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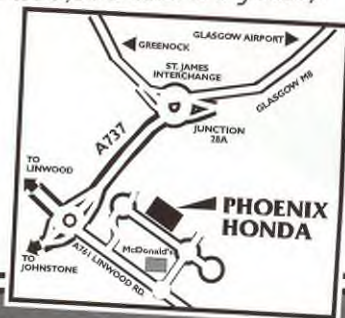
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WHAT our last three games provide us with is encouragement.

And this is especially true of the 1-1 draw at Ibrox on Wednesday. I was particularly pleased with the manner in which we dominated the second half against Rangers - through playing good football.

Phil O'Donnell broke well from midfield, we had good width - John Collins and Paul McStay feeding the flanks - while the back four looked solid.

The young players involved showed themselves to be able and confident in an intimidating environment which gives us hope.

And I know that is also true for the supporters who are really getting behind the lads we have brought into the senior set-up in the last month.

It was nice for the players to receive some praise for their efforts for a change and I have to say that since the lay-off the players have worked their socks off and found a new desire.

The break was a good thing for us and in the three games we have played since Christmas we have lost only one goal and could argue a case for deserving three wins.

Unbeaten

We definitely had the upper hand in the Boxing Day clash at Pittodrie which, after Ibrox, is traditionally the second most difficult ground in Scotland to come away with a result.

We took something from that game though and followed this up with a decent enough home win over Falkirk, before extending our unbeaten league run to eight games the other night against Rangers.

Of course seven of these have been drawn and we know that it is in the goalscoring department that we have real problems. That is why we are currently doing our best to get in some new faces who will help us put that right.

Look at Rangers who have the likes of Brian Laudrup and Mark Hateley in their ranks. For long periods last season when the Ibrox men were not playing so well Hateley carried them and Laudrup has assumed this mantle at crucial times this season.

That is the value of having a top quality forward

‘ We have shown tenacity and are a difficult team to beat ,

who has the ability to conjure a goal out of nothing and in time that is exactly the kind of performer we hope to have.

Dundee United are our visitors today. And we know we are in for a tough game .

In recent weeks we have demonstrated tenacity and set ourselves up as a difficult team to beat.

Now we must try to take that forward and become a side who can snatch victories.



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MAURICE MALPAS



BARRY SMITH

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BRIAN O'NEIL



Linesman:
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GORDAN PETRIC



PETER GRANT

GARY BOLLAN



BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

STAND-BYS:
Celtic - Gordon Marshall (GK),
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Gary Carberry.
Dundee United
- Henrik Jurgensen (GK),
Daid Craig,
Grant Johnson

DAVE BOWMAN



PAUL McSTAY

BILLY MCKINLAY



CHRIS HAY

PADDY CONNOLLY



ANDY WALKER

CRAIG BREWSTER



JOHN COLLINS

CHRISTIAN DAILY



WILLIE FALCONER

MASCOT:
Elizabeth McAuley
Aged 11
East Kilbride

ROBBIE WINTERS



SIMON DONNELLY

JERRON NIXON



+ TODAY'S VISITORS +



ONE week they are the finest team in the land and the next they are struggling to stop a barrage of goals. DUNDEE UNITED have, for many years, been one of the most entertaining sides in the country, building on a policy of youth alongside experience. In Ivan Golac they have one of the most entertaining managers in the land. Today they come to Hampden, determined to sink Celtic - below are they players who are out for glory.



★ **STAR MAN ...**
Gordan Petric has proved to be one of the most talented defenders in the land since Ivan Golac bought him from Partizan Belgrade.

KELHAM O'HANLON has taken over between the sticks from Alan Main and has found himself up against it as the United topsy turvy defence puts him under pressure. Has coped with most of what has been thrown at him however and has settled in well since arriving from Preston.

ALEX CLELAND is one of the country's finest, and fastest, defenders. Good going forward, he is also a tough tackler and a determined competitor.

MAURICE MALPAS is one of United's finest servants and always gives 100 per cent. Has recovered from the injury that troubled him at the start of the season and is desperate to get back to the good times with United.

DAVID HANNAH is another of Dundee United's fine crop of young players who had his greatest moment when he starred in the cup final against Rangers at the end of last season. Pacy and good in the air he is a steady performer at the back.

GORDAN PETRIC is undoubtedly United's finest player and has been their best signing for years. He really looks the part and is always dangerous at set pieces.

GARY BOLLAN is one of the next generation at Tannadice and looks likely to achieve his ambition of seeing his name constantly on the first team list. A very powerful tackler.

DAVE BOWMAN seems to have been around for years but is still giving his all for the Tangerines. Deservedly found himself in the Scotland squad earlier this year after a string of fine performances. Sometimes does not get the credit he deserves.

BILLY MCKINLAY has been sitting out his suspension over recent games and it is not definite that he will take to the field today. United fans will be hoping that he has his playing boots with him as, along with Petric, he is the class in the United ranks. His bullet of a shot means he is a threat anywhere within 25 yards of the goal.

PADDY CONNOLLY has never quite achieved the level his skill has merited. A fringe player at Tannadice he is coming back into Ivan Golac's plans. His speed makes him



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United want to skin the Celtic scalp

a danger to opposing defences and enables him to ghost in to the box and pounce on crosses.

CRAIG BREWSTER took time to settle since arriving from Raith Rovers but has really come on to his game and is getting goals. Good both in the air and on the ground he is a popular character with the Tannadice faithful who see him as their true goal threat. His goal against Rangers in the cup final last season has been his greatest moment so far.

