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FRONT COVER: Tom Coyne, who had the unenviable task of replacing Iain Ferguson, gets a shot in against Dundee last week.

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Jim McLean

It's very nice to be able to continue reporting glad tidings since I last communicated with you through this column. Victories over St. Mirren, Hibs in the Skol Cup and Dundee have ensured this happy state of affairs. Pick of the bunch must be the performance at Easter Road which was outstanding. Hopefully, we can use that as a platform for the rest of the season. In my previous column I expressed concern at the blend of the side, however the form of several players has pleased me immensely. Dave Beaumont in particular has been magnificent. He is filling the same jersey and position occupied by Richard Gough and in highly competent fashion. Dave has never been short of ability, just confidence and hopefully, he'll go from strength to strength.

The programme we have undertaken since the start of the season has been by no means easy, so there is no reason results can't continue in the same vein. After Celtic today, we face R.C. Lens in the U.E.F.A. Cup, Hamilton, Rangers in the semi-final of the Skol Cup, and then Hibs, all away from Tannadice. So the schedule ahead doesn't look to be getting any easier, but if we continue to play as we have we should fear no one.

Recent games with Celtic, especially at Tannadice, have been magnificent advert for football. I full expect the same today especially as a place at the top of the table is at stake. With Celtic, you can bank on them to attack, and that means all of you here this afternoon are winners as we must respond in like fashion to protect our very good recent record against Davie Hay's men.



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Tannadice Topics



SKOL CUP PROSPECTS

It would be overtly premature to classify our meeting with Celtic as a Skol Cup final re-ensal. However the draw for the penultimate stages have kept the two sides apart, so a Hampden meeting on Sunday 26th October is a possibility. Our recent record in the League Cup is really quite remarkable. When we face Rangers at Hampden later this month it will be the eighth successive season we have made it to the last four of the League Cup. Prior to 1979 we had registered a single semi-final appearance back in 1964/65.

The forthcoming tie with Rangers will give us the opportunity to finally record a League Cup victory over the Ibrox men. In nine previous encounters, the men from the West have won seven with two draw matches. Our last meeting in this competition was in 83/84 when Rangers emerged 3-1 aggregate winners of the two legged semi-final. Sandwiching those meetings were the 1981-82 and 1984-85 League Cup finals at Hampden, which Rangers won 2-1 and 1-0. Mind you Tannadice fans will have no objections if the scorers of the winning goals in both those finals are on target again on Wednesday week. The reason — Ian Redford hit their second in their 2-1 victory in 1981 and Iain Ferguson applied the knock-out blow in 1984. As they say if you can't beat them, join them!

"IN ATTENDANCE"

Jimmy Rimmer, who had a long and distinguished career with Manchester United, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Swansea City, has been at Tannadice over the past couple of weeks passing on his experience by coaching our three custodians — Billy Thomson, Scott Thomson and Mike McAdam. Jimmy's visit

was as a result of his friendship with our former defender Frank Kopel, with both men having been on the books of Manchester United in the late sixties.

CALL-UPS AT ALL LEVELS

If numbers at training was somewhat depleted early week, it is hardly surprising when you consider that six of the Tannadice payroll were involved on all three international fronts in action during the week. **Dave Narey** and **Maurice Malpas** were part of **Andy Roxburgh's** first squad that faced Bulgaria in the opening match of the European Championships. One suspects that most Tannadice fans were disappointed that our representation wasn't increased to three by the inclusion of **Billy Thomson**. Billy has been in outstanding form, but **Andy Roxburgh** elected to remain loyal to **Leighton, Goram** and **Money**, three of the four keepers originally named for Mexico.

At Under 21 level, the scoring exploits of **Kevin Gallacher** earned him his first U21 call-up, after winning several youth caps. Accompanying Kevin in the squad was **Paul Hegarty**, who at slightly over 21, was also winning his first cap at that level. With the majority of the squad still in their teens, someone with experience was essential and **Andy Roxburgh** plumped for the experience of the United captain to face the West Germans at Ibrox. Only two of the three players named from Tannadice joined the U19 squad. **Gordon McLeod** and his namesake **Joe** were on duty to face the West German U19's at Paisley, but **Brian Welsh** had to withdraw through injury.

HOPING FOR A DRAW

Congratulations are due to **Mike Watson**, author of the club's official history "Rags to Riches" and a contributor to your match programme. On 31 October **Mike marries Lorraine McManus** in Glasgow.

