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SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

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Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.



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RONNY DEILA

Manager



ANOTHER STEP TO GREAT EURO NIGHTS

A WARM welcome to my first 'home' game as Celtic manager and although I know that soon I will be taking in the atmosphere at Celtic Park when the championship flag is raised when we play Dundee United in the SPFL, I also hope that tonight's result will take us another step forward to me experiencing our fantastic stadium on a European night.

With that in mind, we also welcome the players and staff of KR Reykjavik and we know from our experience this time last week in Iceland that we will have far from an easy job tonight, but if our players display the attributes we all know they have, we will hopefully be looking forward to the next round.

Although I'm pleased to go into tonight's game with a 1-0 lead, we were unlucky not to

score more last week as we hit the framework three times and the KR keeper had a few excellent saves but I was happy with our performance.

We were also rarely troubled at the back so our clean sheet and possession play, as well as winning the ball back when we lost it, pleased me and our second-half performance showed that we got stronger as the game went on and our training regime in Austria at our pre-season camp played a big part in that.

That was important as KR are midway through their season so

we had to be ready to combat that and overall I was pleased with our display on the night against a side who were very competitive and up for the game, but over the 90 minutes our defence was able to contain any threat.

Our players know what they need to do tonight to progress in the UEFA Champions League and we will all do all in our power to ensure that we are in the next round as we fully aim to deliver the holy grail of group stage football nights back to Celtic Park for yet another season.

I know that most of you had to

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make travel plans for tonight's game and I want to thank you all for travelling through to Edinburgh to back the team and I know that the players appreciate your support as you spur them on.

I also want to give thanks to the organisation and staff of BT Murrayfield for hosting our game tonight.

Enjoy the match,





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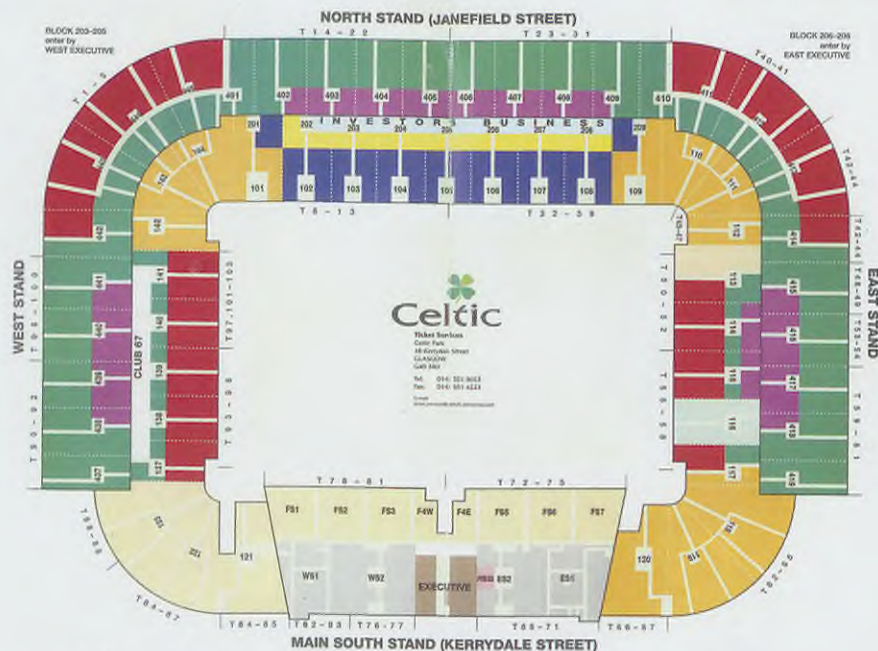
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This list is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Stadium Regulations.

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Celtic Football Club was established in 1888 as a Club open to all.

Further information on the Club's origins and Celtic's Social Mission Statement can be found on page 3.

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THE ICEMEN COMETH



The story of KR Reykjavik, Celtic's opponents in tonight's UEFA Champions League qualifier

CELTIC have had comparatively little contact with Icelandic clubs over the years with only one previous pairing against one of the country's teams.

That was in season 1975/76 in the European Cup-Winners' Cup when the Hoops beat Valur Reykjavik 9-0 on aggregate.

This evening, ahead of this historic clash at BT Murrayfield, we take a look at the background of tonight's visitors, KR Reykjavik.

IN THE BEGINNING

KR, or to give them their Sunday name, Knattspyrnufélag Reykjavíkur, were founded in 1899 by a Scot, Frank McGregor who was working in engineering over there at the time. He not only founded KR but in doing so, also founded the first club in

Iceland and indeed, for around 10 years they were the only club in the country. They were originally known as Fóttafélag Reykjavíkur, which means Reykjavik Football Club, before changing their name

to Knattspyrnufélag Reykjavíkur, which means - Reykjavik Football Club! Yes, it's a tad confusing but it's odds-on that commentators are probably delighted that the club are generally known by their KR moniker.



FACTS AND FIGURES

After a decade of being the only team in the country, they were joined by other fledgling teams and they won the very first Icelandic championship in 1912 following a play-off with Fram. That was the first of 26 titles, making them the most successful club in the country while they have also won the Icelandic Cup on 13 occasions – also more than any other club in the country. In 1964/65 they were the first Icelandic club to play in Europe when they qualified for the European Cup and had the fortune to be drawn with another club who were making their European debut. Unfortunately, however, the other club also playing their first European game was Liverpool and the Merseyside team won 11-1 on aggregate.

LAST SEASON

In season 2013, the 12-team Úrvalsdeild's term ran from May 5 until September 28, KR won their 26th title by earning 52 points to the 47 of FH, who were joined by third-placed Stjarnan in the Europa League. KR won 17 of their 22 games while drawing one and losing four on their way to the title. They were the highest-scoring side with 50 goals netted but the 27 goals scored against them meant that runners-up, FH bettered them in the goal difference column. KR are also went on a winning run of seven games between July 28 and September 16. Of the 12 teams in the Úrvalsdeild karla (Men's Premier League), no fewer than **SEVEN** are from Reykjavik with another two from outside the capital being very close indeed, meaning most of the clubs never travel very far during the season.

THE STORY OF THE SEASON

At the moment, around halfway through the Icelandic season, the top three teams of last season are still battling it out at the top of the table but it is FH who are edging it on points while Stjarnan sit in second place with KR in third. It's tight though, so tight that clubs



as low as seventh place must still fancy their chances of making the top three and qualifying for Europe. And the clubs involved in the two-up, two-down promotion and relegation mean that the Reykjavik clubs can save even more time and money on travel this term.

PREVIOUS VISITS

This won't be KR's first trip to Scotland and their first was in season 1967/68 when they met Aberdeen in the Cup-Winners' Cup. The Dons had lost the previous term's Scottish Cup final to Celtic but thanks to the Hoops winning everything in sight that season, the Pittodrie side qualified for the European tournament. The first game was played in the Granite City and the Dons, 4-0 up by half-time, won 10-0. In the away tie, Aberdeen won 4-1 for a 14-1 aggregate. In season 1999/00, Kilmarnock were next up for the Icelanders and in the first leg KR scored in the 87th minute to hold

an advantage into the return. In the second leg at Rugby Park (above), former St Mirren and Aberdeen defender, David Winnie, then playing for KR, was sent off. The 10-man KR side held out until the 90th minute when Paul Wright scored from the spot. Further heartache was heaped on the luckless Icelanders when David Bagan scored just two minutes into extra-time to take the tie 2-1 on aggregate.

AND ANOTHER THING...

In the European Cup of 1969/70, KR managed to do something that Celtic didn't – score twice against Feyenoord. The Hoops famously lost the final 2-1 to the Dutch club after extra-time in the San Siro when one more goal may have led to a rather different outcome. However, when KR scored twice against Wim Jansen and co in the first round, they were barely consolation goals as Feyenoord won 12-2 on the night and 16-2 on aggregate.



