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ntl:

**T**onight is another very important step for everyone at Celtic as we welcome Hapoel Tel-Aviv for our UEFA Cup match.

I am pleased to be going into this game after another league win against Kilmarnock on Sunday although I feel that we could have played better in that game.

But, as always, it was important that we got the right result and now the competition for places among the players is very high and that can only benefit Celtic.

Hapoel is a side that Eyal Berkovic raves about and he is constantly reminding us of how good they are. I haven't seen them for myself but we have had them watched and we've seen them on videotape.

And from that I have noticed that their passing of the ball, movement and organisation is very good.

It will be a difficult game but we are going to attempt to win the match, not concede anything and hopefully score a few goals.

There is no point in thinking about reaching the later stages of this tournament before we have beaten Hapoel Tel-Aviv over two legs and we aim to begin that job tonight.

The first hurdle in any cup match, no matter which competition, is always the next game and we have to try and clear this particular one tonight.

And then we want to take things even further in Israel in two weeks from now to improve our chances of going through.

Hapoel may be an unknown quantity to many people but we won't treat them or the tie lightly.

What we do know is enough about their players to be prepared for this match and people like Eyal and others who we have spoken to about our visitors have been very complimentary about them.

People may not think they are



very good because they are from Israel but the players, the staff and myself won't think like that at all – that is not the correct way to approach this or any other match.

Israeli football in the last few years has grown dramatically and this is borne out by the amount of top players they have like Eyal

## “Israeli football has grown dramatically in recent years”

playing abroad.

The quality of the national team is another indication of how far Israeli football has progressed recently and although they slipped up against Cyprus last week, they have enjoyed some great results.

And if people are bothered enough to do their homework they will soon realise that the game in Israel is not what it once was.

Having the first game at home tonight, along with your backing and support will play a major part in ensuring that we take the correct result with us to Tel-Aviv.

And it is only from there that we can look to the next tie but the important thing is a victory – it can't be any other way.





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# cast list



**ntl:**

- 1 Jonathan GOULD
- 2 Tom BOYD
- 3 Stephane MAHE
- 4 Jackie McNAMARA
- 5 Marc RIEPER
- 6 Alan STUBBS
- 7 Henrik LARSSON
- 8 Craig BURLEY
- 9 Harald BRATTBakk
- 10 Eyal BERKOVIC
- 11 Morten WIEGHORST
- 12 Tommy JOHNSON
- 14 Paul LAMBERT
- 15 Bobby PETTA
- 16 Olivier TEBILY
- 18 Tosh McKINLAY
- 19 Stilian PETROV
- 20 Regi BLINKER
- 21 Stewart KERR
- 23 Dimitre KHARINE
- 24 Colin HEALY
- 25 Lubomir MORAVCIK
- 27 Mark BURCHILL
- 28 Barry ELLIOT
- 30 Vidar RISETH
- 34 Alessandro SANNA
- 35 Johan MJALLBY
- 36 Mark VIDUKA
- 37 Liam KEOGH
- 38 Barry John CORR
- 39 Jamie SMITH



- Shavit ELIMELECH
- Nir RAHAMIN
- Motti OHAYON
- Ilan BACHAR
- Eyal BEN AMI
- Shimon GERSHON
- Yaakov HILLEL
- Israel COHEN
- Shai MACHLUF
- Yigal ANTEBBE
- Salim TOAME
- Ziv KAVEDA
- Ishtvan PISHUNT
- Dabor RUPNIK
- Dian RACONICE
- Shalom TIKVAH
- Kfir UDI
- Omri AFEK
- Pini BALALI
- Aviv VALLENERMAN
- Ronen HARAZI
- Sebastian SIMOROTICH



Referee: FRANK DE BLEECKERE (Belgium)  
Assistants: ALAIN GERARD  
MARC HANSSENS  
Fourth Official: JAN AMEEL





# Another case of Scots takin' the mick missed for Collins

**W**hile Scotland were doing their stuff against Estonia (zzzzzz!) England were playing away in Poland.

The Poles switched the tie to Legia Warsaw's ground because it is their lucky stadium. Unfortunately for them their luck was countered by England wearing their lucky top.

Y'know the one, it's got a badge with three lions on it!

Wee Craig said he'd like to play the English lads in the play-offs. That would be great because there was me thinking Gouldy was never going to get a game!

●The England result was obviously a bad one for them. I normally don't get too excited about other nation's matches unless Celts are playing but the game in Poland was an exception.

I was disgusted when I saw David Batty's challenge on the Polish player Radoslaw Michalski.

Also there was his subsequent interview where he showed no remorse for his actions.

Players that know Batty are well used to his complete lack of concern or emotion for anything he does on the park.

This time though, after his ordering off, they reckoned there



By MICK O'BLIVIOUS

would be a change and he would be kicking himself.

Oh... not through regret for his recklessness but it would give him the distinction of having kicked everyone on the park!

His punishment will ironically be missing the first two legs of the play-offs – the first legs he has missed in years of playing!

●It was pleasing to see that John Collins made a welcome

return to the Scotland Arena after a long-term toe injury.

As the Scotland lads made their way to Tallinn, the scene of the 'game that never was' against Estonia, the ex-Celt reminded us all jokingly that as he was the captain that day, he now goes down in history as an unbeaten Scotland captain.

Let's face it there aren't many can claim that distinction.

However I would like to point out to John that he may be able to bend the ball into the Gers' net

with his fancy footwear and score against the mighty Brazil but he captained a Scotland side that couldn't score even when the opposition didn't bother to turn up! So there!

● I think wee Fergus was right when he said that we didn't need Hampden Park because Celtic Park and Ibrox can easily be used to host any major events.

The powers that be decided to go ahead with it despite the wee man's thin dime worth of advice.

Last week I read headlines about "scandal at Hampden" and further reading talked about unpaid debts and mystery surrounding the departure of a finance manager.

The police have confirmed they are investigating the finances of the Hampden museum. It's all very vague and my instincts tell me that nothing will come of any of it.

However, if Strathclyde's finest are serious about sorting out underhand goings on of a historical nature at Hampden then they could their attention to why for decades the Celtic fans had to stand out in the elements while the opposition regardless of how lowly or poorly supported, enjoyed the comparative comfort of the covered end. Now that was a scandal!





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