However, only a draw in today's encounter will ensure harmony between the happy couple this evening — **Lorraine** is a Celtic fan, hardly surprising as she grew up, literally in the shadow of the Parkhead floodlights!

FIXED UP

Former United and Celtic man, **Tom McAdam**, has at last found a club. Released by the Parkhead side at the end of last season, Tom's availability was noted by several Scottish Clubs, but none came up with a suitable offer, bearing in mind that the converted defender wished to remain in full-time football. That pre-requisite was met by **Stockport County** and by signing for the side based just South of Manchester, he will be teaming with another ex-Parkhead colleague, because **Ronnie Glavin** has just been appointed Player/Coach at **Edgeley Park**. Another former United player is also taking up a new post down South. One-time darling of 'the Kop' **Ron Yeats** is taking over as Chief Scout, as **Kenny Dalglish** increases the Scottish influence amongst his backroom staff.

EDINBURGH AWARD

Prior to this afternoon's match **Kevin Gallacher** will receive the Player of the Month award from the Edinburgh Branch of the D.U.S.A. **Kevin** narrowly ousted **Billy Thomson** in the voting and he will receive the award from **Iain Thomson**, who with his father, must qualify as one of our furthest travelled regular supporters, making the journey to United matches from **Jedburgh** each week.

SECOND HALF SURGE

One quite surprising statistic has emerged from our tally of 17 goals so far this term. That is simply the lack of goals scored in the first half. Indeed, so far only **Richard Gough's** header against **Aberdeen** and skipper **Paul Hegarty's** winner in the Hearts match have come prior to the half-time whistle. Consequently we have struck no less than 15 times after the interval. Must be something in the half-time cuppal!

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Tannadice Chronicle



MONDAY, AUGUST 25th

John Holt, who missed the Hearts game and Paul Sturrock's achilles tendon injury were the only complications in manager Jim McLean's team plans for the Skol Cup tie at Ayr.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th

There was a double boost for Ayr with John Holt declared fit and Paul Sturrock rapidly improving.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th

Match: **AYR UTD.**

Ground: **Somerset Park**

Crowd: **3,680**

Conditions: **Dry, Sunny evening — Pitch excellent**

Fixture: **Skol Cup, 3rd Round**

Result: **AYR UTD. (0)**

UNITED (0)3

Gallacher (51)

Ferguson (21+77 pen)

Ayr Utd: Purdie, McIntyre, Buchanan, McAllister, McCann, McCracken, Wilson, Sludden, McKenzie, McDonald, Irons (Subs not used — Gillies, Cowell)

United: W. Thomson, Malpas, Holt, Beaumont, Hegarty, Narey, Ferguson, Gallacher, Bannon, Milne, Redford (Subs not used — Sturrock, McGinnis)

Referee: **G.D. Cummings (Carlisle)**

Bookings: **Ayr: Buchanan (tackle from behind on Gallacher 43)**

United: Redford (Trip on Sludden 66)

WELCOME TO SOMERSET PARK



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MATCH SUMMARY

Predictably against any side under the control of manager Ally McLeod, Ayr United fought valiantly and, particularly, in the latter stages of the first half, prov-

ed a real handful. A Kevin Gallacher goal early in the second period, however, settled us and allowed us to play some of our best football of the season so far.

We started well enough. Iain Ferguson was denied by the last minute intervention of an Ayr defender, Iain then headed a Kevin Gallacher cross narrowly past.

Billy Thomson then parried Irons' shot around the post, but the best chance so far fell to Kevin Gallacher, but he screwed his shot over the bar. Minutes later an even better chance came Ayr's way, but McKenzie, presented with an open goal, shot over. Early in the second half Kevin Gallacher did find the net, volleying in a loose clearance from 20 yards. The second came 20 minutes later when Ralph Milne speeded down the left and floated over a cross from which Iain Ferguson directed a header in via a post, his first for the club. He didn't have long to wait for his second. Six minutes later Wilson chopped Kevin Gallacher in the box and Iain Ferguson duly obliged with his second goal from the spot.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th

Severe bruising to the ankles after the match at Ayr meant John Holt was ruled out for around 10 days, otherwise only minor knocks were reported.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th

Manager Jim McLean travelled to France to spy on R.C. Lens, our prospective U.E.F.A. Cup opponents. Meanwhile, with the reserve match at Paisley called off a large pool of 18 was listed by coach Gordon Wallace.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th

Match: **ST. MIRREN**

Ground: **Tannadice**

Crowd: **6,186**

Conditions: **Showery afternoon, pitch excellent**

Fixture: **Premier Division, 5th Match**

Result: **UNITED (0)3**

Gallacher (69)