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KR REYKJAVIK TONIGHT'S OPPONENTS

KR REYKJAVIK may have a starting line-up compiled of part-time footballers but their squad still boasts talents that Celtic must be wary of.

The Icelandic champions are 11 games into their league campaign and come into tonight's match at Murrayfield having won three of their last five games.

They have, however, conceded 13 goals across that same period and sit in third place in the league.

Still, KR showed their match sharpness in the first leg in Reykjavik and although Celtic ended that game with a 1-0 win, there are a number of players in the opposition side that will relish a second bite at the Scottish champions.

ONES TO WATCH

GARY MARTIN

A former Middlesbrough player, Englishman Martin has experience of playing abroad and was joint top scorer in the Icelandic league last year with 12 goals in 22 starts. The 23-year-old joined KR from fellow Icelandic side IA after two successful years and was named best foreign player following his goal-scoring exploits last year and has his own links with Celtic. Martin was a member of the Middlesbrough side managed by former Celtic boss Gordon Strachan but was released from his contract in 2010. He was taken on loan by former Celt, Willie McStay at Hungarian side FC Ujpest before moving to Iceland and owes his career to the faith shown in him by McStay. Martin is a tricky player, with pace, skill and accuracy all in his locker. The striker is right-footed and is dangerous cutting in from the left on to his favoured right for a top corner shot.

GRÉTAR SIGFINNUR SIGURDARSON

Centre-back Sigurdarson is a rock in the middle of the KR defence. The 31-year-old Icelandic player joined the club in 2008 and has been a mainstay in central-defence ever since. He has played in all 11 games so far this year and has not missed a match in the league for KR since his first full season in 2009. Sigurdarson also has goals in his game and has scored 15 in his five full seasons with KR, notching three this year already. The 31-year-old is an experienced, right-footed defender and will be key to KR's chances in the match.

STEFAN LOGI MAGNUSSON

He's the last line of defence for KR and standing at 6' 4" tall, Magnusson will be an imposing figure to beat for the Celtic attackers. The Icelandic-born goalkeeper has played 11 times for KR this season and is the first choice keeper for the team. He signed for the side in 2009 before moving to Lillestrom and Ullensaker/Kisa before returning to KR in 2014. Magnusson is also an experienced internationalist. He has played seven times for Iceland, most recently in the campaign to qualify for the European Championships in Poland/Ukraine in 2012 and pulled off several saves against Celtic last week.



ONES TO WATCH

OSKAR ORN

Left-footed midfielder Oskar Orn is one of the main threats to Celtic's hopes of progressing through the qualifier. The Icelandic playmaker, 29, has played 10 times this year and has three goals to his name. He featured for the national team briefly in 2010 in a friendly match, playing 25 minutes as a substitute. Orn has been in good form recently, scoring against Viking Reykjavik in the league and Breidablik in the cup. He played in every league game for KR last year after a spell with Sandness Ulf in 2012 and will be keen to add to his tally against the Hoops.

EMIL ATLASON

Atlason may be Icelandic but he has Celtic in his blood as the nephew of former Hoops defender Johannes Edvaldsson. His uncle played with Celtic for five years from 1975 to 1980 and he will create a new link between his family and the Hoops if he gets a start this evening. Emil is 20-years-old and joined KR in 2012. He has scored eight goals for the Icelandic champions and has played five games this year so far. His most successful season came in 2012 when he played 11 games and scored five goals, and will look to establish himself as a mainstay of the KR team if given an opportunity this evening.

KJARTAN HENRY FINNBOGASON

One man with a point to prove in tonight's fixture will be former Celt, Kjartan Finnbogason. The midfielder/striker was signed by the Hoops in 2004 and was loaned to Queen's Park the following season. He failed to make a first-team appearance for the Hoops in his time at the club and left to go on trial with Bristol City. He later joined Falkirk where he enjoyed a scoring appearance in a friendly win over Livingston and signed for six months. He then signed for KR in 2010, on a two-year deal, and scored nine goals in his first season. Kjartan broke a club record for KR Reykjavik scoring his seventh goal against MŠK Žilina in nine UEFA appearances in 2011, making him the highest goal-scorer in the club's UEFA history. He has 10 games under his belt this year and two goals in the bag, along with two yellow cards and one red card.



THE FIRST LEG

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SECOND ROUND QUALIFIER

KR-VOLLUR, REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014

CELTIC 1-0 KR REYKJAVIK



CELTIC made the perfect start to their UEFA Champions League campaign with a 1-0 win over Icelandic champions KR Reykjavik.

Manager Ronny Deila named a strong starting line up in his first competitive match and handed a first-team debut to U20s star Callum McGregor in midfield.

The 21-year-old formed part of an attacking three alongside Kris Commons and Leigh Griffiths, who sat behind Stokes, and he was the man who eventually sealed victory for the Hoops.

Celtic pressed well the entire game but struggled to find a way past a resolute KR defence but McGregor's brilliant individual effort on 84 minutes was enough to secure victory in Ronny Deila's first competitive game.

The youngster showed great endeavour down the Celtic right flank and cut inside his defender on to his left foot. He feigned to shoot three times before eventually unleashing an unstoppable effort, low into the KR goal to give Celtic the lead.

The Hoops now take that precious 1-0 lead into tonight's game at the BT Murrayfield Stadium.

The youngster was at the forefront of Celtic's play from the beginning and threatened first for the away side, winning Celtic's first free kick of the game on the edge of the box after good skill drew a foul from the KR defence.

Mulgrew's chipped ball to the back post found van Dijk but his header skimmed off the back of his head and out for a goal kick.

The Hoops held the ball well in the first 10 minutes, dominating possession and pressing high in the KR half.

Lustig created a number of chances with crosses from the right but the packed KR defence cleared well every time.

Another early chance came from Kris Commons when the Player of the Year reminded everyone why he has that title. The attacker rattled the KR crossbar with an incredible volley that dipped beyond Stefan Magnusson in the KR goal and almost put Celtic in the lead.

Commons had another chance minutes later with a stinging shot to the KR keeper's left post. Magnusson struggled to hold

on to the effort and the ball went wide for a Celtic corner, which was eventually cleared.

The Hoops controlled the game in the first half with Mulgrew pulling the strings. He tried a variation of passes in a bid to pull apart the KR defence but the home side defended well.

Celtic maintained the ball well in midfield as KR looked to hit on the break through Gary Martin and Emil Atlason. The former had the best chance for the Icelandic champions on 23 minutes, when he gathered well outside the Celtic box but his low effort was watched all the way by Forster who gathered easily.

Martin threatened again after latching on to a long ball over the Celtic defence but was flagged offside.

Celtic continued to push for the opener with every player getting involved in the action.

Wonderful one-touch passing from Commons and Stokes carved out an opening for the Irishman on the edge of the box but his volley went over the bar.

The first half ended there, with Celtic frustrated by a resolute KR defence – passing and pressing well but not finding the breakthrough.

The Hoops came out unchanged for the second half in terms of personnel but the style of play was completely different.

Celtic came out flying after a brief attack from KR, with Commons lashing a right footed shot just over, Griffiths had a volley just over the bar from the resulting corner but Commons was on hand again to see his effort go over also.

Short after shot rained down on the KR goal but Celtic couldn't find the opener.

Ronny Deila brought Teemu Pukki and Derk Boerrieger on to liven the attack but Commons remained the main protagonist with a number of efforts that could have put the Hoops into the lead.

CELTIC (4-2-3-1) Forster; Lustig, Ambrose, van Dijk, Izaguirre, Johansen, Mulgrew, Griffiths (Boerrieger 73), Commons, McGregor, Stokes (Pukki 73) **Not used:** Zaluska, Matthews, Henderson, Kaye, O'Connell.



EURO PARADISE

Midfielder **Stefan Johansen** is aiming to experience the best of UEFA Champions League nights at Celtic Park

Exclusive interview: Mark Henderson

STEFAN Johansen is determined to help Celtic progress beyond the UEFA Champions League qualifying rounds so he can savour the experience of a big European night in Paradise.

