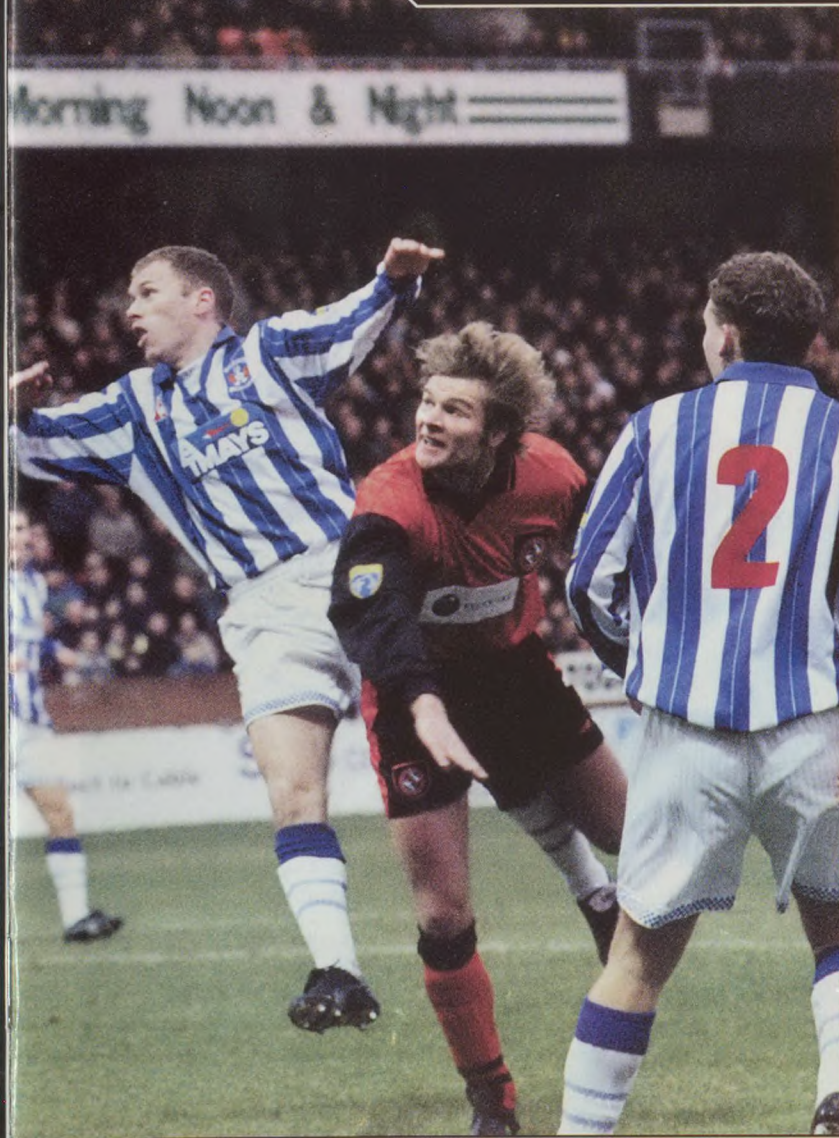


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FROM THE MANAGER



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.

Tommy McLean

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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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PLAYER PROFILE



CAREER DETAILS

Full Name : Mark George Perry

Position : Defender

Birthplace : Aberdeen

Date of Birth : 5th February 1971

Height : 6' 1"

Weight : 12 st 7lbs

Previous Clubs : Cove Rangers

Date signed : 9th August 1988

Debut : 12th December 1992 v Aberdeen (h) in a 2-2 draw in the Premier Division.

First Goal : 5th January 1993 v Rangers (a) in a 3-2 defeat in the Premier Division.

MARK PERRY



A recent newspaper article highlighted the toll which the stresses and strains of the Premier Division was taking on the players.

It stated that at the turn of the year just eight players could claim a 100% appearance record in top ten clashes. Kiriakov (Aberdeen), Tom Boyd (Celtic), our own Steven Pressley, Hearts pair Gilles Rousset and Colin Cameron, Darren Jackson (Hibs) and Motherwell's Brian Martin and Eddie May.

