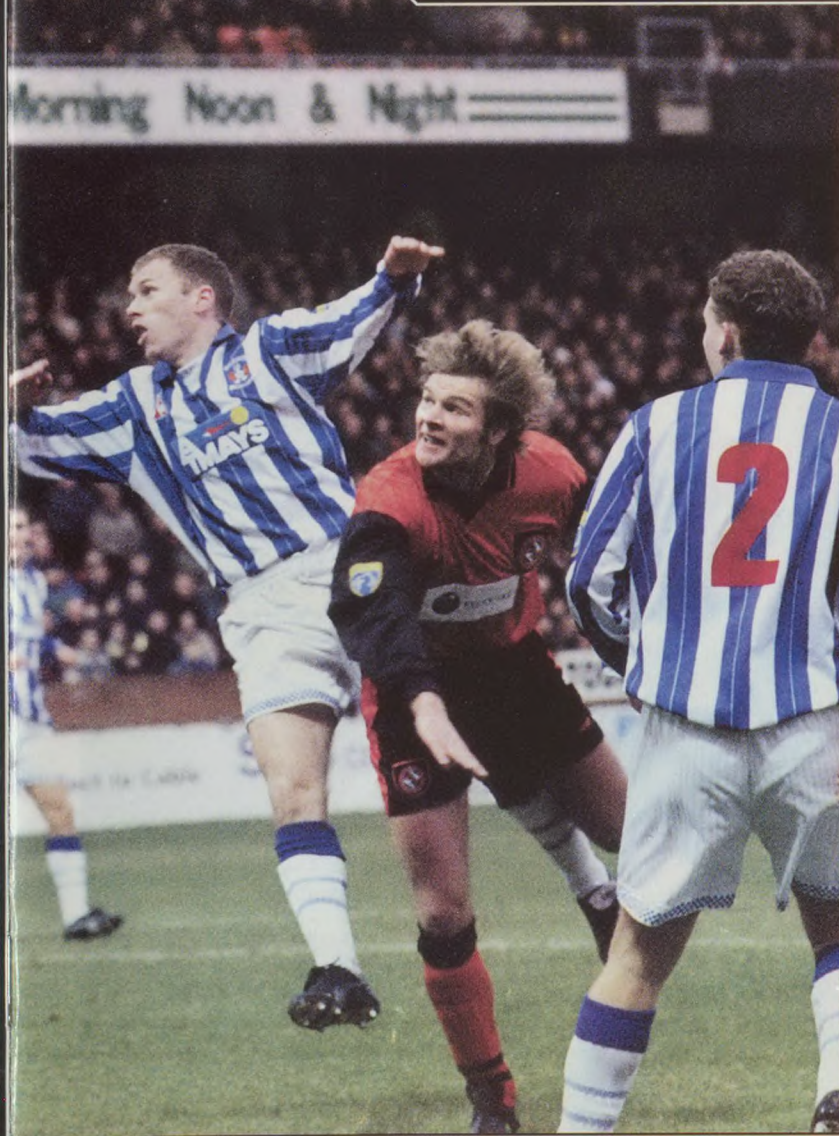


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FROM THE MANAGER



With almost a month having passed since our last home game, it is sometime since I had the chance to communicate with you through this column. To say the least, I am delighted with our current run for which the players deserve every credit.

After losing to Celtic at Parkhead, I told the players that the sign of a good team was one which bounced straight back and with seven successive victories, they have done just that.

During that period, we have also been involved in a fair amount of wheeling and dealing in the transfer market. We have said goodbye to David Hannah, Owen Coyle, Jamie McQuilken and Scott Crabbe, whilst Jamie Dolan has been a very welcome addition to the playing staff. He is, of course, a player I know well from my days at Motherwell and once he has settled into the area, I am sure he will be a decided asset to the club.

In wishing the outgoing players all the very best with their new clubs, I would like to single out Scott Crabbe. I am very glad that his move to Falkirk will give him the opportunity of first team football again after putting up with more bad luck with injuries over the past two years than most players experience in their whole career.

