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## ***“THE PLAYERS HAVE SHOWN OVER THE LAST FEW SEASONS THEIR DESIRE AND COMMITMENT TO COMPETE AT THIS LEVEL”***

**WHEN the draw was made for the group stages of this season’s UEFA Champions League, it was immediately apparent that we faced a very difficult challenge in trying to progress to the next round.**

Our group comprises of Barcelona, AC Milan and Shakhtar Donetsk and no-one could argue that both Barça and AC Milan are, or should have been, top seeds in the draw. They are fantastic sides who are more than capable of winning this tournament.

The task facing us, therefore, is a stern one but it is one that everyone at the football club is ready to take on.

Celtic Park has been a tough place for sides to play at in European competition and, naturally, we will be striving to continue the great run, but we are under no illusions as to how difficult that task will be.

The players have shown over the last few seasons their desire and commitment to compete at this level.

Barcelona will be well aware of just how special European nights are at Celtic Park, having experienced it only last season in the UEFA Cup. That night was a splendid occasion and tonight, I am sure, will be similar.

Frank Rijkaard’s side was one full of quality players last season and he has further improved his squad with the acquisition of seven top class players.

Many of them already have experience of playing against Celtic with their previous teams, like Edmilson with Lyon, Sylvinho with Celta Vigo, Deco with Porto and Juliano Belletti with Villarreal last season, so we have some idea of their capabilities.

And, of course, we have the return of Henrik Larsson to Celtic Park with Barcelona. Henrik gave Celtic Football Club seven wonderful years of service and



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everyone connected with the club will forever appreciate that.

He will receive a warm welcome tonight, and rightly so, but one thing is certain, when the game kicks off, Henrik will be doing his utmost to beat us and I’m not sure that’s something supporters might realise until it’s too late.

When the match starts, he will be on the opposition side, strange as that may seem.

It took a tremendous effort against

Barcelona last season to record a narrow 1-0 victory here at Celtic Park and then to battle for a goalless draw in the Nou Camp which saw us progress to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.

That effort, commitment and skill will be needed in abundance tonight for us to achieve anything against Barcelona.

The European evenings at Celtic Park are memorable events. Not only do the players rise to the occasion but the supporters come alive.

The quiet periods on a Saturday afternoon disappear and the atmosphere becomes electrified.

Some magnificent European teams have come here recently and gone home pointless, but it doesn’t mean such things just happen.

A ferocious effort from both players and supporters has been needed every single time and tonight, with Barcelona parading some of the greatest players in the world, all of that incredible passion, skill and desire may have to be heightened even more than ever before to get a result.

There will be periods in the game when we have to defend and battle to regain possession and it during these periods that the players will most need your backing.

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Scottish Premierleague, Aug 14, 2004 KILMARNOCK 2 v <b>CELTIC 4</b> (Hartson 2, Thompson 2)	Scottish Premierleague, <b>CELTIC</b> v DUNFERMLINE SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 3:00pm
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# MARSHALL HOPING FOR ACTION REPLAY

David Marshall performed brilliantly against Barça last season, and the young goalkeeper knows it's going to be tough against the Catalan giants this time around

**RECALLING** last season's famous UEFA Cup victory over Barcelona, it's impossible to prevent thoughts straying to the contribution of one player in particular.

The 1-0 aggregate victory might only have been secured by a remarkably resilient team effort over 180 nerve-jangling minutes, after all, but it was the individual brilliance of a teenage goalkeeper in the Nou Camp that decided the tie in Celtic's favour.

Thrust into the tie in dramatic circumstances following Rab Douglas' dismissal in the tunnel at half-time, little did Marshall realise that it was to prove a pivotal moment in his fledgling career, and one which would see him emerge

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from the shadows to snatch the coveted number one spot.

Prior to that night, he had played just twice for the senior side, and both those appearances had come in the CIS League Cup. In the time since, he has missed just one match – the league-clinching game at Rugby Park.

The highlight of it all has, of course, been that faultless and often-heroic performance at the home of the Catalan giants which saw Marshall defy Barcelona's star-studded team with an array of stunning saves. It was enough to earn him a standing ovation on his return

to the Celtic dressing room, not to mention the unreserved praise of dejected Barça counterpart Victor Valdes and Martin O'Neill, who jokingly suggested that he should retire as "it could only go downhill from there."

Now, less than seven months on from that unforgettable evening under the floodlights of the Nou Camp, Marshall is once again preparing to square up to Ronaldinho and co, and he admits that seeing the claret and blue again will inevitably evoke plenty of sweet recollections.

He said: "It's still the high point of my career so playing Barça again will obviously bring back a few great memories. Looking back, the whole experience was fantastic, and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't looking forward to going back to the Nou Camp. But we all know that we need to get points on the board as early as possible and hopefully we can start tonight."

Nevertheless, that, by Marshall's own admission, will be easier said than done. Barça have, after all, strengthened considerably over the summer, with the additions of Deco, Ludovic Giuly, Samuel Eto'o, Giuliano Belletti, Edmilson, Silvinho and Henrik Larsson testament to Frank Rijkaard's desire to compete for the big prizes.

Of course, it's the capture of Larsson which, at Celtic Park at least, has created the biggest stir, and Marshall admits to having always felt that it was fated for the Swede to return to the stadium which was his home for seven magnificent years.

He said: "I was watching the draw in the house and, to be honest, I think I half-expected us to get Barça. When Henrik left here, I'd a feeling he might end up coming back with whoever he moved to, so it wasn't a big surprise to see the draw coming out the way it did.

"It will be strange seeing him back here in another strip, and I don't even know how the fans will react. He was such a massive hero here for so long, after all,

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and I imagine it will be a very special occasion for him to come back.

“That said, I think Henrik himself would admit that this game is too big to be just about him. It's a massive occasion for everyone involved and so important to both clubs. I just hope we can do what we did last season, but it's going to be very difficult.”

That's guaranteed. Barça's squad now ranks among the finest and most exciting in Europe, with world-class players filling almost every role. So impressive are the options at Rijkaard's disposal, in fact, that Marshall admits to finding it impossible to pinpoint the single most dangerous threat to Celtic's hopes.

He said: “Henrik's the obvious one, and I know what a good finisher he is just from playing against him in training. But I also remember the way Deco played against us in the UEFA Cup final and we all know how good Ronaldinho can be. Their forward line is unbelievable actually, and I'd have to admit that they're now much stronger than when we faced them last season.

“They've a fantastic team, one of the very best around. When you look at the money they've spent compared to us, it's just unbelievable, and the players they've brought in all look to be first class. We know what we're up against, and we know that it's going to take something very special to repeat what happened last year. But this is a very strong dressing room and we're all desperate to go one better than we've managed so far by getting past the group phase.”

This, of course, is something Celtic failed to achieve at their first two attempts, with Juventus, Porto, Bayern Munich and Lyon all having progressed at their expense. Nevertheless, after two third-placed finishes, Marshall believes that the Bhoys are now capable of making that leap to uncharted territory, and insists the missing ingredient is a simple one.

“I just think we need a bit of luck,” he said. “Look at how close we were to going through in Lyon, and in the end it was only a harsh late penalty that done us. Against Bayern, if you'd told me 20

**AT FULL STRETCH:** David Marshall's performance in the Nou Camp was heroic and brilliant, and saw Celtic's Europa debut on the European stage.



minutes before the end that we'd lose one point never mind three, I'd have been bitterly disappointed because it was a game that we had totally dominated."

Progression to the knock-out stage may be the club's stated aim, but there's little question that the UEFA Champions League draw knocked some of the bullishness out of Celtic's more over-confident supporters. Marshall certainly believes that the Hoops have been set their toughest ever test in this competition, and admits that he and his team-mates begin Group F as rank outsiders.

"Yeah, it's the hardest group we could have been given and the toughest we've ever had in the UEFA Champions League," he said. "We were never going to have it easy, but getting AC Milan – who won the thing two years ago – was tough to take when we knew we could have had the likes of Panathinaikos from the same pot.

"Shakhtar Donetsk have also spent a phenomenal amount of money and were one of those teams from pot four that I think most of us would rather have avoided. The draw could have been a lot kinder to us, that's for sure.

"But the up side is that we get the chance to go and play in

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stadia like the San Siro and the Nou Camp against two of the best teams in the world, and that's something any player would look forward to." Occasions to be relished, UEFA Champions League nights can nevertheless, as Marshall realises only too well, contribute to breaking as well as making a player's season.

The youngster's friend and colleague Magnus Hedman was left to bemoan that his misfortune was in making his only mistakes of season 2003/04 on the biggest stage, and the

Swede was by no means the first to find that errors in such matches can prove extremely costly.

**DEJECTED:** Magnus Hedman after last season's UEFA Champions League tie against Bayern Munich in the Olympic Stadium

Coolness has always been a hallmark of Marshall's character, however, and the laid-back 19-year-old insists that he won't allow the scrutiny to affect his enjoyment of the occasion.

He said: "The pressure is obviously greater, but since I've only started three European games – and none of those have been in the UEFA Champions League – I don't know how nervous I'll be. I would expect that I'd be caught up in the atmosphere like everyone else, but the most important thing is staying focused on the job in hand.

"For me, it's just great to be involved in these nights. I've been at the club for quite a long time now and I remember watching the Euro nights with the boys in the under-18 squad, thinking how brilliant it would be to get the chance to play in that kind of occasion.

"The atmosphere when the boys go into huddle is just electric on these nights and, at Celtic, I don't think it gets any better than having a team like Barcelona coming here to play.

"Personally, I just want to do the best I can. The manager's shown his confidence in me by starting the season with me as his number one and now I just have to justify that faith."

If Marshall can perform half as well as he did in the matches that announced his arrival on the big stage, the chances are that O'Neill will be nothing short of delighted.



# TOM SPIES ON SUPERPOWER

Barcelona out-shone Real Madrid by snapping up seven new players during the summer, and Celtic Chief Scout Tom O'Neill is hugely impressed with their latest recruits

**PRE-SEASON** in Spain is generally spent waiting to discover which superstar will be targeted for Galactico status on the whim of Real Madrid supreme Florentin Perez.

This summer has, however, proved a notable and potentially significant exception.

Real might have succeeded in adding some much-needed defensive solidity in the shape of Jonathan Woodgate and Walter Samuel – as well as recruiting an expensive substitute in Michael Owen – but it's their great rivals in Catalunya who have succeeded in pinching the pick of the pre-season transfers.

From the lightning-quick former Monaco captain Ludovic Giuly and the impressive Cameroonian Samuel Eto'o, to Deco, the brilliant villain of Celtic's UEFA Cup final defeat, and Henrik Larsson, Seville's tragic hero, Barcelona have spent ambitiously and adventurously on four of the world's most exciting and sought-after talents.