However, on one player who should have been included in that list of endurance is United defender Mark Perry.

"This has been by far and away my best season with the club and not just because I have managed to hold down a first team spot.

"I felt that we were a bit unlucky at the start of the season, but the arrival of the new manager plus the return of Maurice Malpas and then the introduction of the three Scandinavians and big Sieb has seen us go from strength to strength.

"So it is great not just to be involved in the side on a regular basis, but also in a winning one and long may it continue."

Perhaps because, Mark has only been a regular for the past couple of seasons, it is easy to overlook just how long, he has been a member of the Tannadice playing staff. That fact was brought home in United's first match at Ibrox when with Maurice Malpas injured and Dave Bowman suspended, Mark was the longest serving member of the United side on duty in the 1-0 defeat by Rangers.

Prior to this season, most of Mark's first team appearances were at right back, but this season, he has filled a variety of roles.

"Alternating between three and the back and a flat back four has meant that I have played in every defensive position except sweeper. Not that it bothers me. I like to feel that I am adaptable and am just pleased to be in the side after serving such a long apprenticeship," revealed the United defender who is fast approaching a century of first team appearances.

QUIZ FILE

- Married** : No, engaged to Nikki
Family : None
House : Flat in west end of Dundee.
Brothers/Sisters : I have one older sister, Andrea who is 31 and married with two kids.
Family Pets : None.
Nickname : Fred
Who was your boyhood hero? : Willie Miller
Which team did you support as a boy? : Aberdeen.
Who have been the biggest influences on your career? : My mum and dad who backed me to the hilt and have kept me going when things weren't going well.
What is the biggest thrill of your footballing career? : Playing in the 1993 League Cup semi-final against Hibs at Tynecastle when we played very well, but lost out to a great goal by Darren Jackson.
And the worst moment? : Relegation in 1995!
Which current player do you admire most? : Franco Baresi of AC Milan.
Best goal scored? : My first at Ibrox is the best out of a bad bunch.
What other sports do you play or watch? : Golf and snooker and ten pin bowling.
Which ground do you like playing on most? : Tannadice because it has

the best surface in Scotland.

Best foreign ground you have played on? : I have not played on that many, but undoubtedly the most impressive was the Stadium Shah Alam in Malaysia. Unfortunately, I wasn't even on the bench when we met Selangor when there were over 100,000 packed into the ultra modern ground.

And which ground do you least enjoy visiting? : Boghead, especially after the defeat there last season.

If you weren't playing on a Saturday, what would you do? : Go and watch my mates play football.

And if you hadn't become a footballer what would you have been? : A mechanic, I was just about to start a job as a plant mechanic, the day I signed for United.

Favourite TV Programme : Harry Enfield and Shooting Stars.

Least Favourite TV programme : All of the soaps bar 'Neighbours.'

Favourite Music : Oasis and INXS

Favourite Food : Chicken Curry
Favourite Newspaper : Daily Record and The Sun.

Last Book you read? : The one I am reading just now is 'The Football Factory' by John King.

Favourite Holiday Resort : Gran Canaria.

Favourite City : Aberdeen.

MARK'S TANNADICE CAREER

	League		Scottish Cup		League Cup		Europe		LCC	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
1987-88	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1988-89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1989-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1990-91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1991-92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1992-93	17	(1) 1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1993-94	8	(1) -	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
1994-95	9	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1995-96	18	(2) 2	3	-	2	-	-	-	4	-
1996-97	24	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total	76	(4) 3	7	-	6	-	1	-	4	-



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Must be
saturday then.



THE SPIRIT OF SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

PREMIER POINTS



I suppose it should have come as no surprise that the Tennent's Scottish Cup tie between Aberdeen and Hibernian required penalty kicks to settle it.

To say the least both teams have been struggling in the league to the extent that the pair have the worst records in the league over the past couple of months.

