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theatres, concerts, festivals or most other sports meetings.
It is great credit to all involved at this fine stadium that this
is so, but the greatest credit must go to the people who
pay their way into this venue week after week.

Tonight we welcome European Football in the form of the UEFA Cup to Turners Cross. This competition gives us a chance to receive people from all over Europe and show these visitors why Cork has been chosen as the European Capital of Culture. This evening we welcome our new friends from Sweden. Djurgardens IF are a huge club from Stockholm, a beautiful city built on islands surrounded by water, a little bit like Cork but on a bigger scale.

The welcome we received in Stockholm was very warm. The hospitality shown to all of us, from players, supporters and officials was very courteous and I have no hesitation in extending our own 'Céad Mile Fáilte' to Djurgardens. I hope your short stay in Cork will live long in your memories, and hope you come back to our shores and visit more of the beautiful places around Munster at your own time.

RTE and Cork City FC have come to an arrangement to allow this game to be broadcast live all over Ireland. This, our third game in a row on live TV, has raised our profile which is no harm. We are now box office material. As long as the players do not want TV appearance bonuses or spend too much time in make up or the hair salon, we should all welcome our new exposure.

This brings me to a matter which occurred outside the ground after the Shelbourne game when the RTE crew did not get the best of send offs back to Dublin. I would just like to remind those people that although the local channel did give us plenty of coverage over the years, they did not make the club any financial donations. RTE do pay us, it's not much, but it helps offset the barstool critics.

As I write, I am hoping to sell this game to Swedish TV. If this comes off then it also allows me to try and sell some advertising spaces around the ground as there are a lot of Swedish companies who would like to be associated with this game. Our market place is getting bigger and we must take full advantage of this.



I heard on radio over the week how a strong GAA supporter came to Turners Cross to watch the Shelbourne game. He was very impressed by the atmosphere and the whole occasion. He thought the stewards were very professional the way they sat looking at the crowd and not the other way around, and how after the game no supporter encroached on to the pitch. He was also complimentary on how the referee and his assistants were excellently escorted from the pitch after each half. I think what he was trying to say was, with massive games played at Croke Park and elsewhere and with the massive resources they have, how come the GAA cannot manage this? Well I cannot speak for the GAA, but only from our point of view. The stewards, who are excellently marshalled by Safety Officer, Robbie Kelleher and Doug White from JD Security, know their job, get on with it as discreetly as possible and they care about what they are doing. I was very pleased to have learned that these grand men and women were asked by the FAI to get involved in the running of security matters for senior international games at Lansdowne Road. Again, more proof of how we are leading the way from Cork. Now let's give the football players what they deserve; a call up to the senior Irish

Without the Shed End tonight we will have to put on a massive effort to recreate the special atmosphere that was here against Shelbourne. It is hugely important for everyone to help the Cork City players every time they need a lift. This is such an important game for every one of us. Please sing, dance, shout, but be positive. Let's give Europe a sight to behold and help the Rebel Army stay on its travels.

Brin Cernox

Brian Lennox

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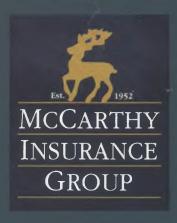
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As I See It

urner's Cross should produce a very special atmosphere tonight. In themselves the European club competitions furnish a most distinctive ambience, which is quite different to the weekly domestic tete-a-tete.

The fact that each country supplies its best players, its most successful teams and invariably its finest stadia, immediately allies club pride to national honour. And the consequence of this tantalising triumvirate means that tonight's game of professional football exudes an added and quite distinctive dimension.

I should also not fail to mention, lest our learned, wise and impressively informed brethren of the pen and microphone take umbrage, the vast media attention now associated with European competition, and indeed its relevance. The noticeable upsurge in media attention after our victory over Ekranes underlines the importance of success in Europe.

And if I throw into the melting pot the rather large amount of finance now generated by victorious progression, it becomes even easier to appreciate the huge importance of the second leg fixtures taking place across the continent of Europe this evening, and especially our own one here on the banks of the river Lee.

However, irrespective of all the attendant accourrements mentioned above, the real and most important business is



conducted on the field of play. Hopefully the splendid pitch here at "The Cross" will provide enough drama and excitement to delight the most demanding customer.

If the first leg in Stockholm is anything to go by there are many heartstopping moments ahead of us over the next couple of hours. Enjoy the game and make sure you play your part to the full.

Davier Richalson

Damien Richardson

Message from the Manager sponsored by



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Mascot Competition WINNER

Our lucky mascot competition winner is Sean Dineen from Peake, Coachford, Co Cork. Sean is nine years old today and attends Aghabullogue National School. He plays for Aghabullogue U10's and his favourite City player is George O'Callaghan while he also rates John O'Flynn and Michael Devine.

Sean's first City match was against Finn Harps in June and he usually comes to games with his Dad, Adrian. Sean's other favourite sports are hurling and Gaelic football.

We hope you really enjoy your big birthday occasion, Sean, and that should bring the team loads of luck!



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Sean Dineen!



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Match Schedule 2005

Colour Guide:

League Cup

Munster Senior Cup

Premier Division

Setanta Cup

Capital of Culture Cup

UEFA Cup matches may cause some changes to schedule.

All home games in **bold** print

Sat 19 Finn Harps (2:0)

Fri 25 Bray Wanderers (1:1)

[Match Sponsor: Great Stuff Caterers] Mon 28 Shelbourne (1:0)

[Match Sponsor: PJ Turners Bar]

Thu 31 Longford Town (1:0)

APRIL
Sun 3 Carrick United (2:1) QF
Fri 8 UCD (0:0)

[Match Sponsor: P] Turners Bar] Mon 11 Portadown (1:1)

Fri 15 Bohemians (2:0)

Fri 22 Drogheda United (0:1)

[Match Sponsor: City Print] Fri 29 Shamrock Rovers (3:1)

Mon 2 Shelbourne (0:1)

Fri 6 St Patrick's Athletic (3-1)

[Match Sponsor: Rochestown Park Hotel]

Sat 4 St.Mary's (1:0) Fri 13 Waterford United (2:2)

Mon 16 Portadown (0:1)

[Match Sponsor: The Horseshoe Inn] Fri 20 Avondale United (2:0) F

Fri 27 Derry City (2:0)

[Match Sponsor: Barry's Tea]

Mon 30 Shelbourne (2:0)

Mon 6 Finn Harps (2:0)

[Match Sponsor: Cashmans Bookmakers]

Fri 10 Galway United Round (0:0) R2

Mon 13 Galway United Round (1:0) R2 rep

Fri 17 Bray Wanderers (2:1)

Mon 20 Kilkenny City R2 (3:0)

Fri 24 Longford Town (0:0)

[Match Sponsor: PJ Turners Bar]

Fri 1 UCD (5:1)

Sun 3 Hibernian (3:3) Won 5:4 pens [Match Sponsor: Irish Examiner]

Tue 5 Longford Town (0:1) QF aet

Fri 8 Bohemians (2:1)

[Match Sponsor: K Concrete]

Thu 14 FK Ekranas Panevezys (2:0) Q1,

1 leg

Sun 17 Drogheda United (1:0)

Fri 22 Shamrock Rovers (3:0)

[Match Sponsor: The Anglers Sports Bar]

Thu 28 FK Ekranas Panevezys, Q1, 2 leg [Match Sponsor: Dingle Skellig Hotel]

Sun 31 St Patrick's Athletic (2:0)

Fri 5 Waterford United (1:1)

[Match Sponsor: Cross Refrigeration Ltd]

Thu 11 Djurgardens 2nd qualifying rd, 1st leg (1:1) Mon 15 Shelbourne (1:0)

[Match Sponsor: Lee Travel]

Fri 19 Derry City (1:3)

Thu 25 Djurgardens 2nd qualifying rd, 2nd leg 1930

[Match Sponsor: Daly Ind. Supply Co.Ltd.] Mon 29 Finn Harps Round 3 1945

SEPTEMBER

Sat 3 Finn Harps 1945

Fri 9 Bray Wanderers 1945

Thu 15 UEFA 1st rd, 1st leg

Sat 17 Longford Town 1930

Thu 29 UEFA 1st rd, 2nd leg Fri 30 September UCD 1945

Fri 7 Bohemians 1945

Fri 14 Drogheda United 1945

Fri 21 Shamrock Rovers 1945

Fri 28 St Patrick's Athletic 1945

Fri 4 Waterford United 1930

Fri 11 Shelbourne 2000

Fri 18 Derry City 1945

DECEMBER

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UEFA QUALIFICATIONS

Champions Cup 1993-94 Cwmbran Town (2:1, 2:3) Galatasaray (0:1, 1:2)

Cup Winners' Cup 1989-90 Torpedo Moscow (0:1, 0:5) 1998-99 CSKA Kyiv (2:1, 0:2)

UEFA Cup 1991-92 Bayern Munich (1:1, 0:2) 1994-95 Slavia Prague (0:4, 0:2) 1999-00

1999-00 IFK Gothenburg (1:0, 0:3) 2000-01

Lausanne-Sports (0:1, 0:1) 2005-06

FK Ekranas Panevezys (2:0, 0:1)
Djurgårdens IF (1:1)

