and defence, rather than stay in 'fixed' positions. This great side won three European Cups in succession, in 1971, 1972 and 1973.
- One player who will always be associated with Ajax is Johan Cruyff. He made his debut for the club in 1965 and his international start the following year. In the course of his career, he won European Cup medals in 1971, '72 and '73; was European Footballer of the Year in '71, '73 and '74; led his country to the final of the World Cup in '74; scored 32 goals in 48 internationals and, as a manager, won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1987 with Ajax and 1989 with Barcelona.



CELTIC FACTS

- ON July 24, 1945, Jimmy McGrory became only the third manager of Celtic in the first 58 years of its existence. In the 57 years since then, Celtic have had 10 managers, plus interim spells by Sean Fallon, Davie McParland, Frank Conner, Billy Stark and Kenny Dalglish.
- IN West Germany, on July 23, 1995, Celtic were on the wrong end an unexpected defeat against Kickers Emden. But that night became better known for the first appearance of the pre-match 'Huddle', under the prompting of veteran defender Tony Mowbray.
- WHEN Celtic signed Andy Thom (pictured left) from Bayer Leverkusen on July 28, 1995 many supporters had not heard of him before. He had, in fact, played in Scotland before – for Dinamo Berlin against Aberdeen in the European Cup.
- ANDY THOM proved good value but was not the first player with that surname to pull on a Celtic shirt. A youngster called James Thom from Parkhead Juniors turned out for Celtic in February 1895 against Hearts.
 Unfortunately, the Tynecastle pitch was covered in pools of water, several players were either out of form or out of favour and others seemed hesitant in the conditions. All in all, it was not the best day for a promising kid to make his debut so this Thom never played for Celtic again!

TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS
AJAX AMSTERDAM



SEASON 2001/02
FINAL DUTCH LEAGUE POSITION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. AJAX	34	22	7	5	73	34	73
2. PSV	34	20	8	6	77	32	68
3. Feyenoord	34	19	7	8	68	29	64
2. Heerenveen	34	17	9	8	57	27	60
5. Vitesse	34	16	12	6	45	34	60

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MANAGER **RONALD KOEMAN** STADIUM **AMSTERDAMARENA** CAPACITY **51,000** PREVIOUS RESULT **CELTIC 0 v 1 AJAX (3-2 agg.)**

CELTIC		AJAX
JONATHAN GOULD	1	BOGDAN LOBONT
TOM BOYD	2	HATEM TRABELSI
MOMO SYLLA	3	ANDRE BERGDLMO
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	TOM-Ö GAL-SEK
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	CRISTIAN CHIVU
DIANBOBO BALDE	6	ARON WINTER
HENRIK LARSSON	7	ANDY VAN DER MEYDE
ALAN THOMPSON	8	RICHARD WITSCHGE
CHRIS SUTTON	9	ZLATAN
JOHN HARTSON	10	STEVEN PIENAAR
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	MIDO
PAUL LAMBERT	14	JOHNNY HEITINGA
BOBBY PETTA	15	MAXWELL
DIDIER AGATHE	17	JAN VAN HALST
NEIL LENNON	18	TIM DE CLER
STILIAN PETROV	19	PETRI PASANEN
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	WAMBERTO
COLIN HEALY	24	JOHN O'BRIEN
SHAUN MALONEY	29	NIKOS MACHLAS
STEVE GUPPY	30	CEDRIC VAN DER GUN
SIMON LYNCH	32	JOEY DIDULICA
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	YAKUBU
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	RAFAEL VAN DER VAART
JAMIE SMITH	39	JELLE VAN DAMME
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	PIUS IKEDIA
LIAM MILLER	43	MAARTEN STEKELENBURG

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RECENT FORM

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SAT 6 JULY 2002
SHELBOURNE 1 v 4 CELTIC (Hartson 2, Agathe, Sutton)

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SUN 7 JULY 2002
SHAMROCK ROVERS 1 v 1 CELTIC (Balde)

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SAT 6 JULY 2002
PORTSMOUTH 2 v 3 CELTIC (Sylla, Petta, Healy)

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SUN 7 JULY 2002
QPR 3 v 7 CELTIC (Healy, Sutton, Hartson, Maloney, Fernandez 2, Sylla)

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY WED 17 JULY 2002
FLAVIA SOLVA 1 v 3 CELTIC (Fernandez 2, Maloney)

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY FRI 19 JULY 2002
WERDER BREMEN 6 v 2 CELTIC (Hartson, Fernandez)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
CELTIC v PARMA SAT 27 JULY 2002 k.o. 3pm

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v DUNFERMLINE SAT 3 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 3pm

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY
CELTIC v SPURS WED 7 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 8pm

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
ABERDEEN v CELTIC SAT 10 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 3pm

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