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- Easybranches.com: 'Steven Gerrard has nothing to lose with 'dreadful' Rangers side, says Martin O'Neill' (<https://europe.easybranches.com/ireland/Steven-Gerrard-has-nothing-to-lose-with--dreadful--Rangers-side--says-Martin-O-Neill-352076>)
- Buzz.ie: 'Martin O'Neill thinks Real's experience gives them edge over Liverpool' (<https://www.buzz.ie/football/martin-oneill-thinks-reals-experience-gives-edge-liverpool-283331>) by Paul Lennon
- TheSun.ie: 'HAD ENOUGH Martin O'Neill backs Republic of Ireland star Cyrus Christie in the face of sick racist abuse on social media' (<https://www.thesun.ie/sport/football/2513157/martin-oneill-backs-republic-of-ireland-star-cyrus-christie-in-the-face-of-sick-racist-abuse-on-social-media/>) By Owen Cowzer

#### Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

- The Irish Times: 'O'Neill says case shows racism still an issue for game'.
- Irish Independent: 'O'Neill support for Christie after racist abuse ordeal'.
- The Herald: "'Scourge of racism still not eradicated from football', says Ireland manager".
- Irish Daily Star: 'Cyrus should not be dealing with this 40 years after Viv'.
- The Irish Sun: 'Show racism the red card "It's sad that we have to highlight this abuse"'.
- Irish Daily Mirror: 'Sad state of affairs'.

#### Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

- Newsgroup.ie: 'Tallaght gives racism the red card' (<https://www.newsgroup.ie/tallaght-gives-racism-the-red-card/>)



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## Steven Gerrard has nothing to lose with 'dreadful' Rangers side, says Martin O'Neill

Martin O'Neill believes Rangers are so 'dreadful' right now that Steven Gerrard has nothing to lose by becoming their new boss.

The Liverpool legend, 37, is on the verge of becoming the new manager at Ibrox with an appointment imminent.

But ex-Celtic gaffer O'Neill claims he has never seen a worse Rangers side in all his time in football.

And O'Neill - who won three SPL titles, three Scottish Cups and a League Cup with the Parkhead giants - feels Gerrard won't know what hit him when he lands in Glasgow.

Celtic clinched their seventh straight league crown at the weekend after thumping Old Firm rivals Rangers 5-0.



James Forrest scores for Celtic during their hammering of Rangers last weekend (Image: REUTERS)

O'Neill said yesterday: "He hasn't got a clue what he's letting himself in for, but he has been born and bred in Liverpool so he must have an idea.

"I hope he does (get the job), it would be nice to see him. I think he'd be terrific for Rangers at this stage because it's unquestionably the worst side that has ever, ever played for Rangers."

Speaking at a 'Show Racism The Red Card' event in Dublin, O'Neill added: "They are so, so bad. They are worse than bad, they are dreadful!

"I think the only way is up for him, if that's the case."

O'Neill will return to Parkhead on May 20th when he leads a Republic of Ireland XI against Celtic in Scott Brown's testimonial.

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FOOTBALL



BY Paul Lennon

April 30, 2018

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Martin O'Neill believes Liverpool can win the Champions League but fears that Real Madrid's experience may ultimately prove crucial should the clubs meet in the May 26 final in Kiev.

Jurgen Klopp's side goes into Wednesday's semi-final second leg away to Roma with a commanding 5-2 lead from last week's first 90 minutes at Anfield.

Madrid take a 2-1 advantage into tomorrow night's second leg at home to Bayern Munich with Zinedine Zidane's side favoured to advance and so produce a repeat of the 1981 European Cup final that The Red won 1-0.

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Should that happen, the Ireland manager feels that Madrid - chasing a historic hat-trick of victories in the competition's current format - could have the edge in terms of big match occasions.



"Do I think Liverpool can win the Champions League?" Said O'Neill at today's Show Racism the Red Card schools' awards' function at Tallaght Stadium in Dublin.

"Well, only four teams can actually win it so I don't think it will be much of a sleuth if you thought they could win it.

"They are in a great position, they are playing very well and they are capable of scoring goals.

"And they are very, very capable of winning the competition.

"If it happens to be that they get through - I think Roma could cause them a few problems for a few moments but Liverpool are capable of scoring - the only thing is if it's Real Madrid, if it's Real Madrid, they might just have that little bit of experience, that's all.

" But in terms of ability, Liverpool would be equal to Real Madrid as we stand at this moment."

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## HAD ENOUGH

Martin O'Neill backs Republic of Ireland star Cyrus Christie in the face of sick racist abuse on social media

**The Ireland boss wants to see the issue tackled**

By Owen Cowzer

1st May 2018, 6:00 am

**MARTIN O'NEILL insists racists are fighting a losing battle taking on Cyrus Christie.**

Ireland manager O'Neill yesterday attended the Show Racism the Red Card creative competition awards ceremony in Tallaght Stadium.



