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Saturday's 2-2 draw at Dunfermline was of course disappointing in terms of the result and the points dropped but I don't think we could have come any closer to winning the three points.

The players worked for each other while creating good goalscoring opportunities and it is important that we don't lose that spirit for tonight's match against FC Zurich.

I hope the players match that continuity with a top quality performance tonight as European games are always demanding...

And we want a good result to take over to Zurich in a fortnight's time for the return leg of this UEFA Cup tie.

Our splendid support demands that, and I'm sure the players will react to the wishes of the supporters as the crowd here is the concrete behind our determination.

We have been drawn at home first and it is hoped that we can come out of tonight's match with a good score.

I know what FC Zurich can be capable of as they are a good team with plenty of international experience.

They are a team with a different blend of personalities from different countries and like us they have already played many games to get this far.



I know that they play with style and that Swiss football has been very much improving over recent years as well as producing some spectacular games.

But I am sure our players are ready for tonight's meeting as,

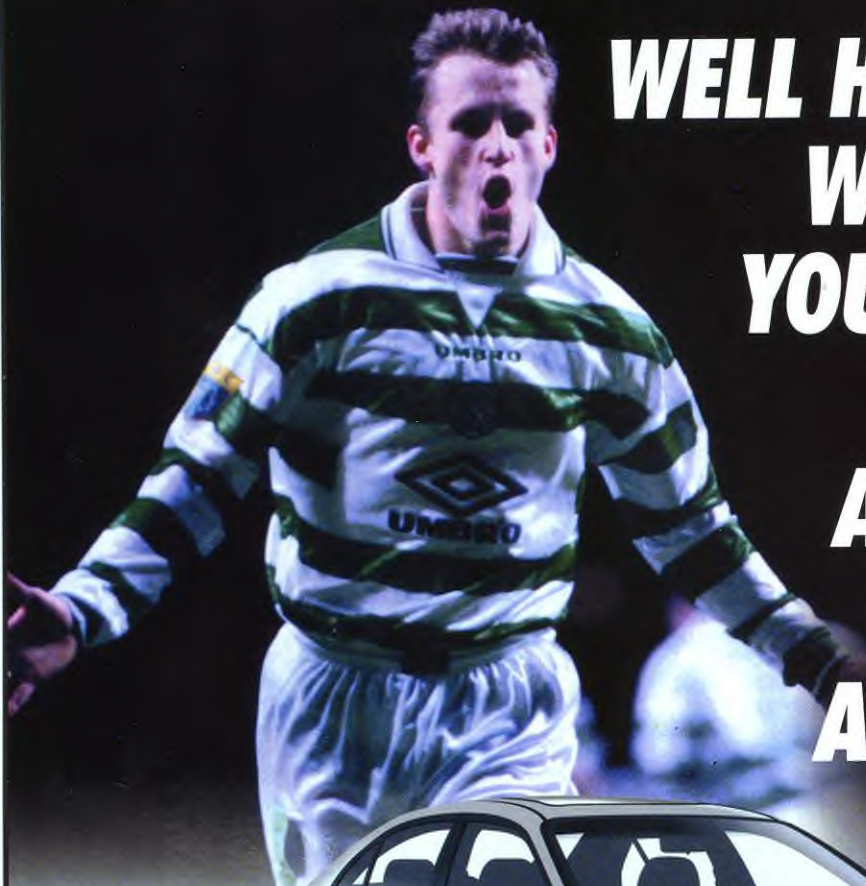
Players want to show our quality outside Scotland

like the supporters, they want to march on in Europe.

They want to play in Europe and show their quality outside Scotland so they know the importance of tonight's match.

There is a bigger stage out there with an even wider interest in the game and the players know what to do if they want to play on that stage.





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To the good people of Dundee who spend their lives overlooking the gloom of the silvery Tay, an escape to the Caribbean would be akin to a step into heaven.

To the equally good people of Trinidad who spend their days gazing at golden beaches, on the other hand, a move to Tayside would be tantamount to breaking into the asylum.

Hence some quizzical looks when Jerren Nixon joined up with the highly unusual figure of Ivan Golac at Dundee United.

Despite Golac's prediction that Nixon would one day be worth £20 million, it was for an altogether more modest sum that the Trinidadian international swapped sunny Dundee for cosmopolitan Zurich - where he still resides. This season, Zurich have enjoyed an unbeaten run of 10 games and fancy themselves as potential Swiss champs for the first time since 1981.

Nixon said: "We have not won anything for a few years, but this year or in a couple of years time we want to go for the championship."

"We have great team spirit and this year we will go for the play-offs and get as far in Europe as we can as a sign of our progress." Hence, who better to ask than our good friend Jerren when we needed someone to spill the beans on who Celts will be up against tonight....

MARCO PASCOLO (32)

Goalkeeper

Jerren says: Marco, top right, has been on loan for us since an injury to our keeper Ike Shorunmu and is one of our many Swiss-Italians. There are lots of them in the Swiss league. He's a good experienced keeper and he's done extremely well. We don't know how long he'll stay, but I don't know if he wants to go back to Nottingham Forest, so maybe he'll be here for some time yet.

