

COUSINS COULD CANCEL CELTIC

JASON Cousins fears he may have to scrap his glamour testimonial against Celtic because fans have been slow to take up tic'ets.

Last night only 1,400 tickets had been sold for next Tuesday's high profile match against Martin O'Neill's Scottish champions, leaving the former Wycombe favourite heading for a financial disaster.

Cousins, who has not been working full-time since being released by the Blues last summer, needs a 3,500 crowd just to break even.

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He said: "I'm really worried about it. Cancelling the game is the last thing that I want to do but I'm seriously considering it.

"I'm incurring extremely large expenses. I'm having to pay Celtic's costs and the police's costs and I'm nowhere near breaking even.

"There's no way I can afford to run the game at a loss and if the sales don't pick up I will have to tell Celtic that the game is off."

Cousins will call the match off on Friday, before Sunday's Old Firm

game in Scotland, if there is not a sharp upturn in ticket sales this week.

He said: "I can't believe it. After waiting so long to get Martin O'Neill down here, I'm amazed that we're talking like this. People have been slow taking up the tickets and I'm beginning to worry."

Former Wanderers boss O'Neill agreed to bring his Celtic side down in honour of the player he signed from Brentford in 1991.

And although his Celtic side will be shorn of some of its big names because the match falls during an international week, O'Neill has promised to bring as strong a side as

he can down to Buckinghamshire for the match.

Super Swede Henrik Larsson is expected to turn out for the Hoops after retiring from the international scene after the World Cup, and Neil Lennon is also expected to play following his enforced exile from the Northern Ireland picture after he received death threats from political extremists.

Former Wycombe wing favourite Steve Guppy should also feature in the trip down memory lane with former Wanderers star Dave Carroll expected to feature for the Blues.

Tickets for the match, which is all-ticket on police advice, are

available all week from Adams Park.

They can be bought either in person or from the credit card hotline on 01494 441118.

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