

# Celtic

v FK SUDUVA

UEFA Cup First Round First Leg  
Thursday 19th September 2002 k.o. 7.45pm



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**THERE is no doubt whatsoever that we deserved to win the game against Hibs. John Hartson's first half strike eventually proved to be the winning goal.**

I was naturally hoping that a second goal might follow but it wasn't to be and consequently there were a few nervy moments towards the end of the game when perhaps an awkward bounce of the ball in our penalty box might fall to an opponent with a chance to equalise.

However, we saw it through to the end and got immediately back on the winning trail after the defeat at Motherwell.

The victory itself will boost confidence going into the game this evening.

I am eagerly looking forward to this UEFA Cup tie against Suduva. We will obviously have

to press strongly to win the game but naturally we will have to be mindful of staying resolute in defence.

We conceded a sloppy goal within a minute of our vital Champions League qualifying game against FC Basel a few weeks ago here at Celtic Park, a goal which gave our opponents a massive boost in confidence so early in the tie.

This is something we will attempt to avoid this evening but regardless of whether it happens again our efforts will be focused on trying to score and thus taking a lead to Lithuania in a fortnight's time.

Participating in European football is a wonderful experience. The Champions League is undoubtedly the holy grail but the UEFA Cup is still a major competition and like every other club taking part this

evening we would like to remain in it for as long as possible.

The European matches are invariably close affairs and there is no danger whatsoever that anyone here will be underestimating Suduva.

I am looking forward to an exciting contest, as are the players, and I am hoping that you will give us your help. The volume of support during the European nights that I have known since coming to the club just over two years ago has been excellent.

The noise generated inside Celtic Park can be phenomenal and if the atmosphere this evening gets even remotely close to last year's Juventus and Valencia matches then it will be an inspiration to the players.



# Celtic FC Factfile

**Formed:** 1888

**Stadium:** Celtic Park  
(capacity 60,506)

**Home strip:** Green/white hooped shirts,  
white shorts, white socks

**Away strip:** Gold shirts, green  
shorts, gold socks

**Third strip:** White shirts, black shorts and socks

**Record attendance:** 92,000 (v Rangers, 1938)

**Record victory:** 11-0 (v Dundee, 1895)

**Record defeat:** 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1937)

**Most league goals (1 season):** 50, Jimmy McGrory,  
1935/36

**Most Premier/SPL goals (1 season):** 35, Brian  
McClair 1986/87, Henrik Larsson 2000/01

**Website:** www.celticfc.net

## Honours

### Scottish League (38)

1892/93, 1893/94, 1895/96, 1897/98, 1904/05,

1905/06, 1906/07, 1907/08, 1908/09, 1909/10,  
1913/14, 1914/15, 1915/16, 1916/17, 1918/19,  
1921/22, 1925/26, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1953/54,  
1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68, 1968/69, 1969/70,  
1970/71, 1971/72, 1972/73, 1973/74, 1976/77,  
1978/79, 1980/81, 1981/82, 1985/86, 1987/88,  
1997/98, 2000/2001, 2001/2002

### Scottish Cup (31)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912,  
1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951,  
1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975,  
1977, 1980, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1995, 2001

### League Cup (12)

1956/57, 1957/58, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1967/68  
1968/69, 1969/70, 1974/75, 1982/83, 1997/98,  
1999/2000, 2000/2001

### European Cup (1)

1967

### Coronation Cup (1)

1953

## CELTIC FACTS

1. On this particular date, Celtic has had mixed fortunes in European competition. In 1973, in the European Cup, goals by Jimmy Johnstone, George Connelly, Harry Hood and Tommy Callaghan (2) gave the Hoops a comfortable 6-1 home victory over TPS Turku of Finland. On the other hand, in 1979, in the same competition, we lost 0-1 to Partizan Tirana in Albania; while in 1984, the same scoreline resulted after a Cup-Winners' Cup match in Belgium versus Gent.
2. On September 20, 1978, Paul Wilson was sold to Motherwell for £50,000. Many fans compared Paul to Willie Fernie but he was an excellent player in his own right. In 214 appearances for Celtic, Paul scored 52 goals, picking up both a League Championship and a League Cup medal, as well as two Scottish Cup medals.
3. Jock Stein used 10 keepers in his Celtic career. One of these, John Kennedy, was his first signing in March, 1965. An English teacher, John had kept goal for the GB Olympic team in the 1964 Games in Tokyo but only made one appearance in the first team at Celtic Park, against Raith Rovers in the League Cup on September 22, 1965. He left for Lincoln in 1967, with whom he played 251 matches.