Intertoto Cup
1997-98
Standard Liege (0:0)
Maccabi Petah Tikva (0:0)
1FC Cologne (0:2)
FC Aarau (0:0)
2001-02
FK Liepajas Metalurgs (0:1, 1:2)
2004-05
Malmo FF (3:1, 1:0)

U-21

NEC Nijmegen (1:0, 0:0)

FC Nantes-Atlantique (1:1, 1:3)

U21 League Champions 2002-03, 2003

U21 Cup Winners 2004

FAI Youth Cup Winners 2000

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Fáilte - Welcome

Cork City FC would like to warmly welcome Luc Wilmes and his team of officials who have travelled from Luxembourg, referee observer Manuel Diaz Vega from Spain, UFFA match delegate Robert Walser from Liechtenstein who is making his debut in this role this evening, and Cees De Bruin from the Netherlands who is acting as match delegate mentor. for the game. We extend a traditional Céad Mile Fáilte, the Irish greeting of one hundred thousand welcomes, to our Swedish opponents, Diurgardens IF and thank them for their assistance and hospitality in Stockholm. We hope all DIF players, officials and supporters will enjoy their time in Ireland's Real Capital and that their visit will encourage them to return to Leeside again in the future. We welcome all members of the Rebel Army who have travelled from near and far to support Rico's troops. Finally, we ask everyone to take part in the full spirit of this evening's occasion and wish you all a safe journey home

Stadium Restrictions

Tonight there are a number of restrictions in place throughout the ground to satisfy UEFA regulations. The Shed End section is closed and the two seated areas directly behind the team dugouts are reserved sections for tonight only. Supporters are advised that no standing in any area is permitted and you should therefore use the available seating when watching this match. Supporters are asked to cooperate with stewards, Gardai and Match Officials in this matter.

Extra time, away goals and all of that

Extra time is possible this evening but only if the game finishes level at 1:1 at the end of ninety minutes. A scoreless draw will see City advance to the first round proper on the away goals rule. Similarly, a score draw of 2:2 or higher will see DIF make it through. A win by any margin for either side this evening will ensure them an aggregate victory. A penalty shoot-out will be used to decide the winner if the sides finish at 1:1 tonight after extra time has been played.

U21 International in Cork

There's a very attractive Under-21 international coming up at Turners Cross on Tuesday 6 September when Ireland face France in a European

Championship qualifier. Tickets for this game cost €10 for adults and €5 for children. Former City striker Kevin Doyle is likely to feature for Ireland, while current stars Liam Kearney and Roy O'Donovan also look set to be included in Don Givens's squad. Congratulations to Roy on winning his first cap at this level earlier this month against Northern Ireland in Luroan.

Billy's Op

Everyone at CCFC wishes Billy Woods all the best for a speedy recovery following his recent knee operation. Billy's last run in the first team was in the opening leg of this UEFA Cup tie in Stockholm and he has had an important part to play in the club's fine form this season.

Next Home Game

There's more action here at Turners Cross next Monday evening when Finn Harps come to town for an exciting FAI Cup clash. Please note that kick off for the game reverts to the regular 7.45pm for this one. Incidentally, if the Harps game goes to a replay it will take place the following Saturday, 3 September, at Finn Park. The league meeting between the sides, set for the same evening, will be rescheduled at a later date.

Go hiontach - CCFC ar Sacar Beo!

TG4 are bringing their cameras to Turners Cross for live transmission of the CCFC versus Bray Wanderers Premier Division match on Friday 9 September. The increasingly popular Sacar Beo programme, hosted by Richie O'Hara and with Garry Mac Donncha and Charlie McGeever in the commentary seats, is covering the game as part of a six-match package that begins tomorrow evening with the Dundalk-Drogheda United FAI Cup encounter. It's even possible that City could feature again as Gaeilge in September as the Channel will cover an as yet undecided Premier Division game on 16 September. TG4 have also booked two FAI Cup quarter-final games, so if Rico's lads advance against Harps we might have to reach for the nearest focioir!

Great Start for Bowdy's Boys

City's Youth team has progressed to the second round of the League Cup in the new Cork City and County Youth and U17 Leagues. Paul Bowdren's lads enjoyed comfortable home and away wins against

College Corinthians with James O'Donovan grabbing a brace in the 6:0 first leg win in Bishopstown. James managed to go one better by grabbing a hat trick in the return leg as City ran out 5:2 winners on the night. So an 11:2 aggregate win marks an excellent start to competitive action at this level. The new format and greater number of clubs involved this season should ensure the Youths and also the U17 side will enjoy action on a weekly basis this season.

Half Time Draw

Ticket numbers 0284 and 0254 were drawn for the last game against Shelbourne. No one has stepped forward to claim their prizes so if you can present them to the Programme Hut tonight you'll collect the money on offer. Tonight we have a Djurgardens replica jersey as first prize and €25 for the runner up. Tickets, as always, cost €2 from sellers as you enter the ground.

Sheehan Express for Ballybofey

lan Sheehan is running a bus to Ballybofey next Saturday for the vital Premier Division meeting between City and Finn Harps. The Sheehan Express leaves from St Patrick's Church on Lower Glanmire Road at 10.00am sharp on Saturday morning and return fare is €30. You can contact lan on 087-1373-446 to find out more or to book your seat.

New Rebel Army website!

City fanatic Wayne Mullins is determined to spread the CCFC gospel around the world. Wayne's latest brainchild is a multi-lingual website about the club which will inform non-English speakers around the globe about Cork City FC. He already has it up and running with introductions in Irish, French, German, Spanish and Swedish with plans to introduce Polish, Italian, Finnish, Danish, Thai and Chinese in the near future. Other languages will be added over the coming weeks. Although it is still in its early stages, you can check out Wayne's site at www.rebelarmyworldwide.com

If anyone has a fluency in any other language,

Special welcome to the Skibbereen crew!

details are on the site.

We'd like to say a very special welcome to Adriss and friends who have travelled up from Skibbereen

Wayne would love to hear from you! His contact

to be here this evening. We hope you enjoy your big European night at Turners Cross!

Attendances

The official attendances for the last two league games versus Waterford United and Shelbourne were 3,159 and 5,379 respectively.

O'Connell's Bar: Rebel Army HQ, Stockholm

Cork City FC would like to record its gratitude to everyone at O'Connell's Irish Bar on Stora Nygatan, Gamla Stan in Stockholm. Alan O'Connell and his staff treated us all very well. We had good food, good drink, great hospitality and great craic. If we return to Stockholm, as a club or as individuals, O'Connell's will be top of our list.

tto result

Draw Date: 22-8-05

Venue: The Anglers Sports Lounge

Numbers Drawn:

Jackpot Draw. 12, 15, 19, 25. Bonus Draw. 3, 8, 15, 23.

Results: No Winners

4 x •30 Winners:

lan Sheehan c/o O'Keefes Bar Sam Kennedy c/o The Hawthorn Robert Murphy c/o The Sextant Denis Kiely c/o The Lakelands

Winners of 2 x Free Drinks in The Anglers Karen Harrington

Paul Egan

Brendan Coughlan Denis Hennessy Noel Harrington

Next Jackpot: €2,550

Upcoming Draws: 。 30-8-05 (Tuesday) The Hawthorn Bar

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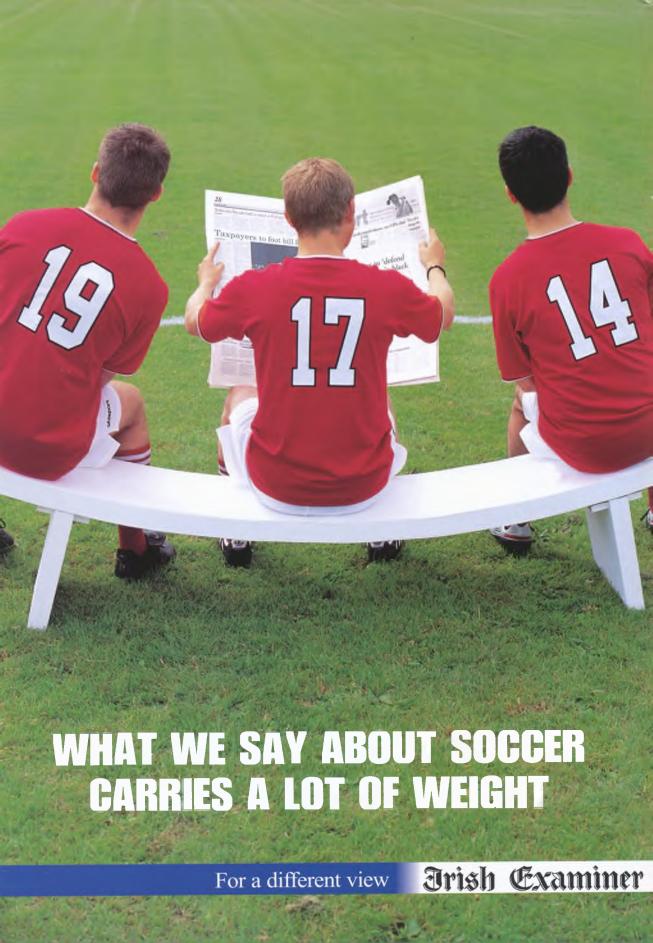
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EASTGATE RETAIL PARK, LITTLE ISLAND, CORK.

t gives me great pleasure to
welcome the Deputy Lord Mayor of
Cork, Councillor Patricia Gosch, to
our prestige UEFA Cup tie against
Djurgardens of Sweden. I hope Councillor
Gosch brings us luck this evening and that
she enjoys this international occasion! I am
also honoured to welcome the Swedish
Consul to Cork, Mr William Sullivan, to
Turners Cross.

