



ROCK CUP FINAL 2018

EUROPA FC V MONS CALPE SC

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Welcome to the 2018 Gibtelecom Cup Final.

This year, the holders Europa FC return to the Final where they will face Mons Calpe SC, who are making their first Cup Final appearance. The two finalists have played some exciting football this season and today's game promises to be no different.

The GFA welcomes all football fans and the Presidents, directors, coaches, players and supporters of Europa FC and Mons Calpe SC to the Victoria Stadium.

We hope for a match played in the spirit of fair play - and may the best team win!

Thank you for your attendance,
Dennis Beiso, GFA General Secretary

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WELCOME to the Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final, proudly sponsored by Gibraltar's leading communications company.

Gibtelecom appreciates the value of sport in everyday life and for the local community, and are particularly pleased to be partnering with the GFA for the Gibtelecom Rock Cup.

This is the second year of the company's sponsorship, and Gibtelecom are delighted to be associated with the football community at this time of their growing success at home and abroad.

The work and commitment of the GFA and the local teams, together with their culture of nurturing young talent, are values we share at Gibtelecom.

It is the spirit of this knock-out competition bringing together all local clubs, with the winner of today's final having the opportunity to represent Gibraltar further afield in Europe, that makes for such a successful and popular event.

Streaming the final over the internet last year attracted viewers from many parts of the world, and from as far away as South America.

The effort and dedication put in by Europa FC and Mons Calpe SC to reach today's Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final should make for an exciting encounter.

We send our best wishes to both teams, their support staff, the supporters and the organisers of the match and stadium personnel.

It promises to be a great event...

Tim Bristow
Chief Executive Officer,
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fans,
I am honoured for a second consecutive year to see our club, Europa FC, in the Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final.

Our Premier League is growing every year and it is getting harder to be present in our Cup finals. This is great for all teams and for a competitive League.

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We are showing the world that we can play against top teams and get results.

Our League follows suit to all the top Leagues in the world with a very competitive Premier and second division and that is thanks to all those who work very hard in Gibraltar football behind-the-scenes.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Europa FC fans, players, technical teams, medical teams, media team, Board and everyone who follows our dream.

Hope you enjoy the game and remember to have fun and always believe.

The Europa FC Family carries on growing as our youth teams and different sports sections continue to thrive and grow.

Many thanks,

Peter Cabezutto
President, Europa FC



FROM THE SPORTING DIRECTOR

"We hope as many football lovers as possible are here at the Victoria Stadium today for a match that promises not to disappoint..."

Dear Fans,
We are extremely pleased to have reached this year's Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final, for the first time in the club's history.

This is our second year in the Premier Division and we are growing every year and becoming more competitive and professional each season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our

Mons Calpe SC fans, players, technical teams, medical teams, media team, Board and everyone who follows and believes in us both here and abroad.

We hope as many football lovers as possible are here at the Victoria Stadium today for a match that promises not to disappoint. It will see two passing teams who like to play the game the correct way go head-to-head.



The Mons Calpe SC carries on growing as our youth teams and different sports sections, such as the Champions of the Darts League, continue to grow.

Enjoy the game,
Jansen Dalli
Director, Mons Calpe SC



HEAD TO HEAD

Europa FC's Johnny Parrado and Mons Calpe SC's Luis Manuel Blanco look ahead to today's big game...



CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE GIBTELECOM ROCK CUP JOURNEY FOR YOUR TEAM THIS SEASON?

JOHNNY PARRADO:

It has been a difficult journey for us. The standard of opposition has been high and we have had to fight for everything. My players have worked extremely hard to get to the Final; it was emotional to beat Lincoln in the semi-final because they are such a tough team and now we are looking to finish the job off today in what will be another difficult game for us.

LUIS MANUEL BLANCO:

It has been a journey full of hard work and determination. To get to the Final is a great achievement for a club such as ours. The players have believed in their dreams during the previous rounds and now we have the opportunity to make history and claim the prize. It is a big honour for me to lead the team in their first-ever Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE GAME IN PROSPECT TODAY?

JP: We are defending Rock Cup Champions so it is important for us



retain the trophy. We want to continue making history and winning things. Our focus is on getting the victory but we know that Mons Calpe will make life very hard for us and we have to approach the game in the correct way.