Hibs, who are at Tannadice next week, haven't won a game by the more conventional manner since defeating Raith Rovers at Starks Park on Boxing Day. Which means that new manager Jim Duffy who has been at the Hibs helm since the turn of the year is still waiting to see his new charges pick up a point in the league, never mind a win!

Aberdeen's record is equally dismal. A draw with Raith Rovers at Starks Park a fortnight ago is the only credit entry in their points balance sheet in 1997 and you have to go back to 11th December to find an Aberdeen victory - that in itself was impressive as they defeated Hearts 2-1 at Tynecastle. Their form since then has been anything but!

The substitution of Darren Jackson by former Tannadice colleague Brian Welsh shortly before the end of extra time seemed a strange move with penalties a near certainty at that stage. In the final analysis, it had no bearing on Hibs progress, but at the time it did seem a strange move given that Darren is Hibs regular spot-kick taker!

He has converted three this season and with ten goals to his credit, he appears to be carrying the entire Easter Road scoring burden on his shoulders. The former United striker has reached double figures in the league with Kevin Harper's looping header against Celtic taking his tally to five. Pat McGinlay's late equaliser in the first cup meeting with



DARREN JACKSON

Aberdeen was only his third of the season.

This afternoon is an important one for both the Premier sides at the wrong end of the form guide. Hibs meet Raith and a defeat would really plunge Jim Duffy's men into the relegation mire.

Up at Pittodrie, Kilmarnock are the visitors and Aberdeen's season is all but over after that Scottish Cup defeat. They should have enough points in the bag to avoid any possibility of being drawn into the relegation equation, but need to reverse their current poor form to ensure that, indeed, is the case.

Indeed, with just a third of the season left, only 5 points cover the bottom four clubs, so it is definitely tight at the bottom.

If you are looking for omens for the drop, when we lost Premier status, we did it with three points less than the 39 we currently hold. Aberdeen went into the play-offs with a total of 41, from which you could assume 42 will bring safety.

However, just compare that with last season!

Falkirk were automatically relegated with only 24 points, a dozen less than our total the previous season, whilst Partick

Thistle 'qualified' for the play-offs with 30 points and Motherwell although finishing eighth had 39 points, our current total.

Given that there are 12 games left, a total of over 40 points looks as though it will be required for clubs to avoid the traumas of the play-off.

On that basis one more victory should ensure United retain top ten status, after that no one can claim to be free of relegation fears.

Motherwell, Kilmarnock, Hibs and Raith are most vulnerable with Dunfermline an outside contender to be dragged in when the relegation battle lines are finally drawn up.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division

- Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
- Dundee United v Celtic**
- Dunfermline Ath v Motherwell
- Hibernian v Raith Rovers
- Rangers v Hearts

First Division

- Clydebank v Airdrieonians
- Falkirk v Dundee
- Partick Thistle v East Fife
- St Johnstone v Greenock Morton
- St Mirren v Stirling Albion

Second Division

- Ayr United v Livingston
- Berwick Rangers v Stranraer
- Clyde v Stenhousemuir
- Hamilton Academical v Dumbarton
- Queen of the South v Brechin City

Third Division

- Alloa v Forfar Athletic
- Arbroath v Queens Park
- Cowdenbeath v East Stirling
- Montrose v Inverness Caledonian Thistle
- Ross County v Albion Rovers



TELEWEST
COMMUNICATIONS

RESERVES AND YOUTHS



PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Tuesday 14th January

United (0) 1

Keith 77

Dunfermline Ath (1) 2

Britton 37, Bingham 85

Team :- Maxwell, Gray (Kennedy 78), McQuilken, Black, R Thomson (Robertson 71), Wirmola, Easton, Crabbe (Keith 53), McSwegan, Johnson, Walker. (Sub not used - Kennedy)

Tuesday 21st January

Hearts (1)

Thomas 42

United (0) 0

Team :- Stewart, Gray, Black, Bowman (Robertson 75), Mitchell (Walker 70), R Thomson, Easton, Johnson, McSwegan, McKinnon, Keith. (Sub not used - Kennedy)

The reserves have yet to get out of their starting blocks in terms of results, after three weeks without a game over the festive period, and that lack of competition was particularly in evidence in the first outing against Dunfermline at Tannadice as coach Gordon Wallace reports,

"We were decidedly ring-rusty in that first outing after the break and were up against a very experienced Pars side.