Due to Celtic Park taking centre stage for the Commonwealth Games, the Hoops will host tonight's opponents KR Reykjavik at the BT Murrayfield Stadium.

Should they progress beyond the Icelanders then they will then face the same scenario in the next round of qualifiers, delaying the Norwegian's ambition of starring at the home of the Scottish champions against continental opposition.

Forget the prospect of facing Messi, Ronaldo and company - this is his main incentive for an extended run in Europe's premier club competition this season. He wants to feel the noise.

"I really don't know who I would want to play and it's difficult to say but I don't care so long as we play at Celtic Park as that is what I'm most looking forward to," the midfielder told the matchday programme in an exclusive interview.

"I hope we qualify and play some good teams and play in good stadiums but what motivates me most is to get in there and try to win and have those nights at Celtic Park.

"Who has not told me? I saw some of them on the TV, and I have played some games at Celtic Park already and it's unbelievable so a European night would be great.

"Many Scottish people have been proud of what Celtic have achieved in the UEFA Champions League lately and Norwegian guys who played at Celtic Park in Europe or watched games have told me it's unbelievable.

"Qualifying for the UEFA Champions League with a club like Celtic is much bigger, as Celtic is a club with a good history in the competition.

"I have heard about the UEFA Champions League nights at Celtic Park so everybody around the team is really motivated to get into it and we are going to be ready.

"There is nothing we can do about playing in Edinburgh, but there will be a lot of Celtic supporters over. When we play away from home in Scotland, it feels like a home game as our fans are fantastic.

"They help us a lot and I can't imagine what it will be like on the UEFA Champions League nights - it really helps us on the pitch when the crowd create a good atmosphere.

"I don't think it will have too much effect not playing at Celtic Park. We always go to win games and we will be trying to do that tonight as well."

Celtic's rich European history and their recent UEFA Champions League exploits was one of the main reasons behind Johansen's decision to sign for the club in January.

His opportunities for similar feats were limited in his homeland, amounting to a few early-round games for Stromsgodset, whetting his appetite for more.

Other clubs in Norway have also found progress





difficult in recent years, with Rosenborg's regular forays to the group stages in the 1990s seeming a distant memory now.

"I have played a lot of games recently for the national team and I had two qualifications with Stromsgodset," he said. "We lost to Atletico Madrid and won one game the next year in the Europa League so it's going to be fun to play in the UEFA Champions League, as that is where everyone wants to be.

"You want to play in the UEFA Champions League, but in Norway there is only one team who can go through. Rosenborg used to do well and qualify for the group stages but they haven't been there lately.

"So that was another reason why I came to Celtic as they have been in the group stages two years in a row. You always want to play against the big players and be in the biggest tournaments so I feel we have a good chance to qualify there and get good results."

Should the 23-year-old help the Hoops negotiate the qualifiers, earning him the chance to pit his wits against the world's top teams and players, he would be thrilled but not fazed.

He said: "When you are in Norway those are the guys you are watching on TV and in World Cups - the best players in the world.

"The quality of the UEFA Champions League is very high but you always play these matches to win. You want to play against the best and beat the best.

"The UEFA Champions League is what everyone dreams of as a footballer as this tournament and the World Cup are biggest stage you can get."

First and foremost, Celtic must complete their job against KR Reykjavik in the Scottish capital following the first-leg in Iceland last week.

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INTERVIEW



And respectful of their togetherness, spirit and resolve, Johansen insists the Bhoys must perform at their peak to progress.

"All respect to Iceland as they have had some great players over the years," he said. "KR have won their league, and it's quite like Norway in that teams there want to play football, they always have a strong spirit and will always be 100 per cent motivated for the game."

"There will be a lot of tough running and tackling. We need to make sure we are ready and then we will know we have the quality in the team to win the match."

This will only be Celtic's second competitive match of the new campaign but, following an intensive tour of Austria, Johansen claims the squad were nearing optimum fitness.

"It's been a great pre-season for us," he said. "We went to Austria and used the whole squad and got the minutes we needed."

"My legs are fine and that's why we did it, as the league starts in a couple of weeks and we have to be ready for the UEFA Champions League as well. The manager and all the backroom staff have done a great job to make sure the players are ready for the games."

Although taking place in Edinburgh, on paper, this will be new boss Ronny Deila's first 'home' game at the helm.

The Norwegian has been working hard with his charges as he attempts to implement a brand of high-energy, attacking football on his charges.

And, given time, Johansen is convinced his former manager will deliver a style of play which the Celtic supporters will relish.

"He has some details he wants to put into the play but it takes time," he said. "He is brand new and it takes time to get known by the players and get the details into the team as it's a difficult task. I think we are starting to get it and we are just looking better and better."

"From the first game we played to our last training session you can see what we have been working hard on it, so things are coming on, and in the end we are going to play some very good football which the fans will enjoy."

TREBLE BOOST

STEFAN Johansen says the return of Celtic's World Cup trio – Fraser Forster, Emilio Izaguirre and Efe Ambrose – is a huge boost for the Bhoys over this crucial juncture in the season.

While England and Honduras exited the global showpiece in the first round, Ambrose helped Nigeria progress to the knock-out stages where they were defeated by an impressive France side.

"They are three quality players and that was the reason they were at the World Cup," said the midfielder.

"Fraser is an absolutely fantastic goalkeeper, and Emilio and Efe are two quality players as well. Everybody needs players like them in the team to be able to go into the UEFA Champions League."

"It's great to have them back and have them ready for the game tonight and the other upcoming games."

Johansen thoroughly enjoyed the tournament, he was cheering on Argentina in the final. However, he couldn't begrudge Germany taking the trophy.

"I watch a lot of football and I enjoyed the tournament," he said. "I was hoping Argentina would win as I think Messi deserved it."

"If he is not the best player in the world he is in the top three and there was a lot of pressure on him. I just felt he deserved it, as he had a great World Cup as well."

"Like I said, though, Germany are a fantastic side and have quality players all over the pitch and I liked watching them in Brazil."



INTERNATIONAL PLAY BHOY



ANOTHER glamour event will take place in Paradise in November when Scotland go head-to-head against England – and Stefan Johansen admits it's a spectacle he would love to see.

Gordon Strachan's side will host the 'Auld Enemy' at Celtic Park in the 112th meeting of the countries.

Last year England edged out a five-goal thriller at Wembley, the first time the oldest international rivals had crossed swords in 14 years.

The mouth-watering match will come just four days after Scotland take on the Republic of Ireland at the home of the Scottish champions.

"We are going to meet England at Wembley as well which should be great but that game will be incredible," said Norwegian. "The Scottish fans are fantastic so it should be a great game to watch."

"We saw a little bit of it in Norway when we played Scotland. It was a small town but a lot of Scottish fans came up there and made it a good crowd."

"That will be a very fun game to watch and it would be great to see how the atmosphere is. If I'm not busy, I will certainly watch it."



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New white kit is a winner



Celts look champion for the new season 2014/15

CELTIS Scott Brown, Anthony Stokes, Kris Commons, Virgil van Dijk and Beram Kayal launched the stunning new kit at the club's pre-season training base in the picturesque Austrian setting of Bad Leonfelden.

Celtic skipper, Scott Brown said: "I think it's brilliant. It's a really nice kit and is a good fit as well. The strip is very bright and something a bit different. It's good to have a white kit again and I'm looking forward to wearing it this season."

"It's our third kit but hopefully we will get a lot of use out of it over the campaign and can have a lot of success while wearing it."

While Irish striker, Anthony Stokes added: "It's lovely and I really like it. I have always been a fan of all-white kits - as a kid I always used to wear all-white boots so that's why I got into them."

"The Hoops jersey is iconic and famous, but this is definitely my second

favourite strip by a long way. I think it's the best one we've had for a long time, and hopefully I can wear it a few times this season and score a few goals in it."