LMB: Whatever the result, I want to see my players continuing to do the things that have got us this far. I want us to show the work ethic and good football that we have created day-by-day and week-by-week. We expect Europa to come at us straight from the first whistle; they are an honest and strong rival who will be motivated to defend the trophy they won last year. They will be the favourites, but we have prepared well both physically and mentally. It will be an interesting final with plenty of good football played by both teams.

DO YOU THINK THAT THE COMPETITION IN GIBRALTAR FOOTBALL IS NOW TOUGHER THAN EVER?

JP: I do indeed. Every season the standard of the top five clubs in particular gets higher and higher, so there are no 'easy' games. It means



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Johnny Parrado, Europa FC

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Luis Manuel Blanco, Mons Calpe SC



that even though we play at a very high level, you can never be sure that you will win. If you are not at 100% and switch off at any time, you will get punished.

LMB: The standards are improving all of the time. It is a strong competition and a real challenge for each team. We enjoy going into battle and pitting our wits against the opposition. We are developing an ethos where we all work hard and stick to our footballing principles. It is something that takes time to develop but, like a lot of clubs, we are starting to see the benefits of our endeavours.

SEMI-FINAL HERO

Kike leads the way...



TWO GOALS from fleet-footed front-man, Kike, saw Europa emerge victorious from the heavyweight clash with Lincoln Red Imps in the mouth-watering Gibtelecom Rock Cup semi-final clash last month.

The 24 year-old opened the scoring early on before weighing in with the crucial third goal late in the first half to help secure a sweet 3-1 victory for his side over the 17-time winners of this competition.

"Games against Lincoln are always intense," said the Spanish striker. "There is a fierce rivalry and this semi-final was played as though it was the Final with both teams desperate to win.

"We passed the ball well and this was very important to us in getting the victory. It was a good team performance with a high tempo and I was pleased to get two goals.

"I was happy with the goals but the most important thing was that the team won and made it through to the Final.

"In truth we know that things could have gone better for us in the League. Having won it last year we wanted to try and do it again to make it two in a row, but we have always been chasing Lincoln.

"It's not all bad because if we can take second place and win the Rock Cup we can look forward to building on this next season. There are a lot of teams that would like to be in our position.

"The League has been stronger this year with teams like Gibraltar United and today's opponents, Mons Calpe, making their mark and proving to be tough opponents. It is a more even playing field so we have had to work extra hard.

"We know that it will be a tough match for us today in the Final. It will be intense and will require a lot of concentration from us all.

"I am determined to win the Cup like we did last year and I will be doing all that I can to make sure that we are successful. We do not want to fail."

This year's competition has seen Europa beat Lincoln Red Imps, Gibraltar Phoenix and Lynx to reach the final. Kike has four goals to his name having also bagged a brace against Gibraltar Phoenix in a comfortable 5-0 win for his side. They have previously won the Rock Cup on six occasions under their different guises, so can it be lucky seven today?

WORDS: Andrew Poole
IMAGES: Neil Wilson



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A BIT ABOUT ME

NAME: Enrique Gomez Bernal

DATE OF BIRTH: 04.05.1994

AGE: 24

BIRTHPLACE: Sevilla

POSITION: Striker

JOINED EUROPA: August 2016

BIGGEST STRENGTHS AS A PLAYER: My speed, intelligence, strength, power and goalscoring

FOOTBALL HERO: The Brazilian striker, Ronaldo, because he had so much skill and ability

WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT: Europa, of course!

FAVOURITE FOOD: My mother's tomato with pork loin

FAVOURITE DRINK: Orange Fanta

FAVOURITE MUSIC: I like reggae and house music

FAVOURITE TEAM-MATE: Alex Quillo, because he has been like a brother to me since I first came to the club. He has always taken care of me and given good advice.

FUNNIEST TEAM-MATE: I think that if you ask everyone in the team they will say that it is me! Ha, ha!

BEST & WORST DRESSED TEAM-MATES: The best dressed has to be me, of course, and the worst is our goalkeeper, Javi! Actually maybe some will say that should be swapped around with me the worst and Javi the best.



