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Pant Wetting in Perth

OK, OK we're late but we've been busy (who do you think makes up all these transfer rumour gossip?). Anyway, the more observant amongst you would have noticed that yesterday was the birthday of Scotland's national bard, Rabbie Burns. So in honour of his memory, here's Sunday match report – Burns style:-

And up tae Perth, the Celts did trail
and Albas Press cried out, 'Please fail'
and for 45, it looked damn bleak
Celtics troubles, wurnae hard tae seek

Artur in goal, was looking slow and huge
O'Dea out left, had some confused
Young Josh Thompson stood, at centre hauf
Hinkel out right, when the game kicked off

McGinn and Aiden, started out wide
Zheng Zhi and Marc, played inside
Sami ran around, like he was Scott Broon eh?
And the only threat, was named Fortune'

A penalty and head gash too
Saw Loovens day, turn black and blue
On came wee Caddis, moving O'Dea inside
1 nil doon, and naewhere tae hide

So the first half came, Saints and Sky did cheer
The Celtic fans, had nowt but fear
Could Tony Mowbray, lift his sullen troops?
Or would the league be lost, wae coupon droops?

10 seconds down, the answer was clear 'n' loud
As MAF ran through, slow Gartland fouled
The referee, took out his card red
And McInnes shook, his hunnish head

So ten man Saints, led the full strong Celts
And the Green and White, charged at full pelt
On came, McGowan and McCourt
As Mowbray cried, "Defence .. abort!"

Keen McGowan, held the ball in tight
Sami charged left. and MAF went right
Young Paul due East', the ball did pass
The score was settled, with the Frenchman's blast

The Celts rained in shots, and chased the game
But Smith was able, kept the score the same
But Thompson's knock-down, saw our Sami strike
He volleyed home, to the crowds delight

Then as the Tims, were aglow in wonder
Daft Boruc, tried to rent asunder



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He fuffed about, near causing disaster
Finally cleared, but nae doubt words after

At the other end, the Celts showed some style
McCourt and Fortune shone, by a country mile
Paddy took a shot, which the ex-Hun Smith fumbled
And through the keepers legs, MAF duly humbled

With a final hurrah, and a last aplomb
McCourt delivered, a fourth goal bomb
He picked the ball out left, and cut inside
And hit the postage stamp, up to his right

And so that was that, the game it ended
Jim White was sick, wee Tanner-upended
Mogga smiled, knew he'd called it right
And now Hibs await, on Wednesday night

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Goal

Goal 1 – McGowan knock on to MAF who rifles a baw buster from all of 100 yards oot. Goal of the millenium?

Panty wetting potential – Absolute unstoppable deluge

Goal 2 – The tractor driving defence fail to clear a corner. Ball heeded back across the box to Sami to rifle in a volley from about 18yds out. Screamer!

Panty wetting potential – What's Greek for ringin'?

Goal 3 – The Blessed Paddy rifles in a shot which the tractor driving keeper fails to hold. MAF pounces and sticks it in the pokey via the hapless keeper's legs.

Panty wetting potential – Frontal dampness the size of a map of China

Goal 3 – The Blessed Paddy cuts in from the left. Beats one man. Beats two. Beats three and then pings one into the ingan bag from about twenty yards oot

Panty wetting potential – New panties, please!

Anyway, marks for the game:-

BORUC5 Arthur you need to realise that standing off centre for pens (ie. trying to suggest to the taker where to place the pen) just doesnae work. Oh, and another thing 'Concentration' (or the lack of it). Another wee moment nearly cost us at the end in the second. Time for a rest?

HINKEL.....5 Not the player he was these past few games. Maybe time for Mark Wilson (or Caddis) to come back in for a few games?

O'DEA.....6 Captain for the day (oddly enough ?). Picked up where Captain Heed left off by tumbling into a tractor driver to give away a pen (and their only shot at goal) Otherwise was steady.

LOOVENS.....3 A bad clash o' heeds saw him taken off injured early in the game.

THOMPSON6 Cleared his lines well. Still question marks about his ability to deal with pacy players though.



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McGEADY 6 Aiden ran, and ran and ran. In fact, a Forrest Gump sort of day where Aiden didn't really seem to do much more than run.

CROSAS.....7 Back to his more composed style of play. Steady throughout.

ZHI.5 Struggled to find his pace in the game. Probably be "drapped" as soon as the wee black Neil Lennon's available

McGINN.....5 Started today based on previous performances but failed lived up to expectations.

FORTUNE..... 9 MOTM This was the type of display we have been hopeful of him producing! He was strong and forceful, with good control and powerful shooting.

