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It's been quite an eventful period since our last match at Celtic Park—a period which has seen us consolidating our position at the top of the league and reaching the final of the League Cup for the tenth time in succession.

Our game last Saturday at Arbroath, the only first division match played in Scotland, was an entertaining one which deserved to be witnessed by more people than the meagre attendance present.

We should certainly have won the game much more convincingly than we did and too many good scoring chances were allowed to go abegging—but all credit to the Gayfield side for their contribution to an excellent match.

On Wednesday night we were most convincing winners against Rangers in the League Cup semi-final tie at Hampden.

Delighted as I was with our win I can honestly say I was equally pleased with the contribution made by our supporters. Standing on the completely exposed and uncovered terracing facing pouring rain and a biting gale, they were immense in their vocal support of the team. We were all delighted they were rewarded with a win in which the team's class stood out like a beacon.

I hope our supporters turn out in strength for the Cup Final next Saturday when we will be going all-out to recapture the trophy which has eluded us since 1969. Looking back to the last Celtic v. Dundee League Cup final of 1968 there's only a couple of players who have survived in each team and two others have changed clubs—Tommy Gemmill and Steve Murray.

Before the League Cup final we have an important game in today's league match against Dundee United.



The Tannadice team, managed by Jim McLean, place the emphasis of their game on open, attacking and entertaining football and the prospects are that today's game could be an advert for positive football.

Dundee United are in the semi-final of the Texaco Cup in which they are now due to play Newcastle United. We wish them well in the sponsored competition but our aim today will be to win the points and strengthen our top of the table position.

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Highlights of Previous Matches with Dundee United

Celtic games against Dundee United have produced some tremendously exciting and entertaining matches and not all of them by any means have resulted in wins for the Parkhead men. Indeed, in Celtic's all-conquering 1966-67 season when the club won everything, including the European Cup, Dundee United defeated the Celts home and away in league matches. In doing so, the Tannadice team had the distinction of being the only Scottish club to lower Celtic's colours in that memorable season.

In the first of the two games we recall here the respective centre halves were Smith and McNeill, and both men will be in action this afternoon. What is remarkable about that is the fact that the game was played 12 years ago, on the 23rd September, 1961, which is much more than the life-span of the average professional footballer. Two famous Celts wore the Dundee United colours in the match. The full teams on that occasion were:—

Celtic—Haffey; Mackay and Kennedy; Crerand, McNeill and Price; Chalmers and Jackson; Hughes, Divers and Carroll.

Dundee United—Ugolini; Graham and Briggs; Neilson, Smith and Fraser; Boner and McMichael; Carlyle, Gillespie and Mochan.

The two ex-Parkhead men, of course, were Rolando Ugolini and Neilly Mochan.

John Hughes opened the scoring for Celtic after only 13 minutes. A great Dennis Gillespie shot squared things after 40 minutes but two minutes before half-time Steve Chalmers restored Celtic's lead. The second half was closely fought until Mike Jackson sealed the match for

Celtic in the 75th minute of the match.

The second of the games in question was played on December 17, 1969. The respective line-ups were:—

Celtic—Fallon; Hay and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Hood; Wallace, Auld and Hughes. 12th man, Craig.

Dundee United—McKay; Rolland and J. Cameron; Gillespie, Smith and Henry; Wilson and Reid; Gordon, Mitchell and Scott. 12th man, K. Cameron.

The whole Celtic team picked this match to turn on the style and none more so than Jimmy Johnstone, who proved a real thorn in the flesh of the Dundee side.

It took Celtic just two minutes to score when Bertie Auld headed home from a Johnstone and Hughes short corner routine. Harry Hood scored a second fourteen minutes later from a great Willie Wallace through pass. United reduced the leeway, when Mitchell scored from the penalty spot. Any hopes of a United revival, however, were dashed by three Celtic goals in the five minutes before half-time. The scorers were Gemmell (penalty) Hughes and Wallace.

Seven minutes after half-time Willie Wallace scored a sixth goal for Celtic. Although Alan Gordon got one back for the Tannadice team, it was only a temporary interruption to the Celtic scoring machine and Bobby Murdoch scored in the 75th minute to give Celtic a 7-2 win.

Dundee United took great credit from this match by trying to play open football throughout and never resorting to strong arm tactics in a bid to stem the Celtic goal flood.

TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League Champions (28 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.

Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)

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

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B DUMBARTON DUNFERMLINE		F MOTHERWELL CLYDE	
C DUNDEE RANGERS		G PARTICK THISTLE ABERDEEN	
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Scottish Cup

Winners (22 times)

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

European Cup

1967.