Frank Rijkaard also made sure not to fall into the trap that has so often ensnared Perez, that of focusing on eye-catching attackers and playmakers, by bringing on board defenders Juliano Belletti, Silvinho and Edmilson, completing a seven-strong group of new recruits that Martin O'Neill recently lauded as "to a man, world class."

Of course, changes of this magnitude – even those as evidently impressive as Barcelona's – don't always have the desired affect, as Chelsea found in the first season of Roman Abramovic's indulgent reign. Nevertheless, having analysed the new-look Barça, Celtic's Chief Scout, Tom O'Neill is of the firm opinion that the Catalan giants have every right to be considered the most improved side in Europe.

"There's no doubt that Barcelona have improved immeasurably," he said. "We saw what a good side they were towards the latter part of last season, when they finished off looking the best side in Spain,

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and it put in perspective how well we did to beat them.

"For them to then go and make the signings they have, well, it's frightening. Even more so, I think, because, while everyone has been focusing on the Giulys, the Larssons, the Decos and the Eto'os, what seems to have gone unrecognised is that they've added two of the best full-backs in the world in Belletti and Silvinho.

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recent seasons and are exceptional players, yet they don't even get a mention. That's a measure of how significantly Barcelona have improved over the summer, and my personal opinion is that they'll go on to win the Spanish title this season.

"The changes they've made, on paper at least, look to be nothing short of exceptional, and I'm sure they're going to go on and prove that, though

hopefully not against us. We can obviously only dream of having the resources that would enable us to go out and compete for players like the ones Barça have signed.

"That said, I do look around Europe at teams like Monaco and Lyon, who have been utterly decimated over the summer, and realise that we could be in a much worse position than we are."

That is undeniable and yet, by O'Neill's own admission, the task facing Celtic in this season's UEFA Champions League is the toughest they've faced in the competition so far.

Indeed, acknowledging that expectations have been tempered considerably since the draw was made, the club's Chief Scout echoed Martin O'Neill's assertion that, in Barcelona and AC Milan, Celtic have been pitted against two teams who can realistically target both domestic glory and the most prestigious club prize of them all.

He said: "If you're the Barcelona manager and you make those kind of changes after finishing so strongly last season, you would be going into this season with high expectations, and that means not only winning their own league – but winning the UEFA Champions League as well. When you add that to the best team in Italy, who will also have ambitions to win this competition, and a really talented dark horse in the Ukrainians, it's not difficult to see why expectations have been lowered.

"Prior to the draw, I think everyone was saying that the second stage was a must this year. But people are now looking at this group and asking where we're going to pick up the points we need. Yet it's still possible, and the main thing is that





we're in there because who wouldn't want to be involved in these type of occasions?"

That it will be a treat to watch in action the dazzling array of attacking talent Barcelona have assembled is beyond question. The make-up of Rijkaard's squad does, however, leave the Barça boss with one problem, and an enviable one at that – namely, how best to accommodate two free spirited geniuses such as Deco and Ronaldinho in the same team.

Even Tom O'Neill admits he's not entirely sure as yet quite how the Dutchman will manage it.

"That will be very interesting," he conceded. "I'm looking forward to seeing how he fits in all these flair players and exactly how they shape up at Celtic Park.

"It's unusual for Barça to play two out-and-out strikers through the middle, although they obviously have that option with Henrik and Samuel Eto'o. Generally, they prefer to give free roles to the likes of Deco, Ronaldinho and Giuly, and they could have five or six players attacking you at any one time.

"What I do know is that they will attack from the start tonight, which is as good to watch as it is hard to play against. I think we saw in the match last season here at Celtic Park that they were prepared to come away from home and go on the offensive and, in Europe, that's not normally the done thing.

"I don't think their style will change in that respect this season. It's mouth-watering for the fans, and I see no reason why it shouldn't be a great game."

One of the most exciting and intriguing aspects to Barcelona's gameplan, according to O'Neill, is the use of their full-backs, who are generally permitted, even expected, to act as auxiliary wingers.

"They charge forward," he said. "Barcelona's whole game is very adventurous in that respect actually because it's based on allowing their full-backs to bomb on, often leaving two defenders against two attackers.

"It's actually the full-backs who give Barcelona their width because their midfield is quite narrow, and whoever plays – whether it's Silvinho, van Bronckhorst, Belletti or whoever – they have enough confidence in their own



ability to go and impose themselves on any team they come up against."

O'Neill does consider Celtic capable of springing another surprise this evening, but he admits to having few words of comfort to offer Hoops fans looking for obviously discernable weaknesses in Barcelona's make-up. Neither, he concedes, will there be any chance of Rijkaard's side approaching the match in complacent fashion so long as the bitter recollection of last season's UEFA Cup defeat remains vivid in their memories.

"If there was a surprise element last season, that's well and truly gone," he admitted. "Barcelona didn't like being knocked out and I know they'll be out to make amends.

"That said, I think a close bond has developed between the two clubs, which originated from the tragic events in Madrid that preceded the first game at Celtic Park, and they've been very warm in their attitude towards us. They respect Celtic, make no mistake about that, and they also have someone in their camp who'll be furnishing them with every secret we have."

That, of course, would be a certain Henrik

Larsson, whose return to Celtic Park in the claret and blue of Barcelona this evening promises to be something of a surreal affair. Even O'Neill, with all his extensive analytical scouting experience, admitted to having found it all but impossible to divorce emotion from watching the Swede in action for his new club.

"It was a very, very strange experience," he said of watching Larsson turning out for Barça against Racing Santander.

"I always make my notes in terms of the players' numbers rather than their names – I can't afford to be distracted by who's in any particular shirt – so Henrik was just number 17 for me that night.

"But it was so weird. He nearly scored a couple of goals in that game and I almost found myself jumping up to celebrate when he did. I had to remind myself that: 'Wait a minute, I don't actually want him to score here.'

"But I thought he was excellent. We might know just what to expect from him tonight, but everyone at Celtic realises that knowing what Henrik can do is one thing – stopping him from doing it is something entirely different."



**TOM O'NEILL'S PLAYER TO WATCH: HENRIK LARSSON**

**"How do you pick one particular player from a team like Barça? It's very difficult, but let's pay Henrik the highest compliment by saying that, even with all the superstars he has alongside him, he's still the man to watch.**

"Even not knowing about what he's achieved here, I would have been hugely impressed by his movement and the way he links the play. He's a superstar himself, and it's ironic that the football world are only now recognising that when, for years, it seemed like we were the only ones who knew."

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They may be few in number, but previous encounters between Celtic and Barcelona have proved special. We take a look how these great clubs have matched up



**JUST GR-EIGHT:** Alan Thompson slams home the winner at Celtic Park in March while Billy McNeill (left) shakes hands with Barca captain Olivella before the second leg of the Fair Cities Cup clash back in 1964

Fairs Cities Cup (UEFA) 1964/65  
Second Round 1st Leg, November 18, 1964  
**Barcelona 3 Celtic 1**  
Zaldua 12, Seminario 22, Rife 83, Hughes 55

**Only 25,000 were in the Nou Camp as Barcelona recorded a 3-1 first-leg victory in the Fairs Cities Cup.**

Celtic, managed at that time by Jimmy McGrory, lost two goals in the first half and suffered a further blow when John Clark was injured. With no substitutes allowed, Clark had to limp bravely on for the entire second half, and the Hoops even got a boost 10 minutes after the break when John 'Yogi' Hughes scored.

However, the Catalan giants grabbed their third when Rife scored with just seven minutes of the match remaining.

It was a tough encounter for Celtic, who were only competing in Europe for the third time and faced a Barcelona side who had already won the Fairs Cup twice as well as being runners up once and runners-up

in the 1961 European Cup.  
**BARCELONA:** Sadurni; Foncho, Benitez; Torres, Eladio, Verges, Rife, Pereida, Zaldua; Seminario, Re.  
**CELTIC:** Simpson; Young, Gemmell; Clark, McNeill, Kennedy; Johnstone, Cushley, Chalmers, Murdoch, Hughes.

Second Round Second Leg, December 2  
**Celtic 0 Barcelona 0**

**A goal-less draw at Celtic Park saw Celtic eliminated from the competition.**

Barcelona remained the more comfortable and composed side and Celtic's cause wasn't helped when they were reduced to 10 men with 15 minutes left after Stevie Chalmers was forced to go off with a leg injury.

Billy McNeill, who missed the first leg at the Nou Camp, where John Cushley proved a more than capable deputy, returned for the second leg, played in front of a

healthier 43,000 crowd. Just a matter of months later, Celtic had a new manager in Jock Stein, an appointment that would herald a glorious era for the club, both domestically and in Europe.  
**AGGREGATE: Celtic 1-3 Barcelona**

**CELTIC:** Simpson; Young, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, O'Neill, Johnstone, Chalmers, Hughes, Gallagher, Lennox.  
**BARCELONA:** Sadurni; Benitez, Eladio; Torres, Verges, Olivella, Garay, Goyvaerts, Kocsis, Re, Fuste, Seminario.

● Barcelona were put out in the next round by Hamburg after three games (4-4, 0-0, 2-3)

UEFA Cup 2003/04  
Fourth Round, First leg, March 11, 2004  
**Celtic 1 Barcelona 0**  
(Thompson 59)

**It was the tie of the round and the one**



**which got the fans talking as Celtic took on Barca for a place in the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup.**

Celtic, having reached the UEFA Cup final the season before, were looking for another extended run in the competition while Barcelona, with Ronaldinho in their ranks, arrived at Celtic Park as favourites.

But although the Catalan side created a number of chances, it was Celtic who scored the only goal. Alan Thompson cracked home a knock-down from Henrik Larsson after 59 minutes and that was enough to give Martin O'Neill's side a slender lead to take to the Nou Camp.

The main controversy of the night, however, was the sprinkling of red cards. Two were issued for Rab Douglas and Thiago Motta after a half-time stramash in the tunnel which saw David Marshall emerge in the Celtic goal for the second half, and Argentinian striker Saviola also exited early when he got his marching orders for a reckless tackle that earned him his second yellow card. It is also worth noting that Barcelona, in two competitive matches at Celtic Park, have never scored.

**"MARSHALL MADE ALL THE HEADLINES WITH AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, PRODUCING A SERIES OF WONDERFUL SAVES. BUT EVERY PLAYER IN HOOPS WAS A HERO IN KEEPING BARCA AT BAY"**

Fourth round, second leg, March 25,  
**Barcelona 0 Celtic 0**

**A magnificent, heroic display in the Nou Camp saw Martin O'Neill's side through.**  
David Marshall made all the headlines

with an outstanding performance, producing a series of wonderful saves from first minute to last. But every player in the Hoops was a hero, keeping Barca at bay and preventing them from scoring for a second consecutive 90 minutes.

