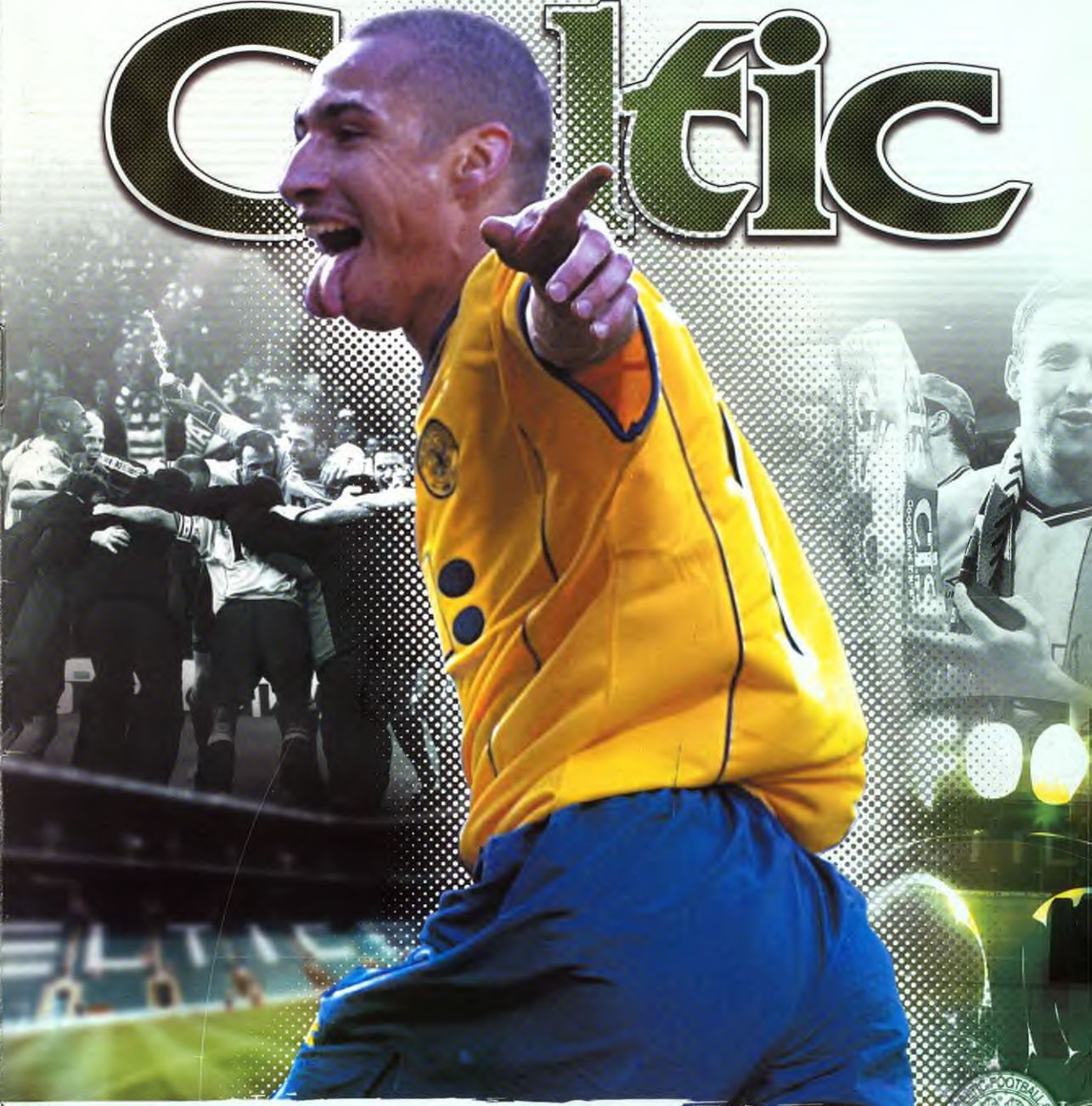


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Case for the defence as we start CIS campaign

I AM penning these notes ahead of our away match with St Johnstone, due to printing deadlines, and can only hope that the players have emerged unscathed from what I'm sure will have been an extremely testing match.

This evening – for the fourth week in a row – we have a match sandwiched between two vital SPL games. It may no longer be the Champions League, but we begin the defence of a trophy we have held proudly for the past two seasons.

