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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



**Joe Casey**  
Chairman

**WITH THANKS TO CAROLINE MULLIGAN AND FRIENDS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CLUB AND WHO ARE WISHING SHELS ALL THE BEST FOR THEIR 2020 RETURN TO THE PREMIER DIVISION**

Good evening and welcome to everybody here tonight in Tolka Park for our first Dublin Derby of the season.

We wish to welcome players, supporters and directors of St Patrick's Athletic and hope you have an enjoyable but fruitless return to Tolka Park.

Over the years we have had many great battles with St Pat's both on and off the pitch but thankfully these days this rivalry firmly remains on the park.

What a whirlwind start to the Premier Division it has been for ourselves. Starting with a wonderful win in Cork followed last week by a sell out crowd at Tolka Park last Friday witnessing a great performance against the League Champions.

In some ways it was a pleasure and a heartache to put up the "Sold out" signs at 2pm on Friday last, a pleasure because we were selling out the ground for the first time in many years and a heartache because our numbers were restricted due to the closing of the Drumcondra stand.

As I said last week this situation is a work in progress and I hope it can be resolved in the not too distant future.

I have to say the support we had down in Cork and last week in Tolka was fantastic and the club really appreciates the fact that no flares were ignited on Friday night.

As you know we are fined when this happens and can do without extra costs throughout the season.

I know Ian Morris and the team are so happy to hear the support they receive from yourselves.

As always fundraising and income are an integral part of running the club and there are many opportunities for you to help out in that respect.

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It was disappointing for our match on Monday last to be cancelled against Finn Harps but obviously due to the inclement weather it was thought best to make the call early before anybody set out on the road.

Hopefully those of you who were intending to travel will do so at the rearranged fixture, date to be announced.

That's all for tonight, let's enjoy the atmosphere of the first Dublin Derby of the season and we look forward to seeing you again in Tolka very soon



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# Shels amongst some of the league's bizarre high -scoring draws

PAT CORDELLE

## Shelbourne 5-5 Sligo Rovers

**Tolka Park, December 11, 1960**

Sligo opened the scoring in the third minute but Shels fought back to lead 4-2 at half time. However, two quick goals for Sligo early in the second half levelled the scores at 4-4.

Almost immediately Shels regained the lead which they held until the 79th minute when a close free was blocked in the penalty area and the ball scrambled into the shels net to give Sligo a share of the honours and their first point of the season.

For Shels it was one win, one draw and four defeats after just six games; not a great start to the league campaign.

The game itself was not great but the glut of goals did provide for a rip roaring struggle. It was a story of lively forwards taking full advantage of shaky defences.

Scorers for Shelbourne were: Doyle (2), Turner, Hennessy, Conroy.

In the reverse fixture at the showgrounds, Shels won 6-1 with goals from, Conroy (1), Wilson (2) and Barber (3).

It was a disappointing season for the Reds finishing in eighth place in the table with 19 points in a twelve team league.

For Sligo they finished bottom

of the table with 6 points from 22 games, conceding 97 goals, an average of 4.4 goals per game.

The following season 1961/62, they finished bottom again with five points and they along with Transport were not re-elected to the league.

Sligo did return to the league for the season 1963/64 but Transport disappeared from top flight football in the league of Ireland for good.

## Shels 5-5 Rovers

**Shelbourne Park, Saturday February 19, 1938**

When I sat down to write this article, this was the one that really caught my imagination and attention.

It was the Ringsend Derby played in Shelbourne Park. The area was a hotbed of football, which produced countless numbers of players for the League of Ireland, many of whom gained inter-league and international honours.

Newspapers reports of the day tell of a gate of £400, which translated into a full house for a game played on a Saturday.

A match report in the Irish Press described it as the most amazing match for many a season. The two teams entered into the fray with zest, and spirit.

Attacks were unrelenting against suspect defences. Shels led 4-2 at

one stage but Rovers rallied and went ahead 5-4 but the game was levelled up when a Shelbourne player scored with three minutes remaining.

Shelbourne Park was the home of Shelbourne FC from the early twenties until 1949. The last League of Ireland game staged at Shelbourne Park took place on thursday April 28, 1949.

