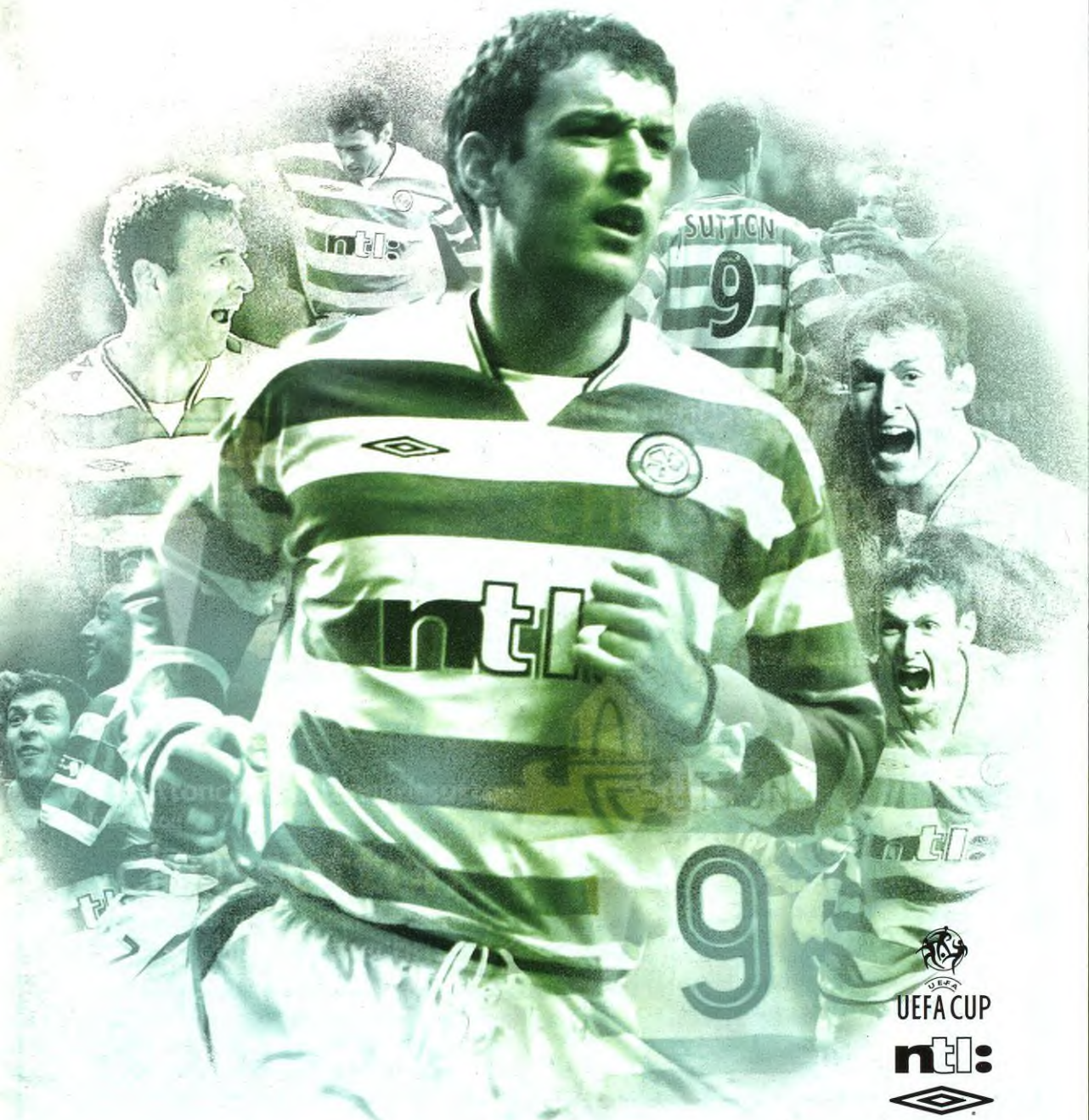


# Celtic

v CELTA VIGO

UEFA Cup Third Round First Leg  
Thursday 28th November 2002 k.o. 8.05pm



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**WE had a deserved victory at Livingston on Sunday afternoon, but we were forced to work hard for the points that we eventually took to add to our tally.**

A goal in each half from Henrik Larsson gave us the points, but I think everyone was aware of the fact that we can play far more fluently than our second-half performance on Sunday afternoon.

We controlled the whole of the first period, but after the restart Livingston worked hard as they tried to get themselves back into the match and we needed Rab Douglas to pull off a couple of good saves for us.

The result keeps us at the top of the SPL which is obviously a nice position to be in, and one that we'll work hard to maintain.

