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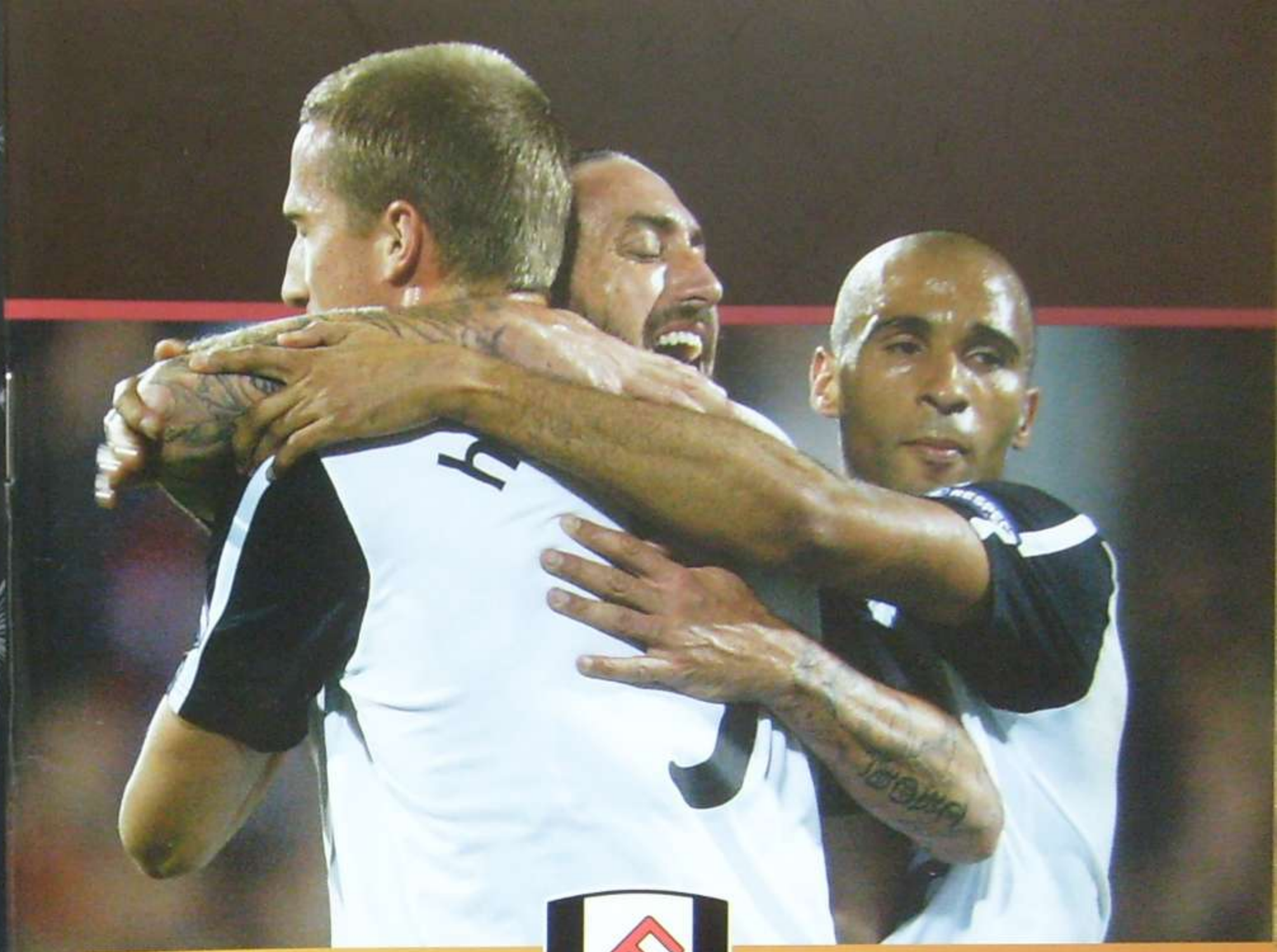
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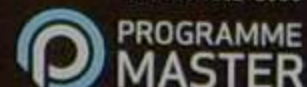
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A WORD FROM THE MANAGER

Good evening and welcome back to the Cottage for our final home UEFA Europa League group stage encounter, against CSKA Sofia.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome assistant coach, Radoslav Zdravkov, who is in charge of the team tonight, the backroom staff and the visiting directors and fans of CSKA, to London this evening.

Although CSKA Sofia are currently sitting bottom of the group table, I know that they will want to get something from this penultimate encounter to try to finish the campaign on a high. Obviously for us, it is ultimately a must-win game if we are to stand any chance of progressing in the competition, and I know that it won't be an easy task.

During the last eight days the important league games have resulted in four vital points, which I have to be pleased with. Another huge encounter on Sunday against Sunderland could see us in a healthy position in the Premier League, and that is my priority.

I thought that against the tough, physical tactics of both Blackburn and Bolton, we did very well and stood up to their challenging styles. We stuck to our footballing principles and

ultimately overcame Blackburn with a healthy win in the end, whilst Bolton's resolute defending saw them hold out for a point through a second-half that we largely dominated.

Of course, to have chalked up six points from the two would have been ideal, but I do think that with the difficulties we have faced in terms of injuries throughout the squad, that I cannot be unhappy with the way the team has responded to the challenges. Therefore, whilst we are still undergoing these medical challenges off the pitch, I must say that I can be satisfied with what is being achieved on it.

Tonight's team selection has, nonetheless, proved testing. We have three suspensions in Erik Nevland, Paul Konchesky and Jonathan Greening, and at the time of writing the injury list still consists of Danny Murphy, Dickson Etuhu, Joe Kamara, AJ and Bobby Zamora. Sadly, at least two of this list cannot be part of my thought process for this evening's game. AJ had an exploratory operation last Saturday and we are hopeful that he will return to training in about 10 days, and Joe should return at a similar time.

However, when we played in Sofia at the beginning of the Europa campaign I took a squad of largely untested players and we came away with a hard

fought point, and I can confidently say that I have no trepidation in placing any of the names that featured there on the team sheet tonight.

Although the Premier League is our priority, whilst we are still in the Europa competition, we will do everything we can to win the remaining two games, and the players are obviously enjoying the challenges that European opposition brings. Naturally, I am disappointed at what I believe to be a number of injustices issued to us by officials during both encounters against Roma, which has, in my view, marred our participation in the competition.

I know that you, the fans, have enjoyed the European journey and judging by tonight's full house and the tickets already sold for the final game in the group stage in Basel, you are eager for us to do as well as we can, and I am confident that whatever team we field this evening will be more than capable of getting a result, and that is our aim. Enjoy the game.

Roy Hodgson

Roy Hodgson.
Manager





CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Good evening everyone, and welcome back to Craven Cottage for the third time in just over a week for tonight's all important UEFA Europa League game against CSKA Sofia. A special welcome too to the staff and servicemen from Headley Court who are joining us in the crowd tonight.

Looking back on the weekend, I thought we put in a better performance against Bolton than we did against Blackburn, despite the difference in results. Whereas the 3-0 last Wednesday may have flattered us a bit, I don't think we quite got what we deserved on Saturday. I've spoken in recent weeks about how if we keep the level of performance high then results tend to come, but we saw proof that that isn't always the case five days ago.

Bolton deserve some credit though. They defended for their lives, especially in the second-half when we put so much pressure on them. We definitely deserved our equaliser - a well taken goal by Damien - and could even have gone on to win it. But unfortunately it wasn't to be.

So now we have another week with two home games. Tonight we turn our attention once more back to the UEFA Europa League, and focus on qualification for the knockout stages, which is something we still want and believe we can achieve. To do so I think we'll need to win both games, starting with this one tonight, but make no mistake, we'll definitely be

going out to do just that.

Of course, we do have our problems in terms of injuries and suspensions for tonight's game, but that's why we have the squad we do, and the lads that do go out there tonight will be doing all they can to get the win and take the group to the last game in Basel in a fortnight's time.

But it will be a tough one tonight. I saw the match we played out in Sofia when the lads fought hard for a draw, so I know they'll be no pushovers. Yes, CSKA are bottom of the group, so there will be an expectancy amongst our supporters for us to win the game, but more significantly for us players,

"The carrot that's being dangled in terms of qualification for the knockout stages will be all the incentive we need."

we feel that the carrot that's being dangled in terms of qualification for the knockout stages will be all the incentive we need.

So we're looking forward to it. Hopefully it will be another good night at the Cottage, with a good atmosphere and a chance for us to continue our journey.

Changing the subject for a moment, we were pleased with our draw in the FA Cup Third Round, against League One Swindon - you can't ask for much more than a home draw against a lower league team to get you off to a positive start in the Cup. Personally, at this time of year I always get excited about the FA Cup, and after our run last year was brought to an abrupt

end by Man United, hopefully this year we can put a good run together.

I think it's important for us to have a good Cup run. The FA Cup is something that fans really enjoy, and it's about time we had a good run, so I'm looking forward to that in January - although there's plenty of football to be played before that.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to getting back involved in the action having missed a lot of games now. Hopefully I might even be playing tonight, so I'm relishing the chance to just get back out on the pitch, soak up the atmosphere and be back around the lads again.

Unfortunately Andy has had a minor complication which will keep him out for another few weeks, but hopefully the operation he's

having will clear the problem, which will be for the best in the long run.

But turning our attention back to the present, please make some noise and make this another European night to remember at the Cottage. Meanwhile, we'll do our bit out on the pitch to keep our hopes of making the knockout stages alive.

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Danny

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HOME SWEET HOME FOR CLINT

Following last Wednesday's victory over Blackburn Rovers at the Cottage, Clint Dempsey spoke of the importance of maintaining the Club's impressive home form as the Whites moved into the top half of the Barclays Premier League table.

"You've got to keep fighting and we got the result," said Dempsey after his brace in the 3-0 win. "It was definitely good to bounce back.

"Getting the win was big for us, but obviously we need to try and get as many points as we can at home because we haven't been doing that well away from Craven Cottage. We've been getting a few draws but not any wins, so hopefully we can keep doing well at home and then get some away wins too.

"We don't rely on our home form, but this is where we should get a lot of our points, because we're used to the ground and we have a lot of people supporting us. Last year we did so well at home, so why not think that we can do the same this season?"

Dempsey's impressive versatility was once again on show and the American is clearly flourishing, both as a midfielder

and striker, under Roy Hodgson's stewardship.

"Goals come in waves," he said. "At the beginning of the season I was shooting from everywhere and had a lot of good chances. I had a deflected shot off Bobby that went in that he got the credit for! Different things happen and you score in waves, but you've got to keep shooting and keep working hard to take advantage of your opportunities.

"I feel I'm getting more confident playing up top in terms of what type of runs I need to make into the channels and how I can be a better link-up man for my team-mates. When I first came in I wasn't really aware of some of those things and I'd drop deep to get the ball instead of staying on the shoulders of the defenders.

"Working with Roy, Mike Kelly and Ray Lewington has developed my game more. My main role for this team is playing on the left side, but it's good to be able to play a different position to cover for the team when I can.

"I think everybody has done a good job of chipping in and taken the opportunity to get on the field and show that they should be out there."

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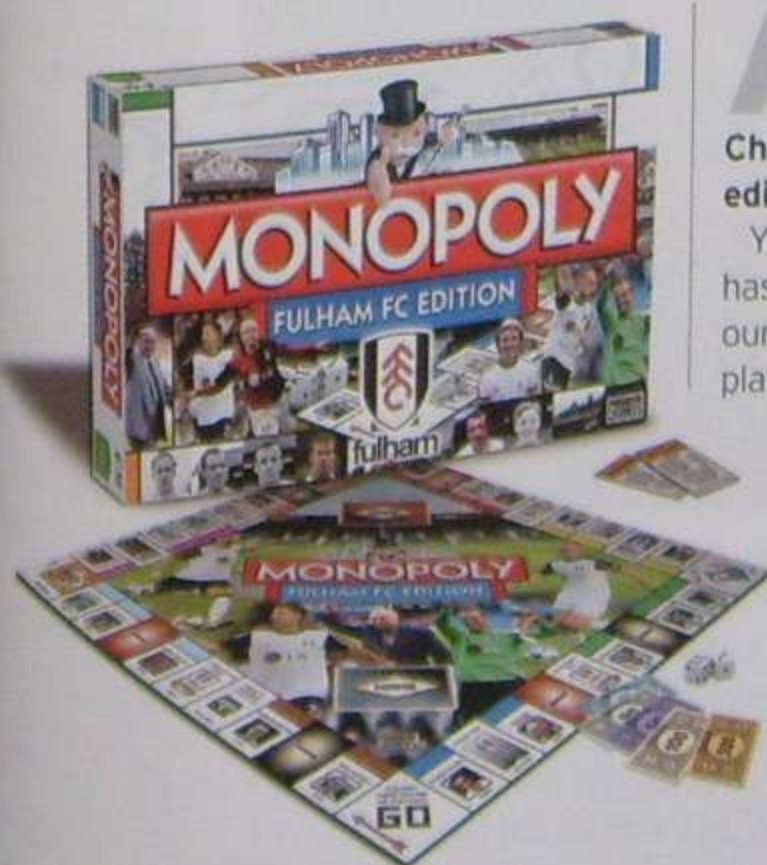
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special guests. Visit Santa's Grotto, snap up the latest Fulham merchandise and get it signed by a Fulham star, whilst you enjoy seasonal refreshments on a night of fun for all the family!

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UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE GROUP E DOSSIER

THE LOWDOWN ON FULHAM'S
GROUP E OPPONENTS...

AS ROMA

Founded: 1927
Stadium: Stadio Olimpico (capacity 72,700)
Manager: Claudio Ranieri
League finish last season: Sixth
Current position: 9th (out of 20 teams)
Their story so far: Roma have benefited somewhat from Fulham's misfortune thus far, as despite looking second best against the Whites in both meetings, Lupi managed to salvage a point at the Cottage and take all three in Rome thanks, in no small measure, to several controversial incidents. They host FC Basel tonight, knowing that a win would put them in a strong position to qualify going into the final game away in Sofia in December.
Big names from the past: John Charles, Fabio Capello, Carlo Ancelotti, Giuseppe Giannini, Rudi Voller, Aldair, Cafu, Vincenzo Montella, Alberto Aquitani.
Big names from the present: Juan, Philippe Mexes, Mirko Vucinic, Francesco Totti, Daniele De



Rossi, John Arne Riise, Julio Baptista.
Did you know? Roma's club anthem and motto is "La Roma non si discute, si ama," which roughly translated, means "Roma is not to be questioned, it is to be loved."
Results: 0-2 v FC Basel (A), 2-0 v CSKA Sofia (H), 1-1 v Fulham (A), 2-1 v Fulham (H).

FC BASEL

Founded: 1893
Stadium: St. Jakob Park (capacity 42,500)
Manager: Thorsten Fink
League finish last season: Third
Current position: Second (out of 10 teams)
Their story so far: Basel are group leaders and look on course for the knockout stages, though they're taking nothing for granted yet. Winners of three out of four, their only defeat came here at the Cottage, but with a trip to the Stadio Olimpico and the visit of a hungry Fulham in a couple of weeks, the Swiss side still have two tough tests before they can look forward to the Round of 32 draw.
Big names from the past: Philipp Degen, Gokhan Inler, Patrick Muller, Hakan and Murat Yakin, Pascal Zuberbühler, Zdravko Kuzmanovic, Julio Rossi.
Big names from the present: Alexander Frei, Scott Chipperfield, Marco Streller, Benjamin Huggel, Franco Costanzo.



Did you know? Basel's most famous supporter is Roger Federer who has admitted in an interview that, had he not been such a success in tennis, he would have loved to have played for his favourite club.
Results: 2-0 v AS Roma (H), 0-1 v Fulham (A), 2-0 v CSKA Sofia (A), 3-1 v CSKA Sofia (H).



CSKA SOFIA

Founded: 1948
Stadium: (for UEFA Europa League games) Vasil Levski National Stadium (capacity 43,632)
Manager: Luboslav Penev
League finish last season: Second
Current position: Second (out of 16 teams)
Their story so far: CSKA may have started off with a point against the Whites, but that is as good as it has got for the Bulgarians so far. Defeats in two meetings with FC Basel and away in Rome mean that, save for a mathematical miracle, their European campaign for this year will end in a fortnight's time.
Big names from the past: Dimitar Berbatov, Luboslav Penev, Hristo Stoichkov, Kostadin Yanchev, Yordan Letchkov, Ivo Adonov.
Big names from the present: Todor Yanchev, Vladimir Yanchev, Michel Platini, Marquinhos.
Did you know? CSKA Sofia is the ninth name used by the club since its formation in 1948.
Results: 1-1 v Fulham (H), 0-2 v AS Roma (A), 0-2 v FC Basel (H), 1-3 v FC Basel (A).

