



# CELTIC v FC BARCELONA

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# 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

- Celtic Football Club experienced European football for the first time in 1904, when the team played friendlies in Austria and Prague.
- The club's first competitive matches against a European team came in the Anglo-Franco-Scottish Friendship Cup in 1960. Celtic played the French side Sedan, losing 0-3 in France and drawing 3-3 at Parkhead.
- Celtic's first entry into one of the original three European trophies was in 1962, in the Fairs Cities' Cup, against Valencia. The Spaniards won the first leg 4-2; the return was drawn 2-2.
- Celtic's best ever victory in European competition came against Kokkola of Finland, a 9-0 win at Parkhead on September 16, 1970.
- The biggest ever away win was against Waterford at Lansdowne Road, Dublin on October 21, 1970. Willie Wallace notched up a hat-trick in the 7-0 victory.
- The worst defeat was in Switzerland on October 22, 1991, when Neuchatel Xamax beat Celtic 5-1.
- Although officially regarded as a 'home' match, the replayed second leg of the ECWC tie against Rapid Vienna on December 12, 1984 took place at Old Trafford.
- The best individual scoring record for the club came against Partizan Belgrade at Celtic Park on September 27, 1989, when Dariusz Dziekanowski scored four.



## FC BARCELONA FACTS

- FC Barcelona was founded in 1899 by Hans Gamper, a Swiss football enthusiast who had moved to the city.
- The club played its first match against a team of British sailors.
- Barcelona were the first Spanish League Champions in 1929 and are one of only three clubs alongside Real Madrid and Atletico Bilbao never to have been relegated from the top division.
- The club had bad times before and during the Civil War, when it became a focus of resistance to the Franco regime. Their ground was actually closed for a period in the 1920s after fans whistled during a royal march at half-time.
- The club played at Las Corts stadium from 1922 to 1957 and then moved to the Nou Camp, a three-tiered edifice with a capacity of 115,000. It also contains a museum, a chapel, an indoor sports hall and an ice-hockey rink.
- Barcelona have won the league 16 times and the Spanish Cup on 24 occasions.
- The European record for FC Barcelona reads; European Cup 1992; Cup-Winners' Cup 1979, 1982, 1989, 1997; Fairs Cup 1958, 1960, 1966; Super Cup 1992, 1998.
- Supporters of the club - a group that are reckoned to be among the largest in the world - include Pope John Paul II, who was granted honorary life membership on a Papal visit in 1982.



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**WE did very well on Sunday to beat Rangers in the quarter-final of the Scottish Cup.**

Henrik Larsson's goal was eventually the deciding factor in the game but it was a frantic, energy-sapping affair and I am just delighted that we are in the semi-final of the competition.

I thought we looked a little jaded early on in the game, perhaps suffering somewhat from the midweek trip to Teplice in the UEFA Cup, but eventually we got to grips with matters in the second part of the first-half and I thought we deserved to win the cup tie.

On the back of long-term injuries to John Hartson and Shaun Maloney as well as Ulrik Laursen, losing Chris Sutton to injury left us somewhat stretched.

Somehow we managed to overcome the immediate problem and it was a big win in a big game for us.

But big games in recent times are something we are getting a little more used to and certainly tonight's game against Barcelona is one of

those big game occasions.

Our opponents tonight need absolutely no introduction, being one of the most revered names in European football. It is an exceptionally tough draw for us but equally as exciting.

As a non-seeded team in the draw we knew we would have to play one of the big games, so Barcelona it was.

My own personal preference for a two-legged tie in European football is to play the first leg away from home, but in every occasion last season in the UEFA Cup we were drawn at home first and it didn't work out too badly for us.

This season has been a repeat in terms of playing at home first, so all we can do is our very best on the night.

Barcelona's recent run in the Spanish league makes them clear favourites to win this tie – in fact, they are one of the favourites to win the tournament – but that won't deter us from giving this our very best shot.

They are a great side with quality internationalists throughout their side and over the last few months they have enjoyed some fantastic results.

In fact, I believe they have won their last nine successive games in both the UEFA Cup as well as the league.

In terms of prestige, there are not many who come bigger than Barcelona and certainly this a massive evening for us tonight.

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From our perspective, these are the games that we want to be involved in and we are all looking forward to this challenge.

# THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Morten Wieghorst's Brøndby were Barcelona's last victims in the UEFA Cup and the ex-Hoops midfielder says the Bhoys can go through if they keep possession and frustrate the Catalans

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN



**"You could see the difference in the way Barca treated the ball" - Michael Laudrup**

**JUST** last month, Morten Wieghorst was looking forward to welcoming Barcelona to Brøndby. "It's obviously going to be extremely difficult," he told the *Celtic View* at the time.

"But we've a couple of really talented young players who could definitely hurt Barca if they have an off day."

They didn't.

Brøndby, dogged and disciplined, held their own for the best part of an hour in

the first leg, but then a moment of brilliance from Ronaldinho underlined the gulf in class. Even the Danes' coach, former Barca hero Michael Laudrup, was forced to admit: "You could see the difference in the way they treated the ball."

There was, however, no disgrace in an eventual 3-1 aggregate defeat, particularly when it's considered that this is a Barcelona side which has recovered much of its old sparkle of late. Wieghorst

certainly offers no hard luck stories or wistful thoughts of what might have been.

Indeed, on hearing that Barca had been rewarded for a thoroughly merited victory with a trip to Celtic Park, the veteran Danish internationalist's first reaction was to fear for his old club's long-term future in the UEFA Cup.

Said Wieghorst: "The Barca games were our first after the winter break, and in the last half-hour of both legs I did feel that

we tired. But I'm not using that as an excuse. Barcelona were on a different level to us, but then I think that was to be expected when you compare Spanish and Danish football.

"Their league's probably the best in the world, and the only consolation we had when we came out of the draw with them was that they were struggling a bit. Of course, since then they've come into their best run of for years. You can actually see

in their play that they're a team full of confidence right now - we really felt that in the two games against us.

"We could have no complaints. We never put enough pressure on Barca at any stage, and I always felt that they could have stepped up another gear if required. Maybe if we'd gone in front at home things might have been different, but it didn't happen for us and we only had ourselves to blame.

"When you've chances against a team like Barca - and we'd four or five decent ones in the first leg - you really need to take them. That will apply to Celtic too, but then they have Henrik, and his record in front of goal obviously stands comparison with the best of them."

Yet Wieghorst believes the predatory instincts of Larsson need not represent Celtic's only hope. The key to success for Martin O'Neill's side will, he believes, lie in

prising openings by denying Barca the lifeblood of possession.

"Make them chase the ball," he advised. "They don't like that. It was probably the one weakness I could see in their game. They're great in possession, when they're controlling things, but they don't like it when you make them work.

"If Celtic can keep the ball, Barca will become frustrated - and that's when spaces will appear. We did it for a while and, if we'd scored during that period, well, who knows? But once they scored the first goal, it was as good as over."

And what a goal it was. Ronaldinho, not content with earning and then crashing a free-kick off the underside of the crossbar, somehow retrieved the rebound to smash an unstoppable left-foot drive into the roof of the net. For Wieghorst, it merely confirmed his belief that all the hype is justified where the mercurial little Brazilian is concerned.

"It really struck me how much of Barcelona's play goes through him," he said. "Their players are all technically very good, but he's something else altogether. Every time Barcelona get the ball, he's the man they look for.

"He's the one player who's given freedom to float - out left - out behind the strikers, up front - and the others remain very disciplined in order to afford him that kind of freedom.

"First and foremost, Barcelona are a very good team; an excellent unit. Everyone's comfortable on the ball and it's all short, neat passes, and waiting for the right movement. But Ronaldinho provides the spark."

Which leaves the small dilemma of how best to subdue him. Man-marking, perhaps?

"No, I don't think that's the answer," the Dane said. "He does drift into dangerous areas, but I always think you take away too much of your own game when you dedicate someone to a man-marking job. If you have a man in your team used to performing that kind of job, that's different. But Celtic don't."

What the current Hoops side do possess is considerable experience of operating at the top level in European football, and enough impressive scalps over the past few seasons to command respect from even the mightiest of their peers.

This has been evident in the bulk of the post-draw reaction from the Barca camp, and Wieghorst believes that the Hoops need not, and will not, fear their Catalan visitors. Even at the Nou Camp.

"The Nou Camp won't faze any of them," insisted Wieghorst. "It's a great stadium, and the younger lads here at Brondby loved it. But for experienced players, and most of the Celtic boys fall into that category, it

**THE HEAT IS ON** The Nou Camp is an intimidating arena especially when Barca play rivals Real Madrid but Morten Wieghorst wasn't fazed



**THE FINAL DESTINATION**

This year's UEFA Cup final will be held at the New Ullevi Stadium in Gothenburg, Sweden, on May 19, and Morten believes Celtic progression towards that venue will be decided by either Henrik Larsson or Ronaldinho



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just becomes another game. It was half-empty when we were there anyway, so there was no chance of anyone being overawed. And their fans aren't the type to roar their team on and encourage them all the time.

You sit back and wait for things to happen. No doubt it's different when Real Madrid or Valencia come, and depending on how things go tonight, they might be out in force for the second leg. But I really didn't find it one bit intimidating.

"Anyway, Celtic have amassed a lot of experience at this level now, and I think they'll be quietly confident. I believe the Barca players are all pretty excited about playing at Celtic Park, and that's a sign of just how far the club have come over recent years.

"Everyone now knows them, knows all about the fans, the atmosphere and, most importantly of all, that there's a team there to be reckoned with."

No-one knows this better than the Dane, of course, but does his belief in the Bhoys stretch to backing his former club to take another giant leap towards Gothenburg?

In short, no.

He said: "It's a tough one to call, and Celtic definitely have a chance. But I'd have to make Barca slight favourites. They really did impress me, and more for their team play than any great individual skill.

"They also have Ronaldinho there, and it's possible that he'll provide that bit of magic that swings the tie in their favour. I really hope not, but I fear that's the way it might turn out."

Head ruling heart here for Wieghorst, then, and what is without question is that Celtic will require to play with both this evening if they are to travel to Catalonia in two weeks time with hopes still intact.



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# IN HRISTO'S FOOTSTEPS

Like every young football fan in Bulgaria, Stilian Petrov grew up with one wish – to try and emulate his hero – Barcelona's Hristo Stoichkov. Now the Celtic midfielder will get his chance to strut his stuff on the Nou Camp's hallowed turf and fulfill a boyhood ambition

Exclusive Interview: ALISON McCONNELL



STILIAN PETROV had more reason than most to celebrate when Barcelona's name came out of the hat in Lyon last week; like every other Bulgarian kid, Petrov's hero was the legendary Hristo Stoichkov.

The 23-year-old midfielder has emulated the former Barça star already by taking over the Bulgarian captaincy, but the UEFA Cup tie against the Catalan side has given Petrov the ideal platform in which to follow in Stoichkov's footsteps by leaving his imprint over the two-pronged affair.

Petrov, if selected, will make his 200th Celtic appearance this evening against Barcelona and over the last few seasons he has been an intrinsic part of the heady European evenings that Celtic have enjoyed under Martin O'Neill.

The arrival of Frank Rijkaard's side at this stage of the season marks another thrilling milestone for the current Celtic side who are gradually rebuilding their reputation in the European arena, and Petrov has insisted that there is no danger of the Hoops being overawed by their esteemed opponents.

