

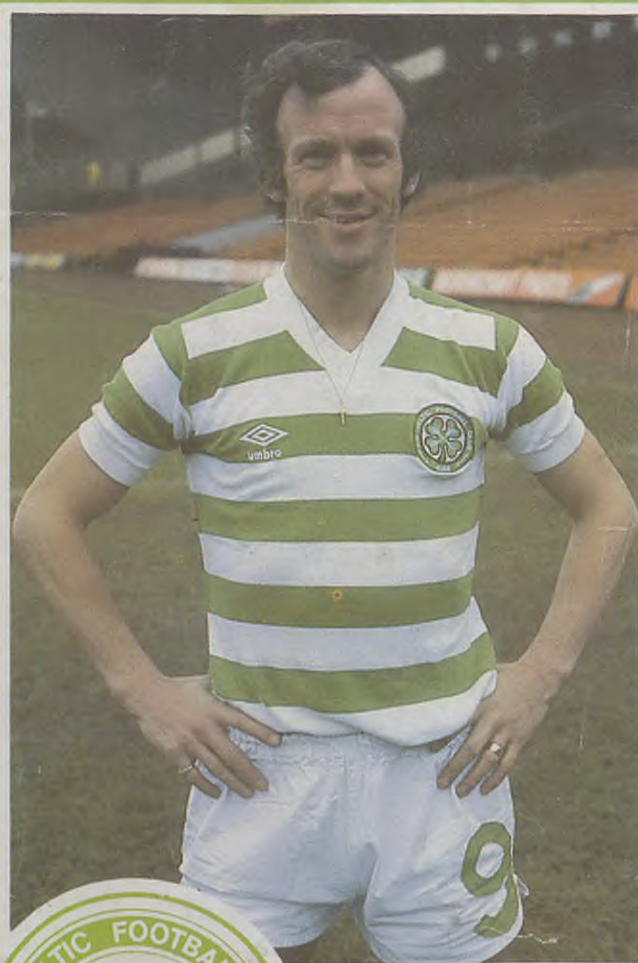
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



IT is with warmth and sincerity that I welcome Real Madrid to Celtic Park this evening. I do so on behalf of the club, the players, staff and our support . . . and Glasgow and Scotland.

For in this European Cup competition we carry the hopes of our country against this world famous club.

We've admired and thrilled to their wonderful football exploits over the last 25 years and Glasgow has appreciated their artistry and virtuosity on several occasions . . . at Celtic Park and at Hampden in the magical European Cup final of 1960 against the West German side Eintracht Frankfurt.

Beyond their skills and organisation on the field Real is a progressive and imaginative club that has

Tenemos un gran placer en par la bienvenida a los oficiales, los jugadores, y los socios do Real Madrid. Y esperamos que su visita a Escocia les habrá gustado.

provided all sorts of facilities for its 60,000 members.

Apart from their wonderful Bernabeu Stadium they have a Sports City on the outskirts of Madrid with a massive athletics stadium, swimming and diving pools, skating rink, tennis courts, and facilities for boxing, volleyball, basketball, handball etc. and, of course, football pitches.

While Real's football exploits have earned world wide attention the club did not regard itself as solely a Soccer outfit. Members have won European

recognition (and prizes) in other sporting areas and the Sports City is the natural extension of this wider concept.

It is a concept that is beyond the financial (and historical) grasp of Scottish football.

However, our football has "grown" with the years and Celtic can claim to have played a part in this through European competition participation.

Obviously I'd want Celtic to secure a victory tonight, but in the first instance I want our supporters to provide the Real players with a truly Scottish welcome.

Real have fond memories of Scottish fan appreciation from previous visits and at Celtic Park they will find fans who are as knowledgeable as any in the world.

They've been sustained over the years by great Celtic teams and outstanding individual players and I hope they will be treated to a classic match this evening.

Certainly the air of excitement has grown in Glasgow since the draw was made . . . and the overwhelming demand for the 67,000 available tickets is a tribute to the current Celtic team and the lure of the name Real Madrid.

Now it is on with the football action. After it we wish our Spanish guests a swift and safe return to Madrid and we look forward to renewing our friendship in a fortnight.