Group E Table

Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Basel 1893	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
AS Roma	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Fulham FC	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
PFC CSKA Sofia	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

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Subs: Pantilil on for Konchesky (46)
Nevland on for Zamora (60)
Duff on for Rise (74)



Subs: Perrotta on for Okaka Chuka (46)
Pizarro on for Brighi (46)
Vucinic on for Taddai (46)

AS Roma	Fulham
7 GOAL ATTEMPTS	15 ON TARGET
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17 FOULS	50 POSSESSION%

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Brede Hangeland

A colossus at the back, Brede helped keep the Roma attack at bay for the majority of the game. The big centre-back also powered home the header which for a long time looked like being the only goal of the night.

Brede heads past Doni to give Fulham the lead



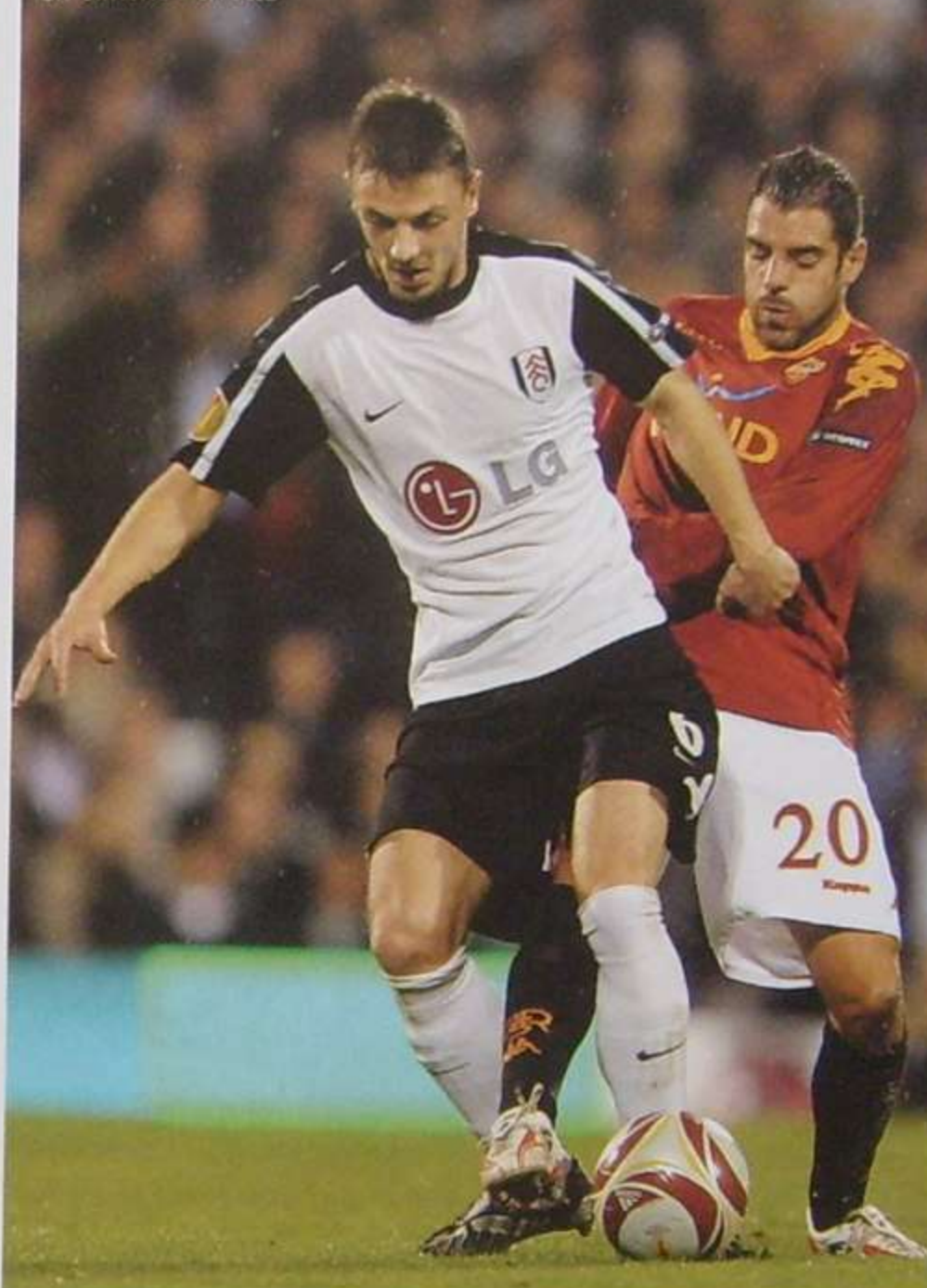
Zoltan and JP combine



Bobby fires in a shot



Chris Baird holds off Simone Perrotta



MATCH REPORT

Fulham saw a historic victory slip from their grasp with the last kick of the game in an enthralling encounter that had everything.

After a positive opening period that saw Jonathan Greening force a low save from Doni, and Stephen Kelly test the 'keeper with a curling effort of his own, **Brede Hangeland** headed the Whites into a deserved lead when he rose highest in the box to nod home a Bjørn Helge Riise corner.

Roma seemed to be lacking attacking incision without Francesco Totti, but Mark Schwarzer was forced into a world class save to deny a spectacular John Arne Riise volley from distance as the visitors threatened for the first time.

The second-half introduction of Simone Perrotta and David Pizarro gave Claudio Ranieri's side more attacking threat, and the Whites found themselves having to deal with more frequent Roma attacks.

Schwarzer again had to be alert to palm away a stinging Vucinic effort, and although Kamara and Zamora had half-chances on the counter-attack, there was a growing feeling of danger, which eventually materialised in the 76th minute when Roma's Riise encroached on the goal down the left. Shepherded by three defenders, the Norwegian fell to the ground and the referee pointed to the penalty spot before brandishing a red card. After some confusion Kelly was harshly ordered to leave the pitch as Menez stepped up to take the spot kick. But much to the delight of the home crowd, Schwarzer dived low to his right to thwart the Frenchman and keep Fulham on course for what looked like a memorable result.

Hodgson's 10 men fought hard to keep the Italians at bay, and when Mexes fired a hopeful shot over the bar in the dying seconds it looked all over. However, the referee awarded a corner, from which Pizarro found **Marco Andreolli** who rocketed a volley in off the crossbar, to the absolute life-sapping shock of the home support.

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THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

CONRAD LEACH REVEALS HOW THE UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE IS SHAPING UP GROUP-BY-GROUP...

It was slow going to begin with, but eventually the UEFA Europa League's biggest clubs have flexed their muscles meaning that, despite some early scares, very few are facing elimination as Matchday Five comes around.

Those still in the greatest danger of going out include Celtic, who played last night, Lazio and Steaua Bucharest. What this stage of the competition also means is that reaching the last 32 is tantalisingly within reach, for some clubs with a game to spare.

GROUP A

If Ajax won their penultimate group game last night, against Timisoara in Romania, the great Dutch side will have qualified, although even a draw might have sufficed. However,

if things go awry, they will have to negotiate a home fixture against close neighbours Anderlecht in their last game to ensure going through, almost certainly along with the Belgians. Dinamo Zagreb can hold very little hope of catching either side.

GROUP B

The last round of games left Lille in pole position in a tight group that also features Valencia and Genoa chasing top spot. The Spanish club hosted Lille last night in what could have turned out to be the group's decisive encounter.

GROUP C

In this group, C stands for Celtic, but also Calamity for Tony Mowbray's side as their chances of reaching the last

32 all but disappeared after Round Four, when they managed a goalless draw away to Hamburg. In itself that was not such a bad result, but previous matches had left them hoping to pick up unlikely wins in difficult places, so it is Hapoel Tel Aviv, who hosted Celtic last night, and Hamburg who seem on the brink of going through. Hamburg's dream of playing in and hosting the inaugural UEFA Europa League Final lives on.

GROUP D

Sporting Lisbon are way out in front and a point tonight against Heerenveen of Holland will see them through, leaving the Dutch club fighting it out with Hertha Berlin for the second position. Not that Sporting's comfortable position in the group has meant a calm autumn for the club as their manager Paulo Bento resigned recently, as the Lions' domestic form has been poor in a league where they are always expected to be among the top three.

FULHAM V CSKA SOFIA



Sparta Prague

FK Ventspils of Latvia have an outsider's chance of reaching the last 32 if they win their last two games, which would be quite a coup for the Baltic club.

GROUP E

Fulham need to win tonight and hope Basel beat Roma in the Italian capital, to return to second in the group. That would mean Fulham just needing to get the same result as Roma in the last round of games to reach the last 32. Simple.

A win for Roma - the more likely outcome - would mean Fulham have to win tonight and in Switzerland to go through.

GROUP F

Away wins for both Galatasaray and



Hertha Berlin

FULHAM V CSKA SOFIA

Panathinaikos - not normally those clubs' strong suits - virtually ensured Turkey and Greece's biggest sides would reach the last 32. They play each other tonight in Istanbul and a draw might not be the least unexpected outcome, as it would put both clubs through. For Dinamo Bucharest, in third place, to have a chance they need Gala to win, then Dinamo would have to beat the Greeks in their final match 2-0 or better to snatch second place.

GROUP G

Salzburg have a perfect record after four games but going into match five were still not certain of qualifying. A point in either of their last two games means they qualify but there is the interesting possibility of three teams - the others being Villarreal and Lazio - finishing with 12 points, which would mean one team missing out despite winning four games. Villarreal's 4-1 win over Lazio in the last round of games - one of the best results of the competition so far -

"Eventually the UEFA Europa League's biggest clubs have flexed their muscles."

makes them one of the favourites to go through on the head-to-head results basis, should points be equal.

GROUP H

Steve McLaren never made it to Euro 2008 with England, but progress on the continent could be his if his FC Twente side prevail against Fenerbahce in Holland tonight. That would all but make qualification certain in a group where Sheriff of Moldova still have a slim chance of becoming the first club from that country to reach the knock-out stages in European competition.

GROUP I

Everton's implosion, at home and especially away, against Benfica could have threatened their place in the last 32. Thanks to two early wins, however, they were virtually assured of qualifying if they drew away to AEK in Athens last night. With their last group game at home, against BATE Borisov of Belarus who were third in the table before last night, David Moyes' men should be safe however.

GROUP J

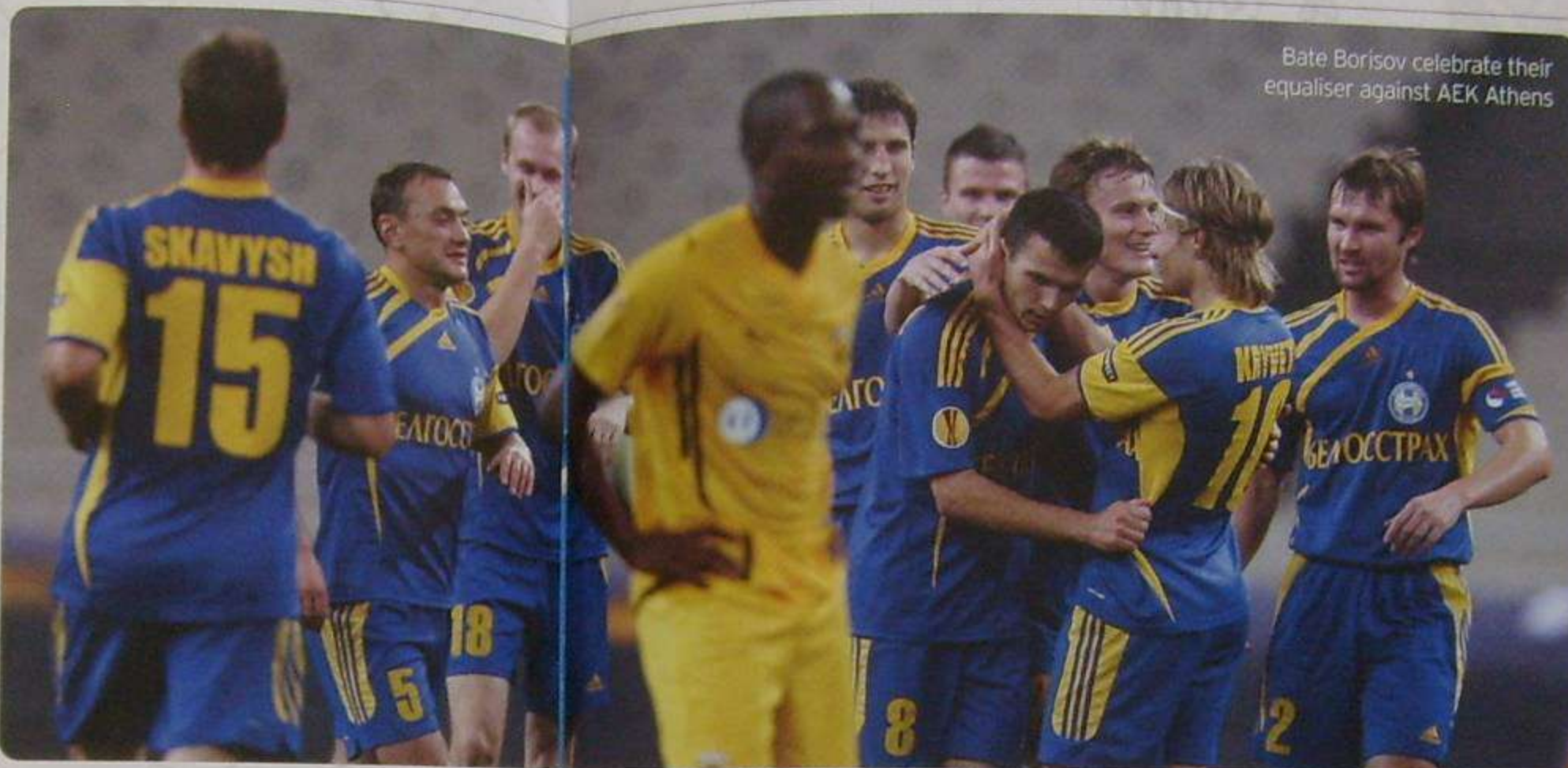
Liverpool may be favourites to win the Europa League following their elimination from the Champions League, but they will be wary of playing Shakhtar Donetsk. The winners of last season's UEFA Cup, their fourth group game saw their fourth win and qualified them for the last 32 in a section that contains Club Brugge of Belgium and Toulouse. Shakhtar's last game was their 2-0 win in France and they are unlikely to let up in their final two games as they go for a perfect six out of six.

GROUP K

PSV Eindhoven are top of Group K, although not exactly running away with it. However, a home win tonight against Sparta Prague - currently second - will see the European champions of 1988 into the last 32, leaving the Czechs and FC Copenhagen to fight it out for second spot. They face each other in the Czech capital in the last round of games, which could be do-or-die for both sides.

GROUP L

In part thanks to the four goals from former Chelsea striker



Bate Borisov celebrate their equaliser against AEK Athens



Galatasaray's Shabani Nonda

Claudio Pizarro - the Europa League's joint top scorer - Werder Bremen are having none of the difficulties of their compatriots Bayern Munich in the Champions League. The side from north Germany qualified for the last 32 with their fourth game, a win against Austria Vienna.

Werder host Nacional, from Madeira, and a draw would not only eliminate the Portuguese side - hard luck for anyone fancying a warm weather break in February - but also see Athletic Bilbao through to the knockout stages. By contrast, a match there early next year would see rather more rain than sun.