The CIS League Cup may not set everyone's pulses racing, but it is a competition we value, and one we will be giving everything to win. Our campaign last season included some memorable victories here at Celtic Park, at Tynecastle and twice at Hampden, against Rangers and Kilmarnock in the semi-final and final respectively.

It was also the first trophy to be won and victory that day in March gave us that extra acceleration in our attempts to win the Treble.

The quarter-final at Hearts

was won largely thanks to goals by Jamie Smith, Stephen Crainey and Colin Healy, and the latter two went on to play massive roles in the final against Killie.

They, along with Shaun Maloney, have been integral pieces of the first-team squad for some time now and, while I accept that the best way to learn is by being on the park, their experiences of watching the players on show in the Champions League will have heightened their desire to make the grade at the highest possible level. I'm hoping that all four, injury apart, will figure this evening.

In tonight's match, Stirling Albion stand between us and the next round, and we will have to be focused if we are to win through. We have had them watched and there is no doubt that they will be relishing the opportunity of playing in front of a big crowd at Celtic Park.

Speaking of the crowd, this is my first chance since last Wednesday to thank you for the incredible vocal support you gave the players during the game with Juventus. I've

been involved in football a long time and witnessed some great evenings along the way, but Wednesday ranked with the very best.

The football we played – coupled with the quality of our opposition – made the match a terrific spectacle. This is what we must aspire to, but our performance has given us great confidence and self-believe. It was a terrific result and, although it was tinged with disappointment because of the events in Oporto, we do at least have the UEFA Cup to relish.

As you will all know, the draw has paired us with the top seeds, Valencia. Their record in Europe over recent years has been nothing short of sensational and, having reached two successive Champions Cup finals, they will be desperate to go one better by winning the UEFA Cup this season.

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DIMITRE KHARINE	23	ROSS BEVERIDGE	2
JONATHAN GOULD	1	DAVID BUTLER	4
TOM BOYD	2	DARREN DAVIES	5
MOMO SYLLA	3	STEWART DEVINE	6
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	CHRIS EDWARDS	7
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	MICHAEL GERAGHTY	8
DIANBOBO BALDE	6	DARREN GOLDIE	9
HENRIK LARSSON	7	PAUL HAY	10
ALAN THOMPSON	8	NICKY HENDERSON	11
CHRIS SUTTON	9	GARY HIGGINS	12
JOHN HARTSON	10	STEVEN HUTCHISON	13
MORTEN WIEGHORST	11	ROSS JOHNSTON	14
PAUL LAMBERT	14	GARY KELLY	15
BOBBY PETTA	15	GARY MIDDLETON	16
OLIVIER TEBILY	16	TADG MORIARTY	17
DIDIER AGATHE	17	GRAEME MORRISON	18
NEIL LENNON	18	GARETH MUNRO	19
STILIAN PETROV	19	KEVIN MCCALLION	20
COLIN HEALY	24	KENNETH MCLELLAN	21
LUBOMIR MORAVCIK	25	DAVID O'BRIEN	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	ROBERT RAESIDE	24
STEVE GUPPY	30	CHRIS REID	25
SIMON LYNCH	32	STEVEN REILLY	27
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	MICHAEL RAMAGE	28
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	DAVID ROSS	30
JAMIE SMITH	39	GREG SCOTT	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	WILLIAM STUART	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	IAN TURNER	
LIAM MILLER	43	ALEX WILLIAMS	
		STEPHEN WILSON	
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STEPHEN CRAINEY is hoping for another CIS Cup glory run, as he tells **Stephen Sullivan**

WHEN Celtic said farewell to the Champions League with a flourish last Wednesday, all it took was a glance at the fixture list to bring the Bhoys crashing back down to earth.

But while the lucky 57,717 who were at Celtic Park to witness the Hoops triumphing by the odd goal in seven over Juventus might not have been salivating at the prospect of a match against Stirling Albion, there were others who couldn't wait.

Among them was Stephen Crainey, Celtic's highly promising left-footed defender. The flame-haired youngster, so often on the fringes in Paradise, played a starring role in keeping the CIS League Cup in Paradise last season, most notably by netting in the quarter-final against Hearts and deputising brilliantly for Bobby Petta when the Dutchman hobbled off at Hampden.

Now, Crainey is hoping Martin O'Neill puts his faith in youth again as Celtic kick off their second successive defence of the trophy.

