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If last week's Scottish Cup match at Tannadice told us anything it was that this afternoon's game against Dundee United will be a very difficult one.

While we managed to secure a 3-2 win and a place in the semi-finals, no one would dispute the fact that United made life very hard for us and we would have to admit that we were a little lucky to score in the last minute in the manner that we did.

To win any game is good, but to do it with a last-minute own goal away from home against a team who made it very hard for us has to have some luck attached.

However, we must remember that over the course of the season we will also have luck go against us. It has already happened with the last-minute goal we lost in the 1-1 draw with Hearts at Tynecastle.

By winning late at Tannadice we now do not have to worry about a replay in midweek which would have given us another game we did not really want or need - especially as we have played Dundee United so often already.

So far we have played United five times in the league and cup competitions since I arrived and we have not lost yet.

Every time we have played in Dundee the game has been very close, although that has not always been the case in Glasgow, where we enjoyed a 4-0 home win in the league just a week before beating them

Patience the key to title

again in the Coca-Cola Cup final.

However, each and every game is different. You can never tell beforehand how a game is going to go no matter how many times you play someone in any one season.

It is possible that both ourselves and United will have different teams from last week due to injuries, suspensions and other factors you cannot predict.

It is crucially important that we concentrate and make sure we play to the very best of our abilities.

I know the fans are bound to become a little more anxious as the end of the season comes closer, but we must be patient and maintain concentration on the job in hand no matter what. Hopefully then today's performance and result will take care of themselves.



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United killed & Hyde form

Things have always been tight between today's visitors Dundee United and Celtic at Tannadice – no game showing that to be true more so than last Sunday's thrilling 3-2 Tennents Scottish Cup victory for the Bhoys.

But when Tommy McLean's troops have taken the route south to Glasgow it's been a different story altogether.

United clearly don't travel to play Celtic very well at all, as the last two meetings have ended in pretty heavy defeats.

The league game in November ended 4-0 at Celtic Park in the home team's favour and a week later, it was 3-0 at Ibrox for Celts in the Coca-Cola Cup Final.

So, United's players will be either be dreading the prospect of visiting Glasgow once more, or absolutely relishing the chance to finally get one over on a team who have let them have nothing all season.

One man who will be desperate to do something right against Celtic today is United's Norwegian defender **ERIK PEDERSEN**. Poor Pedersen was the man who put the ball in the United net last Saturday to give Celtic their injury-time winner in the pulsating cup-tie.

However, he shouldn't be judged on that, as before that error he was known as the man who tamed Brian Laudrup, with a fantastic ability for

By **MERLE BROWN**

man-marking in the wing back role.

Behind Pedersen in goal today will be Dutchman **SIEB DIJKSTRA**. Dijkstra apparently believes Celtic can win the treble, but he will want to try to stop the green and white hitmen from adding to the tally of 14 they have put past him this term.

Helping him out in central defence will be the vastly experienced **MAURICE MALPAS** who has continued to do a tremendous job in the back three sweeping behind **MARK PERRY** (pictured far right) and **STEVEN PRESSLEY** (pictured left). Pressley injured himself last Saturday but should be fit to try and stop Celtic again this weekend.

Wing-back number two is Swede **LARS ZETTERLUND**, yet another Scandinavian in the United ranks.

In the middle of the park



you'll find former Motherwell star **JAMIE DOLAN** who adds dig and fight to the engine room area. What he doesn't do however, with some of his crunching tackles is endear himself to opposition supporters.

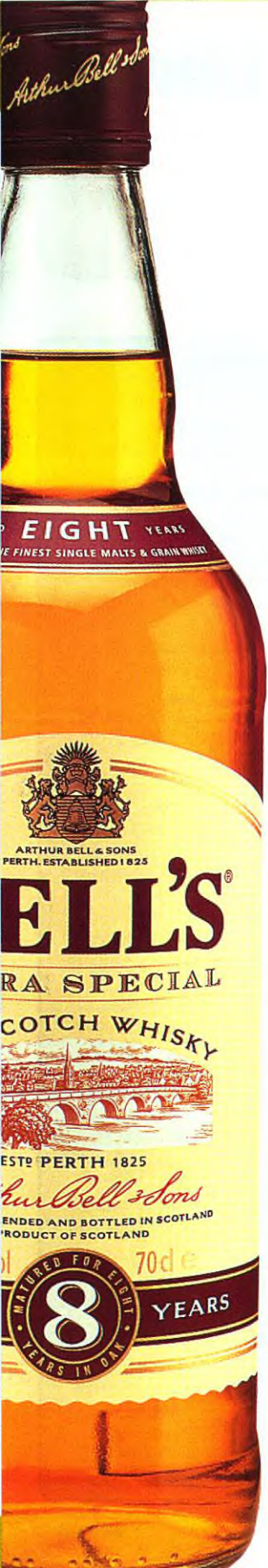
Alongside him is another man who is known for his battling qualities and at times his reckless over-enthusiasm still at the age of 34! Who else but captain **DAVE BOWMAN**.

If you want a bit of flair in the midfield you'll find it in precocious young talent, **CRAIG EASTON**, and if you don't believe he's only 18, then have a look at his Verve/Oasis style haircut. No-one older than that would surely attempt to wear this style!

ANDY McLAREN has been providing the front men of United with the cross balls of late, and the men detailed with the task of picking them up, are **ROBBIE WINTERS** and **KJELL OLOFSSON**.

Pin-up Winters does a fine goal-celebrating impression of popstar Robbie Williams, singing into the TV microphones around the pitch, and if Celtic are not careful then he's the man who would be most likely to score – and there are

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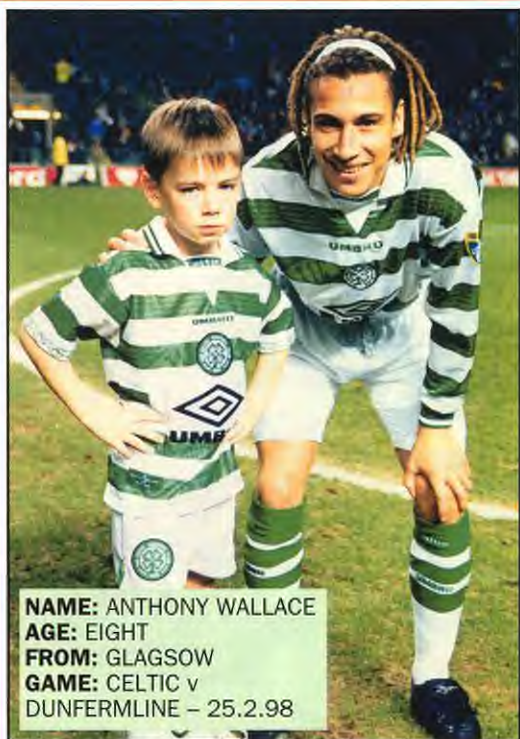
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Have you ever been so overcome with excitement that you are totally speechless?

That was definitely the case for mascot, Anthony Wallace when he came along with his dad as our special guest at the game against Dunfermline.

Although, going by the smile on his face during that day, he was perfectly happy just to take everything in at his own pace - there would be plenty of time for talking later when he met up with his family and friends and told them all about his dream come true.

We did manage to find out that Anthony is a very successful young

MEET THE MASCOT

football player himself and has his own collection of winners medals he has received for his all hard work with his local team.

And with his sister collecting a heap of medals for her Irish dancing, they are a winning combination.

I wonder if Anthony's passion for winning had anything to do with the five Celtic goals that day?

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