Coronation Cup

1953.

Empire Exhibition Cup

1938.

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Some facts about Dundee United . . .

Dundee United have had fluctuating fortunes in the football season so far although they seem now to have settled into a formidable formation staying near the top of the league.

The Tannadice men started the season badly and failed to clinch one of the qualifying places in their League Cup section.

When the league games got under way they started with three straight wins and were looking like a real threat in the championship race. However, in the nine games played since that great start they have won three, lost three, and drawn three. Manager Jim McLean's pool of players for today's game shows a most unusual and courageous blend of youth and experience. The players listed are :—

Hamish McAlpine—The former Dundee North End goalkeeper is now in his seventh season at Tannadice.

Andy Rolland—Joined Dundee United from Cowdenbeath in 1968 and is a fast, strong and uncompromising full back.

Frank Kopel—Has made the left full back position his own following his arrival back in Scotland from Blackburn Rovers.

Jackie Copland—Former Stranraer striker has been converted into a defender and seems to have found his best position wearing the No. 4 jersey.

Doug Smith—Centre half playing in his 16th season and has missed very few games since United won promotion in 1960.

Walter Smith—Former Ashfield Junior wing half completes the defence in this position which he made his own in the latter half of last season.

Graeme Payne—Only 17 years old but staking a claim for regular first team selection. Stepped up from St. Columba's Boys Club in Dundee after losing to Celtic Boys Club in Scottish Cup final at Celtic Park.

Andy Gray—Another 17 year old youngster knocking on the first team door. Joined up at Tannadice from Clydebank Strollers.

Archie Knox—Joined United from St. Mirren two years ago and seems to have taken time to adjust, but a very useful player.

George Fleming—Played 31 matches last season in the No. 8 shirt and was formerly with Hearts.

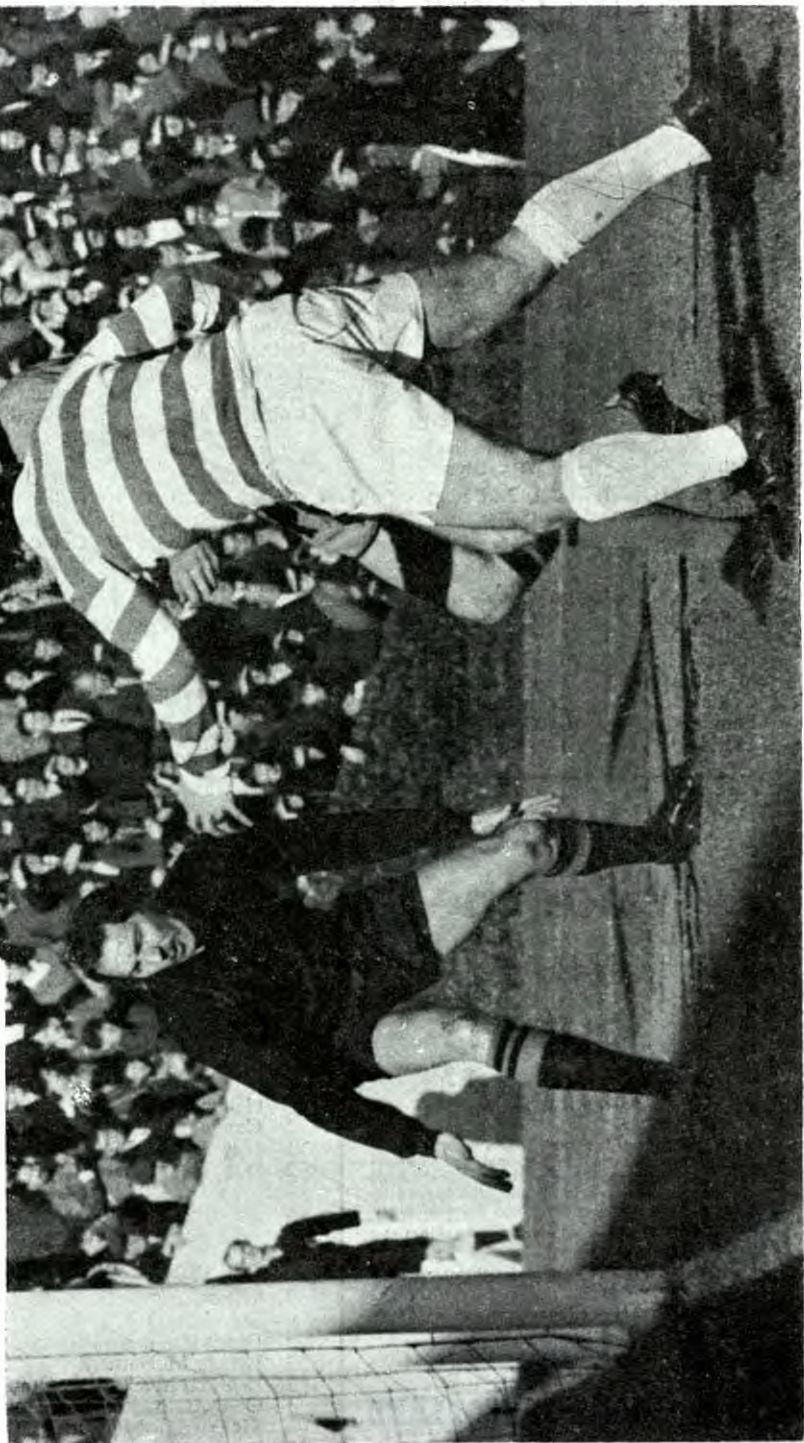
Tommy Traynor—Another recruit from Tynecastle who plays on either wing. Mainly a goal maker rather than scorer. Scored in only two league games last season.

