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CELTIC v DUNDEE UNITED



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THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

TODAY sees the beginning of our title double header when we play Dundee United. The second part comes next week when we face Rangers at home.

No one at Celtic park is conceding the title even although realistically speaking our chances of retaining the league are slighter than we would have liked.

However, if we succeed in our immediate aim of winning both of these games then those who wrote us off completely may yet have to re-appraise the situation.

For most of the season Dundee United have been Rangers strongest challengers for the leadership of the league. They have done this despite being thought to have little chance of competing strongly at the beginning of

the season. But they have played away consistently and attractively. Indeed, we have been on the receiving end of three defeats by Dundee Utd already this season, and we cannot have any complaints about the result in any of those games. That in itself is motivation enough for the players to go out and win against the Tannadice side. Over the last few seasons Utd have given us more difficulty in league matches than any other side. A win this afternoon would go some way to alleviating the pain of that particular statistic.

We received a major boost with last week's win over hearts. No matter the repercussions after some of the events last week this can't detract from a solid display by Celtic especially in the first half.



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Paul McStay
Andy Walker
Tommy Coyne
Tommy Burns
Joe Miller
Steve McCahill

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Referee:

Mr D. Miller
(Garrowhill)

Linesmen:

Mr H. Dallas
(Wishaw)

Mr D. B. L. Brownlee
(Edinburgh)

DUNDEE UTD



Billy Thomson
Gary McGinnis
Maurice Malpas
Jim McNally
Paul Hegarty
David Narey
Billy McKinlay
Miodrag Krivokapic
Mixu Paatelainen
Paul Sturrock
Kevin Gallacher
Dave Bowman
Alan Irvine

HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

Dundee v Motherwell
Hamilton v Hearts
Hibernian v Rangers
St Mirren v Aberdeen
Airdrie v Morton
Ayr United v Raith Rovers
Clyde v Partick Thistle
Clydebank v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Kilmarnock
Forfar Ath. v Meadowbank
St Johnstone v QOS

TAKE CARE: We urge all spectators to exercise the utmost care while leaving the ground at the end of the match. We also wish you all a safe and pleasant journey home.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline.....	31	18	5	7	53	32	43
Airdrie.....	31	14	11	6	53	31	39
Falkirk.....	30	16	6	8	52	30	38
Clydebank.....	30	13	11	6	61	40	37
Morton.....	30	13	8	9	38	37	34
St Johnstone.....	30	12	9	9	41	31	33
Raith Rovers.....	30	11	8	11	37	40	30
Forfar.....	31	8	13	10	42	43	29
Partick Th.....	31	11	6	14	47	50	28
Meadowbank.....	31	9	9	13	32	40	27
Ayr Utd.....	30	10	7	13	45	59	27
Kilmarnock.....	31	8	11	12	36	51	27
Clyde.....	31	6	13	12	31	43	25
Queen of S.....	31	2	7	22	32	73	11

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PREMIER DIVISION



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	28	19	4	5	48	21	42
Aberdeen.....	28	13	12	3	39	22	38
Celtic.....	28	17	2	9	58	37	36
Dundee Utd.....	27	13	10	4	37	17	36
Hibernian.....	28	11	8	9	29	27	30
St Mirren.....	28	11	6	11	35	39	28
Hearts.....	28	6	10	12	27	33	22
Motherwell.....	27	5	9	13	24	35	19
Dundee.....	28	5	9	14	23	38	19
Hamilton.....	28	3	2	23	14	65	8

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion R.....	30	17	6	7	54	38	40
Brechin.....	31	11	13	7	50	41	35
Stirling A.....	31	12	11	8	49	42	35
Queen's Park.....	31	10	14	7	41	35	34
East Fife.....	31	11	11	9	44	42	33
Alloa.....	30	11	10	9	47	40	32
Stranraer.....	31	11	9	11	50	49	31
Cowdenbeath.....	31	11	11	9	41	44	31
Montrose.....	30	11	8	11	39	38	30
Arbroath.....	31	10	10	11	46	48	30
E Stirling.....	31	9	9	13	42	49	27
Dumbarton.....	29	7	10	12	35	42	24
Stenhousemuir.....	31	7	9	15	32	46	23
Berwick.....	30	6	9	15	37	53	21

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NEWS BEAT

CELTIC reserves face a hectic programme next week with two matches in three days.

On Monday afternoon at 2.00 the Celtic colts make the short trip to the north of the city for a fixture against Partick Thistle reserves in the Reserve League West. This is followed on Wednesday night by a Premier Reserve League fixture v Hibs at Celtic Park with a 7.30 pm kick off.

THE action, for several contingents of Celtic fans, doesn't end with the final whistle this afternoon.

For no less than five Celtic Supporters Clubs are having their annual dances this evening. It also means a demanding time for several of the players who have been invited all over Scotland to attend these functions.

