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**versus DUNDEE UNITED**

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# FROM THE MANAGER

**ALL the ingredients are there for a super football game at Celtic Park this afternoon. Our visitors Dundee United are cracking in the goals . . . 12 in their last three games from which they took five points.**

I've no doubt it will be felt in some quarters that Kilmarnock did not provide them with stern opposition last weekend at Tannadice, but when a side whips in seven goals it has to be admitted that they are in deadly finishing form and exploiting pretty well every goal chance that is opened up.

Celtic recollect quite clearly that the same Dundee United came to Parkhead in November and sent us spinning out of the League Cup which they went on to retain. That was a bit of a blow to our pride though we did make a recovery just as we've done since the Aberdeen experience of two weeks ago.

Mark you, the Tannadice men remember that we were the last club to beat them in the League . . . the only side to do so in United's last 15 championship engagements. So they've got a memory to erase as well.

Celtic go into the contest with our appetite for the Premier championship regained, plus the ability to play attractive football.

Our top players have started to produce top form and when the side starts stringing passes together as they did against Morton in the first half last weekend this Celtic team is as good as any squad.

Winning four points over the Ne'erday period was important. Everyone is feeling good and very determined to overhaul Aberdeen who have shed a couple of points in recent games.

We cannot expect to sweep Dundee United aside today unless we hit it rich in skill allied to strength of purpose. I believe we have a good and capable outfit . . . a side worthy of support.

I would enjoin EVERY Celtic supporter in the stadium today to back their team all the way. Let them know you are "playing" as well. The team wants to repay with victories the loyalty that they've been given in crucial matches already this season. Today's test is a crucial one in our championship chase.

**BILLY McNEILL**

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# BEHIND THE SCENES

**THE** holiday scoring feats of Frank McGarvey have seen him close right up on his Celtic striking partner Charlie Nicholas.

Frank now has 17 goals — his best ever at this stage of a season — and that is just two behind 19-year-old Charlie.

It is a situation that is delighting manager Billy McNeill.

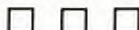
“They’ll still be working for each other on the park to get goals for Celtic. It is good to see Frank get a reward in goals for a lot of hard work that he put in recently without getting a pay-off.”



The weather earlier in the week brought training problems for Celts, but manager Billy

McNeill solved that with a quick switch to Seamill.

“We got some good ground there for training and the change of environment helped considerably in the preparation for today’s game. At this time of the year one must be ready to improvise to keep players at their peak.”



Manager McNeill and his assistant John Clark covered a lot of ground on Tuesday. After the trip to Seamill they motored to Bolton to see Wanderers meet Notts Forest in their English Cup replay. Forest won by the only goal after extra time.

“A typical, hard Cup-tie” was the verdict of John Clark.



**JOHN CLARK**

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## Frank's formula is still hard work

**BERWICK Rangers haven't won a match since ex-Celt Frank Connor took over late last year. Is he downhearted? Not a bit of it.**

"We have a lot of things going for us. There is a training ground adjoining Shielfield Park. We've got a Reserve side that has one or two good boys.

"The club is prepared, within reason, to be helpful in recruitment. So, in effect, everything is there for the move upwards to occur and I'm ever optimistic. It will take a bit of hard work, but then nothing much was ever done without a bit of hard work."

Frank will be welcoming his former Parkhead colleagues to the English ground in a couple of weeks for their Scottish Cup tie at which the all-ticket crowd will be 10,500.

"I promise Celts we'll go into the tie seeking to get as much as we can out of it. Certainly we'll not be faulted for effort."

Frank is located in Berwick on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

"That is to cover the training sessions to which the bulk of the players come from Edinburgh and the Borders. We only have two men from the West of Scotland."

## PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Aberdeen .....	21	13	7	1	43	15	33
Celtic .....	22	15	2	5	46	26	32
Rangers .....	20	8	10	2	36	16	26
Dundee Utd. ...	21	8	8	5	35	26	24
St. Mirren .....	21	8	6	7	33	27	22
Partick Thistle..	22	7	6	9	18	26	20
Morton .....	22	6	7	9	25	36	19
Airdrie .....	21	5	8	8	22	30	18
Hearts .....	21	3	5	13	18	35	11
Kilmarnock .....	21	1	5	15	13	52	7

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# SPORT

BY TIMOTHY COLLINGS

Truly keen sports followers will have noticed the rapid deterioration in recent years of the 'good sporting spirit.' It was the nobility of being a good loser, the modesty of being a good winner; no screaming, moaning or boasting. Alas, though it survives in rare examples, it is apparently a dying form.

All the more reason, therefore, to promote the good examples and denigrate the bad; and to explain how, where and why it exists.

The point was most forcibly brought home recently during the Wightman Cup week, when Britain's lady tennis players contested the historic trophy with the Americans. Everyone must surely remember that sad, touching scene when Virginia Wade's grand, brave hopes of winning her singles match against Christine Evert Lloyd were dashed by a combination of her temperament, fate and the marvellous cool consistency of her opponent.

## SPORTING MANNER

At the end, though, what most struck me was the wonderful sporting manner in which the American, Chris Lloyd, took her win. A triumphant smile rested only seconds on her lips before she was at the net to console poor Virginia. It was a touching moment of 'good sporting spirit'.

The same day I heard the Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton say that one of the reasons his team had lost a very entertaining Second Division match at Kenilworth Road was because of their sporting attitude, their nice manners. He said that, because so many of his players were carrying threateningly large numbers of penalty points, he had asked them to behave like gentlemen and pick up the opposition and apologise after any fouls.

## THANK YOU

In the game, well won by Luton, the first goal was crucial. It came from a second-half penalty awarded at the end of a move begun by a free kick. Charlton said that the penalty would not have come about if his defender had not waited to apologise and comfort the Luton forward he had fouled to give away the free kick. "While he was doing that, Luton took the free kick went

straight down the middle 'said thank you very much' and got a penalty," he said.

It was obviously a case of good sporting spirit not paying off for Sheffield Wednesday, said Charlton. But the real point is that the actions of his players were not in pursuit of good sporting spirit - they were in pursuit of clemency from the referee. So, in the end you could say, they were caught out.

But for the spectators today, even such contrived examples are rare enough to make such a story worth re-telling. Bombarded, as we are, with clichés about 'professionalism,' images of petulant sports stars claiming more of everything or better referees or a regular first team place or a transfer, acts of personal vanity at every goal in every game whatever the league; no wonder, old timers hark back.

## RUTHLESS PROFESSION

The legends of English soccer

were men who were great players AND great sportsmen; through both they earn their place in the public imagination. Bobby Charlton's reputation was truly world-wide. Bobby Moore earned as much prestige through his dignified behaviour throughout the Bogota bracelet saga in 1970 as for his immaculate, genuinely clean, sporting defensive performances.

