



**Scottish Premier
League**

CELTIC

versus

**DUNDEE
UNITED**

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY
28th APRIL 1979
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.**

PROGRAMME

10p

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Team has proper attitude for the title chase



TWO more points against St Mirren in our midweek meeting at Parkhead has hoisted Celts into second spot in the Premier Division placings and sharpened our appetite for the championship.

This afternoon we take on the League leaders Dundee United. It is being billed as a crunch match. They are all crunch games for us.

Dundee United are running out of fixtures (today's was their second last) while we have six to go after this afternoon.

LOOK GOOD

On these statistics Celtic's chances look good, but they include home and away fixtures with Rangers and no doubt the commentators will make these crunch meetings as well.

As far the Celtic players are concerned they are bending their energies to winning EVERY game they engaged in and not rely on others slipping.

I'm satisfied with the way in which the players are approaching their task. They worked hard and created chances against St Mirren, but again we didn't capitalise on the goal opportunities. It is a "fault" we have to eradicate.

BIG MEN

We left the points-winning a bit late and it was our big men at the back Jo Edvaldsson and Roy Aitken, who came forward to give us the result.

Losing in midweek would have made it difficult to "lift" the squad for today. As it is there is no need to spell out to them what's wanted against Dundee United.

Nor has manager Jim McLean a difficult job briefing his players on this occasion. It should be a cracker of a match.

Celtic haven't beaten United in the League so far this season. We are all keyed up to make amends today.

One thing is certain . . . the Celtic side will not be beaten for effort and willingness to work right to the final whistle. It is a great base form which to strike for the championship.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



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(Chairman)

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HONOURS:

League Champions (30 times)

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1898, 1905, 1906,
1907, 1908, 1909,
1910, 1914, 1915,
1916, 1917, 1919,
1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975,
1977.

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JO EDVALDSSON, now at the heart of Celtic's defence, demonstrated his heading ability as a scorer against St Mirren in midweek.

OUR VISITORS

United deserve thanks of fans

NO matter the outcome of the 1978-79 season's Premier Division championship race, Scottish football fans acknowledge that the current leaders of the table, Dundee United, have provided a lot of colour and excitement to the proceedings.

Manager Jim McLean has merged shrewd buys and young, local boys trained in his Tannadice "school" into a successful and entertaining side . . . though their efforts haven't been reflected in home gates.

It is a point that perplexes the boss of a team that has sat at the top of the League for some time, but all credit to the United management for refusing to consider the cash they could have obtained in the transfer market for one or two of their aces.

Manager McLean has always had reservations about the 10-club Premier set-up, but they have not at any time reduced his enthusiasm and effort to make his squad the best in the tournament.

Yet his respect for the Old Firm being in at the finish of the championship has been freely expressed by him for a long time.

"Some people are a little surprised that Celtic are in such a good position now. I'm not. They are a hard-working squad and

their late run for the title is the reward for that effort.

"Our situation is quite clear. We've got to get maximum points in our final games . . . and then sweat it out while the Old Firm complete their fixtures.

"What we'd like right now is a little rain for pitches are not at their best after the long, hard winter. That's not an excuse in advance if things don't go right for us for I believe every team is finding the conditions a bit tricky".

The contribution United have made to the general scene in Scottish football this term has been reflected in awards to players and manager and it will be further emphasised when 'national squads at the various levels are announced shortly.

With the prospect of Dundee making the Premier Division next season, Tayside could become a football hub and give United the support which they really deserve.

It has been the depressing experience in the past of provincial sides who have broken the Old Firm monopoly of the championship but Dundee United deserve the thanks of everyone in the game for their skilful challenge to the Big Two this time. Their title thrust has kept the Premier pot boiling right to the final fixtures.



DAVE NAREY, an outstanding member of the Dundee United side that has given Scottish fans so much entertainment value this season.

MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
DANNY McGRAIN
ANDY LYNCH
ROY AITKEN
JO EDVALDSSON
MURDO MacLEOD
DAVIE PROVAN
MIKE CONROY
VIC DAVIDSON
TOMMY BURNS
JOHNNY DOYLE
GEORGE McCLUSKEY
BOBBY LENNOX
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(from)

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SIDELINES

NEXT OPPONENTS

Hibernian come to Parkhead for the next assignment in Celtic's chase for the Premier Division championship. The Edinburgh squad crashed 6—1 to Partick Thistle in midweek, but that result hasn't brought a sense of complacency to Parkhead players about next week's match.

After Hibs . . . it is Rangers in the first of the two fixtures the Old Firm have to fulfil. The only point the Scottish League have to decide is where next Saturday's fixture is to be played — Celtic Park or Hampden?

DANNY'S BIRTHDAY

Danny McGrain, who has made a splendid return to football after a long, frustrating spell on the sidelines, celebrates his birthday on Tuesday. Further Celtic successes against Dundee United today and Hibernian on Wednesday would be nice "presents" for the Celtic skipper.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Dundee Utd	34	18	7	9	53	33	43
Celtic	29	15	6	8	47	31	36
Aberdeen	31	11	13	7	49	29	35
Rangers	29	13	9	7	39	28	35
St. Mirren	34	14	5	14	42	37	33
Morton	34	11	11	12	48	50	33
Hibs	33	10	13	10	40	44	33
Partick	30	12	7	11	37	32	31
Hearts	31	8	7	16	39	58	23
Motherwell	34	5	6	23	29	81	16



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ROY AITKEN is the "meat" in this Dundee United defensive "sandwich". Nowadays the big Celt is a central defender though he got forward long enough to score the winner against St Mirren this week.