"I always had a soft spot for Barcelona because of Stoichkov," he smiled. "Every

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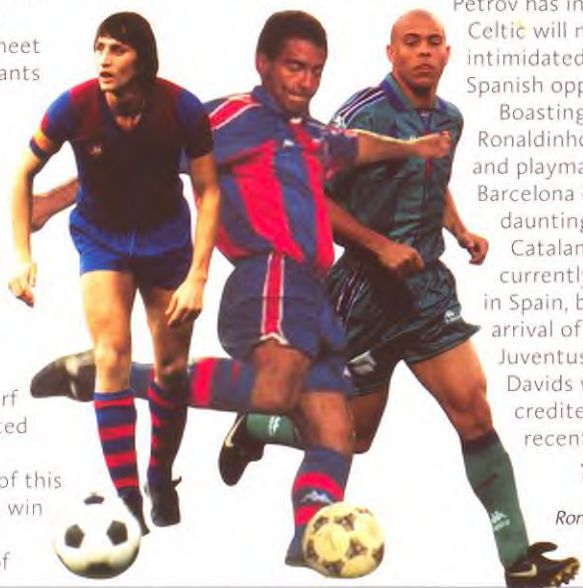
boy in Bulgaria did and followed his achievements with Barcelona.

"I had, and still have, massive respect for him because of the success that he had. He was a brilliant player for both Barça and for Bulgaria and he was my hero as a kid.

"I have a lot of respect for Barcelona as a club but this will be a great night for Celtic too and we have to be confident going into the tie."

With Celtic preparing to meet the Catalan giants at Celtic Park before embarking on a return trip to the dramatic theatre of the Nou Camp, Petrov is relishing the prospect of gracing the turf in the celebrated arena.

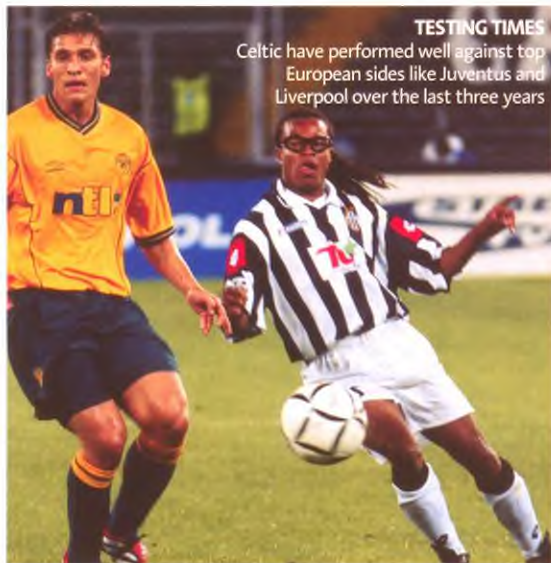
The victors of this encounter will win a place in the quarter-final of



**THE THREE AMIGOS**  
Cruyff, Romario and Ronaldo are three of the most highly revered ex-Barcelona stars



**THEATRE OF DREAMS**  
Barcelona's impressive Nou Camp stadium



**TESTING TIMES**  
Celtic have performed well against top European sides like Juventus and Liverpool over the last three years



the UEFA Cup with either Villarreal or Roma awaiting, and while overcoming the might of Barcelona is a formidable task,

Petrov has insisted that Celtic will not be intimidated by their Spanish opponents.

Boasting the talents of Ronaldinho, Carles Puyol and playmaker Xavi, Barcelona certainly look daunting on paper. The Catalan side are currently the form team in Spain, but it was the arrival of on-loan Juventus star Edgar Davids who has been credited with the recent renaissance in

the ranks of the club. The gritty midfielder is ineligible for the affair after turning out in this season's Champions League for Juventus when they played Galatasaray, but whatever the personnel this evening, Petrov has insisted that Celtic go into the game with no fear.

"We have shown that the players we have at Celtic are capable of competing with the best teams in Europe," he explained. "In recent seasons we have beaten the likes of Juventus, Liverpool, Celta Vigo and Stuttgart and it is that kind of form that we will have to produce tonight.

"Games like this are why we all want to be in football. It is a tough draw for us, no doubt about it, but you always want to be testing yourself against teams at this level.

"Barcelona are one of the favourites to win the UEFA Cup and over the last few months they have been playing excellently in La Liga. We have a lot of



**EURO ZONE EXPERTS**

Barça lifted the European Cup against Sampdoria at Wembley in 1992 and with current stars Ronaldinho, Xavi and Puyol managed by Rijkaard, left, they'll be hoping to add more silverware to their already bulging cabinet

respect for them because they are one of the prestigious names in European football but we still have to be confident of our own ability going into the game.

"We know that Celtic Park is a hard place for teams to come and play us but we also know that this is going to be extremely tough. Everyone has to work hard but it is a game that we are looking forward to."

Barcelona's history and culture marks them down as one of the most glamorous European teams and the fact they have always attracted a certain calibre of player adds intrigue to the occasion. Johan Cruyff, Diego Maradona, Romario and Ronaldo have worn Barça colours with distinction, but as Celtic concentrate on resurrecting a European reputation under Martin O'Neill, Petrov wants another scalp.

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success, particularly in the European environment, and have won this competition three times (as the Fairs Cup). They have also won the European Cup once and the Cup-Winners' Cup four times. Petrov is undaunted.

"This is two massive teams facing one another," he said. "We have played well at Celtic Park over the last few seasons in the European games and that is what we want to do again. We have coped well with some excellent sides and we have a lot of belief in our own ability.

"We have loads of respect for Barcelona because of who they are and what they

have achieved, but we have to be confident going into the game. It will be tough going to the Nou Camp and trying to get a result but we will go there for the return leg and try to play the way we always do.

"It is two great stadiums and two passionate sets of fans in each country and I'm sure they will be great nights. It could be a brilliant month for Celtic and I hope that we can achieve everything we want in the games that we are playing.

"You never know what football holds and it is an exciting time for the team and for the club just now."

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# YOGI BACKS HOOPS TO HOME IN ON A VICTORY

Former Celtic Park legend John Hughes knows from personal experience how powerful Barcelona can be, but he expects Martin O'Neill's men to grab the goals they need tonight

Exclusive Interview: JOE SULLIVAN

**IT was in the Fairs Cities Cup, which later became the UEFA Cup, that Celtic first crossed swords with Barcelona back in season 1964/65.**

It was only Celtic's seventh European tie. Two seasons earlier they had capitulated to another Spanish league side, Valencia, in their very first Euro venture and the following term reached the semi-final of the Cup-Winners' Cup before going out to MTK Budapest. However, there was no doubt that progress had been made on the European front.

French side Leixoes were taken care of in the first round of the 1964/65 Fairs Cup but the next round threw up Barça and it was obvious that this would be a tough nut to crack.

While Real Madrid had monopolised the initial years of the European Cup, Spanish domination of the early Fairs tournaments would be just as heavy although not limited to one club, but Barça were definite front-runners in the competition.

The Catalan club had lifted the first ever Fairs Cities Cup, held from 1955 through to 1958, when they defeated a London Select XI over the two-leg final.

The London side held Barça to a 2-2 draw at Stamford Bridge in March 1958 but two months later the superiority of eventual first winners was in no doubt as they romped to a 6-0 home win.

The next tournament ran from 1958 through to 1960 and again Barça were victorious, seeing off Birmingham City in the final over two legs, 0-0 at St Andrew's and 4-1 in the Nou Camp while still competing in the 1959/60 European Cup.

In the big competition they reached

the semis as the final stages went goal crazy. Real Madrid beat Barça 6-2 on aggregate while Eintracht Frankfurt crushed Rangers 12-4. The Spanish side then thrashed the Germans 7-3 in a memorable Hampden final – 34 goals in the last three ties.

The following season saw Hibernian put paid to Barça's Fairs Cup hopes in another high-scoring tie, 4-4 in Catalonia and 3-2 at Easter Road as the Hibeers won 7-6.

Birmingham City again reached the final

three games in the second round as Valencia retained the trophy by beating Dinamo Zagreb over two legs.

In 1963/64 they were in the Cup-Winners' Cup alongside Celtic, where the Bhoys would put out Dinamo Zagreb, but again Barça went out in the second round, this time to Hamburg.

Ironically, the one-off Fairs final went ahead at the Nou Camp that season as Valencia attempted three consecutive cup wins in another all-Spanish game but Real Zaragoza won 2-1.

After defeating Celtic in the 1964/65 competition, Barça dropped out in the next round, but only after three games against Strasbourg and losing on the toss of the coin.

Ferencvaros beat Juventus in the final that season but the next term saw Barcelona again lift the cup they first won six years earlier and, again, the Spanish theme was repeated.

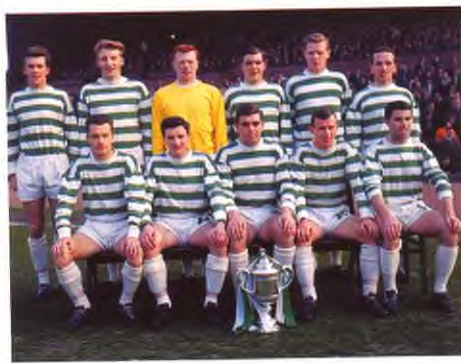
It could have been an all-English affair as both semi-final ties went to three games but Barça saw off Chelsea while Real Zaragoza did likewise to Leeds United.

The two-legged final wasn't for the faint-hearted. Barça lost their home game 1-0 and with only four minutes left at La Romareda they were still 2-1 down.

Pujol got his second for the Catalan side in the 86th minute while Marcelino got his second for Zaragoza in the 87th to keep them in front.

Two minutes later, Zaballa levelled the tie and it went to extra time before Pujol completed his hat-trick in the 120th and final minute of the game.

