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# PAUL STURROCK

**B**efore last week's game, I said that consistency was what we were urgently seeking after the highly encouraging ninety minutes at Pittodrie.

Unfortunately, once again I was very disappointed with our performance against St Johnstone.

It really is quite incredible the number of times that we have taken a lead only to let it slip in double-quick time.

Almost as soon as we establish any kind of advantage, fear seems to spread through the side like lightning with the inevitable consequence that we end up losing a goal.

This situation cannot be allowed to continue.

It is a terrible thing to have to say and it has been dwelling on my mind for some time now, but the players at this Club have lost their way when it comes to defending whilst the opposition are in possession..

Redressing that problem should see an

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end to the almost constant leaking of goals.

Bringing about improvement in that area must either be done through a change of attitude by the incumbent players or bringing in new faces from either within the present playing staff or from outside.

Not that the present injury situation is helping. For example, prior to last weekend's match with St Johnstone, apart from the sixteen players stripped for duty, there was only one other player with any experience available to me. None-the-less, we simply have to be in a position where competition for places will add that extra edge to the players holding down places week in and week out. And frankly in certain areas of the team that is not presently the case.

I can assure you that the management team and coaching staff are exploring every possible avenue to bring about the desired change of attitude.

However, whilst we have tried hard to instil things in certain players, it is difficult to teach the more experienced players new tricks.

The alternative is to bring in new players and this is another area in which we are channelling our energies.

Funnily enough this afternoon's encounter against Celtic might just have come at the right time for us.

Even although their form away from home has not been up to the standards expected by them, they will always be very difficult opponents.

But by the same token, our aim is to see a turn-round in our fortunes at Tannadice and this might be just the kind of fixture which gives the players the missing zest to reverse the trend of poor home results.





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**Runners-up:**

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**Summer Cup**

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**Scottish War-time Cup**

Runners-up: 1939-40

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SKY DATES**

Before the end of the year, we have two dates with the Sky Sports cameras.

The first comes up next Sunday when we meet Kilmarnock at Rugby Park.

The match on December 20th Kicks-off at 6.05 p.m. and Kilmarnock inform us that reduced admission prices will apply for this game, entry being £5 for Adults and £2 for Juveniles and Senior Citizens.

That is the start of a hectic festive programme which sees us travel to Motherwell on Boxing Day. Kick-off at Fir Park is 3p.m. as normal.

The following Wednesday, we are back under the Sky spotlight when we host a visit from Rangers. This match is on Wednesday, 30th December (a day later than originally scheduled) and kicks-off at 7.45 p.m.

The game is all-ticket and details surrounding the sale of tickets will be publicised as soon as they are known. The same applies to tickets for the third derby of the season which takes place on Saturday, 2nd January, kick-off 3 p.m.

After that tough schedule the players will more than deserve the two week break which follows

N.B. Office hours over the Christmas period will be as follows:-

Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24th December - 9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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Monday, 28th December, Tuesday 29th December & Wednesday, 30th December - Normal hours 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

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Or alternatively, there is the "Dundee United's Who's Who". Written by Pat Kelly, it is the essential, up-to-the-minute basic book for every supporter of Dundee United. The straight-forward A-Z arrangement of names for speedy reference will help resolve those arguments because it contains biographies and statistics relating to players from the days of Dundee Hibs right up to the start of this season. The book is priced at £8.50 and is also available from The United Shop at 5 Victoria Road, Dundee.

## HALF SEASON TICKETS - THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

As is customary at this time of year, the club are offering half-price season tickets which will be valid from Wednesday, 30th December 1998. These make the ideal Christmas present and are priced as follows.

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**Special Guests:** Victoria Kelly from Dundee (No. 849) & Ross Grahame from Penicuik (No. 806). In addition, there is one extra Special Guest this afternoon, Greg Docherty who is the 1000th member of the Young Lions.