Thanks to Lord Mayor Deirdre Clune who kindly took the time to write wishing us all the best for tonight's game. Unfortunately due to prior commitments the Lord Mayor is out of the country and cannot attend this evening. Thanks also to CLLR. Michael Creed, Mayor of the County of Cork, who wrote to pass on his congratulations to the club on our fine display in Sweden.

Well, didn't the players do ever so well in Stockholm and also on their return in the big clash with Shelbourne! They are going from strength to strength under the guidance of manager Damien Richardson. Well done, Rico, for bringing our squad to their true ability!

You might have spotted the photo on the Evening Echo of yours truly presenting Roy O'Donovan with his birthday cake before the away leg against Djurgardens. The whole squad and backroom staff signed the card. I would like to thank the staff at the Hilton Hotel for helping out with the surprise; when I asked them to direct me to a cake shop they went ahead and baked the cake themselves! The Hilton staff looked after Cork City FC in every way possible and I cannot thank them enough. Mind you, the birthday candles were from Cork!

As a club, Shamrock Rovers has come in for a lot of bad press in recent times. However, on behalf of Cork City FC I would like to thank them most sincerely for sending us a Good Luck message on the afternoon of our match in Sweden. I cannot overstate how much we all appreciate getting that message from the Hoops. It was a lovely touch and another example of what makes this league so special and so rewarding to be involved in.

Stockholm itself is beautiful and everyone we met was friendly and helpful to us. It



With Community Liaison Officer Noelle Feeney

was a great experience from beginning to end. In return I am glad to be able to welcome the players, officials and supporters of Djurgardens to the banks of the Lee and our own lovely City, the European Capital of Culture for 2005. I hope you return to Sweden with warm memories of your time in Cork and that you will be back here again in years to come.

Thursday 11 August at the Rasunda was unforgettable. The fans really were like an extra man on the pitch and the singing and chanting brought tears to my eyes. Once again, I missed the two goals! This is because when the game starts I head for the dressing room to prepare the half time drinks and snacks. The lads certainly went through a lot of Jaffas and Lucozade bars on the trip! At least my case was a lot lighter coming home! Still, it was all worth it in the end, even missing the goals. I would like once again to say a heartfelt 'Thank You' to club chairman, Brian Lennox for everything.

We were sad to hear of the passing of Liam Burke who served as a TD for many years and who was also Billy Woods' uncle. We extend our sincere sympathy to the Burke family, and to Billy and his family. Similarly, we offer our deepest sympathy to Michael and Christy Desmond, whose mother passed away recently.

Our mascot this evening is Dylan Murphy who celebrated his eighth birthday last Sunday. I hope you have a great evening on the European stage, Dylan!

I can't let the opportunity pass without congratulating Hoggie on his great goal against Shels; let's just hope we don't have to wait as long for the next one, Neal!

Birthday Greefings

21 August Dylan MURPHY (8)

23 August Jason SMYTH (17)

25 August Marie AHERN (15)

26 August Nathan COLLINS (6)

26 August Ryan MURPHY (17)

27 August Margo RYAN (14)

28 August Rita O'SULLIVAN (12)

31 August Aoife McCARTHY (13)

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Richardson's Tiles Mascot Competition

We are running a final mascot competition for our game against St Patrick's Athletic on 28 October. If you would like the chance to be our lucky mascot on that night, just fill in your name, age, address and home phone number on this form and send it to Noelle Feeney at 148, Pearse Road, Ballyphehane, Cork. If you have any enquiries about what's involved just ring me at 087-2706044. I would like to thank Richardson's Tiles for their very generous sponsorship of our mascot competition.

Name:	
Age:	
Address:	
Harris all and assertion	
Home phone number:	
Parent/guardian:	



HERE WE GO!

THIS EVENING

UEFA Cup – 2nd Qualifying Rd, 2nd legCork City (1) v Djurgardens IF (1)
Turners Cross 1930

TOMORROW

FAI Cup - Third Round
Bohemians v Wayside Cettic
Dalymount Park 1945
Bray Wanderers v Cherry Orchard
Carlisle Grounds 1945
Derry City v Kildare County
Brandywell Stadium 1945

SATURDAY

FAI Cup – Third Round Longford Town v UCD Flancare Park 1930 Sligo Rovers v St Patrick's Athletic The Showarounds 1930

SUNDAY

FAI Cup – Third Round Shamrock Rovers v Douglas Hall Dalymount Park 1500

First Division – Re-fixture Monaghan United Cobb Ramblers Century Homes Park 1500

Next HOME Game FAI Cup – Third Round Monday 29 August KO 7.45pm

Next AWAY Game
Premier Division *
Saturday 3 September
KO 1945
* or possible FAI Cup replay date

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CORK CITY FC: European Results 1989-2005

13.09.89	CWC	1	Torpedo Moscow	USSR	0:5	Torpedo Stadium	
27.09.89		1	Torpedo Moscow		0:1	Turners Cross	
18.09.91	UEFA	1	Bayern Munich	GER	1:1	Musgrave Park	Barry
01.10.91		1	Bayern Munich		0:2	Olympiastadion	
18.08.93	CC	Prelim	Cwmbran Town	WAL	2:3	Cwmbran Stadium	Caulfield, Buckley
01.09.93		Prelim	Cwmbran Town		2:1	Turners Cross	Morley, Glynn
15.09.93		1	Galatasaray	TUR	1:2	Ali Sami Yen Stadium	Barry
29.09.93		1	Galatasaray		0:1	Bishopstown	
09.08.94	UEFA	Prelim	Slavia Prague	CZE	0:2	Eden Stadium	
23.08.94		Prelim	Slavia Prague		0:4	Bishopstown	
28.06.97	UIC	Group	Standard Liege	BEL	0:0	Turners Cross	
05.07.97		Group	Maccabi Petah Tikva	ISR	0:0	Kiriat Eliezer, Haifa	
12.07.97		Group	1FC Cologne	GER	0:2	Turners Cross	
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We're on the road again with the Rebel Army! After Lithuania I thought that that would be it for this year; you have to consider the cost of travelling, being away from home again and so on. But this is the Rebel Army and things have a knack of turning out differently! Having dipped in and out of the Net to check flights I resigned myself to staying at home. But Lady Luck was smiling and it was cheaper to fly from Shannon and stay in a B&B out in the suburbs. This worked out within budget and it was all set for Stockholm. Well, not quite! There was that statement made before going to Lithuania: "Just this one trip, honestly". Yes, I had to do some explaining on how I could afford another venture into Europe and this time I had the added bit of not taking my son, Aaron.

I'm lucky that I have a great family and they saw into my sad eyes and said "go on so". Aaron was most understanding as to why dad got to go again and he didn't. Maybe it had something to do with all the money spent on toys this summer. There was even a bonus for me as upon my returnthe hallway and stairs were freshly painted. Maybe I'll go to the next round if we get there: joking, dear!

Anyway, back to the trip itself. This time round Erika Ní Thuama, Laura Barry, Phil O'Connor and myself represented the Family Enclosure. Ryan Tours joined us in the persons of Jim Ryan and Tony O'Sullivan from Limerick. Our first task was to find Swedish money, which was hard to come by, but we got there in the end. Here's hoping the next draw will be kinder to us and keep us in the euro zone! Finally, we were all set for another epic adventure with City but little did we know how epic it would turn out to be!

Plans were made as to who was driving and where we'd all meet up. Laura was to get a courtesy car while her own was being fixed under guarantee, or so we thought. No, the garage reneged so Erika's mom dropped them down. Laura, we will name and shame the garage if they don't do the right thing! Jim arrived via Hospital (the town) and all was set. There were about thirty or so City faithful on the flight. Off we went at 5pm and landed in Stockholm at nine-ish. No, it wasn't that long as we had a time difference of an hour. By the way, did I say we landed in Stockholm? Well, in fact, it was a town called Nycoping. But Ryanair gets to rename towns and cities! It would be like calling Kerry airport, "North Cork". This airport was 88 miles south of the real Stockholm. We got through passport control easy enough and off out to find the bus. Easy? Well, not for us! You had to pre-pay by

getting a ticket from the hole in the wall, but two of the three were out of order and no change was given unless you pressed for a receipt and went back inside to customer service. Your other choice was to press button B and donate the change to the Red Cross. I had to put eight 50-Kroner notes through and at least half were rejected as shouts that the bus was going came from the others. To cut a long story short Tony went on one bus with no bags, while Phil, Jim and I went on the second bus with all the bags and Erika and Laura took the next bus without bags. It's a wonder we got all the bags there with all the on/off stuff! Finally, we all got to the real Stockholm by 11.20pm.