Bannon (81)

Ferguson (83)

ST. MIRREN (0)0

United: **W. Thomson, Malpas (Bowlerman 58), McGinnis, Beaumont, Hegarty, Narey, Ferguson, Gallacher (Milne 87), Bannon, Sturrock, Redford.**

St. Mirren: **Money, Clarke, D. Hamilton (Rooney 87), B. Hamilton, Godfrey, Cooper, Lambert, Bell, McGravey, Abercromby, Gallacher (Cameron 80).**

Referee: **J.F. McGilvray (Edinburgh)**

Bookings: **United: Redford (Dissent — 74 mins)**

St. Mirren: Clarke (Trip on Sturrock 15 mins), Cooper (High tackle on Sturrock 57 mins).

MATCH SUMMARY

A three goal salvo in the last twenty minutes shot us to the top of the League, but it took a long time for the United forwards to pierce a strong Saints defence. In truth, although we had dominated proceedings in the early stages, a goal-less draw looked on the cards, until that late scoring surge. The best scoring chance of the first half fell to Kevin Gallacher. Released by Eamonn Bannon the youngster's effort was blocked by Campbell Money. Our best move of the match brought the so welcome breakthrough, Paul Sturrock's cross field pass found Dave Beaumont on the right. Dave made good progress down the right before releasing a cross, which Kevin Gallacher met perfectly to head stylishly past Money. Gathering confidence from this strike, the play throughout the side began to flow and a further goal followed when Iain Redford switched the play to Gary McGinnis on the left and his feed to Eamonn Bannon, opened the way for Eamonn to beat Money from around the twelve yard mark. Within a minute, Money was again retrieving the ball from the back of the net, when Kevin Gallacher picked out Iain Ferguson on the edge of the box and the newcomer wheeled to score with a low angled drive. That completed a fine victory from a match apparently heading towards stalemate.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

The build-up to the quarter-final tie was marred by the certain absence of John Holt, but Maurice Malpas, stretched off against Saints on Saturday with concussion, resumed training but his progress was being monitored by the Club doctor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

Kevin Gallacher (shock following a car accident) and Maurice Malpas were to be examined by the Club doctor before a decision as to their fitness for the Skol Cup match at Easter Road. A large pool of 17 was named.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

Match: **HIBERNIAN**

Ground: **Easter Road**

Crowd: **9,212**

Conditions: **Fine dry evening, pitch firm.**

Fixture: **Skol Cup — Quarter-final**

Result: **HIBERNIAN (0)0**

UNITED (0)2

Ferguson (2/76 + 84)

Hibs: Rough, Kirkwood, Tortolano (Irvine 81), Kane, (Sneddon 68), Fulton, Hunter, May, Beedle, Cowan, Caughey, McBride.

United: W. Thomson, Malpas, McGinnis, Beaumont, Hegarty, Narey, Ferguson, Gallacher, Bannan, Sturrock, Redford (Subs not used — Bowman, Milne)

Referee: **D.T. Syme (Rutherglen)**

Bookings: Hibs: Cowan (Dissent 25 mins)

United: Malpas (Shove in the back on Cowan 45), Ferguson (Dissent 61)

**MATCH SUMMARY**

Undoubtedly our best performance of the season as we progressed to the semi-final of the Skol Cup. Hero of the evening was Iain Ferguson with two clinical finishes late in the game.

Our new striker was involved in the early action. He blasted an Eamonn Bannan chip across the face of the goal and Kevin Gallacher fierce drive went narrowly over. Then Iain met a Paul Sturrock cut back but he was unlucky to see his shot sneak inches wide.

Former Tannadice youngster Eddie May posed the first real threat at the other end. His run through the centre of defence was only halted by Billy Thomson's dash from goal.

Gary McGinnis had a couple of efforts on goal immediately after the break as Hibs began their best spell of the match. However, we always looked the likelier side to score and Iain Ferguson duly obliged. Paul Sturrock found Iain in space and he sped on to drive a low shot past Rough. Eight minutes later Eamonn Bannan raced to the bye-line before cutting the ball back to Iain Ferguson who steered in the second and conclusive goal.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

The draw for the Skol Cup semi-final pitched us against Rangers with Hampden as the venue.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

Paul Sturrock's archilles injury ruled him out of the derby match. There is also an injury causing concern to an unnamed Player. As a result Dave Bowman, Ralph Milne, Chris Sulley, Gordon McLeod, John Clark and Tommy Coyne were added to the 10 remaining from the Easter Road victory.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

Match: **DUNDEE**

Ground: **Dens Park**

Crowd: **12,079**

Conditions: **Sunny afternoon, pitch holding**

Fixture: **Premier Division, 6th Match**

Result: **DUNDEE (0)0**

UNITED (0)2

Milne (49 Pen)

Bannan (80)

Dundee: Geddes, McGeachie (Forsyth 60), McKinlay, Shannon, (Rafferty 46), Hendry, Duffy, McWilliams, Brown, Jack, Angus, Stephen.

