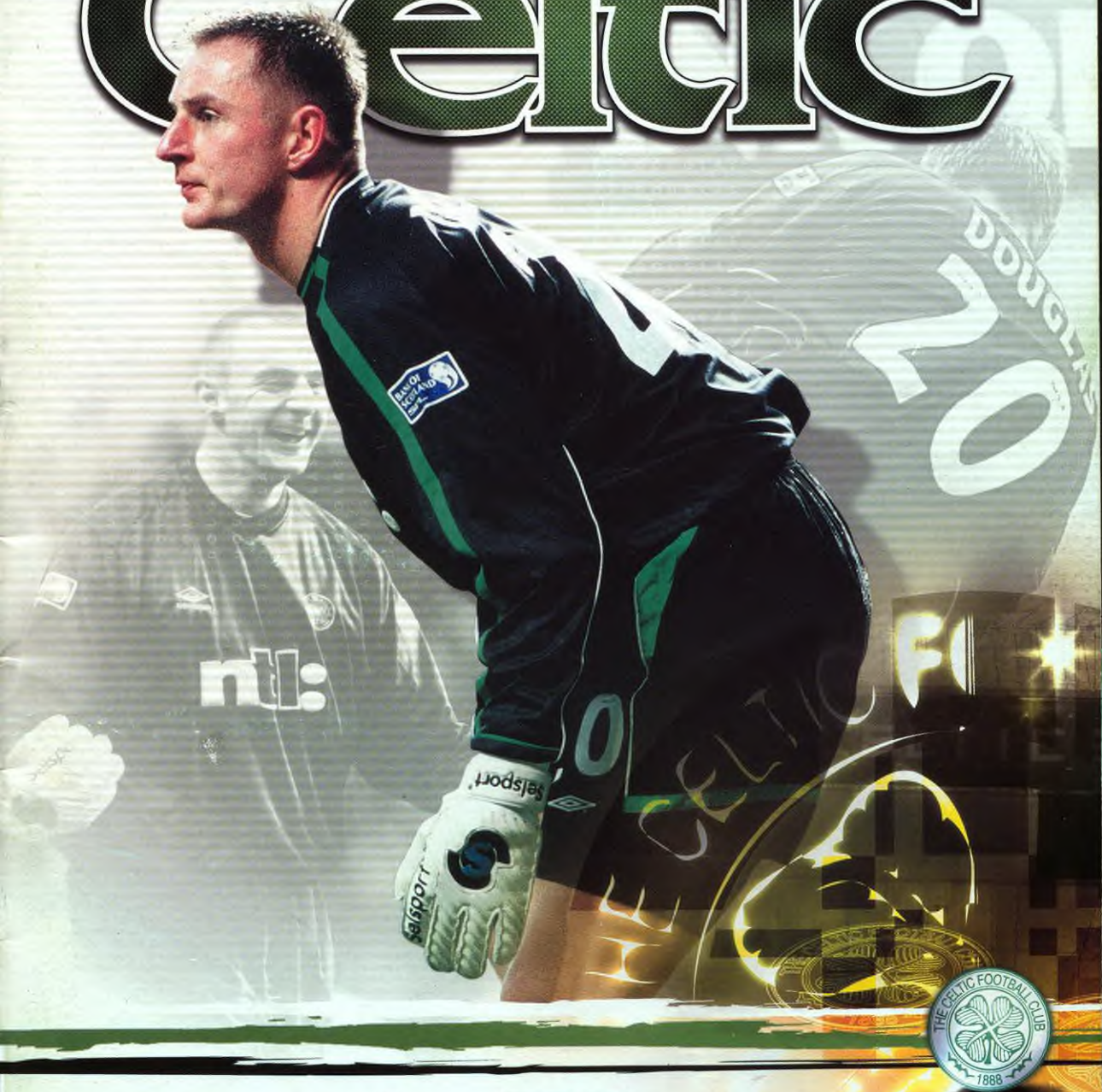


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SPL still top priority as Euro crunch beckons

SUCH is our busy schedule that we don't have too long to dwell on the disappointing result in Portugal.

