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JOCKY SCOTT

Once again, in the Scottish Cup, we had to endure the problems which teams from lower divisions pose to Premier teams, especially when the Premier team is at home.

All credit to Brechin City for stopping us playing at Dens.

However, I know it must be frustrating for you, the supporters, when your team is unable to break down the opposition defence.

The results from the Third Round ties still suggest that shock results are very much a possibility.

However, it is also evident by the replay results that the team from the lower division do



not get a second chance.

Obviously we are delighted to be in the next round and look forward to the visit of Motherwell.

Today's visitors need no introduction, they have had a very good season and are sitting at the top of the league.

Recent games with Celtic at Dens have been good, entertaining affairs and today's game should be no exception.

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For Brechin 'twas a pity.

At Dens they gave us quite a jolt
We didn't match their zest
At Glebe Park 'twas a different tale
And we came off the best.

Now we've got Motherwell up here
A team we highly rate,
If we should overcome the 'Well
We'll be in the last eight.

But to the League, last week we went
To Easter Road and when you
Just look around and sense that mood
It's not our favourite venue!

Behind the goal, on Arctic slopes
We watched in trepidation —
Our 'marksmen' missing 'certain' goals
Increased our aggravation.

We lost, and to be fair, the Hibs
Deserved their hour of glory —
If we had put those chances through
'Twould be a different story.

But here today as foes we have
The Celts from 'way back west —
If empty handed they return —
We'll have to play our best.

Let's hope that jaunt to sunny climes
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To face the Celts and beat them well —
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CELTIC

What can be said about our visitors today that has not been said many times before? The first thing that must be said, of course, is that they are most welcome guests and we await with keen anticipation a close and thrilling contest.

The Celts arrive as league leaders, with a three point advantage over their nearest rivals, plus a game in hand, but no one connected with the club is counting their chickens, for one year ago they were in a similar position only to see the League title snatched from their grasp in the final run-in. It is perhaps true to say that they have not been winning their last few games in convincing style but the fact remains that they have been gathering the points consistently. It is the sign for a first rate side that even when not firing on all cylinders they can achieve victory after victory.

BOOKIES FAVOURITES

The home team has also been stuttering a bit lately, so it could well be that both clubs strike top form today and provide a feast of fine football.

Not only do the Green and Whites head the league they have also been installed by the bookmakers as favourites for the Scottish Cup in this, their Centenary Year. On 25th May the club will have been in existence for one hundred years and the dream they cherish, and will fight so hard to attain, will be to cap the celebrations with a League and Cup double. We applaud all their glorious achievements, but this will not inhibit our lads from halting their league progress today — and who knows but that on a later date we may also foil their Cup aspirations too.

Manager Billy McNeill, MBE, brings along a very strong side — when did Celtic do otherwise?

Early in the season goalkeeper Pat Bonner was not available for selection owing to a serious illness which at one time appeared to threaten his career. Into the breach stepped Allan McKnight and for a stand-in, his performances were considered so good that many people felt that he was now the Celts number one choice for between the posts. But Bonner gradually fought his way back to fitness and was then given his old spot back. He grabbed the opportunity firmly and is showing the kind of form that makes him the Republic of Ireland's regular man at the rear. An interesting statistic concerning his record is that in 19 games he has only had to remove the ball from the net on 10 occasions, or to put it another way, he has conceded a goal on average every 171 minutes of play. The only other 'keeper to match this figure is Bruce Grobbelaar, who plays behind possibly the best team in Europe at the present time.

With Allen Knight sitting on the sidelines waiting for his chance to get back in the team Pat knows that he has to be good in every game. He had an injury scare the other week when he damaged a shoulder in training after teammate Peter Grant fell over him. No doubt Pat will stay well clear of Peter in future as he prepares for the tough run-in for the honours this season, plus the forthcoming European

Championship in which Eire play England at Stuttgart on 12th June.

Almost certain to be playing alongside Bonner at Stuttgart is Chris Morris who, although born in Newquay and an England Schools cap is still qualified to play for the Republic. Signed from Sheffield Wednesday last year Chris was originally a forward but since moving into the back division his progress has been astonishingly fast and he has made the number 2 berth very much his own, both for club and country. His forays up front serve as a reminder of his days as an attacker and woe betide the teams who forget that fact.



Tommy Burns

Playing alongside Morris is 19 year-old Derek Whyte, a former Schools and Youth International who came through the Celtic Boys' Club to make his league debut v Hearts in February 1986. Derek is now an automatic first team choice and has been accorded recognition at full national level despite his tender age. Derek's strength and determination allied to a desire to be always involved in the play set him up for a long and successful career at the highest level.

KEY FACTOR

Another Celtic Boys' Club graduate and former Schools, Youth and Under-21 cap is defender Peter Grant who played his first league game for the club against Rangers in April 1984 and since then has been a regular choice, with 37 appearances last term to his credit. Born in Bellshill 22 years ago Peter has become a key factor in a Celtic defence which has conceded only 19 goals in 31 matches, a truly remarkable feat. He is another of the new breed of attacking defenders and on occasion has been used as an attack member.

Skipper for the Parkhead side, and for his country, is 29 year old Roy Aitken who has been the real driving

force behind Celtic's successes this season and in earlier years too. In twelve years as a first team man his career total of games for the club is away in excess of 400 and yet in every game, no matter what the conditions or the opposition, he is the one who can always find that extra ounce of energy and enthusiasm. Our national coach Andy Roxburgh, has recognised Roy's great attributes as a leader who drives his team mates on to better things with a wonderful mixture of coaxing, cajoling, even bullying, but always by example too.

