Let me tell you a little tale about fighting authorities. Two years ago I was pulled over by the police for speaking on my mobile phone. I was sitting at a set of traffic lights, leaning my chin on my arm and talking with my colleague in the passenger seat. As the lights turned to green I moved off and the police lights went on. Completely taken aback by the accusation I pulled my phone from my jacket and illustrated that the last call to or from the phone was a missed call 20 minutes earlier. I demonstrated the hands free kit in the car AND my colleague confirmed that I had not taken a call for the two hours they were in the car. Despite this (and the fact that I just didn't do it!) the police issued a ticket and I decided not to pay.

I was completely innocent and very angry that this matter was progressing and so it came to the point where I either go to court or swallow my pride and pay the fine. My lawyer told me I'd pay his costs even if I won – But I didn't do it! He told me that it would only be 3 points and £60 – But I Didn't Do It! He told me the system is geared up to believe the police and if two of them – BUT I DIDN'T DO IT! So I went to court with my hands free kit, witness and phone records. And I lost! Would I do it again? Yes because sometimes you just have to do the right thing.

The way that the establishment have circled the wagons this week has been quite amazing. Discussions have moved away from the fact that Celtic were cheated at Dundee Utd and that Broadfoot dived whilst the ref had his back turned, and into a vitriolic attack on the audacity of Celtic to write questioning a decision. Sometimes, against best advice, and perhaps even knowing you're fighting a losing cause, you have to stand up and make a stand about what's right. Both last season and this Celtic have done that and been vilified.

In all of this remember one thing – the SFA have form. Fergus McCann stood up for Celtic over the Jorge Cadette affair. The press criticised and mocked. The outcome, Celtic's position was upheld and Farry had to go.

And now we have the Dougie McDonald affair. We have been vilified for demanding an answer but as a consequence we have seen Hugh Dallas all over the press with one story and an enquiry confirming something completely different. Currently the wagons are being circled again…

But as you know this is the betting part of the site so let's look at the odds and stats;

Home

Draw

Away

St Johnstone v Celtic

15/2

10/3

2/5

Dundee Utd v Hibernian

10/11

5/2

11/4

Motherwell v Hamilton

2/1

12/5

5/4

Rangers v Inverness CT

3/4

5/2

7/2

St Mirren v Aberdeen

2/9

5/1

12/1

Hearts v Kilmarnock

7/10

13/5

4/1

Since we are stuck in boring Scottish football with the dubious refereeing, let's look at some mythical football games involving the hoops and EPL teams based upon this weeks games.

Mythical Matches

The result of the match will be decided by the number of goals scored by the team in their actual match. Singles Only.

Chelsea

6/4

Draw

16/5

Celtic

11/10

Arsenal

4/5

Draw

15/4

Celtic

15/8

Man Utd

13/8

Draw

3/1

Celtic

21/20

Liverpool

13/5

Draw

16/5

Celtic

4/6

Man City

21/10

Draw

3/1

Celtic

5/6

So what do we expect this week? Better Defending!

Odds

St Johnstone 1 - 3 Celtic

10/1

Dundee Utd 2 – 1 Hibernian

7/1

Motherwell 2 – 0 Hamilton

15/2

Rangers	3 – 0	Inverness CT

13/2

St Mirren	0 - 0	Aberdeen

17/2

Hearts	1 - 0	Kilmarnock

5/1

So following our letters of complaint our concerns have been justified to some extent although a review of the observer’s report for the utd game illustrates that they didn’t think the handballs were pens. We should get these people to referee our European games. We’d have drawn with Lyon, beaten Moscow, not had a penalty saved against Man Utd etc etc

This inability to referee football in Scotland like the rest of Europe best illustrated this week. On Sunday Miller scores despite being yards offside (in Scottish rules) because he only became active in the second phase of play. On Wednesday a Celtic player is given offside when yds on AND a Celtic player is given offside when BEHIND the keeper and not active.

Our appeals should just keep coming because sometimes you just have to fight for what’s right.