The new kit is the latest in a line of classic designs by Nike that tap into the heritage and traditions of Celtic but with a fresh and new look for the future.

The shirt boasts a green, white and gold chest band as well as a constructed v-neck collar with a gold band inside the neck, and green cuffs on the sleeves.

Inside the back of the neck is a green and white pennant tab reflecting the Hoops first-choice with the proud statement: 'A club like no other.'

The new third shorts are white with a thin green stripe along each side, while the socks are white with a green band at the top, and a wide tonal stripe of chevrons on the back.

The new Celtic third kit is available to purchase in all Celtic stores and at

www.celticfc.net

New Third Kit is more than just 'All White' say fans

THE launch of the new Celtic third kit has gone down a storm with fans across the globe, some of whom have taken to social media to tell the world how much they love the new kit from Nike.

On Facebook Evelyn Gormley was among the first to comment when she said: "Love this new strip", while Dougie Cuninsson said "Looks the ticket Bhoys, nice kit"

Sean Jackson told us: "It's sooooo nice, I'm getting it" whereas Alistair James Horne felt the kit was befitting of the club: "Fine looking strip and a team to be proud of."

Over on Twitter there were plenty of positive comments too. Mark Murphy tweeted "that is a belter" and Steven Shearer wrote: "Now I don't know what one I like better. Both kits this year are brilliant!"

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ICELAND CONNECTION



IN recent years, Iceland has produced some top-class players who have carved a name for themselves on the world stage but that hasn't always been the case.

However, the face of Icelandic football has been changing with Eidor Gudjohnsen (below) being something of a figurehead in recent years...and history was made in 1996 when Eidor replaced his father, Arnor, in an international friendly against Estonia.

The plan was for them to appear together in the next home game but a month later the youngster broke his ankle in an under-18 game against Ireland and the dream game never took place.



In tonight's match programme we find out about another family connection in Iceland, this time with a Celtic flavour.

Who was Celtic's first Icelandic player?

CELTIC had avoided any contact with Iceland until season 1975/76 when the Icelandic connection just started to pour in right at the start of the season. Johannes Edvaldsson signed for the Hoops on August 8, 1975 after a pre-season tour of Ireland was used to trial the Icelandic utility player. He

had started his career with Valur of Reykjavik in his homeland but had played with Metz in France and signed for Celtic from Danish side, Holbek. He took his Celtic Park bow in style by scoring the only goal of the game against English champions Derby County in a friendly on August 2, 1975 and a week later he made his debut proper in a 1-0 League Cup win over Aberdeen. However, just a few weeks later he was on his travels for his European debut in the Hoops and, as luck would have it, the destination was Reykjavik were Celtic would take on Valur!

How have Celtic fared against Icelandic opposition?

AN 8,000 crowd turned out for the game and Celtic were expected to roll over the Icelandic side whose name is the Icelandic word for 'Falcon'. However, the scoreline at least turned out to be a bit tighter than that as goals in each half from Paul Wilson and Roddy MacDonald delivered a 2-0 win - it could have been more though as the returning Edvaldsson missed a twice-taken penalty on his home soil. Celtic's dominance was repeated in the second leg but this time they converted it into goals as a 7-0 scoreline delivered a 9-0 aggregate win. This time, Edvaldsson atoned for his penalty miss in the first game as he became the first player to score against an Icelandic side at Celtic Park when he opened the scoring in the sixth minute. To mark the European meeting, Valur presented Celtic with The Polar Bear Trophy.



Did Edvaldsson meet any familiar faces on his return to Iceland?

THE early-season rush of connections with Iceland didn't stop with the signing of Edvaldsson and the European Cup-Winners' Cup pairing with Valur - as the new Celt wasn't only returning home to play in his hometown, he was also lining up against his brother. Midfielder, Atli Edvaldsson was seven years younger than his big brother Johannes. Atli starred with Valur from 1974 until 1980 before leaving for the continent where he played for Borussia Dortmund and Fortuna Dusseldorf among others before returning to Iceland. Along the way he won 70 Iceland caps, 31 of those as captain and at the time of his retirement he held the Icelandic record for international appearances. His international career didn't stop there, though, as he managed the national team for four years between 1999 and 2003. His son, Emil Atlason currently plays for KR Reykjavik.

How did Edvaldsson's career pan out?

ON his signing, Johannes Edvaldsson was almost immediately christened 'Shuggie' and soon became a favourite with the fans. He played for the Hoops until 1980 and scored 38 goals in 195 games for the club with 12 of those appearances coming from the bench. On leaving Celtic he moved across the Atlantic to play for Tulsa Roughnecks but moved to Germany to play with Hannover before returning to Scotland in 1982 to finish his playing career with Motherwell and he retired in 1984. Shuggie also played 34 times for Iceland and 16 of those caps were won while he was with the Celts.

Have there been any more Icelanders at Celtic Park?

PRIOR to the recent arrival of Holmbert Fridjonsson, Teddy Bjarnason and Kjartan Finnbogason both arrived from KR Reykjavik in 2004 as youngsters to become part of the youth set-up at Celtic. Finnbogason was loaned to Queen's Park and also played in Norway before



also playing on loan from Sandefjord at Falkirk. He now plies his trade back with KR Reykjavik where he is their top European scorer. Bjarnason (left) made one appearance for the Celtic first team when he played for the full 90 minutes

in the final league game of the 2006/07 term, a 2-1 win over Hibernian at Easter Road. He was also on the bench the following week for the 1-0 Scottish Cup final win over Dunfermline. He went on to play for Randers in Denmark where Steven Pressley also played on leaving Celtic in 2008.

Have Celtic returned there on European duty?

THAT pairing with Valur was Celtic's only competitive meeting with Icelandic opposition prior to last week but they could have returned there on European duty two seasons ago as they were destined to play the winners of the KR Reykjavik and HJK Helsinki second-qualifying round tie. The first leg went ahead in Finland but following the 90 minutes, the Hoops could basically start making travel plans to go there as well as the home side thrashed the Icelandic team 7-0. The second leg was a bit tighter with the Finns only winning 2-1 this time but still going through on an impressive 9-1 aggregate score. The Hoops, of course, defeated Helsinki before another Scandinavian trip to play Helsingborgs delivered the glory of UEFA Champions League group football.





» Any other Icelandic connections?

Iceland may not be the world's best venue to participate in the sporadic activity of streaking at a football match but it did happen in 1990 when a brave individual decided to do so while the teams were lined up for the national anthems. This was before an Iceland v Albania match and the culprit managed to avoid the security forces and streaked past the players - among them, looking rather bemused by the whole thing, was the then unknown Rudi Vata who would soon be plying his trade with Celtic. Another wee Celtic connection with Iceland was that back in 1962/63, another Reykjavik side, Throttur, arrived at Celtic Park to play a friendly against the Hoops reserve side. Inspired by a young Jimmy Johnstone, the Celtic second string beat the Icelanders 11-1 - and when Johannes Edvaldsson retired from the playing side of the game in 1984, he tried his hand at coaching with Throttur.



Are there many Celtic fans in Iceland?

ACCORDING to the trusty worldwide web, there are a few Celtic supporters' clubs in Iceland at present. They are in good company as Iceland's most famous footballer is also a self-confessed Hoops fan. Eidur Gudjohnsen revealed he was

blown away by the Celtic supporters when they invaded England to make his debut for Bolton a memorable occasion. He said: "When I signed for Bolton they presented me to the crowd before the Jimmy Phillips testimonial against Celtic. The Celtic fans made an impression on me because there were more of them than Bolton supporters at that game. Celtic are popular for testimonials because everyone knows they will fill the stadium. I've always had great admiration of Celtic and Scottish football."

Is it a proud football nation?

