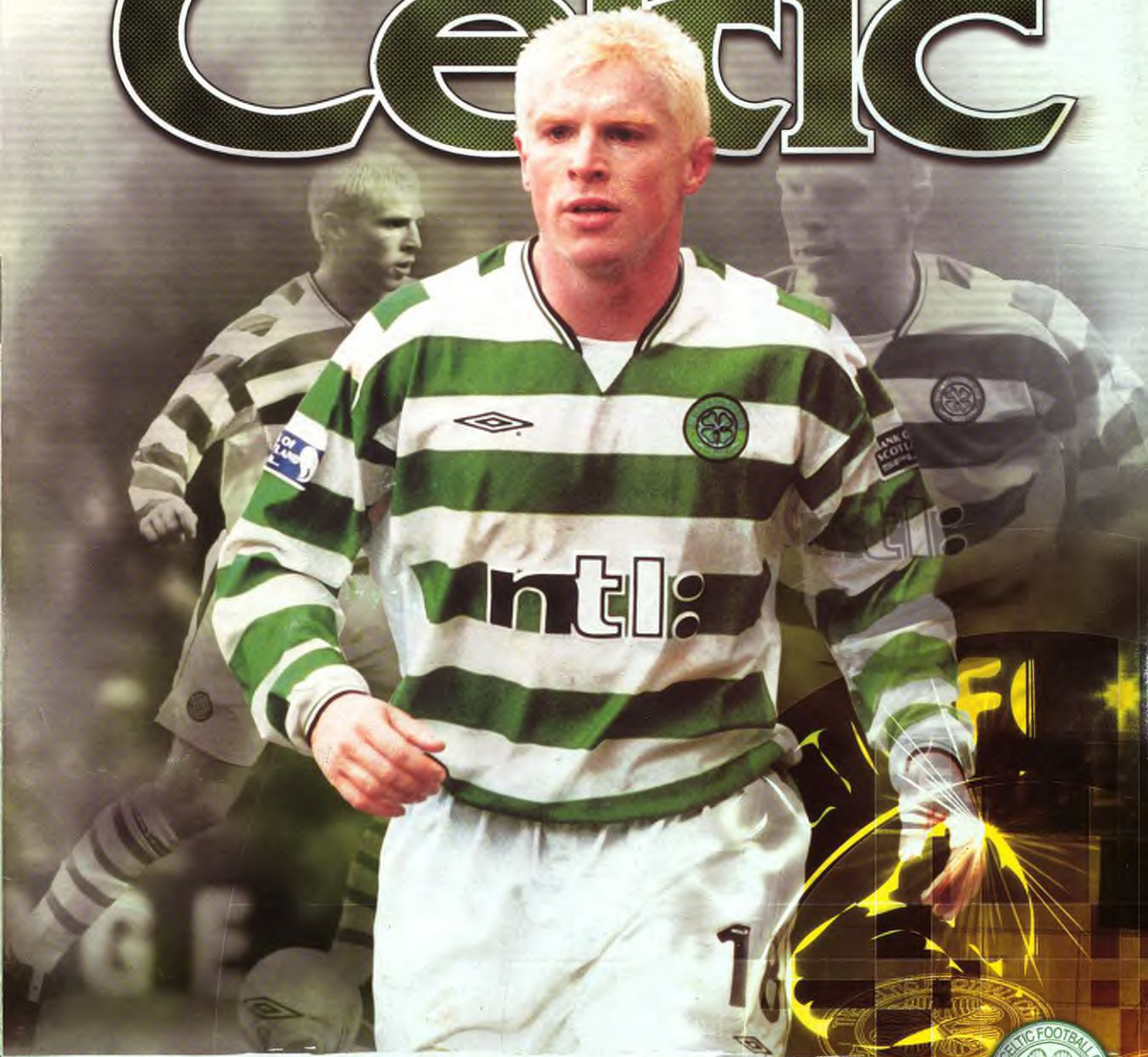


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Retaining league title is our most important target

THOSE of you who made the journey to Easter Road a fortnight ago witnessed a quite incredible display from the Celtic players.

Certainly, the first 45 minutes contained some scintillating passages of play and this against a team which itself had been so wonderful to watch last season. Lubo Moravcik's goal, struck so beautifully, sparked the four-goal spree and two more strikes from Chris Sutton and another from Henrik Larsson were enough to secure the victory.

The apprehension and nervousness which we felt at Celtic Park a few days earlier against Ajax had disappeared and, when very good players are playing well at the same time they can be a joy to watch.

Our performance against Hibs mirrored our display against Ajax in the away leg and it is my own belief that what was achieved in the Amsterdam ArenA was, in the end, sufficient to carry us through to the group stages for the first time in our history.

