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Ooh Aah. Up the Ra's

We're a bit late this week (Hey, better late than never) so a very brief report this time (mainly because we can't be ersed)

Anyhow's, as one of the more astute (or was it sober?) members of the RFMCSC pointed out (cheers Drew) there were four Celtic players with the letters "RA" in their name – Samaras, Rasmussen, Kamara and Braffheid on the pitch on Sunday. Hence this weeks title.

Dunfermline Athletic 2 Celtic 4

Well, after the disappointment of the previous Wednesday night (honestly we could've have felt more let down if BTM had come round our hoose at teatime and climbed up on the dining table and shat in our mince). We'll not forget Kilmarnock for a long time Tony.

Anyway, Cup business at Dunfermline this time and after a bright start with a well taken Ra (but which one? we here you say) goal, we managed, with the help of ref Charlie Richmond to gift Dunfermline two goals. A wee bit of huff n' puff saw us come back into the game well and trot out eventual 4-2 winners. Oh, and Keano scored his first goal for Celtic.

Coincidentally the shots on target/goals stats for the game tell an interesting story:-

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| DAFC | Shots on target | 3 | Goals | 2 |
| Celtic | Shots on target | 11 | Goals | 4 |

Celtic 2 Huns wi' no bus fare (Hearts) 0

A first half where Celtic did everything but put the ball in the pokie and full marks must go to the Hertz 'keeper for keeping them in the game.

Different story in the second half where a 2minute brace from Glenda Loovens and MAF put us very much in the driving seat. Good to see Broonie becoming more dominant in midfield, the debut of Thomas Rogne (after Glenda went off injured, again) and Aiden linking well with Keano. Oh and Hertz didna have a shot on goal – so THG had heehaw to do.

Stats? Did somebody mention stats?

Celtic 69% possession in this game. How about that?

2. THE RFMCSC / TIP

Air conditioning, ice, uninterrupted TV feeds – it's all happening in TIP land these days!!

- Fidel - Water? Gawd nooooo. Fish shag in that stuff!
- Drew - Fresh from the previous week's bra buying session. Just call me Mr DD Cup
- Padraig - Me toilets are for shoitin' in, not for doing yer poofer stuff. Now FECK OFF!
- Brucinho - Treble no-show. Rumours are he canny attend as he's busy rehearsing for his new position – Porta de Bandera (for the Banda de Ipanema)
- John Bradley - MIA



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- Simon - Sadly, returned to Blighty. Enjoy the rest o' the season Simon.
- Flavio / Mariana - Carnival excess's have no doubt taken an early toll on Flariana.
- Cesar / Eric - Good to see the Globo wing of the CSC out in strength
- Sam the NonDenominational - Apparently his birth certificate says "Forename - Samantha"
- Wee Harry / Jim G. / Rhainmann - Nowhere to be seen. Probably out looking for John B?
- Jimmy Logan - Still celebrating the transfer of a certain Australian to M'boro?
- Visitors - Special mention to Frankie McGuinness from the Dunfermline Rio supporters club (apparently they held their AGM in a phone box last week)

Oh and whole heap of entertainment biz people who said they were connected with "Bee-on-cee". Whoever she is?

3. RFMCSO EVENTS

1) Next Game

Well, yet another, (relatively) early kick off, 10:30 Sat morning against those dodgy sheep todgerers from Aberdeen.

Now we're not wanting to give too much away here, but as you probably know there are a lot of celebs and the like here for Carnival. So don't be surprised at who turns up (no, we don't mean Raimundão!!)

4. FUNDRAISING

1) General

Earlier this week you will have received a letter from Drew outlining where we are with the Rio Bhoys FC. Here's a snapshot of what the total costs are. (legal) Suggestions as to how we can meet the target very greatly appreciated.

| Rio Celtic Supporters Club | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Margarida Bhoys - Outgoings 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jan-10 | Feb-10 | Mar-10 | Apr-10 | May-10 | Jun-10 | Jul-10 | Aug-10 | Sep-10 | Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 | TOTAL 2010 |
| Margarida Bhoys - Outgoings 2010 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash Out | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pitch Rental | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 3.600,00 |
| Team Bus (2 away games / m) | 250,00 | 250,00 | 250,00 | 250,00 | 250,00 | 250,00 | 250,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 4.250,00 |
| Registration fees | | | | | | | | 500,00 | | | | | 500,00 |
| Equipment (Balls, bibs, gloves etc) | | | 1.500,00 | | | | | | | | | | 1.500,00 |
| Match Official fees (2 games / mth) | | | | | | | | 260,00 | 260,00 | 260,00 | 260,00 | 260,00 | 1.300,00 |
| Kit Laundry | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 200,00 | 2.400,00 |
| Drinks / snacks | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 100,00 | 1.200,00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| TOTAL CASH OUT | 850,00 | 850,00 | 2.350,00 | 850,00 | 850,00 | 850,00 | 850,00 | 1.860,00 | 1.360,00 | 1.360,00 | 1.360,00 | 1.360,00 | R\$ 14.750,00 |
| RFMCSO | | 300,00 | 1.800,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 300,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 500,00 | 5.800,00 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | 39% |



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5. OTHER NEWS

5.1 The Manager

Last Newsletter we were rabbiting on about the Board and their input into the current predicament – we'll come back to that – sometime. This week we were going to have a ~~go, gie a literary kickin to,~~ critical review of BTM's contribution to it all but we're going to hold off on that. For the now.