The teams concerned were Shelbourne and Waterford and although the league had already been won by Drumcondra, a 2-2 draw was good enough to give Shelbourne runners-up medals at the expense of Dundalk.

For many years thereafter Shelbourne were without a Permanent home. It was a historic day in the history of Shelbourne Football Club.

In the same season, 1937/38, Cork FC, at home, played out a 5-5 draw with Sligo Rovers.

In the season 1963-64 Drogheda in their first season in the League of Ireland drew 5-5 with Shamrock Rovers at Glenmalur Park in Milltown.

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# Women's National League fixtures announced



### SHELS 2020

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The Women's National League fixtures have been released and another exciting season looks set to start with a double header at Tolka Park the weekend before St Patrick's Day.

The Reds will welcome Galway on March 14, one day after our SSE Airtricity League team welcome Waterford FC.

What better way to celebrate the weekend that's in it than with the two senior teams in the club.

With the increase in derbies for in the Premier Division, our WNL team will have another derby of their own, with Bohemian FC now entering the league for the first time.

Our WNL team represents an excellent opportunity for people who wish to aid in it's fundraising to continue to help support this magnificent team.

Two Shels players have been included in the upcoming Republic of Ireland WNT squad for their next EURO Qualifier.

Jamie Finn and Jessica Ziu will join up with the Girls in Green as they face a pivotal clash against Greece at Tallaght Stadium on March 5.

The club would love to use this opportunity to congratulate the players on their inclusion and wish them luck in this crucial tie.

Hopefully as many Reds can get out to Tallaght to support them, as well as the WNL team in their season this year.



For those of us old enough to remember Dublin of the 1980's, it was a very grim place. That was the back-drop when I visited Harold's Cross for the first time as a boy.

Cold and miserable Sunday afternoons were spent in the shadow of the soulless main stand and the football on the pitch did little to warm the bodies of hardy souls huddled closely together.

Despite all of that, I was bitten by the Shels bug. Now, this is not a ramble down memory lane but more of a look at the present and one eye on the future.

In my own work environment, colleagues are more than happy to discuss Rugby, GAA and "Soccer" but the very mention of the LOI can often leave people squirming in their seat. I put this down to a number of factors and it usually comes back to their perception of the LOI experience. Poor facilities, negative news stories and usually an ill-informed view on the standard of play.

At times, I can't disagree with most of their impressions. We already know that the LOI product needs much improvement if we are to encourage new fans across the league.

Small gains year on year have brought back a sense of belonging to Shels fans. The focus for the majority of supporters is the Friday night action on the pitch but we should be proud of our club ethos, not just with our competitive WNL teams but visit the AUL Complex any weekend and you'll see boys and girls of all ages wear the red jersey with an immense sense of pride.

We have relied on the incredible efforts of individuals to keep the club competitive, but In the last 18 months or so we have seen the formation of smaller working groups at the club. This where momentum begins to build and the best example of this is the Media team.

While regulars at Tolka Park will notice these changes, we do need to look to the future and how we as a club can welcome new faces to sit beside us and push this famous club forward.

I was asked recently by a non-LOI fan what makes Shelbourne different to other LOI clubs and why don't we all just merge. To me, the answer always comes back to one word, Family.

That's what this club represents and whether you're 5 or 95, you are part of something special when you step inside Tolka Park, pull on that red jersey in an U-8's game or simply say that you're proud to be a Real Red.

That sense of family that we all feel needs to be passed on and extended to new families, players, supporters and community partners.

One final point that always stands out to me is the impressive spread of our support base. Not confined to just one area of Dublin or indeed nationally.

That's why we always have and always will be Dublin's finest football club.

ANDREW MCGOURAN

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**"Dublin's Finest Football Club"**





There is nothing quite like the 'New Season' in the Premier Division. Fan hysteria is at its noisy best. Things aren't quite the same in the First Division as could be seen to magnificent effect in Tolka Park on Friday last.

The 3,000 hardy souls that saw the Reds go toe to toe with the League Champions, Dundalk was such a vivid contrast to 'opening day' in any of our last seven years. The turnstiles were

at least three times busier which speaks for itself.

It's been a nice change but nothing in the 21st Century is getting any simpler or uncomplicated. we have to clutch on to all the positives we can find.