In these days when player/managers are quite prevalent Roy is a one-off type in that he is a player/Public Relation Officer, perhaps not officially, but he never misses an opportunity to publicise the club which he obviously holds so dear to his heart. This season was not very far advanced when Roy was sticking his neck out and proclaiming to all and sundry that this was to be Celtic's year for the double, league and cup. He has been involved in 3 cup triumphs



Mark McGhee

during his years at Parkhead and in one of them, 1977, Celts achieved the coveted double so he certainly has to be listened to when he makes his predictions. Although more recognised as a grafter than a flamboyant player Roy can occasionally display a flair that makes him stand out on the park as a darling of the hordes of Celtic fans and the answer to a managers' prayers.

Just as Bonner and McKnight provide great competition for one another for one berth there has over the past couple of months developed another battle for one jersey, the one bearing the number

5. One of the contestants is Mick McCarthy, who had played under Manager Billy McNeil with Manchester City before, joining Celtic in the summer of 1987. Previously Mick had carved out a fine career with his native Barnsley for whom he had played 272 league games. His appearances in a Celtic strip was delayed through an injury which took a rather long time to heal, but Manager McNeill showed commendable patience in waiting until he was 100% sure of Mick's fitness before risking him. This proved to be a wise move for with the advent of McCarthy, Celtic's rise to the top of the pack came steadily and the 6' 2" Mick played a full part in this. Eire's manager, Jack Charlton, must be thankful to Billy McNeil for the way he has brought out the best in McCarthy who has a very important role to play in his country's search for honours in the European championship.

QUIRK OF FATE

Just when everything in the garden seemed rosy, however, McCarthy was forced to call off for a brief spell through injury and on to the scene stepped a 19-year-old who had been with the club for 5 years, Lex Baillie. This young giant fitted in to the Celtic scheme of things from the first moment he took over and in no time at all was earning rave reviews for his performances. With a fairly settled defence playing around him young Baillie looked as if he was there to stay, but one of those queer quirks of fate took a hand and he was out through injury. Back comes McCarthy and now Mr McNeill is faced with the problem of which one to leave out when both are fit. Both are rock solid, dependable and determined and there must be many managers who wish they could spirit one or the other away from Parkhead. But both are fully committed to the Green and White brigade and the problem is still with the Celtic manager.



Roy Aitken

Celtic's engine room is manned by two men who have been with them for some time now. Tommy Burns has been there since 1975 and this has been his testimonial year. Seldom can such an honour be more worthily earned, for in all these dozen years or so Tommy

has been a real credit to the club, notching up over 300 league appearances in the process and seldom, if ever, giving less than an excellent performance. He carries his 31 years with great distinction and his experience has been of inestimable value to the new £1¼ million strike force Celtic now parade.



Paul McStay

The other mid-field maestro is Paul McStay who seems to have been around so long that it is difficult to believe he is still only 23 years old. Even as a real youngster he showed the stamp of class and maturity and nowadays his form ranks him as one of the small band of true world class British players. It is always a joy for a football purist to watch this young man prod, probe and pounce, constantly menacing the opposition, yet able to find time to help out his defence should the need arise. Manager McNeill has been quoted somewhere that he wanted Paul to get more on to the score sheet and with his immense wealth of ability Paul could soon be meeting all his manager's requirements. When that happens, heaven help the opposition.

CAESAR

The Celtic strike force mentioned earlier, of Andy Walker, Joe Miller and Frank McAvennie is one moulded by the Celtic manager to replace the men who departed the Celtic scene at the end of last season and there is every indication that the shrewdness of "Caesar" McNeill will pay handsome dividends for the club.

Andrew Walker made the short journey from Fir Park to Celtic Park, but while he had shown potential with Motherwell he is now converting that potential into devastating performances and climbing steadily up the goalscorer charts. His speed, control and uncanny ability to get into the correct position mean that he poses a real threat to any defence, no matter how well organised they may be.

Glasgow born Joe Miller joined Aberdeen as a schoolboy and made his league debut for them against Dundee Utd in December 1984. But it was last season when he really exploded on to the scene to have everyone talking about the Miller menace. But his heart was at Parkhead and when Celts came

for him he accepted readily, and now revels in the green and white jersey, to the constant consternation of opponents. At the age of 20 his best is yet to come, a daunting prospect for defenders set the task of containing his will-o'-the-wisp style of play.

After an electrifying start to his career south of the border Frank McAvennie was not hitting the same giddy heights in the following season but in the autumn of 1987 manager McNeill gambled that Frank's lack of success was a temporary affair and that all he needed was a change of surroundings. The £340,000 fee paid for him by West Ham was more than matched by Celtic's bid and so Frank made the journey back north again. At first his performances in a Celtic jersey were good but in no way satisfying to the player himself, and to his credit he set about rectifying the matter. He undertook extra training stints in a bid to sharpen up his play and also took a look at his diet in a bid to shed some of the weight he believed was handicapping him.

Now 10lbs lighter and with his reflexes finely toned, Frank is ready to take on the best. With Joe Miller's purchase removing some of the pressure caused by being a big-money buy he has regained all of his enthusiasm and danger. Incidentally, his confidence soared since he won a £10 bet from his agent, Bill McMurdo who had wagered that Frank would not score 10 goals before the end of 1987. As his agent is a Rangers fan at heart the pleasure for Frank was doubled.

Despite the fact that McAvennie is only 5 feet 10 inches tall he is the "big man" in the Celtic forward line since Miller reaches to only 5 feet 7 inches and Walker is one inch taller, so Frank is again the main target man, and thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Like Joe Miller, Billy Stark moved to Parkhead from Aberdeen, after having spent some time with St. Mirren. With a career total just short of 400 appearances Billy can be relied upon to use this experience to settle the younger men around him when called into the side. His midfield play is simple but effective and most managers would be happy to have a player of his quality in their side.