Next it was off to the subway to get to our hotel out in Kista (ssh-ista and not kiss-ta, Jim, although you did your best with the lingo!). It was the third level down (about five stories) but we got lost several times. In fairness, I have to acknowledge the fact that several locals came to our assistance even without being asked. Maybe it was the tired, nobody-lovesme look on our faces. At last, we got onto the number 11 line and off out to Kista! Somebody forgot to tell us that Kista is a big place and in fact we should have stayed on the metro until Husby, the next stop. Tired and cranky, we got two cabs to the hotel.

Upon arrival the look on the receptionist's face should have told us something was very wrong! We had booked by credit card and Jim had phoned to say we'd be late but still our beds were given away. For the next half hour or so the lady was up and down stairs doing exactly what I'm not sure. Maybe she was asking people to share rooms, as there were some mad Celts at the front door! At this stage Jim pulled his bag to the corner and was prepared to sleep on the floor (after all he is a very well travelled man with the Irish teams). At this I lost the plot and started to rant about being pushed around for 800 years and it was time to stand up and be counted! The blood drained from the receptionist's face as she thought the place was going to be wrecked. I put her mind at ease but insisted on a bed, as I was tired, hot, beginning to smell after travelling in the heat and was so hungry. She had to wake her manager up and finally we were to be put up in another Ibis across town. A taxi was called but he would only take six people but no bags so off he fled. I then had a cut off the taxi company and a larger one arrived and off we went across town. Next morning or I should say later that day as we only got to bed at 2.30am and had to return to Kista by 11am it was back to the original hotel. Sophie the manageress was there to greet us. I was sent in to sort things out. The bargaining began. They offered to pay for the first taxi and breakfast; I insisted that they pay for the beds as well and the return taxi. I had to bring the driver in



and tell him that this nice lady was going to pay him as we were not and finally we won out.

Finally we were installed in our rooms and, much later than planned, it was off to see Stockholm. We took the bus and boat tour and the city is really a beautiful place, built on fourteen islands, with a lot of history. It's well worth a visit some time. The city has 65 museums, beautiful cobbled streets, rivers and lakes and much more.

Later that evening the word went out that the Rebel Army was gathering in O'Connell's Irish bar in Gamla Stan, in the old city. The place was small but very friendly and there must have been 150 of us there. The co-owner Alan O'Connell greeted each of us on arrival and the first round was on him. We duly repaid his hospitality by donating a city scarf and pennant. Singing and being chatted up were the order of the night. I inherited Phil as my wife and Laura as my daughter and Erika as my niece, Jim became affectionately known as Granddad while Tony was our Uncle. Safety in numbers! The highlight of the evening was when Rico put in an appearance to thank the fans for coming. The last metro was 12.50 am so it was an early night for those of us out in the country.

On the way home Jim told us that he and Tony had visited the Rasunda Stadium, met some groundsmen and were given the royal tour. They also were given Swedish shirts, did they say they had friends with them!!? No! Thanks, Jim!

Next day was match day so it into town early; well; after the rain had stopped. We walked the old town and got some presents and souvenirs. We went to O'Connell's for lunch. Food, not drink! The Irish stew came in a huge bap but was most tasty and filled the gap nicely. We went back to the hotel to change into our battle gear and, equipped with flags, scarves and a drum, we were a sight to behold heading for the metro. When we arrived just three stops later we were met by a Dub wearing a Djurgardens shirt. He was most helpful (for a Dub) and told us where to go and what to avoid and so on. He is living there for nine years and married to a local girl. We forgave him not supporting the Irish this night!

The Rasunda Stadium is a 35,000-seater where Sweden play many of their home internationals including the game against England last time round. As seems to be the case in all European games we were directed to the corner although they did allow us to go to the upper level to hang the banners. Our bottles of water were taken from us. No bottles allowed, even without their tops! Funny thing is no plastic bottles allowed but the guys with the big banners were allowed to bring in a scissors!

In all there were nearly 300 supporting City and once again

we out-shouted the 4,500 locals. Yes that's all that came to see the mighty City as the official attendance was given as 4,874. The match started and the rest is history, epic history. Fenn's goal put us in heaven and Kearney should have made it two but it was not to be and in the end they pulled one back. After the game we were warned to stay together as Djurgardens have a nasty element with them. Well done to Robbie for keeping us all informed. We were held back for half an hour or so till the police cleared the home fans. It's a pity as we didn't get to meet and swap scarves and all of that but still it's better be safe than sorry.

After the game we went home for something to eat rather than hit town. We were told of a nice restaurant in Kista so off we went. There we met our friendly Dub who again was most kind to us. In fact the restaurant is also his local watering hole. To show how small a world can be we offered to return the favour if he or his friends ever come to Cork. He gave Phil O'Connor his number and it turns out his name is also Phil O'Connor. Strange, but true!

Next day was a rest day and we took it easy. We visited the Viking museum with its gold room and found priceless objects "borrowed" from Ireland. We must have walked ten miles along the banks and back into the city. It is a truly beautiful place and these few words will not do it justice! Next day we were off to the airport and I thought I had lost my phone but it was in the bottom of my bag and recovered when I got home. At T-central the bus was full so we thought we would have to wait half an hour for the next but word must have gotten out about these mad Irish and we were given a 55seater bus to ourselves in order to get us out of Stockholm. The rest of the journey went to plan and I arrived safely back in Blackrock just after 10 pm. There was a mighty reception waiting for me so all was forgiven for being away once again. Aaron did ask if City won would I be going again. At that point I gave him his presents and the subject was quickly changed!

It was a great experience again being part of the Rebel Army in Europe. Following City has taken me from Wales to Sweden, France and back to Sweden again. Join City and see Europe! This is a great club, we are the best fans and everyone can be proud! Till the next trip!

PS: Thanks for saying good-bye, Jim! Good-bye, Jim!

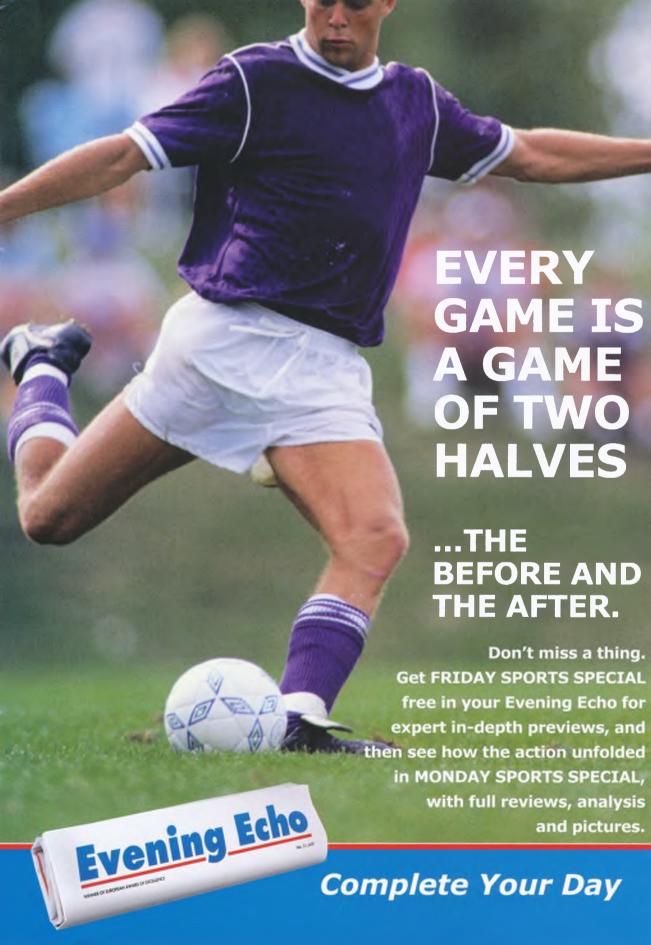
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It is half past ten in the morning and Julius Caesar is running towards me as I head back down Drottninggatan towards Stockholm's Old Town – the Gamla Stan - and onwards to the team's hotel where I am also based. This is the day we will meet Djurgardens IF, and even though I had a few scoops the previous evening in O'Connell's on our final night in this beautiful city, I am aware that it is not really the former Roman emperor cutting a swathe through the amused tourist-packed shopping district. It's just an ould fellah with a laurel wreath on his balding head and a red cape billowing behind him as he continues a lifetime's dedication to his personal fitness regime. In a moment he's gone, jogging past the knots of digital camera-laden Japanese and obese Americans and this solitary Rebel Army representative, just as smoothly as the last three days have also sped past.

We landed in the country that ranks first on the world's banana consumption per capita list and second on the coffee equivalent late Tuesday morning and, although the hours have flown by, we have seen and done much since we got here.

Even before we left home, though, the travelling media boys had the bonus of an unexpected story to file: Steve Le Taxi, the man who brought spousal desertion to new heights - literally. Dropping off Terry Barrett and Duncan Lennox at the airport, Steve Spitere decided to while away twenty minutes having a cuppa with them before returning to a day chasing fares. The two lads were egging him on, saying that he should go, that it would be a great trip and Steve just suddenly jumped at it. A quick call to the wife to pack a bag, a dash home for the passport and Leeside's soon-to-be-best-known cabbie was boarding for Stockholm, just minutes before take off. Hopefully, he didn't leave his meter running. My bet is that Mrs Spitere bought loads of shoes when he got back from Sweden...