I caught up on research collected in the British West Midlands recently which suggested that being a football supporter has positive and beneficial effects on mental health. Seriously!

And if that wasn't cheery enough an American authority, a clinical psychologist called Dr Richard Shuster, produced a study to prove that when your team is winning or is even playing well, your brain starts releasing the neurotransmitter dopamine, which is directly involved in directing the brain's reward and pleasure centres.

So when you come home after Shels thrash another hapless rival and the partner asks who won?, you can truthfully say, the health of the nation did.

But there is a serious issue at stake here which is far too often ignored. People tend to forget that one in four people in the country will experience a mental health problem in their lifetime.

So whenever a decent crowd gathers, whether that be in Tolka Park or Croker and the Aviva, a quarter of them are likely to have suffered at some time with anxiety or depression.

They may look fine, they may scream as loud as everyone else, maybe even louder but they have a mental health difficulty.

That doesn't make them any less of a fan, that makes them even braver because despite whatever difficulties they are experiencing they have braved the elements to come out and support their favourites.

The problem is that if you were to ask any of these supporters to be honest about their mental condition, would they put their hands up and say I struggle. Probably not! That is a shame.

Some cynics may rush to argue that the clinical psychologist did not have Shels in mind when he claimed that attendance at a match made you mentally fitter or stronger to take on the challenges of the Modern World.

I know that if you were to think it out to its logical conclusion you could conclude that the

only truly resilient and strong fans in Europe are those of Liverpool FC.

But I believe in Shelbourne FC and am hopeful that the Reds are about to embark on a long, long unbeaten run to test out the theory. We want to become the dopamine boys of Europe again.

SEAN FITZPATRICK



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SEAN QUINN

## "We want to show how good we are"

Sean Quinn easily describes his run in the Shels midfield: "It's been quality, absolute quality."

"I knew when I signed for Shelbourne I was rocking with the big boys and I couldn't have started better when the gaffer threw me in first game against Galway last year," Sean reminisces.

The central midfielder played in a superb through ball as Ciaran Kilduff completed a remarkable comeback in the first game of last year's First Division winning season.

This year, the tall, Rathcoole lad, has "got a full pre-season under the belt" and feels his more equipped than ever to have a crack at Premier Division football.

However, speaking with conviction he believes this Shelbourne squad under Ian Morris is a "proper team."

"We're not just here to take part or to grind out results, we want to get at teams and show how good we are," he urged.

Nostalgic on some amazing nights in the Red shirt thus far, Quinn is clearly brimming with a love for the club and the bond being struck with fans.

Breaking into the box in the

final moments in Cork, Quinn played a key role in the winner as well as being influential in the game and said the win was an "amazing start to season."

"Our fans that night were amazing, they were some scenes, a definite night to remember," he said.

"As a young lad, like myself, the fans just give you that buzz. If they can help us like that, the results will come and we're all together on the right road," he said.

Quinn is one of several Reds quickly becoming a fan favorite and the Tallaght IT student says another, Gary Deegan, has left quite the impression.

"Personally, I wasn't sure I needed anyone to give me more mo-

tivation before a game, but he's unbelievable.

"He's some character and just an amazing player to have with you in there and help, and I hope I can do the same with him," he said.

Another massive week is on the horizon for Quinn and his Reds team, first up is Pat's in Tolka, then to Bohs in Dalymount.

"For me, every one of the Dublin Derbies are as important as the other, and we see it as another opportunity to get three points," he said.

"Friday is the first Dublin Derby, and we want to hit the ground running, that's for sure."



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**RUAIDHRI CROKE**

# Snow chance of a trip to Donegal

The match that never was. After a battling second half performance against Dundalk which saw the Reds unlucky to come away without at least a point in the second game of the season, thoughts turned to the long trip up to Ballybofey for a clash with a Finn Harps team that have taken four points from their first two matches.

With numbers of travelling support understandably short for a Monday night, just the one supporters' bus was set to make the trip, run by the Shels legend that is Tosh Moher who said he would step into the breach for one night only.

Departure from Tolka was set for 3pm on Monday but with forecasts for Sunday night looking decidedly grim for the northwest it was with trepidation that we all woke to check our phones on the Monday morning, only to be greeted by AA roadwatch reporting that the road into Ballybofey was closed due to heavy snowfall.