Kenny Cameron—Has been around for a long time but still a dangerous player near goal. Scored against Celtic in the 2-2 draw at Tannadice last season.

Jim Henry—Classy player who has had recent health problems but seems to be on the way back again.

David Narey—Third 17 year old in today's pool also joined up with United from St. Columba's B.C. following the Celtic Park Boy's Club final 18 months ago.

Goalkeeper Davie and centre half Smith keeping tabs on Dixie Deans in the last league game between Dundee United and Celtic. The game, played in March, ended in a 2-2 draw.



RESULTS SO FAR

FIRST TEAM

League Cup

Celtic	2	Arbroath	1
Falkirk	0	Celtic	2
Rangers	1	Celtic	2
Celtic	2	Falkirk	1
Celtic	1	Rangers	3
Arbroath	1	Celtic	3

League Cup 2nd Round

(1st Leg)

Motherwell	1	Celtic	2
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(2nd Leg)

Celtic	0	Motherwell	1
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2nd Round Decider

Celtic	3	Motherwell	2
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Quarter-final—(1st leg)

Celtic	3	Aberdeen	2
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(Quarter-final, 2nd Leg)

Aberdeen	0	Celtic	0
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Scottish League Cup Semi-final

Rangers	1	Celtic	3
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Scottish League

Dunfermline	2	Celtic	3
Celtic	5	Clyde	0
Rangers	0	Celtic	1
St. Johnstone	2	Celtic	1
Celtic	2	Motherwell	0
Dundee	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	1	Hibernian	1

Scottish League continued

Hearts	1	Celtic	3
Celtic	4	East Fife	2
Ayr Utd.	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	7	Partick Thistle	0
Dumbarton	0	Celtic	2
Arbroath	1	Celtic	2

RESERVES

League Cup

Arbroath	0	Celtic	0
Celtic	4	Falkirk	0
Celtic	1	Rangers	3
Falkirk	1	Celtic	4
Rangers	2	Celtic	0
Celtic	1	Arbroath	1

League

Celtic	0	Dunfermline	1
Celtic	1	Ayr Utd.	1
Clyde	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	2	Rangers	0
Motherwell	0	Celtic	2
Celtic	2	Dundee	1
Hibernian	1	Celtic	2
East Fife	1	Celtic	3

2nd XI Cup

Q.P. Strollers	1	Celtic	5
Ayr United	0	Celtic	5

European Cup 1st Round

(1st Leg)

TPS Turku	1	Celtic	6
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European Cup 1st Round

(2nd Leg)

Celtic	3	TPS Turku	0
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European Cup 2nd Round

(1st leg)

Celtic	0	Vejle B.K.	0
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(2nd Leg)

Vejle BK	0	Celtic	1
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1st TEAM SCORERS

13—Deans
12—Lennox
10—DalGLISH
8—Hood,
5—Johnstone
4—Wilson
3—Callaghan
2—Connelly, McCluskey, Murray
1—Hay, Lynch, McGrain
2—O.G.'s.

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RESERVE SCORERS

7—Wilson
6—Davidson (V.)
5—Deans
3—Lynch, McNamara
2—Lennox, McCluskey, Quinn
1—Casey, Davidson (J.), Hood, McCool,
— McDonald, McNamara, O'Hara.

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