The 'good sporting spirit' existed to make you know why you played the sport; to show you could obey the rules; to develop good feelings. That is why, in this ruthless, professional age, it is a meaningful spirit and one that raised such teams as the Koreans in 1966 and the Peruvians in 1970 above their stage.

By the same token, its absence in teams like Leeds side of the 1960's, the team which gave birth to the terms of the age, have left us applauding ever louder the isolated good examples.



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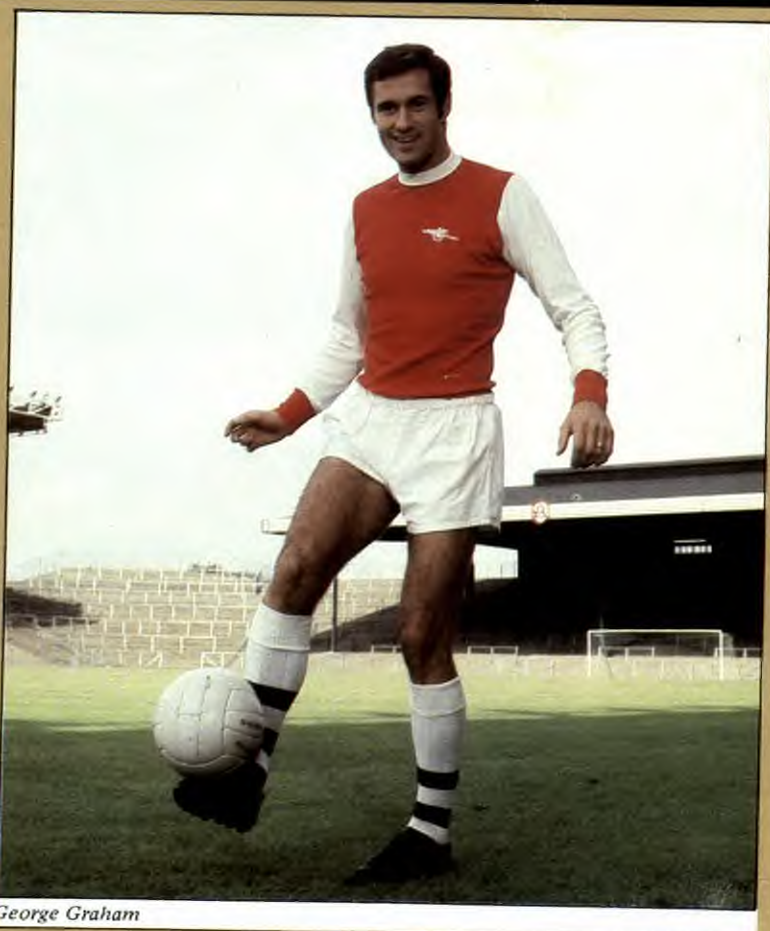
Liverpool are the last side to come near to doing the elusive - winning the First Division Championship and FA Cup in the same season. Yes Liverpool came close in the 1976-77 season when they won the League title but failed to clinch the 'double' when Manchester United beat them 2-1 in the FA Cup Final. The point is that since the League came into being for the 1888-89 season, only four clubs have ever done the 'double'. Preston North End in that very first season, when there was just a League, not Divisions, romped away with the League honours but there were only 22 games in the League that season. Preston North End won 18 of them, drew four

times and were unbeaten scoring 74 goals for and conceding only 15. Although this was a considerable achievement there were only 12 teams in the League and to show you how short the season was Preston played their first League match on the eighth of September 1888 and their last on the fifth of January, 1889! In the FA Cup Preston scored 11 goals without conceding one but there were only five rounds including the Final and in the first three rounds Preston met non-League opposition. In the First Round they beat Bootle away 3-0, in the Second Round they travelled to Grimsby and won 2-0 and in the Third Round Birmingham St. George

provided a home tie for Preston who promptly won 2-0. In the Semi-Final played at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, Preston beat fellow Leaguers West Bromwich Albion by the only goal of the game. In the Final played at the Oval fellow League club Wolverhampton Wanderers were beaten 3-0. The crowd of around 22,000 had to wait until 4pm for the kick-off because the Boat Race was rowed earlier that afternoon. There were 149 entries for the FA Cup competition that year and there is little doubt that Preston North End were by far the best club in the land.

Preston had several Internationals in their ranks including the brill-

# CAN THE "DOUBLE" BE DONE AGAIN? by GRAHAM SPIERS



George Graham

iant forward John Goodall (Born 19.6.1863-Died 20.5.1942, born in London of Scottish parents, who was capped 14 times by England. His brother was an Irish International. John Goodall also played County cricket for Derbyshire and finished his career playing for Welsh club Mardy in 1913 at the age of 49. Throughout his life Goodall maintained that the Preston 'double' team would have beaten any modern team.

Three other England Internationals in the Preston 'double' team were all born in the Lancashire town - Frederick Dewhurst, Robert Henry Howarth and Robert Holmes. Welsh International goalkeeper James Trainor had joined Preston from Bolton Wanderers in 1887 but didn't play in the 1889 Cup Final.

Poor old Trainor he wasn't allowed to play in the 'double' Final as he was still a couple of months short of the two-year residential qualification! Dr. R. H. Mills-Roberts proved an able deputy in the Final as Wolves failed to put a goal past him.

## ASTON VILLA TRIUMPH

Aston Villa were the next club to manage the famous 'double' in the 1896-97 season winning the First Division title by registering 21 wins, five draws and four defeats in their 30 League matches. Villa scored 73 goals, conceded 38 and notched up 47 points-taking the title by a clear eleven points.

On their way to the FA Cup Final Aston Villa played only four rounds

but at least, unlike Preston earlier, their opponents were all League teams. In the First Round Second Division Newcastle United were beaten 5-1, in the Second Round another Second Division outfit, Notts County, were beaten 2-1. The Third Round provided the most difficult hurdle for Villa as after two drawn games 1-1 and 0-0 they finally disposed of First Division Preston North End 3-2 in a second replay at Sheffield.

Villa returned to Sheffield for the Semi-Final when First Division Liverpool were beaten 3-0. The Final, at Crystal Palace was won 3-2 by Villa in front of a crowd of almost 66,000.

#### SENSATIONAL SPURS

We had to wait another 64 years for the next 'double' success. Victoria's reign had ended with the new century's arrival and by the time the sensational Tottenham Hotspur side came together for the 1960-61 season we even had such unheard of inventions as television - a far cry from the previous 'double' days of Aston Villa.

