
Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 10-07-2008 18:53

In Glasgow airport this morning I saw a kid wearing a dark blue T-shirt which read "Lord, Thank You For Law, Gemmill & McFadden. Keep up the good work."

It struck me as a strange trio of players to pick. I've Wikied them and they don't seem to have any club affiliation in common (I thought it might be a Rangers thing or a Celtic thing but nah).

Are those three guys held in special esteem in Scotland, ahead of others? (Dalglish, McCoist, I dunno...)

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by gerontophile - 10-07-2008 19:02

Gemmill for the goal v Holland, McFadden (probably) for the goal v France in Paris, and Law, no idea.

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Bored Of Football - 10-07-2008 19:03

Could be Scott Gemmill, don't forget

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 10-07-2008 19:04

Don't get me wrong, they're all decent-to-great players.

I mean, it just seems like the equivalent of putting, I dunno, "Charlton, Mariner and Crouch" on an England one.

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Bored Of Football - 10-07-2008 19:05

This is sort of a clue

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by gerontophile - 10-07-2008 19:11

I was looking for scorers of (technically) winning goals, which sort of wrote Law off a bit... Why not Jim McCalliog?

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Bored Of Football - 10-07-2008 19:25

I know what you mean, it is still a very tenuous link between the three players.

I was trying to think that they were scorers of goals against the reigning Europa or World Champions or something but my head then started to hurt.

Maybe he just really really likes them.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Phoebe - 10-07-2008 20:44

They're not the married names of Atomic Kitten, are they?

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Nogoalsnoglory - 11-07-2008 06:20

Glasgow solicitors?

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by AMMS - 11-07-2008 07:43

a. It's a ruse to confuse English visitors so you don't realise what we're really up to!

b. Law is Scotland's top goal scorer (along with Dalglish but from less games) and Gemmill and McFadden scored great goals but it does seem a difficult connection to make. None of them played for the Old Firm (yet, McFadden is constantly linked with a move and don't count Walter Smith out of a move for Archie Gemmill to replace the injured Barry Ferguson). Not playing for the Old Firm does seem to help a players status in the eyes of the self styled 'Tartan Army', which may explain the absence of Baxter and Dalglish if it's about exceptional players.

c. Or it could just be that the boys dad is a tosser.

PS My spell checks only suggestion for 'Dalglish' was 'ticklish' which somehow feels very ironic.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 11-07-2008 07:47

It wasn't a home-made effort, by the way. It was one of those trendy, Philosophy Football-type designs in a minimalist font.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by blameless - 11-07-2008 09:18

It's about neutrality - three highly popular (attacking) Scotland players with no Old Firm connections whatsoever.

Our other greats either have Old Firm connections (Dalglish, McCoist, Baxter, Johnstone, etc) or were brilliant but unspectacular (Leighton, Miller, McLeish).

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by gerontophile - 11-07-2008 09:25

you missed Alan Rough in your latter category, blameless.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by blameless - 11-07-2008 09:38

Even as a diehard Jag, I'm not sure I can label Scruff as "brilliant". Not in the same class as Leighton and Goram, that's for sure.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Bored Of Football - 11-07-2008 09:41

That sounds plausible, blameless.

I am always dubious about McFadden playing for Birmingham and Everton though with those sort of idiots that link Rangers with Everton and Birmingham (as well as Chelsea and Cardiff sometimes)

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 11-07-2008 10:08

Alan Rough had a short spell at Celtic in 88/89.

Seems a bit silly having Denis Law on the same t-shirt as James McFadden.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by AMMS - 11-07-2008 10:35

HoH - I'm afraid that is just a sign of the times, pitiful as it is.

BoF - what sort of 'idiots'? I've never heard Rangers linked with Everton, Birmingham or Cardiff in my puff. Other than we all play in blue and have had players and managers in common over the years I've never heard of any other connection.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by tobythedog - 13-07-2008 19:38

Denis was GOD thats why

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by rick derris - 13-07-2008 20:19

the guys who started the chelsea/rangers/linfield connection (obviously teams in blue from 3 of the uk's capital cities and all utter tossers (ah, glasgow is not the capital)) did try to get cardiff into the mix

nobody interested, sure the fans passed the tosser test just not really into the whole super prod bit. at all

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 13-07-2008 20:50

I don't think anyone's really questioning Denis Law's inclusion, tobythedog.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Harri Saer - 14-07-2008 10:17

I was at T in the Park on Friday and saw a chap wearing one so, in the spirit of OTF forensic enquiry, asked him the relevance of the names.

