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COBRAS PLAY IRISH

This Tuesday in an 8:00 PM contest at Baldwin Wallace the Cobras take on the Irish Cork Hibernians. The Hibs are on a tour of the U.S. as they are playing all of the American Soccer League teams and the games count in the league standings.

Last season, the Hibs finished fourth out of 18 teams in major division soccer in Europe.

From their infanthood the Hibs have been trend-setters as they have operated on the premise that famous soccer names were essential to draw attention to the team, and throughout their 19 year history, they have recruited many famous international stars. Among the greats were Eddie Bailham, Jackie Mooney, Tommy Hamilton, Amby Figarty, Tommy Egkington, and the legendary Charlie Tully who led the Irish to their first Cup finals.

The current edition of the Hibs are led by Bobby Tambling, a forward from England. Tambling recorded a goal and an assist in the Irish 4-0 triumph over Sacramento, and he still holds the London's club goal scoring record of 164.

Joining Tambling on the Irish front line is Carl Humphreys who rammed home a pair of goals against Sacramento. He won the F.A.I. medal with the Hibs in 1973.

Jerry Finnegan holds down the midfield area. He is 24 and in his eighth season with the Hibs and has played for the Irish International Amateur team. Teaming up with Finnegan is John Lawson who happens to be Scottish.

The Hibs player of the year, John Brohan, is the key to the Hibs defense as he is a very physical player. A winner of the European Cup medal, Shay Brennan, is a defensive stalwart.

Gerard Spillane will stop shots for the Irish and he proved his competency by

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turning back 15 of Sacramento's bullets last week. He allowed only 24 goals in 26 games last season.

Providing halftime entertainment will be Adrian Walsh who happens to hold the world record for juggling a soccer ball. He managed to keep it in the air 8,700 times with his head, feet, shoulders, and knees for one hour twenty minutes non-stop without the ball touching the ground.

Walsh's goal is 10,000 times and he regularly juggles a few thousand times per day.

"I know two people who tried ball juggling for entertainment. One is David Burnside who operates a soccer side show, and the other is Pele who tried to do tricks with an orange," noted Walsh.

His trip is being underwritten by the Irish Wheelchair Association and he will be soliciting funds for the Irish paraplegics.

Walsh recently flew to England to have his skills recognized by the Guinness Book of Records.

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