CURRENT STANDINGS

GROUP	PLD	PTS
GROUP A		
Ajax	4	8
Anderlecht	4	8
Dinamo Zagreb	4	3
Timisoara	4	2
GROUP B		
Lille	4	7
Valencia	4	6
Genoa	4	6
Slavia Prague	4	2
GROUP C		
H. Tel-Aviv	4	9
Hamburg	4	7
Rapid Vienna	4	4
Celtic	4	2
GROUP D		
Sporting	4	10
Hertha	4	4
Heerenveen	4	4
Ventspils	4	3
GROUP E		
FC Basel	4	9
Roma	4	7
Fulham	4	5
CSKA Sofia	4	1
GROUP F		
Galatasaray	4	10
Panathinaikos	4	9
Dinamo Bucharest	4	3
Sturm	4	1
GROUP G		
Salzburg	4	12
Villarreal	4	6
Lazio	4	6
Levski	4	0
GROUP H		
Fenerbahce	4	9
Twente	4	7
Sheriff	4	4
Sheaua	4	2
GROUP I		
Benfica	4	9
Everton	4	6
BATE	4	4
AEK	4	4
GROUP J		
Shakhtar	4	12
Brugge	4	7
Toulouse	4	4
Partizan	4	0
GROUP K		
PSV	4	8
Sparta Prague	4	7
FC Copenhagen	4	4
CFR Cluj	4	3
GROUP L		
Werder	4	10
Athletic	4	7
Nacional	4	2
Austria Vienna	4	2

AS ROMA 2 FULHAM 1

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE, GROUP E, MATCHDAY FOUR
 STADIO OLIMPICO, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5TH, 2009
 ATTENDANCE: 20,000
 REFEREE: K BLOM

ROY'S VERDICT

"In the first-half we were clearly the better team, but to play most of the second-half with 10 men as we had to in the home game, was a bitter pill to swallow... I'm not completely writing us off."



Subs: Julio Sergio on for Doni (46)
 Taddei on Cicinho (46)
 Menez for Guberti (66)



Subs: Nevland on for Kamara (46)
 Zamora on for Rise (70)
 Beard on for Etuhu (77)

Clint takes on Marco Cassetti



Aaron can't believe Fulham's poor luck



Bobby stretches for the ball



Daniele de Rossi keeps a watchful eye on Bjorn Helge Riise



Joe Kamara hurdles a Mexes challenge



MATCH REPORT

Roma came from behind in the Stadio Olimpico, as nine-man Fulham suffered a disheartening Group E defeat.

Diomansy Kamara had given the Whites much to cheer early on, when he picked himself up from Marco Andreoli's clumsy foul to put the visitors in front with a well-taken penalty.

But when Erik Nevland was sent off four minutes into the second-half, Roma hit back as John Arne Riise equalised with a shot that deflected off two players - including brother Bjorn Helge.

Making the most of their numerical advantage, Stefano Okaka Chuka nodded home Roma's winner, before Paul Konchesky became the second Fulham player to be dismissed in the final minute.

However, it was Nevland's red card that had the most impact, seemingly changing the course of the game - for up until that point, Roy Hodgson's side had control.

The Norwegian striker had only been on the field for four minutes, but was sent back to the changing room for clipping De Rossi's heels with a sliding challenge.

From that, Roma had the impetus and took the game to the Whites, who had used the ball with authority and had threatened a second goal, with Kamara and Clint Dempsey both seeing good first-half chances go begging.

After the break, and more significantly after Nevland's dismissal, Claudio Ranieri's side started creating their own chances with Marco Cassetti heading wide and Stefano Guberti having a shot tipped over by Mark Schwarzer.

The hosts' growing pressure eventually saw Fulham's resistance buckle when John Arne Riise's shot took deflections off both Zoltan Gera and his brother, before wrong-footing Schwarzer.

The Aussie stopper was beaten again shortly after when, despite getting a hand to Okaka Chuka's header, he could not prevent the goal.

Konchesky's dismissal for a tackle on Taddei late on just rubbed salt into our wounds, as the defeat left us third behind second-placed Roma and group leaders Basel.

Team	GOAL ATTEMPTS	ON TARGET	CORNERS	OFFSIDES	FOULS	POSSESSION%
Fulham	19	6	10	5	10	5
AS Roma	10	3	5	1	7	21
					57	43

MONSTER

MAN OF THE MATCH

Jonathan Greening
 The 30-year-old impressed in Rome following another decent showing against Liverpool, with a tidy demonstration of midfield play. Greening broke up a number of Roma moves and showed first class composure and positioning.

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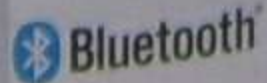
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TODAY'S GAME 23

BREDE TARGETING PROGRESSION

Brede Hangeland is naturally hoping for a positive result tonight to send Fulham into the final round of UEFA Europa League group games with the best possible chance of progression.

Rough luck in two encounters with Roma saw the Whites drop to third in Group E, but three points against Sofia tonight could see Roy Hodgson's side return to the qualifying places should FC Basel overcome their Italian opposition in tonight's other game.

Alternatively, if Roma run out victorious then it would set up an intriguing showdown in Switzerland in two weeks' time as a Cottagers win in Basel would send us through at the expense of the current group leaders. Either way, a win tonight is vital to keep us in with a realistic chance.

"If we want to go through we need to win the game on Thursday," said Brede.

"There's no doubt about that. I think we've worked hard and we haven't really got the points we've deserved. It would be nice to go through."

The towering Norwegian, who signed a new contract with the Club last week, believes that his side have done enough to earn a place in the knockout stages, although he has expressed concern about the selection options open to his Manager as a raft of injuries and suspensions has decimated the squad.

"We've come this far in Europe and played so many games, it would be nice to go through and have a run in the cup stage afterwards," he considered.

"At the moment, especially up front, there are a few injuries and I think Erik Nevland is suspended, so it will be interesting to see who plays. However, I'm sure we'll field a good team on Thursday and try our best to win the game."



MAN IN THE MIDDLE: PAVEL CRISTIAN BALAJ

Romanian Pavel Cristian Balaj was a player before making the move into refereeing, representing lower league side FC Baia Mare and Hungarian club Pecs Mecsek. He took up officiating in 1994 and entered Romania's top division in 2000, gradually establishing himself as one of the best in his country, even named Romanian Referee of the year in 2008. Tonight will be his third UEFA Europa League game of the season, having previously overseen games in Group D and Group I, including Everton's win away against BATE Borisov. Age 38.

MATCH FACTS

- Fulham have scored in every one of our qualifying and group stage UEFA Europa League games so far.
- We are yet to lose in 11 European home encounters - six at Craven Cottage and five at Loftus Road.
- CSKA have won just one of their last eight European away games and

have lost their previous five away fixtures in UEFA club competition group stages.

- Damien Duff played against CSKA in his time with Blackburn Rovers, scoring his side's third as Rovers drew 3-3 in Sofia to progress through a 2002-03 UEFA Cup first-round tie on away goals

Counting Cards: UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE



3: Greening; 2: Baird; 1: Hangeland, Kamara, Smalling.



1: Kelly, Konchesky, Nevland.

Name in red = suspended

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CSKA Sofia are by far the most successful team in the history of Bulgarian football, having won the League title on 31 occasions and the Bulgarian Cup 19 times (only rivals Levski Sofia have lifted the cup more). Their dominance of the domestic game was never more marked than between 1951 and 1962 when they won the title 11 times in 12 seasons.

The most recent championship success came in 2008, their third in six years, which also formed part of the club's first domestic treble, along with the Bulgarian Cup and the Supercup (the Bulgarian equivalent of the Community Shield).

European action has inevitably been a regular occurrence for CSKA who twice reached the semi-final of the European Cup, in 1967 and 1982, and of the now defunct European Cup Winners Cup in 1989.

However, whilst matters were good on the field in 2008, the club found itself in a financial crisis off it and in June 2008 UEFA refused to license the club for entry to the UEFA Champions League. For a while CSKA's participation in domestic football also hung in the balance, but they were eventually allowed to continue in the Bulgarian top-flight, in which they ran rivals Levski Sofia close in an exciting title contest, eventually finishing in second, just a point adrift.

This earned qualification for the Third Qualifying Round of the UEFA Europa League where they narrowly beat Eircom League club Derry City 2-1 on aggregate, before an impressive Play-Off Round victory against Dinamo Moscow, where a 2-1 second leg win ensured progress to the group stage.

They haven't fared quite so well since though, as having opened the group

matches with a 1-1 home draw against Fulham, CSKA subsequently lost against AS Roma in Italy and both home and away against FC Basel.

Sofia started the current League season in blistering form, winning eight of the first nine games, the first six without conceding a goal. Then, however, a shock 3-0 home defeat by mid-table Minyor Pernik in late October was followed by a 2-0 reverse at Litex Lovech, but they bounced back to the top of the table with a 2-0 home success over city rivals Slavia Sofia.

The Slavia victory came amidst uncertainty over the future of coach Luboslav Penev who had resigned the previous Friday following the board's refusal to back his suspension of nine players for disciplinary reasons. The board refused to accept Penev's resignation, however, and for the time being he remains as coach.



MEET THE GAFFER

LUBOSLAV PENEV
 BORN 31.08.66
 SOFIA, BULGARIA
 APPOINTED MARCH 2009

The former Bulgarian international striker, voted Footballer of the Year in 1988, took over as Manager of CSKA in March 2009, succeeding his uncle Dimitar Penev.

This is Luboslav's third spell at the club with whom he first made his debut in 1984. As a player, he helped CSKA to notable success, helping them to two championships and three cup wins in his first five year stint with the club. A tall centre forward, he netted 80 goals in just 101 appearances before joining Spanish side Valencia in 1989.

Penev spent 10 years in Spain, the first six at Valencia where he scored more than 100 goals, before spells with Atletico Madrid, SD Compostela and Celta Vigo. It was whilst with Valencia that he overcame testicular cancer, although the illness did sadly cost him his place at the 1994 World Cup Finals in the USA where Bulgaria sensationally reached the semi-finals. First capped in 1987, Penev returned to appear in both Euro '96 and the 1998 World Cup, after which he retired from international football.

He returned to CSKA for a second spell as a player in 2000, moving on briefly in 2002 to Lokomotiv Plovdiv where he made just four appearances prior to taking up coaching. The CSKA job is his first as a manager.



HOT PROSPECT

77 SPAS DELEV
 STRIKER



Voted Bulgarian Young Player of the Season in 2008-09 whilst with parent club Pinn Blagoevgrad from whom he is currently on a one year loan.

Delev began his professional career last season with Pinn with a run of eight goals in 16 games, and continued that form for CSKA, netting in the UEFA Europa League game against Dynamo Moscow in August.

A striker who can play in an orthodox central role or as a winger, he is a Bulgarian U21 international. Age 20.

DANGER MAN

73 IVAN STOYANOV
 WINGER

The nephew of Bulgarian 1994 World Cup hero Yordan Letchkov, Stoyanov joined CSKA Sofia in June 2009 and marked his first appearance for the club with the winning goal in a UEFA Europa League qualifier against Derry City.

Having then netted twice in a 5-0 success at Lokomotiv Plovdiv, he further endeared himself to his new fans by scoring the opening goal in a 2-0 win over city rivals Levski Sofia.

A winger who can operate on either flank, he began his career with home town club OFC Sliven. An attempt to move abroad in 2005 proved unsuccessful when he played just one game for VfB Stuttgart before returning for a second spell at Sliven.

Over the past three seasons he netted 41 goals in

75 appearances for the club, helping them win promotion to the top-flight in 2008. And having been capped at U21 level between 2003 and 2005, he won his first full international cap for Bulgaria in a friendly against Serbia in 2008. Age 26.



BULGARIAN GIANTS

CSKA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN DETAILS

CSKA Sofia are the most successful club in Bulgarian football having won the Bulgarian league title a staggering 31 times, as well as the national cup on 19 occasions.

Their first league triumph came in 1948, and their most recent lifted in 2008. The last of their Bulgarian Cups came in 2006, and they also claimed the Bulgarian Super Cup in 1989, 2006 and 2008.

On the European stage, the club from the Bulgarian capital reached the semi-final of the European Cup in 1967 and again in 1982. They also made it to the

quarter-final in 1956, 1974, 1981, and again in 1990, as well as the semi-final of the UEFA Cup in 1989.



12 IVAN KARADZHOV

GOALKEEPER

Young keeper who has become first choice having only made his CSKA debut in the final game of last season. Part of the Bulgarian U19 squad which competed in the 2008 European U19 Championships. Age 20.



27 IVAYLO PETROV

GOALKEEPER

Experienced custodian with a reputation for saving penalty kicks, with neighbours Levski suffering most as he has twice saved two spot kicks in a game against them. Joined CSKA from Chernomorets in 2006. Age 36.

4 KOSTADIN STOYANOV

CENTRE-BACK

A summer signing from OFC Sliven, Stoyanov can operate as a central or left-sided defender. Capped twice at senior level in the recent World Cup qualifiers against Cyprus and Georgia. Age 23.



15 IVAN IVANOV

CENTRE-BACK

Scorer of the winning goal in Moscow which put CSKA through to the group stages of the Europa League. Capped on five occasions for Bulgaria, including the recent World Cup qualifiers. Age 21.

6 KIRIL KOTEV

CENTRE-BACK

Part of double winning sides at both CSKA in 2008 and four years earlier at Lokomotiv Plovdiv. Capped 13 times for Bulgaria, he appeared in Euro 2004. Began his career at FC Velbashd. Age 27.



52 YORDAN MINEV

RIGHT-BACK / MIDFIELDER

Minev began his career with home town club Hebar before moving to BFC Belatista in 2001. Four years with Rodopa followed before he joined A Lyga club Botev Plovdiv from whom he moved to CSKA in January. Age 29.



2 PAVEL VIDANOV

RIGHT-BACK

A product of the CSKA youth system who is now coming into contention for regular first team action following a loan period with First Division side Vihren. Won his first senior international cap in August. Age 21.



13 ALEKSANDAR BRANEKOV

DEFENDER

A product of the CSKA youth system. Although never a regular, he collected a Championship medal in 2005 and was part of the 2008 Bulgarian Supercup winning team. Loaned to Lokomotiv Plovdiv during 2007-08. Age 22.



3 DAVID SILVA

LEFT MIDFIELDER

Attacking midfielder with a strong shot who joined in January alongside fellow Portuguese star Rui Miguel. Began his career at Academica, making his debut in 2005 before spells with Tourizense and Lokomotiv Mezdra. Age 23.



5 TODOR YANCHEV

DEFENSIVE MIDFIELDER

Club captain, in his second spell at the club having rejoined from Danish club Randers in 2007. The Bulgarian international previously spent five seasons with CSKA with whom he has won three domestic titles. Age 33.



8 TODOR TIMONOV

LEFT MIDFIELDER

Signed from home town club Botev Plovdiv in July 2009, Timonov was capped eight times at U21 level, but is yet to claim a full international cap. Nicknamed Prince of Plovdiv at his previous club. Age 23.

21 KOSTA YANEV

CENTRE MIDFIELDER

Joined in August from OFC Sliven and scored his first goal in a 3-0 win over Beroe. Started out with Naftex in 2004 before a spell with home town club Chernomorets from whom he joined Sliven in 2008. Age 26.

CULT HERO



HRISTO STOICHKOV

One of the big stars of European football in recent times, Stoichkov spent six years with CSKA, producing an incredible return of 81 goals in 119 games.

The Plovdiv-born forward began his career with home town club Hebras, but such an exciting young prospect was inevitably destined to be snapped up by a bigger club, and few in Bulgaria match CSKA.

A left winger with blistering pace and an explosive shot, he was also a master of the dribble. Feisty and aggressive to boot, he was once suspended for a year following a brawl in the 1985 Bulgarian Cup Final. He returned to action with something to prove and scored 38 goals in 30 games in 1989-90,

winning the European Golden Boot. With CSKA he won three domestic titles, before being snapped up by Barcelona in 1990.

Voted Bulgarian Footballer of the Year for four consecutive years, he eventually became only the second Bulgarian to be named European Footballer of the Year.

Capped 83 times for his country, he featured in the 1994 and 1998 World Cups and was joint top scorer in 1994 when Bulgaria reached the semi-finals. Now a manager, he was dropped in at the deep end as national coach, but after Bulgaria failed to qualify for the 2006 World Cup, he was dismissed. Spell with Celta Vigo and Mamelodi Sundowns of South Africa have followed.



18 ATANAS ZEHIROV

ATTACKING MIDFIELDER

Attacking midfielder who operates as a second striker when CSKA use a 4-5-1 formation. Capped at both U19 and U21 level for Bulgaria, Zehirov has graduated through the CSKA youth sides. Age 20.



