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FORMATIONS, FINANCES, FAME AND THE FUHRER

Well we've been out the loop for a few weeks (as opposed to some of us who, if rumours are to be believed, have been out their box) but we're all gathered back here at Newsletter Towers with Big Drew looking his best despite Big Den's attempts to sabotage his liver and Fidel back from his spell acting as Papa Smurffs body/stunt double in Rotterdam. So without further ado, here we go.....

Celtic 1 Dundonian Ayrabs 1

So, where to begin? With Aiden given gardening leave by the SFA (to practice his diving skills ?), Fortuné injured for what maybe a couple of months and 15 (yes that's right fifteen) of our hooped heroes back from International duty, Dundee Utd's fondness for a more (ahem) physical midfield and one eye on that trip to Isreal this week, it was always going to be an interesting staring line up today.

So with all that in mind it was a very experimental 4-5-1 (or 4-2-3-1 if you want to be a real fitba nonce) which took the field.

Things didnae start good, when Heed decided to make what can only be called an erse of a tackle, followed by Hinkel losing his man and Loovens losing his marbles, saw Goodwillie (great name that, wonder if his pals call him Happy Boaby) lash one past a despairing Holy Goalie (after that comic defending I'd be despairing too).

However, we huffed n' puffed and eventually start to blow the Ayrab house down. Sadly, the goal avalanche never came and we were only left with the talking points of some strange substitutions, a Sami goal that looked decent (DON'T start us on the "interfering with play" interpretation of the offside rule) and a stonewall penalty denied (thanks AGAIN, Mr Conroy).

Only bright spot was the impressive debut of McGinn (although the wisdom of ripping blistering crosses into our giant striker, Scott MacD, escaped us) and here's to be hoped that a lot of the lacklustre (and there was quite a few) displays were down to tiredness/niggly injuries and that's all behind us now for Thursday. We hope

Anyway, marks for the game: -

BORUC**6** Steady enough display from THG and apart from picking the ball out the net early doors and a good save at the feet of an Arabian attacker in the first half, had precious little to do.

HINKEL..... **6** Could he really be the German Daniel Fergus McGrain? Completely lost his man for the Arabian goal. Apart from that supported the overlap well.

LOOVENS..... **6** After being on international duty with the Dutch squad was probably in awe of playing alongside Heed, so got caught sleeping in the process. Bang! One nil the Arabs! Still, our best aerial defender.

HEID.....**5** Are all these Contract negotiations really affecting his play? Something is.

FOX..... **6.5** A flower in a defensive desert.

N'GUEMO.....**5** The young, gifted (?) and black Neil Lennon just wasn't at the races today. Apparently, BTM ripped him publicly for his display. Here's hoping he responds to the criticism.

CROSSAS.....**5** Just didn't seem to get to grips with things in midfield and seemed like things were passing him by. Rightly subbed.



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McGINN.....7 MOTM Looks scarily like Derek Riordan but thankfully, that's where the similarity stops. Full of running and whipped in some great crosses which would've been meat n' drink to a bigger striker (are you listening Mr Mowbray ?)

BROWN.....6 Looked to be playing in the striking midfielder role. Sadly, apart from his newly shaved head and bulging eyes, there wasn't really that much striking about Skoosh today.

MALONEY.....6 Ran his chubby wee legs off trying to open up a packed Arabian defence, especially in the second half, but ran out of steam eventually.

McDONALD.....6 Leapt like a salmon (albeit a very small, Antipodean one) to score our goal. Got caught offside too often and ginned a lot. Just another day at the office for SMcD, really.

SUBS

SAMARAS.....4 (on for N'Guemo) Strangely slotted into the left side of midfield. Good goal chalked off but, Oh my, what about thon haircut!

CADDIS.....4 (on for Crossas). Pushed in the right side of midfield and put in a reasonable performance (again).

MIZUNO..... 3 (on for McGinn) Was as ineffective as McGinn had been effective. Had hoped for big things this year, but sadly the jury's starting to make unfavourable noises about oor Koki.

GOALS

Goal 1 : A well drilled Fox free kick, in from the right was met by that giant attacker, SMcD to bullet into the ingan bag.

2. THE RFMCSC / TIP

A quiet(ish) – well if you count heeds rather than decibels, day in TIPland. However, the day's events can be summed up as:-

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| The Bowman | - | Temporarily fled back to Aberdeen to top on shortbread, rowies, Press n' Journals (and all the shoite he doesna know we're going to ask him to take back yet. SSSSSssshhhhttttt!!!) |
| Drew | - | One half of the Ant n' Dec of the RFMCSC. More effective at dispelling the Hitler Youth than a battalion o Red Army tanks. |
| Brucinho | - | Wee Joanna "MaLu" Doyle had big Daddy on a short leash on Saturday. Somehow or other, come Sunday, we think he'd be quite relieved about that. |
| Fidel | - | The other half of Ant n' Dec (only we're not sure which half). Managed to repel attacks from American colonists as Dec (or was it Ant ?) battled with the Hitler Youth. |
| Padraig | - | Returning to Eire for a few weeks soon. What we want to know is will he be attending the Global Irish Economic Forum in Dublin along with (the real) An Taoiseach, Brian Cowen, Bob Geldof, Dermot Desmond, etc. |
| Chris Dean | - | When it all came down to it, was too shocked for the Dunkirk spirit to kick in, but who was that mystery redhead, we ask? |