SAMARAS.... .. 8 We're still no happy about MAF/Sami's inability to play off each other but today Sami dropped deep, ran chased, harried and won several valuable balls. And then capped it off with a fine volley (that's 8 goals in 10 outings now).

Subs

CADDIS (on for Loovens).... 6 Slotted in without any problems. Might have done enough to be a real possibility for the RB slot?

McGOWAN (on for Zhi)..... 6 For a while we though "Gowser" was going to be another Simon Ferry. However, worked hard and had a big hand in two of the goals. An overlooked striking option for us?

McCOURT (on for Hinkel)..... 8 Still (allegedly) not a 90minute man (rumour is we hear of his inability to heal quickly from the rigours of injuries). However, he fair lights up the park when he's on it. Can't wait for his first goal against TFOD.

The Scottish Cup game against Morton

Something of a first for the Nnewsletter this, we actually had a roving reporter at the S.Cup game against Morton last Tuesday night (one of the few games the RFMCSC has been unable to get on TV this season, so far). Yes, our very own answer to Chic Young, Jimmy Logan was there. This is what he'd got to say about it all:-

A bit easier than the score line suggests but hardly awe inspiring. I'll tell you how bad I feel about the strikers. I'd play McDonald every time in place of those two. At least he knows how to score.

Fortune was getting dogs abuse from the Deep River Mob throughout with chants of "What a waste of money" and then when he made an arse of it in the last couple of minutes they broke into chants of "Sebo Sebo". Haven't given up entirely but at 3.8mill it's a bit worrying to say the least. In his defense big Sammi is 20 yds away from him at all times. He's unique. Brilliant and downright awful all inside 8 seconds.

Oh and Darren just won't Dea and the middle of the park was a bit powder puff.

So there you have it.

2. THE RFMCSC / TIP

Another good turn out gathered for an impeccable TIP TV transmission and plenty cold beer:-

Bowmaninho - Sadly, GB has announced his retirement from our happy, wee band.



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- Ma n' Pa B - Apparently looking to become illegal immigrants.
- Drew - Fitba? Nevermind that, wait 'til I show you ma drill.
- Brucinho - Was so sick that Mammy Howe wouldn't let him out. Poof!
- Fidel - If this man was chocolate he'd eat himsel.
- Padraig - Another impeccable display from the Webmaster.
- Flavio / Mariana - We've all heard of Brangelina. So what's it to be? Flariana? Or Marvio?
- Rhainmann - Rumoured to be the Chairman of the Escape from Niteroi committee.
- Simon - *Honest, Frankie McGuinness is no ma Da. Honest!!!*
- John Bradley - MIA?
- Wee Harry - Presumably returned to Vitoria to terrorise the locals with crys of "MON ra Hoopz" (Harry we've got your T-shirts, get in touch wi us can ye)
- Texas Jimmy - Superbowl time is looming up, so presumed to have jaunted off hame.
- Caesar - Hiding in Florianpolis. Apparently there's less snow there than in London.
- Visitors - Flariana / Marvio's mate (who's name escapes us now) and a bunch of assorted German tourists all made the day evenm more enjoyable than it already was.

3. RFMCSC EVENTS

1) Next Game

Two games this week. First off we'll be taking on our East Coast feeder team (that'd be Hibs then) tomorrow 17:45 TIP time.

Then it's a (relatively) early kick off, 10:30 Sat morning against Hamilton.

So don't forget:-

Weds 27 th Jan,	17:45	Hibernian (home)
Sat 30 th Jan,	10:30	Hamilton (away)

We've a funny feeling that a few of the new signings will feature in one (or both) of these games so come along and enjoy the fun

2) New Members

Just a quick "*Bem vindo*" to Rhainmann, Wee Harry and Simon (McGuinness) who've all joined the club in recent weeks.



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4. FUNDRAISING

1) General

Well it's looking like we're going to struggle to maintain our level of support this year but we have all agreed (we at least those who turned up on Sunday) that the single source support of the Rio Bhoys is how we want to go with the resources available. More on this, as it happens.

5. OTHER NEWS

5.1 Transfer News and How to Report it

This is something of a major scoop for the chaps (and chapess's) here at NL towers – we've managed to get hold of a memo from the Editor of the Daily Rectum to his staff about how to deal with any reported transfers. Read on.

Colleagues,

The transfer window is here. As such it is of vital importance that each and every one of you is fully aware of your responsibilities at this very important time.

Consequently I would like to take this opportunity to draw your immediate attention to the 'Daily Rectum - Transfer Window Style Guide' outlined hereunder.

Now, this is a document most of you should already be very familiar with. However, due to recent revisions it is crucial that you re-familiarise yourself with the guide as a matter of some urgency.

As you know, this style guide sets out clear and definite instructions on the coverage of all stories regarding the Transfer Window and related issues. Under no circumstances should these be strayed from.