The big question surrounding **CHRISTIAN DAILLY** is in what position he will be playing come 3pm? The country saw him as one of the best

striking prospects to come out of Tayside in years but it is in central defence that he is beginning to make his name. Never panics when put under pressure, he prefers to play the ball out of trouble rather than hammer a huge punt up the park.

ROBBIE WINTERS has burst on to the scene with a vengeance and he scored one of the finest goals of the season so far in his first full appearance when he struck with an overhead kick against Kilmarnock.

United's tradition of encouraging the youth within the club is strengthened by the way this youngster has performed in the red hot heat of Premier Division action.

Think of skillful players and the name **JERRON NIXON** springs straight to mind. The contrasts between Dundee and his home of Trinidad are vast but he has settled in well and is a real favourite with the fans. Has found himself on the bench on a number of occasions but never fails to impress when he is given the opportunity.

★ **BILLY McKinlay** (above) is a star both for Dundee United and Scotland. He is one of the most talented midfielders in the country and has a wicked shot while Maurice Malpas (below) is a United stalwart who always gives 100 per cent



+ Lowdown + Lowdown +

KELHAM O'HANLON

Age 32. Signed from Preston NE, 1994

MAURICE MALPAS

Age 32 Signed S form 1979

ALEX CLELAND

Age 24. Signed S form 1987

DAVID HANNAH

Age 20. Signed from Hamilton Th. 1991

GORDAN PETRIC

Age 25. Signed from Partizan Belgrade 1993

GARY BOLLAN

Age 21. Signed from Fairmuir BC. 1989

DAVID BOWMAN

Age 30. Signed from Coventry 1986

BILLY MCKINLAY

Age 25. Signed from Hamilton Thistle 1985

CRAIG BREWSTER

Age 26. Signed from Raith Rovers 1993

JERRON NIXON

Age 21. Signed from AFM Motown 1993

PADDY CONNOLLY

Age 24. Signed from S Form 1986.

CHRISTIAN DAILLY

Age 20. Signed from S Form 1990

DAVID CRAIG

Age 25. Signed from East Stirling 1994





Star hoping for change of luck

The big INTERVIEW

LEE MARTIN

“I know what it's like to win a trophy and I would just love to do it again”

LEE MARTIN didn't had the best of times during his first year as a Celt – but the full-back is determined that 1995 will be a lot better.

The popular Englishman joined Celtic from Manchester United for £350,000 a year ago this month – the fee being settled by a tribunal – and enjoyed a good run in the team last season clocking up 15 league appearances.

This term, however, the 26-year-old has only made five appearances in the first team so far, and is currently recovering from a broken leg.

BUT LEE IS HOPEFUL THAT THINGS WILL IMPROVE FOR HIM AS THE YEAR GOES ON.

He said: “My first year at Celtic has been up and down really. I was playing last season, and then I was in the team at the start of this term.

“Then I was ill before the Rangers game back in August and I lost my place after that before coming back in for the Kilmarnock match in September.

Missing

“But then I was out again, and when I finally got the chance to get back into the side and try and claim a regular place for myself, I broke a leg against Falkirk.

“That was devastating really, there's no other way to describe it.

“Especially as I really didn't think it was a break – I felt as though I had just twisted it.

“I've never had any major injuries before and it was a real blow.”

Before the injury, Lee was enjoying his time at Celtic, but admits that missing some of the biggest matches of the season put a real dampner on his first year here.

He explained: “Coming to Celtic was great.

“I was getting the chance of first team football again after just playing in the reserves at Manchester United and that was what I wanted.

Interview: MERLE BROWN

“It was a complete change from what I had been doing, and a good one.

“There was also the trip to Canada at the end of last season which I really enjoyed.

“But the leg break came at a really bad time. I missed the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, the next Rangers game, and then of course the final.

“But Tommy Burns was really good to me, and I was taken along to Seamill with the rest of the lads before the games and kept involved in things which helped a bit. But, as you would expect, I was really disappointed.”

Lee's first year here was one of the most traumatic in the club's 106-year history, with a new board, a change in management and the start of the rebuilding of Celtic Park.

And Lee admits he didn't really know a lot about what was going on at Celtic before arriving in Glasgow.

He said: “I really didn't know about all the stuff that was happening with the board, so I suppose it didn't really affect me that much, but I'm glad that things are a lot better now.

“And Tommy Burns has the right idea.

“Things are looking up, it looks like money will be made available from the share offer for players, and that's what you need if you're going to be pushing for trophies and European competition.”

Having joined from Manchester United – one of the biggest clubs in Britain – Lee reckons things are not a lot different at Parkhead than they are at Old Trafford.

He said: “I really haven't noticed that much of a difference up here – the only real change for me has been getting used to Glasgow after living in Manchester all my life.

Feeling

“The training routines are pretty much the same, and the lads are just like the guys at United, a good bunch.”

One thing that Lee is hoping can soon be the same as it was at Manchester United is success on the pitch.

Lee won an FA Cup winner's medal with the Reds in 1990, scoring a spectacular winning goal in the replay against Crystal Palace.

And he would love to pick up a winner's medal in the green and white of Celtic to add to his collection.

He said: “I know what it's like to win a trophy and I would love to experience that feeling again.

“EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T PLAYING IN THE COCA-COLA CUP FINAL I STILL FELT AS DISAPPOINTED AS THE REST OF THE GUYS.”

“Now I'm just hoping that I'll be fit soon and get back into the team and get back to winning matches again.”