United: W. Thomson, Malpas, McGinnis, (Bowman 63), Beaumont, Hegarty, Narey, Coyne, Gallacher, Bannan, Milne, Redford.

Referee: **J. Duncan (Gorebridge)**

Bookings: United: Gallacher (Late tackle on Duffy 63 mins)

MATCH SUMMARY

Our stranglehold in Derby matches, particularly at Dens Park, continued with another fine performance. Making the victory even more commendable was the fact it was achieved without Iain Ferguson and Paul Sturrock. Mind you their replacements Ralph Milne and Tom Coyne more than played their part. The first half was fairly even with a Billy Thomson save from Ross Jack perhaps the highlight of the opening period. The second half wasn't long underway when we struck. Iain Redford floated a ball down the left wing for **Ralph Milne** to chase. After beating one defender he was brought tumbling down in the box by Hendry and after dusting himself down, got up to convert the spot-kick in fine style. Now on top our domination continued throughout almost the entire second half and was rewarded late in the game when Tommy Coyne squared the ball to Eamonn Bannan who steadied before volleying a low drive which Geddes deflected, but couldn't stop entering the net for our second.



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No matter how styles, tactics and formations may change through the years, football's enduring fascination will concern goals. Whatever the level of skill displayed by goalkeepers, defenders or midfield players, the game's followers will always reserve their special hero-worship for those men with the most important, and rarest, talent of all — goalscorers.

Dundee United's history contains many prolific scorers, from Collie Martin before the First World War through Duncan Hutchison in the 20s and 30s, Finn Dossing in the 60s to Davie Dodds in recent years. One name stands head and shoulders above all others, however — Peter McKay. Between 1947 and 1954 the little centre-forward (he was only 5' 5" tall) scored 226 times in 258 competitive appearances for the club. Such an average is outstanding by any standards, but is even more so when it is considered that he was playing for United during a period of mediocrity for the club — only once during his career did United even mount a promotion challenge in Division Two!

Peter McKay was born in Newburgh, Fife and joined his local junior club, Newburgh West End at the age of 18. By September 1947 his goalscoring exploits had attracted senior clubs, and United manager Willie MacFadyen secured his signature in the face of stiff opposition. Peter was an immediate success; 14 goals from 19 League appearances during his first season proved the foundation on which his prolific record over the subsequent six years was constructed.

The following season Peter hit peak form, spearheading a forward line which became known as the Famous Five. Four of these men took part in one of the most famous, and often recalled, triumphs in United's history, and one which has links with today's visitors. Second Division United's 4-3 Scottish Cup win over Celtic in January 1949 still ranks as one of the all-time Cup upsets, and Peter McKay played a hero's role. The Celtic defence simply could not cope with the little man — twisting and turning, popping up all over the place, shooting at every opportunity and generally causing havoc, he scored twice, had another disallowed and laid on one for Jimmy Dickson.

Peter McKay was a typical example of the bulky little centre-forward who has been a feature of Scottish football. He seemed to pose little threat to defenders who towered above him yet, in the mould of Hughie Gallacher and Lawrie Reilly before him and Joe Harper and (dare we say, Iain Ferguson) in latter years, he had the innate knack of being in the right place at the right time. Many of his goals were scored as much by intuition as anything else: a foot stuck out to deflect a cross of pass, a diving header through a ruck of players, or a volley on the turn. Though he had the skill to beat an opponent, and frequently did on the way to scoring, he benefitted primarily from the type of move which is today sadly almost forgotten. A long ball out of defence would find Peter just inside the opponents' half. He would flick the ball wide to either wing, where he could always depend on a winger being ready to receive. He would then make a bee-line for the penalty box where he would invariably get on the end of the resulting cross. Not every such move produced a goal of course, but it made for exhilarating football and Peter's success rate reflects the number of attempts which he had at goal.