The final whistle sparked great celebrations in the Nou Camp, which went on late into the night in Barcelona.

The result gave Celtic a place in the quarter-finals against Spanish side Villarreal. Barca did not allow the European defeat to derail their league campaign and they climbed from mid-table to second by the end of the season.

For Celtic, there was to be no second UEFA Cup final appearance, although there was a league and cup double for consolation.  
**AGGREGATE: Celtic 1-0 Barcelona**

# MEET BARÇA'S CLASS OF 2004

## JULIANO BELLETTI

The first new signing of president Joan Laporta's second season at the helm, he was unveiled as a Barça player in June.

Belletti moved from Celtic's UEFA Cup conquerors of last season, Villarreal. The Brazilian defender began his career in 1993 with Cruzeiro, where he stayed for two years. In 1995 he moved to Sao Paulo, then spent a year on loan with Atletico MG (1998/99) before returning to Sao Paulo. He switched to the Spanish league for the 2002/03 season.

## DECO

Anderson Luis de Souza, better known as Deco, began his career in Brazil with Nacional Sao Paulo. He spent a brief time with Corinthians before making the leap to European football.

He signed for Benfica for the 1997/98 season but was sent to their reserve team, Alverca, in the second division. He had a good first season and came to the attention of Porto.

Deco spent the 1998/99 season playing for another small club, SC Salgueiros, but then moved to Porto on coach Fernando Castro's recommendation. He had five successful seasons there from 1999 to 2004, attracting the attention of some of Europe's biggest clubs. And with Jose Mourinho at the helm, Deco won a UEFA Champions League medal in May 2004, being voted as best player in the final against Monaco too.

He took Portuguese nationality and made his international debut with his adopted country on March 29, 2003, curiously enough against his country of birth, Brazil. He scored the only goal of the match and gave Portugal their first win over Brazil for 37 years.

Many fans have asked about the origin of Anderson Luis de Souza's nickname, Deco or SuperDeco. As a child, he was known to his friends as 'De', a short form for Anderson, and also as 'Cuzinho', a typical Brazilian expression which means

Coach Frank Rijkaard has a squad to match any in world football. Here we profile the list of big-name players at the Dutchman's disposal

'chatterbox'. The combination of the two, 'De' and 'Cuzinho', gave Deco.

## EDMILSON

Jose Gomes Edmilson Moraes, known in the world of football as Edmilson, started his footballing career with Brazilian club Sao Paulo, making his debut in 1994.

In the summer of 2000, Edmilson signed for French club Olympique Lyon, where he was an undisputed first choice during four seasons and won three league championship medals. In July 2004 he

(1998/99), where he only figured intermittently, then, after returning for a spell with Real Madrid, at Mallorca during the 99-2000 season. At the start of the following campaign he joined Mallorca.

Last season he played 32 times for the Balearic Islanders and scored 14 goals, and during his time at the club he became the leading league scorer with a total of 54.

## FERNANDO NAVARRO

Joined the youth ranks in July 1993.

He made the left-back spot his own and

**"AT PORTO, DECO ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF SOME OF EUROPE'S BIGGEST CLUBS, AND WITH JOSE MOURINHO IN CHARGE, HE WON A UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEDAL"**

signed for FC Barcelona. Luiz Felipe Scolari handed him his international debut with Brazil on July 18 2000 against Paraguay. Together with Ronaldinho and Belletti, he won a World Cup winner's medal in 2002.

## SAMUEL ETO'O

Samuel Eto'o Fils was born in Nkon, Cameroon, on March 10, 1981.

He made the leap to Europe at the start of the 1996-7 season, when, as a 16-year-old, he was snapped up by Real Madrid, who loaned him out to second division Leganes. He was the youngest player at the 1998 World Cup in France, at just 17 years and three months old.

After his time at Leganes, Eto'o was again loaned out, first to Espanyol

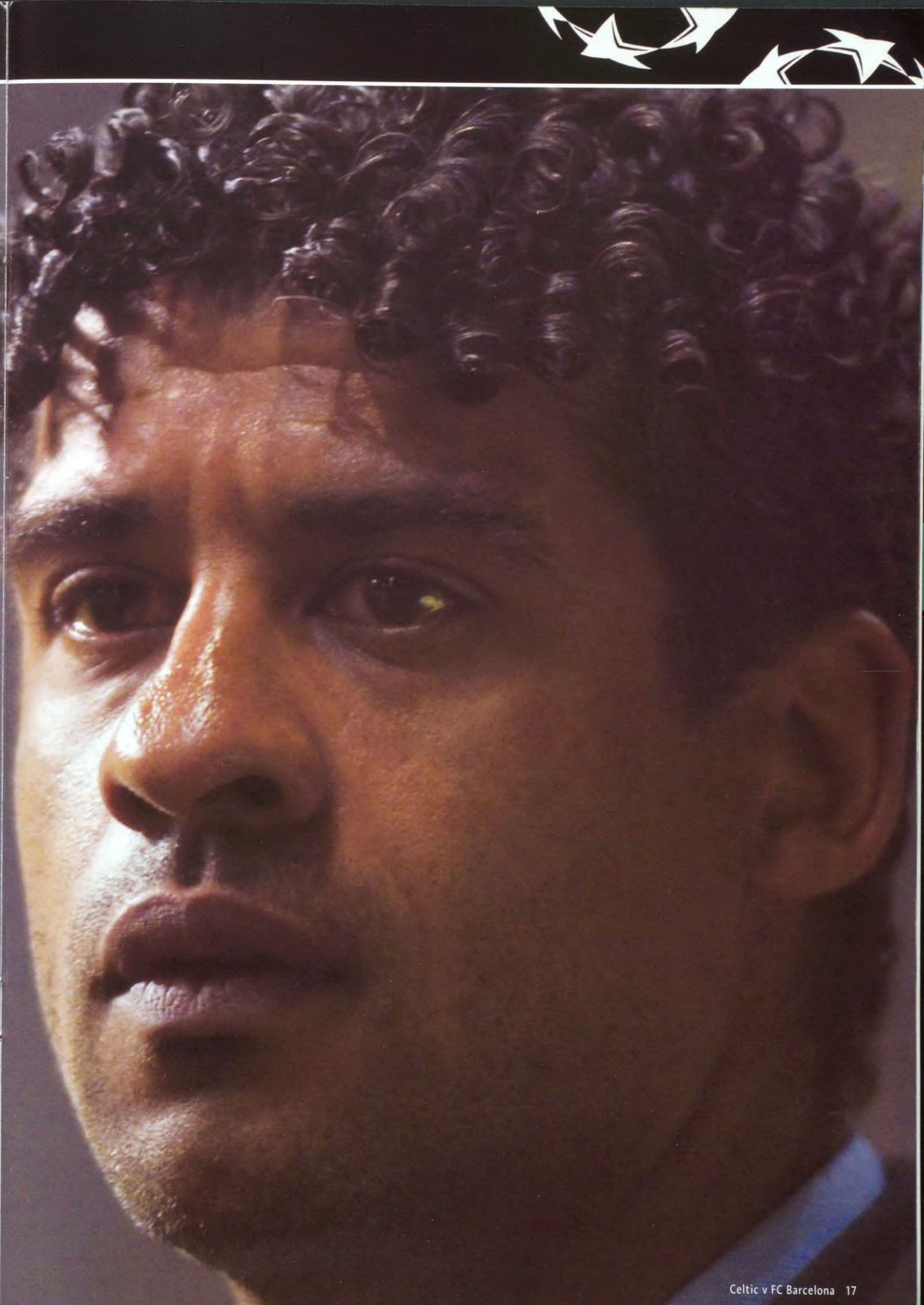
consolidated his position as a member of the first-team squad with Louis van Gaal in the 2002/03 season.

His progression was cut short when, in December 2002, he picked up a serious knee ligament injury in a league match against Sevilla. He was out of action for almost a year, finally making his comeback in a friendly against Porto. In January 2004, he went on loan to Albacete, seeing out the season there.

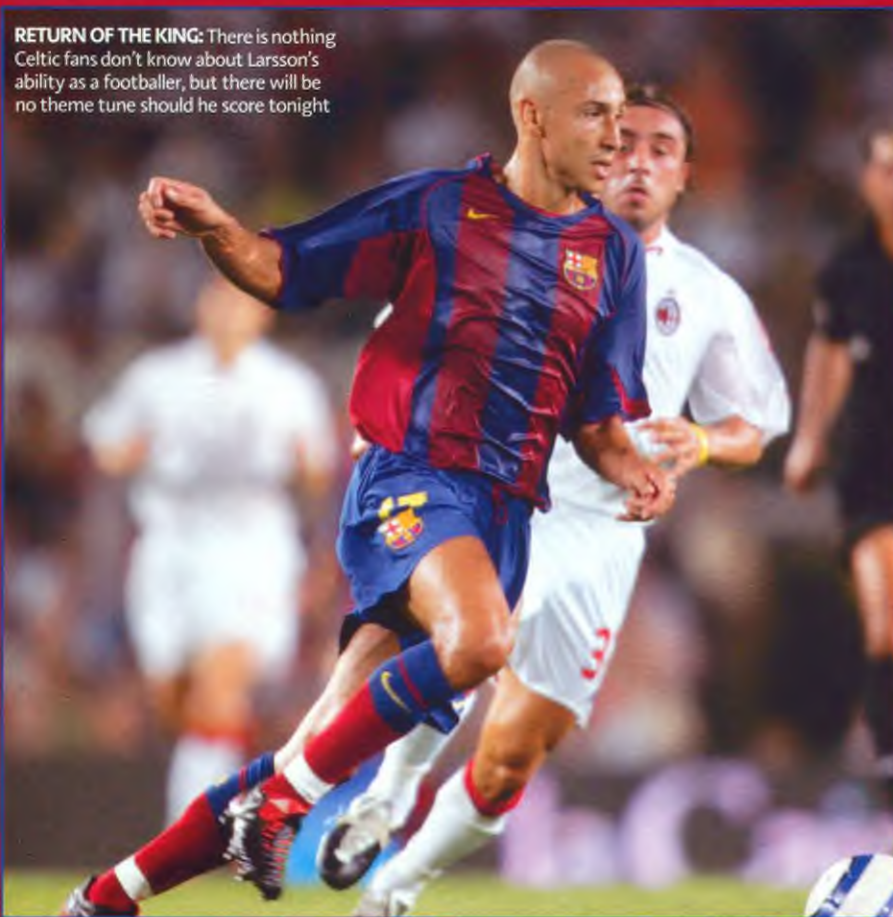
## LUDOVIC GIULY

Took his first steps in professional football with his hometown team, Olympique Lyonnais, at the age of 18.