But that was back in Cork, before the Spanish crew of Futura Airlines nearly starved us to death with a dry bread roll and a piece of cheese for sustenance in the near three-hour flight. When you have to buy the tea and coffee, it's never a good sign. But to be fair, that was the only downer on the whole trip and the flight itself was perfect. Of course the team and the staffers were ok for grub: Mrs Cork City was busy filling them up with fruit and Lucozade Bars and Jaffa Cakes from her bottomless magical bag, while the foot soldiers remained on strict Futura rations. And we couldn't complain about it either, as Mrs Cork City had taken a real shine to the steward and we might have blown her chances.

Now, though, with Julius the Jogger lost in the throng, I'm hotel-bound for a shower and to try and fit everything into my burst

travel bag before our enforced checkout at noon. It's not easy swanking it at a Hilton Hotel with a burst shoulder bag, let me tell you, but I think I've pulled it off ok.

It was an early start for me, setting off to find the shop that sold Djurgardens IF souvenirs. Janne, the bus driver to the training session the previous evening, had said there was one at Sergels Torg, which of course meant nothing to me at the time but a guick sconce at the tourist map in my room showed it wasn't that far away, maybe fifteen or twenty minutes. So off I went, bright and early, along the next street up from O'Connell's where I had done most of my shopping the previous day, to find the supporters' store. The streets are amazing in the Old Town, lined with tiny shops that fill up if more than three people go in together: you could shoot a medieval movie here without changing very much except modern signage and clothes. Then it's on over a bridge onto the small island that houses the impressive parliament buildings, passing through an elaborate arch to get there and through another at the far end to get out. All the while I am gob smacked by the architecture and the superb vistas of Stockholm; although I'm no student of the art there can be little doubt that Swedish architects and stonemasons must have been top of their respective premier leagues for a couple of hundred years. The imposing Royal Palace is another standout and you can pick and choose favourite buildings and streetscapes all around, if you have the time. But I am a man on a mission to get a DIF shirt for Peter, my son who is taller than me now. He proudly drove Noelle and me to the airport on Tuesday in his first car, which he bought with cash one year after starting work and saving like a demon. I'll have to oblige after that but more especially for hauling him

Anyway, Sergel's Torg, when I find it, is like a jealous modernist's revenge on his gifted forebears: it's a gaping scar in a beautiful

out of bed an hour after

dawn had cracked. He does

like his sleep, does Peter, and

there's a price to pay for disturbing it.





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landscape. Featureless save for a gigantic fountain - ugly and on different levels, it carefully conceals the supporters' store I seek. I can't find it anywhere but end up in a sports shop called 'Stadium' and get a DIF shirt there. Enquiring about the supporters shop, Lucia tells me it's called Darboo and is on a different level. turn right and up the stairs. Well, several flights of stairs and several right turns fail to yield any sign of Darboo. Eventually, a newsagent helps me out - it's up a stairs all right, but out of the underground centre and down a small street. 'Darboo' turns out to be 'Derby' - it's a pronunciation thing - a

clever name as the store houses souvenirs and shirts for Stockholm's three great rival clubs, Hammarby, AIK and DIF. It's very civilized that three clubs can share a city centre outlet, especially hardcore elements

attached to the clubs. There's plenty of Hammarby stuff available. The club is Stockholm's least successful and most popular but, sadly, they don't stock DIF pennants or the particular badges I'm after, so I settle for a half dozen alternative

> The first day, after checking in at the Slussen, we drifted out in dribs and drabs to get our bearings and a first taste of Sweden's capital. I ended up with Evening Echo

Eddie O'Hare and those bitter local radio rivals Billy Barry of 96FM and Ruairi O'Hagan of Red FM. The pair spent the three days seeing which one of them could get the most reports sent back to Cork and doing little else; no drinking for them, no sightseeing. It was an impressive dedication to duty; I can vouch for that, and a lesson for budding broadcasters everywhere. Anyway, we ended up in the Café Nova, a pokey wee place, but the grub was good and reasonably priced and you can drink all the coffee you want for free, as I discovered next day. Olan Kelleher and his son, Alex – a Kevin Doyle look-alike, as everyone continually opined – also wandered in to kill the pangs of hunger from the flight out and the coach journey to the hotel. Billy pointed out a shop across the square where he had changed his money earlier and the same place accepted my leftover Lithuanian notes the following morning. That made my trip immediately: there wasn't a bank back home that would touch it.

After the Café Nova we soon stumbled upon our designated headquarters for the three days – O'Connell's Irish Bar on Stora Nygatan. O'Connell's is cramped and narrow, decked out in GAA posters, 1916 memorabilia and Celtic FC pictures, while the Wolfe Tones constantly blare out over the speakers and a digital clock is on countdown to St Patrick's Day. That might sound a bit kitschy for some but Corkonian Alan O'Connell and his crew made us all at home from the moment we darkened his door - there was nothing they wouldn't do for the City fans – and the food was superb. If you ever end up in this town and want a decent bite to eat without making a serious hole in your wallet, my recommendation is O'Connell's.

There's a routine now on the away jaunts for the team. The first evening sees a light training session. Damien kindly allows me on board for this and I'm there with the squad and the media boys and some others like Joe and Robbie and Declan from Lee Travel. Joe and I have been joking that the hotel is the worst Hilton we have ever stayed in, but we don't pass that on to Declan. For location, comfort, food, facilities, friendliness of the staff and much more besides, Declan has made another fine choice for the club.

Training takes place near the Seamen's Club. It's quaint in its way, like a cross between the Farm and the Mardyke Cricket Grounds. Usually, it's unremarkable, the first session, but the one thing you can't fail to notice about this one is the buzz among the players: they are really in good spirits, there's great banter between them. Greg sets the tone with his long, blonde wig and it just takes off from there. The Doc later wears it for a while. But beneath the laughter, there is a serious side too as Hilly puts them through their paces while Eileen O'Keeffe, smiling as ever, is tending to Mark McNulty's light strain. Tom Enright is working on Derek Coughlan's

or so are kept for a very keenly contested nine-a-side, especially when it reaches the last goal wins stage. Rico looks relaxed throughout, as does Dave Hill. The feeling around the squad reflects this also; relaxed, but clearly focused.

Eddie's been taking shots to feed the Echo's demand for fresh pictures while Noel Spillane, Billy, Ruairi and the Examiner's Simon Lewis are all busy chasing quotes and news for their deadlines. The most interesting thing, though, is that RTE's Pat McAuliffe is accompanied on this trip by cameraman Olan O'Brien, who, it transpires, is Colin T's dad. Neither Pat nor Olan are guite sure what will be done with their footage back home and their big worry is whether the station will pay for a satellite link to send the material to Dublin for inclusion in the sports news bulletins. I've been watching Olan from a bench near the halfway line. He's been

filming from countless angles, including lying down; there's nothing he won't try and you can tell even from a distance that he loves his job, that he's a true pro behind the lens. Anyway, I carry his heavy tripod back to the coach for him as he is encumbered with enough equipment and McAuliffe has skived off somewhere and abandoned him. We end up side by side on the return to the hotel and he's great company, very interesting to talk to.

Back at base, the night's plans are put in place. Eddie and Billy, who are roomies, a few others and I agree to meet in the lobby around eight-thirty, go somewhere for a meal and then head for O'Connell's. I take the opportunity to stretch out for thirty minutes as I only had two hours sleep the night before while putting stuff together for our last programme. It's the following morning when I wake up! I've missed the whole night in O'Connell's!

So I went off early by myself, cashing in my Lithuanian fortune, buying souvenirs and savouring the delights of the Gamla Stan, which, although very touristy, is a different world entirely to Cork. It's clean, for starters, and surprisingly friendly for a capital city. You feel safe; it seems very civilized. I don't see a cop till match night at the stadium. It's hard to reconcile the scare stories we've heard about DIF's hooligan element with such an efficient yet still friendly society. But, hey, what do I really know about life in Sweden?

While I'm away downtown the squad is again being put through its paces with a morning session. Jerry Harris will be carting water to and from the hotel and the coach and the training ground; Noelle will be looking after the snacks and drinks and doing essential mammying; Don Jones and Duncan Lennox will be retrieving a thousand wayward footballs, making themselves generally useful and shunting gear about as well. All the staffers will be on duty and doing their business quietly and efficiently.

Back at the hotel in the early afternoon, the foyer is filling up with faces in from the Dublin flight. Andy Needham and Michael Hayes are there from Merrion Square, Stephen Finn is there from the Irish Sun. It's good to have a few words with them all as we usually just exchange e-mails, with me on the begging end requesting information about this, that or the other. Damien, meanwhile, has left the lads off for a couple of hours — it's a mark of his trust in them, and it's not abused. Ruairi comes in with a horror story about John O'Flynn's shocking fashion sense; he seems totally oblivious to the attack on the senses that his own pants are responsible for. But the big news around the foyer is of Ollie Byrne's alleged assault on a cameraman after the Shelbourne-Drogheda game. Even over here, there's just no getting away from Ollie.

