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Semi-finalists 1967-68

## In Jim's View...

As you know I criticised the players after the match at Firhill for not showing the hunger to win, but against Dundee United on Tuesday evening, the effort and commitment from the players was much nearer to what I want to see in every game.

In the end defeat was hard to take. United scored with what was virtually their first attack and after we equalised with an excellent goal. I couldn't see us losing, so it was very disappointing to lose a second goal so late in the game, especially as we closed United down well and in patches played some delightful football.

Jamie McGowan did an extremely good job in negating the threat of Billy McKinlay and I was pleased that Ray Farningham managed to score his first goal for the club.

But the bottom line is that we have failed to take a point from our last three games despite scoring in each of them and if you score you really should expect to take at least a point.

Our lack of experience in the central positions is letting us down



and that is the area on which I am concentrating my efforts in the search for new players.

Obviously I feel sorry for all our fans who got behind us so well last Tuesday. Your applause, even in defeat, indicates that the efforts by the players was appreciated and I can assure all of you that if you were disappointed about the outcome, then those emotions were even stronger amongst the players and myself.

Our position at the foot of the table, though difficult, can still be resolved with half a season ahead of us, but every game will have to be approached as if it were the last.

To succeed in hoisting ourselves away from the bottom we must build on Tuesday's commitment and hopefully, add the one or two players needed to bring stability to those areas I have already highlighted.



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# TIME TO RALLY THE TROOPS

**Tuesday's demoralising defeat by United was hard for the supporters to take.**

But it highlighted the way the fans appreciate what Jim Duffy is trying to do at Dens, and the quality of football on offer.

Despite yet another derby defeat, the fans were warm in their applause for the effort, skill and commitment

shown by the players.

That Dundee didn't deserve to lose is, unfortunately, all too familiar scenario this season. Unlike last Saturday's performance, where the commitment level was unacceptable against Partick Thistle, Jim and his troops pulled out all the stops against United. Speaking as a supporter for the last thirty years, I was as gutted as anybody by the defeat.

But, along with the majority of fans in the south enclosure I am aware the team are playing some of the best football we've seen from a Dundee side since the Archie Knox days.

This is where the fans come in.

If we believe in watching good football, we have to get behind the team and show it.

The fans were terrific on Tuesday, but that's easy when we're playing United because everybody is motivated by the derby atmosphere.

We really need to get behind the team and give them as much vocal

support every week.

Jim Duffy rightly praised the fans after Tuesday's match, and said he felt sorry for us after the way we got behind the team.

"I know it sounds like a typical football cliché, but the support the fans gave us against United was magnificent," he said.

"We know that we have let the fans down on many occasions, but the majority of the time it hasn't been through lack of effort.

"I hope that they appreciate that we are still trying to play good, attractive football, and they stick by us during the next few months.

"The players appreciate it, and it does make a big difference when you're playing."

We all support the same team, we're all on the same side.

It's time we showed Jim and the lads we care and cheer the team on from the start today.

We can play a big part in what happens to the club in the next few months.

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# WHEN WILL IT EVER IMPROVE?

Dundee had the chance to jump off the bottom of the table against Raith Rovers at Kirkcaldy, but not for the first time this season contrived to blow it.

Despite a first half during which the Dees played some of their best football of the season, a lack of punch up front and slack defending saw us lose to a Gordon Dalziel double.

Hundreds of Dundee fans travelled through in anticipation and we all left bitterly disappointed with the second-half display.

The players need to have more confidence on occa-



**WILLIE JAMIESON**  
PARTICK THISTLE F.C.

sions like this, when a bit more arrogance and fight would surely see us pick up the points our football deserves.

So it was on to Firhill to see if we could gain some revenge over Partick Thistle, who seem to have the Indian sign on us just now.

Surprise, surprise, though, it was a case of more doom and gloom for the Dens Parkers.

Perhaps because of rather than in spite of five changes from the side which inexplicably lost to Raith, we crashed to yet another single-goal defeat.

