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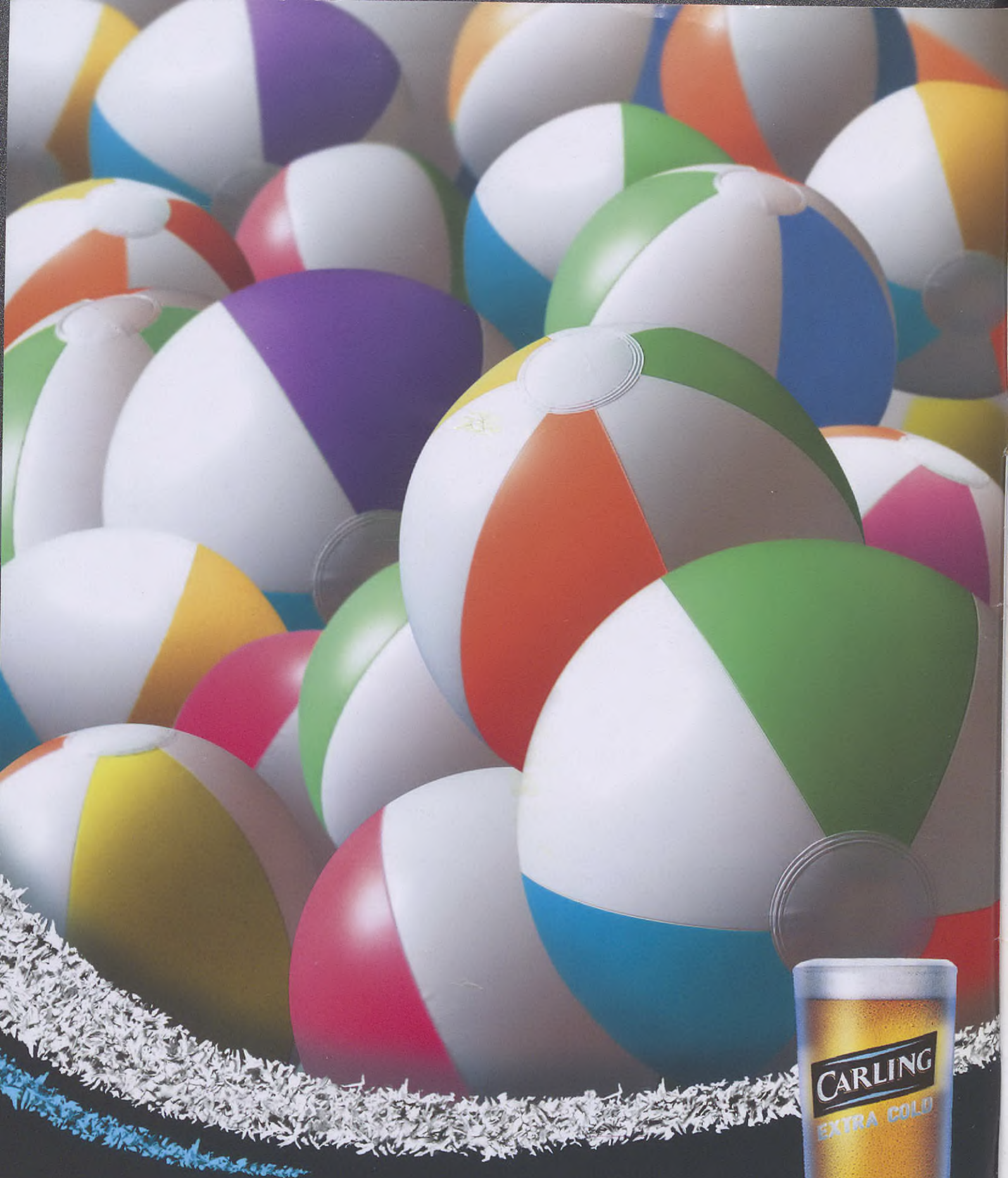
CELTIC v VILLARREAL

Celtic Park, Thursday 8 April 2004, kick-off 8pm

UEFA Cup, quarter-final 1st leg



Celtic 



Carling hopes every Celtic fan has a ball in Europe.

AMOR POR EL FOOTBALL

CELTIC

Manager: Martin O'Neill



Momo Sylla	3
Jackie McNamara	4
Joos Valgaeren	5
Bobo Balde	6
Henrik Larsson	7
Alan Thompson	8
Chris Sutton	9
John Hartson	10
Stephen Pearson	11
Paul Lambert	14
Bobby Petta	15
Ulrik Laursen	16
Didier Agathe	17
Neil Lennon	18
Stilian Petrov	19
Rab Douglas	20
Magnus Hedman	21
David Marshall	22
Stanislav Varga	23
Shaun Maloney	29
Ross Wallace	33
Johan Mjallby	35
Craig Beattie	37
Jamie Smith	39
John Kennedy	41
Liam Miller	43
Stephen McManus	44
Michael McGovern	47

VILLARREAL

Manager: Francisco Garcia



1	Javier Lopez Vallejo
3	Rodolfo Arruabarrena
4	Pedro Castello Marti
5	Fabricio Coloccini
6	Moreno Berdu Josico
7	Juliano Haus Belletti
8	Juan Roman Riquelme
9	Da Silva Sonny Anderson
11	Antonio Guayre
13	Jesus Unanua Becerril
16	Quique Alvarez Sanjuan
17	Javier Rodriguez Venta
18	Sergio Ballesteros
19	Senna
20	Garcia Roger
21	Fernández Gutiérrez Victor Manuel
22	Javier Calleja Revilla
23	Romero y Poyon Jose Mari
25	Jose Manuel Reina
27	Cesar Amposta Arzo
32	Jose Antonio Garcia Verza

