



CELTIC
v
BOAVISTA

UEFA Cup Semi-Final 1st leg
Thursday 10th April 2003,
Celtic Park, Kick-Off 7.05pm

ANNUAL OPEN TRAINING DAY

See the players go through their paces.



MONDAY 14th APRIL 2003
10am - 12noon



Don't miss your chance to be part of the Player's Training Day. Sit back, relax and watch your heroes train. It's a fantastic day out for all the family with fun activities, loads of free give-away gifts, Hoopy guest appearances, prize draws, entertainment and much more. And you can be the first to see the brand new home kit celebrating 100 Years Of The Hoops - unveiled by the players.

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Celtic 



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DUE, I'm told, to an unusually large print run for this match, I have been asked to write these notes ahead of our vital league match with Dundee on Sunday.

I can only hope that we have come through the game with a favourable result, and also without any fresh injuries to add to those which have recently been sidelining some of our most important players.

Regardless, this evening's match is a truly massive occasion for everyone connected with the football club, and the players have shown in previous rounds that they are capable of coping even in the most difficult of circumstances.

The very fact that we are once again contesting a semi-final of a major European competition here at Celtic Park is a testament to their tremendous performances thus far, and I know they will be giving absolutely everything to ensure that we travel to Portugal in a fortnight's time with our hopes still intact.

Already this season, they have given our fans a number of truly memorable European nights, both here at Celtic Park and, of course, also for the

tremendous following which accompanies us on our travels throughout Europe.

The most recent of these came at Anfield when, against a Liverpool side boasting numerous world-class players, they emerged with a magnificent and thoroughly deserved 2-0 victory.

It was a tremendous effort on the players' part and, as I'm sure most of you will agree, the result - and performance - ranked among the greatest in this club's history.

However, that night is now just a memory, and I have no doubts that we will have to reach those same standards in our two matches against this evening's opponents if we are to have any hope of reaching the final.

Already in this competition, Boavista have disposed of some excellent sides in the shape of Paris St Germain, Hertha Berlin and, most recently, Malaga.

They also have gained some excellent experience in the Champions League over recent years, and last year progressed to the second stage with victories over such sides as Borussia Dortmund, Nantes and Dynamo Kiev.

We have had them watched over recent weeks - indeed, our Chief Scout Tom O'Neill attended their 1-1 draw away to Moreirense on Saturday evening - and there is no doubt they possess players with the ability to cause us problems.

Everyone at this football club is fully prepared for two extremely difficult matches, and I would ask that you remain patient throughout the game.

As I've said on countless occasions before, the atmosphere here at Celtic Park on European evenings is truly incredible, and the players undoubtedly receive a tremendous lift when they have a strong vocal support behind them. They will be giving 100 per-cent effort and commitment towards gaining a positive result, as they have throughout this competition, but they will need your backing to help them through.



Celtic

1. The night of May 14th 1960 proved a turning point for Celtic Football Club, particularly in the field of fashion. It came against European opposition but not in European competition. Since 1903, Celtic's players had worn a main strip of hooped shirt and white shorts, with numbers conspicuous by their absence. But in the friendly against Sparta Rotterdam at Parkhead on the above date, the players finally came out wearing numbers..on their shorts!

2. April 10th 1974 was not the happiest of nights at Celtic Park. European Cup semi-finalists Atletico Madrid came to stop Celtic playing and they did so by some very doubtful means. Three of their players were sent off and seven booked in an appalling display of heel-clicking, jersey-pulling, blocking and scything tackles. For their misconduct, Atletico were fined £14,000 and had six players banned for the second leg; Celtic contemplated not travelling to Madrid but in the end did so, and lost 2-0.

3. A crowd of 74,406 turned up at Celtic Park on April 12th 1967 to see if the Czech army side, Dukla Prague, could stop Celtic reaching the final of the European Cup for the first time. Jimmy Johnstone gave the Hoops a lead in 27 minutes; Strunc equalised in 44 mins; but in the second half, two brilliantly taken goals by Willie Wallace gave Celtic a 3-1 lead to take to Czechoslovakia for the second leg.



Boavista

1. The Portuguese League Championship started in 1935 and has been dominated by three teams. Benfica has won the title 30 times; while Sporting Lisbon and FC Porto are both on the 18 mark. Only two other sides have ever won the trophy, Belenenses in 1946 and Boavista in 2001. To say Boavista's victory was a surprise is something of an understatement. Prior to that season, the club was barely represented in the national side; by the end of the year, five players had received a call-up to the national squad.

2. Boavista Futebol Clube was founded in 1903. The team plays at the 29,600 capacity Bessa Stadium in the city of Porto in the north-west of the country. The club has been more successful in the Portuguese Cup, with five victories in the competition. After failing to even reach the Final in the first 53 years of the competition, Boavista won in 1975 (2-1 v Benfica) and 1976 (2-1 v V. Guimares). Three further successes all came against Porto, 2-1 wins in 1979 and 1992, a 3-2 victory in 1997.

3. Boavista's Championship win in 2001 was not without its difficult moments near the end. For the last two months, their aim was to defend a four-point lead over city rivals Porto, whom they would meet in the last match of the season. With three games left, they needed two wins to guarantee first place. Against local rivals Salgueiros, they romped to a 5-1 away win; wrapped up the title with a 3-0 victory over bottom club Aves; and, although hammered 4-0 at Porto, fully deserved their title success.