He said: "I'm looking forward to the match because the CIS Cup has been a good competition for the likes of myself, Jamie Smith and Colin Healy. All three of us scored at Tynecastle, and I don't think any of us will ever forget the experience. Shaun Maloney has obviously come in since then, and it would be nice if all four of us could play against Stirling.

"Playing in the CIS Cup final and lifting the trophy has been the highlight of my career. And I felt that I'd really been a part of the team's success. It's a special tournament for me because of that, and I'd be delighted if the gaffer involves me again."

Crainey first came to prominence at the tail end of Kenny Dalglish's reign, impressing in an otherwise beleaguered Hoops side with a series of impressive performances on the left flank. Great things were expected of the cultured full-back as a result, but his first team involvement under Martin O'Neill has generally been limited to filling one of the under-21 berths on the Hoops bench.

However, Crainey has remained patient and, having adapted his game to star for the second string on the left side of a central defensive three, is keen to show his manager he can reproduce his excellent form on a bigger stage.

He said: "I'm enjoying my football right now. I feel I've adjusted well to playing the central role for the under-21s and would be confident in that role for the first team. I can play as a wingback too or left back in a four man defence.

"But it looks like playing on the left-side of the three is my best bet. Playing there does restrict me a little in terms of going forward because, at full-back, there were always opportunities to overlap and get

crosses in. But although the central role is a more defensive one, that's not a problem.

"It's up to the gaffer at the end of the day and, although he hasn't really given me any indication of where he sees me coming in, I'll be happy to play wherever he wants me to. I honestly feel all I need is a wee chance to show what I can do. I'm playing well for the 21s at the moment and it would be good if the boss has taken note. Hopefully a chance will come for me soon but, if it doesn't, I'll just keep my head down and work even harder.

"I want to play like everyone else and, although I know it will be hard to get into the team, I'm giving it my best shot. For myself and the other young lads, it's all about working hard because, until we get a game, that's all we can really do. Beyond that, it's up to the manager who plays on a Saturday and we can only hope that our names get on his team sheet."

Should his name be pencilled in this evening, Crainey will more than likely come up against Tadhg Moriarty, a former team-mate of his in the youth ranks at Celtic Park.

Crainey said: "I always liked Tadhg and felt he was a good player to have in your team. He was unlucky with the way it worked out for him here, but I'm sure he'll do well for Stirling and will be really looking forward to coming back to Celtic Park."

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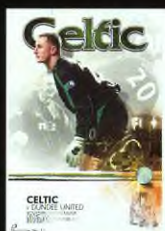
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2. Against which club did Stirling Albion manager Ray Stewart score in the English League Cup final at Wembley in 1981?
3. Where was the League Cup final last played outwith Glasgow?
4. Prior to Colin Cameron, who was the last Wolves player to play for Scotland?
5. Which Celtic striker in 1980 scored his first goals for the club against Stirling Albion and saving Celtic an embarrassing League Cup
6. Which club eliminated Stirling Albion from the CIS Cup last season?
7. When did the League Cup final last have an attendance of over six figures?
8. Who is the only Celt to have played for the full duration in all of Celtic's recent League Cup successes of 97/98, 99/200 and 2000/2001?
9. Against which club did Stirling Albion establish a postwar scoring record with their 20-0 Scottish Cup victory in 1984?

10. Which Celt scored five against Airdrie in Jock Stein's first match as manager?
11. How many consecutive League Cup finals did Celtic play in during the sixties and seventies?
12. Who was the first manager this term to lose his job in the English Premiership?
13. Which two players hold the record of netting 62 goals in the League Cup?
14. Who was the opposition the last time two Celts scored hat-tricks in the same League Cup match?
15. Which player did Celtic sign from Stirling Albion for £60,000 in November 1983?

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1. Billy McPhee v Partick Thistle 1956/57.
2. Dundee.
3. Dundee 1980 (Dundee United).
4. Andy Gray.
5. Charlie Nicholas.
6. Stenhousemuir.
7. 1970/71 Rangers 0 v Celtic 10.
8. Jonathan Gould.
9. Selkirk FC.
10. Peter Taylor of Berrie Auld.
11. Fourteen.
12. Bobby Lennox (Celtic) & Ally Leicester City.
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14. Kilmarnock (St Johnstone, Rangers, Kilmarnock).
15. John Colquhoun.

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The CIS Cup final victory over Kilmarnock last season, thanks to a Henrik Larsson hat-trick was the first stage of a fantastic Treble.

Let's hope the Bhoys are back at Hampden again this season.