

What's the News in NOVEMBER



Los Desperados

Who'd have believed back in July, we'd be dancing in the streets at the thought of being just 10 points down and drawing with the mighty Killie. Last season our team battled it out for SPL Player of the year. This season they're fighting to be the one most likely to get Lennon the sack. At the AGM Lenny tipped Goalless George - don't even get me started on Cha - but the odds on Desperate Dan must be getting shorter. Lately, he's been posted missing so often people are starting to confuse him with Lord Lucan. Meanwhile, Dan the Gran's telling anyone who will listen he's just hit his top form. And I have to admit I've never seen anyone run away from a ball as fast as he can - or whose reactions are so sharp, they can be nailed to the spot like that, the very second a ball comes over. Down at Ayrshire Hun Park, we'd have been better off with three cow pies (or even three Killie pies) at the back than that lot. As for Lenny, the papers and the web are awash with supporters demanding the Board bring back all manner of former Celtic managers with better track records than he's had this season...I'm just surprised no one's managed to get through to Mowbray, Barnes or Macari yet. But despite it all I for one am still keeping the faith ... No matter what anyone says...there's a lot more of this season to go and who knows what might happen ... Rangers might go into administration and get a 10 point deduction, Kayal might stop sulking and our defenders could even stop scoring goals.....for the opposition.

Not Getting Shirty

It sounded like a plan maybe not to save the season but it might have saved this year's shirt sales. Get in a Scottish National Hero, someone who'd taken on the cream of international football and won, with an iconic goal we can all remember. And it might have worked too - only Lenny was thinking of James McFadden but Lawwell was only prepared to stump up enough cash to get him Archie Gemmil.

Check out the Season Book Slots

With October over, we're now taking season book bookings for the second half of the season. Even if you've had a slot, you are free to request another. Details of free slots are at <http://www.bhoysofcroydoncsc.com/seasonticket.htm> - and if a slot is free two weeks from kick off, tickets can be requested by standard members for just £10.

Eleven went to Rennes

Ten men and a lovely lady from the club made the trip

to Rennes by car into Northern France. Our inward journey started at East Croydon via Maidstone, then onto the Shuttle to Calais. The trip to Rennes proved only a little troubling to this writer and navigator, who somehow managed to get the convoy (is 2 a convoy?) going in the wrong direction, all as the cd played "we're on the one road, maybe the wrong road"! Still we got there via lots of curses, with Liam "SatNav" Burke finally getting us to the hotel around 9:30, a full 12 hours after we'd left. The student city was on half term, but we still managed to find some good bars. The last one of which was rocking to the Rennes and Celtic fans beat with the lovely lady host until the punters in the flat above decided enough was enough and, Tam Burke felt its full force with a bucket of water!! Our driver supremo, Declan, who was driving Marion's Toyota Land Cruiser (the Beast), was in good form and, his honed observational skills came to the fore in the Irish Bar on Parliament Square where a well ample lady who came into the bar got this response "look at the lungs on that!" The Square was awash with the Hoops banners from everywhere, including Govan, Inverness, Blantyre and the Balloch Brigada to name but a few, where the Huddle was performed, led by Tony from Bellshill wearing his Pope outfit! I only discovered this later from my daughter Kirsty - Tony is a friend of hers. Space prevents a full blown account but mention has to be made of this beautiful city and its Celtic inhabitants, the banner pictured belonged to the Rennes fans, brilliant people. Now the thanks, in no particular order (Christ I must have watched X Factor) to Ciaran, the trip organiser and legend; Marion (Mary Ann if you're Tam!!) for the use of the Beast and Celtic fanatic; her boy Patrick, in Rennes to see a throat specialist, sure could sink those pints; Jim other main driver, patriarch of the club and brilliant at profanities while on the wrong road; George, the banner man and Declan's cousin maybe; Tam the optimist and motivator in times of trouble, luv ya man; Liam, Tam's nephew, section 111 member and pure dead brilliant navigator; Gerry, founding father and lucky mascot, he actually went to the game; Vinnie back up driver and my calming influence on all things Celtic and, finally, Declan, if Carlsberg did drivers and, my motivator behind away trips for this season. And if you didn't see the game - same as our last trip - it was a

back from the dead draw in Europe! Maybe we should send our Bhoys on the road more often.



Hail, Hail

P.S. If you haven't got round to filling in your membership renewal - forms and badges are available at the club on match days just speak to one of the committee.

MATCH DAYS

Thur 3 Nov Celtic v Rennes (Europa) 20.05
 Sun 6 Nov Motherwell v Celtic (SPL) - ESPN 12.00
 Sat 19 Nov ICT v Celtic (SPL) - 12.30
 Wed 23 Nov Celtic v Dunfermline (SPL) - 19.45 - Tickets available
 Sat 26 Nov Celtic v St Mirren (SPL) - 15.00 - Tickets available
 Wed 30 Nov Celtic v Atletico Madrid (Europa) - 18.00