

# Police describe fans' behaviour as 'reckless' following pitch invasion



Following the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden, police have described the behaviour of supporters who entered the pitch to celebrate after the final whistle as 'reckless' and insisted that the conduct of the fans was totally unacceptable and inexcusable which created a significant safety issue.

Rangers have called for an investigation as to what went wrong after several thousand jubilant supporters ran on to the field and allegations have been made that players and staff were assaulted.

After the game Chief Superintendent Kenny MacDonald said: "Following today's Scottish Cup Final at Hampden, a significant number of fans ran onto the pitch following the final whistle. Officers, including the Force's mounted branch, responded and brought the matter under control as quickly as possible.

"We understand that feelings run high at these events and fans want to celebrate their team's win, however the reckless behaviour of fans entering the pitch is totally unacceptable and inexcusable. This created a significant safety issue.

"This action led to an outbreak of disorder between rival fans on the pitch. A dedicated investigation team is being set up to identify those who have carried out these acts of disorder and violence."