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Cyrus Christie has been targeted by sickos on social media



As an Irishman living in England during The Troubles, he experienced prejudice himself while witnessing vile abuse of Nottingham Forest team-mate Viv Anderson, the first black player to line out for England at senior level.

And he has been appalled at the abuse aimed at Ireland and Fulham right-back Christie on social media.

The Coventry-born defender, 25, took to Twitter last week to reveal he feels nothing ever gets done to combat it.

Derry man O'Neill said: "It is remarkable that people in this day and age can attack somebody in this way and also get away with it.

"Cyrus has, seemingly on the surface, adopted an attitude like Viv Anderson, by saying, 'Well, it's happened, I don't like what they are saying but such is life'.

"But it should not happen. We all have to play a part. I honestly feel there is a genuine effort to do something about it.

"It's a feeling that nothing has been done and that's disappointing. That's my view about it, that's something we have to highlight and it's quite sad.

"I think it's too easy to say, 'Come off Twitter'.

"That's almost like giving in and he shouldn't have to. I don't think he should.



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Martin O'Neill with students of St Paul's CBS



“It is difficult, funnily enough with these particularly new gadgets coming in like Twitter, it seems to have got back to the surface again.”

O’Neill moved to Forest in 1971 when tensions were high between Ireland and the UK.

And he highlighted the Birmingham pub bombings three years later as a time he felt uncomfortable.

He added: “It was obviously when the trouble in Northern Ireland had erupted in the mainland, it became an issue.

“And I think even my fellow team-mates had a problem with it because suddenly you’re Irish and you are part of that and that’s the case.

“Particularly when some of the bombs were around Nottingham, or not too far, Birmingham, a lot of people lost their lives, I’m going way back to 1974. We, as Irish . . . even though as footballers we probably didn’t have a status at that time, but we really did feel the effects at the time.

“It was pretty difficult, it was difficult for a number of years.

“The ordinary Irish person living in England had a difficult time.”

And he still remembers how Anderson dealt with the abuse and changed opinions.

He explained: “He was a wonderful footballer and adored by all the fans in Nottingham but took terrible abuse away from home because of the colour of his skin.

“Viv was a very strong character and took on the matter himself. He got through it and became not only loved by the people of Nottingham, but he changed a lot of people’s minds with his great willpower.

“There is much greater integration now so there is no place for racism but it exists.



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“I think if you ask some of the players now, they will tell you that things have improved but it’s still there.

“I was a club manager some years ago, we started off with Show Racism The Red.

“Obviously the analogy compares to a sending-off offence but it’s more serious than that.

“I think it has come on fantastically but I still say we have a long way to go before it’s totally eradicated.”

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## O'Neill says Christie case shows racism still an issue for game

But Ireland manager says situation has improved a lot since dark days of the 1970s

**MARKET PHONES**

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opportunity to a poisoned chalice. (in Daily Telegraph, London)

Liverpool, 2014 he added: "The only thing we're thinking about is going

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to replace Chris. (in Daily Telegraph, London)

## O'Neill support for Christie after racist abuse ordeal

David McDonnell

MARTIN O'NEILL has backed Cyrus Christie in his attempts to get social media authorities to take a strong stand on the issue of racism.

The Ireland defender has been on the receiving end of abusive messages, an issue that was flagged in the aftermath of the World Cup play-off defeat to Denmark in November.

He used Twitter last week to highlight further instances of racist comments aimed at him and ask why the cupists can get away with it.

O'Neill was present at a Show Racism the Red Card event in Tallaght yesterday and dealt with the problems experienced by Christie.

The Derryman said that getting off social media would be a counterpro-

ductive measure for Christie.

"I think it's too easy to say 'Close off Twitter'. That's almost like giving in," said O'Neill. "He should't leave to and I don't think he should do. I've run on Twitter but I have heard of the abuse and made aware of it. It's remarkable that people in this day and age can attack somebody in this way and also get away with it."

"Some years ago I played for a very decent football team (Nottingham Forest) that produced the first black man to play for England in Vin Anderson. He was a wonderful footballer and adored by all the football fans in Nottingham but who took terrible abuse away from home and all because of the colour of his skin."

"While those situations have improved immensely over the last 35

to 30 years there are still problems. There is much greater integration now so there is no place for racism, absolutely no place for it but it exists."

"Honestly enough with these particularly new gulps coming in like Twitter, it seems to have gotten back to the surface again."

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"Well, it's happened, I don't like what they are saying but such is life. But it should not happen."