EUROPA FC

Profiles of the Europa FC players who were victorious in the Gibtelecom Rock Cup semi-final...

01 Javi Munoz Arevalo

The experienced goalkeeper is the captain of the team and leads by example. A regular and reliable last line of defence since his arrival at the club in the summer of 2015.

05 Ibrahim Ayew

A highly-rated and powerful defender who is a no-nonsense and robust figure in the back-line. The 30 year-old is a key figure for Europa FC.

06 Ivan Moya Tornay

An accomplished defensive midfielder who is a consistent figure. He joined the club in the summer of 2016 having previously turned out for Marbella FC.

07 Sykes Garro

The Gibraltarian is a skilful performer who likes to get forward and support the attack at every opportunity. His previous club was Lions Gibraltar FC.

08 Alejandro Rodriguez Rivas

A well-respected and talented figure at the club who possesses a good range of passing and makes things tick in the heart of the midfield.

09 Enrique Gomez Bernal 'Kike'

An exciting front-man who is a regular on the scoresheet. He has quick feet and always plays the game with a smile on his face. The 24 year-old scored two goals in the semi-final victory over Lincoln Red Imps.

11 Antonio Garcia Moreno

The left-sided player has a good football brain which has served the club well since his arrival from Italian fourth-tier outfit, Taranto FC 1927 at the turn of 2017.

17 Guillermo Roldan Mendez

A player who possesses a wealth of experience and know-how. He has been an influential figure



during his three years with the club, helping bring the best out of those around him.

20 Mustapha Yahaya

A tall and athletic player whose energy and eye for a pass has marked him out as one of the top midfielders currently playing in Gibraltar football. The Ghanaian oozes quality.

22 Martin Rodrigo Belfortti

Another player who has plenty of experience to draw upon, he is 36 years of age and joined the club at the turn of 2016 having previously been with Spanish outfit, Lucena CF.

42 Alberto Merino Sanchez

The veteran defender reads the game extremely well and is not afraid to go in where it hurts. He has the kind of determination and never-say-die attitude that every team needs.

02 Ethan Jolley

The emerging Gibraltarian defender previously served today's opponents, Mons Calpe. He is a hard-working and committed player who is expected to have a bright future ahead of him.

10 Jorge Pina Roldan

The striker joined the club at the start of the current campaign and he has done well when called upon. His previous club was Loja CD.



16 Jose Manuel Gallego Campus 'Josema'

A young, up-and-coming midfielder who is learning his trade all of the time. The teenager has undoubted talent and ability and is sure to start making his mark on the senior stage.

19 Michael Yome

The lively front-man linked up with the club in readiness for the current campaign having plied his trade in the UK whilst studying. He is capable of scoring important goals.

21 Antonio Manuel Gonzalez Gomez

Another player who joined the club at the start of this season, he is a midfielder who likes to get forward as often as possible and make things happen.

24 Jose Miguel Gonzalez Barranco 'Joselinho'

The 26 year-old Spaniard joined the club during the January transfer window having previously been playing in Italy and he has been a welcome addition to the squad.

26 Jose Manuel Camara Vellido

A goalkeeper of much promise who acts as understudy to Javi Munoz, he is 24 years of age and joined the club in January 2017.

Other squad members who did not figure in the semi-final include: Jose Manuel Rodriguez Gutierrez, George Wink, Jesus Toscano Serrano, Liam Crisp, Jonathan Rodrigues Parragues 'Jona', Enrique Carreno and Michael Garcia.

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EUROPA FC marched into the Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final by seeing off a spirited Lincoln Red Imps by three goals to one.



In what was a much anticipated semi-final, between Gibraltar's top two teams in recent times, 'Kike' Gomez gave holders Europa an early lead before Gibraltar International Anthony Hernandez equalised for Lincoln from the penalty spot after Ayew had brought down Ethan Britto.

Roldan quickly made it 2-1 to Europa and then that man

'Kike' slotted a third past Soler in the Lincoln goal to make it 3-1 before the half-time break.

Lincoln came out strongly after the break with Lee Casciaro causing his usual problems up front.