For now, however, John Crowley, Terry Barrett, Joe McCarthy, Robbie Kelleher, Brian Lennox, Mickey Harris and I decide to take a harbour cruise to pass the afternoon. Unfortunately, as we cross the Skeppsbron Bridge with its cool bicycle counter, it begins to rain and our enthusiasm for a sodden boat tour quickly vanishes and we end up, as chance would have it, in O'Connell's. The narrow nature of O'Connell's stretches out the group and I end up talking with Brian and Robbie. Brian is always interesting. We have a chat about the protocol involved in European ties, the things you have to do as a host club. DIF are less overwhelming that Ekranas had been in the previous round and Brian is enjoying this trip more as a result. He has more freedom and he can do his own thing and be with his own people. He happily talks about what City do when foreign clubs come to Cork; about the difference in attitudes that other clubs have towards CCFC. He gives his views on the building of the New Shed End and what should be done to mark the last Old Shed

occasion. He has a very interesting idea for that and I, for one, would love to see him pull it off. I sometimes find my views differing from Brian's but he has a way of looking at things that always give a worthwhile alternative perspective. I just don't have a businessman's eye, I guess. Robbie's there too. Robbie takes a fair slagging all the time about security, about how he is Brian's minder, about his refresher training course in Lithuania, but Robbie is on the ball. From the outset, he's been determined to be mentioned in the programme, wondering aloud if how I delayed everyone after we landed by getting on the wrong bus would be reported or not; 'writing' various episodes and incidents in mock 'Gerry Desmond' style.

But here, with Brian, Robbie shows his own professional approach to match day security. We're talking about the possible number of Djurgardens supporters for the return leg – the word at this stage is five hundred plus – and where it would be best to house them. Robbie quotes the precise seating capacity of any block at the Cross that you care to mention and reels off all the pros and cons of each one. The next morning he will attend the match delegate's meeting and that evening, when the game is on, he will liaise with the stadium security staff and ensure every member of the Rebel Army gets in and out of the Rasunda safely. Nobody ever thanks him for his efforts and he doesn't complain about that; he just gets on and does it.

The evening training session this night before the game is keenly looked forward to as it will be everyone's first view of the match venue, Sweden's national stadium. It's not DIF's home ground – the club normally plays at the quaint old Olympic Stadium, known simply as Stadion or *Klocktornet*, a venue that retains much of its old-worldly charm of clock towers and wooden seating. In UEFA's view, however, it doesn't pass muster.

The Rasunda is like a 1970s English football ground: the stands are high yet close in to the pitch and there's no bloody athletics track. Andy Needham hands me a teamsheet from the previous weekend's game between AIK and IFK Norrkopping that he's found in the press box as I am, apparently, a sad old anorak. AIK, Stockholm's most successful club, now ply their trade in the Superettan, the division below the Allsvenskan. With over half of the campaign gone, however, they are four points clear and on course for a swift return to the top flight. Little do I suspect at the time that Andy's little gift, a single sheet, black-and-white fold-over, would be 100% better than the no-issue that was in store for us twenty-four hours later.

There's a nice little cameo about to unfold this evening. Pat McAuliffe likes to get togged off at these training spins so he can modestly tell the world that he played and scored at Bayern Munich, Slavia Prague, Gothenburg, Malmo and so on. The Rasunda is too tempting for Pat to let the chance go by. While he's inside getting changed, Noelle organises a guard of honour for him by the tunnel and we're all lined up waiting for the Great One. The stadium officials are bemused, wondering what the fuss can be about. Out runs Pat, like a star signing, and we applaud and cheer loudly. McAuliffe takes it all in his stride, hands over his head clapping like a Beckham or a Ronaldo and straight out into the middle of the pitch he goes where he claps and waves to each empty stand in turn and laps up an imaginary ovation. He's a gas man, is Pat. Damien and Hilly, meanwhile, are working the lads away all the time in the background.

Some City fans trickle in from the far end of the stadium, James, Paul and Éanna among them plus another who eventually

approaches me and introduces himself. It's Walter Beare. Walter is a mad City fan and my dealings with him have all been electronic up to this point. We've never met before, never spoken; yet he has penned the occasional exceptional article for the programme. It's cool to meet him here, for the first time, on the touchline under the Rasunda floodlights. The pitch itself looks beautiful but the word from the players and management later is that it is very big.

One of the stadium workers comes up to me at Noelle's prompting. This is Lennart, one of six full time stadium employees. Lennart invites me to see their locker room in the bowels of the main stand, where they have a whole wall dedicated to Celtic; it's a shrine, basically. All six are Celtic nuts, it seems, and two are supporters' club members. They also have a tricolour and an FAI pennant on display. Their Celtic connection goes back to the Henrik Larrson and Johan Mjallby era. Lennart's colleague is also there. He is Anders Limpar's older brother and Lennart gives him a slagging about how the younger brother ended up with all the talent. Out in the corridor there are impressive collections of club and national pennants on the walls mounted in large display cases. Most interesting, however, is the case with the Swedish Team of the Century. There are Glenn Hysen and Thomas Ravelli and others from the modern era as well as Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Nordhal and Nils Liedholm - the famous 'Grenoli' midfield trio of AC Milan in the 1950s. It's an impressive eleven but, notably, Henrik Larrson, did not make the cut. It's great to get a look behind the scenes like this, a privilege, and I am grateful to Lennart for it. We also see the dressing rooms, where Jerry Harris is laying out the kit for the following morning's referee's inspection. The whole place is light years ahead of anything we have got but, apparently, they'll be building a new stadium here in 2007.

Afterwards we're in O'Connell's for a feed – Mickey Harris lands a jacket potato - and then a good session. Gearoid shows up – the last time I saw him was at the airport when I got hauled off the wrong bus. Mick Collins of the Michael Collins Agency, Malmo, is there. Mick won't sit down in case he falls asleep. Walter appears and we all have a right good natter down in the basement where it's not as steaming hot as up in the main bar. It's jammers up there; you can only imagine what this place was like before the smoking ban was introduced a couple of months earlier. Eddie and Billy have finished their grub and Eddie has disappeared somewhere. The Eddie and Billy show is very amusing, unknown to themselves. Eddie is very funny but frets about everything; Billy is even funnier and frets about absolutely nothing.

Later, Damien and Hilly drift in with Jerry Harris and the Doc. They have their few pints and they mix with the fans. It's one of the great pleasures of following Cork City FC, in my opinion. You can have a pint and a chat with the club chairman, manager, doctor or anyone; there are no airs and graces about any of them. All parts of the club interact smoothly; they are all approachable, all down to earth. I believe the European trips of the past couple of years have moulded the club, forged its spirit, given it some essential glue.

Hilly's over there giving Eanna a ferocious winding up. Eanna is trying to convince Dave that City won him his league medal with Bohs by beating Shels on the last day a few seasons back. Dave is the biggest wind-up merchant you'll ever come across, but this banter and

counter is a carry over from the previous night.

John Crowley, Joe Mac, Duncan and Steve Le Taxi descend from the main bar. Terry's probably there too – I've lost track of the faces at this stage. All the Lennox women are here: wives, sisters, and nieces. Tara introduces me to Eileen, her aunt from Carlow. I'm not sure that I make much sense to her. Duncan decides to sing Save Your Love. He fails to clear the premises. Brian, however, is absent, as are Joe Hurley and Declan O'Connell. They are at an official dinner with the host club, the referee and UEFA delegate. The venue is the Gondolen restaurant, an elevated eatery high over the harbour. A travelling wag has renamed it the Gone Dolan.

Ruairi and I decide to head back for the hotel bar but we're caught in a colossal anti-Dub chorus upstairs. One of the bar staff is a Dub and he is being slaughtered by the Rebel Army battalion. He's taking it well, though, laughing it off as best he can and standing on a table like it's all great gas. As it intensifies relentlessly he starts to buckle and dives behind the bar for shelter and chucks on a CD at full volume in a counter offensive. It doesn't help. He keeps on smiling, though, and that's impressive you have to say.

And so we're down to the last day: hanging around the lobby after checking out. Peggy the Viking at reception is looking after our baggage, so a clutch of us take a final stroll through the Old Town. Pat and Olan are there, Ruairi and Walter, Eddie and Billy, Don and myself. Some are chasing last minute presents, some just killing time. Don and I head back around three-ish for a Hilton Burger, which Don says is the business. We meet Damien, Sonya and Kevin near the hotel. They've been staying out in Morty's house and I haven't seen them since the flight out.

The anticipation is gradually building; the serious business is around the corner, just a couple of hours away now. A Good Luck message arrives from Shamrock Rovers, faxed to the hotel. The gesture is hugely appreciated by the City party.

There's a bar by the corner of the Rasunda with a huge number of City fans outside it. Finbarr O'Shea is there, Teddy and Eileen Bennett, loads of other familiar faces. There are some DIF supporters there too and it's all friendly enough. A Dubliner living in Stockholm is the latest to warn us about DIF's dangerous element, telling anyone who will listen to avoid the Irish pubs afterwards if the home side doesn't get a good result. Right on cue, across the street, the



fifteen local tough guys. They get a serious amount of body searching while spread-eagled against the stadium wall. Two Swedish girls in our midst say that those lads are basically only trainee hardcore members. It makes you wonder about those that are fully qualified.