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REAL GAVE GLASGOW FITBA' DAFT FEVER!

OVER 50 years ago a film titled "Fitba' Daft" was shot in Glasgow. Of course, the equipment of the time didn't allow the smooth, sophisticated cinematic works of today . . . but the title was bang on!

Glasgow was a fitba' daft city then. It is arguable if it can be so labelled today. No longer do thousands throng the Junior grounds, for instance, or ring the pitches at Glasgow Green in their hundreds.

Yet given a BIG OCCASION . . . the city catches the fever and displays its old hunger for football. Even in 1980.

Real Madrid have provided at least two, and the magic of their name has brought to the city a rising tide of emotionalism associated with a big sporting show. The peak of the emotional graph will be touched this evening as the European Cup action with Celtic unfolds in an electric atmosphere generated by 67,000 fans.

That's just a little more than half the number who watched Real win their fifth European Cup in a row against Eintracht Frankfurt at Hampden on a never-to-be forgotten night in 1960.

The brilliant artistry and lethal finishing of di Stefano (three goals) and Puskas (four goals) are still recalled with enthusiasm and detail . . . and this against a good side in Eintracht that made a brilliant scoring start and then was swamped 7-3 by team and individual skills that brought a standing ovation from the entranced and thrilled 127,612 Scottish audience.

Only after the fans had insisted on a lap of honour from Real (with the Cup, of course) did they let them retire from the sunlit field that they had graced with football of the highest class.

Glasgow was fitba' daft that night and the president of Real, the late Santiago Bernabeu acclaimed the Hampden fans as "The greatest I've ever known." Now the Real — Eintracht encounter is woven into the folklore of Scottish football . . . and deservedly so even though it involved two foreign squads.

The Real team: Dominguez; Marquito, Pachin; Vidal, Santamaria, Zarraga; Canario, Del Sol, di Stefano, Puskas, Gento.

Two years later Real were back in Glasgow . . . at Celtic Park for which the organisers of a charity friendly had paid the maestros of Madrid a guarantee of £10,000, big money 18 years ago.

It was another emotional night . . . before a 72,000 crowd. Di Stefano and Puskas were reported to be on point of retirement. Clearly nobody had told them about their departure from football! Puskas opened the scoring. Amancio got no. 2 and Gento a third before the battling Celts got one back through Steve Chalmers and in a furious finish the

talented men from Madrid didn't look at all comfortable as Celts were "willed" on by the crowd.

The fans simply refused to leave Parkhead. They stood and cheered and cheered, delighted by the glamour of world class Real and the courage of battling Celts. They demanded a lap of honour from the home side. Celtic returned from the dressing room and obliged . . . some of the players in bare feet, others in their stocking soles!

And still the fans weren't finished with their display of appreciation for the great occasion. They trekked into the city, surged in their hundreds to the hotel where the after-match banquet was held . . . still cheering, tribute to the second half effort of Celtic and the popularity of Real.

The Celtic line up: Haffey; MacKay, Kennedy; Crerand, McNeill, Price; Lennox, Gallacher, Hughes, Jackson, Brogan. In the second half Chalmer, Carroll and Byrne came on for Lennox, Hughes and Brogan.

Real: Araquistan; Casado, Miera; Muller, Santamaria, Pachin; Bueno, Amancio, di Stefano, Puskas, Gento. Five substitutes were used in second half.

Five years later (1967) Celtic were European champions and on a velvet June evening in the Bernabeu Stadium with its cliff-like slopes and stands holding around 130,000 . . . it was Madrid's turn to catch the fitba' daft fever!

The occasion was the testimonial game to mark the great di Stefano's retirement as a player. He played for the first 20 minutes, reminding the fans of his virtuosity. And in that time Real, with Amancio in dazzling form, sought with all their craft and energy to get ahead and allow him to depart the scene with his team in front.

But it was two Celts who received equal acclaim at the close of the night . . . goalkeeper John Fallon and right winger Jimmy Johnstone. John Fallon by his agility and acrobatics broke the hearts of the Real attackers and wee Jimmy mesmerised the Madrid defence.