IKE SHORUNMU (31)

Goalkeeper

Jerren says: Ike was our regular keeper until he broke his hand a

Swiss role suits Jerren just fine!



few months ago - hence the need to bring in Pascolo. He's making his comeback now, which is good news for the Nigerian national team as well, who apparently have missed him as much as we have. People think Nigerian players are unpredictable, but Ike is very steady - most of the time.

GIORGIO DEL SIGNORE (22)
Defender

Jerren says: Giorgio came to us recently from Serie B in Italy where he played with Como. He's another Swiss-Italian, but is more Italian than Swiss, confusing though that is. He might still be young, but Giorgio is a good steady defender with enough versatility to play in midfield. He's a useful guy to

have around.

FRANCO DI JORIO (25) **Defender**
Jerren says: Franco plays down the left side behind me and we have a very good understanding. It makes the game a lot easier when you have an idea of what your teammates around you are likely to do next. Franco has made the Swiss national team now and it's well deserved.

ALEKSANDAR DJORDJEVIC (28)
Defender

Jerren says: Aleksandar is an international player with Slovenia who just joined us in the summer. We have been conceding far fewer goals this season than we did previously and he is a big factor in that. He is an excellent defender we know we can rely upon.

MARC HODEL (28) **Defender**

Jerren says: Like many defenders in this country, Hodel is very comfortable on the ball and can play equally well in various positions - usually either at right-back or even in midfield. Our coach likes to change tactics for different games and it will be interesting to see where Marc plays against Celtic.

FRANCISCO LIMA (27) **Midfield**

Jerren says: Francisco is a key player in the centre of our midfield. He is Brazilian and played with Sao Paulo before having a spell in Turkey as well, so I think he has come to Switzerland for a quiet life! He played with quite a few big names in Brazil at

Sao Paulo and he has great qualities in the middle of the park.

DAVID OPANGO (20) **Midfield**

Jerren says: David has only just turned 20 and, after moving to Europe from his home in Burundi, has had a lot to learn in a short space of time. Moving to a very new culture from your home is very difficult, as I found out when I moved to Scotland at a similar age. But David has shown signs of settling over the last six months and has been a good player for us.

CESAR AUGUSTO SANT'ANNA (25)
Midfield

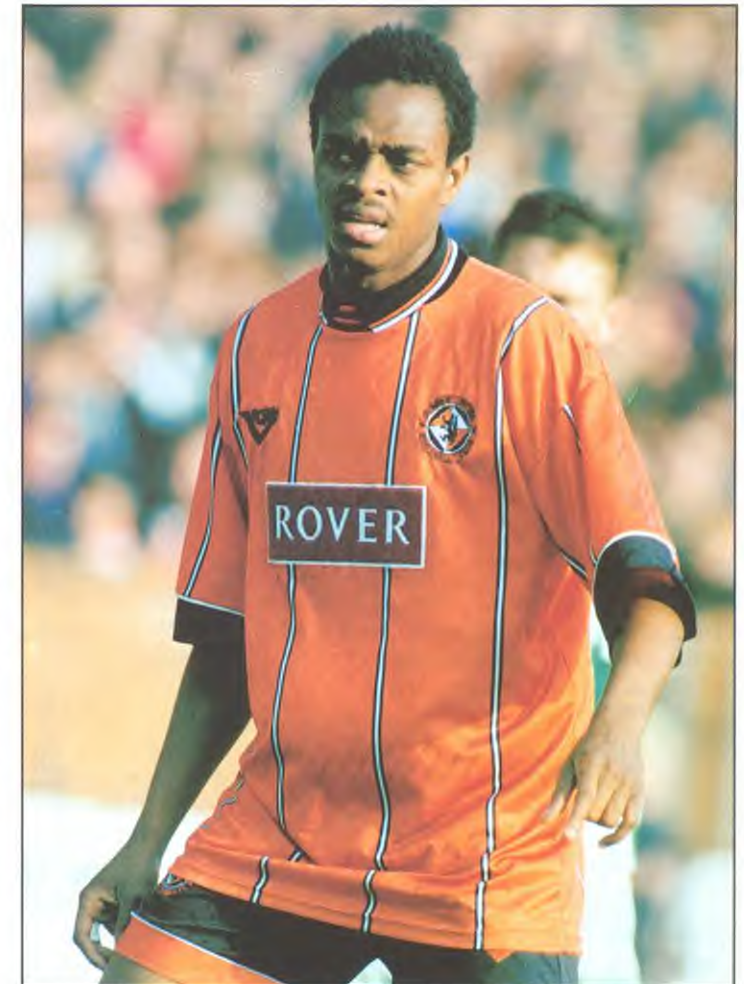
Jerren says: Cesar is a big friend of his fellow Brazilian Francisco Lima and gives us many options. He is both creative and a ball-winner and like most of our players can slot in either inside or on the flank of midfield. He will give Celtic some problems, I'm sure.

DANIEL TARONE (23)
Midfield

Jerren says: Daniel spent some time with Juventus and has been consistent when he has played for us this season. He's a good ball-winner and has a big future ahead of him.