When talking of that quite delightful Spurs 'double' team it is difficult to know where to start. There were a host of Internationals in their ranks and none more cultured than the captain 'Danny' Blanchflower who retired in 1964 after 553 League games. He was capped 55 times by Northern Ireland and had cost Spurs £30,000 in December, 1954 when he joined them from Aston Villa. Or one can take the iron-man Dave Mackay who left Scottish club Hearts for Spurs in March 1959 and played 22 times for his country - an asset in any side he played for.

A fellow Scottish International John White also played 22 times for his country and had begun his career the hard way having been rejected by Rangers and Middlesbrough as having 'too frail a stature' and reaching Spurs via Alloa and Falkirk from whom he joined the London club for £20,000 in 1954. John White's life was tragically ended when he was killed by lightning on a golf course on the Twenty-First of July, 1964. Yet another Scottish International in the 'double' side was goalkeeper Bill Brown who appeared 28 times for his national team.

This was a lovely team to watch - exciting, very skillful and worthy winners of the First Division by a clear eight points.

Spurs were also the first 'double' winners to play 42 League games, they won 31 of them - more wins than either Preston or Villa had games to play!

Spurs also had to play more FA Cup Rounds than the two previous 'double' winners.

#### ADMIRABLE ARSENAL

Another famous London club, the mighty Arsenal, were the next to lift the 'double' exactly 10 years after their neighbours Spurs had managed it. In the First Division Arsenal won 29, drew 7 and lost 6 of their 42 games scoring 71 goals, letting in 29 and notching up 65 points - just one more than Leeds United.

In some ways Arsenal's 'double' is the most impressive of all. There were some very good teams around at the time and the 'Gunnery' managed their 'double' with no less than nine players who cost no fee.

Glasgow-born Frank McLintock had joined Leicester City on the Twenty-Eighth of December, 1956 - his 17th birthday. When he moved to Arsenal in October 1964 he cost the Londoners £80,000 was captain of both Arsenal and Scotland who capped him nine times and was deservedly awarded the MBE in 1972.

Another Scottish International, George Graham (capped 12 times) was another of the three members of the 'double' team to cost a fee when he came from Chelsea in September 1966.

In goal for instance was Bob Wilson who was one of the two ever-present that season. Nowadays Bob is well known as a BBC sports programme personality but when I had first heard of him during the Sixties he was a teacher in a Paddington school and only a part-time footballer. Now here he was turning in marvellous performances as the 'Gunnery' last line of defence.

The club's only other ever-present player in all their 64 games that season was little George 'Geordie' Armstrong a wonderful clubman

who had a trial early on with his local club Newcastle United but signed instead for Arsenal as a professional in August, 1961 as a 17-year-old.

It took two matches to decide the Semi-Final. First Division Stoke City put up strong resistance in a 2-2 draw at Hillsborough but Arsenal ran out 2-0 victors of the replay at Villa Park. Now there was just the Final to come and more First Division opposition but despite going behind and needing extra time Liverpool were finally vanquished 2-1. The fourth ever 'double' in football's history heralded in the Seventies.

Now we come to the big question, 'Can the 'double' be done again?'

Few people realise the enormous strain put on a team when they are going for the 'double' but Liverpool found this strain too much for them when they 'blew up' in the run in at the end of the 1976-77 season. It takes a remarkable team to win the 'double' and has a lot to do with timing. Certainly Arsenal and Spurs found the magical 'blend' at precisely the right moment - I know because I saw both 'double' teams in action. I'm not old enough to have seen either of the first two 'double' teams but Preston that first year were obviously a class above the rest. Aston Villa managed to get the 'blend' right.

These days the team most likely to have been in with a chance of the 'double' is Liverpool but although they are a very good side they are not unbeatable and do show more human failings these days. As transfer fees reach lunatic heights I feel it is very unlikely that a team with exactly the right 'blend' needed to lift those two prizes will ever be seen again.



Frank McLintock



Micky Walsh (left) playing for Bolton.

# CHARACTERS

BY KEN MONTGOMERY OF THE SUNDAY MIRROR

Soccer is currently crying out for more colourful characters like Mike Walsh—big, blond skipper of Bolton Wanderers.

Walsh stands out like a beacon on a football field. The strapping, 24-year-old central defender, with the flaxen hair and the build of a light-heavyweight boxer, is a big man. In every way.

He proved that recently, when Bolton lost in London to West Ham.

In front of more than 20,000 people, he inexplicably headed a stunning own goal that sent Bolton on their way to defeat. And to make matters worse, that goal was preserved for posterity by London Weekend Television's cameras.

But far from sulking over his misfortune, Walsh rolled his sleeves up, battled bravely on—and then was big

enough to laugh about it afterwards.

He bowled out of the Bolton dressing room after the match, and straight into a posse of waiting Pressmen, yours truly included.

## OWN GOAL

And far from sulking, the strapping six-footer was only too pleased to discuss the goal—golden for West Ham, ghoulish for Bolton—with a wide grin on his face.

"It's not the first own goal I've scored," he quickly confessed. "I got one last season against Wolves at Molineux.

"But it's definitely the best one I've scored. It was a right little cracker. As the corner came over, Paul Jones just got a touch to it.

"It came on to me, and I thought Billy Bonds and Alvin Martin were

coming in to meet it behind me. So I launched myself, trying to nod it wide."

"The big trouble was that I headed it too well, and it flew in off the inside of a post."

It was then that the real character of this amiable giant shone through.

"Of course I was sick about it at the time. But there's no way I'm going to worry about it. What's the point in that?"

"These things are part and parcel of the game. There's no point in letting it get you down."

When he was reminded that the match was on T.V. later that evening, Walsh grinned again.

## HOT FAVOURITES

"You bet I'll watch the goal again. I'll be sitting in front of the telly, hopefully with a pint in my hand, telling my old lady: 'Here it comes. What a smasher!'"

Walsh can also be a serious young man where football is concerned.

Like most people, he is as impressed by West Ham as the bookmakers are—and they make The Hammers hot favourites to win promotion back to the First Division this season.

"They really play the ball about well, and some of their running off the ball is brilliant," says Walsh. "They are a very, very good side."

It looks like being a real ding-dong battle for the Second Division's three promotion points, and Bolton themselves—despite a sluggish start—could still be among the challengers.

But much as he likes West Ham's chances, Walsh has another tip: Swansea City.

"They are the best team we've played," he says. "They came to our place, scored four goals—and never gave us a kick."

Footballers don't come more frank or forthright than the bold Mick Walsh.

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BY JOHN DAVIS

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Julius Caesar. James Callaghan. James Cagney. Jimmy Carter. And, of course, Conteh himself. They'll all be featured.