## FK SUDUVA FACTS

1. Lithuania is the largest of the three Baltic states and has spent most of the modern era as part of the Tsarist Russian Empire or the Communist Soviet Union. Independence came after the First World War but a further four years passed before the national football association started. The country became part of FIFA in 1923, left in 1943 after becoming absorbed as a region of the USSR, then rejoined after declaring its independence in 1990. The new national league and cup competitions all date from 1992.
2. The three Baltic states have always had a rivalry in all forms of sport. One of the happiest days for Lithuanian fans came in 1995, when the country crushed Estonia 7-0. The country's most-capped player was Romauldas Marcinkus picking up 41 international appearances between 1927 and 1938.
3. Like all countries in that part of Europe, the Lithuanian league runs from spring to autumn. Three years ago, FK Suduva were in the regional leagues. Then two great seasons saw them reach the second division and then they made the top flight. A 3-1 cup final defeat to FBK Kaunas—who had already qualified for the Champions League competition—then put them in the UEFA Cup for the first time.



# TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS **FK SUDUVA**



SEASON 2002/03

CURRENT LITHUANIAN FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
4. Inkaras	23	11	3	9	27	20	36
5. Zalgiris	22	9	8	5	30	22	35
6. SUDUVA	22	7	6	9	25	38	27
7. Sakalas	22	6	8	8	22	32	26
8. Gelezinis Vilkas	25	3	5	17	21	60	14
9. Nevezis	24	1	4	19	15	59	7



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**ALGIMANTAS GABRYS**

STADIUM  
**SU DUVOS STADIONE**

CAPACITY  
**2,500**



## CELTIC



## FK SUDUVA

JONATHAN GOULD	1	1
TOM BOYD	2	12
MOMO SYLLA	3	21
JACKIE McNAMARA	4	2
JOOS VALGAEREN	5	15
BOBO BALDE	6	19
HENRIK LARSSON	7	4
ALAN THOMPSON	8	16
CHRIS SUTTON	9	8
JOHN HARTSON	10	6
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12	5
PAUL LAMBERT	14	3
BOBBY PETTA	15	11
ULRIK LAURSEN	16	7
DIDIER AGATHE	17	9
NEIL LENNON	18	22
STILIAN PETROV	19	13
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20	18
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21	10
COLIN HEALY	24	14
PAUL SHIELDS	26	
JON PAUL McGOVERN	27	
SHAUN MALONEY	29	
STEVE GUPPY	30	
SIMON LYNCH	32	
MARK FOTHERINGHAM	34	
JOHAN MJALLBY	35	
JAMIE SMITH	39	
STEPHEN CRAINEY	40	
JOHN KENNEDY	41	
LIAM MILLER	43	

ARINGAS BALNYS	
SAULIUS KLEVINSKAS	
ARTURAS JANUSKEVICIUS	
GIEDRIUS KLEVINSKAS	
RIMANTAS PETRAUSKAS	
VILMANTAS RUKAVICIUS	
TOMAS SENDZIKAS	
GINTARAS SLAVICKAS	
VIDAS ADOMAITIS	
AIDAS BRAZAITIS	
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## RECENT FORM

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 10 SEPTEMBER, 2002  
MOTHERWELL 2 v **CELTIC 1** (Hartson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 1 SEPTEMBER, 2002  
**CELTIC 2** v LIVINGSTON 1 (Larsson, Balde)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 2nd LEG WED 28 AUGUST, 2002  
FC BASEL 2 v **CELTIC 0**

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 24 AUGUST, 2002  
PARTICK THISTLE 0 v **CELTIC 1** (Larsson)

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE 17 AUGUST, 2002  
**CELTIC 5** v DUNDEE UTD 0 (McNamara, Sutton, Petrov, Hartson, Larsson)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 1st LEG WED 14 AUGUST, 2002  
**CELTIC 3** v FC BASEL 1 (Larsson, Sutton, Sylla)