14 SVETOSLAV PETROV

MIDFIELDER

Another to return for a second spell with CSKA, following a five year absence during which he played for Levski. Began with Dobrudzha before signing for Sofia in 2000. Capped 11 times for Bulgaria. Age 31.

28 MARQUINHOS
ATTACKING MIDFIELDER

Brazilian who arrived in Bulgaria in 2005 with Belasista, before joining CSKA in 2007, helping them to a domestic and Supercup double. Speculation has linked the playmaker to a number of Russian clubs. Age 27.



7 VLADIMIR MANCHEV
STRIKER

Experienced striker in his second spell having rejoined from Valladolid this season. Previously netted 41 goals in 86 appearances between 1999 and 2002. Has also played for Lille, Levante and Celta Vigo. Age 32.



30 YORDAN TODOROV
RIGHT WINGER

One of the longest-serving players at the club having joined from Chernomorets in 2003. Began his professional career in 1997 with Second Division club Maritsa. A Bulgarian international with nine caps. Age 28.



32 VIKTORS MOROZS
MIDFIELDER

Ended a seven year association with top Latvian club Skonto Riga when he signed with CSKA in August 2008. Made the first of 29 appearances for the Latvian national side against Azerbaijan in 2002. Age 29.



10 RUI MIGUEL
STRIKER

Portuguese-born striker who began with Academica, first joining their youth system at just 10 years of age and progressing through their B team to the senior side. Joined this season from Lokomotiv Mezdra. Age 25.



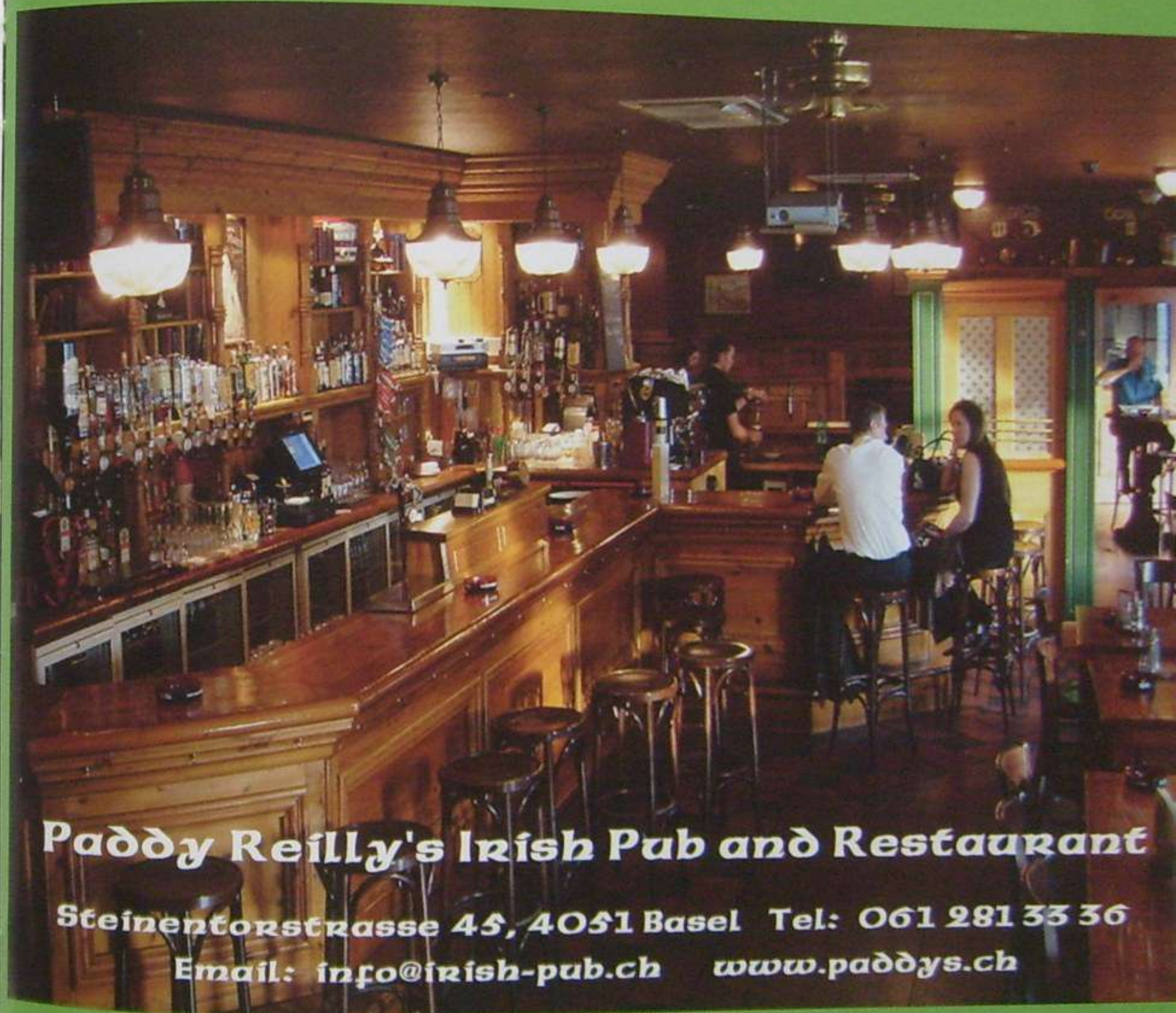
22 MICHEL PLATINI
STRIKER

Scored against Fulham in September, his first CSKA goal following a summer move from Chernomorets. Played for a number of Brazilian sides before joining Hungarian club FC Tatabanya in 2007. Age 26.



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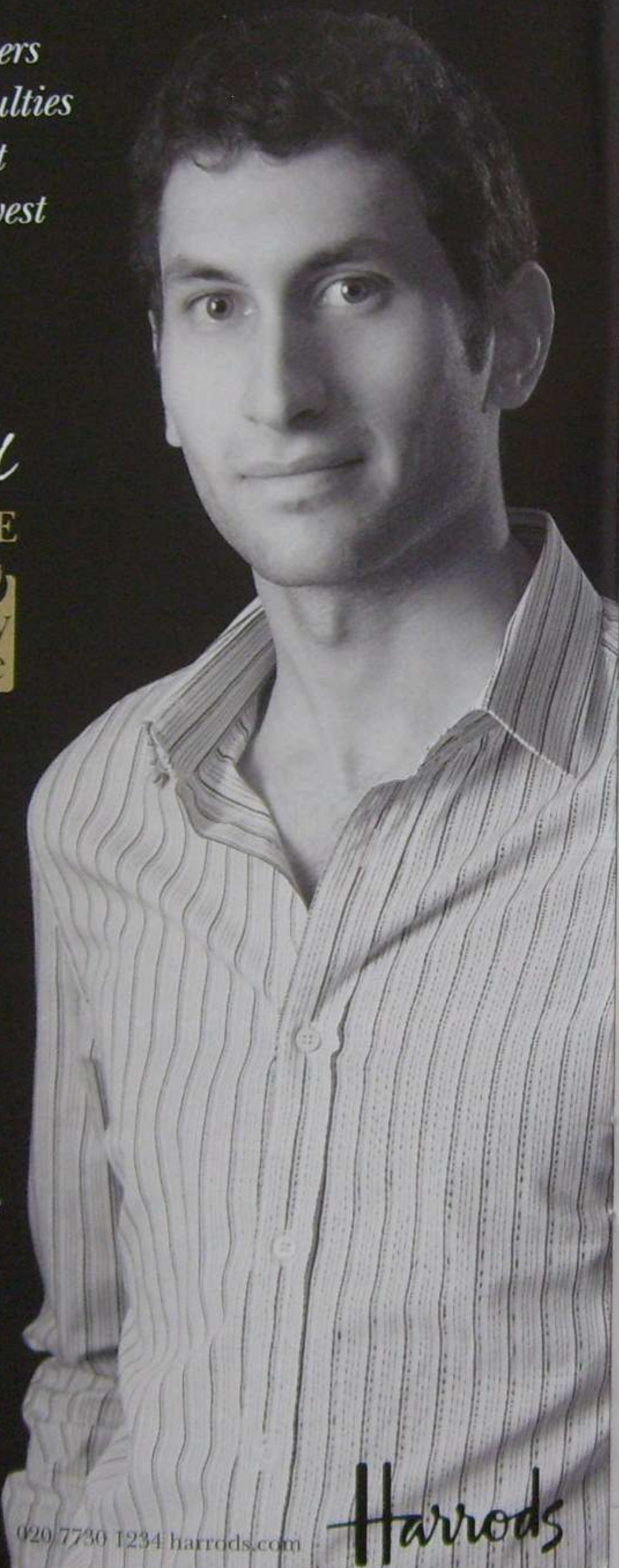
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CLUB RECORDS

Bulgarian League Champions: **31 times (Last in 2008)**
 Bulgarian Cup Winners: **19 (Last in 2006)**
 Bulgarian Super Cup: **3 (Last in 2008)**
 European Cup Semi-Finalists: **1967, 1982**
 European Cup Winners Cup Semi Finalists: **1982**
 Record European Win: **9-0 v FC Haka (Finland), European Cup Winners Cup First Round First (home) Leg 1970-71.**
 Record European Defeat: **6-1 v Vasas Budapest, European Cup Preliminary Round Second (away) Leg 1957-58.**

LAST SEASON

Bulgarian League: **2nd**
 Bulgarian Cup: **Quarter-Finals**
 Top Scorer: **Yordan Todorov, 9**

LAST FIVE

Cherno More	A	APFG	D	0-0
Svilengrad	A	Cup	W	1-0
Lokomotiv Sofia	A	APFG	D	2-2
Slavia Sofia	H	APFG	W	2-0
FC Basel	A	EL	L	1-3

APFG = A Professional Football Group
 EL = UEFA Europa League



LAST TIME OUT

Bulgarian A Professional Football Group 28.11.09
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 CSKA Sofia 0

THE KNOWLEDGE

CSKA'S VITAL STATISTICS



LAST MEETING

UEFA Europa League **17.09.09**
CSKA Sofia 1
 (Michel 62)
Fulham 1
 (Kamara 65)
 Attendance **28,000**

APPEARANCES AND GOALS

Up to and including November 28th, 2009

	APFG APPS	APFG GOALS	EUROPA APPS	EUROPA GOALS
Aleksandar Branekov Born 31.08.87 Sofia, Bulgaria	5	0	2	0
Zdravko Chavdarov Born 24.01.81 Smolyan, Bulgaria	3	0	3	0
Spas Delev Born 22.09.89 Klyuch, Bulgaria	11+1	1	3+2	1
Ivan Ivanov Born 25.02.88 Zlatitsa, Bulgaria	10+1	1	7	1
Ivan Karadzhov Born 12.07.89 Kresna, Bulgaria	9	0	5+1	0
Kiril Kotev Born 18.04.82 Sofia, Bulgaria	9	1	6	0
Vladimir Manchev Born 06.10.77 Pazardzhik, Bulgaria	0+6	1	1+3	0
Marquinhos Born 20.08.82 Barueri, Brazil	7	2	6+1	1
Yordan Minev Born 14.10.80 Pazardzhik, Bulgaria	13	0	7	0
Viktors Morozs Born 30.07.80 Vangazi, Latvia	5+4	0	5	0
Rui Miguel Born 30.01.84 Ceira, Portugal	6+2	1	1+3	0
Ivaylo Petrov Born 03.05.73 Sofia, Bulgaria	3	0	0	0
Svetoslav Petrov Born 12.02.78 Dobrich, Bulgaria	4	0	2	0
Michel Platini Born 08.09.83 Brasilia, Brazil	7+2	2	1+3	1
Apostol Popov Born 22.12.82 Haskovo, Bulgaria	2	0	0	0
David Silva Born 11.10.86 Coimbra, Portugal	0+2	0	0	0
Ivan Stoyanov Born 24.07.83 Sliven, Bulgaria	13	8	7	1
Kostadin Stoyanov Born 26.05.86 Nova Zagora, Bulgaria	9+2	1	3	0
Todor Timonov Born 03.09.86 Plovdiv, Bulgaria	3+6	2	3+1	0
Yordan Todorov Born 27.07.81 Plovdiv, Bulgaria	10+1	3	6+1	0
Pavel Vidanov Born 01.08.88 Sofia, Bulgaria	4+1	0	6	0
Todor Yanchev Born 19.05.76 Kazanlak, Bulgaria	11+1	0	6	1
Kosta Yanev Born 27.04.83 Sofia, Bulgaria	10+1	1	6+1	0
Atanas Zehirov Born 13.02.89 Kochan, Bulgaria	0+1	0	0+1	0

Also played: Hugo Baez Lge 2/0, EL 1/0; Orlin Orlinov Lge 0+3/0, EL 1+2/0; Blagov Paskov Lge 0+3/0, EL 0+2/0; Dormushali Saidhodzha EL 0+1/0; Yanko Sandanski Lge 0+2/0.

FLASHBACK



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A visual journey back through time, recalling Fulham's 2002 UEFA Cup Third Round tie with Germany's Hertha Berlin...

UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND FIRST LEG
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH 2002

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HERTHA BERLIN 2 (BEHNLICH 26, SAVA O.G. 68)
FULHAM 1 (MARLET 53)

- 1 Sean Davis challenges 'keeper Gabor Kiraly.
- 2 Steve Marlet equalised, but it wasn't enough.
- 3 Junichi Inamoto sums up the mood at the final whistle.

UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND SECOND LEG
THURSDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2002

LOFTUS ROAD

FULHAM 0
HERTHA BERLIN 0

- 4 The teams meet before kick-off.
- 5 Referee Pierluigi Collina brushes aside Andy Melville as temperatures rise.
- 6 Jean Tigana shows his frustration as a chance goes begging.



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BOUNCING BACK

AFTER SUFFERING DISAPPOINTMENTS BOTH FOR FULHAM IN THE UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE, AND ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE, STEPHEN KELLY HAS HIS SIGHTS SET ON MAKING AN IMPACT AT CRAVEN COTTAGE IN THE COMING MONTHS...

WORDS TOM BROWN

If things had gone according to plan Stephen Kelly would have been part of Fulham's record-breaking 2008-09 campaign.

However, his move from Birmingham City to Fulham collapsed and as a result he started last term in the Championship, coming on as a 36th minute substitute in the Blues' 2-0 defeat of Barnsley.

Over the subsequent nine months, as we all know, the Whites went on to record their highest ever league finish and register a record amount of top-flight points, with UEFA Europa League football the reward.

And Kelly, Fulham's first signing of the summer having run down his contract with City, is certainly enjoying the prize, featuring in five of the Whites' European fixtures ahead of tonight's eagerly-anticipated clash with CSKA Sofia.

"This has been my first taste of European football," says Stephen. "I've got a lot of Premier League and international experience, but I've never had the opportunity to play in Europe before."

"When I was at Tottenham I was part of the team that qualified for the UEFA Cup, but the following season was the year that I joined Birmingham - so I missed out."

"It's a new challenge, but I've loved every minute of it so far. There have

been a couple of disappointments, but on the whole I think it's been a great experience. The team has performed well throughout and it's been good, personally, to get some game time."

On top of his involvement in Europe, the Republic of Ireland international has also featured in the Carling Cup and the Premier League, making his first league start against former club Birmingham City 12 days ago.

"I've been involved a fair bit, although I would have liked to have played a bit more in the league," he explains. "I want to play in every game, but I'm very happy with my progress so far - I have been playing almost every week what with our involvement in Europe. When the chance comes I just have to make sure that I take it."

When the Club made a second move to bring Kelly's talent to Craven Cottage in the summer, Roy Hodgson identified the full-back's top-flight experience and adaptability as vital additions to his 2009-10 squad.

With so many games and seasons under his belt, it's easy to assume that Kelly is older than his tender 25 years. After joining the Tottenham youth ranks at 16, our man was sent out on loan with spells at Southend, Queens Park Rangers and Watford before

making his Premier League debut in December 2003.

"People do tend to think I'm older than I actually am," agrees Stephen. "Fans think I've been around for ages, and I suppose I have. I started playing for the Tottenham first team at 19, and that's quite rare for a defender."

"I've played a lot since then, and for a few clubs. I think I have a lot of experience despite being relatively young still - I've still got some years until I reach my prime, which is good."

"I cut my teeth in the lower leagues to begin with, and even worked with Ray Lewington at Watford when he was the manager at Vicarage Road. After my first season at Birmingham the club was relegated, so I spent time in the Championship with them too."