Conteh says he already has a motto for the business, a 19th Century mission for the poor which is being converted in 1980s standards.

It comes from a plaque already on the wall, which reads: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out".

It should be a sports fan's haven. And Soccer fans won't be left out. Already, I hear, one of football's all-time greats, Johan Cruyff, will be on display.



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But Soccer has many more J.C.'s than that - and any one of them is worthy of a place in such distinguished company. How many can you think of?

Going back through the years, we have certainly been blessed with a few, and from all corners of the British Isles.

FROM WALES - the mighty John Charles of Leeds United and Juventus. "The Gentle Giant" won 38 Welsh caps, and was every bit as good at centre-half or centre-forward.

Indeed, he must rank as the greatest player Wales has ever produced.

FROM SCOTLAND - Jimmy Cewan, goalkeeper extraordinary of Morton. Jimmy was Scotland's regular 'keeper during the late 1940s and early '50s. Some canny Scots reckon none has equalled him.

From NORTHERN IRELAND - Johnny Crossan, a leprechaun of an inside-forward with Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Manchester City and Sparta Rotterdam. His 24 caps make him well worthy of inclusion.

From the REPUBLIC of IRELAND - Johnny Carey, that cultured full-back from pre- and post-war times, who won 29 caps for his country, thrilled Manchester United fans, and was one of the quiet men of Soccer management.

And, of course, from ENGLAND, we must include Jackie Charlton, 35 caps, including an appearance in the 1966 World Cup Winning final team.

Then there's John Connelly, the former Burnley winger, who played 20 times for England.

And Manchester City fans will never forgive me if I leave out big Joe Corrigan. There are two reasons why he has only a handful of full England caps - their names are Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton.

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George Harrison

Things are hotting up on the Liverpool old wave front. George Harrison releases his new album in the early months of '81. It's called "Somewhere In England". Meanwhile, somewhere in New York John Lennon, former Harrison colleague, and his wife Yoko Ono must be feeling particularly pleased with themselves after the predictable success of their first album for a good five years. "Double Fantasy"

certainly lived up to most peoples' hopes. Mind you, Lennon must have been pretty ruthless during recording. Word has it that many musicians were summoned to the Lennons' studios (many of whom had risen to prominence during their "retirement") only to fail in their droves and be unceremoniously dumped out on the streets again. Cheap Trick were one of many such unfortunates apparently. Mind you

after their latest album, it's hardly surprising.....

Ian Gillans album "Glory Road" went silver the other day .....

## STICK TOGETHER

Old musicians never die, they just stick together, could be one way of explaining why former Animal Chas Chandler (now running various companies in the music business having forsaken his bass guitar for a management contract with Jimi Hendrix back in the sixties) has signed former Move, Wizzard and ELO founder Roy Wood to a recording deal with his Cheap skate record label.....

From the old to the new: watch our for The Sound. Much vaunted new band with highly creditable first album "Jeopardy" in the shops now. Good buzz in the biz on them .....

Those of you (you can count me out on this one) who dash home after an afternoon on the terraces to catch every second that Isla St. Clair is on the television will be pleased with this slice of news. Those of us with a dread of coming into contact with Larry Grayson's Generation Game will shudder in our boots and splutter over our Bovril. The dreaded news is that Isla St. Clair has signed a recording contract. The dreaded result is that she's going to start releasing records as well as prancing around the stage every Saturday night. Oh well, I'm sure that those of us who won't be sending annual subscriptions off to her fan club just will be able to find something else to do with ourselves. I hope Isla doesn't find us.....

## MAGIC MOON

Everyone who had wondered what has become of Bethnal can sleep easy. They've been signed to a recording deal with Magic Moon records which is a small independent label. They tell me their new album for the new label should be one of those which usher in the earliest weeks of 1981.....

To finish off this time, I'd like to make a bit of a confession. I was extremely puzzled by some information which landed on my desk the other day. It seemed there's a group from Oxford (so far so good) called Thirteen. Okay no problems there. Apparently they've signed a contract with a record company which has the dubious idea of calling itself Square Records which says little for their sense of humour and absolutely zilch for their command of Geometry. That was all traumatic enough, but imagine my confusion when it was revealed the Thirteen are in fact a five piece. Can't handle this at all. Anyway, I have a sneaky suspicion that these five from Oxford may discover that their name could prove to be just that - unlucky. Hope not for their sakes but as for the rest of us.....

# WHATEVER HAPPENED TO WINGERS?

By David Scott

*'Where have all the wingers gone?  
Long time passing.  
Where have all the wingers gone?  
Long time ago.  
Where have all the wingers gone?  
Become midfield men everyone.  
When will they ever learn?  
When will they ever learn?'*

With due respects to the protest singers of the early sixties, that could be the refrain cascading from the terraces around the country this season.

Fans everywhere seem to be crying out for the beautiful ball skills, deceptive body swerve and pure, unadulterated entertainment a top class winger provides.

Many folk believe England's victory of the 1966 World Cup with Sir Alf Ramsey's 'wingless wonders' team rang the death knell for flank men. Some club coaches searching for over-simplified answers laboriously copied Ramsey's plan — and failed.

But I believe the modern tactical developments of the past five years have seen the real destruction of the winger's role. And the fans themselves have contributed to the downfall of the great entertainers.

## PAST DECADE

Liverpool, the most successful British club side in the past decade,

have often been at the forefront of the new-wave thinking. The Anfield outfit started the seventies by launching an unknown university graduate named Steve Heighway in the First Division. Heighway's pace and direct running became the most eye-catching and crowd pleasing feature of the Anfield side's style.

Yet by the time Liverpool defeated Borussia Moenchengladbach to lift the European Cup for the first time in 1977 Heighway's role had changed significantly.

His new style was much more physical. Liverpool had dispensed with wingers for European outings. Heighway had to play as a central striker-cum-target man-cum-midfield forager.

As Liverpool boss Bob Paisley admitted at the time, "Wingers are now a luxury. They are too easily marked out of matches".

In that last sentence Paisley sums up the problems wingers face. And so many have found them impossible to overcome.

Many have exploded on the scene as unmarked unknowns. The list is almost endless but for starters ... Heighway, Gordon Hill, Leighton James, Peter Barnes, Dave Thomas and Tommy Hutchinson.

All experienced early seasons of unstoppable majesty on the flank. But eventually all became annoyingly unproductive and unpredictable.

Leighton James, once with Burnley and Derby County in the top flight and now playing in midfield with Second Division Swansea tells me, "In my first term as a teenager

with Burnley I invariably found myself in one against one situations with the opposition full back.

"I was an unknown. I had no reputation. With a turn of speed and a degree of skill I could get past most defenders.

