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"If you're good enough, the referee doesn't matter"

Much has been said (and we'll put our two centavos worth in later) about the performance of Donald Muir and his band of "Brothers" (remember the name Francis Andrews, bet you hear it again before this season's out) at Saturday's game against Falkirk (or Fartkirk as the TIP TV ticker tape display kept telling us). Maybe those who're greeting about the efforts of the SFA referees should remember the above quote from non other than the late, great Mr. John "Your Immortal" Stein.

Whatever. The fact is, we weren't at the races (again) on Saturday. An inability to take chances and Keystone Cop defending once more being the hallmarks of the display. Fartkirk are bottom of the SPL FFS! We should be burying teams like this. As it is we didn't and now BTM takes his team to Morton for a Cup tie which has many recalling THAT game against ICT during the Barnes era. Will it come to that? Stay tuned.....

Celtic 1 Fartkirk 1

Goal

Goal 1 – To tell you the truth, we can't remember being too excited about it. Sami shoots, Sami scores – Mild panty dampness sort of goal.

Anyway, marks for the game:-

THG5 Every top class goalkeeper has to deal with long spells of inactivity in a game. THG (worryingly) seems to have forgotten this. "Gave away" a bizarre free kick – Was it his belly that crossed the line?

HINKEL.....5 Gets pass marks as he didn't do much wrong. Then again didn't do a lot right either.

O'DEA.....3 Until he convinces us otherwise shall henceforth be known as Darren O' Dear. Terrible loss of concentration (or did he slip?) to allow Fartkirk to score.

McMANUS....3 Luckily for him he had to go off injured and was spared any more of a showing up by Enoch Showunmi (who's not good enough to make it into English Div 1, Leeds Utd first XI FFS!)

NAYLOR3 When Lee's bad, he's BAD. Today he was rank.

McGEADY4 Who told Aiden that he could beat Fartkirk single handed? Sadly today it was all shiny boots and heeds doon fitba from the man who (allegedly) Birmingham think is worth 14million.

CROSAS.....5 Was played in a more forward position, which did not really suit his natural game. Didn't think he deserved to be hooked (though Zhi was a more likely candidate).

ZHI. 6 Played well in the link up role but tired as the game went on

KI..... 7 **MOTM** Welcome to the SPL Sung-Jung. Showed a willingness and a tenacity in midfield despite getting bloated by a Fartkirkian every time he had the ball. Was unlucky with a well taken free kick. Sadly, no surprise to hear he might be out injured for a month.

MAF..... 4 Missed an open goal. Had a good penalty claim denied and spent a lot of time running into the channels. Once more confirming that he's no Hartson.

SAMARAS.....5 See MAF but with one additional point for scoring a good goal.

Subs



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THOMPSON (for McManus)....5 Did OK but went for the safe option of hoofing the ball "oot the park" everytime he had possession. Time will tell whether this 18yr old is Celtic class or not. At the moment it's doubtful.

McGINN (for Crossas)3 Failed to have any real impact

McCOURT (for Hinkel)4 On for less time than McGinn (about 10mins) but looked threatening.

2. THE RFMCSC / TIP

A good natured crowd (despite the fitba) gathered for an impeccable TIP TV transmission and some (eventually) cold beer:-

- Bowmaninho - Away feeding Shergar at his mate, Lord Lucan's place?
- Drew - Rocks or Celtic? Decisions. Decisions.
- Brucinho - Couldn't get a sick note to get off work. On a Setterday??
- Fidel - Thank feck he only drinks one day a week these days.
- John Bradley - Brighter than a bumble bee tap.
- Padraig - Is that a Voltmeter in your pocket or are you just pleased to see us?
- Texas Jimmy - Just call me the Cable Guy.
- Flavio / Marianna - Adam n Eve. Romeo n' Juliet. Brad n' Angelina. Sutton n' Hartson. Need we say more?
- Wee Harry - Welcome to our newest member. What he lacked in inches, he more than made up for in decibels (and litres of beer).
- Colin Mck - If it's aspirins your after, feck off to the pharmacy. If it's forgiveness, phone a priest. We only do beer here.
- Visitors - Caesar, our man from Globo London made a welcome return. Mind you we think he was only here to hide from all the snow in London (all 2mm of it).

3. RFMCSC EVENTS

1) Next Game

Looks like we're out of luck for the S.Cup game at Morton this Tues (we believe no cameras will be at the game). Therefore, our next game is Sun 24th Jan at the unusually late k.o. of 13:30.

Due to availability (or lack of) certain personnel last Sat, there will now be a meeting before the game on Sunday (13:00 hrs) to discuss the current financials of the club. All members invited.

4. FUNDRAISING

1) General

Last year we managed (just) to keep the Rio Boys football going. This year (as it stands) that level of commitment looks doubtful. Unless **YOU** can tell us differently.



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5. OTHER NEWS

5.1 Out of His Box?

....(if rumours are to be believed) is a phrase than has been used once or twice in association with THG. However on Saturday, Mason Muir (ably assisted by linesman, Brother Francis Andrews) gave a free kick, supposedly for THG coming out of the box as he cleared the ball. Not exactly what this picture of the incident shows is it?



5.2 Contrast and Compare

In season 1999/2000, after 20 league games Celtic had 41 points, Rangers had 51. John Barnes was manager.

So far in season 2009/10, we have played 19 SPL games, have 38 points. So, if we win our game in hand against Kilmarnock we will have achieved the same points total as Barnes' team.

In season 1999/2000, John Barnes Celtic had conceded 20 goals, BTM's Celtic have conceded 20.

Now here's the rub.....

At that stage John Barnes Celtic had scored 82 goals, BTM's have scored 38!!

After a shock Scottish Cup defeat against ICT John Barnes was sacked. We play Morton on Tuesday.



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5.3 OF. No more.

Some might say it doesn't matter – we do. Therefore, as of NOW the use of the words "Old F*rm" in the context of joining Celtic and THEM together as some sort "both sides of the same coin" is just not on. Together, we can consciously make an effort to use other ways to describe games against TFOD and help eradicate this erroneous association.



5.4 When will we see your like again?



Passion and Flair in a Snapshot

Keep the faith Bhoys n' Ghirls. Keep the Faith.