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## The Damned United

Posted by Mark Felt - 28-04-2008 11:06

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<http://www.variety.com/article/VR1117984541.html?categoryid=13&cs=1&nid=2562>

Thoughts?

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by ursus arctos - 28-04-2008 16:01

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It may just be me, but I think it would work better as a stage play than as a film.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by Antonio Gramsci - 28-04-2008 20:57

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A film would have all sorts of rating problems if the script follows the book and uses the word "fuck" every fifth word.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by tratorello - 29-04-2008 12:25

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There's an interview with the actor Warren Clarke in this weeks 'Time Out'

What are you reading at the moment?

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I guess he's talking about reading the book but it did make me wonder whether he'd been approached for some part in the TV version.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by ursus arctos - 29-04-2008 13:18

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I expect that he'll find "The Tragedy of Svennis, Prince of Eastlands" a bit more interesting.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by Hofzinsler - 29-04-2008 14:42

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I have to admit I've picked up The Damned United to read a few times, got quickly bored, and also quite irritated with the writing style, and given up on it.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by EIM - 29-04-2008 14:56

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On a slight tangent, I started watching 'BEST' that George Best movie this morning. Oh my God. What a pile of shit. What a seeping boil on the face of football and film. I can't quite believe how badly wrong they got it all. The casting was mind-bendingly awful, picking the least charismatic, plainest looking man in the world to play Georgie Best. And that cunt out of Soldier Soldier to play Bobby Charlton.

I turned it off.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by Mr Hoo Haa Harry - 30-04-2008 17:45

tratorello wrote:

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Hang on, Warren Clarke was in that 'I.D.' abomination, he's developed more rarified tastes all of a sudden.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by Mr Hoo Haa Harry - 30-04-2008 17:46

Jim Broadbent, Timothy Spall and Colm Meaney

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by imp - 30-04-2008 18:57

Mike Yarwood - Clough.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by mafu - 10-05-2008 21:21

will be interesting to see how they adapt it considering how much of the book is interior monologue and how much it jumps about between the derby and leeds periods.

ideally they'd do it in the style of peep show, and have it all from a raging clough's eye view as he repeatedly walks down the same fucking corridor and round the same fucking corner at elland road every day. would be cheap too

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by Purves Grundy - 10-05-2008 22:08

Weird. When I saw they were making a film of this I thought "you know who they need to get to play Clough - that bloke

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who played Kenneth Williams in Fantabulosa, he'd be perfect". And wouldn't you know it...

I can't wait to see this film. I loved the book and I reckon Michael Sheen's performance promises to be extraordinary.

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by Impact Substitute - 11-05-2008 23:22

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South Bank Show on ITV now profiling David Peace and The Damned United.

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by Felicity, I guess so - 13-05-2008 13:35

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Interesting enough, apart from Melvyn's perverse misreading of 'GB84' and the fact that the 2nd half petered out into 'what famous people think of football and writing'

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by Fred Keenor - 14-05-2008 19:34

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Fantastic scheduling to put it against the final league MotD which had moved to Sunday for the climax to the EPL season. Good work ITV!

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by Mighty Mudhsuden - 15-05-2008 14:16

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Anyone got a torrent?

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by George Weah's cousin - 16-05-2008 12:04

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Some scenes are being filmed at my local football ground (the theatre of dreams that is saltergate) next Wednesday. They're looking for extras but are imposing a strict 'no clipped or shaved hair' rule which effectively ends my glorious onscreen career before it has started.

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by Mighty Mudhsuden - 16-05-2008 13:42

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That's a great decision by the film-makers because Saltergate has got a definite 1974 feel to it.

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**Re:The Damned United**

Posted by Mighty Mudhsuden - 16-05-2008 13:42

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And that's a good thing, by the way.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by Houdi Elbow - 16-05-2008 16:44

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Mike Yarwood - Clough.

The bloke from The Grumbleweeds was much better.

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## Re:The Damned United

Posted by E10 Rifle - 07-07-2008 16:39

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apart from Melvyn's perverse misreading of 'GB84'

How did he misread it FIGS? Didn't see the prog at the time and have just finished reading it.

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