The only current cloud on the horizon is our disciplinary record. We have several players tottering on the brink of suspension and if we, as is



possible, lose the services of two or three at the same time, it could cause us a problem with our depth of squad a bit thinner now after all the recent departures.

There is no doubt that everyone is looking forward to the visit of Celtic this afternoon, providing, as it does, another stern test.

I was disappointed in our performance the last time we met at Parkhead and this afternoon's game gives an opportunity to try and redress the balance after two defeats at the hands of Celtic this season. In addition, a victory would push us closer to the Parkhead side who lie immediately above us in the table.

However, to get anything from the match, we must earn it and that means working very hard.

CONSEQUENTLY, FROM THE SPECTATORS POINT OF VIEW, IT HAS ALL THE MAKINGS OF BEING A VERY GOOD GAME INDEED.

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UNITED

Wednesday 18th December

A Swedish defender flew in on trial as manager Tommy McLean sought to beef up his defensive cover.

As he said, "With Armand Benneker and Neil Duffy out injured, David Hannah is the only player I have as cover for my three central defenders." The trialist, Jonas Wirmola, was recommended by Lars Zetterlund and is out-of-contract early in the new year.

Thursday 19th December

Andy McLaren was pronounced fit.

Friday 20th December

David Hannah came into manager Tommy McLean's team plans as he pondered a tactical change, whilst Jamie McQuilken was the other addition to the squad.

Saturday 21st December 1996

PREMIER DIVISION - 18th Fixture

CELTIC (1) 1

O'Donnell 38

UNITED (0) 0

United completed the halfway point of their league programme with a disappointing defeat. I say disappointing because, Sieb Dijkstra virtually didn't have a shot to save in the entire match!

Crowd - 46,560

Celtic - Kerr, Boyd, McKinlay, O'Neil, Stubbs, Grant, Donnelly, O'Donnell, Hay (McLaughlin 89), Thom, Cadete. (Subs not used - Wieghorst, Marshall)

United - Dijkstra, Bowman (Johnson 87), Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Olofsson, (McSwegan 66), Zetterlund, Winters, Hannah, McLaren. (Sub not used - McNally).

Bookings - Celtic - O'Donnell (Hauling Winters to the ground 58). United - Bowman (Foul on McKinlay 73).

Referee - T M McCurry (Glasgow)

Monday 23rd December

Kjell Olofsson was doubtful for the holiday fixture against Motherwell.

Tuesday 24th December

In addition to Kjell Olofsson, Erik Pedersen was also an injury concern for Tommy McLean.

Christmas Day

No break for the players who trained normally in preparation for the visit of Motherwell.

Boxing Day



Lars Zetterlund forces the ball past Motherwell's Chris McCart

PREMIER DIVISION - 19th Fixture

UNITED (1) 2

McSwegan 35, Hannah 67

MOTHERWELL (0) 0

United's solid performance carried them back into fourth place. Motherwell were left to rue two golden opportunities which Billy Davies scorned. The first of these was immediately before Robbie Winters fashioned an absolutely sensational opener for Gary McSwegan. He showed his searing pace leaving five defenders in his wake to slip the ball into Gary McSwegan who merely had to guide the ball home. The goal which sealed victory came midway through the second half when David Hannah directed a header from an Andy McLaren corner through the legs of Gary McSwegan who was virtually on the goal-line.

Crowd - 8,072

United - Dijkstra, Bowman, Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Winters, Zetterlund, (McNally 69), McSwegan (Olofsson 81), McKinnon (Hannah 56), McLaren.

Motherwell - Woods, Lehtonen, Falconer, van der Gaag, Martin (Philliben 81), McCart, May (Ross 53), Dolan, Coyne, Davies, Roddie (Burns 59).

Bookings - United - None. Motherwell - Martin (Persistent fouling 13).

Referee - R T Tait (East Kilbride)

Friday 27th December

David Hannah's goal against

Motherwell was to be one of his last contributions in a tangerine jersey with a £650,000 move to Celtic taking place little more than 24 hours

following the Motherwell match. For the visit to Kirkcaldy, Kjell Olofsson was fit again, but there were doubts surrounding the fitness of Lars Zetterlund. Ray McKinnon faced a fitness test after playing with flu on Boxing Day.

