

= Cillian Sheridan =

Cillian Sheridan ( born 23 February 1989 ) is an Irish professional footballer who plays for Omonia as a Forward .

Sheridan began his career with Celtic in 2006 , but a lack of first team opportunities saw him being loaned to other Scottish clubs . In 2010 , he switched clubs and countries joining CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria , from where he was loaned to Scottish side St Johnstone in 2011 . After playing for Kilmarnock between 2012 and 2013 , he signed for defending Cypriot champions APOEL . In both his seasons with the club , he won the double . Subsequently , he moved to rivals Omonia .

He earned three international caps for the Republic of Ireland in 2010 .

= = Club career = =

= = = Early years = = =

Born in Bailieborough , County Cavan , he grew up playing Gaelic football for Bailieborough Shamrocks . He began playing the association code with Bailieboro Celtic before travelling to Dublin to play for Belvedere , where he received call @-@ ups for Irish youth squads . During his time at Belvedere , Sheridan chose to focus on his football career , having turned down an offer to join Australian rules club Brisbane Lions . He had trials with several clubs before being offered a contract by Scottish Premier League club Celtic , which he accepted .

= = = Celtic = = =

After joining Celtic in the summer of 2006 , while simultaneously studying to achieve a degree in Applied Physiology at Strathclyde University , Sheridan was promoted to the reserve team and then the first team squad during his first season at the club , a " spectacular rise " according to coach Joe McBride .

He made his first team debut for Celtic in the Scottish Cup quarter @-@ finals against Inverness Caledonian Thistle on 25 February 2007 , as a 73rd @-@ minute substitute for Mark Wilson in a 2 ? 1 away victory . He signed a new three @-@ year contract with the club two days later . On 20 May 2007 , the final game of the season , he made his league debut against Hibernian , playing the final two minutes of a 2 ? 1 defeat at Easter Road in place of Craig Beattie . Sheridan made his European debut on 21 October 2008 , coming on as a substitute for Scott McDonald in Celtic 's Champions League game against Manchester United at Old Trafford . He also started in the return game at Celtic Park on 5 November 2008 , a 1 ? 1 draw . Just four days after his European debut , Sheridan made his first league start against Hibernian , scoring the second goal of a 4 ? 2 win .

= = = Loan moves = = =

On 2 February 2009 Sheridan signed for Motherwell on loan until the end of the season , to replace Chris Porter , who had signed for Derby County the previous day . He made his debut five days later , coming on as a second @-@ half substitute in a 1 ? 1 draw with St Mirren in the Scottish Cup . He made his first start and league debut a week later on Valentine 's Day in Motherwell 's 1 ? 0 win over Hamilton , playing the entire 90 minutes as his strike partner David Clarkson scored the only goal of the game . Sheridan scored his first league goal for The Well a fortnight later , the winner in a 2 ? 1 victory at Inverness . His only other goal for Motherwell came near the end of the season in a 3 ? 0 win over Hamilton .

On 13 August 2009 , Sheridan joined Plymouth Argyle on a six @-@ month loan deal . He made his debut in a 1 ? 1 draw against Queens Park Rangers . He played 14 times for the Championship team but failed to find the net .

Sheridan completed his loan spell at Plymouth and returned to Celtic on 14 January 2010 . Later

the same day he was again loaned out , this time to St Johnstone for the rest of the season . On his debut , on 17 February , he scored two goals in a 5 ? 1 win against Hibernian . On 30 March he scored the opening goal for St Johnstone in a 4 ? 1 win over Rangers .

= = = CSKA Sofia = = =

Sheridan signed a three @-@ year contract with Bulgarian club CSKA Sofia on 13 August 2010 . Sheridan made his debut in the 2 ? 2 draw against League of Wales side The New Saints ; CSKA won 5 ? 2 on aggregate . He scored his first goal for the club in their 3 ? 1 away win against Sliven . On 25 September , Sheridan scored twice in a 2 ? 0 win against Montana . Changes of management , however , made it difficult for Sheridan to settle in Bulgaria .

= = = Trials in the United States and loan to St Johnstone = = =

On 7 June 2011 , Sheridan appeared in a reserve match for American side Seattle Sounders FC . Sheridan started the game and scored in the 7th minute of a 2 ? 0 victory over Vancouver Whitecaps FC . Following his spell with Seattle , Sheridan went on trial with their major rivals Portland Timbers , appearing for their reserve team . On 8 July , Sheridan joined SPL club Hibernian on trial , but instead decided to return to St Johnstone on a loan deal until January 2012 . He made his second St Johnstone debut on 23 July against Aberdeen , and scored his first two goals of his second stint with the club against Hearts on 25 September . Sheridan scored four goals in 15 appearances before he was prevented from playing by a hamstring injury . In January 2012 St Johnstone and CSKA Sofia agreed to extend the loan deal until the end of the season .