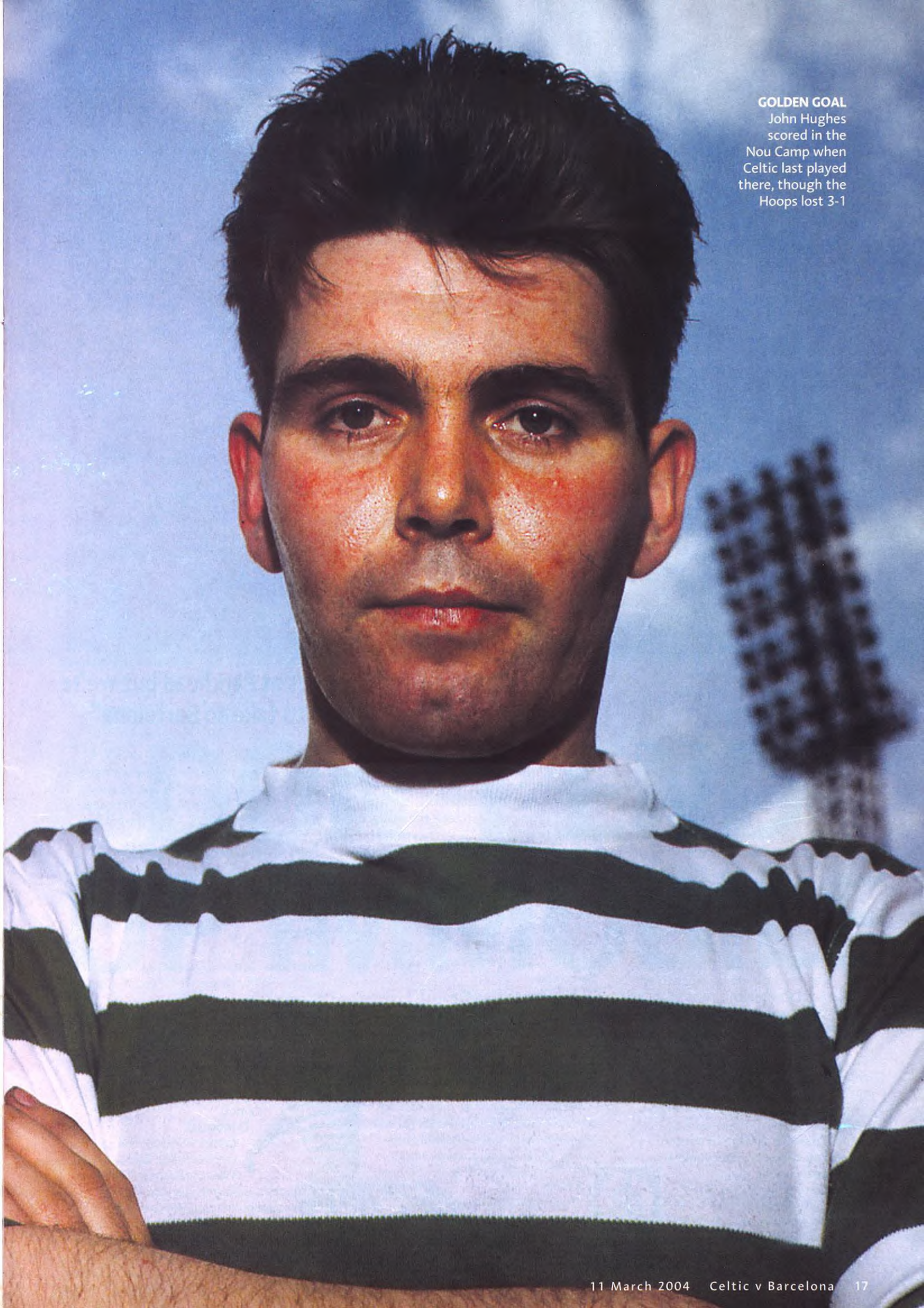
Little wonder then that Celtic knew



that season but this time they succumbed to Roma, 0-0 in the Midlands and 4-1 in the Italian capital but Barcelona reached the final of the European Cup where they went down 3-2 to Benfica.

In season 1961/62, Barça limited themselves to one European competition, the Fairs Cup again. Once more they reached the final but, in an all-Spanish affair, they lost to Valencia, 6-2 away and 1-1 at home.

A year later they went out of the same competition to Red Star Belgrade over



**GOLDEN GOAL**

John Hughes scored in the Nou Camp when Celtic last played there, though the Hoops lost 3-1



**SPANISH PAIN**  
John Hughes faced Barcelona as a Celt but his side had little luck as Stevie Chalmers was taken off injured and Bobby Lennox and co couldn't find the goals they needed

they were up against it when they visited the Catalan stronghold in November 1964.

In the first round the Spanish giants had disposed of Italian side Fiorentina and with a quarter of the first leg gone they were already 2-0 up against Celtic.

And before the half was out John Clark became little more than a limping spectator in those pre-substitute days.

An injury to the sweeper's right-thigh left him struggling on the left wing for the second period but a measured through pass from Jimmy Johnstone gave John Hughes the chance to pull one back and Big Yogi duly obliged.

Barça sealed the leg, and basically the tie, seven minutes from the end with their third of the night, although wee Jinky was the recipient of well-earned praise from the Catalan crowd at the end of the game in what was Ronnie Simpson's debut.

In Barcelona, despite more than a few forays towards the home side's goal, Billy McNeill and John Cushley expertly marshalled the seven-man Celtic defence.

As expected, Barça adopted similar tactics in Glasgow. There were Spanish attacks but the damage limitation defending ensured there would be no Celtic goals on the night.

The home crowd were further disappointed when striker Stevie Chalmers was forced to limp off 15 minutes from the end.

These days, with a plethora of subs

## "It's all down to what happens at Parkhead but we're capable of getting a 2-0 lead to take to Barcelona"

available, hopefully there will be no need for either team to finish down on manpower. And with the first leg at Celtic Park, the man who scored the Bhoys' only goal in the Nou Camp feels tonight could belong to Celtic.

Big Yogi, who now plays mien host at well-known Celtic bar, MacConnell's at the top of Hope Street, said: "I honestly think this is a much better draw than getting the likes of Valencia.

"It's all down to what happens at Parkhead but I think we're capable of getting a 2-0 lead on the night to take to Barcelona.

"It will be a hard game though, there's no doubt about that and the Nou Camp will certainly be an intimidating venue but hopefully we won't need to win on the night out there.

"Celtic Park is just as intimidating on nights like this and the crowd will play their part. Celtic showed their ability to win in Europe last season with the results right up to the final in Seville.

"The motivation is there and there is a reliability about the team. They have belief in themselves and I feel they can

do the business against Barcelona in Glasgow. This side have fought with skill and determination for the results they have achieved in Europe and I don't see why tonight should be any different."

### Fairs Cities Cup (UEFA) 1964/65

Second Round First Leg, November 18

**Barcelona 3**

Zaldua 12, Seminario 22, Rife 83

**Celtic 1**

Hughes 55

**Barcelona:** Sadurni; Foncho, Benitez; Torres, Eladio, Verges, Rife, Pereida, Zaldua; Seminario, Re.

**Celtic:** Simpson; Young, Gemmell; Clark, McNeill, Kennedy; Johnstone, Cushley, Chalmers, Murdoch, Hughes.

**Attendance:** 25,000

Second Leg, December 2

**Celtic 0**

**Barcelona 0**

**Celtic:** Simpson; Young, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, O'Neill, Johnstone, Chalmers,

Hughes, Gallagher, Lennox.

**Barcelona:** Sadurni; Benitez, Eladio; Torres, Verges, Olivella, Garay, Goyvaerts, Kocsis, Re, Fuste, Seminario.

**Attendance:** 43,000





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Founded by a Swiss football fanatic and banned by a fascist dictator, Barcelona have come through an eventful history to become one of the world's most famous club sides

Words: JIM CRAIG

**HISTORY**

**A MAN called Hans Gamper was responsible. A football fanatic from Zurich, he moved to Catalonia in 1897 but found there was no local football team.**

So he wrote a letter to a local newspaper asking for other fanatics like himself to form a club and in 1899, Club de Futbol Barcelona was founded.

Hans wasn't a bad player. He scored 103 goals in two seasons before changing his name to Juan as he thought it more Spanish. He was voted president of the club on five different occasions.

The first contest between Barcelona and Real Madrid took place in 1905, when the Catalans won 5-2 (ironically, the same result as in the inaugural Old Firm match). Barça went on to win many championships in the following years, the winners of the regional leagues meeting each other to decide the best.

In 1929, the teams decided to change the system and start a national Spanish league, the first winners of which were ... FC Barcelona!

**THE STADIA**

**IN 1922, Barcelona got a new stadium, Las Corts. Las Corts was built for 35,000 spectators and was named the 'Cathedral of Football'.**

10,000 fans became members of the club and this allowed the directors to buy in expensive players.

In 1954, work began on a new stadium, a three-tiered, all-seated building. By 1957, the Camp Nou was ready – with a capacity of 98,000 – and three games were played to inaugurate it, the first against a Warsaw select, the second



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versus Burnley and the third against Flamengo of Rio, the most popular club in South America.

In 1980, the ground was up-dated with a view to hosting matches in the 1982 World Cup. These improvements took the maximum attendance up to 120,000; and in a further improvement in 1994, chairs were provided for every spectator.

**THE CIVIL WAR**

**IN 1936, the Spanish Civil War began and General Franco banned football matches.**

Franco was governing from Madrid and Catalonia was hit hard during this time. This is the reason for the strong dislike – or perhaps hatred – between Real Madrid and Barcelona, with the Catalan club still an symbol of anti-fascism for many fans.

In 1939, the war ended and FC Barcelona could start playing again. In fact, they won the Spanish Cup in 1942; and also picked up the championship in 1945, 1948 and 1949.

**THE PLAYING RECORD**

European Champions Cup: 1992  
Cup Winners Cup: 1979, 1982, 1989, 1997.  
Fairs Cities' Cup: 1958, 1960, 1966.  
European Super Cup: 1992, 1998.

**THE MANAGERS**

**Success is not only expected at Barcelona, it is demanded! So, naturally, it is not the easiest club to manage.**

Indeed, since 1917, Barcelona has had 48 different managers!

From the mid-1950s onwards, the pressure has become even more intense. The names on the list of managers have changed an astonishing 35 times, although a few have had more than one stint at the helm. Many are not well-known to British fans but quite a few are world-renowned. Like Helenio Herrera, who had three periods in charge, from 1958 to 1960, again in 1980 and also 1981 and also managed Inter Milan when Celtic won the European Cup.

Ladislav Kubala from Hungary had two chances, in 1962 and 1980; the Englishman,



Vic Buckingham only one, 1970-71. The Dutchman Rinus Michels had two fairly long spells at the helm, firstly from 1971 to 1975, then from 1976 to 1978. Others only got one season, like the German Hennes Weisweiler (1975-76) or the Argentinian Cesar Menotti (1983-84).

Terry Venables was given three years (1984-87), Johan Cruyff got a remarkable eight (1988-96) but Bobby Robson only one season (1996-97). While Louis van Gaal is another of the two-shot men (1997-2000 and 2002-03).

The present incumbent is Dutchman Frank Rijkaard, an intelligent man who is surely taking one day at a time?

**THE STARS**

**THAT Barcelona has always had good**

**players on their books goes without saying but a number must be put into the 'superstar' class.**

The first was Hector Scarone, brought in from Penarol Montevideo in the 1920s. A star striker, Hector was the main reason Uruguay won both the 1924 and 1928 Olympic football tournaments. He also played in Italy before returning to Uruguay and Nacional, eventually retiring at the age of 55!

In the 1950s, Ladislav Kubala arrived from Hungary to score 24 goals as Barça took the 1952 title. Kubala played 3 times for Hungary, 6 for Czechoslovakia and 19 for Spain.

In the late 50s, Luis Suarez graced the team, as did Evaristo from Brazil and both Sandor Kocsis and Zoltan Czibor



**TOP NAMES**

Frank Rijkaard and Ronaldinho will be out to stop the Hoops progressing in the UEFA Cup, whilst Terry Venables, Gary Lineker, Mark Hughes, Steve Archibald and Hristo Stoichkov, all found glory at the Nou Camp

**"Nowadays the Barcelona stars are a Brazilian and a Dutchman. Edgar Davids is cup-tied and Ronaldinho only scores from free-kicks. So, if we don't give away any fouls, we're home and dry!"**

from Hungary. They won the championship for the first time in seven years under the managership of Helenio Herrera.

The 1960s and early 1970s were bad times for Barcelona; and they only improved when Johan Cruyff and Johan Neeskens arrived in 1974. Hans Krankl also provided many goals during these years. In the 80s, many star players wore the Barça strip with pride and some success; men like Diego Maradona, Bernd Schuster, Antoni Zubizaretta, Steve Archibald, Gary Lineker and Mark Hughes.

