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# Ivano Bonetti

Personally, I believe we should stop everything for one week and think about what is going on in the world.

If these things can happen in America's biggest cities then they can happen absolutely anywhere.

I have found it hard to concentrate on work and I am not sure we should carry on as normal.

If I were up to me, every single appointment over the next few days would be cancelled.

However, whilst the European ties on Wednesday and Thursday were called off, it has been decided that football in this country should go ahead as planned.

And one knock on effect of this week's dreadful events in the States, is that negotiations to bring new players to the Club have been hindered with the problem in contacting other countries amidst all the turmoil, making it near impossible to bring anyone in before this evening's match against Celtic.

Whilst, I am happy with the players I have, I think last Saturday against St Johnston showed that we do need more options.

**Dundee v Kilmarnock  
has been rearranged to  
Sunday 23rd September**

For example, we were without Beta Carina because of his suspension, and we did not have his kind of creative player to come in and that was a problem in that kind of game where we made the mistake of not scoring more goals when we were on top, thus failing killing off the opposition.

Up until the penalty award, however, I did not think there was any problem for us.

But having said that our finishing was only one of a few things with which I was not happy.

We have to do better. If we do that then we will eliminate all the other problems you can have on the pitch.

And for the visit of Celtic this evening, with no new faces, we do have quite a few problems.

In addition to again being without Beta Carina due to his suspension, Juan Sara is almost certain to miss out after heading to Italy to have the injury he picked up at Ibrox checked out.

Adding to our woes, there was a doubt about Fabians Caballero who picked up an injury in training this week.

None-the-less, we always look forward to a good game against Celtic. The big crowds these games attract help lift the players and whilst, I don't have as big a squad available as I would like, we still have the players who are capable of producing the quality of football required against a team of Celtic's calibre and hopefully after being so unlucky in the corresponding fixture last season, we can reverse that result in our favour this time.

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## TALE OF TWO CENTRAL DEFENDERS

One gone, one going sums up the situation concerning Chris Coyne and Steven Tweed.

The latter has already signed a three-year contract with struggling German Second Division outfit MSV Duisburg.

The 29-year-old joined Dundee in December 1998 for £150,000 from Stoke City and was a regular at Dens Park last season, making a total of 88 league and cup appearances, the last of which was in the 2-0 home defeat by Hibs at Dens at the end of April.

But with Argentinian Walter Del Rio and Georgia international Zura Khizanishvili having been preferred by manager Ivano Bonetti in the heart of the Dundee defence this season, Steven had been put on the transfer list.

However, the 27-year old impressed Duisburg coach and former West Germany international Pierre Littbarski in training and the defender who first emerged on to the scene during his six seasons with Hibernian then moved to Greek club Ionikos, where he played alongside recent Hibs signing Craig Brewster.

Tweed was expected to make his Duisburg debut last Saturday at home to FC Schweinfurt.

Meanwhile, Luton's chase for Chris Coyne continues with the Hatters' manager watching him in last Monday's Under-21 fixture with Celtic.

## IS DREAM TEAM STAR A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY?

Monday's Super Goals football section in The Sun contains what appears to be a cracking clanger - In their Dream Team ratings Walter Del Rio gets nine out of ten (and nothing wrong with that he had a good game) but the accompanying comment suggests that the reporter who gave the marks might have got his Argentinian Dees a wee bit mixed up - That comment says

"Dream team star man - Walter Del Rio - The Argy forward proved a capable deputy for Juan Sara" - The match report also credits Walter with the cross for Savo's goal so it may just be that they are confusing Walter with Fabian Caballero.

## GOING GLOBAL

In addition to SKY's live coverage to the UK and Setanta's coverage to the States and Canada (via the many Celtic Supporters Clubs) now comes news that ESPN International will be showing this Saturday's Celtic game live from Dens to Australia and New Zealand. They'll also be showing it on a tape delay to Latin America and the West Indies, so again the 'Dees are going global!

## BETO STILL BANNED

After sitting out last week's match, Argentinian midfielder Beto Carranza is still banned for tonight's visit of Celtic. Last week's absence was for the sending off at Ibrox and he misses out again this evening under the totting up procedure. But will be available again for the trip to next week's trip to Rugby Park.

## SING-ALONG-A-DEE THE DENS PARK CHOIR - LIVE !!!

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# Setting the Scene

**The acts of terrorism in America this week have put the importance we all attach to football into very real perspective.**

Indeed, as a remark of respect after the tragedies in New York and Washington, UEFA postponed the rest of the midweek European card which means that Celtic arrive here without having opened their Champions League campaign as their game with Rosenborg was one of the games called off.

As it is the visit of the reigning SPL Champions brings with it the first live televised Saturday evening fixture in which the 'Dee has featured at the end of a sad and dramatic week in world events

And if the entertainment served up in the corresponding fixture is half as good this promises to be a

compelling spectacle for armchair viewers and one which even Celtic would be hard pressed not to concede that they stole the points when Didier Agathe plundered a last minute goal after the 'Dee had Martin O'Neill's men under the cosh.

Indeed, with Celtic the on the rack for long spells during that game and the way in which the Dark Blues won at Parkhead towards the end of the season, the Celtic boss has more than once gone on the record of his admiration for Dundee's attacking and positive approach.

Conversely, what Celtic has achieved under Martin O'Neil is the stuff of which fairy-tales are made.

A treble in his first season and an excellent start to this season, everything in the Parkhead garden is very rosy at the moment.

Just how much of an impact O'Neill has had in his fifteen months can clearly be seen from his record on the domestic front.

Since his arrival in the summer of 2000, in completing the treble, Celtic has lost just three times to other Scottish clubs. The 5-1 defeat by Rangers last autumn plus the final two league games of last season - to Dundee and Kilmarnock - by which time the league flag was already destined to fly over Celtic Park.

That is a measure of the task that confronts Dundee tonight, but having given as good as they got last term without getting their due reward, perhaps there'll be a change in fortune this evening.

**Let's hope so.**



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