



**Scottish Premier  
League**

**CELTIC**  
**versus**  
**DUNDEE**  
**UNITED**

**CELTIC PARK**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 1977**  
**KICK-OFF 3p.m.**

**PROGRAMME 10p**

# DOUBLE BLOW FOR CELTS

THE second half of the Premier League programme gets underway this afternoon when Dundee United, Celtic's opponents on the opening day of the season, face Celtic for the third time in the league.

A terrific crowd of 34,000 attended the game at Celtic Park on Saturday August 13 to see Celtic start the defence of their first ever Premier League title.

Neither team could find a way to open up the oppositions defensive strategy and although the game contained a lot of skilful play it lacked the thrills around the goalmouth that makes a good game outstanding.

This game will be remembered particularly by Alfie Conn and Pat Stanton because it was in this encounter that they both came by injuries that resulted in their requiring cartilage operations.

The Alfie Conn injury came at a very bad time for Celtic just as they appeared to be putting their game together.

However, worse was to follow shortly after the interval when Pat Stanton also had to go off with knee trouble and no one could have realised then that he would still be out of action four months later.

With Johnny Doyle and Bobby Lennox substituting for the injured pair Celtic played it with more orthodox wingers than previously as they sought to score a goal.

Celtic really put the pressure on in the last twenty minutes or so but a brilliant Hamish McAlpine in goal for the Tannadice team was equal to everything that was hurled at him.

The teams that day were:—

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; Stanton, McDonald and Aitken; Glavin and Edvaldsson; Craig; Burns and Conn. Substitutes: Doyle and Lennox.

DUNDEE UNITED: McAlpine; Rolland and Kopel; Fleming; Hegarty and Narey; Sturrock and Wallace; Kirkwood; Addison and Payne. Substitutes Dodds and Smith.

Referee: Mr W. Anderson (East Kilbride).



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# We've got to win all our fixtures



WHILE the point has been made that we maintained our unbeaten run against St Mirren at Paisley last Saturday, no-one at Parkhead dwelt on that aspect of the 3-3 draw.

We regarded it as a point lost, for winning is the name of the game for Celtic. That's the important thing when the Premier League positions are studied.

No matter what is happening elsewhere we've got to get back to securing BOTH points in ALL matches. An unbeaten record studded with draws isn't good enough.

A lot of people have "scrubbed" Celts for the championship. It isn't our outlook. This league is still a highly competitive affair, and, after all, the season is only at the halfway stage.

That is not a case of whistling in the dark. Just look back on the ups and downs clubs have experienced in the last two seasons in this competition. There are bound to be more.

However, to take advantage of any slips we've got to be winners ALL THE TIME.

Our opponents at Celtic Park this afternoon, Dundee United, opened the Premier season here . . . and held us to a draw. They are an attractive side with a lot of talent, and manager Jim McLean has them well "schooled" in a style of their own.

We're not anticipating any Santa Claus act from them. We'll have to go at them all the way to make them surrender the points, and set ourselves up for the vital Ne'erday holiday encounters.

JOCK STEIN



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

*The Directors, management,  
staff and players of  
Celtic Football Club wish every fan  
a Merry Christmas and a  
prosperous and Happy New Year*



# CELTIC



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#### HONOURS:

##### League Champions (30 times)

1893, 1894, 1896,  
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.

##### League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1975.

##### Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

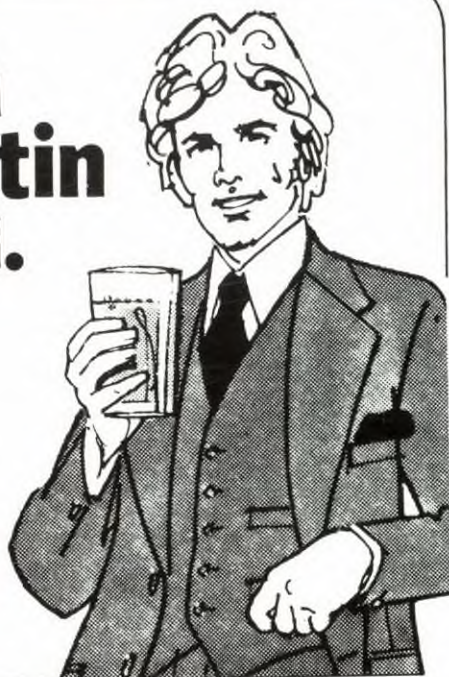
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# *Shuggie puts his weight on United*



It is the flying Iclander Jo Edvaldsson pressuring the Dundee United goal . . . and Tannadice full back Frank Kopel and 'keeper Hamish McAlpine mirror their anxiety over a near miss.

# TODAY'S VISITORS

## DUNDEE UNITED LIKE THE PARKHEAD STAGE

**DUNDEE UNITED manager Jim McLean rates Celtic as the only club with any chance of catching Premier League leaders, Rangers.**

"If Aberdeen lose this week-end to the Ibrox club then no provincial club can catch them. Only Celtic have the resources for that. No club, in my opinion, outwith the Parkhead squad can give Rangers seven or eight points of a start with only half a season to go."

Making that point, of course, doesn't mean he won't have his clever Tannadice outfit motivated to win at Parkhead.

Indeed, he regards Celtic Park with its near-30,000 crowd the ideal stage for his team. There is atmosphere and excitement and his players respond to it.