A few hours later the announcement came, along with a picture of a snow-covered Finn Park, that the match was off. In some ways it's a pity because we would have taken a lot of heart from the Dundalk game to bring up there but on the other hand it's no harm having a full week of rest before our first Dublin Derby of the season.

From a fan's point of view it would have been nice to get one of the long treks up there out of the way early in the season but it was not to be.



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#### 20:00

#### How far away is it?

It couldn't be any closer! As the crow flies there are just 1.2 miles between Tolka and Dalymount.

#### What are the options for getting there?

Coming from Tolka it's walkable to Dalymount up the Drumcondra Road then up the Whitworth Road and turn left over the bridge to get to the entrance where away fans will go in.

In terms of buses, the 4 and the 9 both go through Drumcondra and stop in Phibsborough while the 150, 155 and 83 also stop near the ground.

The green line Luas also stops at Phibsborough (just down from St Peters Church) and at Cabra the far side of the ground – both of which are handy for getting to the away fans' entrance.

If you plan on driving, be warned that parking around Dalymount is a nightmare on normal days, never mind matchday. Street parking is the only real option and it's advised to take public transport if at all possible.

#### What's our allocation and how can I get tickets?

Like last year's FAI Cup match, Shels have been given an allocation of 900 tickets for the Des Kelly Stand. The first 500 of these will go on sale to season ticket holders from Tolka tonight, going on general sale online after.

This allocation will sell out so be sure to buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

#### Cost of a ticket?

Adult: €15. Student/senior: €10. Juvenile (under 12): €5.

#### Where do away fans go?

Shels fans will be in the Des Kelly stand behind the goals, at the St Peters Road end. It's worth noting that about half of this stand is uncovered so if the weather forecast is poor then make sure to get in early underneath the roof.

Last season, for the FAI Cup, we entered via the entrance beside Eddie Rockets at the shopping centre where you walk up past the old Connaught Street away stand and into the Des Kelly.

#### Anywhere decent for a pint?

Most pubs around the ground are to be avoided on matchday if you're a Shels fan and many won't allow away fans in. Mohan's (The Hut) on the Phibsborough Road beside Doyle's Corner is usually a fine spot for away fans while the Back Page – further down the road towards Broadstone – is a Bohs pub but should have no issue allowing away fans in. It also does a great pizza and a pint deal for €12.

But given how close Tolka is to Dalymount, it's quite handy to have a pint or two down in Drumcondra or even somewhere like McGrath's on the Drumcondra Road at the bottom of the Whitworth Road before walking up or jumping on the ground to the bus.

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**"It couldn't be any closer!"**

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**"I can't reiterate  
enough how  
important a loud  
support is"**

Shelbourne manager Ian Morris says it was "disappointing" to have Monday's clash at Finn Harps called off but will take the positive of a fresh squad going into the first Dublin Derby of the season.

The Reds welcome southside rivals St Patrick's Athletic to Tolka Park on Friday night with both sides level on three points after one win each in the league thus far.

Morris says he will be hoping for another "massive boost" from the home faithful who he hopes "comes out in their droves once more."

Shels were edged out by Dundalk in front of a sold out Tolka Park last time out, but despite being "geared up to bounce back" at Harps, the game was called off due to snow.

"When you have a bit of momentum, you want to get going and we had prepared straight into the weekend.

"But with Pat's on Friday, we've got a full week to prepare and the week hasn't been as disrupted, so we'll be fresh," he said.

Morris said St Pat's manager Stephen O'Donnell has "done a fantastic job" in Inchicore, adding "unk-

nown faces who've played at a high level."

"They've added quality, but we've got to match their quality and match the determination on Friday night," he added.

The Shels manager said he "can't reiterate it enough how important a loud support is" both home and away.

"The fan base propels the players forward and helps them grab the game by the scruff on the neck and try get the three points," he said.

Shels have no injury concerns or suspensions heading into Friday's game.

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## COLMAN HANLEY

Both the Saints' squad and supporters make the short trip tonight across the Liffey to Tolka Park for a league meeting against Shelbourne for the first time since 2013, and they do so in good spirits.

