

ANTI - PATS SPECIAL

SET PIECE ATHLETIC

Every team scores their fair share of goals from set pieces. A corner kick or free kick around the box is always seen as an opportunity to score. It's a well established part of the game. It's when it becomes the ONLY way that score that it gets ridicules. It's when your whole game is based on nicking a goal from a corner and then defending it for the rest of the match, it's then you become a menace to football.

Step forward Pat 'The Penguin' Dolan. Four goals in two games against us, the goal in the previous game against the homeless, same tactics, force a set piece, nick a goal and defend. It's pure shite to watch. Dolan seems to have appointed himself as chief propaganda officer for the league and Irish football in general. He takes every opportunity to talk up the league whether on the TV in his weekly scribble in 'The Star' or any other vague opportunity he gets. Although he never delivers on his promises (we are still waiting for a 25,000 all seater stadium and we're hoping he doesn't walk naked down O'Connell Street in honour of Eircom Park not being built) the publicity alone is good for the league and fair play to him.

The problem arises if somebody decides to go to an EL match based on Dolan's rantings. With all the shite Dolan spouts out of him any unsuspecting punter would expect total football or at very least an attempt at it. Imagine the surprise of a skin who decided to go the Cup match between ourselves and Set Piece. Think of it, the most bitter rivalry in the country, Dolan's shite talk about their "stadium" (I use that word loosely) his promise of total football, etc, etc. This punter might be shocked to see that the game was played on a meadow, at the back of a couple of houses. One piss poor stand was the only seating and with only about 2,000 seats its no wonder it was sold out. And then the football, it was shite. Now as a die hard Redman, the occasion and the excitement and a bitter hatred of those inbred junkies was enough for me but not for a neutral, he might expect a bit more, he wants to be entertained.

This shite was not the Reds fault, Nutsy has us playing some good football but on that pitch (buy a fuckin lawnmower) and against them tactics playing ball was always going to be difficult. The blame lies squarely with Dolan, the chief fuckin hypocrite. All of his good work publicising the league can be undone in one night like that because of the tactics he plays. That style of play can no longer be accepted and it's up to Pat's fans themselves to call for his head. These tactics are outdated and

set the cause of Irish football back 20 years or more. As we strive to be more professional off the pitch its time to stamp out the kick and rush shite that still poisoning our league on it. We will never attract new fans if they have to be subjected to that shite every week. I'm already hooked on live football but I'd rather sit in the pub watching some foreign match on the box than be subjected to that shite.

We aim plenty of criticism at Bertie's Barstool Brethren, but how can we attract them off their stools with this sort of bollox.

What EL fans need to do is examine their own club, ask questions of the team and the manager's style. It is not enough to just demand success but good entertaining football too, because remember that you're paying your money to be entertained. If a manager wants to play that shite sort of 'ball then no matter what sort of success he brings he's still a legitimate target for the sack. In saying all that Dolan ain't gonna sack himself, so the junkies are fucked anyway. Demand Football!!

THE EMPEROR PENGUIN

The insecure people have never seen attractive football, hence a sign near the ground "football prohibited", says it all really. Enter the Penguin talking of super markets, super Nintendo and supper in the evening. The apostolic Saints supporters were easy prey. Some shaved off their beards to be like their leader, others had no choice having been overheard talking about Osam(a?) and being accused of being members of the Taliban. Insecure to the mulchero Saints is a home from home, some are used to the ploughing championships, others are content with the long grass, probably for the grazing. The GAA element of the pretenders game and the numerous nedders also appealed to them.

The sight on matchdays of young kids being initiated into this regime and exhibited in front of the Super Contented in the main cowshed is a concern to all. The Penguin has even brainwashed the insecure people into believing that their football is super. You can have your leagues but no-one but the gullible will watch it. Great teams win doubles, the only double you'd know is a double portion of chips and caviar. You think you are exempt from justice believing that everyone is against you, I wouldn't say the referees share that belief, you probably have them brainwashed, Jesus knows it wouldn't be difficult.

Why not be honest and say the Pat's team this week is doubtful except Mr. Doubtfire. Instead of promoting the league you have isolated yourself and your obsessed followers believing you are superior even to the rules of the game. At last the rules are catching up with you, you physically challenged chancer!