Jimmy "built" the only goal of the game for Bobby Lennox and the Spanish crowd was completely won over by the Scots — surely the finest victory of all for club playing abroad.

It ended Celtic's record-making season. It was their 65th match in a campaign that had begun against Manchester United in August 1966, a season in which the Bobby Lennox counter in Madrid took them through the 200-goal barrier.

The teams:

Real: Junquera; Calpe, De Felite; Sanchis, Pirri, Zoco; Serena, Amancio, di Stefano (Crosso), Velesquez, Gento.

Celtic: Fallon; Craig, Gemmell; Clark, McNeill, O'Neill; Johnstone, Murdoch, Wallace, Auld, Lennox.



Remarkable Celts now set to climb Euro-Cup "mountain"

CELTIC could not have drawn a more difficult European Cup tie. Real Madrid . . . that's a mountain we have to climb.

It is a tie that offers to the players a supreme challenge for, in the main, they haven't been asked to compete at such a level before.

I made two check-up trips to Spain and saw Real on their own Bernabeu Stadium and in an away test with their fierce rivals Barcelona.

Both matches were won and the overall impression was they were won by a very good and experienced European team that had fine players in key positions.

The most impressive part of the squad, I thought was the front three of Juanita, Santillana and Cunningham.

There was, too, a sense of team organisation that comes with experience and Real had that in plenty. It isn't a young side. 'Keeper Remon is touching 30, centre back Benito is coming up 34 and their captain and long-time servant, Pirri, will be 35 before the return in two weeks time.

They've been over the course before. They know the heat of fierce competition at the very top and as accomplished internationalists will not wilt under the blast of fierce partisanship that will pour on them at Parkhead tonight.

Nevertheless we want Celtic fans behind the team. It is a great spur. The players acknowledge that the support played their part in lifting them to that wonderful Scottish Cup win in the replay against St Mirren at Paisley.

The current Real side might not have the charisma of the legendary team of the fifties and early sixties, but make no mistake this is an international squad of formidable proportions.

They've been showing their ability to win away from home in the Spanish League . . . following their victory in Barcelona with another against Zaragossa.

That's roughly the equivalent of Celtic going to Ibrox and Pittodrie and coming back with full points.

However tonight's big occasion, I'm certain, will bring out the best in this remarkable Celtic team.

Indeed, I'm convinced they will rise to it and give a performance which will put us in with a good chance in the second leg at Madrid.

The test with Real provokes some wonderful memories for people at Parkhead. Bobby Lennox, for example, who was in the charity match against them at Parkhead (1962) and again in the di Stefano

testimonial in the Bernabeu Stadium (1967).

I played in them as well. The 1962 match was a great experience for the young Celts of the time. We felt the Real pattern was what football was all about and I think we all relished the experience, decided to try and emulate them . . . and perhaps this was a factor in our European Cup success in 1967.

Playing against the famed di Stefano then was the fulfilment of an ambition for me. In our second meeting (his testimonial) he played for only the opening 20 minutes.

We'd just been crowned European champions and Real, who had been favourites for the competition, wanted to dent it. It took us a little time to get into our rhythm in what proved a classic match and a Celtic victory through a Bobby Lennox goal.

The 1967 side had plenty of pride. So does the 1980 squad. They are as committed to the club as any group I've known in my association with Celtic. And that will show through in their work tonight. And after the ten-man performance at Paisley in the Scottish Cup . . . no mountain is unscalable for this squad.

BILLY McNEILL

**BOSS
OF
REAL**



Vujadin Boskov, the Yugoslav boss of Real Madrid, was with Vojvodina when Celtic played them in their run up to the Lisbon triumph in the 1967 European Cup, and his side met the other half of the Old Firm a couple of years later in the Fairs Cities Cup.

Boskov, reported to be on a bonus of £5,674 if Real beat Celts in tonight's quarter final, praised the current Celtic side during his recent "spy" trip to Parkhead. They reminded him "of the old Celtic. They were very fast, skilful and never gave up." He has warned Real that if they don't play to their best form "they'll have problems in Glasgow."