Following an opening night defeat to Waterford FC in Inchicore, Pat's got their season up and running by claiming three points in the Showgrounds last week courtesy of goals from Ronan Hale and Chris Forrester in a 2-0 win.

2020 represents a new era for the Saints, as Stephen O'Donnell takes the reigns for what is his first full season as head coach, ably assisted by Patrick Cregg and former Shelbourne boss Alan Mathews.

On the playing side of things, the Saints have reshaped their squad with 10 players joining Stephen O'Donnell's ranks as the Galweigan set out his stall over the pre-season.

The addition of Billy King to the Pat's ranks is one which has already gone down well with Saints' supporters, with the former Scotland under 21 international already a fans' favourite, while the capture of fellow midfielder Robbie Benson from Dundalk is one which further boosts the Saints' midfield. Add to that the options of Chris Forrester in midfield, a league and FAI Cup winner with Pat's in 2013 and 2014, and young talent such as Republic of Ireland under 21 international Jamie Lennon and former UCD man Jason McClelland, the Saints have options across the midfield.

The Reds will be familiar with a few faces in the Pat's ranks as Lee Desmond now enters his sixth season with Pat's having transferred from Shelbourne in the close season of 2015. Elsewhere Luke McNally starred on loan at Drogheda United last season in the First Division, and even

scored in the promotion decider in United Park against Shelbourne last September.

Behind them, the Saints have strong options in goal with Brendan Clarke and Conor Kearns battling to be number one. Inchicore man Clarke is the most decorated goalkeeper in the history of the club having won every domestic honour during his many years at Pat's. However new signing Kearns is another exciting, new young talent at the club having experience under his belt from his seasons at UCD, and the experience of having played in Stephen Kenny's Irish under 21 squads.

In attack, the Saints will be looking for their talented midfield to supply Ronan Hale and Martin Rennie. Hale is a former Republic of Ireland under 21 international whose former clubs include Birmingham City and Derry City, while Rennie is a new addition to the League of Ireland having impressed in Scotland for Grennock Morton.

However it is O'Donnell who is the man orchestrating things for the Saints. Having had a hugely successful career in the League of Ireland and impressing at all of his clubs including Bohemians, Galway United, Shamrock Rovers and Dundalk, O'Donnell also boasts a record of having been guided by esteemed managers such as Brian Kerr, Michael O'Neill and Stephen Kenny at different points of his playing career.

The Saints will be hoping O'Donnell shows the guile of those managers, and the same on the field ruthlessness he was famous for this season. If so the Saints could be leaving Richmond Road tonight, on their way back to Richmond Park, with three points.



INPHO/RYAN BYRNE

Lorcan de Faoite looks back to a volatile time in Irish football **1920**

# Bullets and bangers: When the Reds won the Irish Cup by default



In March 1920 Shelbourne FC were awarded the Irish Cup after beating Glentoran (Lurgan) 3-0 in their Semi-Final (6th March). Shelbourne's possible opponents from the other Semi Final, Belfast based Glentoran and Belfast Celtic, were both expelled from the competition so the Irish Cup (1920) was awarded by default to Shels.

At the beginning of the 20th century (1900-1921) Shelbourne FC's remarkable rise in fortunes were overtaken and directly impacted upon by the Anglo-Irish War (1919-21). An expansion in nationalism coincided with expansion of 'soccer' outside Ulster. Football was a direct casualty of the wider political and military tensions across the island. Many extreme nationalists favoured complete separation from Britain by violent efforts. The dominance of football by Unionists in Ulster put southern Clubs on a collision course with officials up North. 'Down south' especially, football was seen in many quarters as 'that foreign game' by many extreme nationalists who favoured GAA only. There was trouble in Derry, Belfast, Dublin and Cork.

On St Patrick's Day 1920, the day Belfast Celtic and Glentoran replayed their semi-final which had to be abandoned, there were curfews in operation in major cities e.g. in Dublin where between midnight and 5am no ordinary citizen was allowed on the streets without a permit under pain of arrest. During 1920 Ulster pogroms broke out between Catholic and Protestant communities resulting in over 400 deaths, and in expulsions of workers and their families from their homes and jobs especially in Belfast. 1920 saw an escalation in violence which included assassinations, reprisal killings, executions and hunger strikes. These included the deaths of Tomás Mac Curtain, Terence MacSwiney, Kevin Barry, and the assassination of British Service Agents as a prelude to the deaths of players and fans in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday. Soccer was not immune to the tensions in the wider community; it was at the very intersection of sectarianism and sport in Ireland and became its casualty especially in 1920 and 1921.