The clubs doing the entertaining tonight are Springpark Emerald C.S.C., Lochgelly C.S.C., Stranraer Golden Cross, John F. Kennedy C.S.C. and Mick McCarthy, Barrhead.

EX-CELTIC midfielder Ronnie Glavin, it seems, is currently tasting the good life. Glavin who once had a sports shop left Celtic in the late 70s to join unfashionable Barnsley. But he settled quickly and scored a barrowload of goals for the English 2nd division

club before retiring recently.

Now he's got himself a nice little earner lecturing about football for 13 nights during a mediterranean cruise on the Canberra.

Football is the theme of the Canberra's "Sunshine and Cities" cruise which leaves Southampton on August 6th.

Ronnie will be joined by Gordon Banks and Alan Mullery to do the odd coaching session and talk about the history of the game.

Not that most of the punters will be interested; £885 gets you the cheapest berth on the boat for the two weeks.

WICK teenagers David Campbell and Duncan MacDonald make their television debut appearances in 'The Gift' when they play Robert and Gordon, two talented footballers who are invited down from the far north of Scotland to Glasgow for a week's trial with one of the big clubs.

It is their first taste of professional football but the game proves to be very different from how they imagined it.

Del Henney plays John Glidden, Assistant Manager of Glasgow City Football Club, Tommy Docherty plays the troubled Manager and Jim Baxter plays himself. The play goes out on BBC-1 on Tuesday at 9.30 p.m.



DIRECTORY

Directors — John C. McGinn (Chairman), Kevin Kelly (Vice-Chairman), James M. Farrell MA LLB, Christopher White CA, Thomas Grant; **Manager**: Billy McNeill MBE; **First Team Coach**: Tommy Craig; **Reserve Team Coach**: Bobby Lennox MBE; **Physiotherapist**: Brian Scott; **Secretaries**: Desmond White & Co. **Commercial Manager**: John C. McGinn; **Chief Scout**: John Kelman.

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HONOURS

League Champions (35 times):

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Scottish Cup Winners (28 times):

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980, 1985, 1988.

League Cup Winners (9 times):

1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982.

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938

St Mirren Cup: 1951

Coronation Cup: 1953

European Cup: 1967

Record victory: 11-0 v Dundee (Division 1)

October 1955.

Record defeat: 3-8 v Motherwell (Division 1)

April 1937.

Most individual League goals in a season:

50 James McGarry (1935-36)

Highest aggregate scores: James McGarry

391 (1922-1939)

Most capped player: Danny McGrain 52

times for Scotland.

EURO SPOTLIGHT

By Roddy
Stewart

Enzo Francescoli

FOR a small country of less than three million people Uruguay have our astonishing soccer pedigree. "Other countries have their history but we have our football" noted a delighted official after Uruguay has lifted the World Cup for the second time in 1950.

Unfortunately the validity of such a statement might be strongly questioned by those who suffered at the hands of the South Americans during the World Cup tournament in Mexico.

CONDEMNED

The Uruguayan record of having a player sent off for brutal fouls in successive matches with Denmark and Scotland. Condemned the eyes of the world at the most unpopular team of the competition.

The one man from that country who was untarnished by this criticism was Enzo Francescoli, a player of great skill and versatility he contrived to show the acceptable face of Uruguayan football throughout the tournament despite the lack of support given by his team mates.

Enzo Francescoli began his soccer career with modest Uruguayan club Wanderers making his senior debut in 1980. The following year he played in the Junior World Cup and such were his performances that within twelve months he had also played for the national team, since then he has become



their most influential player amassing over forty caps playing in both midfield and forward positions. Despite the overtures of Penarol and Nacional Francescoli signed for famous Argentinian club River Plate for £250,000 in 1983. Where it was hoped he could bring some consistency to indifferent performances. Unfortunately the player found it difficult to immediately adapt to the frenetic style of Argentinian league football and although he did not play badly he did not stand out as they expected him to.



The situation was rectified the following season as the player was the leagues top scorer in 1984 and 1985 and was both the Argentinian and South American Player of the Year in 1986.

After the World Cup Finals in Mexico, Francescoli looked for a move to Europe to further his career critics questioned as to whether a transfer to Racing Matra of Paris, despite a lucrative contract, would help him achieve his ambitions as the club had not won the French title since the war. Unfortunately those fears were not without foundation as despite the brilliance of the Uruguayan Racing Matra often even struggled to find mid table respectability.

In the last twelve months the club and player have not seen eye to eye and consequently a parting of the ways is imminent. Juventus of Turin have reportedly offered Michael Laudrup and cash in the hope of obtaining his signature for the beginning of next season although Roma have also expressed an interest in bringing him to the the eternal city. If a move to Italy does materialise hopefully it should rekindle a talent that has been stifled too long in Paris.