"It would be difficult to deny that they weren't the better side, but having worked our way back into the game, it was disappointing to be caught by a sucker punch near the end"

Ally Maxwell returned to action after his knee surgery and was quickly involved. He saved from Britton in the very first minute and finger-tipped a Ward shot past the post after ten minutes. Another great save by Ally kept Bingham at bay after half an hour, but he was finally beaten seven minutes later when Britton controlled a Miller cross to bury the ball in the net to atone for a shocking earlier miss. United almost hit back right away, Craig Easton's shot striking the base of the post. With 13 minutes left, the Tannadice colts got back on level terms when Gary McSwegan laid the ball into the path of **Marino Keith** who stroked the ball home from 12 yards. But a share of the points was denied United five minutes from time when Rice's through ball sent Bingham clear and he prodded the ball past the advancing Ally Maxwell.

A week later at Tynecastle around 1000 fans turned up for United's visit, but the reserves were unable to emulate the first team by winning in the capital.

"The defence performed reasonably well, particularly as Hearts had Thomas and Paille in the vanguard of their attack and put us under a fair bit of pressure in the first half. After the break, we did a bit better, but lacked the cutting edge to pull back the goal we lost just before half-time

"The outcome might well have been different had we had a bit more creativity in the final third," concluded Gordon Wallace.

The nearest United did come to scoring was in the closing stages when a Gary McSwegan header was cleared off the line. Hearts goal was scored by Kevin Thomas in the 42nd minute when he followed up to score after Murray's shot had come back off the post.

United's night of woe was completed five minutes from the end when Grant Johnson was red-carded five minutes from the end.

With the match against Motherwell failing to go ahead earlier this week, the reserves next scheduled match is away to Celtic. If time permits details of this match will appear in next week's programme.

YOUTH LEAGUE

Thursday 16th January

United (1) 6

Devine 22, S Thomson 2 (46 & 78),

McConalogue 3 (67, 84 & 88)

Cowdenbeath (0) 0

Team :- Gallacher, Boylan, (McDonald 47), Fallon, Donachie, Easton, Coyle, Bryers (McConalogue 46), Davidson, Devine (Paterson 65), S Thomson, Dailly.

The scoreline against Cowdenbeath at Gussie Park may look convincing, but as Gordon Wallace explains, it flattered to deceive, "By our own high standards, this must be considered a disappointing display.

"The result apart, we must look for a better level of performance than the one we gave here.

"You could make the excuse that this was their first competitive action for some time, but the youngsters have had sufficient ball work in training to nullify that argument."

Chris Devine opened the scoring after 22 minutes when he steered a Donachie cross home from 12 yards. Immediately after the break, **Steven Thompson** rifled in a second from 14 yards and he also scored a highly individualistic fourth 12 minutes from the end, capping a great run with an equally good finish. In between that brace, substitute **Stephen McConalogue** converted a right wing cross and he went on to complete a hat-trick with a far post header from a Gareth Dailly corner and by turning home a Hugh Davidson cross two minutes from time.

Details of the youth team's 4-1 victory over Hearts last Monday evening will appear in next week's programme against Hibs. Because Livingston have withdrawn from the league there is no youth team game next week.

