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Premier
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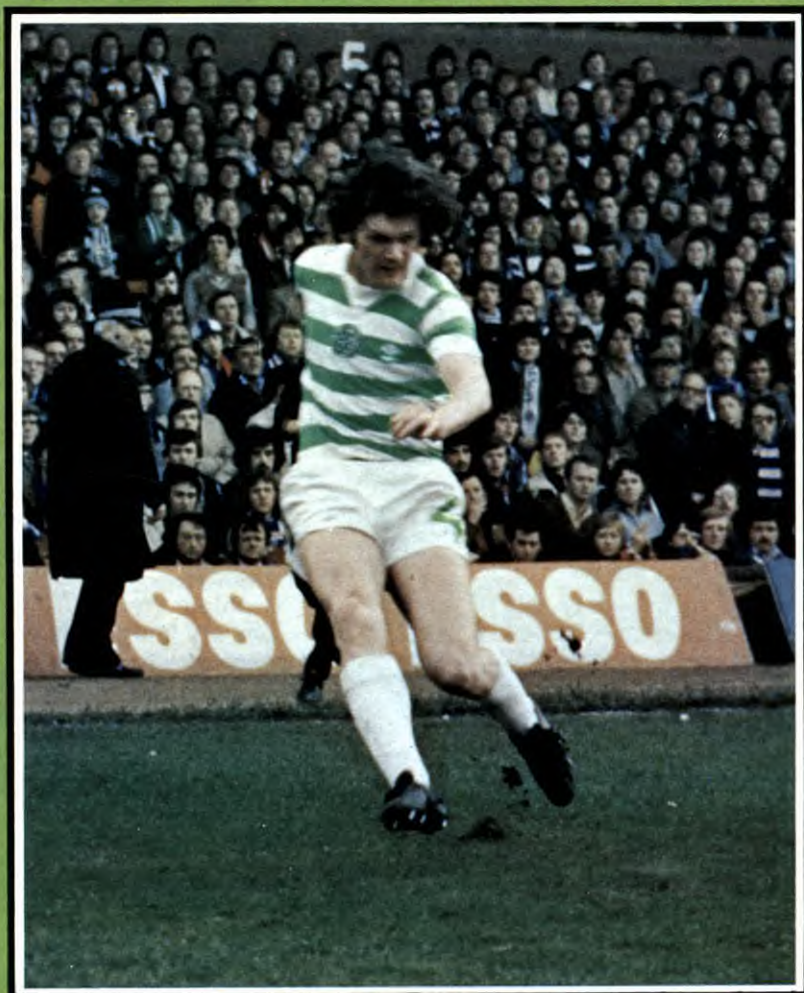
versus

DUNDEE UNITED

**Celtic
Park**

**Saturday
Sept. 8
1979**

**Kick-off
3.00 p.m.**



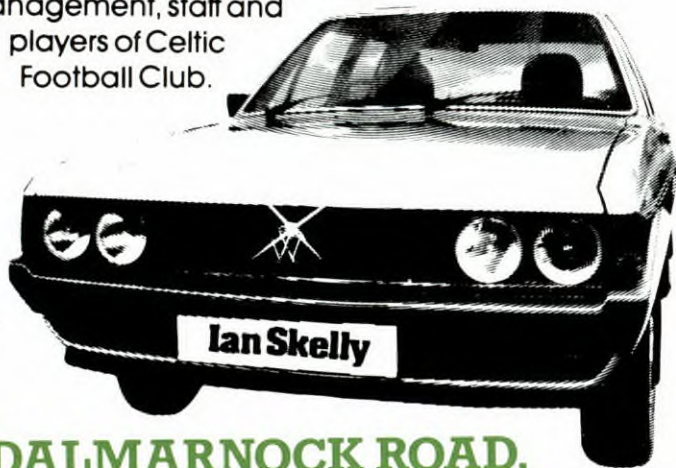
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The chase for title points is on again

IT is back to Premier League business this afternoon after a break of two weeks from chasing championship points.

It would be most satisfying to strike the team rhythm — and goals — that we displayed against Kilmarnock. But while we look forward to this meeting with Dundee United with considerable relish we realise that the Tannadice team's pride has been slightly hurt through their inconsistent start — and that makes them dangerous!

They've had their problems, but there is still a lot of football ability at Tannadice and no-one excels manager Jim McLean in harnessing it 100 per cent for his club.

A Dundee United match is one of the season's highlights for us. We met in the Drybrough Cup semi-final in the run-up to the season's start and the fans who saw that one got value for money.

