

Celtic

v FC BASEL

Champions League 3rd Qualifying Round 1st leg
Wednesday 14th August 2002
k.o. 7.45pm



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THIS season's European campaign begins tonight with the visit of FC Basel and, with qualification for the Champions League group stages at stake, the prize could hardly be bigger.

None of you will need reminding of just how memorable our involvement in last season's competition was, and it goes without saying that the players will be giving everything to ensure we qualify once again.

However, I can assure you that Basel will prove extremely difficult opponents.

Having had them watched on a number of occasions, I myself took in their second-leg victory over Slovakian champions MSK Zilina in the last round of this competition, a win they secured with an extremely convincing performance.

A great deal has been said and written since the draw was made, much of it suggesting we start this evening's match as massive favourites to progress.

For us, however, complacency is not even an issue. Basel are without doubt a good side with numerous players of genuine calibre within their ranks.

They won the double in Switzerland last season, clinching the league championship by a

comfortable margin, and our players are certainly under no illusions as to the kind of performance which will be required to see us through over the two legs.

One thing I would ask of you, the supporters, is that you get behind the players from the very start. Your backing throughout last season's Champions League campaign was nothing short of fantastic, and it was a major factor in the players' scintillating European performances here at Celtic Park.

You now know beyond doubt that the lads can be depended upon to give complete effort and commitment in every match, and it was illustrated once again on Saturday.

We always know to expect a difficult game when we visit Pittodrie and, although big Johan Mjallby gave us an early lead, the players still needed to work hard for the three points. That they did with some style to clinch an extremely impressive 4-0 victory.

There was an air of confidence about the boys and, backed by a typically vocal away support, they dominated from start to finish.

After Johan's opener, Chris Sutton, Momo Sylla and Paul Lambert all added their names to the scoresheet, and in truth we could easily have scored two or three more over the course of the match to win by an even greater margin.

The league remains our number one priority and with two games played I'm very pleased with how we are performing.

Of course, the lads themselves know they will need to maintain, and indeed improve on, those standards if all our ambitions for this season are to be realised.

That will certainly be the case this evening as we face up to a massive challenge in the European arena.

But with another shot at the Champions League the potential reward, you can be guaranteed another wholehearted performance from our 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 August 13, 1949, Bobby Collins, the 'Wee Barra', made his debut against Rangers in the League Cup. After nine years and 320 appearances, he moved to Everton for four years, before Don Revie took him to Leeds, where he became skipper. Later, a coaching career meant moves to Australia, Oldham, Huddersfield, Leeds again, Hull City, Blackpool and Barnsley.
2. Liam Brady was a busy man on August 14, 1992, when he signed Stuart Slater for £1.5 million, Rudi Vata for £200,000 from Dinamo Tirana and Andy Paton in a swap deal for Chris Morris with Middlesbrough. Vata had defected after the Albania v France international in Paris in 1991 and went to play with FC Tours for a short spell. He made his Celtic debut against Dundee at Dens Park in October 1992 and went on to play 35 times for the club.
3. Benefit matches have always been a feature of football, although the sums involved in yesteryear were considerably smaller than today. They were usually awarded for five or seven years service. In 1922, on August 16, in a benefit for Willie McStay, in his sixth year at the club, Celtic beat Rangers 3-1 at Parkhead. One year later, on the same date and against the same opposition, Celtic won 2-1, the recipient this time round being outside-left Adam McLean, in his fifth year with the club.

FC BASEL FACTS

1. FC Basel was founded in 1893. The city of around 500,000 people is situated on the Rhine in the north of the country, close to the French and German borders. The team plays in red and blue jerseys, blue shorts and socks. Their home ground the St Jakob Stadium which holds around 33,000 spectators.
2. Before last season, FC Basel had won eight Swiss league titles and five Swiss Cups. Then, under the guidance of Christian Gross, the former Grasshoppers and Spurs coach, they did the 'Double' for the first time in its long history. At the end of the play-off system, FC Basel was 10 points ahead of second-placed Grasshoppers. This was the club's first league title in 27 years and just to rub it in, they beat the Zurich club 2-1 in the cup final.
3. In all their appearances in the premier European trophy, FC Basel has disappointed, seldom getting beyond the first round. Celtic and Basel have met twice before in the European Cup. In season 1969/70, a 0-0 draw in Switzerland was followed by a 2-0 victory for Celtic at Parkhead to take them through; and in 1973/74, although Basel won the first leg 3-2 at home, Celtic again raised their game back in Glasgow, winning 4-2 to go through 6-5 on aggregate.