Tannadice gates he rates "very ordinary". Things looked bright at the start of the season, but he traces the slump from defeats at the hands of Celtic, Aberdeen and Rangers.

"These three results were shattering for us gatewise", he commented.

He believes — and many others agree with him — that his undoubtedly talented side deserve gates well above the 4000 - 5000 mark at Tannadice.

And, of course, smallish gates don't always allow a firm NO when English clubs come along to buy skilful Scots players. It is the tightrope so many clubs have to tread, though United have negotiated it well to date.

But manager McLean recognises that this is likely to become increasingly difficult and admits that some of his players do "require a bigger stage on which to exhibit their skills" to a larger public.

That's why he welcomes a return to Celtic Park for his men.

"We know it won't be easy there. They've

got to be winners all the time now and needless to say we don't like losing."

United have two Gordon Wallaces on their books now. The man who reached them via Dundee (after a spell in USA) is George Gordon Wallace who becomes G. G. Wallace in team lists. The other Gordon Wallace (from Raith Rovers to Tannadice) is G. Wallace in the line-up.

There's no identification problem at the club. G. Wallace is called "Nicholas" by his mates. He was "christened" by Andy Rolland after failing to score from one yard in his first game at Paisley.

"I've heard of the Sale of the Century . . . that was the miss of the century, Nicholas" said Andy alluding to the presenter of the TV programme.

While United players like Paul Sturrock, Graeme Payne and Dave Narey are now too old for the Scotland Under-21 side manager McLean has a couple of first-rate local boys, Billy Kirkwood and Dave Dodds, who have just passed their 19th birthdays.


Their progress through the Tannadice "school" has brought great satisfaction to the team boss and they were in the pool at Parkhead today.

Kirkwood played in midfield against Thistle last Saturday and in midweek was right back in the reserve side against the young Celts. He plays in the side this afternoon.

The advance of Kirkwood, Dodds and others in the Tannadice football "school" represents a lot of hard work on the part of the manager, his backroom staff and the players.

It is understandable if manager McLean wonders on occasion what he has to do to woo the football fans of Dundee. Without them retaining players is difficult.

# REMEMBER THESE CELTIC AND UNITED STALWARTS?



Memories . . . this ten-year-old "shot" from a Celtic - Dundee United encounter shows (left to right), Steve Chalmers, Wilson Wood, Jimmy Millar, Jimmy Briggs, Denis Gillespie, keeper McKay and Doug Smith.

# TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

## CELTIC (from)

PETER LATCHFORD  
 JOE FILIPPI  
 ANDY LYNCH  
 JOHANNES EDVALDSSON  
 RODDY McDONALD  
 ROY AITKEN  
 JOHNNY DOYLE  
 RONNIE GLAVIN  
 JOE CRAIG  
 TOM McADAM  
 ALFIE CONN  
 PAUL WILSON  
 TOMMY BURNS  
 JOHN DOWIE

Referee:  
 Mr T. MUIRHEAD  
 (Stenhousemuir).

Linesmen:  
 Mr G. S. BROWN  
 (Coatbridge)

Mr J. DUNCAN  
 (Gorebridge)



Spectators are requested to take care — particularly leaving the ground after the match.

## DUNDEE UNITED (from)

HAMISH McALPINE  
 ANDY ROLLAND  
 FRANK KOPEL  
 ALEX RENNIE  
 PAUL HEGARTY  
 DAVID NAREY  
 PAUL STURROCK  
 GORDON G. WALLACE  
 BILLY KIRKWOOD  
 GEORGE FLEMING  
 GRAEME PAYNE  
 GORDON WALLACE  
 DAVE DODDS  
 DEREK ADDISON

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## SIDELINES

### Celtic View

THE Celtic View will be published through the holiday season. Next week the paper will be on sale on Thursday. The following week publication will be on Friday, January 6. For these two weeks the View will be reduced to eight pages. After that it will be back to normal — 12 pages and on sale on Wednesday.

### Casualty corner

CELTIC casualties Danny McGrain and Pat Stanton (out of action since Dundee United played at Parkhead in August) are picking up the training threads. The light ones, of course, but the signs are that early in the New Year they'll be thinking about returning to competitive action. Tommy Burns is expected to be fit again for the holiday programme.

### European fixtures

SCOTLAND opens the European Championship campaign with an away match against Austria. The complete fixture list is: 1978 — September 20: Austria v Scotland. October 25: Scotland v Norway. November 29: Portugal v Scotland. 1979 — February 7 — Scotland v Belgium. June 7 — Norway v Scotland. October 17: Scotland v Austria. November 21: Belgium v Scotland. 1980 — February 6: Scotland v Portugal.

### Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers ....	17	12	3	2	42	19	27
Aberdeen ....	18	9	4	5	29	19	22
Partick Ths.	17	9	3	5	25	25	21
Dundee Utd.	17	7	5	5	21	13	19
Celtic .....	16	7	3	6	27	23	17
St. Mirren ....	17	6	4	7	27	28	16
Hibernian ....	17	6	2	9	15	18	14
Motherwell ..	18	5	4	9	22	27	14
Ayr Utd. ....	17	5	3	9	17	30	13
Clydebank ....	16	2	3	11	10	33	7



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