I don't feel today's spectators will be disappointed in the quality of the play either.

We've got to win. Every match is important in the retention of the title. United want to win to give themselves a boost after recent disappointments.

The team made it through to the third round of the League Cup where we now have home and away games against Stirling Albion. The first one is at Annfield and our experience at Falkirk in the last stage means that we have to tackle the First Division side with total concentration to maintain what has been a good start to the season.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



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1936, 1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968,
1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974,
1977, 1979.

Cup Winners (25 times)

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1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925,
1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954,
1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1975,
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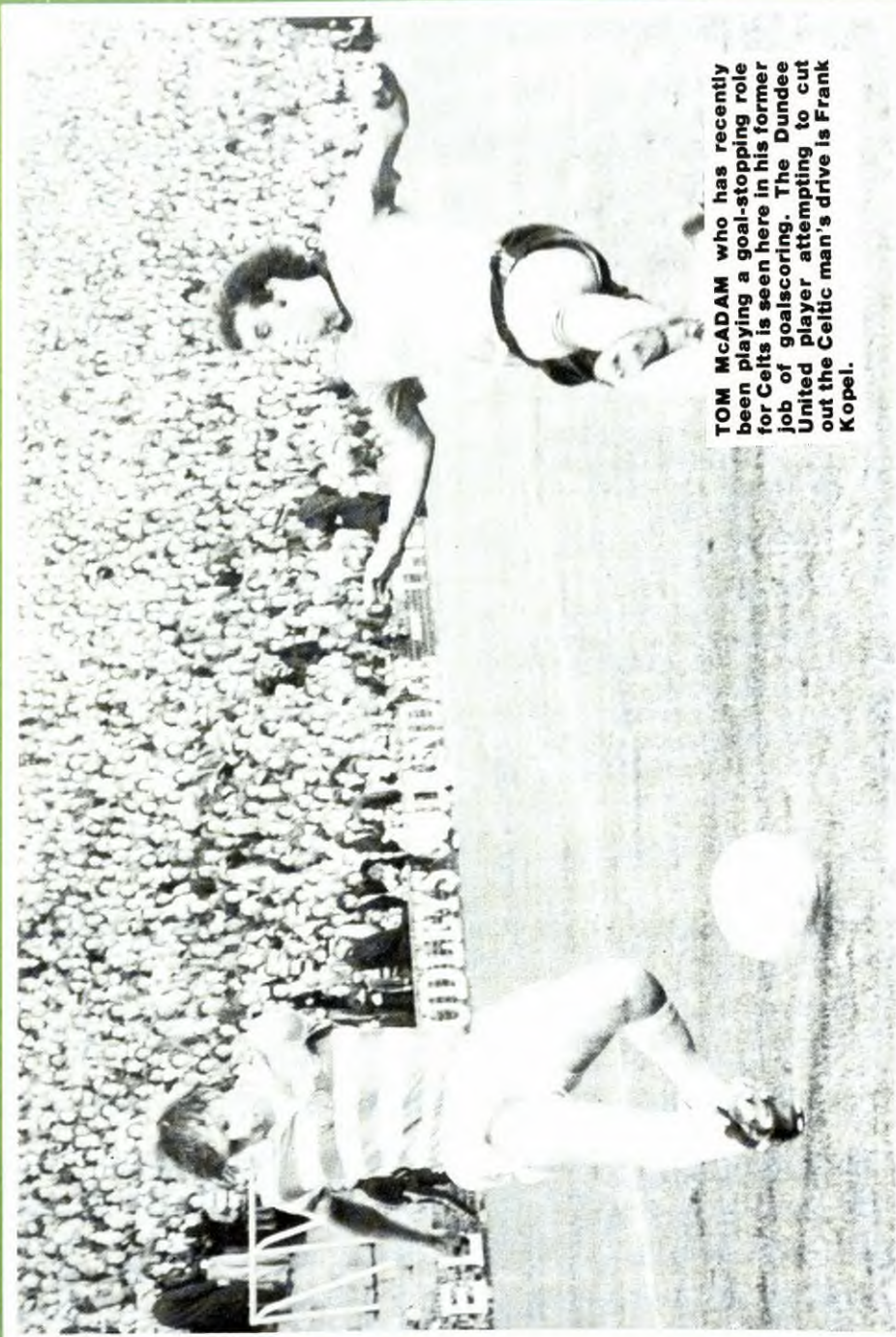
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TOM McADAM who has recently been playing a goal-stopping role for Celts is seen here in his former job of goalscoring. The Dundee United player attempting to cut out the Celtic man's drive is Frank Kopel.

