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TONIGHT'S game is a big one which all the players are looking forward to and I'm sure that applies to you the supporters as well.

I hope when I look around Hampden tonight I don't see any empty spaces because we need the fans to spur us on in every game, but especially Cup matches like this one with Dundee United.

It's a big test tonight of how we are doing so far, and obviously everyone wants to get through to the next round of this competition.

Ultimately it would be great to win the trophy but I am making no statements about that just yet. Just getting past this round will be enough for me.

It really is a case of taking one game at a time at the moment.

Dundee United are by no means easy opposition, and I don't think any of our players are stupid enough to think any team we face is.

We can't underestimate anyone, and this game being a cup game will make things different again – but therein lies the challenge. We must play as well as we have been recently.

Okay, on Saturday against Kilmarnock we had a wee bit of a stutter, but that's all it was. I thought despite the result we played some lovely attacking football at times.

Challenge

But the goal we lost was a bad one – we're under enough pressure to win from the supporters without giving the other team a goal of a start.

We must give 100 per cent in every game and look to win them and that is a helluva lot easier if we don't give silly goals away.

But the lads kept going and pulled the result back just as they did against Dundee United here in the league.

Now we face them again tonight in the Cup at home – although I am reluctant to call it that.

I really feel every game is an away game for us and that is a challenge in itself.

The other clubs relish playing at Hampden because it's Hampden and we really don't have

any advantage.

But in this year in the club's history which is really like a 'limbo' year, we must all get on with it and there's no better way to do that than together.

The fans, players and all the Celtic staff must get together and make sure that this year is a successful one.

And a win tonight would go a long way to securing that aim.

None of our players are stupid enough to think that any game is going to be easy



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BILLY MCKINLAY



DRAGUTIN RISTIC



CRAIG BREWSTER



DAVID BOWMAN



CHRIS MYERS



JERREN NIXON



+TONIGHT'S VISITORS+

★ *When we played Dundee United in the League at Hampden last month, Gordon Marshall ran the rule over the Tannadice players. Now we face the Taysiders in the Coca-Cola Cup and Celts utility man Mike Galloway tells us what he knows about the men from Tannadice.*



DUNDEE UNITED have been doing a bit better since they lost at Hampden on League business back in August.

But we know they will always be tough opponents and here's my run-down on their squad.

ALAN MAIN was on the fringe of a Scotland call-up before his back injury and he is a very good keeper. Good at the short stop, he has a hell of a long kick-out. He'll definitely be looking to make up for that blunder he made against us in the league match when Tony Mowbray got the winner.

HENRIK JORGENSEN had a bad first game and hasn't figured since. But I'm sure if he gets a few games under his belt in the reserves and then comes back into the team he'll do a better job.

GARY BOLLAN is a young player I don't know too well. But I do remember him from reserve fixtures last season and he played quite well in those games. He is on the fringes of the first team.

DAVID HANNAH is the young player everyone is talking about at the moment. He scored United's winner against Tatra Presov and obviously has to be watched. He had a good few chances against us back in August and is a real player for the future.

GORDAN PETRIC, another scorer against Tatra, is the man who holds the United defence together. He's a great reader of the game and a very good buy for Ivan Golac. He might not be fluent in English but the rest of the lads always know what he's going to do.

DAVE BOWMAN is a real grafter who is similar in style to Jim McNally. He's been a great player for United for a long time now and will always give everything he's got.

BRIAN WELSH has come through the ranks and turned into a really good player. He's good in the air and good at set pieces and will always be going for goal them, so he has to be watched. He was a danger in the last game and will be again.

DRAGUTIN RISTIC must like Scotland to have stayed here, and moved about so much. His quality blends in well, and he's a real Continental player in that he always has an eye for goal and can hit a good long-range shot.

CRAIG BREWSTER is a good player and always has been. I remember him from the lower divisions and it's only right that he's now being recognised at a higher level. He has a great shot and has always



★ **GOAL THREAT**
... *Craig Brewster is the man most likely to succeed in getting goals for the Tannadice men*



+ TONIGHT'S VISITORS +

Warming up after a slow kick-start

scored goals no matter where he's played.

JERREN NIXON came on as a sub last time we met and scored a brilliant equaliser. I played against him in the reserve fixture the Wednesday after and he was just as dangerous. He runs at you, has great pace and skills. When he's really settled in he'll do even better I'm sure.

PADDY CONNOLLY hasn't really had a chance this season and I don't know if his future lies at Tannadice. He's very quick and has a real eye for the back of the net. He's also scored a few against us in the past so maybe it'll be better if he's not playing!

ANDY McLAREN is an extremely quick young player who really shone in the Cup Final win over Rangers. He has shown his talents very early on and, although I'm sure he still has plenty to learn, he's learning fast.

BILLY McKINLAY is a quality player who missed out on our last meeting through suspension. I think he's in the same mould as Paul McStay, a good passer of the ball and quick when he needs to be. If there are any problems for us tonight I'm sure he'll be at the centre of them. He scored for Scotland on his debut and that shows his class.