GIVEN that the country has a population of less than 500,000, Iceland do okay. They have never qualified for a major tournament, yet have never been regarded as real whipping boys in the international arena. The most capped player is Runar Kristinsson (*right*) with 104 caps, while Eidur Gudjohnsen, with 24 goals from 78 caps, is the top scorer in the country's history. The gifted striker is undoubtedly the finest ever Icelandic footballer. He also made his own bit of history when he played in the same international match as his father - Arnor. The young Gudjohnsen came on for his old man in a match against Estonia in 1996 - the only time that has ever occurred in the international game. Unfortunately, they never managed to play together for Iceland. Shortly after that historic occasion, Eidur broke his ankle and his father had retired by the time he returned.



CELTIC v ICELAND

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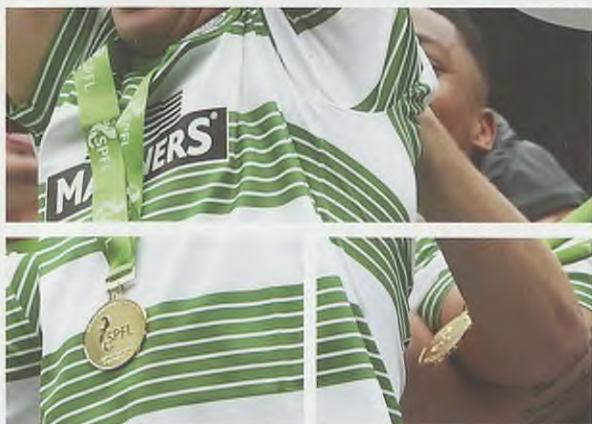
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EARLY-SEASON FILLIP FOR TWARDZIK

The pre-season work-out in Austria and last week's trip to Reykjavik have given **Filip Twardzik** renewed hope following an unlucky injury spell

Exclusive Interview: Martin Dalziel

FILIP Twardzik hopes the new dawn breaking under Ronny Deila at Celtic will cast a fresh light on his future prospects with the first team.

The talented and versatile Czech Republic under-21 internationalist broke into the starting XI last year under Neil Lennon but had his progression cut short by a series of debilitating injuries which kept him out for almost 18 months.

However, the left-footed midfielder is beginning to blossom again under the new manager and a collection of solid displays at left-back during the pre-season tour of Austria, along with a place in the squad for Iceland last week, were counted as small stepping stones on the road

to his ultimate goal of breaking into the first team.

The youngster hopes this year will be his time and hopes his future will be bright.

Speaking in the matchday programme, 21-year-old Twardzik said: "It's nice to be back but I don't want to go over the injuries again because that's the past and I just hope the next 12 months will be big for me.

"My target is to get as many games as I can and progress.

"I played a few games with the Under-20s near the end of last season, over 10 games I think, and the highlight was the last game of the season when I played with the first team against Dundee United.

"I was very pleased with that and I didn't expect it







>> because I played two games for the 20s during that week against Rangers and Dundee United so I didn't expect to play at the weekend as well.

"It was a hard time but the only thing for me was to stay positive, not think about the injury and just look forward."

The appointment of Celtic's new Norwegian boss, Ronny Deila, has breathed new life into the squad.

His fresh approach has ushered in a new style of play and, while many of the main talents from last year have retained their place as continuity breeds success, Twardzik added that there is renewed optimism among the players as they fight for places in the new set-up.

"Everyone was looking forward to meeting the manager and he's making good progress," he added.

"It's hard for everyone to understand the system but we had a long time in Austria to get into that and now we have to show what we have learned.

"His style of play suits me because I played with the under-20s for a long time and John Kennedy and Stevie Frail play attacking football as well. I played a long time in Germany as well and the style there is the same as that of the manager."

Often deployed at left-back, Twardzik faces stiff competition for a place in the starting line-up ahead of Emilio Izaguirre, a fact he is aware of.

However, he hopes his versatility in his positional ability may help him break into the first-team squad.

"I played there many times under Neil Lennon and I have other positions but left-back is the kind of position I have played before and I do like it," he added.

Everyone is starting from new because of the manager... if I keep doing what I'm doing and stay fit then I think I will get my chance

"I like centre-half, centre-midfield and I play centre-back for the national team. I've played centre-midfield for a long time for the under-20s and the first team in a few games but left-back is no different for a defender or attacker as you still have to play offensive and defensive and the manager's



view is to get the full-backs into the game and be more involved.

"So you have to be focused 100% and it doesn't really matter where you play.

"Everyone is starting from new because of the manager. He has picked some players from last season but he said everyone has to give 100% and if you don't, you don't play. But I think every player does, which makes it harder, but if I keep doing what I'm doing and stay fit then I think I will get my chance."

Tonight's game against KR Reykjavik is one of the many hurdles Celtic now have to traverse to get into the all-important group stages of the UEFA Champions League.

Twardzik knows the value of the tournament to Celtic as a club but also wants the team to get there so the players can challenge themselves personally at the highest level.

He added: "That's the main thing. To get to the group stages and just enjoy it. We want to win the league again and get as many trophies as we can but the UEFA Champions League is the goal.

"I played in the NextGen series, which was a good thing for young players. You meet European teams of good quality.

"To get a chance with the first team in the Champions League is not a target for me yet as you have to work hard to get into the team. I'm pleased to be here with the squad and if I still work hard, maybe in a year or so maybe I could play.

"It is a dream. I wouldn't say to myself, 'I should be playing' though. I was injured for a long time and I just need to get games under my belt then see how it is from there."

TEUTONIC NIGHTS...

TONIGHT'S game against KR Reykjavik is just one of the many which Celtic hope to play in the UEFA Champions League this year.

As always, the goal is to secure safe passage through the qualifiers and enter the group stages where Europe's other elite clubs already wait.

Growing up as a Borussia Dortmund fan, Twardzik has one team in particular that he'd like to meet if the Hoops can achieve their goal.

"I'd probably want one of the German teams as they won the World Cup," he said. "Probably Bayern Munich as they are one of the best teams in the world right now.

"When you get to that level in Europe, though, every team has at least one special player that's really high quality and it would be nice to stand on that pitch and compete and see how you compare to them.

"Germany did so well in the World Cup. I was disappointed the Czech Republic didn't get through the qualifiers but the tournament was a surprise as so many teams came through the group stages that you wouldn't expect.

"I think Germany deserved to win. You could see in 2010 the squad was there and there was a build-up and they have managed to do it this year, so I'd like to go up against a German side."

FAMILY FORTUNES



KR Reykjavik midfielder **Emil Atlason** knows all about Celtic thanks to his Uncle Shuggie - our own Johannes Edvaldsson



ASK any Celtic supporter about their knowledge of Icelandic football and one name will spring to mind - Shuggie.

In the summer of 1975, Jock Stein surprised Scottish football when he announced the signing of Icelandic internationalist Johannes Edvaldsson after a short but successful trial period.

That season the support had witnessed the retirement of Billy McNeill and the club were focused on rebuilding for the season ahead, putting the little known Edvaldsson at the heart of the process.

However, his performances

soon showed that there was little need for concern.

Affectionately christened with a new and more Scottish sounding moniker, the man from Reykjavik proved an instant success scoring on his debut against Derby County.

Across five seasons, the towering utility man would go onto impress in a whole host of positions while weighing in with some important goals, earning the praise of both the Paradise faithful and football fans in his homeland.

And, last week, as the Bhoys overcame KR Reykjavik with a solitary Callum McGregor goal

in their first UEFA Champions League qualifier in the Icelandic capital, one player in particular got to put his own stamp on the Edvaldsson legacy.

Lining up against the Hoops on the left side of midfield was Shuggie's nephew Emil Atlason.

As the son of Johannes' younger brother Atil, Emil grew up well-versed in the achievements of his Uncle and the Bhoys.

Now, as he prepares to face the Hoops for a second time at BT Murrayfield, the 20-year-old says he is expecting an improved performance from the home leg.

He said: "I know quite a few things about Celtic but that's only because of big Shuggie. I know a little more than the other guys because of that connection. He's my Uncle and everyone knows about what he did with Celtic, playing there and people still talk about it.