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
DUNDEE v **CELTIC** SUN 22 SEPTEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**CELTIC** v KILMARNOCK SAT 28 SEPTEMBER 2002

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE  
**CELTIC** v RANGERS SUN 6 OCTOBER 2002



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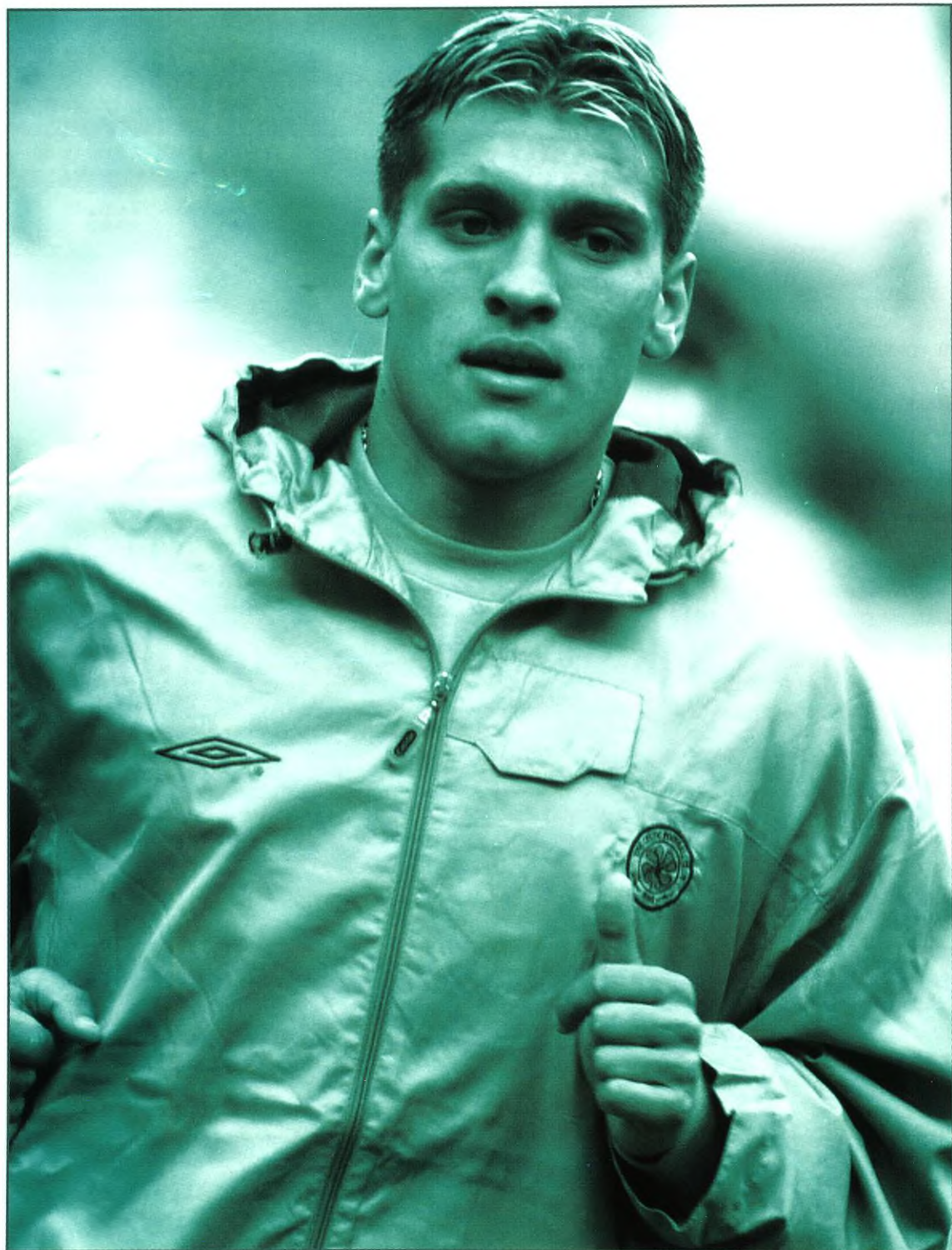
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STILIAN PETROV



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# Eastern Promise

## Stilian Petrov hopes the trip to play FK Suduva in Lithuania kicks off a great run in Europe

**IT was perhaps unfair on Stilian Petrov to expect him to offer a viewpoint on this evening's visitors.**

After all, while the Bulgarian captain's role as Celtic's resident expert on Eastern Europe is undisputed, FK Suduva haven't exactly enjoyed the most glamorous or high-profile existence thus far.