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

FIXTURES - SEASON 1996-97

Aug 10	Motherwell (a)	L 0-3
Aug 19	Hibernian (a)	L 2-5
Aug 24	Rangers (h)	L 1-2
Sept 6	Hearts (h)	L 0-3
Sept 19	Celtic (a)	D 1-1
Sept 24	Raith Rovers (h)	W 2-1
Oct 5	Rangers (a)	L 1-2
Oct 8	Aberdeen (a)	D 2-2
Oct 15	Kilmarnock (a)	D 1-1
Oct 23	Dunfermline (h)	W 4-1
Oct 28	Hearts (a)	Postponed
Nov 5	Motherwell (h)	2-1
Nov 9	Rangers (h)	Postponed
Nov 9	Kilmarnock RLC 3 (a)	L 1-2
Nov 28	Raith Rovers (a)	Postponed
Nov 30	Dunfermline (a)	Postponed
Dec 4	Aberdeen (h)	W 3-0
Dec 9	Kilmarnock (h)	L 1-4
Dec 13	Hibernian (a)	Postponed
Dec 20	Celtic (h)	W 2-1
Dec 28	Raith Rovers (h)	Postponed
Jan 6	Kilmarnock (a)	Postponed
Jan 14	Dunfermline (h)	L 1-2
Jan 21	Hearts (h)	L 1-2
Jan 30	Motherwell (a)	
Feb 1	Celtic (a)	
Feb 8	Hibernian (a)	
Mar 8	Aberdeen (a)	

SCOTTISH YOUTH DIVISION

FIXTURES - SEASON 1996-97

Aug 22	Cowdenbeath (h)	W 8-0
Aug 29	Dundee (a)	W 2-0
Sept 1	Hearts (h)	Postponed
Sept 10	Livingston (a)	W 5-0
Sept 26	Kilmarnock (a)	W 3-2
Oct 1	Rangers (h)	L 0-5
Oct 10	Aberdeen (h)	W 2-0
Oct 13	Celtic (a)	Postp.
Oct 29	Fraserburgh (h)	YC W 8-0
Nov 1	Dundee (h)	W 2-1
Nov 6	Hearts (a)	Postponed
Nov 13	Ayr United (h)	YC L 1-2
Nov 21	Rangers (a)	Postponed
Nov 25	Kilmarnock (h)	Postponed
Dec 4	Cowdenbeath (a)	W 4-1
Dec 12	Aberdeen (a)	L 0-1
Dec 18	Celtic (h)	Postponed
Jan 16	Cowdenbeath (h)	W 6-0
Jan 19	Dundee (a)	Postponed
Jan 27	Hearts (h)	W 4-1
Feb 9	Rangers (a)	
Feb 16	Kilmarnock (a)	
Feb 23	Free Week	
Mar 2	Aberdeen (h)	
Mar 9	Celtic (a)	

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CAPTAIN'S LOG



IT HAS SEEMS SO LONG SINCE I WROTE A COLUMN FOR THE PROGRAMME THAT WE MUST BE INTO SEASON 1998-99!

They say a week is a long time in poitics and that applies equally to football with almost an entire evolution, having taken place over the last four weeks,

Four of my team-mates are no more. Davie Hannah is, of course, back at Tannadice this afternoon, but as a member of the Celtic squad. Owen Coyle has moved to Motherwell, Jamie McQuilken is now with Hibs and Scott Crabbe is hoping for better luck in his career after joining Falkirk.

I am sorry to see them all go, particularly Scott Crabbe. We have played together for a good few years, but after all his problems with injuries, he needed to get back playing first team football on a regular basis.

One player 'delighted' to see Crabbe leave is Ally Maxwell, because he is hoping to claim the vacancy in our Wednesday golf slot. But he does have rivals with the Scandinavians also in the running now that they are about to join Broughty Golf Club!

Coming through the revolving door at Tannadice has been Jamie Dolan, who in the three games so far has played really well. News of his impending signing was broken to the lads by Lars Zetterlund when he entered the dressing room to announce in his best English - "The little ***** from Motherwell who stamped all over my leg is up the stairs!" (Or words to that effect!)

It it shows prove that in football nothing remains secret for long.

Fortunate may seem a strange way of describing a three match suspension, but the fact is that I wouldn't have been



DAVE BOWMAN

fit enough to play in any of the games which I was forced to sit out.

And what a difference a year has made. Last year I had to sit out four matches not long after being sidelined with a cheekbone injury. So I had plenty of time to assess the team and the difference in less than twelve months as to how the side is performing is staggering.