"Shuggie talks a lot too. So if somebody knows Shuggie he will speak about Celtic. He's my Uncle and I haven't had the chance to properly speak to him in a while but everyone knows that connection between Shuggie and Celtic.

"The first leg in Reykjavik was a tough game, but with a team like Celtic, it was actually a great result for us. We had to defend from the first moment until the last and I thought we performed very well. But still, to lose by just one goal, it's so frustrating.

'I know quite a few things about Celtic but that's only because of big Shuggie'

"Mentally you don't need to prepare yourself for game like this. It's Celtic after all, it's a huge. They are one of the biggest clubs in the world. I've been preparing for these games as soon as the draw was made.

"It's frustrating that we won't get to play at Celtic Park. If you are a footballer and you get drawn against Celtic in the UEFA Champions League you dream about playing at Celtic Park so I'm disappointed I won't be able to sample that atmosphere. But it will be a unique experience at Murrayfield. I know it's the rugby stadium and it's big so I suppose it's a unique experience to play there."

Now in his third full season at KR, Atlason has impressed on the flanks for the current champions, while revealing an ambition to play further forward as a striker.

As a regular for the Icelandic U21s, the 20-year-old has led the line with Celtic recruit Holmbert Fridjonsson, a player who Atlason believes is well suited to the Scottish game and who he expects to find a goal-scoring touch at Paradise.

But as he prepares for the crucial game at BT Murrayfield, Atlason is hoping to show the true nature of Icelandic football.

He said: "Icelandic football is much different to the first leg in Reykjavik. We had to defend deep against Celtic but we also like the physical aspect of the game. That's why I'm not surprised you bought Holmbert. He's a great footballer, probably one of the most up and coming strikers in Icelandic football.

"He's a great guy, he's a funny guy. I love playing football with him and his qualities shine through. Being that tall and that strong and still having a good touch, he'll be a real asset for Celtic plus he's got a great technique in the air too.

"I know there is so much more to come from Holmbert. In Iceland he was fantastic for Fram, scoring a lot of goals and he hasn't experienced that yet for Celtic but I expect that he will."

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SHUGGIE IS A HOME BHOY



Johannes Edvaldsson returned to Iceland with the Hoops last week

CELTIC had a special guest accompanying them to Iceland last week as former Hoops favourite Johannes Edvaldsson accepted an invitation from the club to take in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round first-leg against KR Reykjavik.

A popular player during his five-year stint in Paradise - when he was known simply as 'Shuggie' - Edvaldsson made almost 200 appearances for the club between 1975 and 1980.

Although primarily a defender, such was his versatility, he played in almost every outfield position for Celtic, while his physical

prowess saw him become a mean goal threat.

Among his highlights in the Hoops was being part of the side that sealed a dramatic 4-2 victory over Rangers in May 1979 to claim the league championship, despite playing most of the game with 10 men. But choosing a stand-out moment for the Bhoys was difficult for Edvaldsson.

"It's hard to say what my favourite moment for Celtic was as there were so many and each of them were so memorable," he told the matchday programme.

The Celtic side that took the field in Reykjavik had plenty of foreign imports, in huge contrast to Edvaldsson's era when he was

one of the first overseas players to check in to Paradise after spells in France and Denmark.

Part of a dressing room that was packed with characters, including Johnny Doyle, this was the place where the nickname 'Shuggie' originated.

"The late Johnny Doyle, you never knew what to expect from him and there was always fun!" smiled the Iclander.

"The name Shuggie probably came from Harry Hood, Dixie and the rest of them - they just thought, 'what are we going to call him as we can't say Johannes', so they had to think of something else.

"I don't really stay in touch with my former team-mates. But if you come across the likes of Danny McGrain, he has never changed and is still the same. I also saw John Clark in Iceland, who was my assistant manager so it was nice to catch up with him."

Still based in Scotland, Edvaldsson continues to keep abreast of the club's progress, helped by his young son Andrew.

"My son Andrew is a Celtic supporter and I see most of the games on the TV," he said. "He keeps me straight on who is who. I know most of them anyway but he keeps me right."

The 64-year-old correctly predicted that Ronny Deila's men





would take the spoils against Reykjavik seven days ago as Callum McGregor's debut goal proved decisive.

However, he also pointed to the growing standard of Icelandic football - something he keeps close tabs on - and how Celtic couldn't expect to cruise to victory.

And as the home side frustrated the Scottish champions for long spells, that appeared an accurate assessment.

"I still have a keen interest in football in Iceland, and with the internet, you can follow all the football there," he said.

"Celtic must go through and that is why KR wanted to keep the game at their home ground. Icelandic football is good, though, and there are no mugs.

"It's professional and is played over the summertime, but they have built artificial pitches and they

can have a winter league indoor, too.

"KR have won the league in Iceland over the last couple of years and this season it's been contested by KR, FH and Stjarnan, who played Motherwell on Thursday."

Strangely, the Hoops will host the Icelandic champions in tonight's second leg at the BT Murrayfield Stadium, with Celtic Park taking centre stage for the Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.

While the Celtic support will again back the side in great numbers, there is something special about a big European night in Paradise.

"For a European game, when you went from Seamill and went towards Celtic Park, the hair on the back of your neck used to stand up," recalled Edvaldsson. "Playing at Celtic Park in Europe at night - there was nothing like it."

"The name Shuggie came from Harry Hood, Dixie and the rest of them they just thought, 'what are we going to call him as we can't say Johannes'"



THE STATS

Name: Johannes Edvaldsson **Celtic career:** 1975-1980

Position: Defender/midfielder/striker **Appearances:** 195 **Goals:** 38

AN EARLY IMPORT

Edvaldsson started his career as a teenager in his native Iceland with Valur, but it wasn't long before he was on the radar of clubs on the continent. The first team to swoop for his services were French side FC Metz. After spending a season there, Edvaldsson moved on to Holbaek B&I. That proved to be another short-lived spell, though, and he was soon on the plane to Glasgow for a trial with Celtic. Jock Stein liked what he saw and made him one of the Hoops' first foreign imports. He made a favourable first impression in front of his new supporters with the only goal in a 1-0 friendly victory over Derby County at Celtic Park.

ANYHOW, ANYWHERE, ANYPLACE

Shuggie, as he was to become known by the Hoops support, soon established himself as a first-team regular with his powerful all-action displays. His versatility was also a major asset for the Hoops. While Edvaldsson was primarily a central-defender, he operated in nearly every position for the Hoops during his five-year spell. Even when Edvaldsson did lose his place in the team, such as when Pat Stanton was signed from Hibernian in 1976, his ability to come in and seamlessly play in a number of areas meant he usually won his place back in the starting XI. Indeed in that season, an injury to Roddy MacDonald saw him form a formidable partnership alongside Stanton in that year's title-winning side. Jock Stein and later Billy McNeill knew, when called upon, he could be relied upon to put in a performance.

VIKING HAUL

Edvaldsson's first season in Scotland proved to be a personal success but ended without any silverware as Rangers won the treble. However, in the following season he got his hands on his first medals, when he was a vital member of Celtic's double-winning side. So much so, that Stein handed him a start in the Scottish Cup final victory over Rangers. The passion and frenzy of the Glasgow derby games always seemed to bring out the best in Edvaldsson. His performance when 10-men-won-the-league with that stirring 4-2 win over the Ibrox side in 1979 was simply sensational and it gave him his second league medal.

SHUGGIE SPARKLES AT SOMERSET

Edvaldsson had quickly emerged as a real goal threat for Celtic, whatever his role in the side. And his one and only hat-trick in Hoops came during his first season in Scottish football on Wednesday, November 12, 1975 in an away league fixture at Ayr United. The defender struck an early double as Jock Stein's side raced into a five-goal lead. Although the Somerset Park side pulled two goals back, including one from future Celt Johnny Doyle, another Edvaldsson effort and Dixie Deans' second of the game sealed a memorable 7-2 victory.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

In 1979, Edvaldsson was being used more sparingly by Billy McNeill, and at the start of the following year he decided to move to pastures new following a fall-out with the Celtic management. His first port of call was across the Atlantic at Tulsa Roughnecks, before former Rangers manager Jock Wallace, who had watched the Iceman wreak havoc against his side in the Glasgow derby clashes, brought him to Motherwell. After a two-year spell with the Steelmen, he returned to his homeland to end his playing days. Once, he had hung up his boots, though, he returned to live in Scotland, where he remains to this day.