It's only two years, in fact, since Algimantas Gabrys' side were wallowing in the obscurity of Lithuania's regional leagues, with the goal of one day competing in European competition more of a far-fetched dream.

Even if, during his formative years in Sofia, the urge had taken Petrov to take in a Suduva match, he would first have required to negotiate a trip through Romania, Belarus and the Ukraine to reach their home

stadium in Marijipole.

It didn't, of course, and yet Petrov does have experience of playing in Lithuania, and claims this has made him a major fan of the most southerly of the Baltic states.

He said: "Not many of the Celtic players know about Lithuania, but I've been there, and it's a very nice place. It's quite like Bulgaria because there is still much development needed, but any of our fans who go across will like it, I'm sure of that."

Of course, picturesque surroundings are all very well - Basel was a pleasant enough city, after all - but Celtic fans will be more concerned with what to expect on the field. And while Petrov is confident of victory, he insists Suduva will make fools of anyone who underestimates them.

"Football in Lithuania isn't

a joke any more," he said.

"We will have to be very, very careful. All the old Soviet teams had problems at the start, but they are getting better and better all the time. Most of the Lithuanian players play in their own league as well, so that means their domestic football is improving along with their national team.

"I played there with CSKA Sofia, against Kaunas I think, and although we won in the end, it was a very tough

game. However, I must admit that I've never heard of Suduva. I think they have only come up in Lithuanian football recently,

### TRAVEL SLICK

*Stilian Petrov is looking forward to Celtic's trip to Lithuania*





maybe a bit like Livingston, and it is always dangerous when your opponent is unknown.

"But we know that we have to win. It will be a different environment for us to the one we are used to in Scotland, and that will make things difficult, but we need to show we are a team who can win anywhere."

Without meaning any disrespect to this evening's visitors, the draw for the first round of the UEFA Cup certainly brought home the magnitude of Celtic's failure to qualify for the Champions League. Certainly, no-one need have asked Martin O'Neill whether he would have preferred Madrid to Marjampole and, while the potential for memorable European nights this season remains, Petrov admits involvement in the UEFA Cup offered scant consolation in the wake of the Basel defeat.

He said: "The Champions

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League is the biggest tournament in club football, and it meant a lot to the players here to be involved in it. For me, losing to Basel was one of the most disappointing experiences of my career.

"But although the UEFA Cup is not much of a substitute, it will still be a very interesting adventure for us. There are some very



good teams already in the tournament and, once the first stage of the Champions League is over, it will become even tougher.

"How far can we go? I think it really depends on how lucky we are in the draw. Last year, we were drawn against Valencia in our very first game, which was always going to be very difficult for us. In the end, we actually played very well, and were very unlucky to go out.

"That game was obviously a very bad one for me because I missed one of the penalties, but I felt it was one of our best performances throughout the whole season. If we can play like that again, who knows what we can do?"

However, Petrov admits that, before anyone at Celtic Park contemplates European glory, they will first have to address the problems which have surfaced in domestic competition. Many of the

#### NIGHTMARE

*The Champions' League qualifier defeat by FC Basel was a huge blow*

#### EURO VISION

*Petrov has fond memories of facing Valencia last term*



ingredients which have made Martin O'Neill's Celtic so successful were conspicuous by their absence at Fir Park last week, and the Bulgarian midfielder admits that he and his teammates have been far from convincing thus far.

"I've been disappointed with how we've started the season," he said. "Last season, we started much better, and everyone has to improve - we all know that. Losing to Motherwell is just not acceptable.

"The manager has been trying to keep us positive but, at the end of the day, it is up to us to prove ourselves in games like tonight's. This match is very important to us, and the most important thing is that we win. I would ask that the fans stay patient, and that they do not expect crazy scorelines. We will need them behind us if we are to play to our best."



STILIAN PETROV

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