Under Johan Cruyff in the 1990s, the success continued, including a European Cup in 1992. He put together a completely new team, with big names like Ronald Koeman, Michael Laudrup, Romario and Hristo Stoichkov.

Nowadays, the Barcelona stars are a Brazilian – Ronaldinho – and a Dutchman, Edgar Davids. The latter cannot play against the Hoops as he is cup-tied; the former can only score from free-kicks. So, if we don't give away any fouls, we're home and dry!

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Q6

**1)** Which are the only two seasons that British clubs competed in all three major European Finals?

**2)** Apart from Barcelona which five Spanish clubs have Celtic played against in European competition?

**3)** Who scored the goal at Wembley in 1992 that saw Barcelona secure their only European Cup success when they defeated Sampdoria 1-0?

**4)** Which two teams have dropped out of the Champions League competition and gone on to win the UEFA Cup?

**5)** Which two men played for Barcelona in the 1986 European Cup final and went on to play for St Mirren?

**6)** Against which two clubs has Didier Agathe scored his only goals in Europe for Celtic?

**7)** Who is the only player to score an 'away' goal in the Champions League in his home stadium?

**8)** Which four Barcelona Players have been voted European Player of the Year?

**9)** Against which club did Henrik Larsson establish a new record this season for goals scored for a single British club in Europe?

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**10)** How many times have Celtic played a European match against the holders of that particular trophy?

**11)** Who are the only two Scottish brothers to net in major European Finals ?

**12)** Which one-time Barcelona striker is the only man to have scored in the Final of all three major European Tournaments?

**13)** Which two players faced each other in the English League Cup final between Bolton and Middlesbrough two weeks ago, having been opponents in a Champions League final four years earlier?

**14)** Which Celtic player to date remains the only one to have netted against Barcelona in a competitive European match?

**15)** With which club did Celtic manager Martin O'Neill in his playing days net against Barcelona in European competition?

- 15)** Distillery, in the ECWC 1971/72.  
**14)** John Hughes.  
 Valencia.  
**13)** Campo, Real Madrid and Mendieta,  
**12)** Allan Simonsen.  
 Ujpest Dozsa, Fairs Cup 1969.  
 ECWC 1961 and Jim Scott, Newcastle v  
**11)** Alex Scott, Rangers v Fiorentina,  
 Fairs Cup 1962/63.  
**10)** Just once, against Valencia, in the  
**9)** MTK Budapest.  
 Rivaldo 1999.  
 and 1974; Hristo Stoichkov 1994 and  
**8)** Luis Suarez 1960; Johan Cruyff 1973  
 AC Milan, San Siro 2002/03.  
**7)** Andrei Shevchenko, Inter Milan v  
**6)** Ajax, 2001/02; MTK Budapest, 2003/04.  
 Archibald.  
 2002. **5)** Victor Munez and Steve  
**4)** Galatasaray, 2000 and Feyenoord,  
**3)** Ronald Koeman.  
 Real Sociedad and Celta Vigo.  
**2)** Valencia, Atletico Madrid, Real Madrid,  
 Utd; 1969/70 - Celtic, Man City, Arsenal.  
**1)** 1966/67 - Celtic, Rangers and Leeds

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Larsson scores against  
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## BACKGROUND

**CONTESTS between Scottish and Spanish sides have been relatively rare.**

Considering the aspirations and achievements of the possible contenders, that is quite surprising.

Celtic's name first appeared on the official lists of European competitions in 1962/63. Since then, there have been less than a handful of years when their name has been missing. When we also take into account the number of good Spanish sides who have graced these competitions year by year, then a figure of only 8 home and away ties in 40 years is quite surprising.

## THE TEAMS CELTIC HAVE FACED

Valencia	Sept/Oct 1962
Barcelona	Nov/Dec 1964
Atletico Madrid	April 1974
Real Madrid	March 1980
Real Sociedad	Oct/Nov 1982
Atletico Madrid	Sep/Oct 1985
Valencia	Nov/Dec 2001
Celta Vigo	Nov/Dec 2002

## THE CELTIC PLAYING RECORD

P	W	D	L
16	4	4	8

## THE HIGH MOMENTS

**THE Valencia contests in 1962 were Celtic's first matches in European competition, they rank highly in the list of memories, although they are mixed.**

After losing 4-2 in Spain it left us with a mountain to climb in the return. A 2-2 draw salvaged some pride but could not prevent Valencia progressing.

Better moments came against Real Madrid and particularly, Celta Vigo. The 2-0 victory over the men from the Bernabeu in 1980 ranks as one of the best-ever Parkhead nights. Goals by George McCluskey and the late Johnny Doyle sent the crowd of 67,000 home in delirious mood, although like every Celtic fan throughout the world, they were brought down to earth with a bump two weeks later when Real won the return 3-0.

Last season, Henrik Larsson's first leg goal was all Celtic took to Spain for the return against Celta Vigo but, although the Spaniards scored two, John Hartson's drive from the edge of the box took Celtic beyond the New Year period for the first time since 1979.

## THE LOW MOMENTS

**WITH eight defeats in 16 matches, you can almost choose your worst moment.**

Not being able to pull back Barcelona's 3-1 home win in the return leg at Parkhead; the loss in Spain to Real Madrid after that great 2-0 first leg win; or the disappointing performance, resulting in a 2-0 defeat against Real Sociedad in the away leg of the 1982 tie. Celtic climbed a mountain in the home leg to score twice but their lack of the

away goal made all the difference.

But my own worst moment came in the penalty shoot-out against Valencia at Celtic Park, December, 2001. The spontaneous singing of 'You'll Never Walk Alone' at the start of extra-time was quite wonderful and the fans' twirling of their scarves when a Valencia player went up to take a kick was equally memorable. Unfortunately, some un-penalised time-wasting by their goalkeeper Canizares – and admittedly some poor penalties from the Celtic players – took them through.

## THE ODDEST MOMENT

**THAT surely came in the European Cup Winners Cup tie against Atletico Madrid at Celtic Park on 2nd October 1985.**

The match was played behind closed doors on the instructions of UEFA after the incidents at Old Trafford the year before when Celtic played Rapid Vienna in the same competition. Just over 200 people were present; 70 from each club, including the players, the media from Scotland and Spain and some reserve players Celtic had brought in to act as ballboys. And just to rub it in, Atletico won 2-1 to go through 3-2 on aggregate.

**Words: JIM CRAIG**



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**YOU mentioned Ronnie Simpson had played against Barcelona for both Hibs and Celtic. How did both teams get on and did Ronnie play any European matches with Newcastle?**

Jack Gribben  
Hibs played the Catalans in their second season of European competition, in the Fairs Cities Cup in 1961. The away leg was drawn 4-4, Hibs won the home leg 3-2 and qualified to meet Roma in the semi-finals. With Celtic, Ronnie's matches were in the same competition. Barcelona won 3-1 in the first leg in Spain in 1964; the return was drawn 0-0. Newcastle's first European match was not till the 1968/69 season.

**WHO captained Celtic in Seville?**

Rose Docherty  
Paul Lambert led Celtic out, although he was replaced by Jackie McNamara in 75 minutes.

**I READ that Scotland's best away victory was the 6-2 defeat of Spain in the early 1960s? Were any Celtic players in the side?**

Jim Flanagan  
This match took place in the Bernabeu in Madrid on June 13, 1963. Billy McNeill was the only Celt in the side - at right back.

**WHAT is the largest crowd for an away Celtic match in Europe?**

Gerry Scott  
It was estimated (for some strange reason, there were no official UEFA figures) that between 110,000 and 115,000 were present when Celtic met Real Madrid in the Bernabeu Stadium on March 19, 1980. When Dinamo Kiev met Celtic on November 5, 1986, in the Central Stadium in Kiev, the crowd was an estimated 107,000.

**LEADER OF THE PACK**  
Paul Lambert captained the Hoops in Seville



**CELTIC'S SPAIN GAME**  
Ronnie Simpson took on Barcelona in the colours of both Hibs and Celtic, while Pat Crerand played in the 1962 tie against Valencia, however, Willie Fernie (far right) left the club a year before. Billy McNeill is also shown with Barca captain Olivella before the 1964 encounter



**WHO has played most European ties for Celtic?**

Tony Simmons  
It is still Billy McNeill, with 72, then Bobby Lennox with 71 and Jimmy Johnstone with 67. The latter two figures include substitute appearances. Best of the current team is Henrik, with 54 starts.

**DID Pat Crerand play any European matches for Celtic?**

Nicky Farrell  
Pat played in Celtic's first two matches in

official European competition against Valencia in the Fairs Cities Cup in 1962.

**DID Celtic reach the Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final at their first attempt?**

Pat McKay  
They did, in season 1963/64, beating Basel, Dynamo Zagreb and Slovan Bratislava in the early rounds. A great performance at Celtic Park in the first leg of the semi-final against MTK Budapest gave the side a 3-0 lead to take to Hungary but unusual team selection and naive tactics in the Hungarian capital

meant the team crashed to a 4-0 defeat.

**Which of the well-known 'Old Boys' from the team of the 1950s was the last to leave before Celtic's first matches in Europe?**

John Chalmers  
I think I know what you mean. It would have been Willie Fernie, who played his last match for Celtic on September 16, 1961. The matches against Valencia were played in September/October 1962, so Willie missed out by a full year.

Celtic's away goals win over Celta Vigo last season was the first time they had seen off a Spanish side in eight attempts. With the Bhoys hoping to be on cloud nine tonight, here are details on the rest of their clashes

**CELTIC have never completely triumphed over Spanish opposition despite having eight attempts.**

- The one time Celtic progressed was last season when they went through on away goals against Celta Vigo.
- The one occasion Spanish opposition progressed under a similarly tight situation was the previous campaign when Valencia went through on penalties.
- On the previous six Celtic/Spanish ties the opposition went through, by one goal on three occasions and by two goals the other three times.
- In five of the eight ties played at Celtic Park, the opposition have failed to score.
- Only once have Celtic been beaten at home, that was by Atletico Madrid in 1985.
- Celtic have twice failed to score in the eight home matches.
- Celtic have drawn a blank in only one away match – again Atletico Madrid, this time in 1974.

**Fair Cities Cup (UEFA) 1962/63, 1st round, 1st Leg September 26**

VALENCIA 4 v 2 CELTIC  
(Coll 9,26; Guillot 30,47; Mestre og28, Carroll 73)

**VALENCIA:** Zamora; Piquer, Quincoces; Mestre, Sastre, Chicao; Fichá, Ribelles, Urriaga, Guillot, Coll.  
**CELTIC:** Haffey; MacKay, Kennedy; Crerand, McNeill, O'Neill; Chalmers, Jackson, Carroll, Gallagher, Byrne.  
**Attendance:** 40,000

**Fair Cities Cup (UEFA) 1962/63, 1st round, 2nd Leg October 24**

CELTIC 2 v 2 VALENCIA  
(Verdu og 48, Crerand 85; Guillot 63, Waldo 80)

**CELTIC:** Haffey; MacKay, O'Neill; Crerand, McNamee, Clark; Chalmers, Craig, Divers, Gallagher, Byrne  
**VALENCIA:** Zamora; Verdu; Mestre, Chicao; Piquer, Recaman, Ribelles, Roberto, Waldo, Guillot, Fichá.  
**Attendance:** 45,000  
\* Valencia were the holders and went on to beat Jock Stein's Dunfermline after three games (4-0, 2-6, 1-0), Hibernian (5-0, 1-2), Roma (3-0, 0-1) and Dinamo Zagreb (2-1, 2-0) to retain the trophy.