Hernandez and Bardon tried to impose themselves on the game in the centre of midfield but it was to no avail as there was no further scoring.



EUROPA: Munoz Arevalo, Ayew (Jolley - 90), Moya Tornay, Garro (Yome - 66), Rivas Rodriguez (Gonzalez Gomez - 68), Gomez Bernal, Garcia Montero, Roldan Mendez, Yahaya, Belfortti, Merino Sanchez.

LINCOLN RED IMPS: Soler Ortuño, Garcia, Bardon, Casciaro. R (Merino Merida - 68), Casciaro. L, Camacho Figueira (De Barr - 61), Chipolina. R, Monterde Villaescusa, Hernandez, Paris, Britto (Lopes - 61).

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HEAD COACH: Johnny Parrado
COLOURS: Green and black

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ASSISTANT REFEREE:
Denis Perez



ASSISTANT REFEREE:
Alvaro Delgado



FOURTH OFFICIAL:
Herbert Warwick



MONS CALPE SC

HEAD COACH: Luis Manuel Blanco
COLOURS: Grey, white and black

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Should the scores finish level after 90 minutes, the game will go to extra-time and if that still fails to separate the teams, the game will be decided by a penalty shoot-out. Thank you for your valued support





MONS Calpe comfortably saw off Gibraltar United in the first of this season's Gibtelecom Rock Cup semi-finals.



An eagerly-anticipated encounter was to potentially give one of these two teams the opportunity to continue in their dreams of qualifying for European football for what would be the first time ever for either side and it was Mons Calpe that seized the moment.

Two goals in the first half from Sastrie saw them head into the half-time interval 2-0 up. Interestingly Gibraltar United

had made a double substitution in the 38th minute, despite only being 1-0 down. A second half brace from Blanco Rodriguez either side of a 64th minute goal from Cascio saw the game finish in a convincing 5-0 triumph for Mons Calpe.

GIBRALTAR UNITED: Goldwin, Del Rio Fernandez (Da Cruz Ramalho - 38), Barnett, Power, Aguiar, Elghobashy, Mouelhi



(Ponce de Leon Garcia - 38), Rios, De Oliveira Silva Farinha (Negrette - 72), Bosio, Carrasco Llorens.

MONS CALPE: Grasso, Dos Santos, Torilla, Gil, Bernades Alt, Omega (Cerrilla Benet - 80), Blanco Rodriguez, Di Toro, Villar (Vela - 51), Diez Ocerin (Cascio - 55), Sastrie.

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SEMI-FINAL ACTION

MONS CALPE SC



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Profiles of the Mons Calpe SC players who were victorious in the Gibtelecom Rock Cup semi-final...

22 Mateo Grasso

The January 2018 arrival has settled into the team well having made the switch from Argentina where he was plying his trade. The 22 year-old is a tall and commanding presence between the posts.

02 André Dos Santos

The Brazilian right-back is a technically-gifted player who has been with the club since the summer of 2016 and is an important member of the back-line.

03 Graeme Torrilla

The Gibraltar Under-21 captain has been a key signing since his summer move from Lions Gibraltar FC. He is a hard-working and talented player who is expected to go on and carve out a good career for himself in the game.

05 Francisco Gil Zúñiga

An imposing and robust defender who hails from Mexico and joined the club at the turn of 2017 from his homeland. He is strong in the air and tough in the tackle.

06 Renán Bernades

The 26 year-old is another Brazilian in the back-line. He is comfortable on the ball and reads the game well. He joined the club in the summer of 2016.

07 Manuel Camacho 'Manu' Ortega

A right-sided wide-man who possesses plenty of pace and skill, he was with FC Britannia XI here in Gibraltar before their demise and moved to Mons Calpe in the summer of 2016.

09 Rubén Blanco

Skipped the side to success in the semi-final with an impressive performance, he is a tall and athletic front-man who knows



where the goal is and commands the respect of his team-mates.

11 Jonathan DiToro

An Argentine who was brought in during the January transfer window in order to add experience and know-how to the squad. He is a central midfielder who passes the ball well and works hard for the team.

24 Federico Villar

He has a real presence in the heart of defence and is the type of player who is solid and robust. The 32 year-old was signed at the turn of this year as he made the switch from his homeland of Argentina.

