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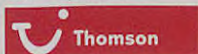


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Countdown

This evening we are delighted to welcome Celtic to White Hart Lane.

Our pre-season preparations continue here this evening with the first ever visit of Celtic.

In welcoming everyone back to White Hart Lane, as the 2002-2003 kick-off fast approaches, we extend a



Jonathan Blondel



Teddy Sheringham in action for England in the World Cup quarter-final against Brazil

warm welcome to Martin O'Neill and his Scottish Premier League Champions.

Celtic began the defence of their title on Saturday with victory at home to Dunfermline Athletic. Swedish international striker Henrik Larsson continued where he left off last term in that match, netting a goal in each half in

on July 25, 1998. Chris Armstrong gave us an 11th minute lead, before Regi Blinker levelled for the home side three minutes before the interval and Darren Jackson scored their winner on the hour.

There are now just 10 days remaining before our opening League fixture against Everton, when we travel to

gets underway.

However, tonight's opponents Celtic will certainly provide a more than useful guide for our progress so far, having stormed to the League title last term 18 points clear of second placed Rangers.

Our pre-season matches so far have provided manager Glenn Hoddle with plenty of opportunity to see how his summer acquisitions have settled in. The return from long-term injury of several players, including Stephen Carr and Gary Doherty, has also provided an added boost to the squad.

Jamie Redknapp – who signed towards the end of last term – has been joined by Slovenian international Milenko Acimovic, Belgian Jonathan Blondel and

England Under-20 international Rohan Ricketts. Welcome to them all.

In pre-season so far, we have enjoyed victories at Stevenage Borough (4-0), Colchester United (3-1), Bournemouth (1-0), Gillingham (2-1), Crystal Palace (4-0) and Watford (1-0). We lost 2-3 at Queens Park Rangers and on Sunday, drew 2-2 at Feyenoord.

In closing, congratulations also to Acimovic, as well as Teddy Sheringham (England), Christian Ziege (Germany) and Kasey Keller (United States), who all enjoyed the honour of representing their respective countries at the Korea/Japan 2002 World Cup tournament this summer.

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their 2-1 win.

We have played Celtic a dozen times before tonight, the most recent at Celtic Park

Goodison Park a week on Saturday, and our summer efforts will then be put fully to the test as the Premiership



Glenn Hoddle

We speak to him about tonight's game

With the new Premiership season just 10 days away, tonight's game is an important stepping stone on the road to the 'real' kick-off.

Manager Glenn Hoddle ensured we had a high number of pre-season fixtures lined up to prepare us for the new campaign and tonight's match sees us move up a level as we return to White Hart Lane for the first time this season.

He is only too aware that preparation is such a vital element of football and this game has an important role to play in our own progress and fitness levels.

Not only that, but there promises to be a cracking atmosphere tonight which should guarantee a match full of commitment and endeavour from both sides.

"It's a good game for us," says Glenn. "We're making history because it's the first time Celtic have played at Tottenham. It will be a great occasion, I expect that they'll bring a big crowd and Celtic have a massive tradition and history.

"They are in a particularly good vein of form, over the last couple of seasons with what Martin O'Neill's done up there. He has done a fantastic job and he justly deserves all the praise and credit he's been given.

"He's cracked the hold

that Rangers had on the Scottish League and now, perhaps, he's going to create a stranglehold himself.

"That's why tonight will be a good test for us. I think Celtic will be coming with one eye on their preparations for a European campaign, so I don't think it will be played as a 'friendly' from them. I think they are using it as a European experiment

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to play top teams from outside of their country so they can acclimatise and do even better in Europe.

"Also, you've got to realise that if they bring a good following with them, they are not going to go out for a stroll, are they? They're always going to have to perform in that atmosphere and with those demands."

Glenn is also aware that, while we have been busy with pre-season friendlies, Celtic have already kicked off their Scottish Premier League campaign and will be ahead of us in the preparation stakes.

He says: "They've been back probably a bit longer than us and have obviously prepared a little bit more and they are in their high-

tempo, what we call 'proper games'.

"You would expect them to be perhaps physically in better shape and mentally they should be up for games.

"But having said that, we've got to make sure we put on a good performance ourselves. Feyenoord on Sunday was a very, very good performance. It was a tough game, a great crowd

blister right underneath his foot on Saturday, which is like a hole in there. He hasn't been able to train and it might hold him back a little bit, we'll have to wait and see. The problem with a silly little thing like that is you run awkwardly on it and end up doing something to a calf muscle or ankle – and we can't afford to do that with Jamie.

"We've obviously got to look at a few people," adds Glenn. "We've got a few knocks and people coming back, but overall it should be a good evening."

The one positive that can be drawn ahead of the match is the state of the new pitch which has been re-laid during the close season using new technological advances.

"Yes, it looks very nice," says Glenn. "It's very early to play on it, although we're taking a bit of a risk playing two games in a short space of time. It's only eight weeks old and it will get better from where it is at the moment, but just now it is looking very good.