**Fair Cities Cup (UEFA) 1964/65, 2nd round, 1st Leg November 18**

BARCELONA 3 v 1 CELTIC  
(Zaldúa 17, Seminario 22, Rife 83; Hughes 55)

**BARCELONA:** Sadurni; Foncho, Benitez; Torres, Eladio, Verges, Rife, Pereida, Zaldúa; Seminario, Re.  
**CELTIC:** Simpson; Young, Gemmell; Clark,

**CELTIC'S EUROPEAN RESULTS v SPANISH OPPOSITION**

Season	Comp	Stage	Opposition	Home	Away	Agg
2002/03	UEFA	R3	Celta Vigo	1-2*	1-2	2-2**
2001/02	UEFA	R3	Valencia	1-0	0-1*	1-1***
1985/86	CWC	R1	Atletico Madrid	1-2	1-1*	2-3
1982/83	EC	R2	Real Sociedad	2-1	0-2*	2-3
1979/80	EC	QF	Real Madrid	2-0*	0-3	2-3
1973/74	EC	SF	Atletico Madrid	0-0*	0-2	0-2
1964/65	UEFA	R2	Barcelona	0-0	1-3*	1-3
1962/63	UEFA	R1	Valencia	2-2	2-4*	4-6
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>9-5</b>	<b>5-18</b>	<b>14-23</b>

\* First Leg Played \*\* Through on away goals  
\*\*\* Lost 5-4 on penalties

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	8	4	3	1	9	5
AWAY	8	0	1	7	5	18
TOTAL	16	4	4	8	14	23

McNeill, Kennedy; Johnstone, Cushley, Chalmers, Murdoch, Hughes.

**Attendance:** 25,000

**Fair Cities Cup (UEFA) 1964/65, 2nd round, 2nd Leg December 2**

CELTIC 0 v 0 BARCELONA

**CELTIC:** Simpson; Young, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, O'Neill, Johnstone, Chalmers, Hughes, Gallagher, Lennox.

**BARCELONA:** Sadurni; Benitez, Eladio; Torres, Verges, Olivella, Garay, Goyvaerts, Kocsis, Re, Fuste, Seminario.

**Attendance:** 43,000

\* Barcelona were put out in the next round by Hamburg after three games (4-4, 0-0, 2-3).

**European Cup 1973/74 Semi Final, 1st Leg April 10**

CELTIC 0 v 0 ATLETICO MADRID

**CELTIC:** Connaghan; Hay, Brogan; Murray, McNeill, P McCluskey; Johnstone, Hood, Deans (Wilson), Callaghan, Dalglish.

**ATLETICO MADRID:** Reina; Melo, Diaz; Benegas, Overjero, Eusebio; Ayala, Adelardo, Garate (Quicue), Irureta (Albert), Heredia.

**Attendance:** 73,000

**European Cup 1973/74 Semi Final, 2nd Leg April 24**

ATLETICO MADRID 2 v 0 CELTIC  
(Garate 77, Adelardo 86)

**ATLETICO MADRID:** Reina; Benegas, Capon; Adelardo, Heredia, Eusebio; Ufarte, Luis, Garate, Irureta, Becerra.

**CELTIC:** Connaghan; McGrain, Brogan; Hay, McNeill, P McCluskey, Johnstone, Murray, Dalglish, Hood, Lennox.

**Attendance:** 64,000

\* Atletico drew 1-1 AET (0-0 90 minutes) at the Heysel with Bayern Munich. In the replay two days later Bayern won 4-0.

**European Cup 1979/80 Quarter Final, 1st Leg March 5**

CELTIC 2 v 0 REAL MADRID  
(McCluskey 52, Doyle 74)

**CELTIC:** Latchford; Sneddon, McGrain; Aitken, McAdam, MacDONald; LaLeod, Provan, Lennox, G McCluskey, Doyle.

**REAL MADRID:** Garcia Remon; Sabido, Camacho; Garcia Hernandez, Benito, Del Bosque; Juanito (Roberto Martinez), Angel, Santillana, Stielike, Cunningham.

**Attendance:** 67,000

**European Cup 1979/80 Quarter Final, 2nd Leg March 19**

REAL MADRID 3 v 0 CELTIC  
(Santillana 44, Stielike 56, Juanito 83)

**REAL MADRID:** Garcia Remon; Sabido (Isido), Benito; Pirri, Camacho, Santos; Stielike Garcia Hernandez, Del Bosque, Juanito, Santillana, Cunningham.

**CELTIC:** Latchford; Sneddon, McAdam; MacDONald, McGrain; Provan, Aitken, Doyle, MacLeod, McCluskey (Burns), Lennox.

**Attendance:** 115,000

\* Madrid were knocked out in the semis by Hamburg (2-0, 1-5) who were beaten in the final 1-0 by Nottingham Forest featuring Martin O'Neill and John Robertson who scored.

**European Cup 1982/83 2nd Round, 1st Leg October 20**

REAL SOCIEDAD 2 v 0 CELTIC  
(Satrustegui 74, Uralde 78)

**REAL SOCIEDAD:** Arconada; Celayeta, Gorriz, Cortabarría, Olaizola; Diego, Zubillaga, Zamora; Uralde, Satrustegui, Lopez Ufarte.

**CELTIC:** Bonner; McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, Reid; Sinclair, Provan, McStay, MacLeod, Nicholas, McGarvey.

**Attendance:** 31,000

**European Cup 1982/83 2nd Round, 2nd Leg November 3**

CELTIC 2 v 1 REAL SOCIEDAD  
(MacLeod 44,88; Uralde 25)

**CELTIC:** Bonner, McGrain, Reid (Burns); Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod; Provan (McCluskey), McStay, McGarvey, Sinclair, Nicholas.

**REAL SOCIEDAD:** Arconada; Celayeta, Olaizola; Zubillaga, Gorriz, Cortabarría; Uralde, Diego (Larranaga), Satrustegui, Zamora, Lopez Ufarte.

**Attendance:** 54,874

\* Real Sociedad beat Sporting Lisbon in the quarter-finals (0-1, 2-0) and lost to eventual winners Hamburg (1-1, 1-2) in the semis.

**Cup-Winners' Cup 1985/86 1st Round, 1st Leg September 18**

ATLETICO MADRID 1 v 1 CELTIC  
(Setien 35; Johnston 69)



**HEIGHT OF SUCCESS** Henrik Larsson's header gave Celtic a 1-0 home win over Spanish aces Celta Vigo

**ATLETICO MADRID:** Fillol; Julio Prieta (Rubio), Tomas; Arceche, Ruiz; Stien; Cabrera, Quicie, Da Silva, Landaburu, Marina.

**CELTIC:** Bonner, McGrain, Burns; Aitken, McGugan, Grant; Provan, McStay, Johnston, MacLeod, McClair.

**Attendance:** 55,000

**Cup-Winners' Cup 1985/86 1st Round, 2nd Leg  
October 2**

**CELTIC 1 v 2 ATLETICO MADRID**  
(Aitken 73      Stien 38, Quique 71)

**CELTIC:** Bonner, McGrain (McNally), Burns; Aitken, McGugan, Grant; Provan, McStay (McAdam), Johnston, MacLeod, McClair.

**ATLETICO MADRID:** Fillol; Tomas, Clemente; Arceche, Ruiz, Steien, Cabrera (Rubio), Quique, Da Silva, Landaburu, Marina (Julio Prieta).

**Attendance:** Played behind closed doors.

**\*Atletico beat Bangor (2-0, 1-0) in the 2nd rnd, Red Star Belgrade in the QF (2-0, 1-1) and Bayer Uerdingen in the SF (1-0, 3-1) before losing 3-0 to Dinamo Kiev in final.**

**UEFA Cup 2001/02 3rd Round, 1st Leg  
November 22**

**VALENCIA 1 v 0 CELTIC**  
(Vicente 73)

**VALENCIA:** Canizares; Pellegrino, Ayala (Djukic), Albelda, Carew, Angulo, Vicente, Carboni, Juan Sanchez (Mista), Aimar (Slava), Curro Torres.

**CELTIC:** Douglas; McNamara, Balde, Mjallby, Crainey; Moravcik (Petta), Lambert, Petrov, Lennon, Hartson (Sylla), Larsson.

**Attendance:** 38,000

**UEFA Cup 2001/02 3rd Round, 2nd Leg  
December 6**

**CELTIC 1 v 0 VALENCIA**  
(Larsson 45)

**CELTIC:** Douglas; Valgaeren, Balde, Sutton, Mjallby; Moravcik (Sylla, Hartson), Petrov, Lambert, Lennon, Petta (Thompson), Larsson.

**VALENCIA:** Canizares; Pellegrino, Fabio Aurelio (Mista), Ayala, Djukic, Carew, Vicente, Carboni, Aimar (Juan Sanchez), De los Santos, Curro Torres (Angloma).

**Attendance:** 57,299

Agg 1-1 AET, Valencia won 5-4 on penalties.  
**\* Valencia put out Servette (3-0, 2-2) in the fourth round before losing to Inter Milan in the quarter-finals (1-1, 0-1).**

**UEFA Cup 2002/03 3rd Round, 1st Leg  
December 6**

**CELTIC 1 v 0 CELTA VIGO**  
(Larsson 52)

**CELTIC:** Douglas; Valgaeren, Balde, Sutton, Laursen; Agathe (Sylla), Lennon, Petrov, Guppy (Thompson), Larsson, Hartson.

**CELTA VIGO:** Pinto, Sylvinho, Berizzo, Mostovoi, Gustavo Lopez (McCarthy), Juanfran, Jose Ignacio, Mendez, Sergio, Luccin, Catanha (Edu).

**Attendance:** 52,726

**UEFA Cup 2002/03 3rd Round, 2nd Leg  
December 12**

**CELTA VIGO 2 v 1 CELTIC**  
(Jesuli 22, McCarthy 53      Hartson 36)

**CELTA VIGO:** Pinto; Fernando Caceres, Berizzo (Jandro), Gustavo Lopez, Juanfran, Ignacio, Mendez (Vagner), Edu, Juesuli, Luccin, McCarthy.

**CELTIC:** Douglas; Valgaeren, Balde, Sutton, Laursen; Agathe, Lennon (Lambert), Petrov, Thompson, Hartson (McNamara), Larsson.

**Attendance:** 16,955

Agg 2-2, Celtic won on away goals.

**\*In the fourth round Celtic put out Stuttgart (3-1, 2-3), Liverpool in the quarters (1-1, 2-0), Boavista in the semis (1-1, 1-0) and lost to Porto 3-2 after extra time in the Seville final.**



# OFF TO A FLYING START

In 1997 Magnus Hedman and Johan Mjallby nearly pulled off one of European football's greatest shock results when their AIK Solna side went a goal up against the mighty Barcelona at the Nou Camp. The Swedes eventually succumbed to the Catalan giants but the injured Mjallby will be urging Celtic on from the sidelines to finish off the job...