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# LOOKING BACK

## 5 YEARS AGO - 1993

**Saturday, 11th December 1993**

It took just 24 seconds from the time United kicked-off before Ally Maxwell was picking the ball out of his net! Paddy Connolly delivered a right foot cross from which Dave Bowman directed a header in at the near post. A second goal arrived after 15 minutes when Brian Welsh curled a clearance up field. Only Paddy Connolly reacted as the Rangers defence remained static and the United striker measured his finish to perfection. Six minutes later the large Ibrox gathering, though not obviously the band of United supporters in the front of the Broomloan Stand, were stunned into even greater silence. Ally Maxwell advanced from his area to head a high ball clear of Craig Brewster. That brought only temporary relief as Billy McKinlay chipped the ball off the crossbar from 25 yards. Paddy Connolly met the rebound, but his effort was blocked by a defender on the line. However, the ball broke to Craig Brewster who scored easily from a couple of yards. With the hard work done United let Rangers chase the game, but whenever danger lurked, and that wasn't too often, a tangerine body prevented Guido van de Kamp from being unduly troubled.

**FINAL SCORE - RANGERS 0 UNITED 3**

## 10 YEARS AGO - 1988

**Saturday 10th December 1988**

The final score certainly doesn't reflect it, but Hibs played very well. They were unfortunate to fall behind after only 12 minutes when Paul Hegarty's cross to the back post was headed down by Mixu Paatelainen for Hamish French to apply the finishing touch. Our second goal fell into the bizarre category! Neil Orr knocked the ball back to Graham Mitchell, but his routine back-pass eluded the goalkeeper who had advanced from goal and the ball rolled gently into the vacant net! Neil Orr smashed a shot against the cross-bar, but shortly afterwards, Hibs found themselves trailing further. Kevin Gallacher played the ball inside to Billy McKinlay who struck a low drive into the corner of the net in 62 minutes. This was the strike which finally killed off a fighting Easter Road outfit. A fourth followed in the 73rd minute. A corner from the left skimmed off the head of a Hibs defender and Kevin Gallacher counted with a diving header. Five minutes later the visitors got a consolation goal, the least their efforts deserved, when Steve Archibald headed in a Joe McBride cross.

**FINAL SCORE - UNITED 4 HIBS 1**

## 15 YEARS AGO - 1983

**Saturday, 10th December 1983**

For the second successive week we were in Edinburgh, but failed to make it a Capital double after being held to a goalless draw by Hearts. In all truth, neither side really deserved victory from a game in which neither keeper was over-worked. A bright start by the men in tangerine faded after Ralph Milne was forced to withdraw with a knock to the hip on the half hour mark. We never regained our earlier rhythm although it was his replacement, John Holt, who came closest to scoring, two second half efforts of his almost breaking the deadlock. Despite being short of our best, we showed enough class to dominate the game for lengthy periods in both halves. On that basis, it seemed we must score, but the Tynecastle back four were in great form and held firm.

**FINAL SCORE - HEARTS 0 UNITED 0**

## 25 YEARS AGO - 1973

**Saturday, 15th December 1973**

No first team action to report on with Referee Bob Valentine ruling Tannadice unfit for the visit of Arbroath in the league. Although originally hard, but playable, a heavy snowfall put paid to any chances of the match going ahead. Celtic weren't idle though as they met Dundee in the Scottish League Cup final on a Hampden surface which was a mixture of mud and ice. Played in a sleet storm, only 30,000 saw the game which had a 1.30 p.m. start. The goal that brought the League Cup back to Dens for the first time since 1952 was scored by a man later to have a long-standing Tannadice connection - Gordon Wallace. Fifteen minutes from the end, he received the ball with his back to goal and wheeled quickly to slash the ball into the left-hand corner to inflict on Celtic their fourth successive League Cup final defeat. One United eleven, the reserves, did see some action with Gayfield being playable and against the run of play Brian Rankin gave us the lead. Ian Steen added to it in the 25th minute before Buchan pulled one back on the half hour mark. O'Hara diverted an Andy Penman free-kick home for a 64th minute equaliser, but Duncan McLeod rounded off a great solo run to score a late winner.

**FINAL SCORE - ARBROATH RESERVES 2 UNITED RESERVES 3**

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- Substitute & Number Replaced
- Cautioned
- Own Goal
- Sent Off
- Sub, Not Used

All matches SPL unless indicated as follows:  
LC - League Cup  
SC - Scottish Cup

Player	Goals	Substitutes	Number Replaced	Cautioned	Sent Off
SIEB DIJKSTRA	1				
IAN JENKINS	2				
MAURICE MALPAS	3				
SIGGI JONSSON	4				
DARREN PATTERSON	5				
ERIK PEDERSEN	6				
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