Hovering around as a perpetual warning to the young Celtic strikers is the experienced Mark McGhee who at the present time is unable to command a regular first team berth, but his very presence on the fringe is a wonderful spur to the youngsters. When his chance does come along Mark will be in there doing his best, as ever, and giving defenders no rest.

All in all a most intriguing encounter is in prospect. One team determined to secure their status as leaders, the other hell bent on regaining the winning habit, thereby enhancing their chances of competing in Europe next season. As ever between these two teams a truly sporting encounter is expected, one which will send the rival supporters happy, if not all pleased with the result then at least all pleased with the performance.

To end with, our usual plea to all the fans. By all means give your favourites every encouragement but always bear in mind that the good name of your club and Scottish football is in your capable hands.

20 Questions

1. Yallop, Harbey, D'Avray, Dozzell and Zondervan all play for which English club?
2. How many times have Celtic won the Scottish Cup?
3. How many of the present Rangers first team squad have won a Scottish Cup medal?
4. Which member of the Celtic first team squad has an English Schools cap?
5. Which member of Dundee's first team squad once played for Celtic Boys' Club?
6. For how long was Jocky Scott assistant manager at Dundee?
7. Where was Mick McCarthy born?
8. In season 1986/87 Brian McClair scored how many League goals: (a) 31, (b) 33, (c) 35, or (d) 36?
9. For which English club does the player nicknamed 'Gazza' play?
10. Peter Weir and Mickey Weir were recently transferred. Can you name their old and new clubs?
11. Who was the last player to join the band of players who have won 50 Scottish caps?
12. Which English club took part in the recent Tennents Sixes?
13. Celtic's highest ever home gate was (a) 92,000, (b) 88,000, (c) 85,000?
14. Which two clubs amalgamated in 1893 to form Dundee F.C.?
15. When was the first floodlight English League game played: (a) 1959, (b) 1957, (c) 1956 or (d) 1955?
16. Which non-League club won the Welsh F.A. Cup last season?
17. Dundee and Celtic have met twice in the final of the League Cup. Can you say in which seasons?
18. Which is the odd one out and why: Bradford City, Leeds United, Barnsley, Doncaster?
19. Which club plays its home games at Plough Lane?
20. Who is manager of Airdrieonians?

(Answers on page 18).

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CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING

We all wish to proffer our congratulations to Mr Scott and his entourage for the glory brought to the Club with their winning of the Tennents Sixes for the first time, and particularly for the manner in which they achieved this feat, for by common consent of all those who watched the competition, both live and on television, the best team won. Who knows what further honours lie in store now that Mr Scott's men have prised the door open.

No doubt by now you will have read in the National Press that I have decided, after long and careful soul-searching and consideration, to continue to hold the office which I was honoured to receive, namely Chairman of Dundee Football Club. This is my first opportunity of giving our marvellous supporters a chance to hear my side of the whole set of circumstances surrounding the affair and at the same time scotch a few ill-informed rumours and misconceived opinions which have to some extent clouded the atmosphere.

Some time ago I felt it my duty to the Club to investigate the possibility of a larger cash injection being made available with all the advantages that would accrue and for this reason only I made my original decision to put my shares in the Club on the market. Wild, unfounded tales about my object being to double my investment were simply figments of some overworked imaginations.

In effect, my decision taken last week means that the Club is not for sale and all of us who have the Club's best interests at heart, in the Boardroom, the Management, Playing and General Staff can get on with the task of putting the name of Dundee F.C. up where it belongs, among the best in the country.

I personally am now relishing the prospect of being at the helm of this grand old Club, by far the oldest in the area, at a moment in time when the future looks



assured and also most promising. With this in mind I am encouraged by the improved attendances at Dens Park and the way in which the vast majority of our support is whole-heartedly behind the team. For this my Board of Directors and Officials thank you and look on your support as a clear mandate to pursue the goal of having the Club fortunes always on the rise.

To our visiting Chairman, Mr John McGinn, and all his myriad of colleagues who have the name of Celtic etched on their hearts we extend a cordial welcome and look forward to another great sporting contest between two fine sides.

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THOUGHTS ON SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

Two football enthusiasts, Steve Schoppler of 6 Union Street, Edinburgh and Grant Anderson of 44 Montpelier Park, Edinburgh have submitted to us an article which we are pleased to include in this publication.

The ideas and solutions they offer are their own and are self explanatory. We hope that many of you will take up their offer to send in your own thoughts on the topics raised, and these may be sent direct to the authors or to the Club Secretary, here at Dens Park, for transmission thereafter to the these two fans.

Our thanks go to Messrs Schoppler and Anderson for giving us the opportunity to bring to your notice their well-presented comments, to which they have obviously given considerable thought and time.

The floor is yours, gentlemen.

In an ever-changing modern society, demands of new generations inevitably differ from those of their predecessors. How can we satisfy them all? The following passages attempt to investigate the role of professional football in Scotland and how it relates to the supporters and communities. Has football failed to keep in touch with modern trends? Are clubs providing adequate facilities for the fans? Is the standard of football high enough? Such questions are merely the tip of the iceberg, and people genuinely concerned about the image of the game will be familiar with many of the opinions which follow and undoubtedly could raise many other valid points. The object of this exercise is to stimulate a response from you, the reader. You may be one of many customers quietly dissatisfied with the manner in which football is run, or you may be someone who is no longer inclined to attend a football match because of personal reasons. You might even be one who is generally satisfied with the current state of Scottish football, but feel modifications could be beneficial. Whatever, we invite you to drop us a line, if you are concerned or unhappy about some aspect of modern day football, then we would like to hear from you. Be positive and constructive in your criticisms. May we now introduce you to a selection of talking points, some you may agree with, others you might reject.