= = = Kilmarnock = = =

After being released by CSKA Sofia , due to the club 's financial problems , Sheridan signed a two @-@ year contract with Scottish Premier League side Kilmarnock on 6 September 2012 . Sheridan made his debut in a 2 ? 1 loss against Hibernian on 15 September 2012 . Seven days later on 22 September 2012 , he scored his first goal when he opened the scoring in a 3 ? 1 win over St Mirren . The following week , he scored a hat trick at Tynecastle in 3 ? 1 victory over Hearts . After the match , team @-@ mate Manuel Pascali compared Sheridan comparison to former Kilmarnock striker Conor Sammon On 17 October 2012 , Sheridan scored against his former club Celtic in a 2 ? 0 win at Parkhead . Sheridan continued his goalscoring form into the second half of the season , but then suffered a hamstring injury which ruled him out for several weeks . During Sheridan 's injury absence Kilmarnock signed Kris Boyd , and even after recovering from injury , Sheridan struggled to regain his first team place .

= = = APOEL = = =

On 20 June 2013 , Sheridan signed a one @-@ year contract , with the option of a further season with APOEL from Cyprus . He made his official debut on 17 August 2013 against Apollon Limassol in the Cypriot Super Cup final , in a match which APOEL won 1 ? 0 and lifted the trophy . He scored his first official goal for APOEL on 7 December 2013 , in his team 's 2 ? 0 away win against Ethnikos Achna for the Cypriot First Division . On 8 January 2014 , he scored the only goal in APOEL 's 1 ? 0 home victory against AEL Limassol for that season 's Cypriot Cup . On 5 February 2014 , he gave his team the three important points after scoring the winning goal against Anorthosis in APOEL 's 2 ? 1 away win . On 29 March 2014 , he scored the second goal of the match against Apollon Limassol , in APOEL 's 3 ? 0 home win for the Cypriot First Division play @-@ offs . On 21 May 2014 , Sheridan scored APOEL 's second goal in the Cypriot Cup final against Ermis Aradippou and helped his team to lift the trophy after a 2 ? 0 win . On 31 May 2014 , Sheridan gave APOEL their 23rd Cypriot First Division title after scoring the only goal in the title decider match against AEL Limassol .

On 30 July 2014 , Sheridan scored the equalizer against HJK Helsinki at Sonera Stadium , in APOEL 's 2 ? 2 first leg draw for the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League . One week later , he scored again in the return leg against HJK Helsinki , opening the scoring in APOEL 's 2 ? 0 home victory and advancement to the play @-@ off round of the 2014 ? 15 UEFA Champions League . On 26 August 2014 , he scored the fourth goal in APOEL 's 4 ? 0 triumph over Aalborg BK for the UEFA Champions League play @-@ off round , helping his team to reach the group stage of the UEFA Champions League . Sheridan appeared in every group stage match in APOEL 's 2014 ? 15 UEFA Champions League campaign . On 25 May 2015 , one day after winning his second consecutive double with APOEL , the team announced that Sheridan was leaving the club as his contract would not be renewed .

= = = Omonia = = =

On 10 June 2015 , Sheridan signed a contract with rival Cypriot club Omonia . He scored two penalties on 6 August in a 2 ? 2 draw with Brøndby in the Europa League third qualifying round second leg , but his team were eliminated on away goals .

= = Career statistics = =

As of 15 July 2016

= = International career = =

Sheridan has been capped for the Republic of Ireland under @-@ 21 , making his debut for the team , in a friendly match , against Germany U21 . He appeared in the 2011 UEFA U ? 21 qualifiers . He scored his first goal in the seventh minute of a match against Estonia U21 , on the virtue of which , the match ended in a draw . He went on to play a total of 10 times for the side , finding the net twice .

On 25 May 2010 , Sheridan won his first cap for the Republic of Ireland in a 2 ? 1 friendly win against Paraguay at the RDS Arena , as a 62nd @-@ minute substitute for Robbie Keane . Three days later , he featured as a 72nd @-@ minute substitute for Kevin Doyle as the Irish defeated Algeria 3 ? 0 at the same ground . His final of three caps was his only start , playing 56 minutes of a 1 ? 0 defeat to Argentina at the Aviva Stadium on 11 August before being withdrawn for Andy Keogh .

= = Honours = =

CSKA Sofia

Bulgarian Cup ( 1 ) : 2010 ? 11

APOEL

Cypriot First Division ( 1 ) : 2013 ? 14 , 2014 ? 15

Cypriot Cup ( 2 ) : 2013 ? 14 , 2014 ? 15

Cypriot Super Cup ( 1 ) : 2013