39 Juan Pablo 'Pibe' Pereira

An intelligent front-man who has a good football brain and works hard for the team. He has previously served Glacis United and has also been on loan with Lincoln Red Imps.

17 Nicolás Arjona

The 24 year-old is an athletic goalkeeper who is hard-working and determined to grab his chance when it comes along.

04 Leonardo Federico 'Leo' Vela

The 35 year-old is an accomplished defender who has fantastic commitment to the cause. He joined the club in readiness for the 2016/17 campaign having had a spell in America with Storm FC.



10 Facundo 'Facu' Cascio

A left-footed midfielder who also joined the club in the summer of 2016 having previously been with Storm FC in the USA. He is a willing runner with a good engine and at 21 years of age, big things are expected of him.

18 Nahuel Ruiz

An experienced Italian midfielder, he is comfortable on the ball and possesses undoubted ability.

21 Rodrigo Cerrilla Benet

An attack-minded midfielder whose dynamic style of play has served the club well since his arrival from Club Necaxa II in his native Mexico in the summer of 2017.

29 Jansen Dalli

The 32 year-old Gibraltarian is passionate about the club and a key figure in both their on and off-the-field operation.

33 Shane Soiza

A young Gibraltarian midfielder who is working hard in order to make his mark within the team. He has the attributes required to be successful.

32 Diez Ocerin

A midfield man who was brought in to add guile to the engine room of the side, he played his part in the convincing semi-final victory over Gibraltar United.

Other squad members who did not figure in the semi-final include: Sacha Funes, Christian Fraiz, Diego DiPietro, Julio Bado, Dion Hammond and Federico 'Cata' Cataranzuolo.

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SEMI-FINAL HERO

Torrilla makes a statement



THERE were more than a few eyebrows raised when Mons Calpe sealed their place in today's Gibtelecom Rock Cup Final with a convincing 5-0 semi-final victory over the fancied Gibraltar United.

It sent out a real message of intent from a side who are looking to lift the trophy for the first time in their short history and at the heart of it all was Graeme Torrilla, who put in another accomplished display.

"To reach the Final is a massive achievement for this club and to do it in the way that we did made it even better," said the Gibraltar Under-21 skipper. "We showed everyone what we are capable of and now we are looking forward to today's challenge.

"It will be a tight game between two sides who like to get the ball down and play. We find ourselves up against the only team in the League who have managed to avoid defeat against us this season, so it is set up nicely for us to change that today.

"And what a time it would be to beat them! It's a chance for us to create some history for the club and also get into the Europa League.

"The prize is big and we'll be focussed on getting things right on the pitch and doing the business.

"It's fair to say that we didn't get off to the best of starts this season, but a change of management and a few new additions to the squad have seen us turn things around.

"Personally I feel as though my game is improving all of the time and I am learning a lot from those around me.