ENTERTAINING FOOTBALL

Many more clubs should promote positive, attacking football with emphasis very much on scoring goals. But does the current set-up encourage such an adventurous and refreshing approach? Perhaps not. Are too many clubs content with a safety first attitude where the primary concern is not to lose, and a draw is often considered to be a good result? With regard to the league set-up, perhaps a victory could be rewarded with three points, and goal scoring feats recognised by awarding cash pay-outs courtesy of a main sponsor. The organisers of the Skol Cup have a recipe for success and their efforts should be applauded. They have encouraged entertaining football, and a competition once in serious decline has been transformed, as indicated by greatly increased attendances. The fans are seeing what they want to see... goals. The knowledge that all matches must produce a winner has also been well received by the fans. Football is a form of live theatre and audiences expect value for money. If this does not materialise, then attendances will suffer the inevitable drop in numbers. Football is the most popular form of spectator entertainment in this country but from a futuristic viewpoint must guard against complacency or risk being toppled.

SKILLS

Again, in many instances, the standard of football could be improved. Basic ball skills could be bettered, and we lag behind most of Europe in this respect. Other 'small' nations in Europe have made an impact on World football, notably Holland in the seventies, and Belgium and Denmark in the eighties. It is not beyond Scotland to reach similar dizzy heights, but only if we adopt the system of coaching schools existing in countries such as those already mentioned. For example, in West Germany, all coaches must possess a practicing certificate. A similar system would surely benefit the game in this country, and an emphasis on football skills could achieve a great deal. Perhaps a nationwide network of coaching schools would ensure that the game would be developed along the right lines.

FIELD INDISCIPLINE

A major source of irritation to all genuine football enthusiasts is the apparent willingness of some individual players, or indeed clubs, to indulge in the more distasteful aspect of the game such as persistent fouling, the use of the 'professional foul', time-wasting, dissent, provocative gestures, and so on. Referees must be encouraged to stamp out such practices, and clubs should be held responsible in all instances of gross misconduct. But are fines sufficient? How should the authorities punish the disorderly? Should they deduct league points from offending clubs? Deliberate foul play does not qualify as entertainment. On the contrary, it arouses negative emotions such as animosity and disgust, and has a direct link with serious crowd disorder.

THE OFFSIDE LAW

The offside rule in its current form only succeeds in confusing the people actively involved or interested in the game... the players, spectators, and even match officials.

Referees are burdened with the responsibility of applying a law which requires individual judgement of circumstances e.g. is a player who occupies an 'offside' position interfering with play or not? The rule has not been well defined, and therefore is difficult to operate and ultimately a persistent cause of controversy. Do you agree that the existing definition of offside should be amended? A solution might be to judge all players in an offside position as interfering with play. Alternatively, a suggestion may be to confine offside to say an area extending eighteen yards from the goal-line, similar to the 1983 League Cup experiment.

SUMMER FOOTBALL

Most field sports go into hibernation during winter, but football is one of the exceptions. Why? Clubs complain about falling gates, postponements, and the resultant loss of revenue, and of course winter is the chief offender. Unless clubs can provide facilities of comfort for the public at this time of year, then it is certain that attendances will decrease. The standard of football may also deteriorate as players encounter the difficulties of ice-covered surfaces and stamina sapping conditions. The advantages of summer football are obvious, and are the opposite of the drawbacks already quoted. Are you an advocate of summer football? Is under-soil heating a definite solution? How do you view a winter break from football? Consider too that the elements discourage many potential customers, e.g. travelling fans, women and children.

FACILITIES AT FOOTBALL GROUNDS

Are football fans happy with the facilities afforded to them? Is there scope for improvement? For example, are you in favour of the provision of more seating at football stadia? And what about cover? Are you discouraged by the prospect of being rained on or buffeted about by the wind on open terraces, particularly at 'away' venues? Toilet facilities are usually very disappointing and can briefly be described as antiquated and scruffy in many instances. Provision for ladies is often less than adequate. Catering could also be better, as the customer is subjected to lack of variety, over-pricing and lengthy queues. Finally, the shortage of turnstiles at some club grounds is often responsible for more lengthy queues, and frayed tempers! Surely this is avoidable.

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FOOTBALL HOOLIGANISM

Unfortunately, the idiot actions of the hooligan element allied to their coarse language has done nothing to improve the image of the game. Many decent people steer clear of football because of such immature, anti-social behaviour, and their loss to football is incalculable. Do you think clubs and genuine fans could do more to isolate troublemakers, and prevent outbreaks of disorder? Are you satisfied with existing segregation arrangements? Do you think that by attracting more families to attend football matches the incidence of offensive behaviour would lessen? Are football clubs doing enough to attract families?

ARTIFICIAL PITCHES

Is there a future for artificial surfaces? Are you in favour of them or are you a traditionalist who prefers the conventional grass surface?

PRESS AND TELEVISION COVERAGE

There is a body of opinion which considers coverage of football in Scotland to be biased and therefore unfair. Both television and press coverage promote the interests of a select group of clubs at the expense of the remainder. Publicity will boost attendances, but to concentrate efforts on a mere handful of clubs is a most unfair portrayal of Scottish football. With regard to the 'Old Firm' in particular, there may be a case for a greater degree of coverage based on their undisputed popularity and also the evidence that the majority of the Scottish population is based in the West. However, if such coverage is based on the population theory, then why are notable clubs in the area such as Partick, St. Mirren and Motherwell generally neglected? Representation of the 'Old Firm' could perhaps be described as an obsession beyond popular demand.