Any queries or questions regarding the content of the guide should not be addressed directly to Sir David Murray or Mr Walter Smith but rather raised in the first instance with myself. After that all further communication will be conducted via your union/legal representative.

Transfer Window - Style Guide

- (1) Rangers FC do not 'buy' or 'sign' players. They 'swoop' for players. The extraordinary nature of these swoops must be emphasised at all times by preceding the word 'swoop' with at least one of the following choices - 'sensational' 'stunning' 'exciting' 'audacious' or 'ambitious'.*
- (2) Celtic FC do not 'buy' or 'sign' players. They 'finally complete' deals. The hugely dull nature of this event should be emphasised at all times by using at least one of the following terms - 'protracted' 'long-running' and 'drawn out affair'.*
- (3) Any overseas transfer target of Rangers FC is, without fail, also being pursued "...by a host of Europe's top clubs".*
- (4) Rangers FC must then be referred to as "battling it out for the signature..." of this 'hot property' and 'wanted man'.*
- (5) The exact identity of these elite club's will be selected on a random basis but must contain at least one of the current top four sides in Italy, Germany and Spain. One of these may be substituted by Lyon but no other French club.*



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- (6) *If the said player signs for Rangers FC then the club have "pulled off a sensational coup". To avoid unnecessary confusion under no circumstances should the player be asked why he turned down these previously reported top clubs. Instead the player will "modestly refuse to comment on the speculation".*
- (7) *Any overseas player purchased by Rangers FC under the age of 21 years is a 'wonder kid'.*
- (8) *Any overseas player purchased by Celtic FC under the age of 21 years is an 'unknown youngster'.*
- (9) *In recognition of the club's international stature it is appropriate that the transfer fees received and paid by Rangers FC should initially be quoted in Euros. After this initial use the term of currency quoted should be dropped and thereafter, whenever possible, the figure referred to only by approximate amount.*
- (10) *Should Rangers FC purchase a Scottish player from a domestic rival then this story must be accompanied by a double page spread praising the club's willingness to invest in home-grown talent and how this is of the benefit to the national side and indeed the country as a whole.**
- (11) *Should Celtic FC purchase a Scottish player from a domestic rival then this story must be accompanied by a double page spread condemning the club's willingness to rape rivals of home-grown talent and how this is to the detriment of the national side and indeed the country as a whole.**
- *Jimmy Calderwood and Gus MacPherson are, once again, more than willing to contribute. However, please note due to current financial constraints within the company the expenses department has placed a limit of four fish suppers per contributor.*
- (12) *Any player linked with Rangers FC who has not made a strongly worded denial of the said move should be referred to issuing "...a come and get me plea."*
- (13) *Clubs unwilling to lower their asking price to meet the perfectly acceptable bid placed by Rangers FC must be strongly condemned. All stories of this nature must include the words/terms "staggering asking price" "inflated fee" "outrageous demands" and "holding to ransom". The player involved in this deal must be referred to as "the want away star" and it is imperative that any story fully informs the reader how the immoral stance of the selling club could "jeopardise a dream move to Ibrox" for a player "whose heart is set on a switch to Glasgow".*
- (14) *Clubs unwilling to up their bid to meet the perfectly reasonable fee placed on a player by Rangers FC must be strongly condemned. All stories of this nature must include the words/terms "insulting" "laughably derisory bid" "on the cheap" "deliberate attempt to unsettle" and "outrageously low offer".*

5.2 Speaking of Transfers

Our wee Parkhead mole (oh c'mon everybody's got one these days) tells us that there could well be more comings and goings before the window slams shut on Monday.

Some of the arrivals being mentioned are:-

Solvi Ottensen, 25, CD, Sondersyske. Meant to be a "feed the berr" type player. Was at Lennoxton in the summer.

Samuel Holden, 25, MF, Brondy. Apparently we've also looked at this "box to box" midfielder before.



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Lee Wallace, 22, LB, Hearts. Better than the man who maybe about to Fox off. Makes Deeks look like Mother Thersea on nights out in Embra apparently.

Luc Damour, 19, Striker, Strasbourg. Lots of smoke but no action, we hear on this one.

Simir Stillic, 22, MF, Lech Poznan. The new Naka. Dinny hold your breath here.

Robert Koren, 29, MF, WBA. Another "box to Box" midfielder. BTM should know all about this man he made him captain at WBA.

David Boysen, 18, Striker, AB Copenhagen. 5 goals in two game. Currently on trials at Lennoxtown. Ne for the future.

.....and there's always that Robbie Keane rumour.....