"Those early days certainly gave me a good grounding and I don't mean any disrespect when I say this either, but also a hunger to stay at the top. I learned a lot from those experiences, it gave me a steeliness and determination to my game."

"But the Premier League is the place that you want to be - there's nowhere





Stephen gets to grips with FC Basel



"It's good to get forward, but the main purpose of a defender is to protect the 'keeper.'"

else. So the move to Fulham was a great opportunity for me. I came close to joining them the summer before last, but for whatever reason, it didn't work out.

"The Manager and the Club remained interested and 12 months later they came back in for me. They were obviously very keen, and that was important. Not only that, but I was joining a team making clear progression."

To date, Kelly has impressed in the white of his new club; he's sound defensively and shows ambition in getting forward. He's added valuable versatility to Fulham's back four, slotting in with ease at right-back and even covering Paul Konchesky at left-back.

"I think I'm a solid defender and when needed I can cover a variety of positions," he explains. "I've played a fair bit on the left, and I'm comfortable playing there. In today's game it's important to adapt."

"I'm a defender who loves to get

forward and involved at the other end of the pitch. I've always brought an attacking option to the teams that I have played for, but at the same time I pride myself on steady defending.

"It's good to get forward, but the main purpose of a defender is to keep the ball out and to protect the 'keeper. First and foremost that's what we have to do."

However, breaking into the Whites' defence is not an enviable task, with Aaron Hughes, Brede Hangeland, Paul Konchesky and John Pantsil forming one of the league's most impenetrable defensive phalanxes.

Clean sheets have perhaps not flowed as freely as they did last season, but nevertheless, Mark Schwarzer's barrier remains at its controlled and resolute best.

But with Ghanaian international



Pantsil expected to be on African Cup of Nations duty in January, and a busy Christmas period ahead, Whites fans should expect to see a lot more of Kelly over the next couple of months.

"With the team doing so well last year, of course it is always going to be difficult for a new player to break into the First Team plans," he admits. "But this is a new season and new opportunities have been created - particularly in Europe."

"You have to be confident in your own ability. I believe that I'm good enough to be in the team and hopefully, after playing a few more games, others will start thinking that too."

"There are some fantastic defenders at this Club, all with international experience. I think the squad has good depth and no matter what team the Manager fields, he is confident that his players will give him what he wants and compete, whether it's in the league or Europe."

Kelly returns to Europa League contention tonight, having missed the Whites' trip to Rome through suspension following his red card against AS Roma at Craven Cottage.

"The red card was obviously very disappointing," reflects Stephen. "It was just a bizarre incident and there was a lot of confusion. It was frustrating, but you have to respect the decision that was made. Unfortunately, these moments happen in football as I have found out both for club and country this season."

"This is a big, big game for us. If we lose and Roma win, we're out of the competition. A victory tonight would do a lot for our chances of progression, particularly if Basel beat Roma, so fingers crossed that everything falls into place."

"We certainly have a chance of winning and the fans can play their part too. The atmosphere here against Roma was incredible and when you have the supporters behind you it really lifts the team. Tonight, they can be the 12th man."

STEPHEN ON IRELAND'S ELIMINATION FROM THE 2010 WORLD CUP

Commiserations on Ireland's defeat by France. It was a cruel way to be eliminated, has what happened sunk in yet?

Do you know what? I don't think it has. It was a heart-breaking moment, and like you say, a cruel way to go out. We played so well in France and deserved to go through. Had we played that well and lost as a result of a wonder strike, or a moment of magic, then we could have perhaps accepted the defeat. But to be eliminated as a result of a blatant handball was terrible.

What was the reaction like when you returned to Ireland?

The mood of the whole country was very sombre. I was in Dublin the morning after and usually it's a place with so much life, but that day it was a very strange place to be - it affected a whole nation. I think it will take people a while to get over it.

A lot has been said since, do you agree with those that say now is the time for video replays during a game?

I think I do, yes. I understand those that say it could stop the flow of the

game, but it works in other sports. For me, personally, over the last month or so there has been more need than ever to see this technology introduced. I think we need to see it soon, because a lot of the time there is a lot at stake. The whole situation is difficult to assess, and the media hype has been crazy. What should we do, and what should have been done? Who knows? It's hard to find the answer and know what's right.

It was the ugly side of the beautiful game...

You can never condone what happened and it is one of the worst parts of the game. Football is an unpredictable sport and the team that deserves to win doesn't always. The luck wasn't with Ireland that day and the chance of going to the World Cup was snatched away. Had I been included in the squad for South Africa, it would have been my first World Cup - and that's a big moment for any player. At the end of the day, there's nothing we can do now, we just have to hold our heads high and move on.



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Right-Back/Right Midfielder

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WEIGHT 66.7kg

Fulham youngster Keanu Marsh-Brown has long been tipped for a bright future.

Having impressed within the Whites' Academy, the talented right-back has also made a name for himself on the international stage, helping England U17s to the Montague Tournament last year - a competition in which he was named Player of the Tournament.

At the beginning of the summer, the 17-year-old was elevated from the top tier of the Club's youth ranks into Billy McKinlay's Development Squad where he has prompted positive discussion with his ability to get forward and make things happen from defence.

He was also rewarded with his first professional contract in August, a deal which could keep him at Craven Cottage until at least the summer of 2011, and has subsequently been promoted to First Team duties too - making the trips to both Sofia and Rome in the UEFA Europa League.

"The season has started very well for me," reveals Keanu. "I'm really pleased with my progress over the summer, and it's come off the back of a lot of hard work. Being part of Billy's Development Squad has been of great benefit and I feel I have come on massively in a short space of time.

"It's my dream to play for the First Team, and I've managed to get a little taste of how things could be for me having been part of two of the Manager's European squads."

Marsh-Brown is one of a number of young players to have taken advantage of the Club's involvement in Europe, alongside the likes of Chris Smalling, Michael Uwezu, Matt Saunders, Alex Smith and Joe Anderson who have also all been given a flavour of the big-game atmosphere and an insight into the Fulham way.

"The team's involvement in Europe has been a big opportunity for us," he explains. "I found out I would be in the squad for Sofia from Billy only a few days before. From that moment it was just a massive buzz.

"I then found out I would be on the bench, and taking my place at the start of the game is a moment I will never forget - it was such an amazing feeling.

"I was on the pitch during the warm-up and for a bit I just watched the stadium fill up. That's what games are all about and it just gave me such a lift, and it's something I want to experience a lot more of.

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"It has given all the younger players involved so much confidence, as well as others in the Development Squad and U18s. They've seen what it has done for us, and they will be wanting the same - I think we have shown what can be achieved at Fulham."

While senior players arrived at Motspur Park ahead of their flight to Bulgaria in top of the range sports cars and off-road vehicles, Marsh-Brown was dropped off by his mum, Marquita and looking understandably nervous.

"It was just another morning for me," he readily admits. "My mum takes me to training most days, so that day was no different. I was nervous and that didn't really stop until I stepped out onto that pitch before kick-off.

"At that point it was all about preparation and focus because there was always a chance that I might be needed. That evening was the closest I have been and running up and down that touchline was the highlight of my

career so far - I just need to make that step over the white line."

The youngster cites his family as a driving force behind his development, with football running through the Marsh-Brown name. His older brother Ronayne spent time on Southampton's books, whilst his younger siblings Kyjuon and Kwai are a Fulham U13 and Arsenal U10 respectively.

"Football is certainly in the family," he details. "I have three brothers and the younger two are doing very well in their respective Academies. I try and teach them a few things and I'll go and watch them when I can.



"I think my family are proud of what I have achieved so far, and hopefully the other two can follow."

Arsenal was also the club where the young defender started his football education, joining the Gunners' youth ranks when he was 11. Despite a promising three years playing alongside the likes of Jack Wilshere, Kieran Gibbs and Craig Eastmond, Marsh-Brown was, however, released on the premise that he was too small.

"At Arsenal I played with some very good players and ones that have started to break through in recent seasons," reveals Keanu. "It's weird watching them on television and reading about them in the papers - but it gives me the desire to do well."

"Leaving Arsenal was a good thing for me, because I don't think I would have been as good as I am now had I stayed. Fulham have helped me a lot and the Academy staff have been fantastic and given me the opportunity to progress."

"The Club has allowed me to develop. Arsenal let me go because they thought I was too small, but players grow at different stages and ages. I don't think I was given the chance, but it's worked out for the best."

The youngster remains well-thought of in North London and is highly rated at home and abroad having represented his country at U16 and U17 level.

Initially he caught the eye as an attacking right-midfielder, but since U18 manager Gary Brazil switched him to right-back two seasons ago, he's become a marauding full-back full of vigour.

It's a position that has tested his defensive capabilities, but Marsh-Brown is a player that makes the game effortless with his attacking poise and skill on the ball making him an intriguing sight in full flow.

"At first I wasn't too sure about

playing at right-back," he admits. "But now I think it's a great position for me. Of course, I've had to work on my defending, which wasn't something that I had to think about much before."

"I think it's been a positive switch, and I feel that I can still dictate games from that position. I like to make a difference, and if anything, I'm a more complete player now."

Trips to Sofia and Rome, in addition to regular First Team training sessions and a place in McKinlay's Development Squad have already made it a year to savour. But his fifth season with the Club promises to be his most important yet. Now at a crucial stage of his development, the 2009-10 season could well be his breakthrough campaign and the one in which he makes his biggest impression yet.

"I do feel closer to the First Team than I ever have," says Keanu. "At times there has been a lot said about what I might do in the game, and sometimes that's been hard to get my head around."

"The important thing to do is to remain grounded, because there is still a lot of work to be done. Already this season has been an unforgettable one and hopefully I can add to that by making my First Team debut - I certainly feel ready."

"It's a big chance for me now, and I have to make the most of it. A lot has been said, and now is the time to show what I'm capable of."

KEANU MARSH-BROWN UP CLOSE

My nickname is Keke.

A strength of mine is my ability to attack from defence. I like to get on the ball and get forward.

Although my weakness is my left foot - that could do with some work.

I would say I play most like Daniel Alves of Barcelona. Even though he is a defender he can still dictate games and make things happen.

The biggest influence on my career would be my family - particularly my

older brother Ronayne.

My favourite Fulham player is Clint Dempsey. I like the way he gets past players, he's got a lot of tricks. He's also a very good goal scorer.

Growing up my idol was Ronaldinho. I have always enjoyed the way he has played the game, and he was an unbelievable talent.

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IAN MCCULLOCH DIGS OUT THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME FROM OUR FIRST EVER UEFA CUP FIXTURE, BACK IN 2002...

Split Second

As we play our final home group game in the UEFA Europa League before the knockout stages take pride of place, it's interesting to look back on the Whites' very first home game in European competition proper.

Before everyone starts complaining, I know Fulham were in the Anglo-Italian Tournament back in the 70s, and I suppose the Anglo-Scottish Cup from the same decade probably qualifies as European competition too. The Intertoto was won, gloriously, with a magnificent Final against Bologna as well, but they weren't 'proper'. To me, European competition means the European Cup/Champions League, the Inter Cities/UEFA Cup, or the tournament

that that last one has morphed into - the UEFA Europa League.

Back in 2002, when Fulham won the Intertoto (the smallest trophy in the history of football), they qualified automatically for that season's UEFA Cup First Round, and a tie against Hajduk Split. The first leg was played in the Croatian team's Poljud Stadium, with the Whites coming away with a 1-0 win courtesy of a second-half Steed Malbranque strike. Then, two weeks later, came the moment - Fulham's first ever home European game. It will forever be a source of sadness that this historic match couldn't have been played at Craven Cottage, but circumstances dictated otherwise, and QPR's Loftus Road became the venue.

On a night of high drama, Fulham scraped past their visitors, with a fairly fortuitous, twice-taken, Malbranque penalty earning a 2-2 draw. In the closing minutes of the game, Split threw everyone forward, including their goalkeeper - a goal then would have sent the Croatians through on the away-goals rule. A goalbound strike from Neretjak that beat Van der Sar looked to have won the tie, until... Junichi Inamoto appeared out of nowhere to head off the line. Cue a huge collective sigh of relief, the final whistle blew, and Fulham were through to the Second Round for a tie against Dinamo Zagreb. The icing on the cake was provided by the fact that, on the same night, Chelsea were eliminated by Roy Hodgson's old club Viking Stavanger.

Wolfman

The programme that night featured an in-depth piece on striker Facundo Sava. The psychology-qualified, Argentine hit man was pictured wearing a full head mask of a wolf after scoring for his previous club Gimnasia La Plata. This was something that, in his home country, he had adopted as a trademark, producing a different style mask after each goal. In England he restricted himself to a simple Zorro style mask, but even this was disapproved of royally by Sky Sports' Richard Keys, who famously declared that this was not something we wanted in "our Premiership."

Sava, who probably didn't get a decent enough run in the team to really prove himself, endeared himself to the Fulham faithful with his enthusiastic and emotional goal scoring celebrations. His

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meet the man: van der Sar



flying leap into the crowd at Loftus Road after hitting the net in one game will live long in the memory. Not least of the people he landed on.

After Fulham, Sava went on to play for Celta Vigo and Lorca in Spain before returning home to Argentina and signing for Racing Club. He later moved on to Arsenal de Sarandí and now plays for Quilmes, where he is still banging in the goals.

Black & White, or Gray?

The always-entertaining Black & White Eye page looked back at the TV coverage of the recent local derby with Chelsea, and blamed pundit Andy Gray for the result. "In the build up to the game," the piece said. "Richard Keys asked him (Gray) how he thought the game would go. "When you look at the two teams, they're full of goals. Both of them have 12 or 13 goals in the Premier League." The final score? 0-0.

Not Optimistic Then

There's no doubt that Edwin Van der Sar was, and still is, a magnificent goalkeeper, but with Juventus being his previous club, and having already won European and UEFA Cups, there were times when you had to wonder if his heart was really in it at Fulham. The Meet the Man profile of him in the programme was a case in point.

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When asked, "Dare we dream of going all the way?" in regard to how far the team could progress in the UEFA Cup, he replied, laughing, "If we can do it with Fulham that will be one of the biggest victories ever!"

And Finally...

The programme for that night, featuring a wonderful cover shot of the Hajduk fans letting off flares, certainly laboured the point about the fireworks, the topic being brought up several times throughout the magazine.

Captain Andy Melville was "amazed at the noise and the flares", and said, "I'm not asking you to resort to throwing flares at the pitch," the match report talked about the "hostile, flare-hurling crowd," and "the flares being hurled on to the pitch," but the most excruciating comment came from the Inside the Camp column when it talked about the difference between English and Croatian football fans: "Excessive use of flares in this country simply means a wardrobe full of bad trousers from the 1970s..."

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Davies on for Duff (85)



Subs: McCarthy on for Roberts (66)
Kalinic on for Di Santo (66)



Damien congratulates Erik after his opener



MATCH REPORT

Clint Dempsey's double helped make it another disappointing trip to the capital for Blackburn, as the Whites moved to 10th in the Barclays Premier League table.

Defeat at the Cottage made it three losses from Rovers' last three visits to London and 14 goals conceded as the Lancashire club racked up their sixth away loss of the season so far.