A possible improvement might be to broadcast matches along more favourable guidelines e.g. with regard to coverage of the Premier League, each club could be restricted to a certain maximum number of appearances, and each could be guaranteed a minimum number. Live television coverage of football is on the increase. Do you think that this development will benefit the game? Should such coverage be restricted to cup finals and internationals?

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Hampden Park is undoubtedly Scotland's principal international venue, but there have been many occasions when this vast stadium has been embarrassed by sparsely populated terraces. Would it not be a good idea to stage less important matches in other Scottish cities such as Edinburgh, Dundee and Aberdeen? Many other nations throughout the world have already adopted such a practice. Why not here?

REPRESENTATION FOR FANS

The game is largely dependent on the finance generated by the people who support the game... the fans. But, the football authorities scarcely recognise the opinions of football supporters, who, given their generous financial assistance to the game, merit some say with regard to deciding how it should be run. Do the authorities care? League and cup competitions are constantly revamped, matches are postponed at short notice, football continues throughout the winter season, international matches are over-priced, and there are far too many matches being played resulting in great expense for the dedicated follower. In each instance, the fan is hardly considered. Do you think that football supporters should be represented as a body with a measure of influence or voting power? Do you think that a football supporters' representative should attend S.F.A. and Scottish League meetings? Does the game really need both the Scottish League and the S.F.A.? What are the benefits of having two organisations to administer the game?

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Many football clubs must improve their public image and attempt to forge closer links with supporters and communities. By understanding each other's requirements much can be achieved, to the benefit of all concerned. This is the age of information and communication.

Clubs might consider rewarding their loyal supporters e.g. season ticket holders, by arranging perks such as free match programmes, offering discounts on goods at club shops, and establishing members only clubs. Perhaps an evening or evenings could be set aside to allow supporters the opportunity to meet and talk to players and officials.

MULTI-PURPOSE STADIA

Football clubs are not realising the full potential of their facilities, which could be made available to the public throughout the year. Stadia could be rented by organisations for exhibitions and performances such as pop concerts, firework displays, markets, boxing tournaments, Highland games, car shows, 'It's a Knockout' competitions and so on. Professionally organised and promoted, such ideas could raise valuable income. Clubs should also consider developing their sites as community centres creating sports halls, top quality restaurants, lounge bars, snooker halls, amusement arcades, souvenir shops, and so on for public use. Clubs can ensure their future by diversification. Furthermore, in the pursuit of such facilities, clubs should set their sights on quality and aim for an up-market approach. Membership schemes could be established with regard to sports clubs and facilities relating to basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, squash, gymnastics and so on.

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I was at the Sunday games, with The Junior Dark Blues, but couldn't get to the Finals night.

I was sweating blood watching you winning your way to the trophy.

It was great to see the team brushing aside teams such as Aberdeen, and Dundee Utd (especially), and finally Motherwell.

Thanks for so much enjoyment and happiness in the past few days, Next stop Hampden!!!

Yours faithfully,
Janis Ireland (15)

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Aug.	8	ABERDEEN	P.L.	1-1	10,223	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Brown	Wright	Coyne	Angus 1	Harvey	Lawrence
	12	Falkirk	P.L.	3-0	2,800	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Brown 2	Wright 1	Coyne	Angus	Smith	Jack
	15	Hibernian	P.L.	4-0	8,200	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Shannon	Brown 1	Wright 2	Coyne 2	Angus	Rafferty	Harvey	McGeachie
	19	Queen's Park	L.C.	3-0	1,140	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay 1	McGeachie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne 1	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	22	St. Mirren	P.L.	0-2	5,969	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne 2	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	26	Meadowbank	L.C.	3-0	2,500	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne 4	Angus	Harvey	Jack
	29	DUNFERMLINE	P.L.	5-0	7,584	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne 1	Angus	Harvey	Jack
Sept.	5	DUNDEE UTD.	L.C.	2-1	19,724	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne	Angus	Harvey 1	Jack
	12	Morton	P.L.	3-4	4,026	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 2	Angus	Harvey	McGeachie
	19	HEARTS	P.L.	1-3	9,199	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	23	Aberdeen	L.C.	0-2	22,034	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	26	Motherwell	P.L.	2-0	2,666	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Jack
Oct.	3	DUNDEE UTD.	P.L.	1-1	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 1	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	7	CELTIC	P.L.	1-1	13,236	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 1	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	10	Aberdeen	P.L.	0-0	12,500	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Jack
	17	Dunfermline	P.L.	1-0	6,890	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	28	MORTON	P.L.	1-0	3,829	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	31	Hearts	P.L.	2-4	13,806	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
Nov.	7	FALKIRK	P.L.	3-1	4,324	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne 1	Angus	Rafferty	Harvey
	14	Celtic	P.L.	0-5	31,666	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne 2	Angus	Rafferty	McGeachie
	17	St. Mirren	P.L.	2-1	3,328	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 1	Angus	Brown	Harvey
	21	HIBERNIAN	P.L.	2-1	6,583	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 2	Angus	Brown	Harvey
	24	MOTHERWELL	P.L.	2-0	3,695	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 1	Angus	Brown	Harvey
	28	Dundee Utd	P.L.	3-1	13,625	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 2	Angus	Brown	Harvey
Dec.	5	ABERDEEN	P.L.	1-2	8,799	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
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	26	Rangers	P.L.	0-2	40,938	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
Jan.	1	DUNFERMLINE	P.L.	2-0	8,527	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne 2	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	6	RANGERS	P.L.	0-1	17,450	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
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	30	BRECHIN CITY	S.C.	0-0	5,040	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Campbell
Feb.	6	Brechin City	S.C.	3-0	3,012	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne	Angus	Ogilvie	Campbell
	13	Celtic	P.L.	1-2	8,000	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright 1	Coyne	Angus	Ogilvie	Campbell
	20	MOTHERWELL	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
Mar.	27	Aberdeen	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
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	12	Hearts	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	19	Dunfermline	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
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Apr.	2	Dundee Utd.	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
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May	7	St. Mirren	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence
	14	Scottish Cup Final	P.L.	0-0	11,497	Geddes	Forsyth	McKinlay	Glennie	Smith	Duffy	Mennie	Shannon	Wright	Coyne	Angus	Harvey	Lawrence