Tonight we have an exciting game against Celta Vigo to look forward to in the UEFA Cup and we know that we can expect another demanding match.

We played excellently away from home to Blackburn and we will be looking to replicate that

form against the Spaniards this evening.

Celta Vigo are currently in the top six of La Liga, widely regarded as one of the most demanding and competitive leagues in the world, and having had them watched a coupled of times, I know that they will be a formidable outfit for us to test ourselves against.

Technically they are an excellent side and we know that over the two legs it will be an exceptionally difficult task for us to edge them out of the competition.

However, confidence within the squad is high at the minute and one thing that we are always capable of doing is creating chances.

We know that we will have to do our utmost to keep a clean sheet at home before travelling to Spain for the return leg in a fortnight's time.

Against Basel we conceded an early goal that disrupted our rhythm before we had even got into our stride and we want to avoid that tonight.

This time last season we met Valencia at the same stage of the tournament and in the end it took a fraught penalty shoot-out to put us out of the UEFA Cup.

It would obviously be nice to go one step further this season, but we will need to be at the peak of our game tonight.

European nights at Celtic Park are occasions to savour and hopefully this one will provide the same kind of atmosphere that make the occasions so memorable.

When the same kind of commitment shown on the field is matched by those in the stands it can be instrumental in acting as an extra man. At Ewood Park the support for us was quite magnificent and it would be fantastic if we had that kind of backing again tonight.



# 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

## CELTIC FACTS

1. On 26th November 1969, a confident Celtic team, 3-0 up from the first leg, took the field in the Stadium of Light in Lisbon to face Benfica. 120 minutes later, the tie had to be decided by a toss of the coin after the Portuguese fought their way back in to the match. After winning the first toss to decide who would call, Billy McNeill chose correctly and Celtic went into the next round to face Fiorentina. Shortly afterwards, the penalty shoot-out was introduced.
2. On 27 November 1994, Celtic lost to Raith Rovers in the League Cup Final. With the teams locked at 2-2 after extra-time, the match went to penalties. At 6-5 to Raith, Paul McStay, had his kick saved by keeper Scott Thomson and the trophy went up the east coast.
3. On 29 November 1948, Davie Adams died at the aged 55. Goalkeeper Davie had a remarkable career at Celtic. His 124 shut-outs in 291 appearances, encompassed the league wins of 1905-1910 and Scottish Cup wins in 1904, 1907, 1908 and 1911.

## CELTA VIGO FACTS

1. Vigo lies on the north-west coast of Spain, in Galicia, and has a population of just under 300,000. The club's full name is Real Club Celta de Vigo, founded after a merger of two clubs. The committee wanted to emphasise the region's Celtic roots in the choice of name. They played their first match in 1923.
2. After their first match at the Balaidos Stadium in 1928, the 'Light Blues' drifted between the 1st and 2nd Divisions without any honours. In 1970, to celebrate the club's return to the top flight, the stadium was re-built on three sides. After it was chosen as a venue for the 1982 World Cup, the main stand was then rebuilt.
3. Celta Vigo's record in the UEFA Cup has been impressive. In 1998-99, they put out Liverpool on the road to the quarter-final. The following season they again reached the last eight before losing to Lens. And in 2000-01, a classic encounter with Barcelona once more ended their hopes at the quarter-final stage, the Catalans beating the Galicians 5-4 on aggregate.



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TONIGHT'S VISITORS **CELTA VIGO**

SEASON 2002/03

CELTA VIGO'S PREMIERA LIGA POSITION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
5. Deportivo	11	5	3	3	15	14	18
6. Betis Sevilla	10	4	5	1	19	11	17
7. Celta Vigo	10	5	2	3	13	8	17
8. Barcelona	11	4	4	3	17	13	16
9. Malaga	10	4	4	2	17	16	16



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TOM BOYD	2	2
MOMO SYLLA	3	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	5
BOBO BALDE	6	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9	9
JOHN HARTSON	10	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	11
PAUL LAMBERT	14	13
BOBBY PETTA	15	14
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	15
DIDIER AGATHE	17	16
NEIL LENNON	18	18
STILIAN PETROV	19	19
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	20
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	21
COLIN HEALY	24	23
PAUL SHIELDS	26	24
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	25
SHAUN MALONEY	29	
STEVE GUPPY	30	
SIMON LYNCH	32	
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