Saturday 28th

December 1996

PREMIER DIVISION

- 20th Fixture

RAITH ROVERS (0) 0

UNITED (1) 1

Olofsson 2

The first victory of the season over Raith was anything but a classic despite the boost of an early goal. Kjell Olofsson's stinging free-kick won the points to draw United within striking distance of Aberdeen in third place, but there was little else to enthuse over in what was one of the poorest spectacles of the season so far!

Crowd - 5,762

Raith Rovers - S Y

Thomson, Kirk, Craig, Andersen, Dennis, Mitchell, Twaddle (McGill 76), Duffield, S M Thomson, Lennon, Rougier. (Subs not used - Taylor, Kirkwood).

United - Dijkstra, Bowman, Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Winters, Zetterlund, (McNally 69), McSwegan (Olofsson 81), McKinnon (Hannah 56), McLaren.

Bookings - Raith Rovers - Lennon (Dissent 44), Craig (Pulling down Zetterlund 77), McGill (Late challenge on Perry 82). United - McNally (Persistent fouling 70).

Referee - G H Simpson (Peterhead)

Monday 30th December

Lars Zetterlund who took a thigh



UPDATE



knock at Starks Park was expected to be fit for the Ne'er Day fixture against Aberdeen.

Tuesday 31st December

Teenager Craig Easton was in manager Tommy McLean's thoughts for the first match of 1997 and he and Jonas Wirmola were drafted into the squad.

Wednesday 1st January 1987

PREMIER DIVISION - 21st Fixture UNITED (1) 4

Winters n 40, Pressley 2 (54 & 66), Olofsson 68

ABERDEEN (0) 0

United's biggest win of the season to date enabled them to leap-frog Aberdeen into fourth place. Robbie Winters opened the scoring after Walker directed the ball to him after slipping as he took a goal-kick. Two headers from Steven Pressley in the space of 12 minutes early in the second half killed off the visitors and Kjell Olofsson whipped in a fourth for his first goal at Tannadice. The only saving grace for Aberdeen was that it could have been quite easily more!

Crowd - 9,768

United - Dijkstra, Bowman (McKinnon 64), Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Olofsson, Zetterlund, Winters (McSwegan 70), McNally (Easton 76), McLaren.

Aberdeen - Walker, McKimmie, Tzvetanov, Kiriakov, Irvine, Kombouare, Miller (Shearer 61), Dodds, Bernard, Windass (Booth 46), Glass (Rowson 81).

Bookings - United - None. Aberdeen - Tzvetanov (Persistent fouling 30), Booth (Dissent 48).

Referee - A W Waddell (Edinburgh)

Thursday 2nd January

With nothing other than minor injury niggles after the Aberdeen triumph, United were well placed for the visit of Kilmarnock.

Friday 3rd January

As he dismissed reports that Derek Ferguson of Rangers was his next signing target, manager Tommy McLean had Ray McKinnon and Swede Jonas Wirmola pencilled in to start the Killie match as Dave Bowman started his three match suspension.

Saturday 4th January 1997

PREMIER DIVISION - 22nd Fixture UNITED (0) 2

Malpas 59, McKinnon 65

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

United's best period was the opening twenty minutes and it took a rare headed goal from player/coach Maurice Malpas to make the break through. Ray McKinnon's spectacular volley six minutes later was the icing on the cake as the Tangerines maintained their 100% record over the festive fixtures.

Crowd - 8,508

United - Dijkstra, McKinnon, Malpas, Pressley, Perry (Wirmola 80), Pedersen, Olofsson, Zetterlund, Winters McNally (Johnson 65), McLaren (McSwegan 80).

Kilmarnock - Lekovic, Hamilton, Kerr, McGowne, Anderson, Findlay, Mitchell, Reilly, McIntyre, McKee (Wright 46), Burke (Roberts 85). (Sub not used - MacPherson)

Bookings - United - None. Kilmarnock - Reilly (Foul on Pedersen 64), Burke (Wild tackle on McLaren 68), McIntyre (Foul on Zetterlund 76).