Exclusive Interview: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

## THE Nou Camp, Catalonia's temple, is arguably the most imposing, awe-inspiring arena in world football.

Just two Celtic players have experienced its unique atmosphere, and both were members of the same side which silenced the Barcelona support inside 30 seconds of a Cup-Winners' Cup quarter-final in 1997. One was Magnus Hedman, the other Johan Mjallby, and AIK Solna - the team they had travelled to the Catalan capital to represent - had been expected to offer mere token resistance to a side which included Barca's two current anti-heroes, Luis Figo and Ronaldo.

Yet, with less than a minute played, they were ahead, with Pascal Simpson profiting from an error by Carlos Busquets, the Barcelona keeper of that time. Indeed, while goals from Popescu, Ronaldo and Pizzi eventually secured a commanding enough 3-1 advantage for Bobby Robson's side - who would go on to win the tournament - Mjallby admits that the experience of leading the mighty Barcelona, short-lived though it was, has remained with him ever since.

"Yeah, that was pretty unbelievable," he recalled. "I mean, obviously we were big underdogs - AIK were tiny compared to Celtic - and we didn't have any track record in Europe at all. Plus, I think Barcelona were an even bigger name in Europe back then, with players like of Stoitchkov, Ronaldo and Figo in their team.



**THERE'S NO STOPPING US**  
Bobby Robson's side went on to lift the Cup-Winners' Cup despite falling behind to AIK Solna in the quarter final.

"We knew that we were in for a really tough game, but we also had nothing to lose - and maybe that was why we started so well. If I remember right, I think it was a bit of a howler from their keeper, and we honestly couldn't believe our eyes.

"I think we all knew that it wasn't a lead we were going to hold on to, but we played well and were maybe a bit unlucky to lose 3-1. That wasn't a bad result for us anyway because it gave us something to play for in the second leg.

"They were too good for us, though (the next leg finished 1-1, with Ronaldo cancelling out another Simpson strike). Figo and Ronaldo were obviously outstanding, but they had class all the way through their team with people like Guardiola, who was their anchor man at the time. It was great for us because we weren't used to playing against guys like that."

With Frank Rijkaard's Barca, where there was Ronaldo, there is Ronaldinho, where there was Stoitchkov, there is Saviola, and yet, star-studded though the Catalans evidently remain, Mjallby admits that his current team-mates will approach Rijkaard's side in a completely different manner to the Swedes he played alongside during the mid-90s. There's certainly little chance of

those in green and white being dazzled or intimidated by their claret and blue counterparts this evening, and nor should there be.

Celtic have, after all, proved against the likes of Liverpool, Ajax, Juventus and Stuttgart that they're more than capable of trading blows with Europe's best, and it's for this reason that



**PAST AND PRESENT**

Celtic may face players like Kluivert and Saviola tonight but Mjallby thinks the side containing superstars Figo and Ronaldo was superior



Mjallby believes they enter this tie on a level footing with their illustrious visitors.

"I can't even compare it to when I played Barça with AIK - it's totally different," he said. "I think that Celtic have shown over the last few years that we are a very good side, and we've proven that against some top teams. We're formidable, especially here at Celtic Park, and I think the Barcelona players know that they are in for a really tough game.

"The players we have here have more experience and more quality than the ones I played with at AIK, and I think we can go into these games with a bit of belief. But obviously Barcelona are a completely different prospect now - I don't think there are any players still there from that team in '97 - so I suppose we won't really know until the game itself.

"But you see the reaction from their side - they know this is a really tough draw - and that's a great sign from our point of view. I think anyone can see that the manager here is taking the club in the right direction and, although Barcelona are one of the hardest teams we could have been drawn against, we need to beat the best teams if we're going to go all the way."

Ousting the Catalan giants from the competition would nevertheless represent one of the most remarkable achievements, if not the most remarkable, of O'Neill's reign as Celtic's manager. After all, while the name alone guarantees respect, Barcelona are currently in terrific form, as a 10-game unbeaten run, both domestically and European, just goes to prove.



They're also not without star quality and, while full of admiration for the likes of Kluivert and Saviola, Mjallby had no hesitation in pinpointing the player he considers likely to represent Barça's greatest individual threat.

"I'd have to say Ronaldinho," he said. "The others you mention are all great players too, but he's world class. I really hadn't seen all that much of him before this season, but I've watched him a lot recently because Spanish football's on the telly so often.

And there's no doubt he's a super little player.

"We'll really need to watch him because he's the type of guy who can kill you with one moment of brilliance. He's also their big talisman right now, and I think a lot might depend on whether we can keep him quiet."

Yet Mjallby admits it's improbable that he'll be able to lend his weight to that effort, with his knee injury unlikely to heal in time even for the second leg in two weeks time.

"No, I wouldn't think I'd have a chance of playing over there," he admitted. "I'm doing quite well and,

fingers crossed, I might be out there training with the rest of the boys quite soon. Then it's just a case of knocking on the door because I know it won't be easy to get back in there with the team doing so well."

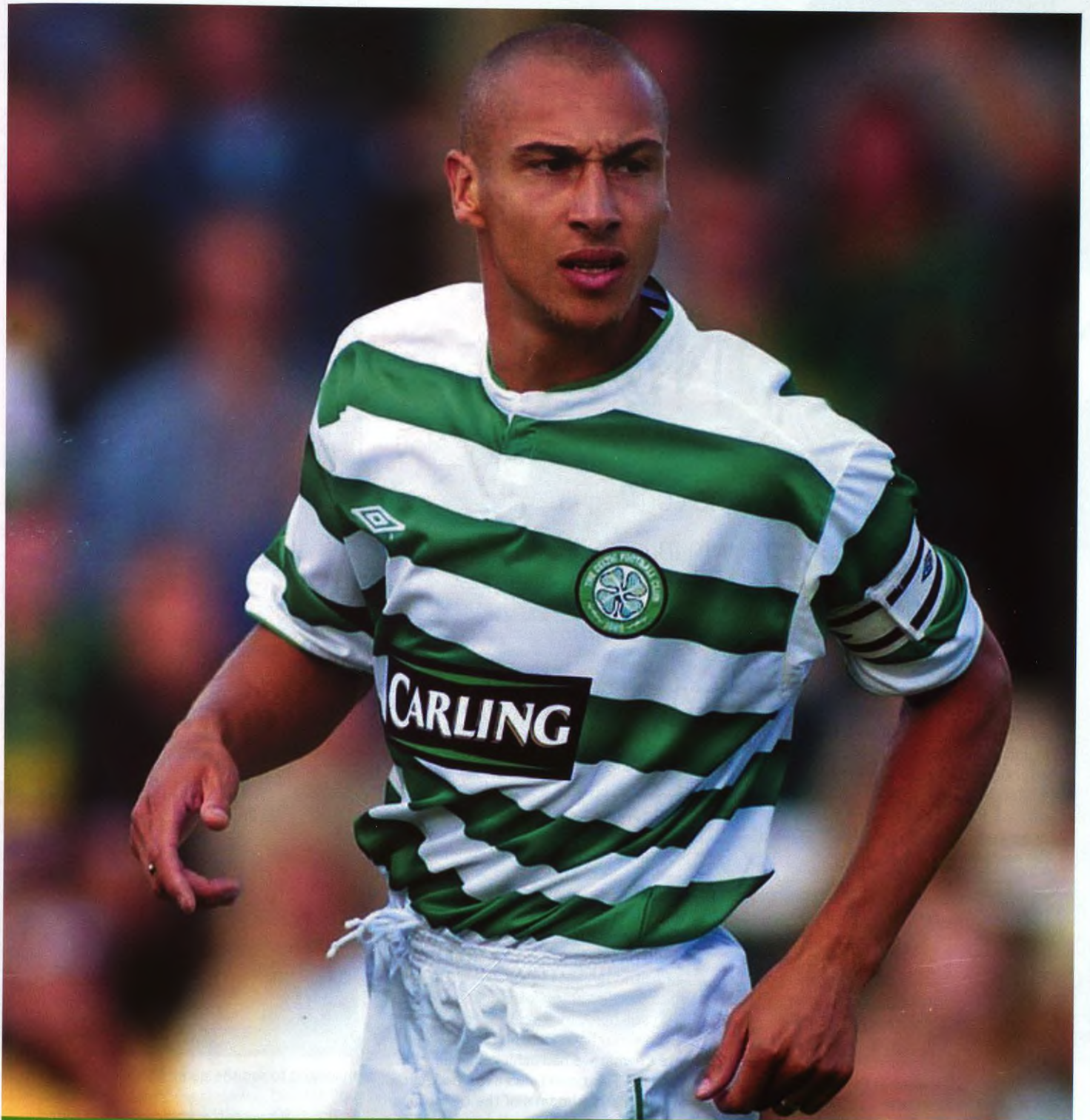
One of the players Mjallby expects to struggle to displace is John Kennedy, the towering 20-year-old who has greatly impressed at the heart of the Hoops defence of late. Indeed, in his own absence, Mjallby believes the club have brought through a more than able deputy.

"Oh yeah, John is a super talent," the Swede enthused. "He's strong, fit, pacey and the only thing he needs now is a bit of experience. Playing in these games would certainly be a big help in that respect, and I'd have no fears at all about putting him in there against Barcelona or whoever."

Even at the Nou Camp, it seems. "Yeah, he'll be fine, and he'll love the stadium - all the boys will," Mjallby said. "When I was there before, I think it only really hit me most the night before the game actually, when we were allowed in to train on the pitch. I remember having seen it a couple of days before from the outside and not being too impressed.

"But when you get inside and see that the pitch is 20 metres down from street level, it's then that it hits you just how big it really is. It's a great stadium, really terrific. Unfortunately it wasn't anywhere near full because it wasn't a big deal to the Barca fans to have AIK coming. But I think it might be a bit different this time, and hopefully we can get as many of our fans as possible in there too."

**"John Kennedy is strong, fit, pacey and the only thing he needs now is experience. Playing in these games will certainly be a big help and I'd have no fears about putting him in against Barca"**



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# THE KINGS OF CATALONIA

Jim McNally knows what it's like to travel to the Nou Camp on European duty and come away with a victory to add to a home win in the first leg - Dundee United managed it not once but twice

Interview: PAUL CUDDIHY

**IT'S just two hours after the UEFA Cup draw which paired Celtic and Barcelona and Jim McNally is taking his third call for an interview request.**

Celtic's under-17 coach is not that surprised at the interest the tie has generated in him and, no doubt, some of former team-mates.

Because McNally played in the Dundee United side which knocked Barcelona out of the UEFA Cup back in 1987.

More than that, United won both legs - 1-0 at Tannadice and 2-1 in the Nou Camp - and in the process remain the only British club to have defeated Barcelona both home and away in a European tie. Liverpool are the only other British side to have won at the Nou Camp - a 1-0 win in 1976 - but they could only get a draw in the Anfield first leg. "I didn't realise that was the case," he said. "We had won the first game at Tannadice 1-0 and we knew going into the second game that we had a chance.

"That's the way we always felt against any team. Even just winning 1-0 at home, as long as we didn't concede a goal then we had a chance over there.

"We did concede a goal just before the break, which is normally not a good time but we played very well in the second-half.

"At that time Mark Hughes was playing for them and he was going through a torrid time. He was up front and they kept him on, and the Barcelona fans were getting on his back. The longer the game went on the

more impatient their fans were becoming and when we equalised that was the tie effectively over because it meant they would have to score two.