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- Flavio / Marianna - Working – my erse!!
- Raimundão - Still recouping Brownie points from his last outing?
- John Bradley - Away conquering the Normands (and no doubt, coontin dolphins and seagulls in his, ample, spare time)
- Texas Jimmy -but where was the Lone Star Tim?
- Dave Lennie - Dave who?
- Jim Grogan - A quiet day from the chief of the Borgland Dolphin Allstars?
- Visitors - To say that it was a “colorful” day would be doing it a disservice: -

- Sinky (the Hun) on his way home to Fife
- Half of a Irish rugby seven-a-side team
- Some ceegar totin’, kick ass Texan oil men (and wummen)

....and finally what on the face of things seemed like two old German pensioners on their holidays, turned out to be a Nazi version of Still Game. Bizarre, was not the word!

3. THIS SEASONS FIXTURES / SUBSCRIPTIONS

1) Subscriptions

Have you paid? (Full Member - R\$75. Student – R\$30)

4. FUNDRAISING

1) The Guaratiba Orphanage

October 12th (Dia de Crianças – Children’s Day) is not far away and although our annual donation is already ear marked, further donations are greatly appreciated.

2) The Rio Celtic BC

Thanks mainly to **your** efforts, the five teams are doing well and we will be arranging another visit down to see them this Saturday, when they take on Kosmos (whoever they are). We’ll also be handing over the latest set of strips. Interested parties, you know who to get in touch with.



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YOU are helping to keep this going.

5. OTHER NEWS

1) The Budget – This one’s for you GB

Much conjecture has been made (and will continue to be made) about whether our glorious club would rather have a successful balance sheet or trophies in the cabinet (personally we’d settle for both). So we thought we’d take a wee guesstimate at this years transfer market and see what we really spent

Money Saved (Outgoings)

Player	Wage ^{note 1} (GBP / week)	Salary (GBP / Yr)	Fee (GBP)
JVOH	25,000	1,466,400	
Naka	25,000	1,466,400	
Bobo	25,000	1,466,400	
Hartley	12,000	703,872	
Donati	18,000	1,055,808	1,500,000
Hutchison	10,000	586,560	
Sheridan	5,000	293,280	
O’Dea	5,000	293,280	
Cuthbert	5,000	293,280	100,000
Doumbe	10,000	586,560	
M.Brown	7,000	410,592	

Total saved from budget **£10,222,432**



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Money Spent (Incomings)

Zaluska	10,000	586,560	
Fortuné	20,000	1,173,120	3,000,000
Fox	15,000	879,840	1,500,000
N'Guemo	18,000	1,055,808	500,000 (Loan Fee)
Thompson	7,000	410,592	
Zheng Zhi	18,000	1,055,808	

Total budget committed **£10,161,728**

Notes

- 1) These wages are "guesstimates" and include a 12,8% mark up for inflation, bonuses, etc.
- 2) The above does not also take into account the, alleged, 2m paid to WBA for BTM, Mark Venus and the Pointed One (plus wages at a rumored collective 80k GBP/week) which would add another approx 6M to the figures.

So there it is, the total expenditure on players this season (so far) is in the region of 60 grand (or a room in a one bedroom flat in the West End). Impressed? Depressed? You decide.

Of course, we don't really know what's going on but maybe, just MAYBE, this has something to do with it all.

<http://www.uefa.com/uefa/keytopics/kind=64/newsid=879610.html>

2) The Lowland Lions

During Fidel's time in Rotterdam he managed to frequent two Irish Bars which show the Celtic games. Paddy Murphys (big screens and free Jagermeister after a historic Celtic win – never a good idea on a school night) and O'Sheas where our intrepid, hairy, reporter had the pleasure of bumping into the Lowland Lions (website at lowlandlionscsc.hyves.nl)

Needless to say, Brazil's ambassador to the Netherlands had an enjoyable time and sends a big Hail Hail to Robert, Ralf, Giovanni, Alan, Malcolm, Eileen and all the other bhoys and ghirls of the LL. We look forward to seeing you over here, sometime.

Some footage of our man "enjoying" himself can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBORGMI1LA>

3) LostBhoys Interview

Fresh from his recent movie success as Papa Smurff's stunt/body double our intrepid President was interviewed on the worldwide famous Lostbhoys site the other day. The interview can be heard at (Podcast No.12) http://www.lostbhoys.com/index.php?pr=Home_Page

Details of how much Fidel actually paid the Lostbhoys to sit and listen to his semi coherent babblings are still a closely guarded secret.

4) Paddy McCourt

In ancient China there is a legend that one day a child will be born from a dragon, grow to be a man, and vanquish evil from the land. That man is not Paddy McCourt, because Paddy McCourt killed that man with pure football skill.



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5) Quiz Time

We were so delighted with Sami's new hairstyle on Saturday, we almost lost interest in the football talking about it. Anyway, we've narrowed it down to two famous screen stars as being the inspiration for the new Samaras creation. A lifetime supply of conditioner to the first correct guess drawn out the hat:-



The "No Country for Old Strikers" Cut



The "Scooby Dooby Sami" Cut

.....mair nonsense next week
(but only if you promise to be good and brush your teeth and say your prayers every night before going to bed)