PABLO CAVALLERO	1	1
JUAN VELASCO	2	2
SILVINHO	3	3
FERNANDO CACERES	4	4
EVERTON GIOVANELLA	5	5
EDUARDO BERIZZO	6	6
ROGERIO VAGNER	7	7
JANDRO	8	8
JAIME KAVIEDES	9	9
ALEXANDRE MOSTOVOI	10	10
GUSTAVO LOPEZ	12	11
JOSE PINTO	14	13
JUANFRAN	15	14
DORIVA	16	15
JOSE IGNACIO	17	16
PABLO COIRA	18	18
EDU	19	19
JESULI	20	20
SERGIO	21	21
EDUARDO COUDET	24	23
CATANHA	26	24
PETER LUCCIN	27	25

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### RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 24 NOVEMBER, 2002  
LIVINGSTON 0 v **CELTIC 2** (Larsson 2 (1 penalty))

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 17 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 4** v PARTICK THISTLE 0 (Larsson, Petrov (2), Whyte og)

UEFA CUP 24 NOVEMBER, 2002  
BLACKBURN 0 v **CELTIC 2** (Larsson, Sutton)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 10 NOVEMBER, 2002  
DUNDEE UTD 0 v **CELTIC 2** (Hartson, Sutton)

CIS CUP 6 NOVEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 1** v PARTICK THISTLE 1 (Celtic won 5-4 on penalties)

### FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**CELTIC** v MOTHERWELL SUN 1 DECEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
HIBERNIAN v **CELTIC** WED 4 DECEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
RANGERS v **CELTIC** SAT 7 DECEMBER 2002



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# Master of many trades

Sutton's versatility could be the key to knocking out Celta and securing New Year Euro action

**CHRIS SUTTON** was instrumental in Celtic's victory in the last round of the UEFA Cup against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park, and the versatile Englishman is preparing himself for another demanding 90 minutes this evening.

Celtic's record against Spanish teams isn't one to boast about, with the Hoops never having overcome their opponents over the course of two legs, the only tongue-in-cheek exception being a friendly victory over Real Madrid in Alfredo di

"Celta have started the season well, so I think everyone knows it'll be a hard game for us"

Stefano's testimonial in 1967.

It will be another test for Martin O'Neill's side who came so close to eliminating La Liga Champions Valencia at this

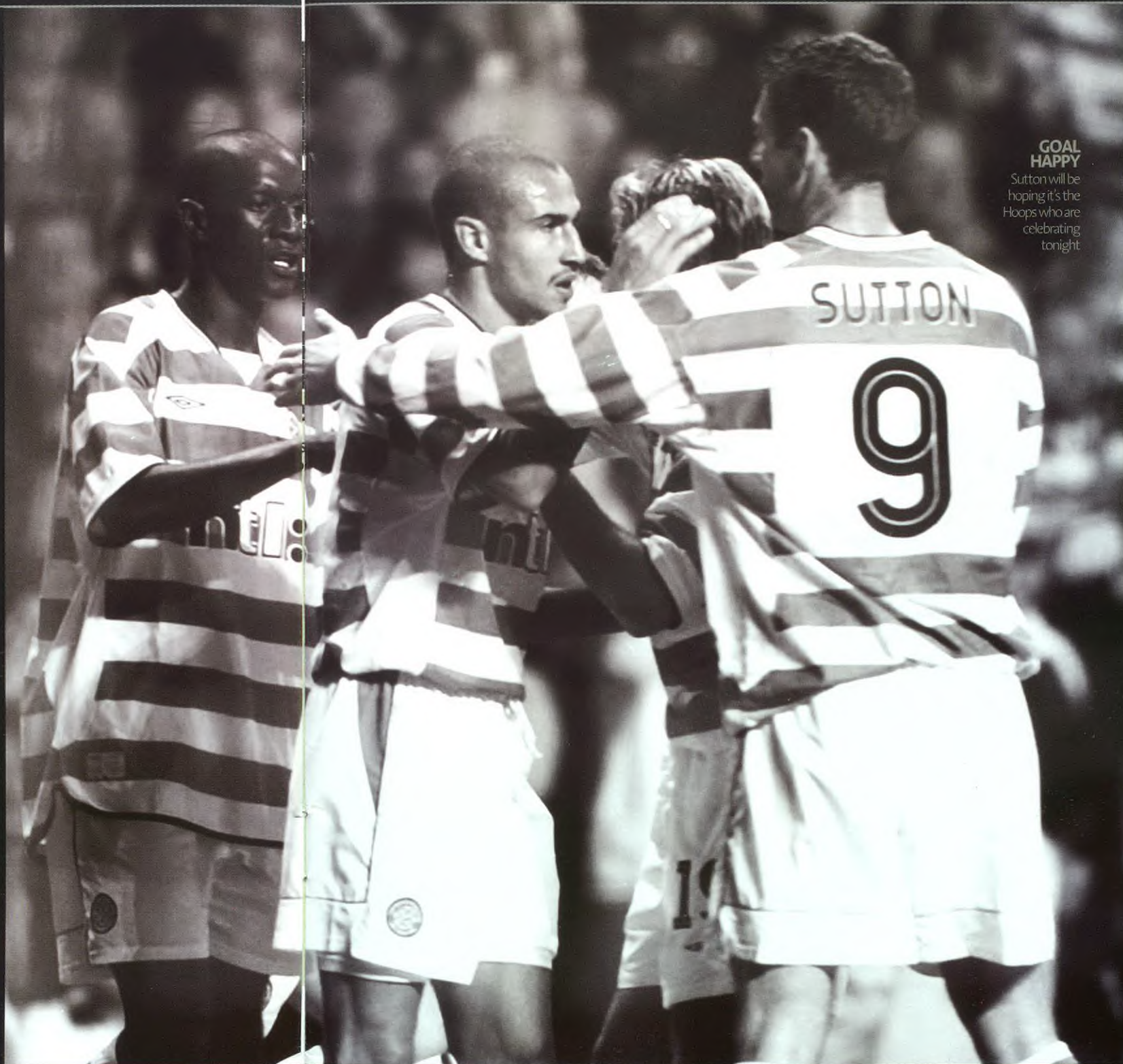
stage of the tournament last season, but Sutton has insisted that Celtic will approach the game with every confidence.