## SURROUNDED

"Within a couple of seasons though whenever I received a pass I was surrounded by at least two and usually three opponents.

"A winger has to risk losing possession if he takes on opponents. If you fail to beat opponents the crowd quickly start to moan and say you're not doing your job. It's a vicious circle".

In an attempt to lose his markers James began to drift into a more central, and often equally ineffective, role. A move that also annoys the supporters.

Explains James, "The fans want wingers to go along the touchline but quite simply under heavy marking you run out of pitch. There is only one way to go-inwards".

For Swansea James is now re-velling in his midfield role. But his performance on the wing for Wales against England in last May's British Championship match at Wrexham provides powerful ammunition for the people who believe Leighton's best position is still on the wing.

England continually dispatched just one defender to mark James. Whether it was Trevor Cherry, Phil Neal, Dave Watson or Phil Thompson



John Robertson - Nottingham Forest

was irrelevant. At one-a-side James was supreme.

#### TEAR TO SHREDS

But as one First Division manager commented after watching James tear the England defence to shreds in Wales' 4-1 victory, "He would never have been allowed so much space in a League game or against a well-organised international defence.

"I hope we don't hear cries for the revival of wingers now. That is just not realistic".

Another player gifted with brilliant skills but now aware of the harsher side of life as a winger is West Bromwich Albion and England star Peter Barnes.

Barnes has angered managers and fans at club and international level with his wanderings from the wing. Yet Peter defends his action as the only way he can get into matches.

"The fans may shout 'Get back on your wing Barnes' but I only move inside to get into action", he tells me.

"Most teams have well organised systems for nullifying a winger. Not only do they mark you but they cut out the supply of passes to the wing.

"That's when I reckon I'm right to leave the touchline beat. But that upsets people".

#### SUPREME

The one man who most managers and players believe stands supreme as the finest modern winger is Nottingham Forest and Scotland star John Robertson.

Despite heavy marking and tough-guy tactics right across Europe Robertson sticks rigidly to the Forest flank and continually prises defences open from there.

Says Leighton James, "I rate 'Robbo' the best in the business. Even he has been forced into a deeper role. But he has always stayed wide".

Unfortunately whilst Forest manager Brian Clough believes Robertson is the key man in his side other managers do not rate wingers too highly. After some exhilarating times with Q.P.R. and Everton Dave Thomas is now in the Wolves reserve side. Tommy Hutchinson is in midfield at Manchester City and veteran Steve Heighway is a long way out of the reckoning at Anfield.

Perhaps the day is fast approaching when a father turns to his boy and says, "Once upon a time son the players wearing the number 7 and 11 shirts were wingers..."

# The Virginian



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by Eric Nicholls

#### REAL LIFE WIN BONUS FOR KEMPES

Message to Ron Greenwood: Next time you chat to Laurie Cunningham tell him to give Roger Moore a ring and ask for a little bit of 007 James Bond training. It appears that Roger could be a big help to those players who move to Spain.

OK, Madrid is a different city and Real Madrid a different club. But the country is the same. Remember how Johan Cruyff once managed to disarm a "burglar" and call the police to his Barcelona villa. Nobody was ever too sure whether thieving the "goodies" in the house or kidnapping Johan's beautiful blonde wife Danny and the kids was the target. And one often wonders about the real reasons behind Kevin Keegan's refusal to move to Spain from SV Hamburg?

If you think it's a James Bond joke, just ask Mario Kempes, the Argentinian star who plays for Valencia.

Just 24 hours before a game Kempes received a demand for £30,000 to be delivered to a departmental store by Mrs Kempes in person. The alternative? Their daughter would be kidnapped.

The result? Kempes had the good sense to inform the police, another woman went on the plastic money-bag errand and detectives were there to spoil Mr. Kidnapper's day.

If you are a footballer and you fancy an early exit from an East European country, then take a cut-price single ticket from your club. That's what two Hungarian players have done.

Gyula Hegy, 26, and Sandor Tranczy, 21, went with their club, SC Scepel, to play in a mini tournament in Zagreb. Afterwards Gyula and Sandor went missing. They flew from Yugoslavia to Italy on the first step towards their "sporting" destination - the USA.

The results of FC San Leonardo in Italy are not exactly the first ones you look for. But their coach, one Cosimo Petrucci, is quite a hero. No, he hasn't taken the Italian defence-in-depth system one stage further by

introducing a 1-9-1 formation. He happened to save the lives of 12 of his players.

They were poisoned as they had a shower, thanks to a leak in a gas pipe. Cosimo literally smelled trouble and got them out before they collapsed.

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Just a thought for magistrates, facing another match of so-called fans whose actions have shown everyone their true colours. Send them to Africa.

During a quarter-final game between Bendel Insurance (Nigeria) and Canon (Cameroon) for the African championship cup, eight fans missed the final whistle. They had been killed in one of those battles between "supporters".

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Wim Suurbier, the old Ajax full-back, who played in their European Cup run of the seventies, plus Holland, of course, right up to Argentina in 1978, has gone home to Holland to finish his playing days with Sparta, the Rotterdam club managed by Barry Hughes, ex West

Bron!.

He has travelled the world, moving from Ajax to West Germany, on to France and then to Los Angeles Aztecs. But he has one regret. He didn't get one invitation to play for an English club.

Wim is 35 now and over the hill, but as he says: "It would have been nice to have played my time out in England. Apart from all you have done for football over the years, there is nobody who can compete with you when it comes to manners. Some people say the English are too polite. I don't agree. Being called Sir and being asked if your beer is okay, is better than being called nothing and having the beer virtually thrown at you".

Nice thinking Wim, but I wonder when you were last in an English pub?

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The continuing story of Toine van Mierlo, the striker with Willem 11 in the Dutch first division ... should he, or should he not, be with Birmingham City by now? Fact is, Willem 11 are in a challenging position for the Dutch championship and, at the very least, hoping for a place in next season's UEFA Cup. And while Birmingham weren't looking, van Mierlo earned a place in Holland's national squad, and missed the World Cup game against Belgium only through injury. Sounds like Birmingham have missed something themselves.

A firm challenge on Kempes



# Jap Cars:



Most Reliable Choice?

## REALLY RELIABLE?

"Datsun Cherry. The most reliable economy car in Britain." That's how Datsun headed a recent series of full page ads in the national press, backing up their claims with a chart based on "an independent survey conducted by Ronald Sewell Associates." Just who they are, or what credentials they have for making such a survey, I don't know, but I know what we are all painfully aware of is that Japanese cars sell primarily on two factors: price and reliability.

The cost is a matter of your own pocket and a comparison with the opposition.