Referee - J Underhill (Edinburgh)

Monday 6th January

'Dolan in, Coyle out?' was the question as negotiations took place between the Club and Motherwell. Jamie Dolan had agreed to join United, but the deal hinged on Owen Coyle doing likewise with Motherwell.

Tuesday 7th January

Deal done was the good news and the transfers of Jamie Dolan to Tannadice in exchange for Owen Coyle and £75,000 to Motherwell was ratified. United met Dundee in a bounce match, giving Jonas Wirmola and Scott Crabbe valuable match practice.

Wednesday 8th January

One drawback from that friendly with Dundee was that Gary McSwegan went over his ankle, putting him in the doubtful category for the trip to East

End Park at the weekend.

Thursday 9th January

Reports indicating United's interest in Hearts Pascal Bruno were rubbish by manager Tommy McLean.

Friday 10th January

New boys Jamie Dolan and Jonas Wirmola were in line to make their first starts since joining the Club.

Saturday 11th January 1997

PREMIER DIVISION - 23rd Fixture

DUNFERMLINE

ATHLETIC (0) 1

Curran 85

UNITED (0) 3

Olofsson 2 (55 & 59), McNally 87

A close run contest saw United edge home. After Kjell Olofsson had scored twice early in the second half, the dismissal of Erik Pedersen fuelled Fife hopes and they pulled a goal back through former Unitedite Harry Curran. However, a late and neatly executed strike by Jim McNally ensured United chalked up their fifth successive league win.

Crowd - 7,698

Dunfermline - Westwater, McCulloch, Sharp, Tod, Welsh, Curran, French, Robertson, Smith, Britton (Bingham 82), Petrie. (Subs not used - Rice, Ireland)

United - Dijkstra, McKinnon (Wirmola 78), Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Winters, Zetterlund, (McSwegan 87), Dolan, McLaren (McNally 68).

Sending-off - United - Pedersen (2nd yellow card, high challenge on Britton 64).

Bookings - Dunfermline - Sharp (Dissent 55), Robertson (Dissent 80),



Maurice Malpas turns away after scoring against Kilmarnock, Robbie Winters races over to congratulate Maurice.

Bingham (Dissent 83). United - Dijkstra (Dissent 65), United - Pedersen (Dissent 40), Dijkstra (Dissent 65), McKinnon (Foul on French 67), Zetterlund (Foul on Petrie 74), Dolan (Foul on Petrie 85).

Referee - S Dougal (Glasgow)



TANNADICE TOPICS

MANY MOVES

This is the first chance we have had of welcoming new signing Jamie Dolan to Tannadice after his transfer from Motherwell. The midfielder played one of his last games in claret and amber against United on Boxing Day before the swap deal which took Owen Coyle and £75,000 to Fir Park. So far both clubs must be very happy with the business they have done.

On the limited evidence so far, Jamie has added a bit of zest, not to mention culture to the midfield, being the architect of two of our goals at East End Park on his debut. Owen Coyle has banged in three goals for Motherwell to help lift the Fir Parkers out of the bottom two.

In a period of hectic transfer activity, we have seen Jamie McQuillen head for Easter Road after making a total of 24 appearances for the club in his fifteen months at Tannadice. The same day as Jamie moved, Scott Crabbe left to join Falkirk after over four seasons on Tayside. Bedevilled by injury, Scott hadn't played in the first team this season and but for his terrible run of injuries would have made for more than the 71 games in which he did feature. He was on target 8 times in a United jersey.

The biggest transfer deal, and most pertinent in view of his presence here today, was that of David Hannah. His £650,000 move was completed after David had scored his 12th goal for the club his final appearance against Motherwell in a total of 79 appearances in tangerine.

We welcome him back today and wish him and all the recent departures the very best with their new clubs.

WORTH A BET?