Jim Duffy sat on the sidelines cradling his sore knee, but by the end he was cradling his head in his hands as the Dundee defenders were pulled all over the place by the lively Thistle forwards.

Gary Paterson must have wished the ground would open up and swallow him when he was totally missed Ian Cameron's back header and let Alec Taylor slam the ball past Paul Mathers.

Billy Dodds did what every Dundee supporter wanted to do, and ran up to give the big centre-half a huge bollocking for failing to clear his lines.

One bright note was Paul Tosh's performance.

Not just in scoring Dundee's goal, but the way he managed to fool the referee into thinking he hadn't really pushed Willie Jamieson off the ball before blootering it



**ALBERT CRAIG**  
PARTICK THISTLE F.C.

past Nelson.

Good slight of hand there, Paul.

But all the good work was undone when Big Gary gave away a stupid free kick on the halfway line.

He compounded the felony by completely missing the ball, admittedly under pressure from Jamieson, and Albert Craig ran past another static defender to score a brilliant goal over his shoulder.

The watching Dundee fans couldn't help cursing the stocky midfielder, especially after he scored again from the penalty spot.

That's now twelve goals he's scored this season, not bad for a midfielder.

And it begs the question... why didn't he do it for us when he was at Dens?

And with Willie Jamieson still playing effectively at the back, it was hard to take.

We could certainly do with big Willie now.

# *Dark Blues In Action*



DUNDEE'S DODDS (RIGHT) SEES HIS EFFORT BLOCKED. HIS TEAMMATE LEANING FORD IS MCGOWAN. MALPAS (LEFT) IS THE DUNDEE UTD DEFENDER.



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**T**wenty years ago this week, Dundee met today's opponents Celtic in the League Cup Final at Hampden.

Underdogs as usual, the Dark Blues faced a Celtic team which had just won its eighth League Championship in a row, and which was to successfully complete a record ninth by the end of the season.



GORDON'S GLORY WINNER FLIES PAST HUNTER

# GLORY FOR

Optimistic as ever, though, we Dundee supporters believed our team was good enough to beat anybody on our day. But it was the time of the energy crisis, and the kick-off was brought forward in case of extra-time, so the match could be played in daylight.

And in case the floodlights were needed, a generator was provided by the Caledonian Traction and Equipment Company Ltd.

Right up to the day of the match, though, nobody knew if it would be on or off because of the blizzards sweeping Scotland, and thousands of Dundee supporters made the decision they'll no doubt regret for the rest of their lives and stayed at home, sadly missing one of the greatest days in the club's history.

I have to admit, I probably would have been one of them if it hadn't been for the fact my mate and I had girlfriends in Glasgow and we decided to go through even though it looked odds on the match would be cancelled (Women are useful for something, lads - only kidding, girls). That was one of the best decisions of my life, as I would never have forgiven myself if the boys had won and I was sit-

ting at home with my feet up at the fire. So there we were, two sixteen-year old lads and their lasses in the stand enclosure at half past one, the sleet hammering down from on high and dripping down our backs. How romantic.

I remember the brass band walking out on the pitch and almost doubling the attendance; obviously everybody else had done the sensible thing and stayed in to watch the wrestling on the telly.

Anyway, the match finally started on an atrocious pitch and Dundee immediately set about Celtic in a manner that suggested it could be our day.

The Dark Blues were stroking the ball about brilliantly in the awful conditions, and the Celtic players just couldn't get to grips with the game.

John Duncan was superb in his new mid-field role, and Jocky Scott, Gordon Wallace and Duncan Lambie were cutting through the Celts defence like knives through butter.

But as the boys in blue scorned chance after chance the familiar feeling that we were going to pay for it kept cropping up.

At half time it was nil-nil and Dundee

had been by far the better team, with Jocky, Gordon Wallace and Bobby Ford all missing good chances.

