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## so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by gerontophile - 09-05-2008 18:48

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Are Porto going to get busted? What the fuck is going on?

steveeeeeeeee (and the other guy who writes like a saint) to thread please.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by steveeeeeeeee - 09-05-2008 22:51

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I think really this deserves its own thread as a frankly huge Portuguese football club (Boavista) has in all likelihood probably seen its last days.

Porto have escaped this basically unscaved, I really can't see what difference a suspended or unsuspended Pinto da Costa makes, and a €150,000 fine plus 6 point deduction ((in)effective immediately) is no punishment whatsoever.

However, relegation to the second division and a fine of €180,000 for Boavista, a club without two pennies to rub together, surely means they cannot continue to function. The whole board has already resigned, probably to resolve themselves from any liability when the receivers come in.

I haven't spoken to erwin today, in fact I'm going to leave it a few days before contacting him as I guess he must feel pretty f\*cking awful right now.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by ant259 - 10-05-2008 06:06

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Spoken like a true Millwall fan.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by dances with sheep - 10-05-2008 08:32

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could someone explain what has actually happened ? The thread is rather oblique at the moment.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Janik - 10-05-2008 09:24

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A fairly brief summary on what is happening can be found here.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by You never take Gibraltar - 10-05-2008 13:02

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Cavalry Trousers Tips - 10-05-2008 13:13

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So Mourinho wasn't that good then.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Pan Tau - 10-05-2008 15:58

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The offences happened the year after Porto won the UEFA Cup you say? Bribing refs you say?

Hmmmm, last minute freekick at Old Trafford. Seems to me that UEFA should strip Porto of the CL title that year and give it straight to Man Utd, who were the moral winners anyway.

Over to Mudhsusen.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by EIM - 10-05-2008 23:44

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Well Scholes did score a perfectly good goal that was ruled out for fuck know's what.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Impact Substitute - 10-05-2008 23:56

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It was ruled out for offside. Scholes was a good couple of feet onside, so it was a really bad call from the assistant, but one of those you get from time to time.

If I was suspecting corruption from Porto around that time, I wouldn't be looking at that decision, bad as it was.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by E10 Rifle - 11-05-2008 00:02

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by EIM - 11-05-2008 00:46

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Oh come on. EVERYONE can make it a story about Manchester United. It was only a matter of time. We, on OTF, just happen to be at the vanguard of sports comment, and thus it cropped up here first.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Melbourne Arab - 11-05-2008 01:37

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What's really remarkable is the idea of Manchester United being "moral winners" of anything.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by twohundredpercent - 11-05-2008 11:33

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Going back to the original story, why was the punishment to Boavista so much greater than that levied against Porto? Porto's six point deduction when they're already twenty points clear at the top of the table is obviously ridiculous, but Boavista's punishment doesn't seem to be proportionally the same.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Janik - 11-05-2008 11:39

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Influential supporters in high places?

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That's no fair on supporters of Big Four Premier League clubs. As the opening post proves, Old Firm fans are equally capable of making a domestic Portuguese story about conspiracies against their club. The same failings abound.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Pan Tau - 11-05-2008 12:06

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Only supporters of a Big Four English Premier League club could somehow manage to make it a story about Manchester United.

Oh for fuck's sake, E10, wasn't it totally obvious that my post was an ironic take on exactly what you're saying? Is there an irony smiley I can use next time, just in case?

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by E10 Rifle - 11-05-2008 12:57

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It was more a comment on former Man Utd fan EIM picking up your ball and running with it, ironically or not.

Janik does make the good point of course that the thread title itself, though it's somewhat jokey, is probably asking for the same comment re the Old Firm's enduring tunnel vision.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by ursus arctos - 30-05-2008 15:01

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Any sense from our Portuguese correspondents over whether UEFA may actually take significant action against Porto for this thing? It's supposed to be on the agenda for next week.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by erwin - 30-05-2008 15:51

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Well, it seems that UEFA have initiated disciplinary proceedings, based on the materials sent by the FPF. Decision to be handed down on 4 June. Porto have until 3 June to put their case. If the decision goes against them, they have two other bodies they can appeal to. A Bola reckons a ban is on the cards.

