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Euro travels have given us an appetite for more

Although we are up against it, I have not given up on progressing in Europe

OUR result in Trondheim against Rosenborg was naturally disappointing, but overall our display was far better than it was away to Porto.

Nevertheless, despite creating many chances in the second half, we failed to convert any of them and, with Juventus beating Porto in Turin the same evening, our destiny is now not entirely in our hands.

I say 'entirely' because nothing is certain in football. Porto, although strong favourites to win their final home game, will still find Rosenborg tough opponents.

Regardless of other events, our game on Wednesday against Europe's big spenders is one we must win. I'm sure Celtic Park will have an electric atmosphere, and if we can reproduce the form we showed at home against Porto and Rosenborg, a hat-trick of victories in our first season in the Champions

League will be a realistic target.

My only disappointment thus far has been our failure in Portugal. But although we are now up against it, I have not given up hope of making the second stage.

Watching Arsenal qualify with a fine win against Real Mallorca on Wednesday, I was interested to hear the commentator remark that, in the competition's history, only one team had ever reached 10 points and failed to qualify. Arsene Wenger's side, as it transpired, only required nine. But even if we were to accumulate that same tally it would not, in all likelihood, be enough to see us through in our group.

Regardless of the final outcome, such has been the nature of the Champions League that we have an appetite now to make it a consistent feature of life at Celtic Park and to this end, we must guarantee our place

by winning the SPL. Today's match against Kilmarnock, therefore, is very significant.

Although we had the better of the majority of our matches last season, Killie never made it easy and even edged us out 1-0 on the final day to secure their European place. In fact, three out of our four league matches last season were very tight affairs, settled by single-goal margins.

Bobby Williamson has done very well at Rugby Park and although he might be disappointed that his side failed to progress in the UEFA Cup, I'm sure he will have them well drilled for this afternoon's match.

We go into the game buoyed by last weekend's excellent 5-1 win over Dundee United. We played some really superb football, and there's no doubt we will need to show the same application and purpose if we are to triumph again today.

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| SHAUN MALONEY | 29 | GARRY HAY | 24 |
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| STEPHEN CRAINEY | 40 | | |
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SHAUN MALONEY tells **Stephen Sullivan** that working with the stars will put him on the fast track to glory

IT'S 7.45 pm, and the silence around Rosenborg's Lerkendal Stadium is pierced by the unmistakable Cockney twang of Steve Walford imploring the battle-eager Hoops players to avoid 'stupid challenges'.

Yet this is not a pre-match warning from Celtic's first-team coach on the danger of conceding needless free kicks. Rather, his message is being conveyed a full 24 hours before kick-off as the players are put through their paces in a fierce training session.

In spite of Walford's appeal, however, the contest does not deviate from a well-established pattern, and at the heart of much of the hurly burly is none other than young Shaun Maloney.

This may be of surprise to some but, having burst on to the first-team scene at the end of last season, the pint-sized youngster has learned that only fearless displays against Celtic's defensive giants on the training ground are sufficient to earn opportunities to mix it in the SPL.

Having just recently turned 19, Maloney freely admits that he's still serving his apprenticeship at Celtic Park. However, he claims that learning from – and being clattered by – the likes of Johan Mjallby and Joos Valgaeren can only help him as he goes about developing his talents.

"The training here is unbelievably competitive and it definitely helps keep everyone sharp," he said. "No-one holds back, and I believe

that makes it easier for us to be ready for the matches themselves.

"You wouldn't believe the desire to win here, and no-one wants to be on the losing side on the training pitch. The pace is also unbelievable and, for me, it was quite a step up from youth football.

"Playing at under-18 level, I'd been used to seeing a lot of the ball and having the time to turn and go at people. All I can say is that guys like Johan and Bobo don't tend to give you that luxury!

"But although it was a bit of a shock at first, I've loved it. When you're playing with these guys in training it would be impossible not to pick up things from them. Just look at Henrik – he's almost the complete striker and there are many aspects of his game I can learn from.

"You have to show people the respect they deserve, but you can't afford to go in with any fear and lack of self-belief. The good thing is that the first-team players are very welcoming toward the young lads and, once you're in, it's just a case of working hard and proving you have a right to be there. If you do that and show signs of improvement I believe the manager will give you a chance sooner or later, and I've certainly been lucky in that respect."

Indeed, Maloney appears to be Martin O'Neill's first-choice back-up for the senior strike trio of Henrik Larsson, Chris Sutton and John Hartson, a position he has earned with a number of exciting

substitute performances. But although the youngster has impressed up front, many see his long-term future being in the hole behind the front two – a position perfected in Paradise by a certain Lubo Moravcik.

Indeed, the mercurial Slovak has gone on record to claim that Maloney has all it takes to be his successor.

Shaun said: "To hear Lubo speak so highly of me was brilliant. He has been great, as has everyone in the dressing-room, in passing on advice on the training field. But although it's fantastic to hear players like Lubo say nice things, everyone knows that it's what the manager thinks that really counts.

"And at this stage of my career, I don't think I'm in a position to tell Martin O'Neill where I prefer playing, I'm still not sure myself, so I'm more than happy to play wherever he wants me. Recently that's been up front, but I came on in the hole against Dundee and feel I can do a job in either position.

"There was something in the press a while back that I'd gone to speak to the manager about not playing enough, and that couldn't have been more untrue.

"I'm just delighted to be part of things, and the last thing I would do would be to jeopardise that by causing problems for myself. I'm not used to dealing with the press and that experience has taught me a lot.

"I couldn't be happier. I'm 19 and playing for the team I support – most people I know would settle for that!"

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- In the last three seasons, which holder of a World Cup winners medal has played against Kilmarnock in Europe?
- Who recently became Republic of Ireland's top international goalscorer?
- Which season did Celtic under Jock Stein lose both league matches to Rangers and still win the Championship?
- Who was the last Kilmarnock player to feature for Scotland against England?
- Which British player holds the record for most Champions League goals?
- Prior to Larsson who was the last player to miss a penalty in an Old Firm match?
- Which three Kilmarnock players since 1998 have played for Scotland?
- Which player has played against Celtic in Europe in both the last two seasons?
- Prior to Craig Burley, who was the last Derby player to captain Scotland?
- How many seasons have Kilmarnock played outwith the Premier League/SPL since 1975/76?
- Which two Celts were the youngest to play for the club in season 1999/2000?
- Who was the first Scot to earn a winners' medal in European competition?
- In the last 25 years which two former Celtic players have managed Kilmarnock?
- Against which country has Larsson scored his only goal to date in the finals of a World Cup tournament?



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- Willie Dickson (1970), 6: Andy Cole, 7: Jorg Albertz; Mar 2000, 8: Gary Holt, Ally McCosker & Andy McLaren, 9: Janne Saarinen (HJK Helsinki) 2000/2001; Rosenborg 2001/2002, 10: Archie Gemmill v Northern Ireland 1980, 11, 14 times, 12: John Kennedy & Mark Forster/ingham, 13: Bill Brown (Spurs 1963 ECWC), 14: Willie Fernie & Tommy Burns, 15: Bulgaria 1994.

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