Don and I have done a full lap of the stadium's perimeter. Don's been looking for a DIF baseball cap for his collection and he gets one in the stall at the home end of the ground. There are no programmes, I am told, due to a 'technical problem.' This is almost a relief in one way as I had to get forty, but it's a huge disappointment all the same that there is none. Neither are there tickets issued to us at the turnstiles – it's just straight cash, and then in you go.

Inside, we are confined to the corner behind the goal, to the left of the main stand. The Leeside support slowly gathers itself and its numbers are bolstered by several Stockholm-based Irish and one guy with a Mayo GAA shirt. The Djurgardens fans at the far end have a massive banner hanging from the upper tier, but there are about a dozen City banners on the tier over our heads; it's an impressive sight.

I'm sitting there before the game starts, listening to the *Dee-ee-ef* song (better than Malmo's!) gazing out at the arena where once nearly 52,000 packed in to see a seventeen-year-old Brazilian strike a couple of wonder goals in a World Cup final. I wasn't on the planet at the time, but it's an amazing thought nevertheless: this is where the legend of Pele was born. I'm thinking also of Morty and Noel, Corkonians both and Stockholm residents, who have followed the club all over Europe. There's a sad irony that the pair of them have missed this evening's game in the town where they now live due to family holidays. There's a tale doing the rounds of a lad who spent twenty-seven hours on a train from Budapest to get here.

The singing starts and soon the teams emerge. The stand-up-sit-down-turn-around-jump-up routine begins. The European Dance makes its Stockholm debut. There are less than three hundred of us here, but the noise level is stunning.

City start well, look composed on the ball, survive a couple of uncomfortable moments and then claim the lead with an early Fenn goal that Pele would have been more than happy to put his name to. Djurgardens are stunned. The lads more than hold their own in that opening period. It's an entertaining affair, with chances at both ends. The clearest of these fall to City when O'Flynn and Kearney might both have stretched the lead only for brave blocks by the home defence. Half time rolls around and there are shades of Malmo '04 about the game.

DIF make the changes necessary to get a grip in midfield and dominate the second half. For my money, City's back four has never played better as a unit than on this heroic night at the Rasunda. Joe is outstanding in midfield; Greg plucks out a career high performance. Fenn should be playing European football every week; this is his stage. Mick Devine produces a string of saves the likes of which I have never seen from a League of Ireland goalkeeper.

Our keeper Mick Devine He's so fine, he clears our lines! Hey, Mickey! Hey, Mickey

The chant, punctuated by increasingly frequent shouts of *Super keeper, Super keeper!* confirm not only that City's netminder is having

the game of his life but that DIF are pushing us back and looking more and more like scoring. And then they do but – no, they don't – Mick has somehow kept it out again! It's going to be our night; we're convinced of it after that!

But he's finally beaten with ten minutes on the clock and, in the end, it's a poor goal to concede after the efforts that were thwarted. A low ball across is met by Amoah and his shot skids under Mick's dive, hits off Cockney's wrong leg



and stutters across

the line with not even enough fizz in it to hit the back of the net. DIF fans at the far end try to goad us with a couple of cheap *Shelbourne!* Chants, but they have been well beaten in the singing stakes by the Rebel Army. Mick has one final duty to perform, deep into injury time: the best save I have ever seen him make. There's a wicked deflection off Alan Bennett's shin and the ball is in the net, except that Mick miraculously leaps low across his line and scoops it clear. After such a brave performance by Rico's troops, Mick has prevented a particularly cruel defeat.

We're delayed for half an hour or so afterwards while the local hooligans are dispersed and there's plenty of chatting and analysing being done. Then, we're straight to our coaches and off to the airport though some will enjoy a good night in O'Connell's and another day in Stockholm.

There's nothing else to say: the lads on the pitch said it all. The lads and lassies behind the goal sang their hearts out and did Leeside proud yet again. The locals were impressed.

I could mention how Terry Barrett was forced to walk through Arlanda Airport on arrival wearing Louise Lennox's shoes, or his frantic search for his passport on departure, but that would only be an uncalled for embarrassment for likeable Terry. So I won't do it. Neither will I mention the culprits. Now, that's fair.

Fischer Air from the Czech Republic looked after us on the way home: they fed us well.

Back in Cork at 2.30am, I am surprised to see my favourite daughter Ellen waiting at the arrivals gate. Her friend Aoife is there too, and Big Al. There's my current wife, Theresa lurking in the background, wearing new shoes. And there's Fin to drive us home. Nora says Fin just shows up now so he'll see his name in the programme. She's probably right. Ellen and Al hunt down some more autographs and Al finally gets Mick Devine to sign the Mick Devine boots he won in a competition last season. He couldn't sign the last time as his arm was in a sling. It's the perfect ending to a great trip.

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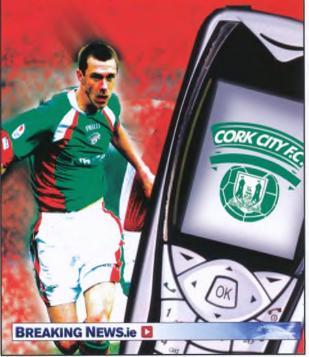
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Single-handedly over the past six years Cork City have mounted a campaign to resurrect our previously dismal record against the Swedes in Europe. **DAVE**GALVIN looks at just how successful City have been.

Ahead of Cork City's meetings with Malmo FF in last season's Intertoto Cup, Ireland's record against Swedish clubs in Europe made for pretty dismal reading. Only City themselves had ever managed to win a game against Swedish opposition, Pat Morley's Ione strike against IFK Gothenburg six years ago at Turners Cross ensuring a narrow success on the night. However, even that fine achievement came on the back of a 0-3 reverse at the Ullevi Stadium a fortnight earlier. Waterford, Dundalk, Bohemian FC (twice) and Shamrock Rovers against tonight's opponents Djurgarden IF, had all previously tried and failed against the Swedes in the past without claiming even a solitary win. Over the last two European campaigns however, Cork City have built on that fine result against the twice UEFA Cup winners IFK to post a magnificent home and away double against Malmo FF last summer and follow this up with an impressive 1-1 draw with Diurgarden IF at the Rasunda Stadium a fortnight ago. Single-handedly City have shored up our record against the Swedes and, hopefully, there is further good news to come on that particular front tonight.

1979 Cup Winners Cup/Round 1 **Waterford v IFK Gothenburg Agg. 1-2**

Qualifying as runners up to double winners Dundalk in the 1979 FAI Cup final, Waterford put in a magnificent effort against a team that would win the UEFA Cup just three years later. Following a single goal reverse in the first leg in Sweden, hopes were high that the Blues could turn things around at Kilcohan Park. However, despite Tom Keane's equalising strike, which brought the score line to 1-1 on the night, the home side would have had to score twice more to advance altogether too tall an order.

1995 UEFA Cup/Preliminary Round **Dundalk v Malmo FF Agg 0-4**

Having conceded twice in the opening eleven minutes of the home leg played at United Park in Drogheda, the

reigning National League champions made little headway after that.
Another 0-2 reverse at the Malmo Stadion a fortnight later left the Lilywhites with precious little to enthuse over from this particular European campaign.

1995 Intertoto Cup/Group Stage **Bohemian FC v IFK Norrkoping 0-5**

Just a single encounter between these two clubs in a league style grouping that involved one outing against each club in this case, OB Odense, HJK Helsinki, Bordeaux and of course IFK Norrkoping themselves. Having already shipped three

straight defeats, the Gypsies made the long journey to Norrkopping's Idrattspark and were completely turned over to signal a dismal conclusion to what was a joyless Intertoto campaign. From such humble beginnings however, group winners Bordeaux made it all the way to the UEFA Cup final some 10 months later where they eventually lost out to Bayern Munich.

1999 UEFA Cup/Qualifying Round Cork City v IFK Gothenburg Agg. 1-3

Having led 1-0 at the break, two late goals from the home side in the first leg in Sweden settled the tie, yet didn't adequately reflect the efforts of Dave Barry's charges. Justice was done to some extent with Pat



Mish Cates

Morley's headed winner a fortnight later at Turners Cross, but that said, the UEFA Cup winners of 1982 and 1987 never really looked in danger of losing the tie.

Nevertheless, it was a fine effort from City and a first ever victory against a Swedish side in Europe.

2001 Champions League/2nd Preliminary Round

Bohemian FC v Halmstads BK Agg 1-4

With a comfortable win against Estonia's Levadia Maardu under their belts from the previous round, Bohemians' hopes of causing an upset against the Swedish champions looked good when Glen Crowe's opening half strike gave the home side the advantage at Dalymount Park. However, the visitors recovered with the aid of a successful penalty kick before the break and took the initiative with another goal following the turnover. The Gypsies performed well in Sweden in the second leg before conceding another brace late on to Jonsson and Selakovic, the same two goal scorers from the first



encounter.

2002 UEFA Cup/Qualifying Round Shamrock Rovers v Djurgarden IF Agg. 1-5

Despite Stephen McGuinness's equalising strike in the home leg at Tolka Park, Rovers were no match for their slick opponents who went on to score twice more in that game and effectively kill of the tie even ahead of the second leg. A 2-0 win for the Swedes a fortnight later simply confirmed Djurgardens IF's superiority.