He stayed for four seasons (1994/98) before Jean Tigana took him to Monaco,



**RETURN OF THE KING:** There is nothing Celtic fans don't know about Larsson's ability as a footballer, but there will be no theme tune should he score tonight



**CAPTAIN MARVEL:** A big favourite with the Barça legions, Carlos Puyol leads by example. Xavi (right) is another stalwart, having joined the club aged just 11



where he quickly earned widespread admiration under the orders of another former legendary French international, Didier Deschamps.

He stayed with Monaco from 1997 until 2004, winning both titles and international recognition. Last season Giuly helped Monaco reach the final of the UEFA Champions League, where they lost to Porto. He made his international debut with France against Scotland in 2000.

**GABRI**  
Mr Versatile and one of a number of important players to come out of the youth teams in recent years.

Gabri broke into the first team at the same time as Xavi.

After a hesitant start in the reserves, he gradually gained in confidence, winning a place in the starting 11 and soon becoming a key player thanks to his ability to adapt to different positions.

**GERARD**  
This versatile footballer is a product of the FC Barcelona youth system – but aged 17 he signed for Valencia CF.

After a season on loan to Alaves, Gerard returned to Valencia where in season 1999-00 he was one of the revelations in the league and UEFA Champions League.

Subsequently, his signing for season 2000/01 was not easy as AC Milan were also pushing for his signature. Finally, Barça got Gerard and he achieved his dream of playing for the first team of the club where he started as a footballer.

**INIESTA**  
Joined Barça as a 12-year-old in 1996.

He progressed through the club's various youth teams and was promoted to the Barça B team for the 2000/01 season, where he almost immediately became the team's main playmaker. Andres Iniesta's dream of making the first team also came true



**“THE ONLY THING MISSING SHOULD HE SCORE, AND WE HOPE FERVENTLY HE DOESN'T, WILL BE THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN SIGNATURE TUNE”**

In October 2002 when he was picked to play in the UEFA Champions League game against Bruges in Belgium.

**JORQUERA**  
Joined the youth ranks in November 1994 from Vilobi CF.

He spent the 2000/01 and 2001/02 seasons on loan to second division B clubs AD Ceuta, and CE Mataru before returning to Barça B, also in second division B, as first choice keeper for the 2002/03 season. He made the leap to the first team in

the 2003-04 season as third choice behind Victor Valdes and new signing R st Recber, making a spectacular debut against Athletic Bilbao in the Nou Camp in January 2004.

**HENRIK LARSSON**  
His 242 goals for Celtic in 315 appearances is a remarkable achievement by a remarkable player.

Larsson's departure in the summer saw many tears shed, by fans and player, and it is a surreal experience to be writing notes on him as an opponent of Celtic. It would be an understatement to say he will provide a goal threat tonight.

The only thing missing should he score, and we hope fervently that he doesn't, will be the Magnificent Seven signature tune. Larsson is guaranteed that rare thing in football for a player visiting his former club – a genuinely warm and affectionate welcome.

**RAFAEL MARQUEZ**  
The first Mexican ever to play for Barça, having arrived in the 2003/04 close season as one of the principal reinforcements in defence.

His youth and the progress he's enjoyed

in the last few years have combined to make him one of the most promising defenders in Europe. He moved from Mexico to Monaco in 1999, winning the league title a year later and being named the league's top defender in the process. He is also captain of the Mexican national side.

**OLEGUER**  
Joined FC Barcelona in the 2001/02 season from local club UEA Gramenet.

He made his first-team debut in the Joan Gamper summer tournament against Red Star Belgrade the following season.

He played his first match in an official competition in the UEFA Champions League on 13th November against Galatasaray (3-1) in the Nou Camp.

**CARLOS PUYOL**  
It would not be an exaggeration to describe Puyol as the heartbeat of Barcelona.

A Catalan born and bred, the Barça captain is an inspirational presence in the team and a vital member of the defensive unit. He made his debut against Valladolid back in October 1999.

**RONALDINHO**  
Hungry to follow in the footsteps of the great Brazilians like Evaristo, Ronaldo, Romario or Rivaldo, Ronaldinho joined Barça in the summer of 2003.

Prior to proving his worth at world level in Brazil and France, Ronaldinho learned his trade with Brazilian club Gremio de Porto Alegre, where his skill and pace soon got him noticed.

In 1999 he was part of the Brazilian team that won the Copa America, bagging six goals in the competition, including a spectacular effort, in typical Brazilian style, against Venezuela.

In 2001 he joined PSG and although his time at the French club didn't produce the success he yearned, he continued to star for Brazil and won a World Cup winner's medal in 2002.

**SYLVINHO**  
Sylvio Mendes Campo 'Sylvinho' has tried his luck in three of the best leagues in the world – the Brazilian, English and Spanish.

He has always been successful. He played two seasons at Arsenal before moving to Celta Vigo and has experience of Celtic Park, being in the Celta

team that lost to Celtic in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup.

**GIOVANNI VAN BRONCKHORST**  
The former Rangers midfielder has converted to a left-back at the Nou Camp and a stylish one at that.

Originally a loan star for Barça while still signed for Arsenal, van Bronckhorst is now a permanent player and provides an attacking option down the left-hand side.

He has also received international honours with Holland.

**XAVI**  
Another who epitomises everything that is good about Barcelona.

Xavi has been with the club since he was only 11 years old. He is a genuine Barça fan as well as being one of their most gifted players, and made his debut back in 1998. He was also part of the last Barcelona team to win the Spanish league, back in 1998/99.

**THIAGO MOTTA**  
The Brazilian midfielder player is held in high regard by the club.

But he might not have particularly fond memories of Celtic Park, having been red-carded at half-time along with Rab Douglas.

Motta made his league debut in a 3-0 victory over Mallorca in October 2001 and is now an established senior squad member at Camp Nou. Despite his Brazilian origins, Motta is not counted as a foreign player, following his extensive stay in Spain.



# COUNTDOWN TO DEPARTURE TIME

Celtic fans may have known Henrik Larsson was leaving for months but that couldn't stem a wave of emotion enveloping three of his final games

Words: JOE SULLIVAN

Here is that trio of matches:

ON Tuesday, May 25 this year – just less than four months, or 111 days and only five competitive games ago, to be precise – 60,000 Celtic fans stood in Paradise and saluted one of the greatest ever players to have worn the Hoops.

The occasion was Henrik's Farewell Fiesta. That the visit of Sevilla and the fare on show amounted to a siesta rather than a fiesta mattered little in the scheme of things – there had been 315 other such carnivals to recall featuring 242 celebrations to savour.

The fact that Celtic have only played 450 minutes of competitive football since Henke departed will have a bearing on whether, for you, the interim period has lasted 111 very short or 111 very long days.

But one thing is for sure, we truly didn't expect the King's return so soon – and certainly not in a competitive capacity.

So surely tonight's affair won't even have the opportunity it be dragged down to siesta level. That would be a stick-on guarantee even if Larsson hadn't opted for Barcelona – but the thought of seeing him perform at Celtic Park on UEFA Champions League duty in anything other than the Hoops has sent the mercury level rising.

It does seem like only yesterday that a trilogy of games in quick succession counted down Henrik's contractual, if not emotional, ties with Celtic FC and the fans who adored him so much.

**THREE**  
GAME one kicked off the countdown against Dundee United on May 16 here at Celtic Park.

The crowd gathered in anticipation of Henrik's last ever competitive game at Celtic and wondered if he would do what everyone wanted him to do – find the net once more for the Hoops on such a momentous occasion.

We shouldn't have, but worry we did – for a full 81 long and excruciating minutes, in fact. Beads of sweat trickled from our foreheads as each minute trundled by without a goal from the man of that and nearly 240 other net-rustling moments. That was until nine minutes from time when he rose to

bullet in a header from an Alan Thompson free-kick and we worried no more. A few minutes later he struck again, this time to connect with a Didier Agathe cross, and the Celtic score doubled with another Larsson goal and tears of joy flowed from the Swede.

The tears carried on after the game when he had to return to the pitch as the crowd refused to leave without him taking a final bow after his final competitive game in Paradise.

**TWO**  
IN an unproductive season, the game against Dundee United may well have

**“THE TEARS CARRIED ON AND HE HAD TO RETURN AS THE CROWD REFUSED TO LEAVE WITHOUT HIM TAKING A FINAL BOW”**



**been the last game full stop – but Larsson’s final term at Celtic was anything other than ordinary**

As, not only was the league won with room to spare, but the Scottish Cup final was also on the agenda.

The Celts travelled to Hampden on May 22 to take on Dunfermline in the season’s final game and what would be Larsson’s last competitive one for Celtic.

This was a different kettle of fish altogether. Against Dundee United, the league had already been won – another three points to add to the kitty would have been nice, but the main thing was an appropriate send-off for the King of Kings.

There was a Scottish Cup to be won at Hampden and although everyone of a green and white persuasion was willing him to score in his final competitive game, the oldest trophy in Scotland was at stake and we would settle for a winning margin no matter who found the net.

Unfortunately, the first name on the scoresheet was that of Andrius Skerla as

**“IT HAS BEEN FANTASTIC – ABSOLUTELY GREAT. I HAVE A SPECIAL BOND WITH THE SUPPORTERS”**

the Pars went in half-time in the lead.

Would Larsson’s final game end with the disappointment of him picking up a losers’ medal, never mind scoring a goal?

We didn’t have all that long to wait as the Swede pounced 13 minutes after the turnaround with a swerving shot worthy of winning any final and there was more to come.

With 12 minutes remaining Larsson struck again to put Celtic into the lead and Stilian Petrov tied things up with another before the final whistle.

**ONE**

**WELL, this was the final countdown game for Henrik and the only one of the trilogy in which he didn’t score.**

A Larsson was still on the scoresheet though, as wee Jordan Larsson grabbed some of the limelight by scoring in a half-time penalty shoot-out – then displaying that trademark outstretched arms and flashing tongue celebration to a T.

A Celtic win was still recorded over Sevilla thanks to a Chris Sutton goal but the night belonged to one man and one man only.

Larsson said at the time: “It’s not really sunk in yet that it was my last game. It is so hard to sum up how I feel. It has been fantastic, absolutely great. I have a special bond with the supporters. They have always backed me 100 per cent and as a player that feels great.

“Getting a chance to say bye-bye to them was brilliant and it is something that is going to live with for a long time. The game against Dundee United a couple of

## “I MISSED JORDAN SCORING HIS PENALTY AT HALF-TIME BUT HE’S CELTIC THROUGH AND THROUGH AND HE WOULD HAVE LOVED THAT.”

weeks ago was probably a natural end to things here because I knew it was my last league game at Celtic Park.

“This is a place that has meant so much to me over the last seven years and that match was a competitive game.

“When I scored in that one it hit me straight away that it was the final time in a competitive game at the ground and that was an amazing day for me.