LONG MAY IT CONTINUE. (AND I DON'T MEAN ME WATCHING FROM THE SIDELINES!)

Equally staggering was Andy McLaren's miraculous recovery at Tynecastle. I am sure that I saw him stretched off writhing in agony and was convinced he had broken his leg,

only to find him walking past me to go for a shower when I got down to the dressing room at the end of the game. Just proves that the water in the Physio's bag must be from Lourdes!

After putting together such a good run, we now find ourselves in a great position with a European place a very real possibility either by finishing third in the league or the Scottish Cup. And that is way beyond our expectations at the start of the season or when the new manager first arrived.

On a lighter note. You can tell that the golf season is on the horizon because you can't get near the gym because of the Chairman. He is busy working off all his winter's aches and pains to begin another 'bandit' season on the course - 14 handicap - you must be joking!

Today, we face Celtic and this a game we always look forward to playing in. Their ambition is to catch Ranger, whilst we are endeavouring to narrow the gap between them and us, so it has all the makings of a terrific encounter.

As I said earlier, we will be welcoming David Hannah back and wish him well except this afternoon and on the final day of the season. Everything seems to have gone well for him other than his recent faux pas in front of goal against Hibs. It was so bad, that my mate Gordon Marshall tells me that even he would have scored!

Finally, and hopefully, there will be one well kent face back at Tannadice this afternoon, because everyone is hoping that Jock Speed will be back at Tannadice for the first time since his terrible road accident. There will be dire consequences for him if he doesn't make it, because I will just have to go over to visit him and eat him out of house and home again!

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ROLL CALL...