DID YOU KNOW?

There was another game when Big Shuggie's tally was kept to two goals - the problem was, it was one for each side. It was a Tuesday night on February 22, 1977 when he opened the scoring in the third minute against Partick Thistle at Firhill and, by just after half-time, the Hoops were coasting 4-0. Minutes later, the home side pulled one back and then, on the hour-mark, the man from Iceland smacked the ball from outside the area into his own net. The ferocity of the shot was such that you would swear Peter Latchford dived to get out of the road of it. Jock Stein said in the *Celtic View* at the time: "Big Shuggie, for some inexplicable reason, thumped the ball into his own net. Had he been a Thistle player, that score would have been well in the running as Firhill's goal of the season."



CELTIC PRE-SEASON ROUND-UP



Zofmaninger Stadion,
Bad Wimsbach,
Thursday, July 3, 2014

CELTIC 3-1 FK KRASNODAR

(Stokes 2, Johansen 42, McGregor 47)

THE Ronny Deila era at Celtic began with a convincing 3-1 friendly win over Russian side FK Krasnodar in Austria.

Anthony Stokes handed the Norwegian the perfect start by lofting home after 70 seconds, and although Odil Akhmedov restored parity, Stefan Johansen restored the Scottish champions' advantage before the break.

Young midfielder Callum McGregor sealed the victory with a clinical finish shortly after the interval to give the new Hoops boss a winning start.

CELTIC (4-3-3): Zaluska; Lustig, van Dijk, Mulgrew, F Twardzik; Brown, Johansen, Commons; McGeouch, Stokes, Boerrigter.



Gerhard Hanappi Stadion
Sunday, July 3, 2014

CELTIC 1-1 RAPID VIENNA

(Pukki 70)

CELTIC'S second game of the pre-season tour ended in a 1-1 draw with Rapid Vienna - after they had got off to the worst possible start.

The Hoops went a man and a goal down within the first few minutes of the match but fought back bravely to claim a draw through Finnish striker and second half substitute Teemu Pukki.

There was concern for the Celtic bench almost immediately after kick off when skipper Scott Brown pulled up.

The talismanic captain signalled to the bench that his match was over after one of his first touches of the game.

CELTIC (4-3-3): Zaluska; Lustig, van Dijk, Mulgrew, F Twardzik; Brown, Johansen, Commons; McGeouch, Stokes, Boerrigter.



Linzer Stadion,
Tuesday, July 8, 2014

CELTIC 5-2 LASK LINZ

(Pukki 33, 48, 64, Balde 76, Griffiths 88)

TEEMU Pukki's hat-trick inspired 10-man Celtic to an incident-packed pre-season friendly victory against LASK Linz to maintain their unbeaten run on their tour of Austria.

Dragan Vujanovic stabbed the home side ahead but Pukki replied with a fizzing finish before the interval as torrential rain pounded the pitch.

Although a defensive mix-up allowed Linz to retake the lead seconds into the second half, Pukki swept home another equaliser from Adam Matthews' cross.

Pukki claimed his treble before Liam Henderson saw a second yellow to leave the Scottish champions a man down in the latter part of the match.

However, following some delightful setup play from Dylan McGeouch, fellow substitute Arnido Balde added a fourth and Leigh Griffiths sealed the victory in the closing minutes with an emphatic finish.

CELTIC (4-2-3-1): Zaluska (Fasan 46); Matthews (Herron 54), O'Connell, Findlay, Waters; Biton (McGeouch 46), Henderson; Griffiths, Atajic (Balde), McGregor; Pukki (McIlduff 77).
Not Used: Irvine, Watt, Fridjonsson.

Holzhaider Stadion,
Freistadt, Austria
Friday, July 11, 2014

CELTIC 0-0 DUKLA PRAGUE

CELTIC finished their pre-season tour of Austria unbeaten after a hard-fought goal-less draw against Dukla Prague in Freistadt.

The Hoops controlled large periods of the match but couldn't find a way through the opposition's well-organised defence.

And while Ronny Deila would have hoped to end the trip to Austria with another victory, he would be consoled to see so many of his charges play the full 90 minutes and end the game strongly.

World Cup Bhoys, Fraser Forster and Emilio Izaguirre both started for the Scottish champions for the first time on the trip following their return from Brazil.

CELTIC (4-4-1-1): Forster; Matthews, van Dijk, O'Connell, Izaguirre; Boerrigter (McGregor 70), Mulgrew, Kayal (Biton 70), Johansen; Commons, Stokes (Watt 78). Not Used: Zaluska, Fasan, Lustig, Fisher, Waters, Findlay, F Twardzik, Henderson, McGeouch, Forrest, Fridjonsson, Pukki, Balde, Griffiths, Atajic.





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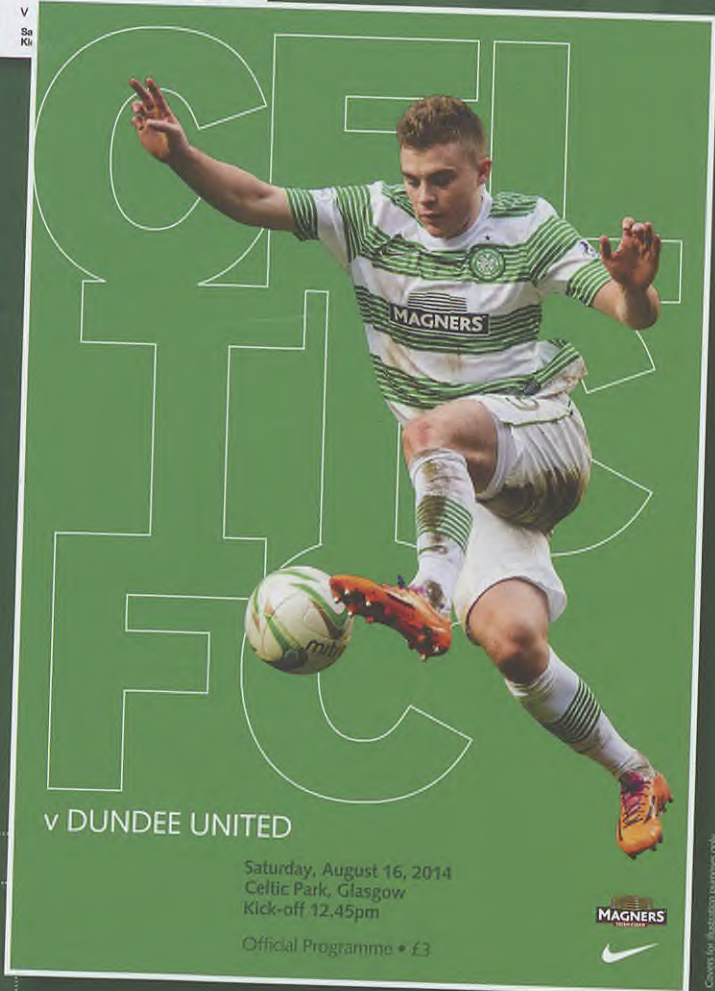