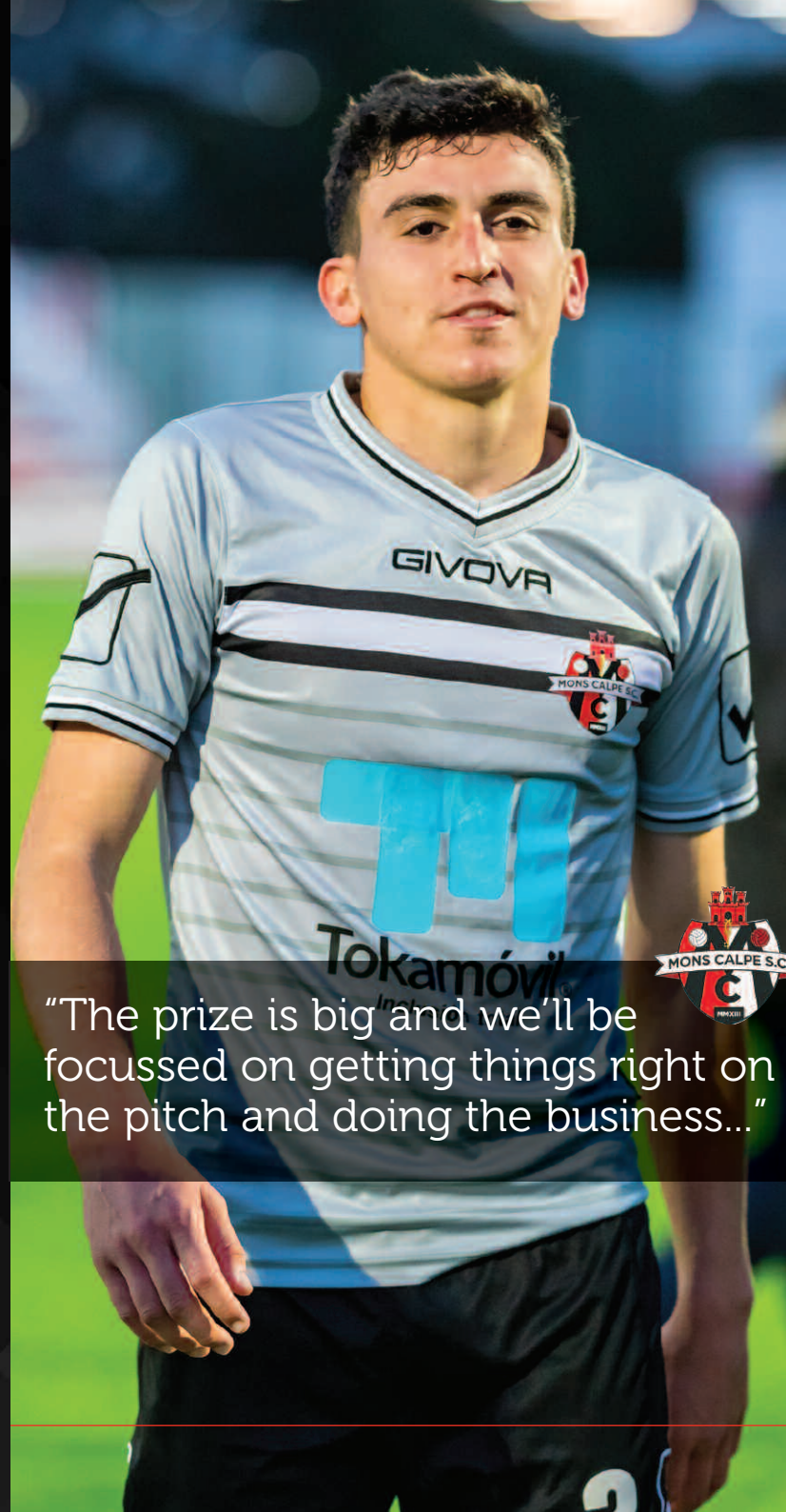
"I want to be able to contribute more to the team going forward but I am happy with how things have gone since I came to the club.

"There is a real will-to-win here and we know that we everyone is at it, we can fancy our chances against anyone in this League, as was proved when we beat Lincoln Red Imps 3-1 at the start of April."

Mons Calpe have overcome the challenge of Gibraltar United, St. Joseph's and Lions to reach today's Final and they will be hoping to lift the famous trophy for the very first time.

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A BIT ABOUT ME

NAME: Graeme Lee Torrilla

DATE OF BIRTH: 03.09.1997

AGE: 20

BIRTHPLACE: Gibraltar

POSITION: Midfielder

JOINED MONS CALPE: July 2017

BIGGEST STRENGTHS AS A PLAYER: I think my biggest strengths as a player are stealing the ball from the opposition and initiating the play by setting up my team-mates on the attack

FOOTBALL HERO: Zinedine Zidane. Even though I see myself as a more defensive player than him, he's definitely a player I could watch for hours due to his skill, creativeness, intelligence and ability on the ball

WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT: I'm a huge supporter of Leeds United! Despite all the suffering and difficult times that come along with it, it's definitely something to be proud of

FAVOURITE FOOD:

That would probably be Italian. There are not many things I enjoy eating more than a bit of pasta or pizza

FAVOURITE DRINK:

I tend to stick to water or orange juice

FAVOURITE MUSIC: I tend to mix my music up a bit so I listen to many different genres really. If I would have to pick one it would probably be Pop Rock.