"The test will come round about November, December, January time where normally it starts to break up a bit. If the new technology can improve it over that period of the year then that is when it's going to show its worth."

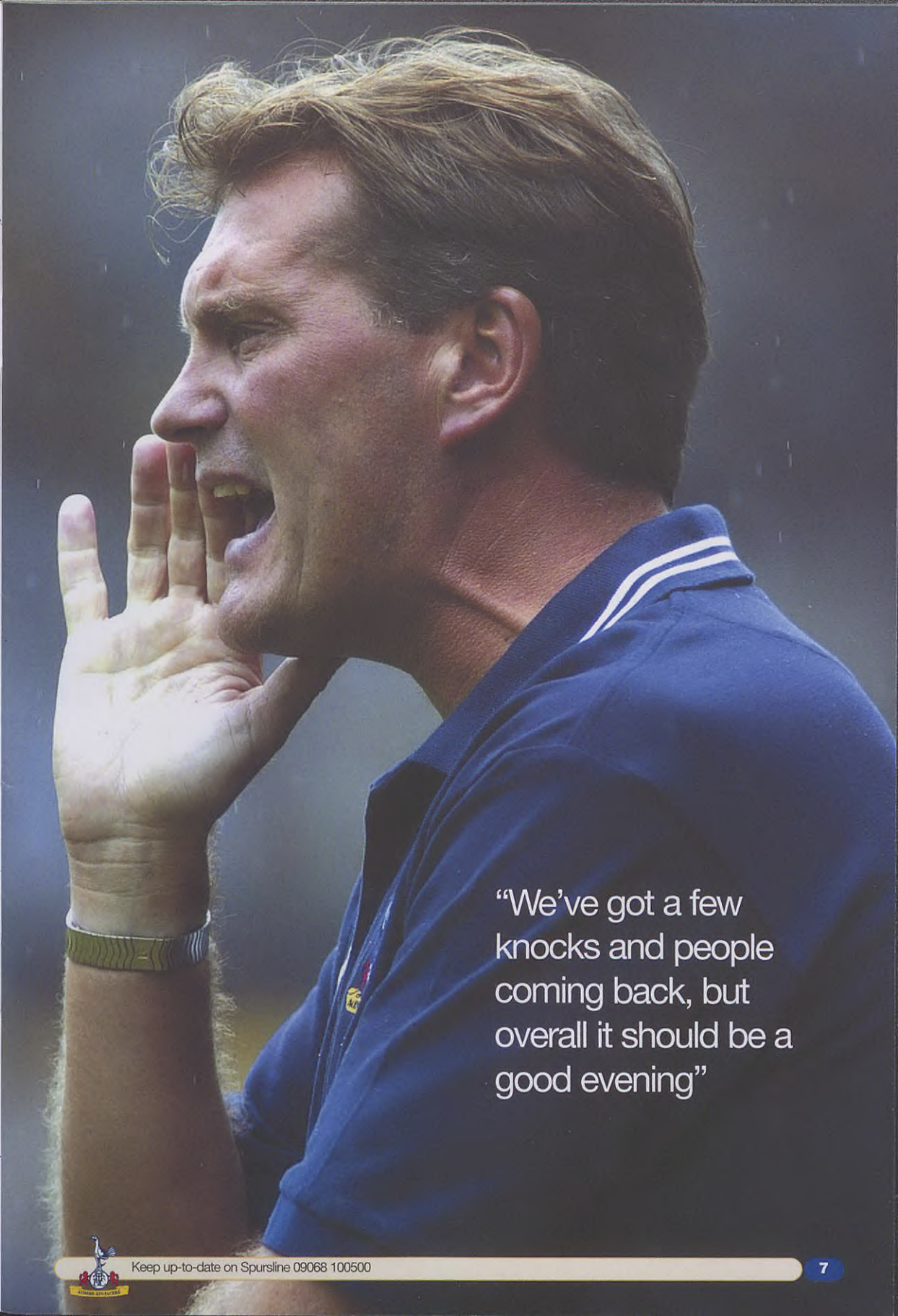
and we played well. There were a lot of things there that gave me a lot of encouragement."

Unfortunately, Glenn's own preparations for this evening's contest have been hampered by a number of injuries to his squad, with Gus Poyet and Milenko Acimovic added to that list last week. Glenn is as disappointed as anyone that he won't be able to field the team he might have wanted to tonight.

"It's difficult, I didn't know what squad I could put out," he says. "Milenko's been out injured and we're hoping he's going to recover quickly, but I can't take any risks having already lost Gus.

"To add to that, Jamie picked up a really bad



A close-up, profile photograph of a man with light brown hair, wearing a blue polo shirt with white stripes on the collar. He is shouting or cheering, with his mouth wide open and his right hand cupped behind his mouth to amplify his voice. He is wearing a gold-toned metal link watch on his left wrist. The background is dark and out of focus.

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