It's a comparison Datsun positively encourage, pointing out that a check list of 29 items, standard features on the Cherry of course, is unmatched by costlier opposition from Ford (Fiesta 1.1 GL), VW (Polo GLS) or Renault with their 5TL 3 door.

That list isn't all silly little details either, varying from a radio—only the £800 more expensive Fiesta offered one—to tinted glass, which only Datsun offered in this comparison.

Reliability? Both Datsun and

Colt (Mitsubishi) have claimed more reliability and the lowest warranty costs in their advertising.

Colt backed their claims up with the impressive authority of a German automobile club (ADAC, if my memory is correct) and came out right amongst the BMWs and Mercedes.

My only reservation was, that at the time they made the claims, there were a lot less new Colt-Mitsubishis around on German roads than there were new BMWs and Mercedes!

Noticeable in the Datsun current series of ads that the Sewell survey doesn't list Leyland, nor does it state what the percentages quoted mean. The chart just says "Datsun—less warranty work than any other car" and lists percentage and brands.

Naturally Datsun lead on 2%, VW Audi are next on 3%, Renault third at 4% with Volvo, Mercedes, Peugeot, Citroen and Ford next up ahead of the two Italian brands that complete the chart, Fiat and Alfa.

When you consider the Worldwide reputation Mercedes have for

supreme quality, that Datsun ad, listing them behind such big mass manufacturers must have done them no good at all.

It would be nice to see Datsun explain what their figures mean, but perhaps the time has come for the AA or RAC to reveal who provides the bulk of their breakdown work in two main categories—cars up to a year old; cars up to three years old.

Beyond that age a number of factors come in, though even these comparatively young cars of under three years old may be unreliable not because the manufacturer isn't giving the quality but because it takes an expert to service them, or the owners tend to drive them flat out without service!

In the meantime, to answer our headline question, "are the Jap cars really reliable?" It is as dangerous to generalise about all Japanese cars as it would be in any nation. The best known brands, Datsun and Toyota notably, do tend to provide above average reliability—especially bearing in mind their purchase cost—but there are Japanese cars that breakdown beside the road.

If reliability is your main pre-occupation, I suggest you get hold of the relevant *Which?* reports for the model you are interested in. Also contact the back-numbers department of *Motor* and *Autocar* magazines to see if there is a long term test of that model. Total investment? Under a £5, but it could save you a soggy roadside spell contemplating the fact that every nation under the sun can make mistakes manufacturing cars!

### QUARTERLY CHOPPED

Just a reminder that you can no longer get quarterly road vehicle tax discs. From October 1 the minimum was stretched to £33 and six months for motor cars.

You can usually apply to your local post office now, but not if there are any changes in description; you haven't got the log book, or it is a goods vehicle over 30 cwt.

### CHEAPEST TURBO

There was quite a lot of reaction when we wrote about turbocharging and the way so many manufacturers were offering, or experimenting with, such power-boosted engines these days.

At the time we commented that turbocharging was then reserved for upmarket, usually sporting, cars from Porsche, SAAB, BMW and the like.

Now Renault are to offer the cheapest Turbo car on the British market, and it's very much a family model—the 18. Suitably uprated to accept the 110 bhp that the Turbo version of the 1565cc four cylinder engine provides, French tests have shown a 117 mph maximum and 33.16 mpg at a constant 75 mph.

Price of the new Renault in the New Year will be from £6200.

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# Brian Bethell

meets

# David Jason

David Jason star of ITV's *Sharp Intake of Breath*, and many other television and radio programmes, wakes every morning at five o'clock run six miles and does fifty press ups before a breakfast of carrot juice and Ryvita.

Why this serious training? because David, long at the top of the comedy league, remains convinced that he will still achieve his burning

ambition of, not only playing for, but captaining the England Soccer Team. Ever since the fateful day when he scored the winning goal in the Matlock Mixed Infants five a side knockout, (it was called a knockout because when you went past a player and they in the best sporting traditions tried to hit you with a large club) he has felt that his true place was stepping out onto the lush Wem-

bley turf with a hundred thousand excited fans chanting his name. Some of those who have seen David on his early morning runs have scoffed, but he remains supremely confident that it will happen, for as he points out, with his fleet of foot matching any gazelle, and his shrewd calculating brain that of the natural tactician, (his ploys include sneaking extra players on when the referee's not looking and putting super glue on the bottom of the other team's boots) he is just the sort of dynamic man the English game needs.

Nor does his dedication end there on the field of play but extends into such diverse areas as kit design. It was Jason who produced the first football shirts with the numbers on the front, which when players combed their locks forward and ran towards the opposing team caused so much confusion in their defences. His latest innovation the spring heeled football boot, enables him not only to reach high balls but to get to the front of the queue for the bus home after the match. How Alf Ramsey could have overlooked a man of such talent when he picked the 1966 World Cup squad can only be marvelled at, and David confesses to having been as 'sick as a parrot' when he was again left out for Mexico, especially after he had taken a Linguaphone course in Spanish.

Above all David is a progressive thinker on football's future, years ago his was a lone voice advocating advertising on players shirts, and his own team Jason Athletic, of which he is Captain, manager, chairman, coach, chief scout, head girl guide and the man who makes the tea and gives out the biscuits at half time, were the first to experiment in this area. Had their sponsors not been Northminster Ulcombe Transistor Services, which meant the shirts had to be so big the players fell over the sleeves, (and for obvious reasons abbreviation was out of the question) sponsored shirts would have become a feature of the game long ago.

What a comfort it must be for Ron Greenwood to know that he has such a talent in reserve and that if he finds himself short of a player all he has to do is give David a call. And as well as bringing freshness and vitality to the English squad he promises to bring a new pair of boots as well.





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We couldn't dribble round opponents  
The way we really should  
So the boss came up with a good idea  
I thought he damn well would

He bought eleven dustbins  
And placed them on the ground  
The idea was of course  
For us to dribble round

In the first few minutes we scored a goal  
The boss thought it was great  
But when the final whistle went  
We had lost by one to eight.

*Mr. G. Sheard,  
Coventry*

### BANANA SHOT

At Bloomfield Road the battle raged  
One down were bally's men  
With but three minutes yet to go.  
Looks bad indeed - but then,

A body swerve he beats his man  
Then dummies to the right  
Home strikers way is clear ahead  
With naught but goal in sight.

But no, - whats this - in desperation  
Defending sweeper strikes  
The wretch, his task he seems to think,  
'Sweep anything in sight'.