CELTIC plc DIRECTORS Brian Quinn, Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, Dermot Desmond, Tom Allison, Eric Hagman
CFAC DIRECTORS Peter Lawwell, Eric Riley, John Keane, Michael McDonald, Kevin Sweeney
MANAGER Martin O'Neill **ASSISTANT MANAGER** John Robertson **COACH** Steve Walford
HEAD OF YOUTH Tommy Burns **YOUTH TEAM COACH** Willie McStay **UNDER-21 COACH** Kenny McDowall
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS Tim Williamson & Gavin McCarthy **CLUB DOCTOR** Roddy Macdonald **KIT CONTROLLER** John Clark

Celtic Football Club 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: Black shirts, black shorts and socks with gold trim

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

- On April 2, 1958, Willie Maley died in Glasgow at the age of 90. He was the secretary and manager of Celtic from 1897 to 1940.
- Bobby Lennox scored a hat-trick at Hampden Park on April 6, 1969 as the Hoops beat Hibs 6-2 in the final of the League Cup.
- On the same day in 1972, Celtic drew 0-0 with Inter Milan in the semi-final first leg of the European Cup in the San Siro.
- Back in 1906, on April 7, full-back Donnie McLeod made his international debut for Scotland in the 2-1 victory over England at Hampden in front of over 100,000 spectators, a record attendance in Britain at that time.
- On April 9 1892, Celtic FC won its first major honour when the amateurs of Queen's Park were beaten 5-1 in the final of the Scottish Cup at Ibrox.
- When Atletico Madrid came to Celtic Park on April 10, 1974 for a European Cup semi-final first leg tie, they were intent on winning. They gained a 0-0 draw but only after a disgraceful display of violence. Three Atletico players were sent off and seven booked.
- On April 13 1946, Jimmy Delaney scored the only goal as Scotland beat England at Hampden.
- Celtic won their seventh Scottish Cup in 13 final appearances when they beat Hamilton on April 15 1911, in a replay of the final. The 2-0 scoreline meant the club did not lose a goal in six matches in the competition.



VILLARREAL CF FACTS

- Villarreal CF was founded in 1923 and play home fixtures at El Madrigal Stadium, which holds 16,800 spectators.
- The city of Villarreal lies on the Rio Millars, in the province of Castellon, about 25 miles north of Valencia.
- For most of the club's existence, it has played in the 2nd and 3rd divisions of the Spanish leagues. In 1997/98, Villarreal won promotion to the Primera Liga for the first time; they were relegated at the end of that season but came up again the following year.
- Last season, Villarreal CF finished 15th in the league championship campaign, well off the three official UEFA Cup qualification places. The directors decided to try and gain entry to that tournament through the Intertoto Cup.
- Coming in at the third round stage of that competition, Villarreal beat Brescia of Italy 3-1 on aggregate. In the semi-final, they knocked out FC Brno of the Czech Republic 3-1; and in the final, disposed of Holland's SC Heerenveen 2-1.
- For season 2002/03, the average attendance at Villarreal's ground was around 14,000. This works out at just over 80% of maximum, a figure only exceeded by Athletic Bilbao, Deportivo La Coruna, Atletico Madrid, Real Madrid and Atletico Osasuna.
- On the official list of players, only five are not Spanish. Arruabarrena, Coluccini and Riquelme are from Argentina; Belletti and Anderson from Brazil.



“Villarreal knocked Galatasaray and Roma out of the UEFA Cup so they will be formidable opponents. We have to make sure we are still in the tie come next Wednesday”

SATURDAY'S game against Hearts was indeed something very special. We trailed 2-0 with less than three minutes left on the clock, and all seemed lost.

But not for the first time, the players conjured up from seemingly nowhere, an incredible effort to score two very late goals and consequently share the spoils.

It was indeed a fantastic performance and from the atmosphere at the end of the game, you would have thought we had actually won the match.

It was another illustration of the attitude this group of players possess, and the reception they received was, I believe, an acknowledgement of their efforts and their desire to keep going until the final whistle.

We had not played well in the first-half and Hearts deserved their half-time 1-0 lead.

We certainly upped the temp in the second-half, missed a couple of

chances to equalise and then found ourselves 2-0 behind when Hearts scored on the break with little time left on the clock.

But that pulsating finish to the game preserved our unbeaten home record and, at least for one more game, also preserved our unbeaten league run this season.

I'm sure the late flurry on Saturday will give us an added boost of confidence for tonight's UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg match against Villarreal of Spain.

They also will be boosted by their draw away to Barcelona on Saturday evening in the Nou Camp, so naturally their own confidence will be sky high.

They knocked Galatasaray and Roma out of the UEFA Cup in previous rounds so they will be formidable opponents.

Naturally we would be delighted to win the game this evening if it was at all possible but, as we have seen so often in recent times, we

are still capable of travelling to big venues for the second leg and getting results.

So the important point is to make sure we are still in the tie come next Wednesday in Spain.

I have said many times before that European nights at Celtic Park are special. Many clubs have come here over the past few seasons and their players always leave impressed by what they have experienced.

Tonight, I expect that to be the same for the Villarreal players.

This evening's game will require us to be at our very best. We are looking forward to the challenge, while will also require your full vocal backing.

John McGovern