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Captain's Corner — Jim Duffy

In our Scottish Cup tussle with Brechin City two weeks ago we had a real disappointment when we failed to clear this hurdle at the first time of asking, and to make things even worse Stewart Forsyth and Bobby Glennie had to be ruled out of the replay through injury.

But we received a big bonus for the game at Glebe Park when the news came that Vince Mennie was passed as fit to play after his six week enforced absence. Vince played a major part in what eventually turned out to be a comfortable win for us with Graham Harvey scoring two fine goals and Keith Wright adding a third. On-loan Dave MacFarlane also had an excellent game for us.

I would be less than honest, however, if I did not express some strong misgivings I have about the actions of a small, but noisy, section of our support. Since I have had to take on the role of spectator I have been, to put it mildly, rather surprised at the verbal treatment meted out to certain players, particularly in home games, when admittedly these players have been performing at a level below their best. I can assure everyone that in all my time at Dens Park I have never known one instance when one of our lads was not giving everything he had for all of the time. It would be marvellous if every player could play on top form on every occasion but, when this does not happen this small section — and I emphasise small section — bombard their targets with what I am totally convinced is unwarranted abuse.

I am perfectly well aware of the fact that the person who pays his money at the turnstiles is fully entitled to make his feelings known. All I ask is that they show some patience and recognise that what is needed is

encouragement rather than scorn.

One other aspect which causes me concern is the times when the abuse is introduced. In some games only a few minutes have passed before it starts, and players have not even had time to get into their stride. Again, sometimes it begins when we are on top and playing in a disciplined fashion. An example of this was in the Cup replay when we were leading 3-0 and playing controlled possession football when this small and unrepresentative group voiced loudly their displeasure. I might point out that this disciplined approach to the game earned high praise from all who watched our successful run in the Tennents Sixes, almost always under shouts of encouragement.

Two points I must stress, however, the first being that these comments are addressed mainly to a minority of our support, the vast majority of whom give us wonderful backing and share our joys and sorrows in true sporting spirit.

Secondly, everything that has been said here is my own personal view of things, and has not been said without great soul searching.

I am fully convinced that the vast majority of our fans are, like myself, 100% behind the team in their efforts to bring further honours to Dundee F.C. Today is a perfect opportunity to test this claim, against a team chasing the highest honours in Scottish football and doing it with a vocal backing from fans considered to be among the best in Britain.

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

report by David Young

In recent editions of this column I have been critical of Manchester United's form, they really haven't been playing all that well, but apart from their demise in the Littlewoods Cup at Oxford they have been picking up either wins or draws from their games.

Last Saturday's game at Coventry was no exception with United holding on to a 1-0 lead for two points, although Coventry had several good chances to snatch a point.

United's win was notable only for youngster O'Brien's winning goal which came four minutes into the match.

A strange coincidence that United should score at four minutes past three as this was thirty years ago to the minute from the Munich air disaster which killed so many of the Busby Babes.

UNUSUAL SCORE

You may have noticed an unusual score in the English First Division last week as Luton Town beat Oxford City 7-4, this was the match I saw and the defending by both teams can only be described as amateurish.

Luton's Mark Stein wasn't however complaining as he notched the first hat-trick of his career.

If some of the football on display was not of the highest quality it was still more entertaining than the dull fare dished up by Everton and Arsenal in Sunday's live TV match.

This game was deservedly won 1-0, by the Gunners against a jaded looking Everton side.

Everton did have one good chance to equalise but Trevor Steven's attempt from the penalty spot was quite frankly the worst spot-kick I've seen since Albert Kidd scraped the corner flag with his attempt in a match against Rangers several years ago.

PUBLIC AMENITY

My local Division Four team Peterborough United are in the process of becoming a public amenity.

They are being taken over by Peterborough City Council in a complicated deal which will save the club from liquidation.

After seeing "The Posh" lose 4-0 at home to Bolton a couple of weeks ago I can't help thinking that it is just as well that ratepayer's money won't be made available to strengthen the team, otherwise a large rates rise would be on the cards.

DALGLISH'S DYNAMOS

An interesting tale made the sports pages of 'The Independent' last Saturday.

It appears that Liverpool's record breaking season almost got off to a false start.

Fans with a good memory will recall that the Reds won 2-1 at Arsenal on day one of this campaign but it has now been revealed that Dalglish's dynamos almost didn't make it to Highbury that day.

When Liverpool play in London they get a police escort through the city traffic and so their coach pulled over at Watford to wait for the police motorcycles.

What they didn't know was their escort was already heading towards Highbury giving VIP treatment to what they had assumed was the Liverpool team coach.

In fact, it was a bus full of bewildered rugby players.

Only some frantic signalling from the rugby players drew the polis' attention to their mistake and the red faced coppers headed back to Watford to pick up Liverpool.

Meanwhile the rugby team headed towards their own fixture, no doubt breathing sighs of relief at not having to combat the Arsenal offside trap.