“It was unbelievable, the whole thing. It is something I could never have dreamed of when I came in 1997 and signed my

contract

“There are not many players who have had the chance to experience what I have over the last few weeks and I feel very privileged to have got that.

“Over the last three weeks I have basically been saying goodbye, which is why it felt kind of weird on Tuesday night.

“Probably the really important games for me were the games against Dundee United and Dunfermline in the Scottish Cup final because I wanted to go out on a high, and to score in those games was something special.”

He added: “I missed Jordan scoring his penalty at half-time but he’s

Celtic through and through and would have loved that.

“We have been here for such a long time – he was only two weeks old when we moved to Scotland – so he’s Scottish. The move away will probably be toughest on Jordan.”

Around the same time, Petrov commented on how strange it would be for him to play against Henrik when Bulgaria and Sweden teed up against each other in the summer’s European Championships in Portugal.

Tonight’s duel will no doubt seem even more surreal for the Bulgarian midfielder, but God only knows how Henrik

Larsson himself will feel as he takes to the field tonight.

Hopefully the *deja vu* of the occasion will affect him in more ways than one as in Henrik’s first European appearance for Celtic here at Paradise he stuck the ball in his own net. A similar gesture of trans-continental goodwill on his Barcelona European debut would go down very nicely...



### Henrik Larsson: European Appearances and Goals for Celtic

	'97/98		'98/99		'99/00		'00/01		'01/02		'02/03		'03/04		Total	
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Austria	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
Croatia	-	-	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2
England	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	6	3
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
France	-	-	-	-	1	0	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	0	5	1
Germany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	2	0
Holland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
Hungary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1
Ireland	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Israel	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lithuania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	2	4
Luxembourg	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	2	0
Portugal	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	1	3	4	-	-	-	7	7
Spain	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	4	1	-	8	3
Switzerland	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	4	2
Wales	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>35</b>



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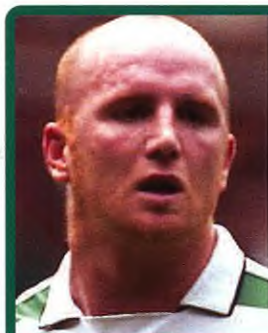
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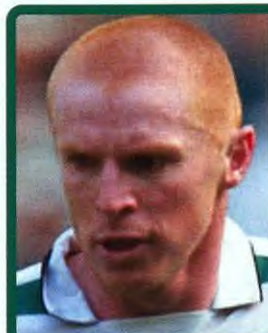
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# FEAR NOT A FACTOR FOR UPBEAT AGATHE

Ronaldinho and Co certainly made a impression on wing-back Didier Agathe last season, but tonight the Celtic player will be looking for another Hoops triumph

**ON disposal of FK Teplice in March this year, there were 15 other clubs left in last season's UEFA Cup and each one of them would have caused Celtic problems...**

Some more than others though, and there was a select band of the European elite that most people connected with Celtic were hoping to avoid when the draw for the fourth round was made.

Ironically, among the teams we would maybe have fancied our chances against was Villarreal.

But, as it was, not only did we manage to get paired with one of the star turns, we were slotted in to play the cream of the continent and maybe the side we, and ever other club in the draw, wanted to steer clear of the most – Barcelona.

**Exclusive interview: JOE SULLIVAN**

As it turned out, wing-back Didier Agathe was to become a Celtic hero over the course of the two-legged affair. And, even before the action got underway, he was as excited as any Celt when the original draw was announced:

Agathe said: "Well, Barcelona are a big club and I think every player would like to play against them. We were paired with them and it was very enjoyable."

"Of course, the end result was very good for us as we went through after the draw in Barcelona. But this is another game in a new season and we have to leave the past behind."

"They have a different team, we have also, and it's going to be very tough, we know that – but you never know."

The Barça crown is, of course, littered with jewels, but perhaps the most lustrous of them was Ronaldinho, just one of the BIG names in football that open the eyes of the fans.

"For me, in my own experience of playing against Ronaldinho, you never know what he is going to do with the ball, so that can make the meeting something special," Agathe said.

"But at the end of the day the truth is, on the pitch and during the 90 minutes you get that right line between respect and fear."

"In saying that, we have respect for Barcelona like every team but not fear. This is maybe a good thing because if you don't have this faith then there is no point in playing."

"You like to play because you like to win, especially when it's for a big club like Celtic, but it's going to be very, very difficult – I'm sure about this."

"I suppose last season nobody expected us to win but I believe, and we need to believe, that we can go out there and do

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our best to win the game."

Celtic, of course, got the crucial 1-0 home win on a night of drama, intrigue and football excellence, and it's an occasion that the La Reunion-born Celt well remembers.

He said: "In terms of the game and the quality of the football, it was a great night, and again we gained a lot in experience during that game."

"You learn a lot playing against a team like Barcelona and the atmosphere was amazing, so for these games especially we definitely need the supporters. The Celtic fans were unbelievable against Barça last season and we will thrive on that sort of backing again tonight."

"But that doesn't put extra pressure on us because once you cross that line for the 90 minutes the most important thing is the competition and trying to get the right result at the end."

"This is not a personal thing for me but this is something for the whole team and the club."

It was Alan Thompson who got the all-important goal from a Henrik Larsson knock-down and Agathe was keen to promote the team-work that led up to the Englishman's counter, while still noting caution for tonight's clash.

He said: "It was a good goal from Thommo, good team-work. The team played very well that night and so did



Barcelona so it was a great evening. But that was then and this is now so it is totally different for me.

"They have improved as a team and are used to playing in front of big partisan crowds in big grounds like ours. So we have to concentrate for 90 minutes and prove that we can do this as we will be underdogs. Sometimes to be in this position is even better than being expected to win."

Agathe was one of the top performers that night and he carried that on with a heroic performance in the second leg – but personal acclaim means nothing to him if the team doesn't win.

"My own performance is good if, at the end of the day, the team gets a win," he explained. "If I score or put in a good ball for someone else to score then I enjoy the game, but if I put in the same performance and we lose then I take absolutely nothing from a good personal performance."

"At the end of the day the result is the most important thing for me."

He said of the away game in the Nou Camp, when a superhuman performance from the Bhoys earned a 0-0 draw to go through to the quarter finals: "That was a very strange game as we went there and

our own belief was very strong. We worked very hard and to bring a result home from Barcelona was a very good job well done.

"We have to use that experience again tonight but, like I said, last season is away and we have to look forward. This is a different team in a different season but we can still utilise the same belief that helped us last season."

The achievement of the Celts on the night was magnified by the fact that youngsters such as David Marshall and John Kennedy were thrust into the Nou Camp floodlights and emerged at the end of the game as heroes.

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Agathe said: "David is a young goalkeeper and now he has played so many games he is more experienced, so it is a different experience for him even although he is still so young."

"And although John is injured there are similarities in the experience he has gained. There are so many young players on the verge of breaking through here at Celtic, so credit is due not only to the youngsters but also to the management for electing to bring the young players into the first team."

"In such big games as this it is very important for the player. Again this season we have so many young players coming through and they are prepared to work hard just like everybody else."

And he added: "There is no fear, but respect. We will never come out and say we are going to beat them but we have shown before that we have nothing to fear."

"When I saw the draw with AC Milan and Barcelona I knew it was going to be tough but football is not an exact science and you never know what is going to happen in the game."

"I'm looking forward to such a big

match, which I will enjoy, but we are in the UEFA Champions League because we fought all of last season to get there and we want to get results for the fans at the end of the day."

"We didn't fight all last season just to qualify and then settle for that – you need to be in it. There is no point in passing up on the UEFA Champions League. It is a bonus for all our hard work and we will try to do our best in these games for the supporters."

One major difference though is that last

season Henrik Larsson was playing in green and white hoops, while this time around he will be in the claret and blue of Barcelona.

"It doesn't affect me personally," Agathe admitted. "I play for Celtic and for me the most important thing is to give my best over the course of a season and that can be hard with so many games."

"But it is a squad game and we are all part of that squad, so when Henrik left last season everybody was worried because he is such a great player."

"I know how good he is because I played with him for four years. But for me it's different now – Henrik is with Barcelona and my team is Celtic."

"He is part of a team, part of a whole and that whole is Barcelona. We have to deal with that because in football you don't have time for the past."

"We have great respect for him and thank him for everything he did for the club in scoring many goals for us. He will always be a good friend but on the pitch it will be totally different."

"We need to think like this because there is no room for sentimentality in football, especially with a game at

this level. Henrik will be trying to score goals against Celtic and it is our job to stop him. After the 90 minutes we will shake hands and be friends once more but during the game we just have to look on him as another Barcelona player."

Of course, Larsson is just one of many players who can cause trouble for fun and Agathe is well aware of that fact.

He said: "They are a very strong team and they have improved their squad. With names like Deco, Eto'o, Ronaldinho and Henrik among others, it's easy to see how strong they are."

"But a team is 11 players and we never know what will happen. I can't say if we are going to win or going to lose, but I definitely believe we have the ability to take something from the game."

"Talk is cheap before the game – it is the same for every match whether it be against Barcelona, Rangers or Partick Thistle. The only thing is that, because this is against such a big club, it may be tactically different."

"It may be different in terms of pressure but our mental approach and motivation is the same. In my personal opinion, to play here you have to think like this."

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30 Celtic v FC Barcelona



Celtic v FC Barcelona 31



**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS:** (Clockwise) Hristo Stoichkov lifts the European Cup after Barcelona's defeat of Sampdoria in 1992, while the UEFA Champions League final arrives at Hampden. Man Utd toasted success in 1999, Celtic and Barca met in the UEFA Cup and Valencia have come close to winning the UEFA Champions League



OF the 91 teams to have played in the UEFA Champions League, Barcelona lie in fourth place in the all-time ranking list behind Real Madrid, Manchester United and Bayern Munich.

- Their record is played 80, won 42, drawn 20, lost 18, for 155, against 99. Last season Celtic climbed 10 places, from 59th to 49th, having played 12, won 5, drawn 1, lost 16; for 16, against 18.

- This is Barca's ninth UEFA Champions League campaign. Their failure to qualify for last year's competition has resulted in Manchester United and Porto leading the way with 10 appearances in the competition.

- The nine Spanish teams to have played in the UEFA Champions League are split into two categories. There are the veterans such as Real Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Deportivo La Coruna, and the novices who have each played just once in the tournament, Atletico Madrid, Celta Vigo, Real Sociedad, Mallorca and Athletic Bilbao.

- Barcelona lie in sixth place in the all-time European Cup/UEFA Champions League list

## Just three clubs have a better record than Barcelona in the UEFA Champions League, but the Catalan giants have yet to taste glory under this format

with a record of: played 140, won 78, drawn 31, lost 31, for 269, against 155. At present, Celtic are in 14th position but two wins would see them swap places with Rangers. Celtic's record is, played 102, won 55, drawn 17, lost 30, for 178, against 99.