5.3 Getting Shirty



Following on from our recent tirade about the loathsome OF handle (Do you think the Sun would've led with the banner headline "OF Player in Sex Scandal" recently if they'd thought it was a Celtic player involved? Somehow or other we think the headline would've been different) Anyway, we digress.....

The Carling shirt sponsorship deal (currently worth in the region of 2M per year to the club) expires at the end of this season and we hear whispers that Tennents (or more accurately C&C Group PLC, the drinks company who own Tennents and also the Magners and Bulmers cider lines) are in for a joint negotiation which would see us and FC sub Prime being tied to a 1.5M per club, per year deal.

No! No! and thrice **NO!** We say.

Please Mr Lawell (for we know you read this) let's cut our own deals for shirt sponsorship.

Whilst we can see the obvious difficulty in associating with another drinks sponsor in the current "alcohol is the new nicotine bogey-man" PC climate we live in, a natural suggestion would be Guinness. However we don't think they're likely to move away from the egg shaped ball to sponsoring a more oikish sport like the fitba. So who's it to be then? How about one of these names - Samsung? Ryanair? Nike? Paddy Power? Unicef? Here's the Nnewsletter's book on the likely outcome.

Samsung Given Celtic's recent ventures in the Far East and some of Mr Lawell's more obscure business trips out there. We think this maybe a realistic probability.
Nnewsletter bookie : 7 to 4 favs

Nike Well they do already supply our strips and there is THAT rumour about an Arsenal style change of stadium name this year (again). Don't be surprised if this mob "swooshes" up the bookies list.
Nnewsletter bookie : 3 to 1



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- Ryanair** As far as we know (go on correct us) Ryanair, an Irish firm who love to court media exposure, good or bad, (anybody else remember CEO Michael O' Ryan's "free beds and blow jobs" quip about their planned transatlantic route?) don't sponsor any teams. Yet. Nnewsletter bookie : 5 to 1
- Paddy Power** Surprisingly, one of the only major bookies not involved in shirt sponsorship of a major football club (sorry Swansea fans). Oh and they're also Irish. Nnewsletter bookie : 5 to 1
- Unicef** Well it worked for Barcelona. Didn't it? Much as though it would suit with the "mas que un clube" image that we like to think of Celtic as having, we think the suits in the board won't go for it. Nnewsletter bookie : 50 to 1

5.4 If I were a Rich Man (one in an occasional series)

The other day as we were trawling thru' the archives of the extensive Nnewsletter library / in the bog (choose which one you believe) we came across this little snippet from the Irish Rich List 2009:

Desmond Dermott

Ranking: 4

Worth: £1,412m (€1,569m)

How nice to have a wedding to look forward to in these gloomy times. It's even nicer when your son Brett, has landed one of Ireland's most beautiful women in the shape of songstress, Andrea Corr. Of course, what to get for a wedding gift will be a tough one. Luckily Brett's father, is a billionaire financier Desmond Dermott , 58, who sold many assets at the 2007 market peak, leaving him with an £848m cash pile that could come in handy to pick up cheap investments in the downturn — so he'll be all right for a toaster.

However, even Mr Dermott isn't immune from the crash. The value of his 37% stake in Celtic FC more than halved to £11m last year. Dermott was a minor creditor of collapsed American bank Lehman Brothers and his company, IIU Nominees, built a stake of 16m in the Bank of Ireland and the AIB — sustaining losses estimated at €12m.

Outside Ireland, he has also seen a £2.5m drop in the value of his 13% stake in a property company that invests in the former Soviet Union and a fall from £20m to £11m in his stake in Mountain Province Diamonds, a quoted Toronto miner.

Holdings which were not as badly hit include 15% of Barchester, one of the biggest care home providers in the UK, and Chrysalis Radio, owner of the Heart station. He runs his International Investment and Underwriting group from his Dublin office block and, through this, has stakes in a raft of technology companies such as Datalex and Betdaq, an online betting exchange, altogether worth more than £150m. He is described on the IIU website as "a keen golfer with aspirations!"

Dermott Desmond is in tax exile in Gibraltar but has property in Dublin and London, racehorses, a Dessault Falcon 900 jet and art, altogether now worth £44m. He has somewhere to get away from it all, too — Sandy Lane hotel in Barbados, of which he holds a third with partners JP Magnier and John Magnier

So there you have it everything you needed to know about our major shareholder.

Meanwhile, Chief Executive, Peter Lawell's remuneration from the club has increased from £299k in 2005 to £739k in the last financial year. How many other people do you know have had a 250% wage increase in the past five years?

Altogether now,If I were a Rich man.....



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5.5 Member's Corner

We managed to snap this wee picc'y of Jim Grogan resting at home the other day.



Passion and Flair in a Snapshot #2

Remember, bhoys n' ghirls. The future's bright the future's green 'n white.