VIDEO CAMERAS

I have been impressed in recent weeks by several TV programmes which have demonstrated the use of video cameras in the fight against soccer hooligans.

I had first hand experience of this when Nottingham Forest played Newcastle on New Years Day.

A couple of Newcastle fans got into the Nottingham Forest end where we were standing and decided to cause some trouble.

It was nothing serious but within seconds a policeman arrived and 'lifted' the two idiots.

We spoke to the policeman concerned later in the match and asked him how he had arrived so quickly.

He just pointed to the video camera above our heads.

These cameras have really had an effect on trouble inside grounds.

The police have also mounted several major operations in the last year or so which have rounded up trouble makers who follow Chelsea, West Ham, Birmingham and most recently Arsenal.

The police have also helped to persuade the government that membership schemes should not be enforced at some clubs and in general the boys in blue deserve a lot more praise than they get.



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1. Ipswich Town.
2. 27 times.
3. Only Davie Cooper.
4. Chris Morris.
5. Tosh McKinlay.
6. Six years.
7. Barnsley.
8. (c) 35.
9. Newcastle United (Paul Gascoigne).
10. Peter Weir — Aberdeen to Leicester, Mickey Weir — Luton to Hibs.
11. Alex McLeish (Aberdeen).
12. Notts Forest.
13. (a) 92,000 (v Rangers 1.1.1938).
14. East End and Our Boys.
15. (c) 1956 (Portsmouth v Newcastle Utd — Fratton Park 22.2.1956).
16. Merthyr Tydfil.
17. 1967/68 (Celtic 5 Dundee 3) and 1973/74 (Dundee 1 Celtic 0).
18. Doncaster — they play in Division 3, the others in Division 2.
19. Wimbledon.
20. Gordon McQueen.

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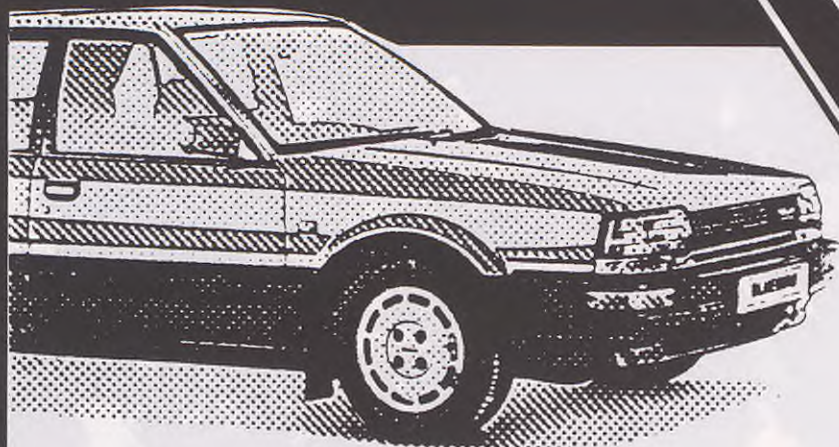
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Rangers	32	20	6	6	60	22	46
Hearts	32	17	12	3	60	24	46
Aberdeen	32	16	12	4	45	19	44
Dundee	31	14	6	11	58	40	34
Dundee United	32	11	10	11	34	36	32
Hibernian	32	8	13	11	29	35	29
St. Mirren	31	7	11	13	33	45	25
Motherwell	32	9	6	17	26	44	24
Falkirk	32	6	8	18	30	59	20
Dunfermline	31	5	8	18	24	60	18
Morton	32	2	9	21	22	75	13

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hamilton	31	18	7	6	53	26	43
Meadowbank	32	14	10	8	52	40	38
Raith Rovers	31	16	4	11	64	52	36
Forfar	32	11	13	8	51	41	35
Airdrie	32	12	11	9	52	49	35
Clydebank	32	15	5	12	42	45	35
Clyde	31	12	5	14	61	55	29
Partick	32	10	8	14	49	54	28
Dumbarton	32	10	8	14	40	54	28
O.O.S.	32	8	12	12	39	55	28
Kilmarnock	32	10	6	16	41	47	26
East Fife	31	6	7	18	40	66	19

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ayr Utd.	25	20	3	2	67	18	43
St Johnstone	24	16	6	2	49	14	38
Queens Park	25	13	6	6	42	30	32
Brechin City	24	13	5	6	34	23	31
Stirling Albion	26	11	7	8	38	37	29
East Stirling	26	8	10	8	33	35	26
Albion Rovers	26	8	9	9	31	41	25
Montrose	25	9	6	10	32	32	24
Arbroath	24	7	9	8	39	41	23
Alloa	23	9	3	11	31	30	21
Cowdenbeath	25	4	10	11	35	53	18
Stenhousemuir	25	5	6	14	25	44	16
Stranraer	25	3	5	17	24	50	11
Berwick	25	4	3	18	22	54	11

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Hearts	v	Aberdeen
Morton	v	Falkirk
Motherwell	v	Hibernian
Rangers	v	St. Mirren

First Division

Airdrie	v	Forfar Athletic
Clyde	v	Queen of the South
Clydebank	v	East Fife
Kilmarnock	v	Partick Thistle
Meadowbank Thistle ...	v	Hamilton Accies
Raith Rovers	v	Dumbarton

Second Division

Alloa Athletic	v	Brechin City
Berwick Rangers	v	Ayr United
Montrose	v	Albion Rovers
Queen's Park	v	East Stirling
St. Johnstone	v	Stirling Albion
Stranraer	v	Cowdenbeath

Next home game at Dens Park

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DEADLINE DENS PARK by Allan Paul

After their few days on the Costa Del Sol, the players are looking good and ready for action. Perhaps the one who benefited most of all from the break was Eric Ferguson. Over the past few months Eric's treatment room has resembled a casualty ward in a hospital and hopefully the worst of the injuries are over. Jocky has worked miracles with the depleted squad and everyone is looking forward to having a full squad available for selection.