- Barcelona won the last ever European Cup in its original format, when they beat Sampdoria 1-0 at Wembley in 1992, thanks to Ronald Koeman's superbly struck, extra-time free-kick. The following season the UEFA Champions League was introduced.

- Six European Cup finals have been played in Spain, with an average crowd of 77,338. In Scotland there have been three European Cup finals with an average attendance of 79,788.

- Barcelona's last UEFA Champions League adventure was two years ago and to say their record was impressive is something of an understatement.

In the first group stage they won all six matches against Lokomotiv Moscow, Club Brugge and Galatasaray. In the second group stage they won five and drew the other when up against Inter Milan, Newcastle United and Bayer Leverkusen.

However, in the quarter-final knock-out stage, they drew 1-1 away to Juventus and then lost the return leg 2-1 in the Nou Camp.

- Last season in the UEFA Cup, Barca beat Puchov 9-1 on aggregate, Panionios 5-0, Brondby 3-1, before losing to Celtic 1-0 in two epic matches.



- Both Celtic and Barcelona have lost European finals in Seville.

Barca's defeat came in the 1986 European Cup final when, after a goal-less draw, they lost 2-0 on penalties to Steau Bucharest.

In total, they have lost three European finals, the others being in 1961 when they were defeated 5-3 by Benfica in Amsterdam, and in 1994 when Italians AC Milan thumped them 4-0 in Athens.

- The only debutant in this season's UEFA Champions League is Maccabi Tel Aviv from Israel, who will become the 92nd club to compete in the UEFA Champions League when they face Bayern Munich at home tomorrow night.

- The highest ranked team in the UEFA Champions League all-time list not to be playing in this season's tournament is Borussia Dortmund, who lie in ninth place.

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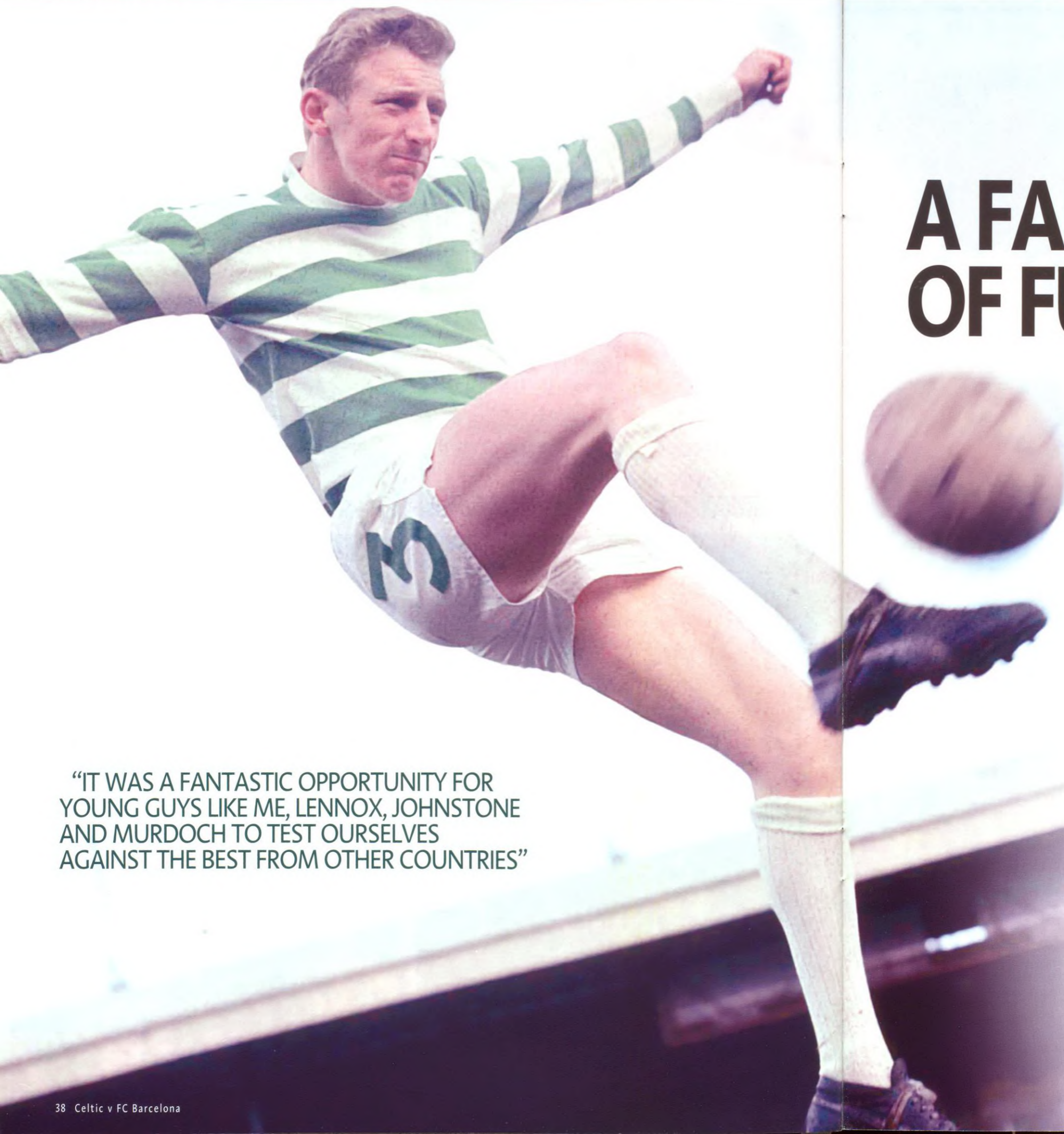


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# A FAIRS INDICATION OF FUTURE SUCCESS

Forty years on from Celtic's two-leg European loss to Barcelona, Tommy Gemmell reveals how the matches helped shape the great Lisbon Lions team which would triumph in 1967

Exclusive Interview: JOHN COLE

**IT IS STATING THE OBVIOUS TO SAY THAT Tommy Gemmell is a Celtic legend. The big left-back wrote the story that will stand for all time in Celtic minds when he fired in that glorious equaliser at the Estadio Nacional in Lisbon in 1967 – setting the Hoops up for their historic European Cup win against Inter Milan.**

Gemmell, however, can trace the conception of Celtic's success in Lisbon to a Fairs Cup contest almost 40 years ago – in November/December 1964 – against Barcelona.

Celtic had disposed of the Portuguese side Leixos in a fiery first round tie – and they were fated to return to the Iberian Peninsula, and the Catalan capital to play the mighty Barcelona in round two.

“Barça were not as big as Real Madrid, of course,” said the hard-hitting man with the cannonball shot, whose updated biography, *Lionheart*, will hit the bookshops in late October, probably with the impact of one of his penalty kicks.

“Real had already won six European Cups and were undoubtedly the major institution in the Spanish League. However, we were still in awe of the Catalans' reputation and of their stadium, which was every bit as impressive then as it is now.”

In November, a mass travelling party of

Celtic fans will congregate in Las Ramblas in Barcelona city centre, hoping to enjoy the hospitality before their side play at the Nou Camp for the second time in a year.

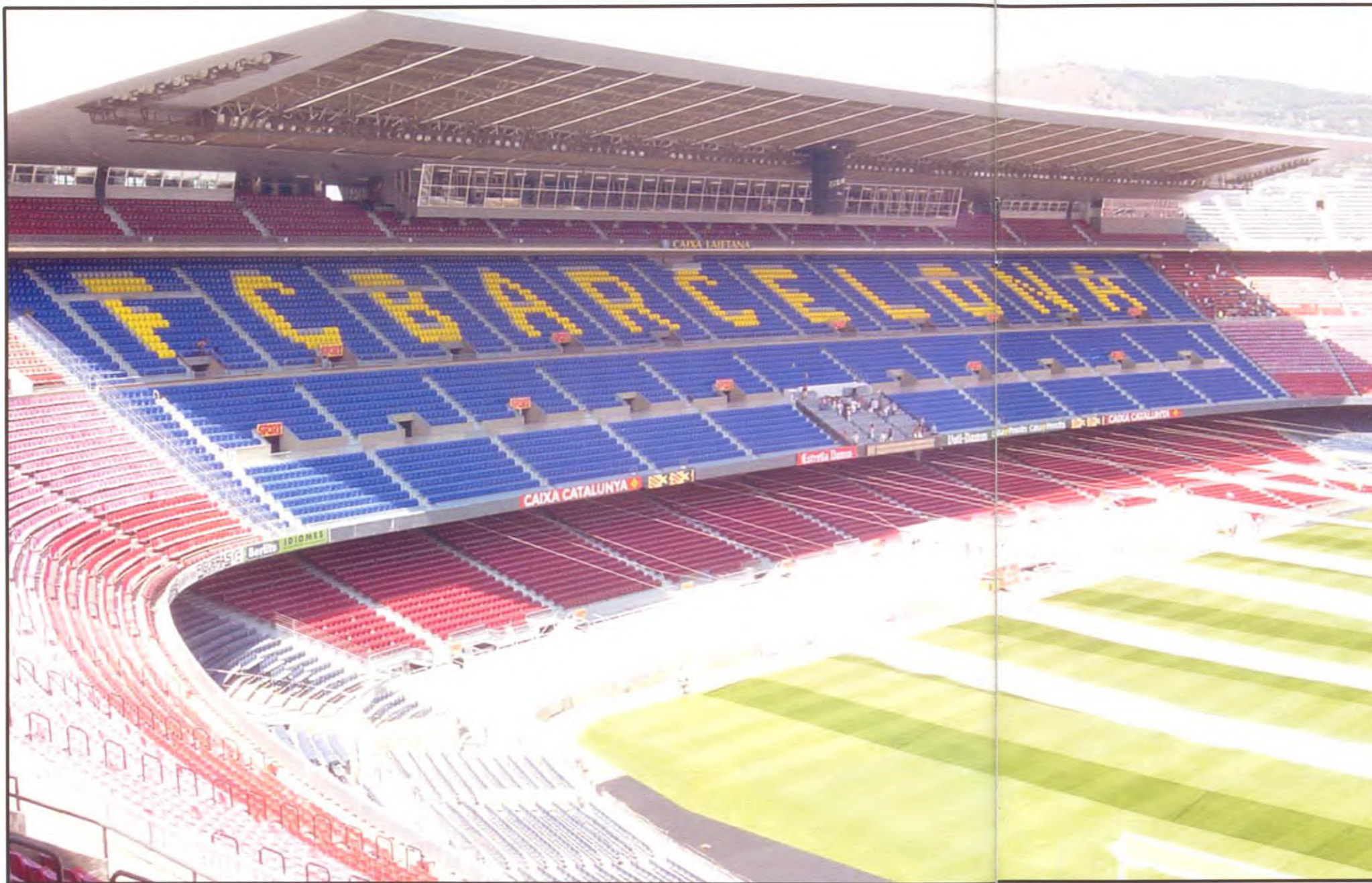
They will recall the party atmosphere of Celtic's success in the city back in March, when Martin O'Neill's side held out for a courageous 0-0 draw to go through to the quarter-final of the UEFA Cup.