We were well beaten on the night by a very good Porto side, although to have found ourselves a goal down without the game having really got underway was as bad a start as we could wish for. Losing another goal just before half-time was another blow.

It was a disappointing night but I haven't had too many occasions like that to deal with since becoming manager of the football club.

The Champions League is a great competition and the good thing about the format of the tournament is you can immediately bounce back with a good result.

We know exactly what we have to do now – win our last two games, against Rosenborg on Tuesday and then Juventus at Celtic Park the following Wednesday.

You can rest assured we won't go out without a real fight because this tournament is just as invigorating and exciting as I thought it would be.

I know that we are capable of playing better, as we showed in Amsterdam and Turin, and that is what we will be aiming for in Trondheim.

However, our immediate thoughts turn to today's league game against Dundee United.

Alex Smith's side will provide a tough test for us. They have enjoyed a reasonable start to the season and last weekend enjoyed a great win over Hibs at Tannadice.

I have said before that while our participation in the Champions League is exciting for everyone concerned with the club, retaining our league title remains a vital target.

We have obviously started

this season extremely well and the fact we are currently seven points clear at the top of the table is a justifiable reward for our endeavours.

However, I know there is still a long way to go and we will not always have everything our own way.

The victory over Motherwell at Fir Park last weekend was a case in point, when the team had to dig deep for a result. Although we left it late, it was satisfying to leave with all three points.

It's also good to be back at Celtic Park and the backing of a full house is certain to give the team a boost after Wednesday's defeat.

I know the players were as disappointed as the fans and will want to get back to winning ways today.

I also know you will get behind the team and show them you appreciate their efforts in making great strides for the football club in such a short space of time.

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DIMITRE KHARINE	23	RONNIE O'BRIEN	2
JONATHAN GOULD	1	STEPHEN WRIGHT	3
TOM BOYD	2	DAVID HANNAH	4
MOMO SYLLA	3	JIM LAUCLAN	6
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	CRAIG EASTON	7
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	CHARLIE MILLER	8
DIANBOBO BALDE	6	DEREK LILLEY	9
HENRIK LARSSON	7	JAMIE FULLARTON	10
ALAN THOMPSON	8	JIM PATERSON	11
CHRIS SUTTON	9	JAMIE McCUNNIE	12
JOHN HARTSON	10	PAUL GALLACHER	13
MORTEN WIEGHORST	11	HASNEY ALJOFREE	14
PAUL LAMBERT	14	JAMIE BUCHAN	15
BOBBY PETTA	15	DANNY GRIFFIN	16
OLIVIER TEBILY	16	JIM HAMILTON	17
DIDIER AGATHE	17	ANASTASIOS VENETIS	18
NEIL LENNON	18	STEVEN THOMPSON	19
STILIAN PETROV	19	HUGH DAVIDSON	20
COLIN HEALY	24	DAVID PARTRIDGE	21
LUBOMIR MORAVCIK	25	JIM McINTYRE	22
SHAUN MALONEY	29	DAVID WINTERS	23
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SIMON LYNCH	32	STEPHEN CARSON	27
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	DAVID McCRACKEN	32
JOHAN MJALLBY	35		
JAMIE SMITH	39		
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40		
JOHN KENNEDY	41		
LIAM MILLER	43		

Referee: BOBBY ORR

Assistant Referees: STUART MACAULAY

RICKY MOONEY

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Match Mascots

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Stretching Celtic's SPL lead will be the perfect Euro tonic for ROBERT DOUGLAS

BRUISED but not broken, Rab Douglas returned to Glasgow on Thursday after an evening of Champions League heartbreak in Porto's Das Antas Stadium.

This afternoon, less than 48 hours after stepping back on Scottish soil, he and his team-mates will attempt to protect their SPL lead with more assurance than they defended top spot in Group E.

Though largely blameless, Douglas was as disappointed as anyone at the final whistle in Portugal.

However, having watched Fabien Barthez's horror show against Deportivo for Manchester United, it would have been impossible for the big keeper not to count his blessings.

After all, he's still in a team leading their domestic division with a real shout of qualifying for the second group stages in their first ever season in the Champions League.