MATCH TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC

(from)

**PETER LATCHFORD
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IAN BALLANTYNE
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PAUL STURROCK
DEREK ADDISON
GRAEME PAYNE
WALTER SMITH
RALPH MILNE**

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Referee:

Mr H. ALEXANDER
(Irvine)

Linesman:

Mr J. CAMPBELL
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D	RANGERS ST. MIRREN	

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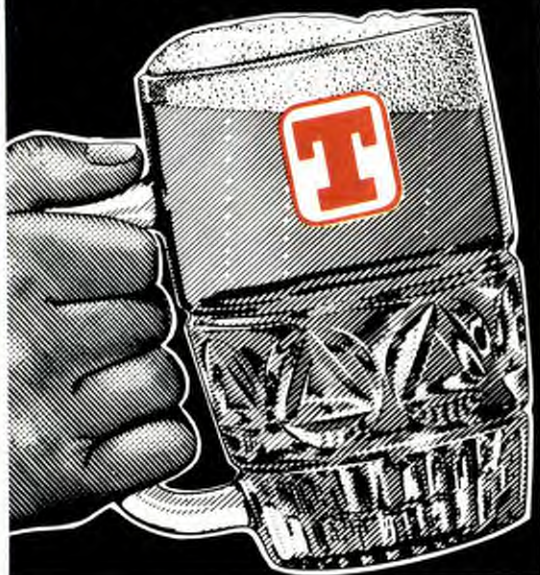
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TENNENT'S Are you ready?



MANAGER Jim McLean isn't too happy about the way his Dundee United side has started the 1979-80 season.

It isn't a piece of "Continental kidology" for today's Premier League match at Celtic Park. He means it.

"We can play a whole lot better than we are doing at the moment," says the straight-shooting Tannadice team boss who has been appointed Scotland's assistant manager for the game against Peru.

Of course, these have been upsetting early-season weeks for United. They had to kick-off without a key figure in Paul Hegarty who had a cartilage op in mid-July and others have struggled a bit with nagging injuries.

On top of that Dave Narey and Graeme Payne posted transfer requests and United are now prepared to sell them.

Surprisingly it was another young man making his mark at Tannadice who moved . . . without the preamble of a transfer request. Full back Raymond Stewart's departure to West Ham brought the club £400,000.

And if manager McLean shakes his head over the cash speculation (1.5 million) that surrounded Andy Gray's movement from Aston Villa it would be understandable. Gray went South from Tannadice for £110,000 four years

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Stewart's position is now being filled by Billy Kirkwood who started off as a striker and has played in midfield. Manager McLean has made a number of successful switches in player roles in the past and this may well prove to be one more by the Tannadice boss.

He doesn't bring his squad to Parkhead this afternoon in any mood of pessimism about the outcome. "We've got to click into form soon and there's no better place to do so than Celtic Park.

Manager McLean has never been enthusiastic about the Premier League format.

"It is far too tight and players are meeting far too often. In fact, they get to know opposition players as well as their own mates and you don't hear them talking about meeting this or that team but being against such-and-such a player.

"It isn't a set-up that is conducive to bringing on young players. No matter whether we win the championship or are fighting relegation my view is that the league isn't good for football as a whole.

"The game requires battlers. But ability is far more important and we don't have enough skill in the Premier League in my view."

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Jo celebrates

Jo Edvaldsson had his birthday on Monday and he was able to celebrate the event in Glasgow and his native Iceland. He returned to Glasgow yesterday after playing for his country against Holland in midweek.

Tommy on mend

Tommy Burns recovering from injury came through without ill-effects the game Celtic had with Arbroath at Gayfield last week-end. His talent will be a big asset in the League and Cup campaigns in the next eight months.

George leads

George McCluskey has scored five goals in Celtic's Premier League and League Cup games and heads the club's marksmen.

Paul's Come-back

Dundee United hope to have Paul Hegarty in their line-up this afternoon at Tannadice against Celtic Reserves. It is just six weeks since he had a cartilage operation.

Cup dates

Celtic's third round ties with Stirling Albion in the League Cup take place on September 26 at Annfield and October 10 at Parkhead.

New league

Celtic play Partick Thistle in the new under-18 professional youth league at the junior St. Roch's ground tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m. It is intended to play Celtic home matches in this league on Junior grounds, principally Maryhill and St. Roch's.



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