Over the years, the difficulty factor in facing Barça has certainly not diminished. The beauty of the Catalan capital has not tarnished with the years either, but the culture of following one's favourite team in Europe has.

Today's football fans are a sophisticated bunch and they are a far cry that from the embryonic travelling Celtic support in 1964. Then, they numbered tens rather than tens of thousands.

European travel was alien to players and supporters, and if fans didn't place too much emphasis on European success then, the players and big Tam Gemmell certainly did.

He explained: “In those days, European football was still a new thing for Scottish footballers, but it was a fantastic opportunity for young guys like me and Lennox, Johnstone and Murdoch to test ourselves against the best from other countries – and they didn't come much better than Spain and Barcelona.”



**EUROPEAN MEMORIES:** Big Tommy celebrates after bulging the net in the European Cup final against Feyenoord, while things get slightly heated between John Hughes and his Barcelona rivals during the 1964 clash at the Nou Camp.



"Involvement in European football was also a chance for us to learn not just about how the Europeans played, but about their culture as well. It was a very enlightening experience for us in many ways."

Gemmell reckons the 3-1 defeat in the Nou Camp in the first leg on November 18, 1964 was an invaluable experience for himself and his Celtic team-mates – seven of whom shared the glory in Lisbon just three years later.

He said: "To play in a fantastic stadium like that and in that terrific, exciting atmosphere was all part of our learning process. We were at that time a trifle naive. Only six months earlier we had squandered

a three-goal lead in the semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup against MTK Budapest – but we were learning fast.



"For example, at that time, defending was almost all that was expected of me. But I watched the Barça left back – a guy called Benitez – go forward at every opportunity. "I learned something of attacking play from him, and took a leaf out of his book going forward."

John Hughes scored the goal for Celtic that

night as Gemmell's mates were defeated by three goals to Yogi's sole counter. But the young Celts thought they were still in

**"BARÇA'S LEFT BACK WENT FORWARD AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND I TOOK A LEAF OUT OF HIS BOOK"**

the tie said Gemmell, who said: "We didn't think that two goals at Celtic Park were beyond us. We had had a measure of success in Europe previously, and it wasn't unreasonable to expect we could make a game of it."

Unfortunately for Celtic though, Barça gained a 0-0 draw on December 2, 1964 and progressed to the next round. Gemmell remains philosophical about the

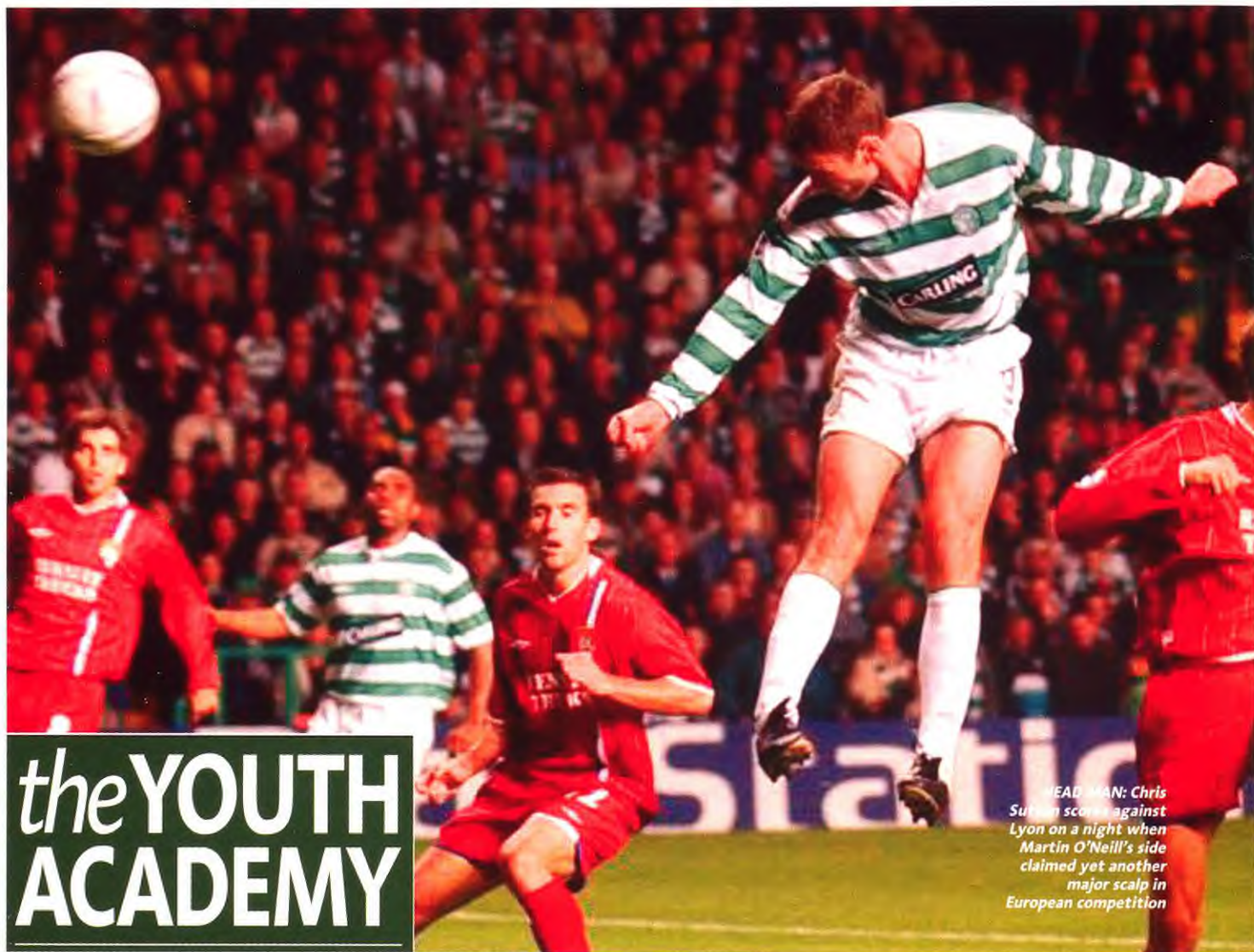
whole Barcelona experience.

He said: "To be fair, they were the better side at Parkhead that night. We probably did well to keep it at 0-0 but on the whole it was a great experience and one from which the team learned."

That much is self-evident of course, and the learning curve reached its peak as Celtic's young pupils graduated with honours three years later, when Barcelona's lesson – retained in the Celtic memory – was handed out to Inter Milan in Lisbon.

Gemmell went on: "As I said, we were soaking up the experiences and trying to apply the best of what we saw and heard to our own professional lives.

"An experience like being involved in a European competition with Barcelona could only be of benefit to guys who were dedicated to bettering themselves. By the time Lisbon came around, we were ready, thanks to the Barça experience and other great occasions in which we participated,"



## the YOUTH ACADEMY

*HEAD MAN: Chris Sutton scores against Lyon on a night when Martin O'Neill's side claimed yet another major scalp in European competition*

**IT'S hard to believe that we could have got a more exciting draw than the one we have for the UEFA Champions League.**

Incredible when you think of the quality of the opposition. You begin to gulp when think of the array of talent and begin to consider the size of the clubs involved.

Then you really begin to think about things and you get some perspective.

Our manager and his backroom staff have prepared our first team for some very high profile fixtures over the last four years.

They have had a staggeringly high success rate in these games and our players have reached tremendous heights.

The supporters have matched that performance, capped by the scenes in Seville. It is clear that Celtic belong in the higher echelons of the game, competing against the giants of Europe.

So that gulp I mentioned earlier becomes a nod of recognition. We actually

With the club having edged closer to its true standing in the world game in recent years, Tommy Burns wants Celtic's Youth Academy to capitalise

belong here. How does this affect us in the Youth Academy? Well, it gives us all pride in our club. Additionally, it gives us massive profile in the world of football.

The name of the club, the magnificence of its support, the quality of its play is shown all around the globe.

We must capitalise upon this unprecedented exposure. We have to make sure that the top young talent available in the UK and beyond have Celtic in their minds as a possible option for

them. We have to make sure we deliver players good enough for the first team and that the opportunity our top side present us with, in terms of massive profile, is not wasted.

Tonight the club is in the spotlight once more. What more could a young player yearn for? A packed stadium, unmatched atmosphere, opponents who are among the leaders of world football, and an opportunity to compete against the best.

This must be of huge appeal to young players making up their minds which club is for them. The answer is clear to me – it has to be Celtic.

Enjoy the game

*Tommy Burns*

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**CELTIC POOLS - THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



**COACH IN SERVICE**

**LAST** night our coaches and physios had their first In Service of the season, with Adam Owen and Tommy Burns delivering a number of recent developments in pre-match stretching and warm ups.

The U13s squad were used for demonstration purposes and all of the boys responded very well to the instructions, being a valuable aid in the presentation.

**UNDER 15S**

**MARTIN CLARK** and **Danny Crainie** continue to develop our 15s squad and, as well as working on the boys' technique, they are putting a great deal of emphasis on developing their awareness of positional play and introducing the lads to basic tactical play.

They have been delighted with the progress the boys have made over the last few weeks, and are confident that this will continue throughout the season.

In recent weeks the best performances have been from Craig Connell and David Wotherspoon. Carlo Monti and Michael Graham have been the leading scorers so far, and Billy Guvenenar and Euan Moyes have done particularly well defensively.

They have also been delighted with the performances of Darren McGeouch in midfield.

**UNDER 17S**

**AS** we no longer have Under-16 football in the SFA Youth Initiative, our squad playing at this level are very young, with approximately half of our group still being eligible to play U16 football.

Most of the other clubs we play against have mostly 17s, which has proved an excellent challenge for our kids.

Jim McNally has been delighted with his squad continuing their unbeaten run in Scotland, and also with the number of boys from his age group who have been promoted to the U19 squad.

The squad are also a mixture of full-time and part-time players getting together a couple of times a week and when the schoolboys are off on holiday.

So far there have been some excellent team performances, making it difficult for Jim to pick individuals for praise. When pushed, he opted for Paul Caddis, Mark Miller, Paul McInnes and Sean Anderson as having performed particularly well.

**DEVELOPMENT CENTRE GAMES PROGRAMME**

**THE** Programme is now well under way, with the kids from our Centres throughout the country, playing against each other in festivals each weekend.