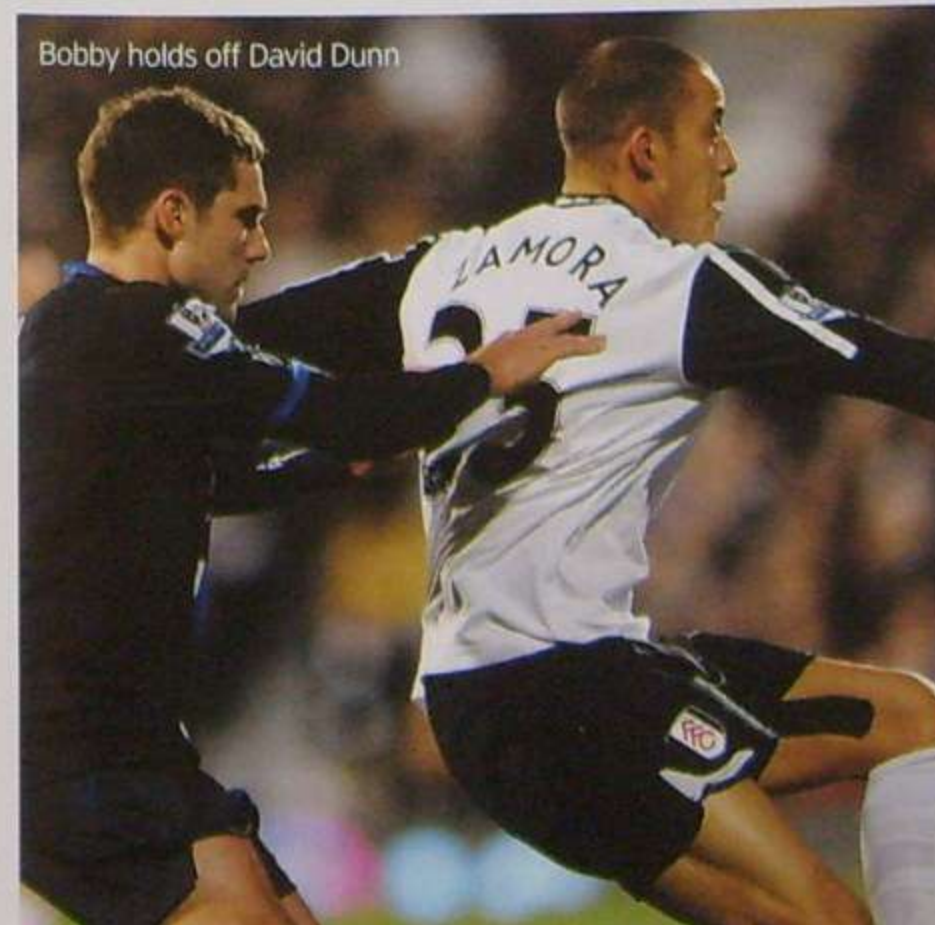
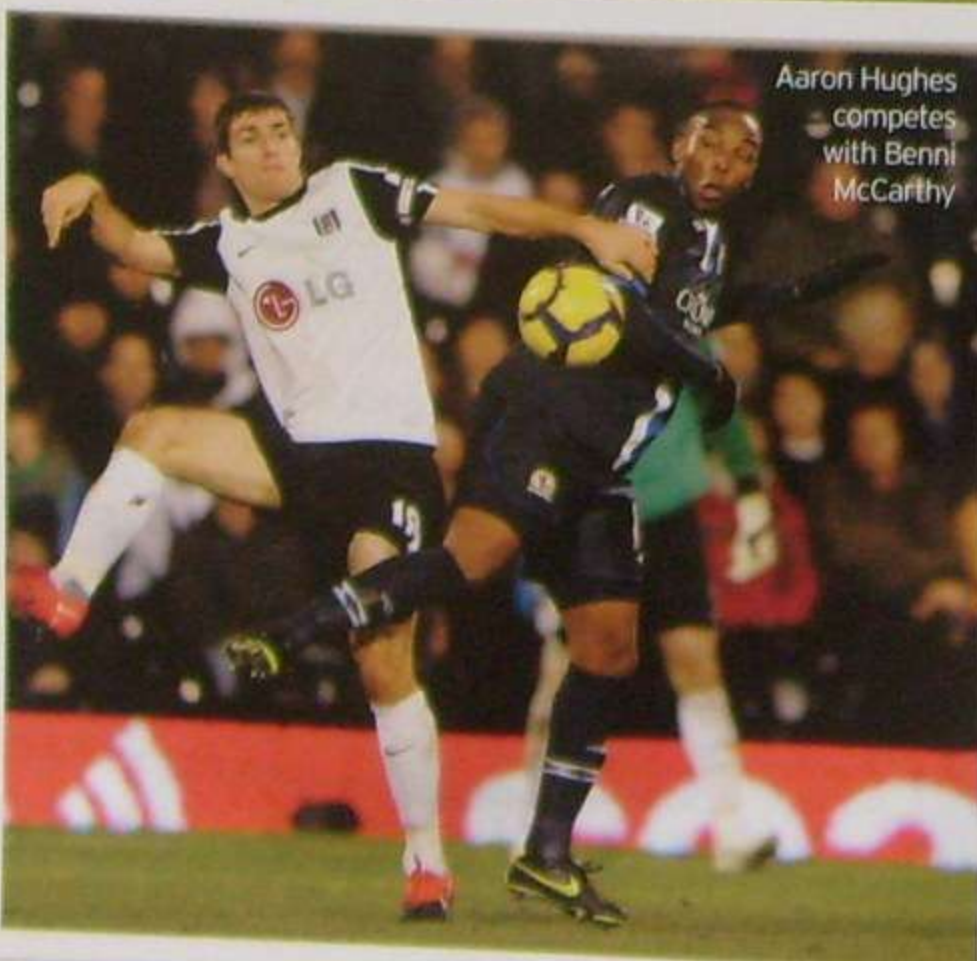
Roy Hodgson admitted that the first 40 minutes of this match was "not the sort of game you like to watch" - but Erik Nevlund breathed life into proceedings with a trademark cool finish.

The Norwegian striker grabbed his second goal of the season following a fantastic move that began with the 31-year-old playing a neat one-two with Bobby Zamora, before finding Damien Duff. The Irish winger returned the pass and Nevlund slotted the ball under the advancing Paul Robinson.

The visitors, who were missing manager Sam Allardyce as he prepared to undergo heart surgery, had, at times, done enough to warrant a breakthrough, but as the second-half progressed, they began to wilt.

And having missed a couple of decent chances, Dempsey doubled Fulham's lead as he got the final touch to a Duff shot. Four minutes later, Nevlund should have made it three after another one-two, this time with Dempsey, but he scuffed his close-range shot wide.

Blackburn required some spirited defending from Christopher Samba and Lars Jacobsen to deny the Whites further, although they failed to thwart Dempsey in the closing minutes, as the American, playing up front after Zamora's withdrawal with a groin complaint, turned after controlling Simon Davies' cross, and beat Robinson from four yards.



KEY STATS

Blackburn	13	4	3	1	4
GOAL ATTEMPTS	13	ON TARGET	3	CORNERS	OFFSIDES
Fulham	9	13	46	54	
	FOULS	POSESSION%			

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MAN OF THE MATCH

Chris Baird

The Northern Ireland international put in one of his best displays for Fulham, winning a number of important midfield challenges and showing continual composure on the ball. The 27-year-old is clearly enjoying his run in the side.

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THE HALF-TIME BREAK

TENUOUS LINKS

From CSKA's Michel Platini to Fulham's Damien Duff in five unconvincing steps...



1. CSKA midfielder Michel Platini was born in Brasilia, the capital city of Brazil. The city was also the place of birth of...



2. Kaka. The Brazilian ace joined Real Madrid this summer alongside fellow Galactico...



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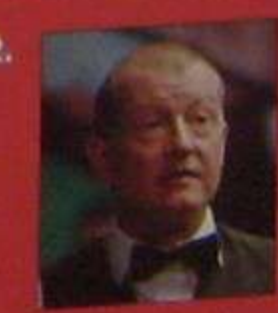


5. Marcus Bent. The well-travelled striker is now with his 12th club, but spent the 2000-01 season alongside...



6. Damien Duff at Blackburn Rovers.

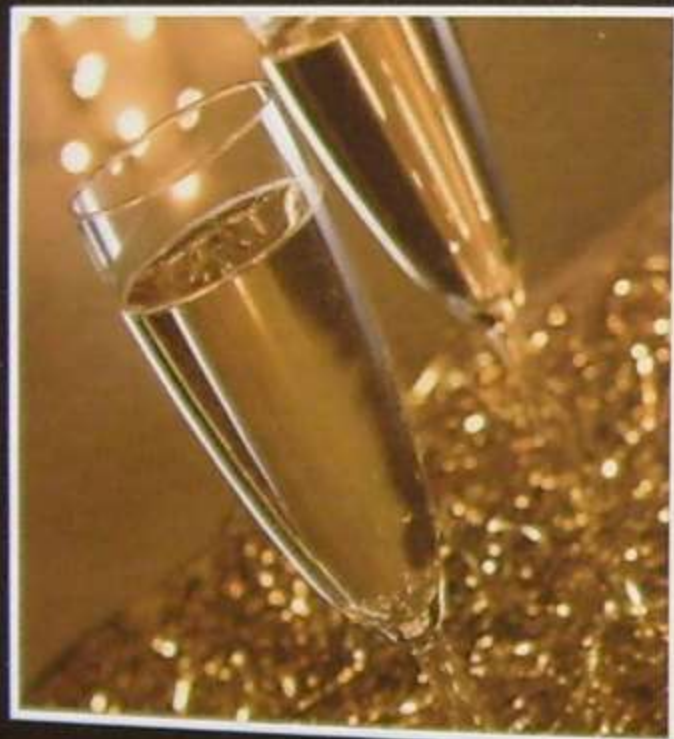
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Tonight's opponents hail from the capital and largest city in Bulgaria. Located in western Bulgaria, at the foot of Mount Vitosha, Sofia is the administrative, cultural, economic and educational centre of the country, and with a population of 1.4 million people, the 12th biggest city in the European Union.

One of the oldest cities in Europe, the history of Serdica, Sredets, or Sofia as it is known today, can be traced back some 7,000 years. The city has had several names through the different periods of its existence, and remnants from the past, and rule by various different peoples, can still be seen today alongside modern landmarks.

Originally a settlement of the Thracian people, it was known as Serdica, but was conquered by the Romans around BC 29. From then on, it became an administrative centre and began to expand, with protective walls and significant buildings such as a civic basilica, amphitheatre, a large Forum, and theatre, becoming the capital of Dacia Mediterranea and a glorious Roman centre by 343 A.D.

The city was destroyed by the Huns in 447, and upon its rebuilding, became known as Triaditsa or Sredets by the Slavonic tribes, as it again became an important fortress, this time for the Bulgarian empire.

From the 12th to the 14th century, the

city was a thriving centre of trade and crafts, and it is around this time that it is believed locals began referring to their home as Sofia (meaning 'wisdom' in Ancient Greek), after the Church of St. Sofia situated nearby. However, in different testimonies it was called both Sofia and Sredets until the end of the 19th century.

In the 1400s the city was seized by the Ottoman Empire during the Bulgarian-Ottoman Wars, and it remained under Turkish rule for some 400 years. The name of Sofia thus officially replaced Sredets after the liberation of the city from Turkish rule by Russian forces in the 1878-79 Russo-Turkish War. Although for some time after, Bulgarian authorities expressed a desire to keep the name Sredets, but the Russian administration accepted Sofia. It was at that point that it became the capital of the Principality of Bulgaria, and later of the Kingdom of Bulgaria in 1908.

During World War II, Sofia was bombed by the Allies, and invaded by the Soviet Red Army. Bulgaria's government, which had become allied with Germany, was overthrown. Like Prague, Warsaw, Bucharest and other major Eastern European cities, Sofia became a capital of the Communist-ruled People's Republic. The population expanded at high rates and



a large emphasis was placed on industrial development. Many factories and manufacturing plants were built, and new suburbs created, along with an expanded public transport network.

It remains an important industrial heartland to this day, although the majority of Bulgaria's arts, culture, education and economy is centred around the capital too.

Sofia is also the centre of Bulgaria's sporting activities, and thus includes most of Bulgaria's primary football teams, such as CSKA, Levski, Lokomotiv Sofia and Slavia, as well as formerly great clubs like Akademik, Spartak Sofia and Septemvri. The capital's dominance in the sport is reflected in the fact that Sofia-based teams, including some clubs no longer in existence, have been Bulgarian football champions on all but 13 occasions since the national league was formed in 1923.





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First of all I just want to say that even qualifying for the UEFA Europa League is a brilliant achievement and a sign of how far the Club has come over the last 10 years or so.

Roy Hodgson and Ray Lewington have worked wonders and it's fantastic what they have done here. I've seen a fair bit of Fulham's progress in Europe this season, and hopefully we're in for another treat tonight.

Despite the 'disappointment' in the two games against Roma, Fulham still have a good chance of qualifying for the knockout stages, although it has made the visit of CSKA Sofia a must-win.

It's such an important one tonight isn't it? But their home form is usually very good and they can build from that and perhaps take advantage of how they feel following those encounters with Roma.

I don't think Roy will change things too much tonight, certainly in terms of his football philosophy. The team will be organised, solid defensively and will look to their nice passing football to break the opposition down.

Injuries have disrupted things a little bit, but whatever side takes to the field, make no mistake, they will be difficult to beat. It really has been about one door closing, and an opportunity opening for someone else - and we're seeing players taking their chance.

It's been a terrific experience for everyone associated with the Club and full credit to Roy and the team for getting into the competition and this far because they have given it a good go.

Victory tonight will set up an interesting encounter out in Switzerland in two weeks' time,

HOW FAR WE'VE COME

It's only about 13 or so seasons since I was a Fulham player in the old Fourth Division, and thoughts of Europe were far from everyone's minds back then. Although, we did enjoy a trip to Ireland once which was a fantastic experience - but that was largely because of the Guinness!

Things have certainly changed and it's been a remarkable turnaround since those days. Micky Adams and the Chairman picked the Club up by the scruff of the neck and now look where it is.

The fans are certainly enjoying it and they deserve it, because they have gone through a lot over the years. It's great to return and see so many smiling faces - which in days gone by wasn't always the case.

especially if FC Basel lose to Roma, and knowing Fulham, things will probably be achieved the hard way, so I can see this going right to the wire.

This is certainly a game that my old team-mates and I would have liked to have been involved in - the only trouble being we probably would have got hammered!

But I really do hope they progress and continue their success because it helps establish the Club as a much bigger force in the Premier League as well. It's come a long way and the infrastructure has been built very quickly to support that success on the pitch.

So all credit to the current team - their performances over the last few years have given this Club a lot of pride. I, like the rest of you, hope they can get over these last two hurdles and give the fans even more to cheer about.

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FFC JUNIORS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Happy 12th birthday to **Michael Fox-Cain**. With lots of love from Mum, James, and all your Fulham friends, especially in the Hammersmith End.

Happy 14th birthday to **Matt O'Neill** who is a Season Ticket Holder in the Johnny Haynes Stand. Have a great day and enjoy the game tonight. Love from Mum, Dad and Scott.

JOEL'S COLUMN BLUE PETER'S JOEL DEFRIES WRITES EXCLUSIVELY FOR HIS FELLOW FULHAM FANS...

I love the novel feeling of being in Europe; it is a welcome respite from playing teams that begin with B. Birmingham, Bolton and Blackburn... It is about time we moved up a letter and got to the Cs.

In fact, tonight's team have a few letters in their name - CSKA Sofia. If I was into my research I would have worked out what CSKA stands for, but I give you, the readers, that challenge. I am sure you probably all have phones which have the Internet on! My phone only makes phone calls and texts, but it has a useful light. No pictures though.

Europe has been a mixed bag for us so far. Some good moments and some bad; a few too many sending offs - even sending off the wrong player initially at one point (although I can see how the official confused Stephen Kelly



with Brede Hangeland).

Squad-wise we are going to be threadbare this evening, so it will not be easy. But if we win then who knows? We can go to Basel, win and then be through to the next round...

We can then meet Champions League rejects like Liverpool and beat them again... You get the gist.