In fact, Douglas believes the hard football lesson dished out by Octavio Machado's side will benefit Celtic.

"Porto had quality in every department and we should learn from the way they used the ball. They approach games away from home differently to those on their own patch.

"We're obviously disappointed but they're a great team - at least as good as Juve in my opinion.

"I can see them taking something in Turin on Tuesday. That would certainly make the final games pretty interesting. We've gained a lot of experience already and have surprised a few people with our first three performances at least."

For someone who has grown accustomed to clean sheets - 10 so far this season - it was tough for Douglas to pick the ball out the net three times in Oporto. He and his team-mates simply failed to get going after the head of Clayton delivered a hammer-blow in just 56 SECONDS.

However, Rab reckons retaining the SPL crown will be incentive enough for the Celtic players to cast aside their Euro blues today.

Douglas said: "It was always going to be hard to recover from an early goal. And although there's always a belief among the boys that we can get a goal, as we showed in Turin, we lacked a spark on Wednesday.

"But it's important not to dwell on what happened. We have a very tough match to negotiate against Dundee United and the championship has always been our main concern.

"The Champions League is a terrific competition to be involved in but retaining the title is uppermost in everyone's mind.

"The manager may decide to change the line-up today. We have a big enough squad to allow him to do that and I'm sure that anyone who comes in will do well.

"But United will be tough. They've come on under Alex Smith and will be on a high after beating Hibs last week. But three points today would get everyone going again and that's vital with the trip to Rosenborg on Tuesday."

Celtic's confidence has been severely dented by the manner of their defeat in Portugal.

Traditionally, in the aftermath of such occasions, the fans have really rallied behind their team and Rab admits the punters could help immensely by raising the roof today.

He said: "We'll need the crowd to give us a wee lift after what happened on Wednesday and if their support is anywhere near as good as it was in Portugal, we'll be alright. Hopefully we'll be able to return the favour by giving them a decent performance. You can always guarantee the boys here will give their all anyway and we hope that's enough to get a result."

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- 2) Who was the first Dundee Utd player to net in an international for Scotland ?
- 3) Against which club was Paul McStay ordered off in Sept 94 for the only time in his fifteen-year Celtic career ?
- 4) Which Scot has made most appearances in the English Premiership since its inception in 1992 ?
- 5) Which was the first club that Dundee Utd played in European competition in Sept 1966 ?

- 6) Which former Celt and holder of a Scottish Cup winners' medal now plays his football with Energie Cottbus in Germany ?
- 7) The late Bobby Evans won 45 out of his 48 caps as a Celt but with which other club did he gain International recognition?
- 8) Which Dundee Utd player in 1995 became the first Brazilian to play in the Scottish Premier League ?
- 9) Who was the last German footballer to be awarded the European Footballer of the Year title ?
- 10) Celtic assistant manager John Robertson scored the winning goal for

Scotland against England at Wembley in 1981 but who was in goal for the Auld Enemy ?

- 11) Which two non British players featured for Dundee Utd when they defeated Rangers to clinch the Scottish Cup in 1994 ?
- 12) Which city has hosted two European finals involving Scottish clubs?
- 13) Which former Celt is the only acknowledged midfielder to have scored over 100 Premier League goals ?
- 14) After the Old Firm which team has won the Scottish Cup the most often, doing so on 10 occasions ?
- 15) Which Dundee Utd player established a world record with 34 under-21 caps for Scotland ?

Answers

- 1) Mixu Paatelainen(76) & Jorg Albers
- 2) Paul Sturrock v Portugal
- 3) (Nov 81), 3 Dundee, 4 Gary McAllister, 5 Barcelona, 6 Rudi Vata, 7 Chelsea, 8 Sergio, Martinus Sammer 1996, 10 Joe Corrigan, 11 Guido Van Der Kamp & Jerren Nixon, 12 Gothenburg, 1983 Aberdeen v Real Madrid ECWC and 1987 IK Gothenburg v Dundee Utd UEFA Cup 1st leg, 13 Billy Stark 101, 14 Queens Park, 15 Christian Dailly.



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