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# martino'neill



## Euro opposition to be respected, not feared

**LAST Friday was an eventful day at Celtic Park. At lunchtime, news filtered through from Geneva that we had drawn Ajax in the European Champions League third qualifying round.**

It is certainly a mouth-watering tie. Winners of the competition three times in the 1970s and again in 1995, Ajax will undoubtedly be a formidable force. But it's certainly a tie to look forward to and it's the type of game our supporters will relish.

Geographically, it suits both sides and while Ajax will start as favourites, we will respect but not fear them.

The profile of Champions League football has become even greater in recent seasons. The format has certainly changed dramatically and even getting into the group stages is incredibly difficult for clubs of certain countries. But that will only serve to increase our desire to perform consistently at this level and achieve some degree of success.

We finally completed the signing of Bobo Balde from Toulouse on the same day. It seems as if it was a long, drawn-out affair but a few complications cropped up – the outstanding, unforeseen one being the liquidation of Toulouse FC itself. To give you an idea, we set out initially dealing with the club directors

and finished negotiations with the administrators. But I am delighted with the final outcome, which is of course that he will spend the next few years playing at Celtic Park.

Frustratingly, Bobo will not be fit for the start of our league campaign having injured himself on the final day of the French season. Still, over the course of his contract, I believe he will be worth the wait and prove excellent value.

Friday afternoon also saw Eyal Berkovic travel down to Maine Road in order to discuss a possible transfer to Kevin Keegan's Manchester City.

At the time of writing, the two clubs have agreed a fee and, subject to a medical, it appears he will be playing in Manchester next season.

Later on Friday night, one of the Premiership latest additions, Fulham arrived at Celtic Park. Our visitors had a superb season to clinch promotion and I'm sure they'll relish playing in England's top flight.

Technically, they are very sound although they may need to make a few adjustments if success is to be achieved immediately. Certainly, their banner was a very nice touch – and I believe the idea came from John Collins himself.

I thought we played well in the match, eventually running out comfortable winners with two goals from Henrik Larsson and the third from Shaun

Maloney, who has been gaining experience by being with the first team all pre-season.

Our performance was extremely pleasing but I don't think any of us will be getting carried away.

Speaking to some of the Fulham boys afterwards, it was clear to see how impressed they had been with the crowd and the atmosphere generated for a pre-season friendly.

Tonight, with the match being a non-season book affair, there may not be so many fans in the stadium but, for those of you who do part with your hard-earned money to cheer us on yet again, I assure you your support is greatly appreciated.

It will be interesting to see how Sunderland are shaping up as I have been hugely impressed by the way they have progressed under Peter Reid who, in my view, is one of the best managers in the game.

We have also agreed to play in Michael Gray's testimonial towards the end of the season and I would hope this is the beginning of a very enjoyable year for him.

Also in the Sunderland ranks these days is a certain Lilian Laslandes, a player you will all remember for the clinical way in which he put paid to our UEFA Cup hopes last season.

However, Peter can rest assured I will insist my players resist any urges to exact some retribution!

*Our fans will relish the games against Ajax, who are tough opponents*

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# geordie BHOY

Midfield star Alan Thompson on Celtic, Trebles, and Tyneside battles. Interview: Alison McConnell

**SUNDERLAND** come calling tonight as Martin O'Neill's squad face a final warm-up before getting back to the serious business of defending the Treble.

Although the SPL Champions haven't had much time to savour last year's glory, the chance to pit themselves against one of the most exciting teams in the Premiership is an ideal way to prepare for the many challenges that surely lie ahead.

Newcastle United have been frequent visitors at Celtic Park in recent years, with both Kevin Keegan and Ruud Gullit bringing squads to Glasgow, but this time round, fierce rivals Sunderland have made the journey to Paradise.

Geordie midfielder Alan Thompson, who grew up supporting Newcastle United, knows all about the passions that surround the game on Tyneside. As a result, he has promised the Celtic support to expect an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Thompson said: "I expect Sunderland to bring a few thousand fans up to Celtic Park. It's a similar situation down there as it is here in Glasgow. Both sides of the coin are fanatical about their football and incredibly passionate. They know the game inside out and absolutely love it."

Having experienced at close quarters the intensity of both an Old Firm and a Tyneside derby, Thompson is more than qualified to pass judgement on both matches.

And while he rates the Glasgow derby as the most fervent in Britain, he knows that the Sunderland versus Newcastle matches aren't far behind.

He explained: "I don't think it's quite as fierce as the rivalry between Celtic and Rangers. However, it's definitely one of the big derbies.

"There are famous clashes that everyone knows about such as Manchester United versus City, Tottenham versus Arsenal, Liverpool versus Everton and so on, but I would say the rivalry between Sunderland and Newcastle is second after the Old Firm.

"The reason is the two clubs are so near one another. I grew up supporting Newcastle as a kid, but when I made my away debut it was at Sunderland's old ground Roker Park – a good place to make my first appearance!"

In recent years Newcastle have hogged the limelight. Kevin Keegan took them so close to the Premiership title before the arrival of flamboyant Dutch legend



## PREMIERSHIP PASSIONS

Alan Thompson can't wait to pit his wits against Sunderland in tonight's glamour friendly

Gullit brought the promise of 'sexy football' to Tyneside.

However, recently Sunderland have proved they are equal if not more formidable with two stunning seasons in the Premiership since winning promotion.

Manager Peter Reid has shown a shrewd eye in the transfer market, with their latest addition, Lilian Laslandes, already well known to the Celtic defence after he notched both goals for Bordeaux to knock Celtic out of the UEFA Cup last season.

Laslandes and Kevin Phillips will be a dangerous double act in the Premiership this season, with Celtic one of the first teams to come up against them.

Thompson said: "They've got a great manager who's made some good signings. Phillips and Niall Quinn are fantastic and have done very well. And they've also got Laslandes now who is an excellent player."

"It was only a couple of seasons ago that Sunderland romped to the First Division title. Newcastle got their stadium up to scratch quicker than Sunderland, but they've now got a fantastic new ground at the Stadium of Light. Both get massive crowds.

"They are more on a par now and, if anything, in the last couple of seasons



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#### BHOY'S OWN STORY

It's all gone right for  
midfield star alan  
Thompson since he  
signed for Celtic on the  
same day as Didier Agathe  
last season (top left).  
Precious goals against  
Kilmarnock (top right)  
and Rangers (right and  
left) helped fire the  
Hoops to Treble glory



*This is a  
great  
chance  
to test  
ourselves  
against a  
top side*

Sunderland have had the upper hand. Peter Reid's team will do well in the Premiership this season, especially if Phillips keeps scoring. Quinn has had a few injury problems but if he stays fit and they get the best out of him then they'll do well."

Thompson is convinced that a good run-out against a top Premiership side will be an important test for Martin O'Neill's squad ahead of the start of the season and the Champions League qualifier against Ajax.

He declared: "It will be good to get the chance to test ourselves against a club that are in the top six or seven in the Premiership. Games against big clubs are always enjoyable to play in.

"I know a few of the lads we'll be playing

against today. I met them when I was on holiday and had a few drinks with them.

"I also know Peter Reid, he came to Bolton for a while when I was there, so I'll catch up with him after the match."

Thompson has become one of the main players in Martin O'Neill's squad. And having enjoyed a taste of success the player, like the rest of the squad, is desperate to emulate the heights of last season.

It's a tall order, but one that the former Bolton midfielder is convinced is well within reach.

There are only five days between now and the kick-off of season 2001-02, and like everyone else, Thompson is waiting with baited breath for the start of the real thing.

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