"We all have to play a part. It's a feeling that nothing has been done and that's disappointing. That's something we have to highlight."

Meanwhile, O'Neill believes the current Rangers side is the worst that he's ever seen play for the club.

And he has tipped Steven Gerrard to make a positive impact if he is handed the manager's job, while noting that it would be hard for the rookie boss not to improve the current group.

His side of the Celtic finished Rangers 5-0 in a completely one-sided Glasgow derby on Sunday with the build-up dominated by the news that Gerrard is in line to take over from Graeme Murty and the big hand at management for the first time.

"He hasn't got a clue what he's letting himself in for," quipped O'Neill. "He has been burnt and brood in Liverpool, so he must have an idea."

"I hope he does get the job. It would be nice to see him. I think he would be terrific for Rangers just at this stage because Rangers are unrecognisable... it's the worst side that has ever ever played for Rangers at this stadium. They are so, so bad. They are worse than bad. They are dreadful."

"I think the only way is up for him, if that's the case," added O'Neill, adopting a more serious tone.

Ireland's next game is already a Celtic Park return for O'Neill and a May 20 visit to coincide with Scott Brown's testimonial. Brendan Rodgers' Celtic will attempt to complete another title in June earlier.



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LOOKING ON At the Show Racism the Red Card awards ceremony at Tallaght Stadium were (l-r) Colin Bell, manager of the Republic of Ireland women's team, Martin O'Neill, manager of the Ireland men's team and Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Katherine Tappin TD welcoming Kevin Níghinn from St Aldado's School in Dublin to play the soccer club. (Pic: Barry Cahill)

## Scourge of racism still not eradicated from football says Ireland manager

and because not only been by the people of Nottingham but to change a lot of people's minds by his own great example.

"There's had a pretty tough time of it. It's a serious issue and I don't wish it on any club."

"With these situations have improved tremendously over the last 20 to 25 years but we still have a long way to go before we can say it's eradicated."

"I think if you ask most of the players now, they will tell you that things have improved but that it's still there," he added.

"When I was manager of Aston Villa we had a number of incidents where I had letters in the club who also would like to see things were not always enough to prevent them in matches especially away from home."

"I think it has come on fantastically but I still say we

have a long way to go before it's totally eradicated."

"You can see things on the surface, adopted an attitude like Villa's Anderson, by saying 'well, it's happened, I don't know what they are getting but such is life'."

"But it should not happen. We all have to play a part. I honestly feel there is a genuine effort in the world but it's a feeling that nothing has been done and that's disappointing."

An assistant who moved from Northern Ireland to England in 2005, O'Neill also knows that racism can still be a target on someone's back, especially during the darkest days of the Titanic.

"It was obviously what the Titanic's northern Ireland had engaged in the Titanic. It was an accident I think was a big one. There were a lot of people who were killed and you can't see that in the case," he said.

"Particularly when water of the Titanic was around Nottingham, so that was his Birmingham, a lot of people lost their lives. I'm going away back to 1912."

"We were Irish, even though as footballers we probably didn't have a vote but at that time, but we really did really feel the effects of it at the time. It was quite difficult. It was difficult for a number of years."

"The ordinary Irish person living in England had a different view," added the Ireland boss, who feels that Liverpool should get past these incidents to Champions League status.

"They are in a great position. They are playing very well and they are capable of scoring goals. And they are very, very capable of winning the competition," he said.

"Kevin O'Neill was speaking of the Show Racism the Red Card awards ceremony in Dublin, honouring primary and secondary school children and youth groups who wanted to prevent racism."



TARGET: Vin Anderson



# Cyrus should not be dealing with this 40 years after Viv

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**Martin gives Real an edge**

By Paul Christie

Real Madrid's signing of Cristiano Ronaldo has been hailed as a coup for the club, but it is also a blow to Liverpool, who have lost their star striker to the Spanish giants.

**Problem**

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I think if you ask some of the players here, they will tell you that things have improved but it's still there.

Christie has been the target of social media racism for several years and recently revealed that the things who accelerated their online attacks last autumn have continued their vile activities into this year.

It still echoes the Ireland and FAI team full-back's alarm that the matter has not been dealt with effectively by the platform providers.

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## Tallaght gives racism the red card

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Pic ShowRacismtheRedCard7 : Dublin South West Independent Minister Katherine Zappone with Colin Bell, Republic of Ireland women's manager, Martin O'Neill and Kevin Nguyen of St Aidan's National School, Brookfield at the Tallaght Stadium for the Show Racism the Red Card Creative Awards 2018. Speaking at the event Minister Zappone said 'through local schools, clubs and organisations our young people are speaking with the loudest voices against discrimination, racism and hate'.

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