SHAUN BARTLETT (26) **Forward**

Jerren says: Shaun (left) played for South Africa in France 98 and is probably the player most Celtic fans will know most



about. He is a very close friend of mine and we have dinner together with our two wives often. He has already scored five goals in the UEFA Cup already this season and did very well against Famagusta of Cyprus in the last round, even though they were difficult for us to break down. Shaun scored the first away goal over there to kill the game. We hope he does something similar in Glasgow.

FREDERIC CHASSOT (29) **Forward**
Jerren says: While Shaun has been doing well for us in Europe, Frederic is another summer signing who has performed well in the league and Swiss Cup with something like five goals in 13 games. He is a good man to have playing through the middle,

although sometimes the coach likes to use him wider with me inside instead. It depends on the game. And last, but not least

JERREN NIXON (25) **Forward**
Jerren says: I am enjoying it in Switzerland, though I really enjoyed Scottish football. I loved the United fans and I really miss the atmosphere you get at Scottish league matches. Here you do not get too many Swiss fans at matches. I feel I'm now getting back to some more consistent form - something I have had problems with in the past, even in Dundee. My family are happy here with me and that's paying off on the pitch. I'd love to show Celtic fans what I am really capable of in Glasgow in front of a big crowd. I can't wait.

"I'd love to show the Celtic fans what I'm really capable of in Glasgow"



FC Zurich were formed on August, 1 1896 after the merger of three local clubs, FC Turicum, FC Excelsior and FC Victoria.

With a fan-base drawn from three different clubs involved in a mutually beneficial union, it's perhaps no surprise that Zurich went on to become one of the best known and most successful clubs in Switzerland.

What's more surprising perhaps is the fact that the UEFA Cup adventure which brings them to Glasgow tonight marks their first involvement of any kind in European competition for 15 years.

At the outset, like Celtic and other clubs of the time, Zurich sought to involve themselves in more than just football.

Just as Celtic Park hosted regular athletics and cycling events, up until the 1930s, FC Zurich were also involved in other sports like rowing, boxing, athletics and handball.

As football became their main source of income and their most successful venture, however, the growing Swiss club concentrated all their efforts on the round-ball game.

The club's first major success came when they won the Swiss Championship in season 1901/02. However, if that appeared to be the pre-cursor of great things, then Zurich fans were to be disappointed somewhat.

They had to wait 23 years for their next title - and success since has been sporadic, with only eight championship triumphs in total between 1924 and 1981.

In fairness, however, the Swiss Cup brought regular glimpses of silverware - won as it was five times between 1966 and 1976, arguably the most successful years in Zurich's history.

Like Celtic, the 1960s and 70s easily handed Zurich their best opportunities in European competition - with some surprising breakthroughs.

Indeed, given the poor record

Zurich past is hit and Swiss

and reputation of Swiss clubs at the time, Zurich did exceptionally well to make it to the last four of the European Cup in 1964 - the same year as Celtic reached the same stage of the Cup-Winners' Cup for the first time. It was only a semi-final clash with the undisputed kings of the competition, Real Madrid, which stopped the Swiss side's progress in its tracks.

In 1966/67, of course, they were to again lose to the eventual winners of the competition in the shape of Celtic in the first-round.

Big Tommy Gemmell put the Swiss to the knife with one goal in a 2-0 victory at Celtic Park in the first-leg and then a double in an attacking display at the Letzigrund Stadium in Zurich when Celts completed a 5-0 aggregate triumph.

That seemed to indicate that Zurich had trouble facing up to the British style of play - a fact confirmed by subsequent European defeats against Leeds, Wrexham,

Dundee and Kilmarnock.

However, 10 years later Zurich demonstrated their growing maturity at European level when they defeated Rangers and Dynamo Dresden on their way to another European Cup semi-final appearance.

This time they were up against a Liverpool side approaching the height of their powers and Zurich were simply no match for an Anfield side at the time gunning for the English treble AND the European Cup.

Though the Swiss went ahead in the home leg, they lost 3-1 and were hammered 3-0 on Merseyside for a 6-1 aggregate defeat.

However, for a club of their modest size, Zurich enjoyed unprecedented success at the time and contributed numerous players to the international scene at both full and youth level.

Their last title triumph came in 1981, but according to former Dundee United star Jerren Nixon,

now making his living with the Zurich club, the worm is turning.

After years of being in the shadows of the likes of city rivals Grasshoppers, FC Zurich are back in Europe and doing well in the league.

Home fans at Celtic Park tonight can only hope that their revival does not extend to taking them into the last 16 of the UEFA Cup.



COUPLE OF CRACKERS... Tommy Gemmell and Stevie Chalmers celebrate Celtic's 1967 European Cup success. Gemmell was the hammer of FC Zurich earlier in the competition



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ZURICH FACTS

FC Zurich
Postfach
8021 Zurich

Year of formation - 1896

Stadium: Letzigrund (23,500)

Zurich honours:
Swiss Champions: 1902, 1924,
1963, 1966, 1968, 1974, 1975,
1976, 1981

Swiss Cup Winners: 1966, 1970,
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