It is therefore surprising that United were able to hold on to him for so long. It was reckoned that his lack of inches acted as a deterrent when bigger clubs weighed him up, but finally, in May 1954 Burnley paid the substantial sum of £3,000 to take him south at the age of 29. Any doubt as to his stature were quickly dispelled as Peter's talents easily made the transition to England's First Division. In three seasons he netted 35 times in 60 appearances for the Lancashire club, before leaving for a spell in non-League football. He remained in England after his retirement, and still lives there today, only rarely returning to his native country.

Those privileged to witness the extraordinary goal-scoring feats of Peter McKay cherish the memories. It is unlikely that Tannadice fans will ever see his like again, and even less likely that the club's all-time goal-scoring record will ever pass to anyone else.

PLAYING CAREER DETAILS:

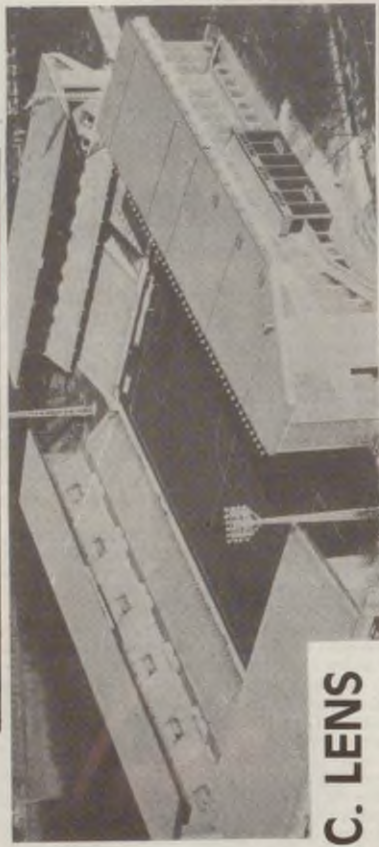
	Appearances	Goals
League	185	158
Scottish Cup	15	12
League Cup	38	31
Forfarshire Cup	20	25
TOTAL	258	226



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A: Madsen	Madsen	Holt	Cough T	Hogarty	Narey	Bowman+	Mine	Barron	Suirrock	Redford 1	Coyne	Clark	Mine
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WHERE THE EUROPEAN TRAIL BEGINS



R.C. LENS

Both Celtic and United enter the European arena next Wednesday. Celtic go to Dublin to meet Shamrock Rovers, whilst we too have a relatively short journey to meet R.C. Lens who come from Northern France. Although we have met opposition from the French League before, this will be our first visit to France as Monaco is technically an independent principality. The town of Lens may be small, the population is less than 40,000, but the same cannot be said of the Stade Felix-Bollaret, where the first leg takes place on Wednesday. In fact, the whole population of the French mining town could be easily housed in the 51,098 capacity stadium. Originally the ground held 39,850 with cover for 30,000 and seating for 12,000, but 40 million francs was spent on upgrading the ground for the European Championships in 1984. The improved version now houses 51,098, seating being increased to 19,500 with cover for 40,000.

Manager Jim McLean, an admirer of French football, witnessed Lens in action recently in their home stadium and although they went down 1-0 to Racing Club Paris, looked a good side, as you'd expect from any side finishing first in the French League. Seeded we may be, this tie, however, presents one of the trickiest starts to a European Campaign for some time.

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SEPT.	13TH	CELTIC	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	14TH	SHAMROCK R	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	24TH	RAMSBOURN	W. Thomson	0-0	Leg 1
	27TH	HIBERNIAN	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
OCT.	4TH	FALMOUTH	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	11TH	MOTHERWELL	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	18TH	HEARTS	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	25TH	HEARTS	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
NOV.	8TH	DUNDEE	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	15TH	CELTIC	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	22ND	HIBERNIAN	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
DEC.	29TH	FALMOUTH	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	5TH	MOTHERWELL	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	12TH	HEARTS	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	19TH	HEARTS	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
JAN.	26TH	ST MIRREN	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	2TH	DUNDEE	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	9TH	HEARTS	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	16TH	HAMILTON ACCES	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
FEB.	23RD	HIBERNIAN	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	30TH	FALMOUTH	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
MARCH	6TH	MOTHERWELL	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	13TH	HEARTS	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	20TH	DUNDEE	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	27TH	HAMILTON ACCES	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
APRIL	4TH	ST MIRREN	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
	11TH	HAMILTON ACCES	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	18TH	FALMOUTH	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 1
MAY	25TH	HIBERNIAN	W. Thomson	1-0	Leg 2
	1ST	SCOTTISH CUP FINAL	W. Thomson	1-0	Final