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TUESDAY 31st JULY 2007 KICK OFF 7.30PM
AT THE BRIGHT FINANCE STADIUM

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Happy Birthday to YOU

You'd have to have been locked up in a very dark room not to know that 24th October 2007 is the 150th birthday of Sheffield Football Club – so to celebrate this historic event we are taking a look at OTHER teams that are celebrating a milestone in the 2007/08 season... so this week our man in Barcelona Albert Pujol invites everyone to join together to say...



Founded - 1907

Nationality – Catalan

Manager / Coach – Manólo Márquez

Team Colours – White, blue and white.

Stadium – Nou Sardenya, Gràcia, Barcelona, Catalunya (capacity 6,000).

How did they get on last season?

Despite having some excellent wins during the season, including impressive victories over the top two of Reus and Girona (not to mention an 8-2, 5-1 and two 4-1s, Europa escaped relegation to the regional leagues on the penultimate weekend of the season. Eventually though we finished 14th (out of 20) and four points clear of the drop.

Have they had any famous players of note?

Manel Cros (international player with the Catalunya national team) and Antonio Alcázar (international player with Catalunya and Spain national teams) who scored the winning goal that won us the Catalunya Cup in 1923 against Barça.

So, have they won owt?

1922-23 was a good season; we were runners-up in the Copa del Rey – the equivalent of the FA Cup – and won the Championat de Catalunya. More recently we won the Tercera División twice in the sixties, and in the nineties we won the Copa Catalunya twice.

Anything else of interest?

CE Europa is the only sports club ANYWHERE in the world with the word Europe in their name. As mundane as that may seem it is a unique fact us “Graciencs” are very proud of! One other thing slightly unusual is our choice of shirts, which traditionally have an “escapulat” or a “V” over the shoulders – like Airdrie or Brescia – not many teams around the world have this as a kit, especially in our colours of blue on a white background. This “tradition” was incorporated into the shirt in 1929 (our first season in the Spanish Primera), because in that period it was a fashion, and has since become the club’s trademark over the last 75 years.

So how old are Europa then?

Barcelona’s finest are 100 years old – and celebrated our birthday on 5th June 2007 with a special game against Osasuna played in front of 3,000 spectators.

And what league are they in?

We are in the Tercera División, in effect the equivalent of your own League Two.

How far are they from Sheffield?

845 miles – although we are a lot closer if you visit our website at www.caliugracienc.com!

Who are their local rivals?

Unió Esportiva Sant Andreu – but I’d rather not talk about them if you don’t mind.

What is their greatest moment?

That would be our Copa del Rey final in 1923 against the (then) mighty Athletic Bilbao which we lost 1-0 at Barça’s Les Corts Stadium. Although none of our current day supporters were at that game, it still stands proud as our greatest moment!

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