The Irish Cup (inaugurated in 1881) was open to all of Ireland until the soccer split of 1921. Only Shels, Derry and Bohs have managed to win both the Irish Cup and the FAI Cup. Shels had an excellent record in the Irish Cup after 1905. In the period 1905 – 1921 they played in nine semi-finals. In 1914 Glentoran (Belfast) had to play the semi against Shels four times before the Reds went out. In 1921 Shels, after drawing their semi-final 0–0 in Belfast against Glentoran, withdrew from the Cup in protest at not being allowed to play the replay in Dalymount in line with tradition. This led to a split in Irish football and the setting up of FAI.

Shels progressed to the Final five times, winning two of those (1906 v Belfast Celtic, 2-0, Dalymount att. 8,000); (1911 v Bohs, 2-1, after replay, Dalymount, att. 16,000). Hence Shelbourne's record of winning the Irish Cup in 1906, 1911 and 1920.

Both 1920 Semi Finals took place on Sat. 6 March. Shels comfortably beat Glentoran 3-0 in Dalymount where gate receipts were £500 (att. 8,000). According to the Evening Herald on the 8 March the Dublin match played in 'terrible conditions' was a one-sided affair and Shels looked 'roaring favourites' for the final which was scheduled for 27th March against either Belfast Celtic or Glentoran. The scorers for Shels were Brooks (2) and Kirkland with the famous Val Harris in midfield being notable for his 'brilliance' (IT 7 Mar.); Harris played for Dublin GAA, Everton and Shels, and holds the most International caps as a Shels player.

Shelbourne's two potential final opponents had to replay their semi final. The teams were the largely Protestant Glentoran team (mainly unionist shipyard workers) versus the largely (90%) Catholic Belfast Ce-



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## SHELS AHEAD OF 1920 SEASON, WITH VAL HARRIS AS CAPTAIN

Itic ('nationalist and Sinn Feiners according to the Irish Times.) There was 'great rivalry' between the two teams...the Celtic fans singing 'the Soldiers Song' and 'A Nation Once Again'. The first semi final was played in Belfast's Windsor Park ending in a 1-1 draw with gate receipts of £587 (att. 12,000). The replay was played in a neutral ground (Cliftonville). In the 78th minute of the replay while the match was still scoreless the Celtic left-back Barrett fouled and injured the Glentoran centre-forward Gowdy; and Barrett was sent off by Mr McLean the referee. '...Celtic supporters ...singing party songs and waving Sinn Fein flags took this as a signal and invaded the ground in a body'. The referee abandoned the game. Some of the Celtic fans tried to attack the Ref who was protected by both sets of players and police in the centre circle.

There was stone throwing by both sets of fans. One of the invading Celtic fans, George Goodman, when later searched, was wearing 'an Irish Volunteers badge' and had a Sinn Fein Collector's card in his possession. Goodman pulled out a revolver and fired shots towards the Glentoran fans. One of the bullets 'hit a police officer in the chin' and one man received a shot to the leg. Mr Goodman, when cornered by Constable John Dempsey screamed "If you come another inch I will shoot you!" Celtic fans failed to hide and rescue Goodman. Police were

'mercilessly stoned by a section of the crowd'. Eventually police arrested Mr Goodman and put him in handcuffs. There were six empty cartridges in the smoking gun. Due to the seriousness of the offence the Celtic fan was to be tried by Court Martial under the Defence of the Realm Act DORA (1914). He was later charged 'that he wilfully attempted to murder RIC Sgt. Michael Lavelle and other persons'.

Crowds of fans surged toward the exits where there was a crush and further injuries. Papers reported 'a mass of struggling humanity'. There were repeated baton charges by police, many people were injured. One person of the three kept overnight in hospital had a fractured skull.