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 (one season):
50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935/36

Most Premier/SPL goals (one
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



- 20** Rab **DOUGLAS**
- 2** Tom **BOYD**
- 3** Momo **SYLLA**
- 4** Jackie **MCNAMARA**
- 5** Joos **VALGAEREN**
- 6** Bobo **BALDE**
- 7** Henrik **LARSSON**
- 8** Alan **THOMPSON**
- 9** Chris **SUTTON**
- 10** John **HARTSON**
- 12** David **FERNANDEZ**
- 14** Paul **LAMBERT**
- 15** Bobby **PETTA**
- 16** Ulrik **LAURSEN**
- 17** Didier **AGATHE**
- 18** Neil **LENNON**
- 19** Stilian **PETROV**
- 20** Magnus **HEDMAN**
- 21** Colin **HEALY**
- 23** Stanislav **VARGA**
- 26** Javier Sanchez **BROTO**
- 29** Shaun **MALONEY**
- 30** Steve **GUPPY**
- 34** Mark **FOTHERINGHAM**
- 35** Johan **MJALLBY**
- 39** Jamie **SMITH**
- 40** Stephen **CRAINEY**
- 41** John **KENNEDY**
- 43** Liam **MILLER**

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ROUTE TO THE UEFA CUP SEMI FINAL

CELTIC - CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, 3RD QUALIFYING ROUND

1st leg Celtic 3 -1 FC Basel (Larsson pen, Sutton, Sylla) 2nd leg FC Basel 2-0 Celtic

AGGREGATE: FC Basel win on away goals rule

UEFA CUP 1ST ROUND

1st leg Celtic 8-1 FK Suduva (Larsson 3, Sutton, Hartson, Valgaeren, Lambert, Petrov) 2nd leg FK Suduva 0-2 Celtic (Fernandez, Thompson)

AGGREGATE: Celtic 10-1

2ND ROUND

1st leg Celtic 1-0 Blackburn Rovers (Larsson) 2nd leg Blackburn Rovers 0-2 Celtic (Larsson, Sutton)

AGGREGATE: Celtic win 3-0

3RD ROUND

1st leg Celtic 1-0 Celta Vigo (Larsson) 2nd leg Celta Vigo 2-1 Celtic (Hartson)

AGGREGATE: Celtic win on away goals

4TH ROUND

1st leg Celtic 3-1 VfB Stuttgart (Lambert, Maloney, Petrov) 2nd leg VfB Stuttgart 3-2 Celtic (Thompson, Sutton)

AGGREGATE: Celtic win 5-4

QUARTER-FINAL

1st leg Celtic 1-1 Liverpool (Larsson) 2nd leg Liverpool 0-2 Celtic (Thompson, Hartson)

AGGREGATE: Celtic win 3-1

Bobo Balde · We need to be at our best

Celtic's powerhouse defender watched his boyhood heroes storm to European glory ... now he wants the same as the Hoops stand on the brink of another memorable chapter in the club's history

ONLY those supporters of a certain age will remember the last time Celtic contested a European final.

Almost 33 years have passed, after all, since Ove Kindvall's 117th-minute goal condemned Jock Stein's side to defeat in the San Siro Stadium in a match that took place before most of the current squad were born.

Yet Celtic's class of 2003 will not want for words of inspiration from those with experience of competing for the game's greatest prizes. In fact, from John Clark's memories of Lisbon to the reminiscing of Martin O'Neill and John Robertson about Nottingham Forest's two successive triumphs to the more recent recollections of John Hartson and Paul Lambert, they will likely find themselves positively immersed in them.

However, should any wish for a fan's eye view on the significance of reaching a European final, they need look no further than Bobo Balde.

Celtic's defensive colossus recalls vividly when, at the age of 17, he huddled together with a clutch of close friends to witness his boyhood heroes Marseille conquer AC Milan and admits that, a decade on, the memory is acting as a powerful incentive.

"I was so happy when Marseille won the

European Cup," he says. "I remember watching the game in a small room with some friends and cheering like crazy when Basile Boli scored the goal.

"It was a big moment for all supporters of Marseille and I remember everyone went out on the streets of the city to start a big party which lasted all night.

"I was very pleased it had been Boli who scored because, along with Marcel Desailly, he was the player I looked up to most at that time.

"Who knows, maybe one day I will score a goal as important as that one for Celtic. But for now I would just settle for getting to the final."

Of course, it's highly unlikely Celtic would even have reached this advanced stage of the tournament without the contribution of their Guinean giant whose inspired showings culminated in the last round with the expert shackling of Michael Owen. Yet, while frustrating a

former World Player of the Year only added to the burgeoning reputation of a man who

has matured immeasurably since moving to Glasgow, Balde clearly believes the best is yet to come.

He said: "It was a very good experience for me to play against top players like Owen and Heskey and the Liverpool matches were both great occasions. But everyone deserved a share of the credit, and I hope there are better moments still

“The crowd will be very important because when the players feel the atmosphere here on European nights it gets them excited – it affects your body like a shot of adrenaline”

ahead in this competition. I am quite happy with my own development but still want to be better every time I play. I know I have to progress and still have a lot to improve on.

"The supporters like me though, and I think that's because I am a player who tries to do his best every time I am on the pitch – even when I'm tired. The supporters like people who give their heart for the team and that is what I always try to do."

Balde, however, knows that passion and commitment alone will not be sufficient to see him and