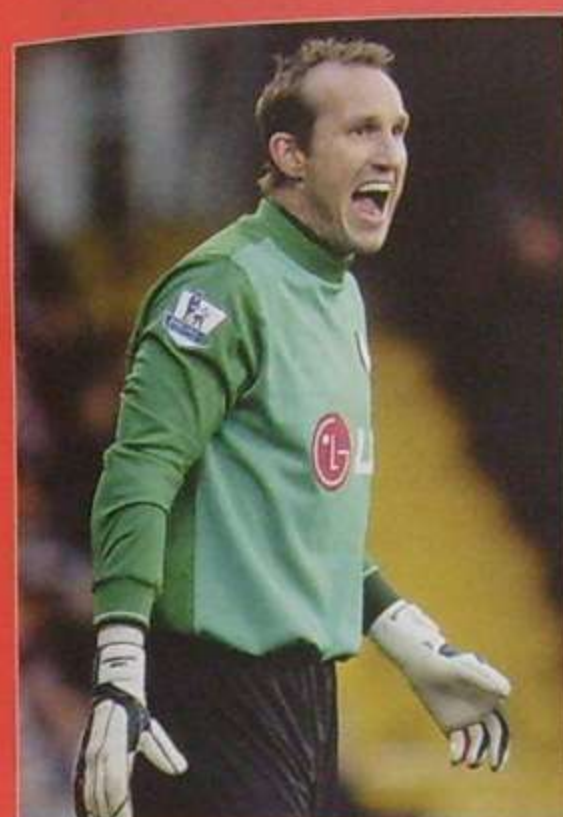
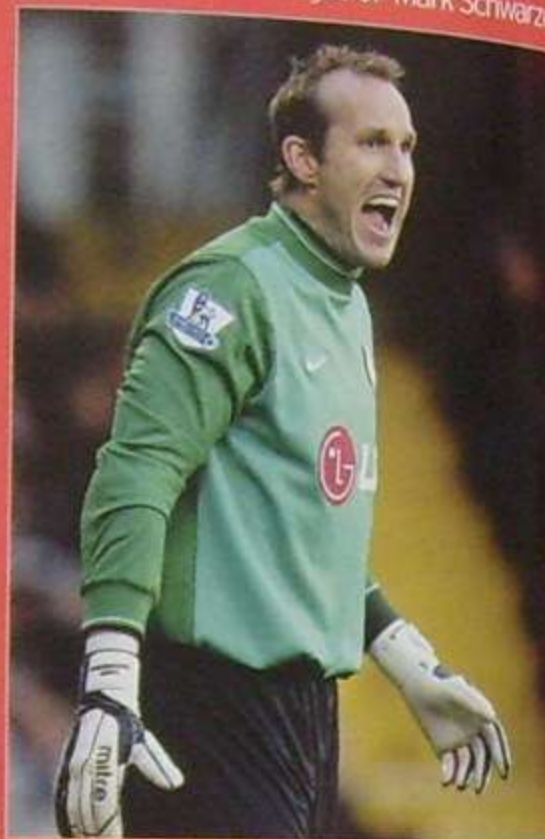
At first I thought Europe was a dangerous distraction, but I think Sir Hodgson of Roy has played it the right way. I really want to progress to the next round, because being in Europe is much better than I thought.

January is looming and maybe we will sign some amazing players and win the whole of Europe and then win the World Cup! I know this is not possible, but I believe in miracles...

Come on!
Joel

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the five inconsistencies between these two images of Mark Schwarzer?



WHO'S THIS?



DID YOU KNOW?

CSKA Sofia have won the Bulgarian league title a whopping 31 times, as well as 19 Bulgarian Cups! That's a lot of trophies!

WHAT ARE YOU ALL ABOUT? AARON HUGHES



WHAT IS YOUR NICKNAME AMONGST YOUR TEAM-MATES?

My nickname is nice and simple, Hughesy.

WHAT BOOTS DO YOU WEAR AT THE MOMENT?

At the minute I'm wearing the new Nike CTR. They're very good boots.

BEST FRIEND IN FOOTBALL?

That's a difficult one because I've made a lot of friends in football over the years. But I'd probably say Andy O'Brien of Bolton - We spent a lot of time together when we were both at Newcastle.

WHO IS THE TOUGHEST PLAYER THAT YOU HAVE EVER FACED?

That's a hard one too! There have been too many! I'm very lucky to have played against some of the world's best strikers.

AND WHO IS THE BEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW?

For me that's Lionel Messi.

WHO WAS YOUR FAVOURITE PLAYER GROWING UP?

Even though he was a striker and I am a defender it would have to be Ian Rush.

AWAY FROM THE PITCH HOW DO YOU RELAX?

I spend a lot of time with my family.

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS?

Shy, hardworking and laidback.

MATCH REPORTER'S CARD

FFC KIDZ REPORTER'S NAME:

TODAY'S OPPONENTS:

BEST BIT OF THE GAME:

DO YOU KNOW THE OPPOSITION?

THEY PLAY AT:

THEIR NICKNAME:

HT SCORE:

FT SCORE:

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AWAY SCORER:

EUROPA LEAGUE QUIZ

Fulham have faced five different clubs in the UEFA Europa League so far. Can you name them?

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.



ANSWERS: Europa League Quiz: 1. FC Viktoria, 2. Arsenal, 3. FC Basel, 4. FC Basel, 5. AS Roma. Guess who? John Panulis. Spot the Difference: 1. Green ball on Barclays logo, 2. No white rim on collar, 3. Nike logo missing, 4. Writing on right glove missing, 5. Only four fingers on Mark's left hand.

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FULHAM V SUNDERLAND, BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH 2009, 3PM.



It's back to Barclays Premier League action on Sunday with the visit of Sunderland who have made an impressive start to the season following their change of manager this summer.

Promoted back to the Premier League under the guidance of Roy Keane in 2007, the Irishman's era ended with his resignation in December 2008, at which point coach Ricky Sbragia was appointed as caretaker manager. Sbragia guided the club to a 16th place finish, this in spite of winning just once in their final 13 games.

Subsequently, in June the club persuaded Steve Bruce to leave Wigan and return to his native north east as the new Black Cats boss. The new man immediately set about rebuilding his squad with the most significant signings being that of Tottenham's England striker Darren Bent and Hull City defender Michael Turner. Bruce also raided his old club to secure the signature of former Middlesbrough midfielder Lee Cattermole.

The Black Cats began the season with a 1-0 win at Bolton - their only away success in their first six games on the road,

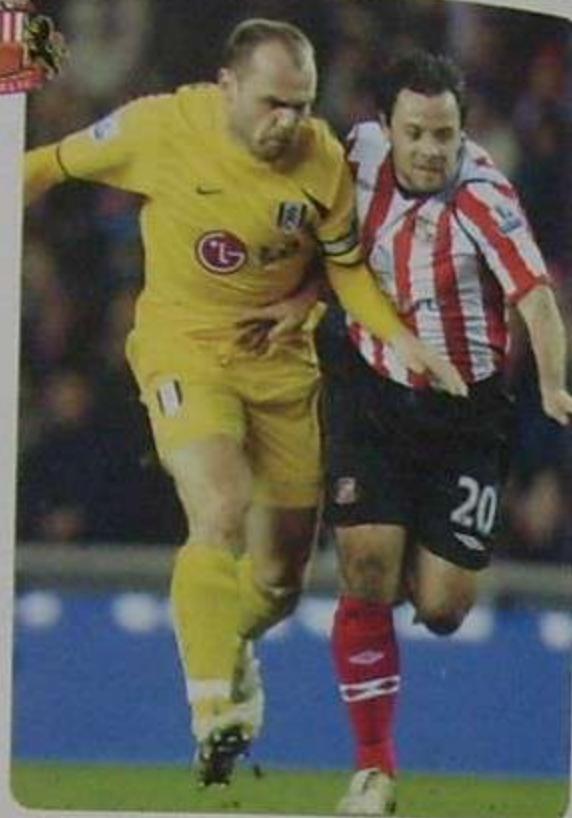
although they can count themselves unlucky not to have won at Old Trafford where Manchester United secured a 2-2 draw courtesy of an Anton Ferdinand own goal in added time.

Luck, however, has also been on their side as a week later Sunderland secured a 1-0 victory over Liverpool, with a Darren Bent goal which deflected off a beach ball thrown onto the field by a Liverpool fan.

Home form has been impressive too, with Chelsea the only side to come away from the Stadium of Light victorious in the first six games, during which Hull and Wolves were hammered 4-1 and 5-2 respectively.

Sunderland left Craven Cottage cursing their luck, or rather our goal posts, last season, having hit the woodwork on four occasions in a goalless draw. On their previous visit, in April 2008, they recorded a 3-1 victory which did much to help their quest for top-flight survival.

Fulham fans will no doubt recall that our first ever Premier League win, back in August 2001, was against the north east side - a 2-0 home victory, courtesy of goals from Barry Hayles and Louis Saha.



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SATURDAY JANUARY 9TH, 3PM



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STAMFORD BRIDGE
MONDAY DECEMBER 28TH, 3PM



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DATE	OPPOSITION	H/A	COMP	SCORE	ATT	STARTING XI
July 2009						
Wed 08	Gold Coast United	A	Friendly	L 2-1	10,336	Schwarzer, Stoor, Pantasil, Smalling, Kallio, Gera, Murphy, Andranik, Seol, Nevland, Zamora
Sat 11	Melbourne Victory	A	Friendly	W 0-3	20,466	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Baird, Hughes, Kallio, Gera, Murphy, Andranik, Seol, A. Johnson, Zamora
Wed 15	Peterborough United	A	Friendly	W 0-5	14,903	Schwarzer, Kelly, Smalling, Hughes, Kallio, Gera, Murphy, Andranik, Seol, A. Johnson, Zamora
Tue 21	Bournemouth	A	Friendly	0-0-0	3,030	Stockdale, Kelly, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Murphy, Etnhu, Seol, A. Johnson, Zamora
Sat 25	Peterborough United	A	Friendly	0-3-3	1,738	Stockdale, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Murphy, Etnhu, Gera, Nevland, Zamora
Thu 30	FK Vetro	A	Europa League Q	W 0-3	5,900	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Baird, Murphy, Etnhu, A. Johnson, Zamora
August 2009						
Thu 06	FK Vetro (TV 4)	H	Europa League Q	W 3-0	15,076	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Etnhu, Murphy, Dempsey, A. Johnson, Zamora
Sat 15	Portsmouth	A	Premier League	W 0-1	17,520	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Etnhu, Murphy, Dempsey, A. Johnson, Zamora
Thu 20	Ankar Perm	H	Europa League Q	W 3-1	13,029	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Etnhu, Murphy, Dempsey, A. Johnson, Zamora
Sun 23	Chelsea (Sky)	H	Premier League	L 0-2	25,404	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Etnhu, Murphy, Dempsey, A. Johnson, Zamora
Thu 27	Ankar Perm	A	Europa League Q	L 1-0	20,000	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Etnhu, Baird, Greening, Duff, Nevland, Zamora
Sun 30	Aston Villa (Sky)	A	Premier League	L 2-0	32,977	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Etnhu, Greening, Duff, Nevland, Zamora
September 2009						
Sun 13	Everton (Sky)	H	Premier League	W 2-1	24,771	Stockdale, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Duff, Etnhu, Murphy, Dempsey, Zamora, A. Johnson
Thu 17	CSKA Sofia	A	Europa League	D 1-1	28,000	Stockdale, Pantasil, Baird, Smalling, Kelly, Davies, Greening, Rise, Gera, Kamara, Nevland
Sun 20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	Premier League	L 2-1	27,670	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Etnhu, Murphy, Duff, Zamora, A. Johnson
Wed 23	Manchester City	A	Carling Cup R3	L 2-1 aet	24,507	Stockdale, Stoor, Baird, Smalling, Kelly, Seol, Greening, Rise, Gera, Zamora, A. Johnson
Sat 26	Arsenal (ESPN)	H	Premier League	L 0-1	25,700	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Duff, Etnhu, Murphy, Dempsey, Zamora, A. Johnson
October 2009						
Thu 01	FC Basel	H	Europa League	W 1-0	16,300	Schwarzer, Kelly, Baird, Smalling, Konchesky, Rise, Greening, Murphy, Dempsey, Zamora, A. Johnson
Sun 04	West Ham United	A	Premier League	D 2-2	32,882	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Dikgacoi, Murphy, Gera, Kamara, A. Johnson
Mon 19	Hull City (ESPN)	H	Premier League	W 2-0	23,943	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Baird, Murphy, Gera, Kamara, Zamora, A. Johnson
Thu 22	AS Roma	H	Europa League	D 1-1	23,561	Schwarzer, Kelly, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Rise, Baird, Greening, Gera, Zamora, Kamara
Sun 25	Manchester City	A	Premier League	D 2-2	44,906	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Kelly, Dempsey, Baird, Greening, Duff, Zamora, A. Johnson
Sat 31	Liverpool	H	Premier League	W 3-1	25,700	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Baird, Greening, Duff, Zamora, A. Johnson
November 2009						
Thu 05	AS Roma	A	Europa League	L 2-1	20,000	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Gera, Etnhu, Greening, Duff, Dempsey, Kamara, A. Johnson
Sun 08	Wigan Athletic	A	Premier League	D 1-1	16,072	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Baird, Greening, Duff, Zamora, Nevland
Sat 21	Birmingham City	A	Premier League	L 1-0	23,699	Schwarzer, Kelly, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Davies, Baird, Greening, Gera, Zamora, Dempsey
Wed 25	Blackburn Rovers	H	Premier League	W 3-0	21,084	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Dempsey, Baird, Greening, Duff, Zamora, Nevland
Sat 28	Bolton Wanderers	H	Premier League	D 1-1	21,554	Schwarzer, Pantasil, Hangeland, Hughes, Konchesky, Seol, Baird, Greening, Duff, Dempsey, Nevland
December 2009						
Thu 03	CSKA Sofia	H	Europa League	0-0pm		
Sun 06	Sunderland	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 12	Burnley	A	Premier League	3pm		
Wed 16	FC Basel	A	Europa League	6pm		
Sat 19	Manchester United	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 26	Tottenham Hotspur	H	Premier League	1pm		
Mon 28	Chelsea	A	Premier League	3pm		
January 2010						
Tue 05	Swedish Team	H	FA Cup 3rd Round			
Tue 05	Stoke City	A	Premier League	7.45pm		
Sat 09	Portsmouth	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 16	Blackburn Rovers	A	Premier League	3pm		
Tue 26	Tottenham Hotspur	A	Premier League	8pm		
Sat 30	Johns Villa	H	Premier League	3pm		
February 2010						
Sat 06	Bolton Wanderers	A	Premier League	3pm		
Tue 09	Barnsley	H	Premier League	8pm		
Sat 20	Birmingham City	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 27	Sunderland	A	Premier League	3pm		
March 2010						
Sat 06	Stoke City	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 13	Manchester United	A	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 20	Manchester City	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 27	Hull City	A	Premier League	3pm		
April 2010						
Fri 02	Wigan Athletic	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sun 11	Liverpool	A	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 17	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sat 24	Everton	A	Premier League	3pm		
May 2010						
Sat 01	West Ham United	H	Premier League	3pm		
Sun 07	Arsenal	A	Premier League	3pm		

Purple - First sub, Green - Second sub, Blue - Third sub, Yellow - Yellow card, Red - Red card

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

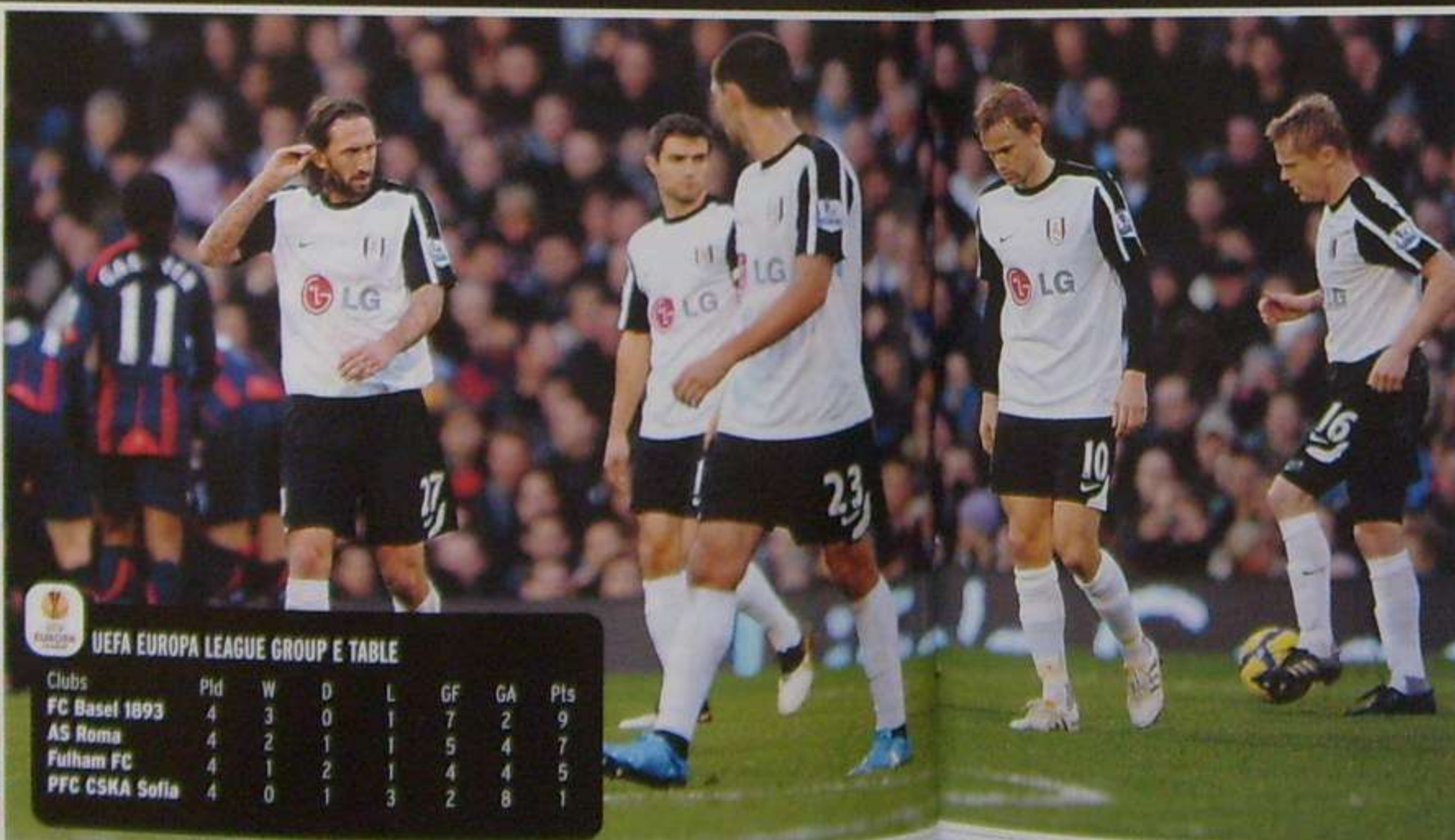
LEAGUE TABLE 2009-10 CORRECT TO 30.11.09