Following a review of events the Irish Football Association (IFA) which was predominantly unionist in its membership held the Belfast Celtic Club responsible for the violent scenes at Cliftonville even though it was a neutral venue which would have been difficult for Celtic to take responsibility for; the IFA suspended Belfast Celtic from the Irish Cup. Following protests by Celtic that Glentoran had played an ineligible player who wasn't named on the team sheet before the game started, Glentoran too were put out of the Cup. Hence the 1920 Final was cancelled and the Irish Cup was awarded to Shelbourne. Barnett the Celtic player was suspended for the remainder of the season.

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Shelbourne's first Dublin Derby of the season is upon us. Our near neighbours may be our fiercest rivals, but the meeting of Shels and the self anointed cultural bastions of Dublin, Bohemian FC will carry just as much baggage as tonight's clash with the Saints.

They have not forgiven nor forgotten the late Ollie Byrne's effort to uphold the integrity of LOI regulations, the former Shels' supremo's efforts saw the Saints stripped of the title following a points deduction at the end of the 2001-02 League of Ireland Premier Division season.

Pats fans will still go through the stages of grief when the subject is broached even in casual conversation, the anger has subsided slightly to be replaced with resentment. The denial, bargaining, and depression lingers but acceptance is a bridge too far.

Among their roll of honour, St Pats count the title in 2001/02, for which they were awarded winners medals, Shelbourne count it among their 13 league crowns. This game won't settle that score, but while they won't openly admit St Pats will be glad to get a chance to face an old foe once again. Not as glad, mind you, as Shels are to face Pats. These are the games that we longed for during the dark days of purgatory.

Last week in this programme I made a promise to myself to try and enjoy this season, and while the result against Dundalk wasn't one we wished for, I walked home from Tolka in optimistic mood. Dundalk are the best team in the country, the slickness of their play while firing on full cylinders, the understanding between the players, and the speed of thought, instinct and awareness they show when in possession is seldom matched.

For long spells last Friday night, we managed to do just that. Sport can be cruelly unforgiving on losing efforts, but to a man every player on the pitch was the personification of valiance. It was a really encouraging performance, and the grit to get back into the game after the concession of two preventable goals was widely applauded.

Gary Deegan's goal was marvelous, another leader on the pitch was Luke Byrne, composure and consistency will be a tremendous asset to us this season. Luke will be a big player for us this season, his contribution shouldn't be overlooked. He's a real leader. In the dying embers Dundalk had Sean Gannon, Sean Hoare, Andy Boyle, Dane Massey, Darragh Leahy and Brian Gartland on the pitch, to see the strongest team in Ireland, the defending champions, clinging on for dear life to a lead just shows how far we've come.

Not just on the pitch, but in the stands it felt like the start of something special. 3,000 people in the ground, a great atmosphere, a decent game and plenty of positives to take away. Among the positives for me was the addition of three new members to our growing fanbase.

I convinced three of my mates to come

down to the Dundalk game, two were experiencing their first League of Ireland game, one hadn't been to a match in 10 years. Their verdict on the night's entertainment? Overwhelmingly positive. Hugh, Shane and Conall were impressed by the atmosphere, the game, the fans and the occasion overall. The lads enjoyed the match night experience and have vowed to return, I was relieved because the night didn't get off to a good start.

In search of a nice pint on a miserable evening we sought shelter in Fagans first, which according to the doormen was full. Having been there five minutes before I met my mates, that I knew was untrue. Kennedys was the next port of call but instead of even bothering to pretend to be full, the rejection was much more emphatic.

'No football fans' was the senseless reason for refusal, not after last week he said when apparently we were told "a fella was kicked to death at a match up the road". A lot to unpack in that ridiculous sentence, luckily the lads found amusement in the unfriendly bar staff and at the third time of asking, we found refuge from the rain in the Millmount House. It's sad to see a local business so inhospitable to people going to a Shels game.

It is hard to believe that there are publicans turning people away because they are football fans in the year 2020, the most bizarre part of Kennedy's lock-out of Shels fans is their recent facebook activity, a photo of a group of twelve Welsh rugby fans having pints, a picture of the Liverpool and Atletico Madrid crests accompanied by a caption urging patrons to "watch all the action live with us in Kennedy's, your No.1 place to watch sport in Drumcondra."