Down goes our deadly striker,  
Ignobly upended  
A foot, mere foot, outside the box  
He must be reprimanded

Ref's whistle blows and yellow shown  
Home crowd do rant and rale  
'Off Off' they shout with one accord  
But all to no avail

The Ref exceeding mad is he  
A dressing down meets out  
'One more like that M'Lad', he says  
'You'll have an early shower'

The opposition's wall is built  
With 'keeper's yelled instructions'  
But standing six yards from the ball.  
The Ref deems it obstruction

'Back Back' he shouts, 'back yet, back yet  
They grudgingly retreat  
But still not satisfied, the ref,  
He paces out with feet.

Eventually the wall backs off  
on referee's insistence  
Who will shoot, where will it go  
And will he judge the distance

Banana shot superbly placed  
Beyond the goalie's reach  
Curls round opponent's five man wall  
And Blackpool draw, one each

A scored draw, A scored draw,  
I check my 8 from 10  
And thanks to that Banana shot  
A first pool dividend!

*Mr R. Bryson  
St. Annes - on - Sea*

### THE BOXING DAY MASSACRE

Twas Boxing Day at Hillsborough  
All were full of Christmas Cheer  
The Kick off was a morning one  
So the fans could get no beer.

It was the biggest crowd in Sheffield  
Since the good old days of yore  
A Third Division record  
Fourty nine thousands and more.

The tension had been mounting  
The fans began to shout  
No one dreamed a match like this  
Could turn out in a rout.

The teams came out together  
To a cup final like roar  
The OWLS started attacking  
And chances came galore

It looked like they would never score  
Then every Wednesday fan  
With joy was quite delirious  
Its a goal to SPIDERMAN

UNITED staged a fightback  
Said "We're not in our grave"  
The woodwork saved the Wednesday  
Bolder made a brilliant Save.

Wednesday started the second half  
As if they hadn't been interrupted  
MAC crossed the ball to CURRAN  
And once more the cop erupted.

Two minutes later UNITED fans  
Were nowhere to be heard  
CURRAN streaked off on a run  
and KING got Wednesday's third

Two minutes from time our own TC  
Set off on a run yet again  
He dribbled into the area  
And was pulled down for a pen.

The ball was placed upon the spot  
Mark Smith strode up to score  
UNITED fans never saw it  
They'd all gone home before.

After the match UNITED said  
"It could easily been eight"  
Which goes to prove what OWLS fans said  
"That Wednesday are just great".

Now they say "Wait till Easter"  
But as everybody round here knows  
The OWLS play better away.

So have a laugh at Bramall Lane  
It should be really funny  
Boxing Day Harry was Santa Claus  
Next time He'll be Easter bunny.

## **Junior Poets**

### OUR HERO

We know a local lad called John,  
Who never seems to do things wrong,  
He's on the field for Swindon Town,  
He makes other lads look like clowns,  
He defends the goal at the county ground,  
The greatest defender ever found.

He has now played over 700 games,  
And set a record on the road to fame,  
He wears number 3 shirt,  
And makes hard tackles without being hurt,  
He is John Trollope, as you may guess,  
As Swindon Town are in distress.

*Andy Chun  
Age 15*

WORLD LEADER



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# RESERVE SCENE

**IT can be hard at times playing football. But when there are no matches . . . that can be twice as hard!**

The young fellows at Parkhead are finding that's how it goes. We haven't had a competitive game for a couple of weeks and, now that the "holidays" are over, the work on the training ground has been stepped up to try and fill the gap.

We played our last fixture in 1980 and the convincing 4-0 victory over Clydebank at Kilbowie was the team's 41st League game in a row without defeat.

Murdo MacLeod had his first outing with us after his long injury spell and he is one player who was looking for a series of games to get himself back to competitive sharpness.

Even this week we were thwarted of a game against Queen's Park at Lesser Hampden by the weather.

Another first team pool man, Johnny Doyle, who has been injured, also took part in the Clydebank game and got three of the scores.

Everyone is desperately keen to get into the swing of the League where we are still leading the race. Meantime it is a case of working away on the training ground and keeping everything as sharp as possible for the recall.

The youth side of Jim Lumsden have won their league but still have fixtures to fulfil. Like the reserves they have not had a regular run of matches due to poor weather.

They are in good shape and



**BOBBY LENNOX**

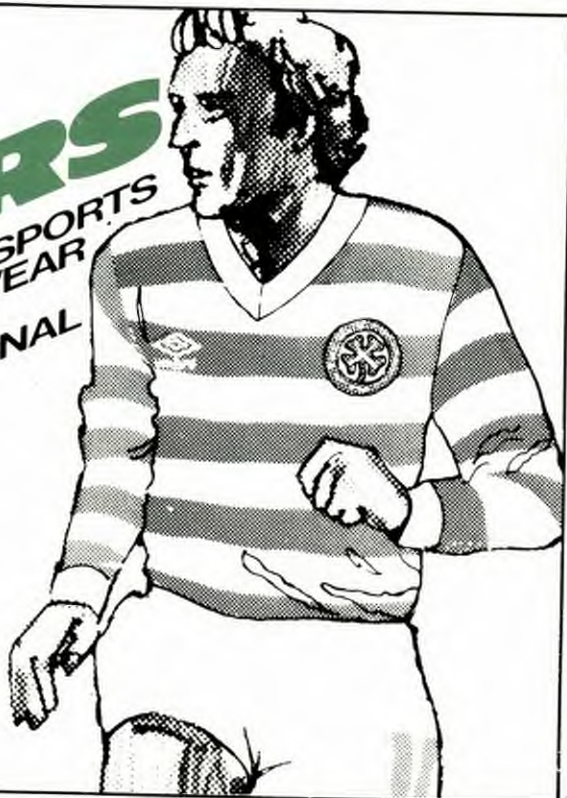
looking forward to the challenges that await them in 1981.

● Now a personal note. I have received lots of letters, cards and telegrams of congratulations on the award of the M.B.E. It has been an exciting time and I thank most sincerely everyone who sent messages. I will treasure them.

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## TODAY'S VISITORS

# DUNDEE UTD

**DUNDEE United manager Jim McLean is a fellow who is prepared to take personal criticism in football. But when fans start giving his players harsh and unjustified "stick" . . . the picture changes.**

United, despite all the skilful entertainment they turn on, have a number of fans who hammer into the players "aye even when we are winning well," says manager McLean.

"We've got a lot of good supporters, but it is the moaners who can make life difficult for players, folk who only start singing and feel the side is magnificent when they are winning 5-0. How often do you get a five-goal lead?

"This Dundee United team has spoiled them. They expect far too much too soon. You can hear them clearly at our smaller gates, but when you are playing clubs like the Old Firm they get 'silenced' somewhat in the general noise and atmosphere."

It could be one reason why United do well against the big guns and sometimes make heavy weather when the side is confidently anticipated to win easily by some fans!

Manager McLean hoped to have a face-to-face encounter with the moaning fans before coming to Glasgow today, a meeting at which he was prepared to answer grievances and present his own and the team's case.