Instead, cast your mind back to December 1989, it's a cup tie (third round in fact). The heroes of this particular story have splurged big on the transfer market but undergone a depressing run without a win, including a 5-1 drubbing by bitter city rivals. The vast and long suffering fans have become so disheartened that banners are hoisted to the beleaguered manager, stating *"Three years of excuses and it's still crap"* In fact the manager was later quoted as saying *"It was the darkest period I have ever suffered in the game"*. Then that big Cup tie came against a team who were flying high in the league and expected to gie them a doin. In fact quite the reverse happened the heroes of the story won 1-0 and went onto win the Cup.

...the rest, as they say, is history for Sir Alexander Chapman Ferguson.

OK, it's not exactly the same as BTM, but as we said earlier the rest of the season's going to be a roller coaster ride. Are you strapped in?

5.2 Swastikas Over Ibrox (A Useless Bit o' History)

There is a famous photo of the England football team giving the Nazi salute in Berlin in 1938. But less well known is the part Nazi politics played two years earlier, the last time a united Germany faced Scotland at Ibrox, on Wednesday, October 14, 1936.



Another Famous Photo

The countries had only met once before, in 1929, when a makeshift all tartan Scotland team had drawn 1-1 in Berlin.

Yet despite the curiosity value, a crowd of 40,000 was much smaller than expected due to the political feeling about the game - even in 1936 there were strong misgivings about the Nazi regime, combined with bitter memories of the Great War.

The press even hinted that a demonstration was feared, but there were no signs of trouble on the day thanks to a heavy police presence. "Here were our enemies of a few years ago," one reporter wrote. "Were they fated to play the same role in the near future? Was this great gesture of sport a useless thing, already destined to be jeered at?"

Three days before the match the German party arrived at Renfrew Aerodrome and booked in at the Central Hotel before enjoying the time-honoured tradition of second house at the Pavilion. The next



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morning they went to Ibrox for a training session and were observed performing "a kind of goose-step, diverting the ball from one knee to the other". Sounds like keepy uppy!

As the game approached, the political overtones were rife. There was an atmosphere of having an unwanted guest to stay; no-one wanted to be rude and everyone ended up being overbearingly polite instead.

Mind you, Rangers and Scotland goalkeeper Jerry Dawson tried to make light of the situation: he dabbed a small black moustache on his upper lip and pulled his hair over his right eyebrow. "Dat's good fonny," a visitor remarked, trying hard not to show offence.

There was widespread suspicion that the German 'amateurs' were playing for more than just national pride after the humiliation of losing to Norway in their own Olympic Games. According to the Evening Dispatch: "The visitors will be keen to uphold the honour of their Fatherland, and as was the case with successful athletes at the Olympic Games there is no saying what reward will be meted out to the scorer of the winning goal should there be such luck for a German in the contest."

Rangers manager William Struth, familiar with most of the German players, said they did not have the finesse of Scottish footballers but were very fast, and their sudden bursts could rip open an opposing defence.

As it turned out, they could not have been more sporting opponents, and every time a German fouled an opponent he instantly extended his hand to receive the shake of forgiveness.

When the match came around, the start was delayed for 18 minutes, with the German party held up in heavy traffic. When the team eventually came out, they were wearing white shirts with red collars and cuffs, and black shorts - the Nazi colours; their shirt badge was a Nazi eagle.

The players lined up and gave a Nazi salute to the main stand to "loud applause", turned and saluted the opposite side, and again repeated the salute during both national anthems. The Scottish team refrained.

The visitors' actions, however, were echoed in the stand by about 500 Germans who had arranged a cruise to fit in this match with the weekend's encounter in Dublin against the Irish Free State. During both national anthems they stood to attention and gave the Nazi salute, as did the German press contingent, much to the bemusement of the Scottish reporters.

To make their politics entirely clear, the Germans had brought with them two large Nazi flags - red with a black swastika on a white circle - and these flew over the Ibrox stand together with a Union Jack.

At last the match could start. Playing attractive one touch football, the German forwards threatened the Scots goal regularly but nearly always failed to get a shot in, and when they did Dawson came to the rescue. Gellesch did have the ball in the net after just three minutes, but was marginally offside.

Scotland made few chances as they stuttered along, and reached half-time with the scoreline blank.

Stamina and experience paid off in the end, however, and Scotland's second half performance was enough to secure a 2-0 win with strikes from Celtic's Jimmy Delaney (67 and 83 mins), his first international goals.

Overall, it was a poor performance by Scotland who, although never in much danger of losing, failed to settle to a steady game. All the flair came from the visitors.

The Germans left the pitch with another Nazi salute to the crowd, and went on to Dublin where they lost 5-2. They can little have thought that it would be almost 60 years before a united German team again met Scotland in Glasgow.

They would hardly recognise Ibrox, either, although the Union Jacks are still there.



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5.3 Paddy's Goldfish

Word has reached us that last week the TIP supremo became extremely worried when his pet goldfish started behaving strangely. Fortunately, we managed to obtain a transcript of the resulting visit to the vets.

Vet *Now Mr An Taoiseach, what seems to be the problem?*
AT *Oim foine, your Vetness. But Oim worried about me Goldfish. Oi tink he's got epilepsy*
Vet *It looks calm enough to me"*
AT *Ah maybe's so, but you haven't taken him out of the bowl yet"!*

5.4 Wee Harry's Health

Continuing on with a medical theme.....Hope is rapidly fading for Rio Fergus McCann CSC member Harry McMaster after an unsightly growth was discovered on his right shoulder.

For those of you with a weak stomach do NOT look at the photo attached hereunder.



So that's it until another fun packed issue.

Remember, Bhoys n' Ghirls – the revolution starts here! NOW!!!

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