The defence could be that the relevant regulation (1.04(d)), which was introduced in 2006 when UEFA didn't have a tool to ban AC Milan, was not in force at the time of the alleged wrongdoings (2003/04).

On the other hand, it could be said that said regulation is not punitive or disciplinary but merely sets forth a requirement for participation (the exclusion of clubs involved in illegal activities that seek to adulterate results of national or international games).

It would be safe to say, I think, that Porto are sweating cobs.

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**Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?**

Posted by Duncan Gardner - 30-05-2008 15:54

So are the rest of us, if there's any chance they might backdate any punishment to 2003 and give the Tims a pot.

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**Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?**

Posted by steveeeeeeeee - 04-06-2008 13:34

UEFA have suspended them from competing in the Champions League for a year

(link goes to a Portuguese page)

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**Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?**

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-06-2008 13:36

Silvio immediately assigns three full ministers to the task of seeing how Milan can get Porto's place (or CSKA Sofia's, he isn't picky).

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**Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?**

Posted by Gangster Octopus - 04-06-2008 13:39

Funnily enough, that's exactly the first thing that I thought...

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**Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?**

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-06-2008 13:48

If it somehow happens, the security staff in Nyon are going to find themselves dealing with one angry bear . . .

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**Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?**

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Posted by ursus arctos - 04-06-2008 17:26

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The potentially angry bear has calmed himself considerably though some legal research that indicates that Silvio would really have to pull out all the stops to steal this one (not that him at least trying to do so is in anyway beyond the realm of possibility).

Interested parties can take a look at the Champions League rules here.

Article 1.01 expressly says that no national federation may enter more than four clubs. Strike One for Milan.

Article 1.07 expressly says that any club that fails to meet the admission criteria (including as a result of being found guilty of corruption (like Porto) or not having obtained a domestic license (like CSKA Sofia)) "shall be replaced by the next best-placed club in the top domestic league championship of the same national association, provided it fulfills the admission criteria."

Strikes Two and Three for the Rossoneri.

I hope they enjoy the UEFA Cup; it's a great competition.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by gerontofiel of trutje - 04-06-2008 17:55

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yes, and if there are no Portuguese teams in it, you have free rein to bribe the shit out of the remainder.

OK: Janik, it started out as a funny/windup thread where us old firmers (and believe me, I know about both old and firm) get to laugh at ourselves.

Having said that, someone posted about Boavista getting double humped? Because they dont have the clout that Porto have.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Pan Tau - 04-06-2008 20:38

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On what basis would Milan think they would have any claim whatsoever to take Porto's place? There is no rationale for even imagining any premise from which to launch such a bid.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by ursus arctos - 04-06-2008 21:56

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That's really funny, PT.

Since when has Berlusconi ever required a basis for anything he has ever done?

And they have that shiny gold badge from FIFA on their kits and the blue one from UEFA with the European Cup and the number 6.

They're massive, just ask them.

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## Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Il Visionario Tecnico - 05-06-2008 05:12

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As Silvio saw Liverpool bypass that one in 2005, I'm sure he thought that there was nothing to lose.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by ursus arctos - 05-06-2008 06:51

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That provision wasn't there in 2005; it was expressly added as a result of that debacle.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by erwin - 13-06-2008 11:47

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UEFA's decision to bar Porto from next season's European competitions has been annulled on appeal. Back to square one (the Disciplinary Committee).

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by ursus arctos - 16-06-2008 16:58

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And now the Gazzetta is quoting Gaillard as saying that Porto will definitely play in this season's Champions League, as it will take too long for the Disciplinary Committee to re-hear the case.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 16-06-2008 17:01

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I always knew there was an awful rotten smell off that lot.

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### Re:so did Celtic win the UEFA cup or what?

Posted by fifepride - 17-06-2008 15:17

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Melbourne Arab wrote:  
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Haha I was racing to make that exact point.

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