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Prior to our re-arranged fixture against St. Mirren on 1st March everyone over 18 who passes through our turnstiles will be handed a voucher from the gateman which will allow them to purchase a weekend for two for only £2.99. The offer applies to 175 hotels throughout Britain. The promotion is being run in conjunction with Golden Key

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The winter sale in the shop has proved such a success that we have decided to extend the reductions and offers until the end of February. So if you haven't already done so, why not contact the Dundee F.C. Shop in the Keiller Centre for your bargains. (Telephone Dundee 23422) and speak to our friendly staff who will be happy to assist you.

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Mike Dunn, our D.J. who does a great job at Dens Park is feeling a bit neglected. I have asked anyone who would like a dedication played to write in to Mike but only a few have taken advantage of this. So for all you lads and lassies who forgot to send your loved ones a Valentine card, write in now and have a dedication played at next week's cup-tie.

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What's in Reserve — Drew Jarvie

With the weather playing havoc with fixtures for the young lads, the time seemed ripe for an outing on astro-turf, or the plastic pitch as it is sometimes called, and thanks to the co-operation of Stirling Albion a friendly was arranged for our youth team to play on their new pitch, ten days ago.

This was our first experience on such a surface and it took the lads some time to adjust to the difficult bounce and run of the ball. Midway through the first half we gave away possession of the ball in midfield and a quick burst through the middle by an Albion player left our 'keeper Paul Mathers fully exposed and we went one down. In the second half our lads settled down more and were beginning to master the surface and a strong wind, but two uncharacteristic slips by Mark Craib cost us two goals. Stewart and Campbell did manage to score for us but try as we might the equaliser eluded us. Nevertheless it was a great experience for all the boys and when you consider that Stirling fielded a couple of first team men and several of their reserves our youths did not do too bad a job to hold them to 3-2.

By the time you read this our reserve side will have played Hearts, at Dens, in the Reserve Cup and we feel that we are in with a real chance of progressing in this competition.

Several times in these notes I have mentioned the B.P. Youth Cup and perhaps I should give some details of this tournament.

The BP Group of companies in Scotland provide £50,000 in sponsorship for the BP Scottish Youth Cup.

Teams playing in the preliminary and first rounds each collect £100; £200 for the second round; £300 for the quarter final and £400 for the semi-final.

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A record number of 36 clubs entered the present competition, which is organised by the SFA, and so far a record 133 goals have been scored, our own side having notched 20 of these.

The draw for the quarter final matches is:- Whitehill



Welfare v Airdrie; Celtic (holders) v Dundee; Dunfermline Athletic v Rangers and Dundee United v Clyde. Ties to be played on or before March 15.

Final round-up: 1984 — Celtic 2, Rangers 0 (at Celtic Park); 1985 — Aberdeen 5, Celtic 3 (after extra-time) (at Pittodrie); 1986 — Queen of the South 0, Aberdeen 2 (at Dumfries); 1987 — Motherwell 1, Celtic 2 (at Fir Park).

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ROBERT WHO?

A new name has recently appeared in the Junior Dark Blues Membership Book. Robert Roxburgh, who just happens to have a famous dad called Andy has decided to join us and no doubt Robert will be pulling dad along to see the 'Dee when we are playing in the Glasgow area. Will this lead to more Dundee players wearing a Scotland jersey in the future I ask?

JUNIOR BADGE

A few Junior Dark Blues Badges are still available in the D.F.C. Shop in the Keiller Centre, price £1.65.

HOW TO JOIN

Just pop along to the D.F.C. Shop and fill in the Junior Dark Blues Membership form. Age limit under 16 years.

BOBBY GEDDES

Wasn't it great to hear that current J.D.B. Player of the Year Bobby Geddes has signed a new contract that means we will have the pleasure of watching one of Scotland's top 'keepers here at Dens for the next 4 years at least. Watch this page for a unique Bobby Geddes Competition coming up in the near future.

JUNIOR DARK BLUES HOTLINE

For all Junior enquiries phone 457414.

POSTBAG

Looking at photos in the soccer sixes programme I noticed that the trophy Dundee won so brilliantly last month is not the same as last year's trophy won by Aberdeen. Can you please give the reason for this.

DEREK SOUTAR

Kirkton, Dundee.

Answer: The sponsor, Tennents, produce a trophy each year which may be different in design and the important thing Derek is the winners are allowed to keep the trophy for ever.

My family travelled to the Tennents Sixes with the Junior Dark Blues, on Sunday, 24th January.

MATCH MASCOT



Name: Mark Hackett.
Address: 7 Cobden Place.
Age: 10 years old
J.D.B. No.: 2022.
School: St. Mary's, Lochee.
Favourite Player: Tommy Coyne.
Score Guess: 2-0 Dundee
Favourite T.V Programme: Grange Hill.
Favourite Food: Chicken.
Favourite Drink: Coke.
Favourite Sports: Football, Golf.
Favourite Pop Group: Wet Wet Wet.
Favourite Pop Song: Sweet Little Mystery.
Favourite Cartoon: Flintstones.
Favourite Pets: Budgies and Dogs.
Favourite Hobbies: Music.
Favourite Other Football Ground: Old Trafford.



We were on coach number 13 with Bobby Geddes, so we would like to say a big 'thank-you' to Steve and to Bobby for a well organised, and memorable day.

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