Then came Gordon's glory winner. Taking Bobby Wilson's free kick on his chest, "Stubby" wheeled and slammed the ball past Ally Hunter to send the fans (all three hundred of us) wild.

I have to confess I was delirious and lost my cool.

Up I went onto the track to celebrate and paid for my trouble with a boot up the backside from a disappointed Glasgow rozzer.

My mate was hugging everybody around him, and paid for his trouble when the understandably un-ecstatic Celtic fans threatened to punch his lights out.

From then till the final whistle we kept up a chorus of victory songs and chants, and ended up getting threatened by the green-and-white scarved hundreds all around us (no segregation in those days).

I can't really explain how I felt when referee Bobby Davidson finally blew for time up, but forgetting my girlfriend, I made straight for my mate and we just hugged each other and bounced up and down on the spot in disbelief.

It was the culmination of years of our time and money spent following Dundee FC to Hampden only to head home in tears after being beaten by Celtic in semi-finals.

This time, though, the tears were joyful ones, and I remember saying over and over again to my mate, "We've done it, we've done it."

The sight of Tommy Gemmell holding up the gleaming silver cup is one that will stay with me forever.

Even although the Glasgow police did their best to stop us savouring the victory by denying us access to the track to watch the celebrations in the stand. It's my greatest ever memory of Dundee Football Club, and anyone who was there will agree it was a special occasion made all the more sweet by the circumstances.



THE DUNDEE PLAYERS CELEBRATE IN STYLE AT THE ANGUS HOTEL



**All** change this week.

Today's column will take a slightly different form as I feel the issue below is too important to be ignored and has major long-term complications for all of us interested in Scottish football.

When your interest is focused on the daily grind of domestic football, whether it's avoiding relegation or as a fan wondering how you're going to get to an away fixture without breaking the bank, it's easy to overlook the Masterplans and gradiose ideas emanating from FIFA and UEFA.

Generall speaking despite their tampering and posturing, life and football for the average punter and his team goes on more or less regardless.

However, last week's announcement by the UEFA that there will be restrictions on entry to the major European trophy, the Champions' Cup, has implications at every level and particularly here in Scotland.

What it means is that finally, it's out in the open.

The game isn't about the clubs, the

players or the fans, it's about money, naked greed and the rich getting richer!

In a nutsell only the "big" countries will get automatic entry for the league champions and the rest (and of course that will include more often than not the Scottish champions) will be left

# HART

looking for the scraps.

This decision was made by the way not by the full UEFA council (indeed our own Jim Farry only found out just before he was due to fly out to the meeting at which the decision was announced!) but by representatives of

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## Goes In Where It Hurts

England, Spain, Italy, France and Germany on the grounds that they provide 91 per cent of the TV income for the Champions' League!

Now anyone who has watched the Champions Cup mutate over the past couple of years from an exciting knock-out competition to an exercise in keeping the big clubs happy will hardly be surprised by this, but what is amazing is the screams of horror and outrage from sections of the Scottish media.

Let's face it, over the past few years since the "Souness Revolution" and even before, the supporters and apolo-

# ATTACK

gists who make up the numbers of the West Coast Media have continually advocated the dropping of the smaller clubs and the advancement of the big club(s) dropping of the smaller clubs and the advancement of the big club(s) purely and simply for financial gain under the cover of "it's good for football."

Surely the whole point of football league competitions is that everyone starts equal and at the end the best team wins whether it's the first of the 99th time.

Any attempts to handicap or place obstacles in teams just because they are smaller (or bigger) is unfair competition.

The bottom line is that because of complex of co-efficients (based on individual and national performances over a past period), Scottish Champions in the future will no longer have automatic entry to the Champions' Cup.

In other words we the fans are being told that the league we watch, week in, week out is clearly inferior and it is only a matter of time until the other European trophies follow suit and we are further marginalised.

Once again the big bus and financiers of football call the tune and you and I – the mugs who pay our cash – are left powerless.

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