SCOTT CRABBE is a big mate of mine from our time at Hearts, and a good player too. I feel really sorry for him, missing out for so long through injury. I know he'll bounce back though and be as good as before. Has a lot of skill and likes to shoot.

CHRISTIAN DAILLY has been playing at the back which is a bit strange for him. But the lad is a very, very good prospect and Golac will know what he's doing. Playing him there has no doubt toughened him up.



★ *One for the future ... Dundee United ace Christian Dailly will be tougher after his spell in defence*



Lowdown ++ Lowdown

ALAN MAIN (Age 25)

Signed from Elgin, 1986.

HENRIK JURGENSEN (Age 28)

Signed from Viborg, 1994.

GARY BOLLAN (Age 21)

Signed from Fairmuir BC, 1989.

DAVID HANNAH (Age 20)

Signed from Hamilton Th, 1991.

GORDAN PETRIC (Age 25)

Signed from Partizan Belgrade, 1993

DAVE BOWMAN (Age 30)

Signed from Coventry, 1986.

BRIAN WELSH (Age 25)

Signed from Tynecastle BC, 1985

DRAGUTIN RISTIC (Age 30)

Signed from Falkirk, 1994

CRAIG BREWSTER (Age 26)

Signed from Raith Rovers, 1993

JERREN 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.

ANDY McLAREN (Age 21)

Signed from Rangers Ams, 1989.

MARK PERRY (Age 23)

Signed from Cove Rangers, 1988.

DAVID CRAIG (Age 25)

Signed from East Stirling, 1994.



Striker after goals and glory

The big INTERVIEW

ANDY WALKER

FORGET cup hoodoos, completing medal sets or anything else – Andy Walker insists that securing a place in the semi-finals of this year's Coca Cola Cup is what's driving him and his team-mates on in search of glory this evening.

The 29 year-old has been in superb form since his £525,000 move from Bolton and with three goals already looks in the mood to spearhead a real challenge on all fronts.

Indeed, it was Andy's goalscoring contribution in the 1987/88 centenary season – his first at Parkhead – that went such a long way to helping Celts capture a glorious League Championship and Scottish Cup double.

Only success in the League Cup eluded the club that year, as it did throughout the Glasgow-born striker's first stint with the men in green and white hoops.

That's been the way of it at Parkhead, of course, since December 1992.

But Andy stresses the 12-year barren run in the competition WON'T enter into the minds of any Celt tonight.

Prize

He said: "I think I can speak for all the players and say that the club's poor run in the League Cup simply won't be an issue.

"This game is undoubtedly our most important of the season so far but it's a cup-tie and those take care of themselves.

"We know that the prize on offer for the winner is a place in the semi-finals – and there's no other motivation required.

"It's a home tie, which is in our favour, and Dundee United's strengths are well known to us.

"Basically, we know what we've got to do and our future in the competition will be decided on how we perform this evening.

"We simply won't dwell on the fact that the League Cup hasn't been a fruitful competition for the club in recent times."

Interview: MERLE BROWN

Of course Celts opened up their Hampden season with a hard fought 2-1 victory over Dundee United a month ago.

That day Andy opened the scoring, only to see his goal cancelled out by a Jerren Nixon before Tony Mowbray powered home a match-winning header.

However he doesn't believe that will give them the upper hand for tonight's cup clash, despite the fact that it's a case of same opponents, same venue.

He explains: "I was really impressed with United last time we met. They're the best team we've faced so far.

"They have a helluva lot of good youngsters and I think guys like Alex Cleland, Billy McKinlay, Christian Dailly and David Hannah all have big futures in the game.

"They have the ability to cause any team problems and that's what we'll have to guard against this evening."

Everything's just about worked out perfectly for Andy since the season kicked-off.

He's been in the goals, called up to the international squad and in general led the line for Celts with considerable panache.

He agrees: "I'm thoroughly

‘I'm excited about winning more honours and medals’

enjoying my football and simply delighted to be back in Scotland.

"I just did not think a return to Celtic would ever happen but now it has I'm excited about the thought of winning more honours and enjoying the kind of medal-winning occasions I had last time around.

"It's all very inspiring and to have notched a few goals into the bargain already has been pleasing.

"I'm not getting carried away though. As a forward I'm paid to score goals. It's good to have three to my name but I have to maintain my current strike-rate."

However, Andy's had a bit of a rude re-awakening to Old Firm life following comments made in a radio interview and a quip about forming 'Gers for Change'.

Suddenly he found himself embroiled in an almighty row which Andy viewed as "a welcome back to Scotland".

He groans: "If I didn't know it before that demonstrated to me that I was back in the the thick of the Old Firm in Glasgow again."

Joke

"It was supposed to be a harmless joke but in retrospect that sort of humour is not for public consumption.

"It would have been better to keep it among family and friends.

"I was at my sister's wedding the other week and having a good bit of banter with friends of the family who are Rangers supporters and they didn't take any offence to my comment.

"I mean Fraser Wishart is my best friend in football and we have some almighty slagging matches.

"At Bolton you have to watch your step where Blackburn and Burnley are concerned so I suppose you live and learn."



