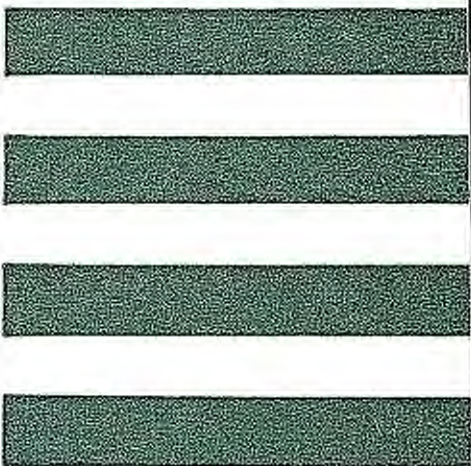


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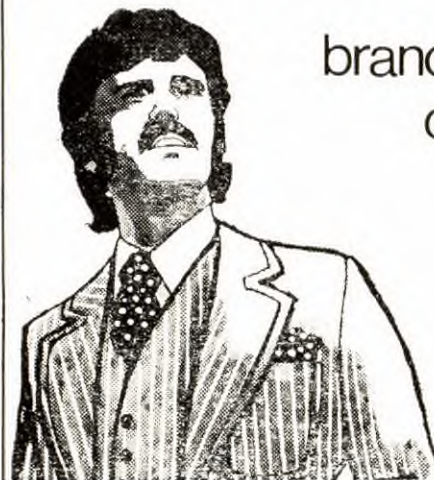
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JOCK STEIN says...

A lot has happened in the fortnight since my last programme article. In three games we have reached the semi-final of the Scottish Cup yet again and virtually seen the end, at least temporarily, of our tag as Scottish league champions.

Two weeks ago we won at home against Thistle with the winner coming in the last minute of the game—by a strange coincidence a repeat of what happened in our match at Firhill in November.

Last Saturday we travelled to Dumbarton to play our quarter-final cup tie at Boghead and won a most unattractive match by the odd goal in three.

This game was played on a surface which was less conducive to good football than it appeared at first glance. Patches of the ground were much softer than other areas which meant that the ball was playing tricks at times.

However the game was played with the emphasis on physique rather than finesse which meant that the state of the surface didn't make all that much difference.

The two cup-tie goals, along with the winner against Thistle, came from dead ball situations which were as varied as they were expertly executed.

Having secured our place in the next stage of the cup we journeyed to Aberdeen for a league match which was vital to our chances of overhauling the leaders in the league race.

For the third game in succession we scored two goals but on this occasion that wasn't good enough. Yet again we were punished for carelessness in defence which has been our constant bogy all through the season.

Another shortcoming we have suffered from this season is the



inability to score goals from the simplest of chances. At Pittodrie we squandered a couple of scoring chances when the score sheet was still blank and at the end of the night we paid the penalty for these misses.

Today Dundee United are our visitors and our target must be a quick return to winning form. The Tannadice team's one of the very few sides in the league to have scored more goals than they have conceded away from home indicating that the game should be an exciting and open contest.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match. They are also requested to co-operate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

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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.

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Scottish Cup Winners (23 times)

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

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1967.

Coronation Cup

1953.

Empire Exhibition Cup

1938.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

The last time Dundee United visited Celtic Park the game ended in a 3-3 draw and lacked nothing in excitement. Only Davie Hay of the Celtic side that played that day, on December 8th, 1973, is no longer at Celtic Park and all of the Tannadice players remain available for selection.

An early goal by Harry Hood had been neutralised by a counter from Andy Gray. Celtic mastered the snow covered pitch better than United and goals by Kenny Dalglish and Tommy Callaghan gave the home team a 3-1 interval lead.

Controversy

Just after the interval Fleming got one back for the Tannadice team and just when it looked like finishing that way Knox scored a controversial goal in the last minute to get a share of the points.

Turning the clock back a bit further we look at a game played between the two teams at Celtic Park on January 8th 1966, when Celtic were striving to win the league championship in Jock Stein's first full season as manager.

The teams since that day have changed to such an extent that only Jimmy Johnstone and Doug Smith are still on their respective clubs' playing staff.

Teams in full were :—

Celtic—Simpson, Craig and Gemmell, Murdoch, Cushley and Clark, Johnstone and Gallagher, McBride, Chalmers and Hughes.

Dundee United—MacKay, Millar and Briggs, Neilson, Smith and Wing, Persson and Munro, Dossing, Gillespie and Mitchell.

Mr. J. M. Kelly of Motherwell was the referee.

The first half was fairly even but neither team could score and indeed Ronnie Simpson had to make a couple of tremendous saves to keep United out.

Wizardry

After the interval Celtic started to take control and proceeded to stretch the visitors with good wing play by Johnstone and Hughes. Johnstone in particular started to create problems for United's defence and it was from a bit of the wingman's wizardry that Celtic scored the only goal of the game. Jimmy took on a couple of defenders before parting to Joe McBride in the clear. A crashing shot from Joe was saved by 'keeper MacKay but Charlie Gallagher following up slammed the ball into the net. United took the game to Celtic after this and Ronnie Simpson brought off another couple of great saves to keep the United score-sheet blank.

The following season when Celtic completed the 'grand slam' the Tannadice side won both league games against the all-conquering Celts by a 3-2 margin in both games.



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