"It'll be a hard game," he said. "The Spanish league is an excellent one and they seem to be have started the season well, so I think everyone knows that it'll be a hard game for us.

"From what I've seen of them they look like a very good side.

"We prepare for every game, whether it's in the league or the UEFA Cup or anywhere else, in the same way and I think our confidence levels are the same whatever the match.

"Celta Vigo are a good team all the way through the side. We know what a good side Valencia are from playing against them at this stage last season, and the fact that Celta Vigo have been holding their own against them as well as the likes of Real



## GOAL HAPPY

Sutton will be hoping it's the Hoops who are celebrating tonight

Madrid and Barcelona shows just how strong they are.

"Obviously we want to go and try and keep our concentration at the back because if it's a tight game then conceding an away goal can be the difference between you staying in and going out of the competition.

"If we play to the best of our ability then we'll stand a good chance. There's no doubt about it though, we'll have to play very, very well if we are to get through."

O'Neill has accommodated the three strikers he has at his disposal by deploying Sutton in behind a front pairing of John Hartson and Henrik Larsson recently, and so long as he is involved in the game the Englishman doesn't have a

problem where he is asked to play.

He has been effective at the front as well as the back for Celtic, and at Ewood Park Sutton showed all the necessary hallmarks of a tenacious midfielder as he negated the threat of Tugay and ensured that the Hoops controlled the ebb and flow of events in the middle of the park.

He explained: "I get a fair bit of the ball in that position, and I have enjoyed it. Anybody who plays in there has to be forward minded, and I think even when Stan plays in that position he tries to get into the box.

"There's a lot of competition, and it's just nice to be playing regularly. I've started there three or four times now this

"I get a bit more of the ball when I'm playing in midfield, and I have enjoyed it"

season, and even sometimes when I've started up front I've dropped back there.

"It's your job when you're there to help out the forwards, but also to keep an eye on things at the back and retrieve the ball in the middle of the park.

"The Blackburn game isn't going to count for anything, because it's been and gone, now and we didn't play particularly well in the first leg up here.

"It's always nice to play well against good opposition but we'll just have to wait and see how it goes."

It has been a long time since Celtic last required their passports beyond New Year, but such a statistic isn't about to interfere with Sutton's preparations for the match.

"It doesn't matter about that, we just want to win the tie and get through to the next stage," he shrugged. "It would be nice to be playing after Christmas but before we can think about that we have to focus on



**HEAD BOY**

Sutton's goal made the tie against Blackburn safe for Celtic



tonight's game against Celtic Vigo.

"It was disappointing to get knocked out of the Champions League, but we didn't play well enough over the two legs against Basel and we didn't deserve anything. It would be

nice to have a sustained run in the UEFA Cup, but it will be difficult.

"We have quite an experienced squad but I think we all know that we can't afford to play as badly as that again in Europe.

#### SPOILT FOR CHOICE

Martin O'Neill has three top class strikers, and deployed all of them to great effect against Blackburn Rovers, with Sutton playing just behind Larsson and Hartson



"We didn't score that many times in the Champions League last season when we played away from home, but I think that we are always capable of making chances for ourselves and we do have players here who can score goals."