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Top league scorers					
Chelsea	14	7	0	0	20	1	5	0	2	16	7	28	36	Strlella 11
Man Utd	14	6	1	0	16	7	4	0	3	14	6	17	31	Rooney 10
Tottenham	14	5	0	2	20	7	3	2	2	12	12	14	26	Defoe 8
Arsenal	13	5	0	1	20	7	3	1	3	16	11	18	25	Van Persie 7
Liverpool	14	4	2	1	21	8	3	0	4	10	12	11	23	Torres 10
Aston Villa	14	4	2	1	13	6	2	3	2	9	8	8	23	Agbonlahor 7
Man City	13	3	3	0	14	9	2	4	1	10	8	7	22	Adomah 5
Sunderland	14	5	1	1	16	9	1	1	5	5	11	1	20	Bent 9
Stoke	14	4	1	2	9	7	1	4	2	4	3	2	20	Beattie, Etherington, Wilson 2
Fulham	14	4	1	2	11	6	1	3	3	7	10	2	19	Dempsey 5
Birmingham	14	3	2	2	5	4	2	1	4	7	10	2	18	Bowyer 4
Burnley	14	5	1	1	11	6	0	1	6	8	25	-12	17	Fletcher 5
Blackburn	14	4	2	1	11	7	1	0	6	5	21	-12	17	Dunn 5
Wigan	14	3	2	2	7	9	2	0	5	8	22	-16	17	Rodriguez 6
Hull	15	4	2	2	12	13	0	2	5	5	18	-14	16	Geovanni, Hunt 3
Everton	14	2	3	2	9	12	2	0	5	8	13	-8	15	Saha 8
West Ham	14	2	2	3	15	15	1	3	3	9	11	-2	14	Cole 7
Bolton	13	1	2	4	8	15	2	1	3	8	12	-11	12	Cohen, Taylor 3
Wolverhampton	14	1	2	4	5	11	1	2	4	7	16	-15	10	Craddock, Davis 3
Portsmouth	14	1	0	6	8	12	1	1	5	3	11	-12	7	Boateng 3, Dindane 3

FULHAM FOOTBALL CLUB APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS, CORRECT TO 30.11.09

Player	League		Cups		Europa		Total		Fulham Career	
	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G	A	G
Joe Anderson	-	-	0+1	-	-	-	0+1	-	0+1	-
Andranik	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1+1	-
Chris Baird	7+2	-	1	-	5+2	-	13+4	-	36+13	-
Matthew Briggs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0+1	-
Wayne Brown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1+1	-
Simon Davies	1+4	-	1	-	1	-	3+4	-	95+7	10
Clint Dempsey	14	5	-	-	5	1	19	6	86+26	21
Kagisho Dikgacoi	1+1	-	0+1	-	-	-	1+2	-	12+3	3
Damien Duff	11+1	3	-	-	1+2	-	12+3	3	12+3	3
David Elm	-	-	0+1	-	-	-	0+1	-	0+1	-
Dickson Etnhu	5+4	-	-	-	4	1	9+4	1	32+6	2
Zoltan Gera	5+5	1	1	1	7	-	13+5	2	36+19	5
Jonathan Greening	7+3	-	1	-	4	-	12+3	-	12+3	-
Brede Hangeland	14	-	-	-	6	1	20	1	78	2
Aaron Hughes	14	-	-	-	6	-	20	-	95+1	-
Andrew Johnson	5	-	-	-	4	3	9	3	44+1	13
Eddie Johnson	0+2	-	1	-	0+1	-	1+3	-	5+5	-
*Toni Kallio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4+1	-
Diomansy Kamara	5+3	1	-	-	3+1	2	8+4	3	29+27	13
Stephen Kelly	2	-	1	-	4+1	-	7+1	-	7+1	-
Seol Ki-Hyeon	0+2	-	1	-	0+2	1	1+4	1	10+16	2
Paul Konchesky	13	1	-	-	6	-	19	1	97	2
Rob Milsom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0+2	-
Danny Murphy	7	2	-	-	4	2	11	4	83+7	17
Erik Nevland	4+4	2	-	-	2+4	-	6+8	2	14+34	8
John Pantasil	13	-	-	-	6+1	-	19+1	-	59+2	-
Bjorn Helge Riise	0+1	-	1	-	5+2	-	6+3	-	6+3	-
Mark Schwarzer	13	-	-	-	7	-	20	-	64	-
Chris Smalling	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	-	3+1	-
David Stockdale	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	6+2	-
*Fredrik Stoor	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Bobby Zamora	11	3	-	-	5+1	2	16+1	5	52+6	9
Pascal Zuberbuhler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

*Out on loan



UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE GROUP E TABLE

Clubs	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
FC Basel 1893	4	3	0	1	7	2	9
AS Roma	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Fulham FC	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
PFC CSKA Sofia	4	0	1	3	2	8	1

TONIGHT'S OTHER FIXTURES (All Times in GMT)
(The following kicked-off at 6pm)

GROUP J
Toulouse v FK Partizan
Shakhtar Donetsk v Club Brugge

GROUP K
PSV Eindhoven v Sparta Prague
FC Copenhagen v CFR Cluj

GROUP L
FK Austria Vienna v Athletic Club Bilbao
Werder Bremen v CD Nacional

GROUP D
Sporting v SC Heerenveen
FK Ventspils v Hertha Berlin

(The following kick-off at 8.05pm)

GROUP E
AS Roma v FC Basel

GROUP F
Dinamo Bucharest v SK Sturm Graz
Galatasaray v Panathinaikos

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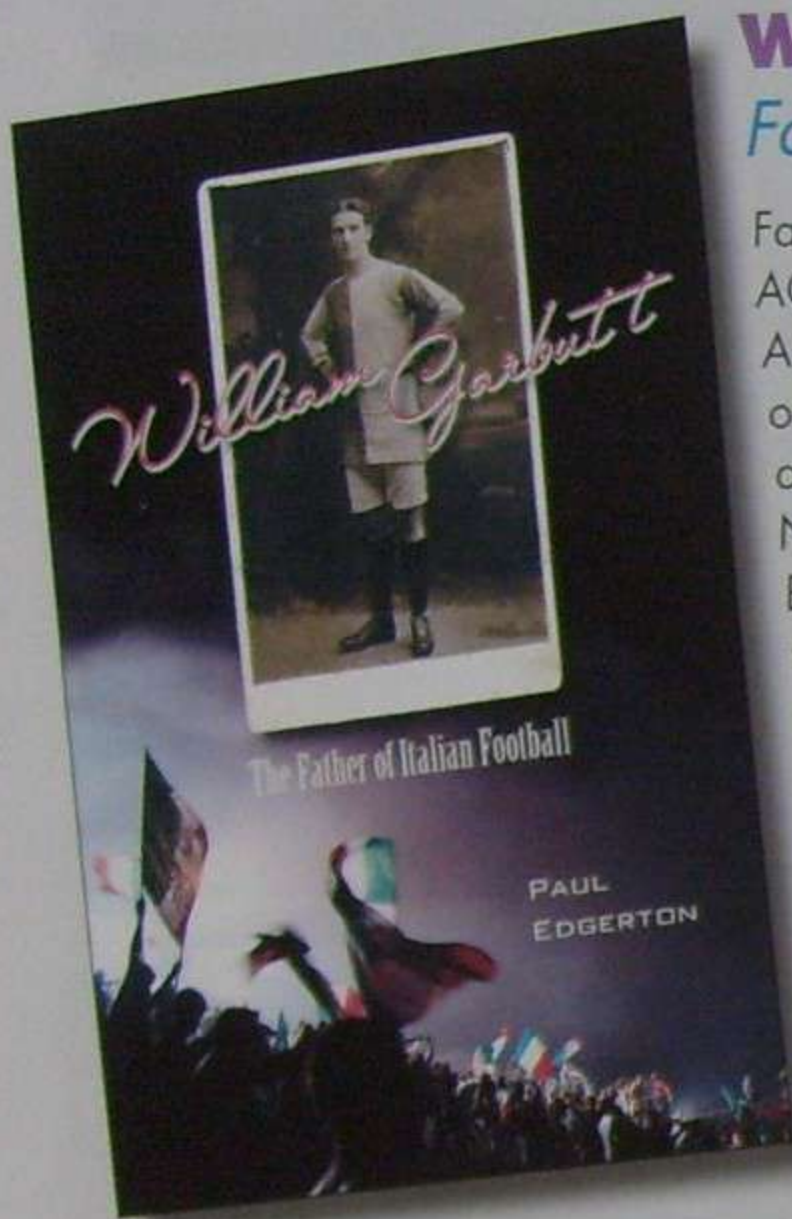
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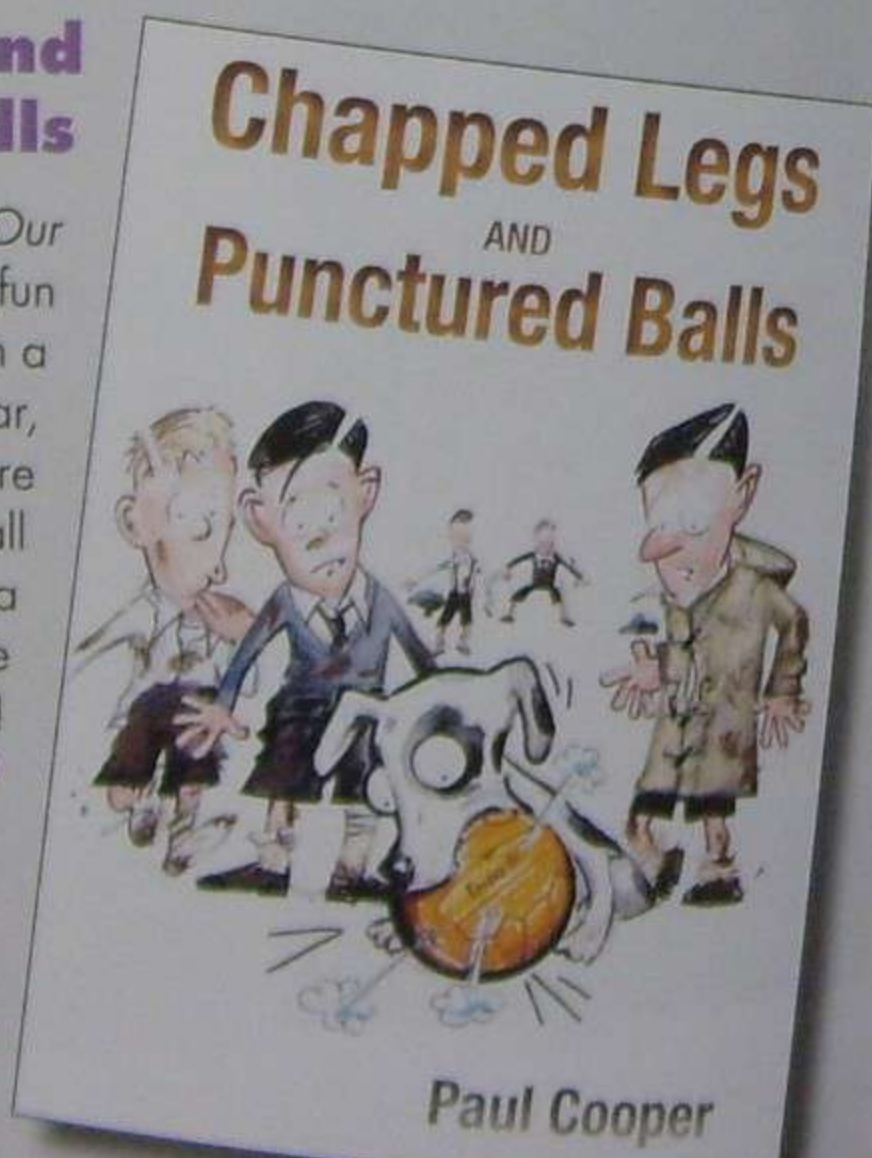
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CSKA SOFIA MANAGER: LUBOSLAV PENEV



MATCH STATS - FULHAM

	On	Off
Sub 1:		
Sub 2:		
Sub 3:		
Yellow		
Red		
Scorers		

- 1 Mark Schwarzer
- 2 Stephen Kelly
- 3 Paul Konchesky
- 4 John Pantsil
- 5 Brede Hangeland
- 6 Chris Baird
- 7 Seol Ki-Hyeon
- 8 Andrew Johnson
- 10 Erik Nevland
- 11 Zoltan Gera
- 12 David Stockdale
- 13 Danny Murphy
- 14 Andranik
- 15 Diomansy Kamara
- 16 Damien Duff
- 17 Bjørn Helge Riise
- 18 Aaron Hughes
- 19 Pascal Zuberbühler
- 20 Dickson Etuhu
- 21 Eddie Johnson
- 22 Fredrik Stoor
- 23 Clint Dempsey
- 25 Bobby Zamora
- 26 Chris Smalling
- 27 Jonathan Greening
- 29 Simon Davies
- 33 Toni Kallio
- 34 Kagisho Dikgacoi
- 35 David Elm

- 1 Zdravko Chavdarov
- 2 Pavel Vidanov
- 3 David Silva
- 4 Kostadin Stoyanov
- 5 Todor Yanchev
- 6 Kiril Kotev
- 7 Vladimir Manchev
- 8 Todor Timonov
- 10 Rui Miguel
- 12 Ivan Karadzhev
- 13 Aleksandar Branekov
- 14 Svetoslav Petrov
- 15 Ivan Ivanov
- 18 Atanas Zehirov
- 19 Apostol Popov
- 20 Nikolay Manchev
- 21 Kosta Yanev
- 22 Michel Platini
- 24 Hugo Baez
- 26 Jonathan Gomez
- 27 Ivaylo Petrov
- 28 Marquinhos
- 29 Blagoy Paskov
- 30 Yordan Todorov
- 32 Viktors Morozs
- 36 Yanko Sandanski
- 52 Yordan Minev
- 73 Ivan Stoyanov
- 77 Spas Delev

MATCH STATS - CSKA SOFIA

	On	Off
Sub 1:		
Sub 2:		
Sub 3:		
Yellow		
Red		
Scorers		

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:
Mr. Pavel Cristian Balaj

Assistant referee:
Mr. Zoltan Szekely

Assistant referee:
Mr. George Adrian Vidan

Fourth official:
Mr. Mugurel Draganescu

Additional assistant referee 1:
Augustus Viorel Constantin

Additional assistant referee 2:
Istvan Kovacs

MATCH RESULT

HT score: _____

FT score: _____

Notes: _____

LUCKY PROGRAMME NUMBER - listen out for the half-time draw to see if you're a winner.

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