There will be time later on to dwell on the teams we are grouped with – all three have vast experience in this

competition behind them. However, we cannot be deflected from the most important issue of the season; that of retaining the SPL Championship. European football is something for us to enjoy and hopefully not an ordeal for us to endure. But only one place will be allocated next season to Scottish clubs for the biggest European tournament of all and that will be to the champions.

Dunfermline, our visitors today at Celtic Park, went top of the league after two excellent victories. Defeat against Rangers jolted them a little but confidence is returning and I don't think I need to stress the importance of this game to our supporters.

Jimmy Calderwood and Jimmy Nicholl, despite having little money to spend, have moulded a side together at East End Park which is entertaining to watch. The manager isn't frightened to change things during the course of a game if he sees fit. Calderwood has added something extra to the SPL and he will be looking to improve upon their already excellent performances last season.

The players away on

international duty have little respite. Already, Rab Douglas and Johan Mjallby have returned to Celtic Park earlier than expected with injury and Neil Lennon, Bobby Petta and Joos Valgaeren didn't even travel with their countries. And as I write these notes, I'm hoping the rest of the Celtic players on international duty arrive back safe and well.

Naturally, it's a worrying time for any club manager with so many players away, and we only see the down side of international football. Ironically, Stilian Petrov's first major game back after his leg break will have been for his national team and, providing he steers clear of any minor knocks, the experience will have brought him on immensely.

While the international lads have been away, we have been able to organise a couple of closed-doors matches to enable Bobo Balde, Momo Sylla and Steve Guppy to get some much-needed match practice and all three have benefited from these. And, as we approach a period where three games a week will be the norm, I expect every first team player will be called upon to play their part.

When good players are at their best at the same time they can be a real joy to watch

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Dunfermline, like every other club in the country, must be sick of the sight of a certain Henrik Larsson. Last season, in the five meetings against Dunfermline, he scored eight goals, netting in each game.

Tough at the top

Rosenborg are chasing a 10th successive league championship in Norway but Celtic will be hoping that Nils Arne Eggen's side aren't so happy when they leave home soil

WITH six games to go in the Norwegian championship just two points separate Rosenborg from nearest challengers Lillestrom.

With the second-placed side having a game in hand, things couldn't be tighter as Celtic's first Champions League opponents chase their 10th successive title.

Rosenborg are scheduled to play lowly Sogndal tomorrow, Sunday, September 9, at home, having already beaten them 6-1 away earlier in the season, while Lillestrom face a tough away trip to fourth-placed Brann.

But the game that looks likely to decide the fate of the Norwegian championship is on October 10,

when Rosenborg travel to Lillestrom.

The last time the teams met, in June, the game ended 2-2. Rosenborg had taken an early two-goal lead, through Roar Strand and a Bent Skammelsrud penalty, before Lillestrom pulled back two goals in the second-half.

Rosenborg, who visit Celtic Park this coming Wednesday as the Champions League group stages kick-off, have dominated Norwegian football over the last nine years, and have also made an impression in Europe.

This year they're taking part in the Champions League for the seventh year in a row.

They qualified for the group stages after beating Slovakian side Inter

Bratislava 7-3 on aggregate, which included an impressive 4-0 home victory.

They are managed by former player Nils Arne Eggen, who has enjoyed success with Rosenborg both as a player and a manager. He has been in charge of the Norwegian side since 1988.

Of course, for Celtic fans, one name among the Rosenborg squad immediately catches the eye, that of Harald Brattbakk.

The former Celtic striker, who scored the vital second goal against St Johnstone to win the league for the Hoops in 1998, is back with his home town club for a second time and is still hitting the back of the net with regularity.



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Nils Arne Eggen has led the Norway giants to success at home and in the Champions League since 1988

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Brattbakk is certain to get a warm reception when he runs out at Celtic Park this Wednesday.

Other players to watch for Rosenborg include midfield anchor man Bent Skammelsrud, who was signed three years ago from Bayer Leverkusen, and striker Frode Johnsen, who signed for £1.1million last year from Norwegian side Odd Grenland to replace John Carew, who signed for Valencia.

Rosenborg have also been making ground improvements in time for the Champions League group stages.

Celtic are due to visit Trondheim and the Lerkendal

Stadium on Tuesday, October 23, and the Norwegian club announced this week that a new stand has been opened which will give the ground an extra 3,000 seats, taking the capacity up to 28,000, still some way short of the 60,000 that will greet the Rosenborg players at Celtic Park this Wednesday.



A win at home over Rosenborg would be a fantastic start for the Hoops and the Celtic support can play a vital role in cheering the club on to what we hope will be a vital European victory.

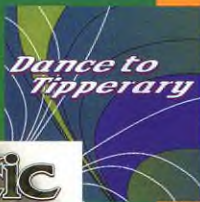
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