2004 Intertoto Cup/First Round Cork City v Malmo FF Agg 4-1

An 'is this really happening?' moment for home supporters in the first leg at Turners Cross as City raced into a three goal lead courtesy of a brace from Dan Murray and a further strike from John O'Flynn. A late, late reply from the visitors did bring a degree of reality to proceedings. H7owever, even that could not take away from what was a magnificent effort. Still apparently treating the tie in a less that respectful manner, Malmo once again paid the price on their own patch as City took full advantage, Liam Kearney's lovely second half effort giving the club their first ever away victory in Europe as well as a first home and away win over the course of a single tie. This win ensured a second round clash with NEC Nijmegen and led on to another memorable success.

UEFA Cup/2nd Preliminary Round Cork City v Djurgarden IF (A) 1-1

A second magnificent performance from Cork City on Swedish soil, Michael Devine in particular excelling on his return from injury sustained away to Ekranas. Neale Fenn's clever strike early on, had City in front, and despite the considerable talent apparent in the home line up, the visitors did have further chances to increase their advantage before Amoah levelled it up with just eight

minutes remaining to deny the Leesiders a second successive away European win following the one earlier in the campaign in Ekranes. A big test for City tonight then, but our record against the Swedes surely only inspires confidence!



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On behalf of all of us here in the Cork City/Evening Echo Family Enclosure I want to welcome all associated with Djurgardens IF from Stockholm, Sweden. Tonight is another proud night for the REBEL ARMY as we take on the might of European football. We had a great time visiting your city so we hope you have the same experience here in the European Capital of Culture!

City really put it up to tonight's visitors two weeks ago so we have to finish the job this evening. There has been a lot of talk in the press that a scoreless draw will do but we are better than that. Let's all get behind the boys in green and get that victory and send out a statement to the rest of the country and Europe that we and not Shelbourne are the powers to be reckoned with now!

As there may be some people in the Family Enclosure for the first time can I remind you of our no smoking policy here and ask that if you need to light up you have to step outside our section.

Tonight sees the conclusion to the art competition we have been running in association with Cork City, Ógra Chorcaí-Cork Youth Association and the Evening Echo. Once again thank you to those who took part. The standard was very high and it is not going to be easy for our judge, Mr Dan Boyle TD.

Unfortunately, due to domestic commitments I was not at the Brandywell for what turned out to be quite a disappointing result. The mark of true champions is to respond positively to setbacks such as the Derry result and I am sure the team will quickly bounce back from it.

What can I say about the mighty win against Shels? Outstanding! A great display of passion and pride; well done, lads! Also to all of you who came here to support City - you can be so proud of yourselves. The atmosphere was something to behold, the envy of the whole country! Even my mother in Skibbereen was on the phone to talk about it and, to be honest, she doesn't know one end of a pitch from the other and openly admits this!

So let's replay that atmosphere tonight and become the extra player. Let's not hold back and even if things are not the nicest on the pitch let's be patient and support the greatest team we have had in a long time!

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Our mascot this evening is Dylan Murphy from Westwood, Ballea Road, Carrigaline, Co Cork. Dylan celebrated his eighth birthday last Sunday and attends the Gaelscoil in Carrigaline. He's all set to join Carrigaline FC next month and his favourite City players are Liam Kearney and John O'Flynn. Arsenal's Thierry Henry is the player Dylan admires most besides his CCFC heroes.

Dylan's first match at Turners Cross was against Shelbourne last season and he usually comes to games with his uncle, John. He loves keeping up with football on TV while his other pastimes are kickboxing and darts.

Dylan tells us he's really proud to lead proud to lead City out for this evening's important UEFA Cup tie and would like to thank his Mom and Dad and his sponsors, Chubb Security.

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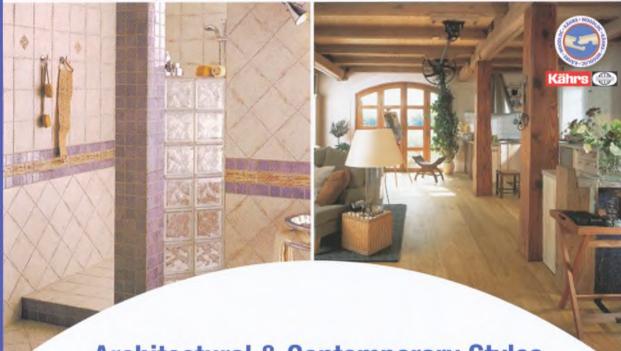


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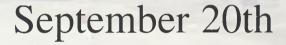
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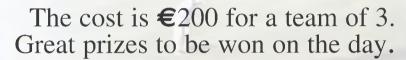


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- Fireworks, Smoke canisters, Glasses, Cans, Flags/Banners likely to cause offence, Poles, Laser Pens, Flares or any similar articles or containers including anything that could be used as a weapon are not permitted within the stadium.
- The consumption of intoxicating liquor in the stadium is not permitted and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the stadium.
- The unauthorized climbing of floodlight pylons, stands or any other buildings in the stadium is forbidden.
- Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object onto the field of play.
- Unnecessary noise such as that from use of radio sets and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind including foul or abusive language is not permitted in the stadium.
- Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter the field of play or to obstruct designated passageways at any time.
- Cork City FC reserves the right to refuse admission to, or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of an Garda Siochana.
- Cork City FC will not tolerate any form of racist abuse, threatening behaviour and racist or obscene chanting is strictly forbidden.

- The moving from one area of the stadium to another without the permission of a steward, An Garda Siochana or other authorized agents of Cork City FC is strictly forbidden.
- Any person attempting to gain admission, or being found within, a restricted section of the stadium without the appropriate authorization may be ejected from the ground.
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- In general the right of admission is reserved to Cork City FC.

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Peter Cotter Event Controller

SAFETY NOTICE

Cork City Football Club is committed to ensuring the safety of all supporters on match day. The club would be grateful for your co-operation with regard to the following points:

- There are three exits from the ground at Turners
 Cross. In the interest of safety, please take note of the
 exit nearest you. If an emergency necessitates the
 evacuation of the ground, patrons should proceed to the
 nearest exit and not re-enter the ground under any
 circumstances.
- Anyone requiring medical attention during the game should alert the nearest steward who will direct you to

the St John Ambulance attendant or the First Aid Room where medical assistance will be available.

- Parents are asked to ensure that children are supervised in the ground at all times.
- Anyone smoking in the ground should ensure that all cigarettes are properly quenched and disposed of.
 Remember, a smouldering cigarette can cause a major fire.
- · The use of flares is strictly forbidden.

Thank you,

Peter Cotter, Event Controller





UEFA Cup tie on a knife edge...

Turners Cross, Thursday 25 August 2005. Kick-off 1930



...AS DIF ARRIVE AT THE 'CROSS!

The City Boys

- 1 Michael DEVINE GK
- 2 Danny MURPHY
- 3 Alan BENNETT
- 4 Greg O'HALLORAN
- 5 Derek COUGHLAN
- 6 Dan MURRAY CAPTAIN
 - 7 Colin T O'BRIEN
 - 8 Neale FENN
 - 9 John O'FLYNN
- 10 George O'CALLAGHAN
- 11 Billy WOODS
- 12 Roy O'DONOVAN
- 14 Cillian LORDAN
- 15 Willie BRUTON
- 16 Mark McNULTY GK
- 18 Admir SOFTIC
- 19 Tony TYNAN
- 20 Joe GAMBLE
 - 21 Denis BEHAN
- 22 Neal HORGAN
- 23 Phil HARRINGTON GK
- 25 Kevin MURRAY
- 30 Liam KEARNEY

Manager: Damien RICHARDSON

Assistant: Dave Hill

Djurgardens IF

- 2 Matias CONCHA
- 3 Fredrik STENMAN
- 5 Solvi OTTESEN
- 6 Toni KUIVASTO
- 7 Johan ARNENG
- 8 Tobias HYSÉN
 - 9 Iones KUSI ASARE
- 10 Felix MAGRO
- 11 Daniel SJÖLUND
 - 12 Matias JONSON
- 13 Stefan BERGTOFT
- 14 Kári ÁRNASON
- 15 Pa Dembo TOURRAY GK
- 16 Markus JOHANNESSON CAPTAIN
- 18 Nicklas RASCK
- 22 Eldin KOZICA
- 23 Ibrahim BA
- 25 Patrick AMOAH
- 30 Oskar WAHLSTRÖM GK
- 77 Abgar BARSOM

Coach: Kjell JONEVRET Assistant: Stefan REHN

Referee: Luc WILMES (Luxembourg)

Assistant 1: François MANGEN (Luxembourg)

Assistant 2: Antonio DE CAROLIS (Luxembourg)

Fourth Official: Serge PARAGE (Luxembourg)
Referee Liaison Officer: Richard O'HANLON

Referee Observer: Manuel DIAZ VEGA (Spain)

UEFA Match Delegate: Robert WALSER (Liechtenstein)

UEFA Match Delegate Mentor: Cees DE BRUIN (Netherlands)

Ball Boys

EVERTON AFC
Arron O'DONOVAN, Craig KEEGAN,
Darren KELLY, Peter DENNEHY, Kevin
O"BRIEN, David MURRAY
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