FAVOURITE TEAM-MATE: I have a great relationship with most of my team-mates but if I have to pick one it would probably be Andre Dos Santos. I'd say he's the one I've stuck with most since joining last summer and we get along brilliantly on and off-the-pitch

FUNNIEST TEAM-MATE: There are a few jokers in the team, including myself, but the funniest has got to be between Andre, Sacha and Diego. I'll go with Andre only because he'd make you laugh without even trying to!

BEST & WORST DRESSED TEAM-MATES: The best dressed would have to be Pampa [Nahuel Clavijo]. He always dresses with class and elegance and is forever ready for the big occasion. As for worst dressed, I'd have to go with Sacha. Every day he surprises us with a new outfit of different colour combinations and baggy clothing. Despite this he is still a brilliant guy!

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THE ROCK CUP PAST WINNERS



1935-36 HMS Hood
1936-37 Britannia XI
1937-38 Europa
1938-39 2nd Battalion The King's Regiment
1939-40 Britannia XI
1940-41 not held
1941-42 A.A.R.A.
1942-43 Royal Air Force New Camp
1943-44 4th Battalion Royal Scott
1945-46 Europa
1946-47 Gibraltar United
1947-48 Britannia XI
1948-49 Prince of Wales FC.
1949-50 Europa
1950-51 Europa
1951-52 Europa
1953-73 unknown
1973-74 Manchester 62 Reserve
1974-75 Glacis United
1975-76 2nd Battalion Royal Green Jackets
1976-77 Manchester 62
1977-78 unknown
1978-79 St Joseph's
1979-80 Manchester 62
1980-81 Glacis United
1981-82 Glacis United
1982-83 St Joseph's
1983-84 St Joseph's
1984-85 St Joseph's



1985-86 Lincoln
1986-87 St Joseph's
1987-88 Royal Air Force Gibraltar
1988-89 Lincoln Reliance
1989-90 Lincoln
1990-91 unknown
1991-92 St Joseph's
1992-93 Lincoln
1993-94 Lincoln
1994-95 St Theresa's
1995-96 St Joseph's
1996-97 Manchester 62
1997-98 Glacis United
1998-99 Gibraltar United



1999-00 Gibraltar United
2000-01 Gibraltar United
2001-02 Lincoln
2002-03 Manchester 62
2003-04 Newcastle*
2004-05 Newcastle*
2005-06 Newcastle*
2006-07 Newcastle*
2007-08 Lincoln
2008-09 Lincoln
2009-10 Lincoln
2010-11 Lincoln
2011-12 St Joseph's
2012-13 St Joseph's
2013-14 Lincoln
2014-15 Lincoln
2015-16 Lincoln
2016-17 Europa

*Note: Newcastle FC was a temporary name for Lincoln FC.

Pictured we see the Europa FC celebrations after they won the Gibtelecom Rock Cup last season.

Team	Titles	Last Title
Lincoln Red Imps	17	2016
St Joseph's	9	2013
Europa FC	6	2017
Glacis United	5	1997-98
Gibraltar United	4	2000-01
Manchester 62	4	2002-03
Britannia XI	3	1947-48
Gibraltar	1	1894-95
HMS Hood	1	1935-36
2nd Battalion The King's Reg.	1	1938-39
A.A.R.A.	1	1941-42
RAF New Camp	1	1942-43
4th Battalion Royal Scott	1	1943-44
Prince of Wales	1	1948-49
Manchester 62 Reserve	1	1973-74
2nd Battalion RGJ	1	1975-76
RAF Gibraltar	1	1987-88
St Theresa's	1	1994-95



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THE CAPTAINS

Today we have the opportunity to defend the trophy that we lifted last season.

We are looking forward to the occasion. It is always good to be involved in big games such as this and hopefully we will be celebrating at the final whistle.

We know that Mons Calpe are a team that likes to pass the ball, very much like ourselves, so it has all the ingredients to be an exciting game.

As a team we are ready and with our supporters cheering us on we know that we have what it takes to get the right result.

Javier Muñoz Arévalo
Captain, Europa FC



It will be a very special and emotional moment for me to lead the team out as captain in our first Rock Cup Final.