Just before the match at Tynecastle somebody mentioned that Wales hadn't beaten Scotland at Murrayfield in the Home Nations since 1985. Given that United too had gone 12 years



without a win against Hearts at Tynecastle, it seemed like a good double to bet on. Unfortunately, it was too late to have a punt of this nature, particularly as it came up.

Mind you, our Welsh rugby colleagues had only lost five times in the same period as United had to go through the anguish of 21 games before the ending of that barren run, courtesy of that quite spectacular Ray McKinnon winner eight minutes from the end.

ALL CHANGE

Tommy McLean joked at the ending of the Tynecastle jinx that he and more than half the players had 100% record away to Hearts because it was his on their first visit there with United.

And a measure of just how much things have changed in a very short space of time can be gleaned by comparing United's starting line-up two weeks ago and what proved to be Billy Kirkwood's final game in charge four months earlier. Just two players, ever presents Steven Pressley and Mark Perry, survived the short passage of time!

SCORING SUBS

Sitting on the bench isn't normally a passport to finding the net, but for the past three Saturdays, United players have performed that feat.

It began at East End Park with Jim McNally coming on to score a late victory-clinching goal against Dunfermline. It was a superbly hit strike and Jim's first since his return to the club from Raith Rovers in October.

But even his well taken effort paled by comparison with Ray McKinnon's searing strike which bagged the points at Tynecastle. The ball was destined for Gorgie Road until the net stopped it. Certainly, since his return Raymie hasn't believed in scoring ordinary goals. The winner against Hearts was the third of his second spell with the club and both other goals were World Cup class counters - a wonderful first time 20 yarder against Motherwell at Fir Park and a stunning volley from around the same distance in our last home match with Kilmarnock - emphasised the point.

Unfortunately, a three match ban means that Raymie will not be able to add to his tally either this week or next when Hibs are the visitors, but

he will be available again when United meet Hearts at Tynecastle in the 4th round of the Scottish Cup.

Finally, in last week's Tennents Scottish Cup at Forthbank, Gary McSwegan came on and grabbed his seventh of the season after replacing Andy McLaren against Stirling. PS - At least his substitution went slightly more smoothly than the one which saw Dave Bowman return from suspension. When called upon by manager Tommy McLean to replace Jim McNally late in the game, Dave took off his tracksuit top to reveal he had no jersey on! It had come off with his sweatshirt at half-time and he had to hurry back to the dressing room to retrieve it before coming on. Mind you it helped cover up Physio Dave Rankin's faux pas as he tried to sub 'Bo' for Sieb Dijkstra by indicating that number 1 was to come off instead of Jim McNally!

Tynecastle Sunday Date

The reward for victory at Forthbank, Stirling in the Scottish Cup last week was a fourth round tie with Hearts at Tynecastle.

The match is to be screened live on BBC and consequently the game will take place on SUNDAY 16th February. At the time of going to press, the kick-off time had not been confirmed, but the match is definitely ALL-TICKET.

OBITUARIES

Christmas Eve brought sad tidings two of our former players passing away.

Bobby Robinson will be better remembered as a Dundee player, but 'Trigger' was on United's books for a couple of seasons after his £20,000 transfer from Dundee in 1977. The midfielder made 39 appearances scoring once. He then moved to Hearts in July 1979 and also played for Raith Rovers before retiring from senior football in 1983. Subsequently, he played for Forfar Albion and Coupar Angus. He tragically died at his home in Forfar aged just 46.

The other former United player to pass away was Johnnie Kerr. An inside left, he was with the club for just one season - 1947-48, making 9 first team appearances and scoring three goals. He went on to play for Glenorton and appeared for them in the 1949 Irish Cup Final. To both families, we send our belated condolences.

TANGERINE AND BLACK

Popping through letter boxes of many a United household this week was the first edition of United's new monthly magazine *Tangerine & Black*. The new magazine features a BIG Interview with Tommy McLean; a feature on Robbie Winters and can find out why Maurice Malpas is still motivated. We would like to hear your views on this new venture and for those of you who haven't seen issue number 1, then you can subscribe by completing the application form below.

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