"But to go on and get the winner was fantastic. Once we had scored the first goal, the Barça fans started waving white hankies in the air, which was a sign of surrender."

Season 1986/87 provided a great European adventure for Dundee United as they progressed to the final of the UEFA Cup just two years after they had reached the semi-final of the European Cup.

And although they lost out in the two-leg final to Swedish side, Gothenburg, the season still holds fond memories for Jim.

"Even though we lost the final, we were aware of what we had achieved," he explained. "For a small club like Dundee United to reach the final of the UEFA Cup was a tremendous achievement. Normally, footballers don't bother with losers' medals but in this case it's one that I still treasure.

"Whenever I talk to people or look back on my playing career, that game is the one which definitely stands out.

"It was a fantastic experience. We always used to go out early for European games. If the game was on a Wednesday, then we'd go out on the Monday, just to soak up the atmosphere of the place.

"The Nou Camp was one of the biggest pitches I'd ever played on and I remember the Dundee United fans were high up in a corner of the ground. I don't know how they



TANGERINE TERRIER  
McNally keeps a close eye  
on Barcelona's Victor

managed to see the game they were so high up."

The 1980s were the golden era for United. One League Championship and two League Cups were won, to go alongside the kudos gained from several European campaigns, though the Scottish Cup remained an elusive prize until Ivan Golac led the Tangerines to victory over Rangers in 1994.

The manager during those halcyon days was Jim McLean, an uncompromising character but unarguably a superb coach.

"We were always well prepared for these games and knew everything about who we were playing," McNally explained. "But we also had some really good players ourselves.

"Guys like Dave Narey and Paul Sturrock were world-class players, and we had the likes of Paul Hegarty, Maurice Malpas and Eamon Bannon, who I remember did the TV commentary for the game in the Nou Camp because he was injured. We had reached the semi-final of the European Cup just two seasons before so we had a lot of experience."

As well as being the only British club to have beaten Barcelona home and away, Dundee United also boast another proud record - they have a 100% record against the Catalan giants.

The Tangerines played Barca in the Fairs Cup back in 1966/67 and won that tie 4-1 on aggregate - winning 2-0 at home and 2-1 in Spain.

As for Celtic's chances against the current Barcelona side, Jim McNally is filled with quiet confidence and excitement about the tie.

"When you see the crowds queuing up outside for tickets, then you realise just what a massive game this is," he said. "And this team definitely has a chance. They'll go out and be totally focused on the job they have to do. We've beaten some big names in Europe over the past few years so we have nothing to fear.

"And the Barcelona players will definitely give Celtic the respect they deserve. I know they would

always do that anyway, but they'll have done their homework - the fact we beat Valencia and Celta Vigo here - so they'll know it will be a tough game."

As Celtic's under-17 coach, McNally is charged with helping to bring through the players who will hopefully become Hoops stars of the future. And a tie against Barcelona can only help to motivate his young charges.

"These are the kind of games that, as a footballer, you want to be involved in," he said, "and when they boys see the crowd tonight and experience the atmosphere, that should give them an added incentive just to keep working hard and, hopefully, that could be them one day.

"If they look at it, we played Rangers on Sunday, then Barcelona tonight, then Motherwell and Dundee in the league, before we're back to Barcelona and Rangers again. It's incredible.

"I remember we played Forfar at

Tannadice in the Scottish Cup the weekend before going to Spain and we only drew 1-1 thanks to a 94th-minute penalty."

For tonight's game and the return leg in Barcelona, Jim McNally will be as excited as any Hoops fan. He has retained that love of the game and the buzz that comes with it even after calling time on his playing career.

"I try to get to all the games," he said. "The Teplice away game was the first one I've missed in a while.

"And I think because of the strength of feeling I have for the club, then I still get excited about a game."

Whether Celtic equal Dundee United's achievement of winning home and away against Barcelona remains to be seen.

As long as Celtic progress to the last eight of the tournament, Jim McNally will not mind how the results pan out, even if his Dundee United team of 1987 are no longer the only ones to boast about a Nou Camp victory.



**AS the Youth Academy has expanded the need for recruitment of quality players has taken on a whole new meaning.**

The expansion of our Scouting Network over the last 18 months or so, has seen an increase from eight scouts based in Scotland, to 40 scouts now scouring playing fields, school pitches and 7-a-side festivals looking for players of suitable quality to enter our coaching programme.

The scouts working in the Youth Academy have vast experience, gained over a large number of years, of watching kids football from 6/7 year olds up to under-18 football.

The whole operation is coordinated by Brian Meehan, who after 10 years working with Dundee United was brought to Celtic by Liam Brady.

"In the time I have been with Celtic the transformation in the Youth set-up has been remarkable," said Brian. "The improvements in the 18 months have been incredible and the structure we now have bears no relation to that which existed two years ago. As a Celtic fan I am excited at the club's input to the Youth Academy and long for the days when the majority of players in our first team have come through our system. With Tommy Burns at the helm, and the financial restraints now affecting top-level football, the board realise that we must develop our own players, and are most supportive of the plans put in place by Youth Academy Manager John Stephenson."

Brian's main remit is to ensure that the flow of players into our Development Centres and squads is both beneficial to Celtic and to each and every one of the boys involved. The club are only too aware that as we recruit younger and younger players it is vitally important that the kids have a pleasant and enjoyable experience and that their memory of being involved with Celtic is positive.

With 13 Development Centres, spread

## NET IS SPREAD FAR AND WIDE

The Youth Academy has been so successful at churning out a stream of quality young guns that the set-up has been expanded nationwide in the search for the stars of the future

throughout the country, catering for the development of 7 to 10 year olds, and Development Squads running from Under-11 through to Under-16, then it is vitally important that we cover the length and breadth of the country ensuring that we are aware of all quality players at each age group in each area.

The 13 Centres, spread from the Borders, through the Central Region and as far as Aberdeen, each have a Scout Co-ordinator providing the coaches in their area with the best players available for development. They also ensure that the team of scouts, working under them, build good relationships with local boys' clubs and schools and in particular with the families of the boys coming into our system.

In the past virtually all of the players in our squads were from the Glasgow and Lanarkshire areas. Now we also have players from Aberdeen, Dundee, Fife, Edinburgh and Ayrshire, all of whom have been recommended by the scouts covering these areas.

The Glasgow area is covered by Eddie McCulloch, one of the most experienced scouts in Scotland

and Robert Wilson, who coordinate the teams of scouts who are out in all weathers looking for the next Kenny Dalglish. Lanarkshire Scouting is run by Hugh McGovern who has worked with Celtic for the past seven years and has a great record in recommending players to the club. The Dumfries area is covered by Charlie McGarvey who was delighted recently when one of the boys, Michael McGlinchey, from his area made his debut in the first team, the ultimate accolade for any scout.

The Falkirk area has been covered over the last few years by Eddie Hamill whose hard work has been rewarded with the opening of a Development Centre in his area. As we move further north we have Sean Smith overseeing the Dundee area, from

where we have signed Ross Wallace, as well as a few other young hopefuls. In the Aberdeen area Kenny Black is the co-ordinator and his team of scouts have given us Shaun Maloney and captain of our league and cup winning Under -18 Squad, Paul Lawson.

The scouting team in Ayrshire operate under the guidance of Jim Beggan, who



**HOT OFF THE PRESS**  
Paul Lawson, Mark Fotheringham and Ross Wallace are all terrific young players unearthed by Celtic's Scouting Network



**FOLLOW MY LEAD**  
Celtic's Youth Academy hope to unearth another Kenny Dalglish

has been with the club for seven years and has been responsible for bringing us some of the top talent from that area.

Meehan explains what happens the scouts work involves: "Since last August the Scout Co-ordinators and their teams have provided me with reports on almost 900 players, from 8 to 18 year olds, and this information is all stored on a database for easy retrieval.

This information has covered kids playing with school teams, boys' clubs and senior clubs, and has led to us strengthening our squads for next season, and continuing to assess kids in our Development Centres."

"During the summer I will be sitting down with Tommy and John and analysing our Scouting Network with a view to further improvements for next season.

After our recent success in the UEFA Cup it is now no longer a case of

recruiting players to be successful in Scotland, we now need to recruit players who can perform at the highest level in Europe.

We have already addressed this to some extent by setting up scouting cells in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and we have recently signed our first English schoolboys (Paul Hutchinson from Sunderland and Kirk Hudson from Ipswich Town)."

Brian added: "I am aware that this will expand further during the next year as The Academy has plans to push the network into Scandinavia and Europe. Evidence of this came recently when we had two boys from Finland playing for our Under 14s at a tournament in Italy".

Celtic's Academy leaves no stone unturned as Brian sets about finding the top players available and persuading them that our club is the best choice possible if they want to make it at the highest level.

## LONG ROAD TO FIND STARS

**THE last week has been a busy one for us in terms of scouting.**

First came Crewe Alexandria v Swindon in the FA Youth Cup then the Tranmere v Middlesbrough FA Youth Cup game, and then on Saturday Birmingham U19s v Chelsea U19s.

The amount of motorway miles covered doesn't bear thinking about as we spend time validating some of the recommendations from our English scouting network. While we have been busy doing that, Brian Meehan has been keeping things ticking over by ensuring that Scotland is properly covered.

The excursions into England continue as we take in the FA Youth Cup semi-finals and the UEFA Championship Qualifiers at the end of the month. Certainly that will keep the miles clocking up and it is part and parcel of what we need to do at Celtic to find players of a standard that may be able to compete at European level.

We will be delighted if we can unearth talented Scottish players and develop them to the level we require and that will always be our priority. The size of the Scottish network is double the size of the rest of the network put together. However Celtic is a massive presence in European football and if you were to take a cross section of other top Academies in Europe it would be immediately noticeable that they have more than a smattering of foreign imports. We need to follow those leading exponents in the area of scouting, and we

need to plough our own furrow in areas such as the coaching programme. I will talk about that in a later set of Academy notes.

In addition to checking out players on our travels up and down motorways we have the benefit of looking at other systems and styles of play. We can also look at the trends taking shape outside of Scotland. Certainly the English Academies seem to be taking a leaf out of the French player development book. The top Academies seem to have concentrated on tall athletic players who have excellent mobility, good pace and are technically very competent - certainly this is evident in the four FA Youth Cup semi-finalists.

In terms of systems of play, they all tend to be concentrating on using a back-four and further forward seem to be going for a "one up and one off" striking partnership. Midfield shapes seem to vary and are certainly very fluid with plenty of rotation and movement going on. In terms of style, they are all focussing on a passing game very akin to what you will see in mainland Europe with possession shared between the teams. Not many appear to be going for the high tempo pressing game when they do not have the ball, settling more for getting bodies behind the ball and filling in spaces.

It's all very interesting to see - although I could survive without the miles and miles of motorway driving. Enjoy the game!

**Tommy Burns**





**TWIN ALERT**

Ronaldinho and Patrick Kluivert will be a dangerous double act to face

**BARCELONA**, like Celtic, are more than just a football club. They embody the identity of a community, a people and a nation.

Over the years, the football club has brought great honour and success to Catalonia and the current team, managed by former Dutch star Frank Rikjaard, are intent on returning the glory days to the Nou Camp, domestically and on the European stage.

Barcelona's form since the turn of the year has been impressive. Seven straight league victories has pushed them up to fourth in La Liga, just one point behind Deportivo in third and five behind second-placed Valencia.