We are looking forward to the occasion very much. It will be a good match between two teams who like to get the ball down and play.

As a team we are all working towards the same goal and that is to make history and win the Rock Cup for the first time.

It will be a tough game because Europa are a good team, but we will go out there and give everything to be successful.

Rubo Blanco
Captain, Mons Calpe SC



LET'S GET Ten teasers to tackle... QUIZZICAL

1: How many Englishmen have managed a Premier League winning side?

2: And which Englishman was the last to manage a top-flight winning side?



3: Which two cities staged the Champions League and Europa League finals this month?

4: HNK Rijeka are the current champions in which country?

5: Who has been the subject of the highest transfer fee for a 'keeper?



6: Which is the only country to have lost all three World Cup finals in which it had competed?

7: Which are the only two countries from outside Europe and South America to have reached the semi-finals of the World Cup?

8: Which team won the Rock Cup in the year 2000?

9: Which club has reached European finals in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018?

10: Spanish club Villarreal derive their nickname from which Beatles' song?

1: None 2: Howard Wilkinson, Leeds, 1992 3: Kie and Lyon 4: Croatia 5: Emerson Moraes 6: Netherlands 7: USA and South Korea 8: Gibraltar 9: Atletico Madrid 10: Yellow Submarine



THE ROAD TO THE 2018 FINAL

Gibtelecom Rock Cup results 2017/18...



28/29

SEMI-FINALS

Tuesday 24th April | 19:30
LINCOLN RED IMPS FC 1
EUROPA FC 3

Monday 23rd April | 19:30
GIBRALTAR UNITED FC 0
MONS CALPE SC 5

QUARTER-FINALS

Monday 9th April | 20:30
EUROPA FC 5
GIBRALTAR PHOENIX FC 0

Sunday 18th March | 16:30
MONS CALPE SC 2
ST.JOSEPH'S FC 1

Sunday 11th March | 19:00
FC OLYMPIQUE GIBRALTAR 13 0
GIBRALTAR UNITED FC 6

Sunday 11th March | 16:30
LINCOLN RED IMPS FC 2
CANNONS FC 0

SECOND ROUND

Tuesday 27th February | 20:30
ST.JOSEPH'S FC 3
LEO FC 0

Monday 26th February | 20:30
FCB MAGPIES 1
GIBRALTAR PHOENIX FC 2

Tuesday 20th February | 20:30
LINCOLN RED IMPS FC 3
GLACIS UNITED FC 0

Monday 19th February | 20:30
LYNX FC 0
EUROPA FC 2

Thursday 8th February | 20:30
FC OLYMPIQUE GIBRALTAR 13 4
EUROPA POINT FC 2
FC Olympique Gibraltar 13 win 4 - 2 on penalties

Wednesday 7th February | 20:30
GIBRALTAR UNITED FC 3
MANCHESTER 62 FC 1

Wednesday 7th February | 18:15
CANNONS FC 2
FC HOUND DOGS 0

Tuesday 6th February | 20:30
MONS CALPE SC 4
LIONS GIBRALTAR FC 1

FIRST ROUND

Tuesday 28th November | 18:15
FCB MAGPIES 3
ANGELS FC 1

Monday 27th November | 20:30
FOOTBALL CLUB BOCA JUNIORS 0
CANNONS FC 2

Sunday 26th November | 16:30
COLLEGE 1975 FC 1
EUROPA POINT FC 3



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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE...

Over 600 children enjoy football fun



OVER 600 children took part in the annual Unite the Union / GFA five-a-side tournament that took place towards the end of last month at the sports halls at the Bayside Sports complex.

The tournament saw teams in age groups from Under-6s right through to Under-16s.

The GFA's Grassroots Manager, Leslie Asquez, was delighted with the massive turnout over the two weekends:

"It is great that we have been able to have so many teams and so many children taking part in this year's tournament," he said.

"The turnout meant that we had to schedule the event over two



weekends and we had youngsters spread over a wide range of ages.

"We would like to thank Unite the

Union for their continued support of this annual tournament, which is a key part of our Youth & Grassroots football calendar."



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7th & 8th July

9:30-11:30am

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