He is a man who is apprecia-

tive of fan support and looking ahead to this afternoon's fixture wondered how the weather would turn out . . . for the supporters as well as his team.

"This is an attractive fixture, the kind of game to stimulate the whole scene in Scotland. Yet one has to accept that it is difficult for people to turn out at this time of the year in not too congenial weather conditions.

### CHANGE

"The old days when fans turned out in all sorts of conditions have gone. There is so much entertainment elsewhere, especially at home. Things have changed. Football will have to change as well."

Manager McLean has played his part in building and blending a skilful side which provides a great deal of pleasure for fans all over the country.

He won't complete the formation of his side until he examines conditions at Parkhead today. He has already pencilled in at No 2 John Holt who has recovered from injury. Graeme Payne, that superbly skilful little player, will have to wait until close to kick-off time to know if he is in the line up. The ground conditions will dictate that decision.

### DETERMINED

Manager McLean hope they are good. "As always we want to put on a show for the crowd. We appreciate that Celtic will be very determined to win and finish off the slight outside chance we have of doing something in the Premier League championship. They are a

proud club and clearly have their sights on another title flag.

"We are going along quite well at the moment and looking forward to a match where the emphasis is on the finer points of football."

"Going along quite well" could be rated one of the major understatements of the year. United are going very well . . . and that's how Celtic will regard the present form of the Tannadice team. At Parkhead the United players are not likely to hear isolated cries of criticism from their support!



**Dave Narey, a key player in the Tannadice defence whose consistency has won him a handful of caps plus two Scottish League Cup winner's medals.**

# THE RECORD SO FAR

Date	Comp	Opponents	H/A	Result	Scorers
1980					
July 26	DC	Ayr United	H	0-1	
Aug 9	PL	Morton	H	2-1	(McCluskey, MacLeod)
Aug. 16	PL	Kilmarnock	A	3-0	(McGarvey 2, Sullivan)
Aug. 20	ECWC	DVTK (Hungary)	H	6-0	(McGarvey 3, McCluskey 2, Sullivan)
Aug 23	PL	Rangers	H	1-2	(Burns)
Aug 27	LC	Stirling Albion	A	0-1	
Aug 30	LC	Stirling Albion	H	6-1	(Nicholas 2, Burns 2, Sullivan, Provan)
Sept 3	ECWC	DVTK (Hungary)	(a.e.t. Agg. Celtic 6-2)	A 1-2	(Nicholas)
			(Agg. Celtic 7-1)		
Sept 6	PL	Partick Thistle	H	4-1	(Nicholas 2, McGarvey, MacLeod pen)
Sept 13	PL	Hearts	A	2-0	(Nicholas, Provan)
Sept 17	ECWC	Politehnica (Rumania)	H	2-1	(Nicholas 2)
Sept 20	PL	Airdrie	H	1-1	(Nicholas pen)
Sept 22	LC	Hamilton Accies	A	3-1	(Nicholas, Burns, Doyle)
Sept 24	LC	Hamilton Accies	H	4-1	(McGarvey 2, Nicholas, Burns)
			(Agg. Celtic 7-2)		
Sept 27	PL	Aberdeen	A	2-2	(Nicholas pen, Burns)
Oct 1	ECWC	Politehnica (Rumania)	A	0-1	
			(Celtic lost on away goal rule)		
Oct 4	PL	Dundee United	H	2-0	(Nicholas, McGarvey)
Oct 6	GC	Queen's Park	H	2-0	(Doyle, Douglas)
Oct 8	LC	Partick Thistle	A	1-0	(Nicholas pen)
Oct 11	PL	St Mirren	A	2-0	(McDonald, o.g.)
Oct 18	PL	Morton	A	3-2	(Provan, Aitken, Nicholas)
Oct 20	LC	Partick Thistle	H	2-1	(Burns, McDonald)
			(a.e.t. Agg. Celtic 3-1)		
Oct 25	PL	Kilmarnock	H	4-1	(Nicholas 2, McGarvey 2)
Nov 1	PL	Rangers	A	0-3	
Nov 8	PL	Aberdeen	H	0-2	
Nov 12	LC	Dundee United (S/F 1st Leg)	A	1-1	(Nicholas)
Nov 15	PL	Airdrie	A	4-1	(Aitken, McGarvey, Nicholas, McAdam)
Nov 19	LC	Dundee United (S/F 2nd Leg)	H	0-3	
			(Agg. Dundee United 4-1)		
Nov 22	PL	St Mirren	H	1-2	(McCluskey pen)
Nov 29	PL	Dundee United	A	3-0	(McAdam, Weir, o.g.)
Dec 6	PL	Partick Thistle	A	1-0	(McCluskey)
Dec 13	PL	Hearts	H	3-2	(McDonald, McGarvey, McCluskey pen)
Dec 20	PL	Airdrie	H	2-1	(McAdam, McCluskey)
Dec 27	PL	Aberdeen	A	1-4	(Nicholas)
1981					
Jan 1	PL	Kilmarnock	A	2-1	(McGarvey 2)
Jan 3	PL	Morton	H	3-0	(McGarvey 2, Provan)



Charlie Nicholas scores against Dundee United in the Premier League match at Parkhead on October 4, 1980.

# FLASHBACK ON...

AT the beginning of last year Dundee United were Celtic's "first foots" on Saturday January 5 and they left empty handed at the end of the match.

It wasn't a classic encounter by any manner of means and the only goal of the game came via the penalty spot.

Celtic seemed to attack the United goal almost non-stop from the beginning of the game and the Tannadice men seemed content to fight a rearguard action.

The penalty kick arrived in the 37th minute when keeper Hamish McAlpine fouled Roy

## CELTIC v DUNDEE UTD.

Aitken in the box and Murdo MacLeod made no mistake from the 12 yards spot.

Celtic continued to dominate the game in the second half but despite many good attacking moves and near misses they couldn't add to that single counter.

Dundee United almost stole a point in the closing minutes with some good attacking play that had the Celtic defence under a lot of pressure.

CELTIC: Latchford; Sneddon and McGrain; Aitken, McDonald and McAdam; Provan and Sullivan; Lennox; MacLeod and Doyle. Subs. Edvaldsson and McCluskey.

DUNDEE UTD: McAlpine; Stark and Kopel; Fleming, Hegarty and Narey; Bannon and Sturrock; Pettigrew; Holt and Kirkwood. Subs. Dodds and Phillip.

Referee: Mr K. Stewart (Glasgow).

### *John's first goal of the season*



John Weir, the Celtic midfield man opening his scoring account for the season against Dundee United at Tannadice in November when Celts won 3-0.



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