The relevance for him was that they had all apparently scored "great goals" for Scotland. I asked if the lack of Old Firm association for the three players was significant and he said, "No, I'm Celtic, Big Man".

With that we wished each other well as he beckoned me in to the shaky high five that seems to be the festival's customary greeting and farewell out front.

BTW, the shirt actually reads ;

Thank god for

Law
Gemmill
McFadden

Keep up the good work.

In other related news , The Verve's event shirts were an attempt at a version of the Helvetica 'John, Paul, George & Ringo' ones but they did them in their own type face and with their surnames. They really are total gumbies.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 14-07-2008 10:25

Spanners.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Harri Saer - 14-07-2008 10:29

Here it is;

<http://i27.photobucket.com/albums/c199/scottpeterthomas/gumbies.jpg>

Pitiful.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by blameless - 14-07-2008 10:43

For the record, I was trying to imply it was the manufacturer playing safe by avoiding OF links, rather than for example a Rangers fan refusing to wear something with Kenny Dalglish's name on it.

And yes, that Verve tee is pish.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 14-07-2008 10:44

Hey Blameless,

Did your brother ever get round to converting those old Euro videos? It just popped into my head the other day.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Harri Saer - 14-07-2008 14:13

Harri Saer wrote:

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I've just realised they didn't even get the punctuation right. Can't they be forcibly disbanded for this?

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by delicatemoth - 14-07-2008 15:48

Cool, a T-shirt for an investment bank is it?

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by blameless - 15-07-2008 08:39

HoH: he claims to have sorted it out, but as yet I've seen no DVDs. I'll bend his ear about it when I call him later today.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Hieronymus of Hesselink - 15-07-2008 09:42

Thanks Blameless.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Yoss - 15-07-2008 10:00

To me it seems a perfectly natural trio to pick, they might not be the best three players Scotland have ever had, but there are reasons for each of them being held in especial reverence. The lack of Old Firm affiliation thing hadn't occurred to me, but it probably helps too, yeah, they're entirely non-divisive figures.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by bruno glanvilla - 15-07-2008 11:37

i'd say it's to do with the perceived romanticism of the renegade scruffy gallus player.

the reasons for law are obvious, gemmill for his cameo in trainspotting and dont underestimate the tartan army's love for faddy.

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by AMMS - 15-07-2008 12:57

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Do you really? Law I can accept, he was before my time but he played at the highest level in club football and is the countries top goalscorer.

Gemmill, he had an excellent club career and did well internationally but was he even the best Scottish player of his generation? I'd argue that Dalglish, Souness even Jordan were better players and someone like Danny McGrain, albeit from an unfashionable playing position, was arguably a better player.

McFadden is certainly the most effective creative player we've got just now however he isn't anywhere near as good as the other 2.

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Harri Saer - 15-07-2008 13:04

bruno glanvilla wrote:

gemmill for his cameo in trainspotting

I'm struggling to accept that there aren't far more significant reasons.

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by ursus arctos - 15-07-2008 13:06

But that isn't the premise.

It's about transcendent goals, not sustained brilliance.

The English version would have Geoff Hurst, and the Italian one would feature Marco Tardelli and Fabio Grosso. The French one might even have Manu Petit, FFS.

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Spearmint Rhino - 15-07-2008 13:06

Gallus?

Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Hofzinser - 15-07-2008 13:09

I don't think he's ever scored a crucial goal for France, has he?

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by Hofzinser - 15-07-2008 13:10

But if you can just wipe those tears of laughter from your eyes, seriously speaking:

Gallus.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by bruno glanvilla - 15-07-2008 13:22

as hofzinser links:

gallus: self-confident, daring, cheeky, stylish, impressive...rascal, james mcfadden who missed his flight home from a scotland tournament in hong kong, aged 18 because he was "out shagging".

ursus has got the hang of it.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by AMMS - 15-07-2008 14:11

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So what Law goal is it then? The one in the 67 England game is hardly a classic even if the result was.

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Re:Law, Gemmill and McFadden

Posted by ursus arctos - 15-07-2008 14:21

I presume it was that one, it's about the occasion as much as it is about the quality of the goal itself.

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