This is the first stage in the selection of next season's Under 11s Squad, and is a vital part of the season-long process.

*Brian Meehan*

Younger teams back in action as first In Service takes place and coaches praise 15s and 17s lads

**FIXTURES**

**THIS** weekend we play Livingston at U13-U17, with the 13s and 14s playing at Almondvale, and the 15s and 17s playing at home.

The U11s and U12s will be back in action this week, after the disappointment of missing the fixtures against Rangers last weekend, travelling to play at Dundee United. The fixtures against United and Livingston are always very competitive and the squads are looking forward to the matches.

**CELTIC POOLS - THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Comp	Date	Opposition	Res.	Att.	Teamsheet
SPL	Aug 8	H Motherwell	2-0	57,245	MARSHALL McNAMARA VARGA VALGAEREN AGATHE LENNON PETROV (Sylla) THOMPSON SUTTON HARTSON (Camara)
SPL	Aug 14	A Kilmarnock	4-2	10,500	MARSHALL McNAMARA(Laursen) VARGA VALGAEREN AGATHE LENNON PETROV(Beattie) McGEADY(Camara) THOMPSON (2) HARTSON (2)
SPL	Aug 22	A Inverness CT (2pm)	3-1	8,736	MARSHALL BALDE (Laursen) VARGA VALGAEREN AGATHE LENNON PETROV(Lambert) WALLACE(Pearson) THOMPSON HARTSON (2)
SPL	Aug 29	H Rangers (1pm)	1-0	58,935	MARSHALL BALDE VARGA McNAMARA AGATHE LENNON PETROV JUNINHO(Valgaeren) THOMPSON HARTSON(Sylla)
SPL	Sept 11	H Dundee			
CL	Sept 14	H Barcelona			
SPL	Sept 19	A Hibernian			
CIS	Sept 27	H Falkirk			
SPL	Sept 25	H Dunfermline			
CL	Sept 29	A AC Milan			
SPL	Oct 3	A Dundee Utd			
SPL	Oct 16	H Hearts			
CL	Oct 20	A Shakhtar Don			
SPL	Oct 24	A Livingston			
SPL	Oct 27	H Aberdeen			
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SPL	Nov 6	H Kilmarnock			
CIS	Nov 9/10	exc CIS Cup round 4			
SPL	Nov 13	H Inverness CT			
SPL	Nov 20	A Rangers			
CL	Nov 24	A Barcelona			
SPL	Nov 28	A Dundee			
SPL	Dec 4	H Hibernian			
CL	Dec 7	H AC Milan			
SPL	Dec 12	A Dunfermline			
SPL	Dec 18	H Dundee Utd			
SPL	Dec 26	A Hearts			
SPL	Jan 1	H Livingston			
SC	Jan 8	exc Scottish Cup R3			
SPL	Jan 15	A Aberdeen			
SPL	Jan 22	H Motherwell			
SPL	Jan 29	A Kilmarnock			
CIS	Feb 1/2	exc CIS Cup semi final			
SC	Feb 5	exc Scottish Cup R4			
SPL	Feb 12	A Inverness CT			
CL	Feb 19	H Rangers			
CL	Feb 22/23	exc CL 1st KO 1st leg			
SC	Feb 26	exc Scottish Cup QF			
SPL	Mar 2	H Dundee			
SPL	Mar 5	A Hibernian			
CL	Mar 8/9	exc CL 1st KO 2nd leg			
SPL	Mar 12	H Dunfermline			
SPL	Mar 19	A Dundee Utd			
CIS	Mar 19/20	N CIS Cup Final			
SPL	Apr 2	H Hearts			
CL	Apr 5/6	exc CL QF 1st leg			
SPL	Apr 9	A Livingston			
SC	Apr 9/10	exc Scottish Cup SF			
CL	Apr 12/13	exc CL QF 2nd leg			
SPL	Apr 16	H Aberdeen			
SPL	Apr 23	exc SPL Game 34			
CL	Apr 26/27	exc CL SF 1st leg			
SPL	Apr 30	exc SPL Game 35			
CL	May 3/4	exc CL SF 2nd leg			
SPL	May 7	exc SPL Game 36			
SPL	May 14	exc SPL Game 37			
SPL	May 22	exc SPL Game 38			
CL	May 25	N CL Final			
SC	May 28	N Scottish Cup Final			



Substitutes							
McGEADY (Pearson)	Hedman	Laursen	Sylla <sup>(8)</sup>	Pearson <sup>(7)</sup>	Wallace	Camara <sup>(6)</sup>	Beattie
SUTTON	Douglas	Sylla	Pearson	Wallace	Laursen <sup>(7)</sup>	Camara <sup>(7)</sup>	Beattie <sup>(7)</sup>
CAMARA	Douglas	Pearson <sup>(8)</sup>	Lambert <sup>(8)</sup>	Laursen <sup>(6)</sup>	McGeady	McManus	Cuthbert
CAMARA (Wallace)	Douglas	Pearson	Valgaeren <sup>(7)</sup>	Wallace <sup>(6)</sup>	McGeady	Sylla <sup>(6)</sup>	Cuthbert

- 3 MOMO SYLLA Midfielder
- 4 JACKIE McNAMARA Defender
- 5 JOOS VALGAEREN Defender
- 6 BOBO BALDE Defender
- 7 JUNINHO Midfielder
- 8 ALAN THOMPSON Midfielder
- 9 CHRIS SUTTON Forward
- 10 JOHN HARTSON Forward
- 11 STEPHEN PEARSON Midfielder
- 12 DAVID FERNANDEZ Forward
- 14 PAUL LAMBERT Midfielder
- 15 BOBBY PETTA Midfielder
- 16 ULRIK LAURSEN Defender
- 17 DIDIER AGATHE Midfielder
- 18 NEIL LENNON Midfielder
- 19 STILIAN PETROV Midfielder
- 20 ROBERT DOUGLAS Goalkeeper
- 21 MAGNUS HEDMAN Goalkeeper
- 22 DAVID MARSHALL Goalkeeper
- 23 STANISLAV VARGA Defender
- 27 HENRI CAMARA Forward
- 29 SHAUN MALONEY Forward
- 33 ROSS WALLACE Forward
- 37 CRAIG BEATTIE Forward
- 41 JOHN KENNEDY Defender
- 44 STEPHEN McMANUS Defender
- 46 AIDEN McGEADY Midfielder
- 47 MICHAEL McGOVERN Goalkeeper
- 49 SCOTT CUTHBERT Defender

Statistics:  
 Name - goalscorer  
 ● - player booked  
 ● - player sent off  
 Name<sup>(1)</sup> - sub used  
 \* own goal scored

FIRST TEAM STATS 03/04	League					CIS Cup					Scot Cup					Europe					Total						
	a	s	g	a	s	g	a	s	g	a	s	g	a	s	g	a	s	g	a	s	g	a	s	g			
STANISLAV VARGA	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
STILIAN PETROV	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1
NEIL LENNON	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
BOBO BALDE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
DIDIER AGATHE	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
CHRIS SUTTON	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
ALAN THOMPSON	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1
DAVID MARSHALL	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
AIDEN McGEADY	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
STEPHEN PEARSON	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
HENRI CAMARA	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
JOHN HARTSON	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
JUNINHO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
JOHN KENNEDY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAB DOUGLAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHAUN MALONEY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAGNUS HEDMAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOMO SYLLA	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
DAVID FERNANDEZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSS WALLACE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
PAUL LAMBERT	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
STEPHEN McMANUS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRAIG BEATTIE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ULRIK LAURSEN	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
BOBBY PETTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
own goals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SPL	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
CELTIC	4	4	0	0	10	3	7	12
Aberdeen	4	2	2	0	3	0	3	8
Rangers	4	2	1	1	8	2	6	7
Hearts	4	2	1	1	4	2	2	7
Motherwell	4	2	0	2	5	5	0	6
Kilmarnock	4	2	0	2	4	7	-3	6
Dundee Utd	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
Dundee	4	1	1	2	7	8	-1	4
Hibernian	4	1	1	2	7	10	-3	4
Livingston	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	4
Inverness CT	4	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
Dunfermline	4	0	1	3	1	5	-4	1



Q15

Q10



# half-time QUIZ

Put your football knowledge to the test with our super Celtic quiz

- 1) Which two men have scored for Celtic in European competition against their former clubs.
- 2) In which famous stadium did Barcelona win the European Cup for the only occasion in their history, defeating Sampdoria 1-0 in 1992.
- 3) Who are the only two players to have won a UEFA Champions League medal and a World Cup winners medal in the same season.
- 4) Which two Celtic goalkeepers have the distinction of making their European debuts for the club against Barcelona.
- 5) Other than Barcelona, which three Spanish clubs have Celtic played under the management of Martin O'Neill.
- 6) In the last decade which two Brazilians have finished top League goalscorers for Barcelona.
- 7) Who was the last player to score in a UEFA Champions League final to play his football in the Scottish Premier Division/SPL.
- 8) Which three men have played with Celtic but won European Cup winners medals with other clubs.
- 9) On how many occasions have Barcelona won major European trophies.
- 10) How many goals did Henrik Larsson score for Celtic to establish a record for a player with a British club in Europe.
- 11) Which Spanish side provided the opposition in the match that established the lowest ever attendance in a European tie at Celtic Park.
- 12) Which team has the unusual distinction of winning and losing a UEFA Champions League Final on a penalty shoot out.
- 13) Other than Barcelona this evening, who are the only other two teams to have played against Celtic in European competition in successive seasons?
- 14) Against which two sides has Joos Valgaeren scored for Celtic in European competition.
- 15) In which season did Martin O'Neill and John Robertson help Nottingham Forest defeat Barcelona to win European Supercup medals.

## ANSWERS

1. Johannes Edvaldsson v Valur Reykjavik ECWC 1975/76 and Chris Sutton v Blackburn Rovers UEFA Cup 2002/2003. 2. Wembley Stadium. 3. Christian Karembeu (lost) 13. Uljpest Doza 1971/1972 & 1972/1973; FC Porto 2001/2002 & 2002/2003 14. Juventus 2001/2002 15. 1979/1980  
 Madrid 1985/86 approx 250 people as the game was officially played behind closed doors. 12. Juventus v Ajax 1995/96 (won) Juventus v AC Milan 2002/2003  
 Valencia, Celta Vigo & Villarreal. 6. Romario 30 goals 1993/94. Ronaldinho 34 goals 1996/97. 7. Fabrizio Ravanelli with Dundee. 8. Pat Crerand (Manchester Utd).  
 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Paul Lambert (Borussia Dortmund) 9. 10 times 1 European Cup 4 ECWC 3 Fairs Cup 2 European Supercup. 10. 35 goals. 11. Atletico





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