So they come to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Cup tie full of confidence.

They will be without influential Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids, who is cup-tied having already played for Juventus in this season's Champions League competition.

And Barca suffered a blow during their 3-2 victory over Real Mallorca last weekend when former Rangers player



## Barcelona are hitting form again and here we give you a man-by-man guide to the side who pose such a formidable hurdle tonight

Giovanni van Bronckhorst injured his knee and is considered extremely doubtful for both legs of the tie.

However, Barcelona still boast some influential names in their ranks and it will be a tough test tonight for Martin O'Neill's side.

**VICTOR VALDES**

The young keeper is only 22 but has already established himself as Barcelona's number one with some superb displays this

season. Valdes is also pushing for a place in the Spanish national squad for this summer's Euro 2004 competition.

**MICHAEL REIZIGER**

One of Barcelona's Dutch contingent,

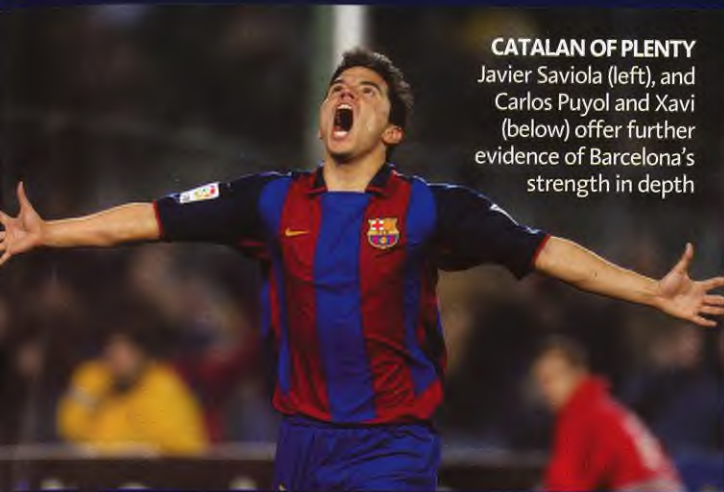
Reiziger is a vastly experienced player, who can operate in defence or midfield. A member of the Ajax team that won the Champions League in 1995, Reiziger also had a year at AC Milan before joining Barca in 1997. He has been capped 64 times for Holland.

**GIOVANNI VAN BRONCKHORST**

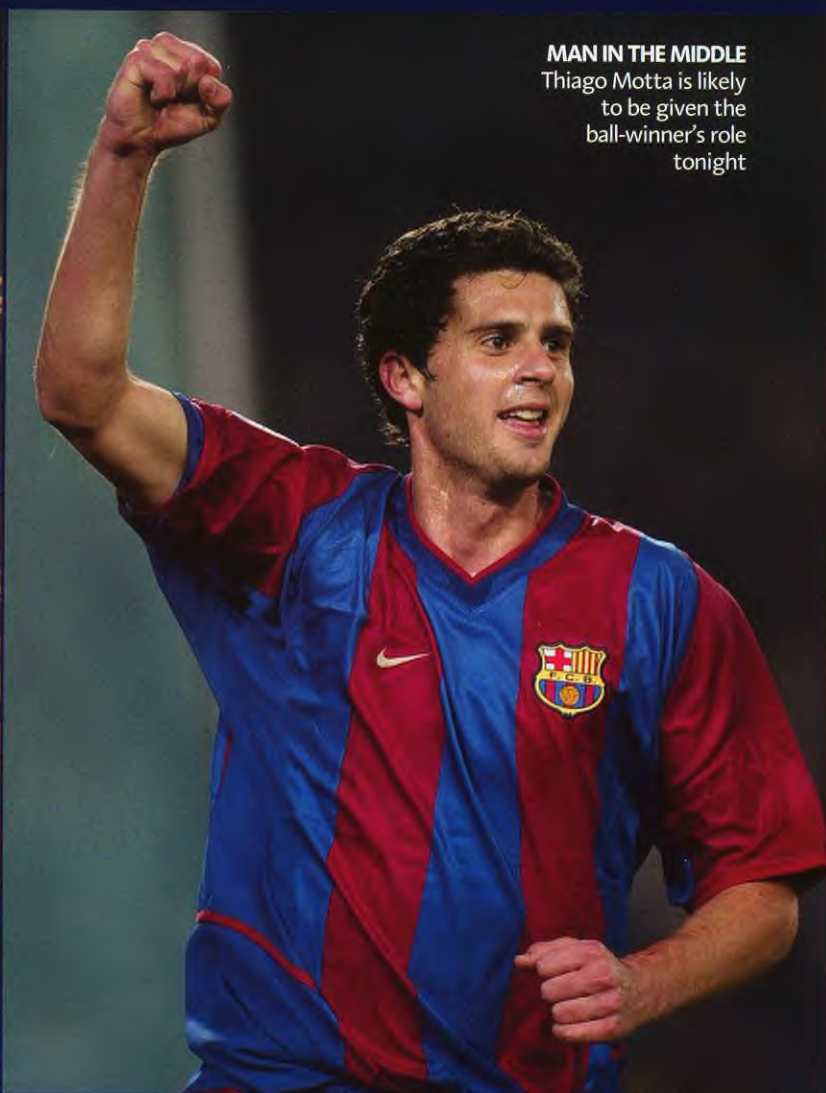
Celtic fans will know a lot about Van Bronckhorst from the three years he spent with Rangers. A stylish player who can also operate in defence or midfield, he is on loan at the Nou Camp from Arsenal. At the time of going to press it looked likely that he will miss tonight's game, having suffered a knee injury at the weekend.

**CARLOS PUYOL**

Puyol is the club captain and an inspirational figure at the heart of the Barcelona defence. A Catalan, he's a firm favourite with the Barcelona fans. He is



**CATALAN OF PLENTY**  
Javier Saviola (left), and Carlos Puyol and Xavi (below) offer further evidence of Barcelona's strength in depth



**MAN IN THE MIDDLE**  
Thiago Motta is likely to be given the ball-winner's role tonight

also a regular in the Spanish national side that has qualified for Euro 2004.

**OLEGUE PRESAS**

Presas has emerged from the club's youth academy and is an exciting prospect. He is another versatile player who can operate at right-back or in the centre of the defence.

**XAVI**

The 24-year-old is a player Celtic will have to watch tonight. The midfield playmaker is an exciting performer who will be the man tasked with opening up the Celtic defence and providing chances for the Barcelona front men. Another who has international experience, with 13 caps so far for Spain.

**PHILIP COCU**

Another of Barça's Dutch stars, Cocu provides the stability at the heart of the midfield as well as a potential goal threat which Celtic will have to be aware of. Now 33, Cocu joined the Catalan club from PSV Eindhoven in 1998. He has been capped 72 times for Holland.

**THIAGO MOTTA**

Motta is liable to be the player brought in by Frank Rijkaard for the cup-tied Edgar Davids. He will be expected to win

the ball for the likes of Xavi and Ronaldinho while still trying to break down attacks. Brazilian-born Motta is a tough competitor who was sent off in Barcelona's recent 3-2 victory away to Deportivo La Coruna.

**RONALDINHO**

An obvious danger and one of the stars of Brazil's World Cup triumph in 2002, Ronaldinho is given licence to roam and is a major goal threat. He has scored 10 goals in 21 league appearances since moving from Paris St Germain in the summer.

**JAVIER SAVIOLA**

The little Argentinian forward joined Barça from River Plate in 2001 and is another player who Celtic will need to watch. His lack of height should not lull anyone into a false sense of security. He is tough, tricky and can score goals. He has also been capped seven times for his country.

**LUIS GARCIA**

Another graduate from the Barcelona

youth academy, Luis Garcia is a major goal threat. He was on target twice at the weekend in the 3-2 victory over Mallorca and is a strong player who appears to be the perfect foil for Saviola.

**PATRICK KLUIVERT**

The Dutch striker won the Champions League in 1995 with Ajax and has a wealth of experience from his time with the Dutch club, AC Milan and Barça, who he joined back in 1998. He has also been capped 73 times for Holland, scoring an impressive 40 goals.

**MARC OVERMARS**

Another ex-Ajax player, Overmars moved from Arsenal in 2000. If he plays, his pace down the wings can cause problems, as Scotland found to their cost in the Euro 2004 play-off games against Holland.

**RICARDO QUARESMA**

The young Portuguese midfielder joined Barcelona from Sporting Lisbon at the start of the season and is a skillful performer for Rijkaard to have in the wings.



**DANGER MAN**  
Luis Garcia scored twice for Barcelona at the weekend

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## CELTIC VIEW – ON SALE NOW

Throughout season 1966/67 the Celts were unstoppable in their quest for European and domestic glory, and the Scottish Cup and European Cup were among the trophies which came home to Celtic Park

**IN the all-conquering season of 1966/67, Celtic faced Queen's Park in the quarter-final of the Scottish Cup on March 11.**

The game at Celtic Park came just three days after another quarter-final – against Vojvodina in the European Cup.

Billy McNeill's late, late header put Jock Stein's side into the semi-final of Europe's top tournament, where they would meet with the Czechoslovakian side, Dukla Prague.

But the domestic campaign still carried on regardless and Queen's Park arrived at Celtic Park as the clear underdogs.

After just 15 seconds, however, Tommy Gemmell had opened the scoring – surprisingly firing the ball into the back of his own net and giving the amateur side a shock lead.

But that was to last for only seven minutes, before Gemmell made amends, converting from the penalty spot to level the scores.

By half-time the crowd of 34,000 had enjoyed a hugely entertaining game of football.

Celtic were leading 4-2, with Stevie Chalmers, Willie Wallace and Bobby Murdoch all scoring for the Hoops.

In the second-half, Queen's Park player Hopper, who had scored their second strike, fired in their third, and it was only six minutes from time that Celtic struck home their fifth – a Bobby Lennox goal.

In the semi-final of the Scottish Cup, the Hoops defeated Clyde 2-0 in a replay after a goal-less first game, before going on to lift the Cup on April 29 after a comfortable 2-0 victory over Aberdeen at Hampden, thanks to a double from Willie Wallace.

The Scottish Cup final came just four short days after Celtic had returned from Prague, having completed the job of knocking their Czech rivals out of the European Cup.

May 25 was now the date Hoops fans were waiting for, for the clash with Italian giants, Inter Milan.

And of course, the rest, as they say, is history.

**CONQUERING HEROES**

Manager Jock Stein celebrates with Lisbon Lion Bobby Murdoch after finishing a fantastic season by bringing home the European Cup



**BIRTHDAY BHOY**

**WILLIE Kivlichen was born on this day in 1890. The outside right played for the Hoops between 1907-11, making 92 appearances and scoring 22 goals.**

He made his debut against Morton in August 1907. Celtic won 3-2 and Kivlichen scored twice.

Willie served in the army during the First World War, and was wounded in action. A qualified medic, he later became Celtic club doctor.

Willie was in attendance at Ibrox on September 5, 1931, when Celtic keeper John Thomson was fatally injured.

Kivlichen died suddenly in 1937 at only 47 years old.

**ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

- 1302** Romeo and Juliet's wedding day, according to Shakespeare
- 1916** Harold Wilson, British Labour Prime Minister from 1964-70, and 1974-76, born
- 1931** Australian publisher Rupert Murdoch is born
- 1974** Mount Etna, Sicily erupts
- 1997** Paul McCartney is knighted



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