TODAY'S SQUADS

TODAY'S VISITORS
FC BASEL

SEASON 2002/03
CURRENT SWISS LEAGUE STANDINGS



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Grasshoppers	7	6	0	1	20	6	18
2. FC Basel	7	4	3	0	13	5	15
3. FC Zurich	7	4	0	3	11	9	12
4. FC Wil	7	3	3	2	13	11	11
5. FC St. Gallen	7	2	3	2	10	9	9

TEAM SPONSOR: BASLER

 MANAGER
CHRISTIAN GROSS

STADIUM
ST JAKOB-PARK

PREVIOUS RESULT
CELTIC 4 v 2 FC BASEL 1974



CELTIC



JONATHAN GOULD	1
TOM BOYD	2
MOMO SYLLA	3
JACKIE McNAMARA	4
JOOS VALGAEREN	5
BOBO BALDE	6
HENRIK LARSSON	7
ALAN THOMPSON	8
CHRIS SUTTON	9
JOHN HARTSON	10
DAVID FERNANDEZ	12
PAUL LAMBERT	14
BOBBY PETTA	15
ULRIK LAURSEN	16
DIDIER AGATHE	17
NEIL LENNON	18
STILIAN PETROV	19
ROBERT DOUGLAS	20
MAGNUS HEDMAN	21
COLIN HEALY	24
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



FC BASEL

PASCAL ZUBERBUHLER
ERIC RAPO
ALEXANDRE QUENNOX
GREGORY DURUZ
MARCO ZWYSSIG
MURAT YAKIN
THIMOTHEE ATOUBA
NENAD SAVIC
PHILIPP DEGEN
SCOTT CHIPPERFIELD
SEBASTIEN BARBERIS
ANTONIO ESPOSITO
BENJAMIN HUGGEL
CARLOS VARELA
IVAN ERGIC
MARIO CANTALUPPI
MARCO STRELLER
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GEORGE KOUMANTARAKIS
HAKAN YAKIN
HERVE TUM
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RECENT FORM

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY SAT 27 JULY 2002
CELTIC 2 v 1 PARMA 1 (Sutton, Sylla)

SPL SAT 3 AUGUST 2002
CELTIC 2 v 1 DUNFERMLINE (Larsson 2)

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY WED 7 AUGUST 2002
SPURS 1 v CELTIC 1 (Maloney)

SPL SAT 10 AUGUST 2002
ABERDEEN 0 v CELTIC 4 (Mjallby, Sutton, Sylla, Lambert)

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD SAT 17 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 3pm

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
PARTICK TH v CELTIC SAT 24 AUGUST 2002 k.o. 3pm

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 2nd LEG
FC BASEL v CELTIC WED 18 AUGUST 2002

CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB CELTIC PARK, GLASGOW G40 3RE 0141-556 2611

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER Tommy Burns **HEAD YOUTH COACH** Willie McStay **UNDER-21 COACH** Kenny McDowall

PHYSIOTHERAPIST Brian Scott **CLUB DOCTOR** Roddy Macdonald

KIT CONTROLLER John Clark

WORDS: STEPHEN SULLIVAN

I'm on queue for glory

Wing-back ready and waiting to take his chance in Champions League

IT was around this time last season that Steve Guppy made his first starting appearance at Celtic Park in the second leg of the Champions League qualifier against Ajax.

By his own admission, the occasion bypassed him a little and, at the end of a decidedly jittery 90 minutes, his prevailing emotion was one of relief.

"That was a tough game," recalled Guppy. "Ajax came here with nothing to lose and, because of what was at stake for everyone here, the atmosphere was pretty nervy at

times. Don't get me wrong: it was a great game to be involved in. But, at the final whistle, all I could feel was relief because, to be honest, I hadn't played particularly well."

This is no attempt at false modesty from the well-travelled wing-back. One of the most genuine characters in the Celtic dressing room, Guppy is honest enough to admit that his first steps at Celtic Park were taken tentatively as he struggled to establish himself in an already successful side.