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15-Jul	Tue	KR Reykjavik	UCL Q2 L1	1-0
22-Jul	Tue	KR Reykjavik	UCL Q2 L2	
29/30 July	Tue/Wed		UCL Q3 L1	
5/6 Aug	Tue/Wed		UCL Q3 L2	
13-Aug	Wed	St Johnstone	SPFL 2	
16-Aug	Sat	Dundee United	SPFL 3	
19/20 Aug	Tue/Wed		UCL Play Off L1	
23-Aug	Sat	Inverness CT	SPFL 4	
26/27 Aug	Tue/Wed		UCL Play Off L2	
31-Aug	Sun	Dundee	SPFL 5	
13-Sep	Sat	Aberdeen	SPFL 6	
16/17 Sep	Tue/Wed		UCL Group Stage MD1	
20-Sep	Sat	Motherwell	SPFL 7	
23/24 Sep	Tue/Wed		Scottish League Cup R3	
27-Sep	Sat	St Mirren	SPFL 8	
30 Sep/1 Oct	Tue/Wed		UCL Group Stage MD2	
04-Oct	Sat	Hamilton	SPFL 9	
18-Oct	Sat	Ross County	SPFL 10	
21/22 Oct	Tue/Wed		UCL Group Stage MD3	
25-Oct	Sat	Kilmarnock	SPFL 11	
28/29 Oct	Tue/Wed		Scottish League Cup R4	
01-Nov	Sat	Inverness CT	SPFL 12	
4/5 Nov	Tue/Wed		UCL Group Stage MD4	
08-Nov	Sat	Aberdeen	SPFL 13	
22-Nov	Sat	Dundee	SPFL 14	
25/26 Nov	Tue/Wed		UCL Group Stage MD5	
29-Nov	Sat		Scottish Cup R4	
06-Dec	Sat	Motherwell	SPFL 15	
9/10 Dec	Tue/Wed		UCL Group Stage MD6	
13-Dec	Sat	St Mirren	SPFL 16	
20-Dec	Sat	Dundee United	SPFL 17	
27-Dec	Sat	Ross County	SPFL 18	
01-Jan	Thur	Partick Thistle	SPFL 19	
04-Jan	Sun	Kilmarnock	SPFL 20	
10-Jan	Sat	St Johnstone	SPFL 21	
17-Jan	Sat	Hamilton	SPFL 22	
21-Jan	Wed	Motherwell	SPFL 23	
24-Jan	Sat	Ross County	SPFL 24	
31-Jan	Sat	Kilmarnock	SPFL 25	
31 Jan/1 Feb	Sat/Sun		Scottish League Cup SF	
07-Feb	Sat		Scottish Cup R5	
14-Feb	Sat	St Johnstone	SPFL 26	
17/18 Feb	Tue/Wed		UCL R16 L1	
21-Feb	Sat	Hamilton	SPFL 27	
24/25 Feb	Tue/Wed		UCL R16 L1	
28-Feb	Sat	Aberdeen	SPFL 28	
07-Mar	Sat		Scottish Cup R6	
10/11 Mar	Tue/Wed		UCL R16 L2	
14-Mar	Sat	Dundee	SPFL 29	
15-Mar	Sun		Scottish League Cup Final	
17/18 Mar	Tue/Wed		UCL R16 L2	
21-Mar	Sat	Dundee United	SPFL 30	
04-Apr	Sat	St Mirren	SPFL 31	
08-Apr	Wed	Partick Thistle	SPFL 32	
11-Apr	Sat	Inverness CT	SPFL 33	
14/15 Apr	Tue/Wed		UCL QF L1	
18/19 April	Sat/Sun		Scottish Cup Semi Final	
21/22 Apr	Tue/Wed		UCL QF L2	
25-Apr	Sat		SPFL 34	
02-May	Sat		SPFL 35	
5/6 May	Tue/Wed		UCL Semi-Final L1	
09-May	Sat		SPFL 36	
12/13 May	Tue/Wed		UCL Semi-Final L2	
16-May	Sat		SPFL 37	
23-May	Sat		SPFL 38	
30-May	Sat		Scottish Cup Final	
06-Jun	Sat		UCL Final (Berlin)	
TBC	Sat	Partick Thistle	SPFL 1	

QUIZ

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1

Which player with a total of 72 matches has made most European appearances for Celtic?

3



2. Which current Celtic player has played football for the Icelandic under-21 side?

3. In which city will the final of the 2015 UEFA Champions League tournament be played?

4. Which team back in 1975/76 was the only previous Icelandic team to play Celtic in European football?

5. Who is the youngest Celtic player to score a goal in the group stages of the Champions League?

6. Which former Scottish PFA Player of the Year later in his career played for KR Reykjavik?

7. Which three former European Cup winners did Celtic play last season in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League?

8. Which player has netted most goals for Celtic in the European Cup/UEFA Champions League?

9. Who last season became the only club other than Celtic to win the European Cup/UEFA Champions League in Lisbon?

10. Who was the last player to score a hat-trick against Celtic in European football?

11. Who is the only British player to have played in four finals in the UEFA Champions League era?

12. Which Icelandic player in the 1970s captained Celtic in European football?

13. Who is the only Icelandic player to have won a UEFA Champions League winner's medal?

14. Who are the only four current Celts to have scored for Celtic in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League?

15. Which three teams did Celtic defeat last season to reach the group stages of the UEFA Champions League?

ANSWERS

1. Billy McNeill
2. Hólmbert Friðjónsson
3. Berlin, the Olympic Stadium
4. FC Valur Reykjavik
5. Tony Watt v Barcelona (2012/13). He was 18 years, 10 months
6. Jim Bell
7. AC Milan, Barcelona and Ajax
8. Jimmy Johnstone 11 goals
9. Real Madrid
10. Neymar (Barcelona) 2013/14
11. Ryan Giggs (Manchester United) 1999, 2006, 2009 and 2011
12. Johannes Dædalsson
13. Eidur Gudjohnsen (Barcelona) 2009
14. Tony Watt v Barcelona, Kris Commons v Spartak Moscow, James Forrest v Ajax and Beram Kayal v Ajax
15. Cliftonville, FC Elfsborg and Shekter Karagandy

A Celtic football player is shown in a state of intense joy, celebrating a victory. He is wearing a white Celtic jersey with green horizontal stripes and a green and white striped captain's armband. He has a gold medal around his neck and is holding a silver trophy high above his head with both arms. The trophy has 'SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP' written on it. The background is filled with falling green and white confetti. Other players in similar jerseys are visible, also celebrating. The overall atmosphere is one of triumph and excitement.

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FRASER FORSTER	1	○	○	1	STEFÁN MAGNÚSSON	
ADAM MATTHEWS	2	○	○	○	2	GRÉTTAR SIGURÐSSON
EMILIO IZAGUIRRE	3	○	○	○	3	HAUKUR HEIÐAR HAUKSSON
EFE AMBROSE	4	○	○	○	4	GONZALO BALBI
VIRGIL VAN DIJK	5	○	○	○	5	EGILL JÓNSSON
NIR BITON	6	○	○	○	6	GUNNAR THOR GUNNARSSON
SCOTT BROWN	8	○	○	○	7	GARY MARTIN
ANTHONY STOKES	10	○	○	○	8	BALDUR SIGURÐSSON
DERK BOERRIGTER	11	○	○	○	9	THORSTEINN MÁR RAGNARSSON
KRIS COMMONS	15	○	○	○	10	KJARTAN HENRY FINNBOGASON
AMIDO BALDE	17	○	○	○	11	ÓSKAR ÖRN HAUKSSON
HOLMBERT FRIDJONSSON	19	○	○	○	12	SINDRI SNÆR JENSSON
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LEIGH GRIFFITHS	28	○	○	○	23	ATLI SIGURJÓNSSON
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BERAM KAYAL	33	○	○	○	40	GUNNAR BIRGISSON
EOGHAN O'CONNELL	34	○	○			
BAHRUDIN ATAJIC	37	○	○			
DARNELL FISHER	41	○	○			
CALLUM MCGREGOR	42	○	○			
MARCUS FRASER	44	○	○			
DYLAN MCGEOUCH	46	○	○			
JAMES FORREST	49	○	○			
LIAM HENDERSON	53	○	○			
FILIP TWARDZIK	56	○	○			

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RESULT: H/T F/T SCORERS:
 Celtic

 KR Reykjavik

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v St Pauli
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 Pre-season friendly
 Millerntor Stadium