It's not often LOI fans are united, but supporters of Bohs, Rovers, Cork, Dundalk and others expressed bemusement at the door policy. They made their feelings known on social media and in the review section of Kennedy's facebook and tripadvisor page. The Reds are on the up, Kennedy's rating on tripadvisor is falling. You love to see it. C'mon Shels.

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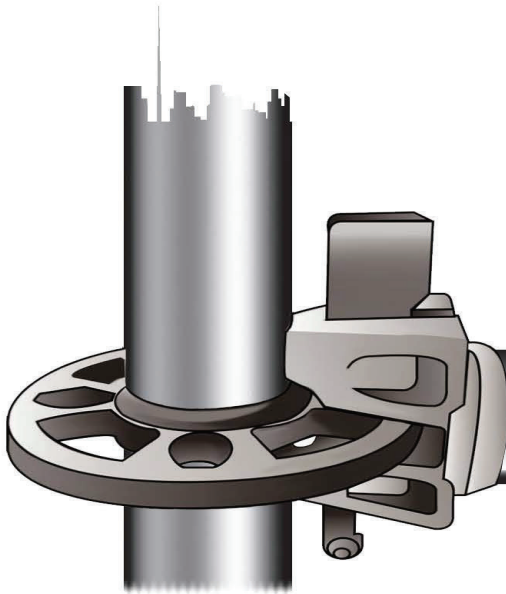
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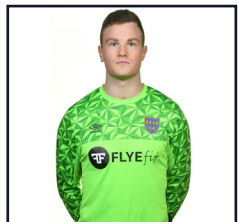


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**GOALS: 0**  
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**#6**

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**DEFENDER**  
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**GOALS: 00**  
**#2**

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**DEFENDER**  
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**GOALS: 00**  
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**DANIEL MCKENNA**  
**MIDFIELDER**  
**APP: 00**  
**GOALS: 0**  
**#16**

**SHAY & BRIDGET MALONE**



**OSCAR BRENNAN**  
**MIDFIELDER**  
**APP: 00**  
**GOALS: 00**  
**#4**

**GAVIN DUFFY**



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**MIDFIELDER**  
**APP: 02**  
**GOALS: 00**  
**#19**

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**#10**

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**GOALS: 0**  
**#18**

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**MIDFIELDER**  
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**GOALS: 0**  
**#21**

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**MIDFIELDER**  
**APP: 02**  
**GOALS: 01**  
**#8**

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**APP: 00**  
**GOALS: 00**  
**#15**

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**MIDFIELDER**  
**APP: 02**  
**GOALS: 00**  
**#17**

**BERNADETTE FRAZER & ANDREW DOYLE**



**DENZIL FERNANDES**  
**MIDFIELDER**  
**APP: 00**  
**GOALS: 0**  
**#12**

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**FORWARD**  
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**GOALS: 0**  
**#11**

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**APP: 01**  
**GOALS: 0**  
**#20**

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**GOALS: 01**  
**#9**

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Stand in front of a mirror with your hands in the air. Look for changes in size or shape, puckering, dimpling or redness of the skin.

#### FEEL FOR CHANGES



Using your fingers, check for any lumps, thickening or bumps.

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Shelbourne Football Club is responsible for setting standards and values to apply throughout the club at every level. Football belongs to, and should be enjoyed by, anyone who wants to participate in it.

Our commitment is to confront and eliminate discrimination by reason of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnic origin, religion or belief, ability or disability and to encourage equal opportunities.

The policy is fully supported by the club officers, who are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

Shelbourne Football Club in all its activities will not discriminate, or in any way treat anyone less favourably, on grounds of gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability. It means that Shelbourne Football Club will ensure that it treats people fairly and with respect and that it will provide access and opportunity to all members of the community to take part in, and enjoy, its activities.

Shelbourne Football Club will not tolerate harassment, bullying, abuse or victimisation of an individual, which for the purpose of this policy and the actions and sanctions applicable, is regarded as discrimination. This includes sexual or racial harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal. Shelbourne Football Club will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs.

Shelbourne Football Club is committed to a policy of equal treatment of all members and requires all members to abide by and adhere to the policies and requirements of the relevant legislation – Equal Status act 2000-2004, Employment Equality Act 1998 and 2004, Prohibition of Incitement to hatred Act 1989, as well as any amendment to these Acts and any later legislation.

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