Date	Opponents	Res	Aft.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	GK/15
Aug 10	Motherwell	1-1	8157	Maxwell	Shannon	McQuiken	Pressley	Perry	Benneker	McKinnon(14)	Bowman	McSwegan	Johnson(12)	Coyle	Duffy	Winters	Key
Aug 13	Stirling Albion CC 2	2-1	1683	Maxwell	Shannon	McQuiken	Pressley	Benneker	Perry	Winters1(14)	Bowman	McSwegan	Johnson(12)	Duffy	McKinnon	Coyle1	Key
Aug 17	Hibernian	0-1	8589	Maxwell	Perry	McQuiken(12)	Pressley	Benneker	Duffy	McLaren	Bowman	McSwegan	Coyle	Hannah(14)	Winters	Shannon	Key
Aug 24	Rangers	0-1	48285	Maxwell	Perry	McQuiken	Pressley	Benneker	Hannah	McLaren	Duffy	McSwegan(4)	Coyle	McKinnon(12)	Shannon	Winters	Key
Sept 3	Dundee CC3	2-2*	11839	Maxwell	Perry	McQuiken	Pressley	Benneker	Duffy	McLaren(12)	Bowman	McSwegan	Coyle1	Winters	McKinnon	Shannon	Key
Sept 7	Heart of Midlothian	0-1	11858	Maxwell	Shannon	McQuiken	Pressley	Benneker	Perry	McKinnon	Bowman	McSwegan	Coyle	Duffy(12)	McLaren(14)	Winters	Key
Sept 14	Celtic	1-2	12152	Maxwell	Bowman	Shannon(14)	Pressley	Benneker	Perry	Winters(12)	McKinnon(15)	McSwegan	Hannah	McLaren	Coyle	McQuiken	Johnson
Sept 21	Raith Rovers	2-3	5077	Maxwell	Bowman	Shannon	Pressley	Benneker	Perry	Winters(15)	Johnson	McSwegan	Hannah 1	McLaren	Coyle	McKinnon	McQuiken
Sept 28	Aberdeen	1-0	10359	Maxwell	Shannon	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	McQuiken	Winters(12)	Bowman	McSwegan	Hannah	Coyle(15)	McLaren(14)	Benneker	Robertson
Oct 12	Kilmarnock	0-0	7365	Maxwell	Shannon	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	McInally	McLaren(15)	Bowman	McSwegan	Hannah(12)	Coyle(14)	McQuiken	Winters	Robertson
Oct 19	Dunfermline Ath.	1-1	6982	Maxwell	Shannon	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	McInally	Robertson(12)	Bowman	Winters1	Hannah	McQuiken(12)	Coyle	McLaren	Key
Oct 26	Heart of Midlothian	1-0	9353	Maxwell	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Winters1(14)	McKinnon(15)	Olofsson(9)	Hannah	McLaren	McSwegan	Robertson	McInally
Nov 2	Motherwell	1-0	5814	Key	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson1	McKinnon1	McSwegan	Zetterlund	McLaren(14)	Winters1	Hannah	McInally
Nov 16	Aberdeen	3-3	13800	Key	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson1	Zetterlund	Winters1	McKinnon(12)	McLaren(14)	Hannah	McInally	Coyle
Sat 23	Raith Rovers	1-2	8028	Key	Bowman(12)	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson	Zetterlund	Winters(15)	McKinnon(14)	McLaren	Duffy1	Walker	Coyle
Nov 30	Dunfermline Ath.	1-1	7646	Key	Bowman(12)	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson	Zetterlund	Winters1	Duffy	McLaren	McKinnon	McInally	McSwegan
Dec 7	Kilmarnock	2-0	5814	Dijkstra	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson 2(12)	Zetterlund	Winters(15)	Duffy	McLaren	McKinnon	McInally	McSwegan
Dec 10	Rangers	1-0	12529	Dijkstra	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry(12)	Pedersen	Olofsson	Zetterlund	Winters(15)	McInally	McLaren	Duffy(14)	McKinnon	McSwegan
Dec 14	Hibernian	1-1	8250	Dijkstra	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson	Zetterlund	Winters	McInally(12)	McLaren(14)	McKinnon	McSwegan	Johnson
Dec 21	Celtic	0-1	46590	Dijkstra	Bowman(15)	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson(12)	Zetterlund	Winters	Hannah	McLaren	McSwegan	McInally	Johnson
Dec 26	Motherwell	2-0	8072	Dijkstra	Bowman	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Winters	Zetterlund(15)	McSwegan(12)	McKinnon(14)	McLaren	Olofsson	Hannah 1	McInally
Dec 28	Raith Rovers	1-0	5762	Dijkstra	Bowman(15)	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson 1(12)	Zetterlund	Winters	McInally(14)	McLaren(14)	McSwegan	McKinnon	Johnson
Jan 1	Aberdeen	4-0	9736	Dijkstra	Bowman(14)	Malpas	Pressley 2	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson 1	Zetterlund	Winters 1(2)	McInally(15)	McLaren	McSwegan	McKinnon	Easton
Jan 4	Kilmarnock	2-0	8508	Dijkstra	McKinnon 1	Malpas 1	Pressley	Perry(15)	Pedersen	Olofsson	Zetterlund	Winters	McInally(14)	McLaren(12)	McSwegan	Johnson	Wirmola
Jan 11	Dunfermline Ath.	3-1	7698	Dijkstra	McKinnon(15)	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson 2	Zetterlund	Winters(12)	Dolan	McLaren(14)	McSwegan	McInally 1	Wirmola
Jan 18	Heart of Midlothian	2-1	12777	Dijkstra	McInally	Malpas	Pressley	Perry(15)	Wirmola	Olofsson 1	Zetterlund	Winters(12)	Dolan	McLaren(14)	McSwegan	McKinnon 1	Johnson
Jan 25	Stirling Albion TSC R3	2-0	3300	Dijkstra	McInally(14)	Malpas	Pressley	Perry	Pedersen	Olofsson	Zetterlund	Winters 1(5)	Dolan	McLaren(12)	McSwegan 1	Bowman	Walker

Feb 1	Celtic
Sat 8	Hibernian
Feb 12	Rangers
Feb 16	Hearts TSC R4
Feb 22	Kilmarnock
Mar 1	Dunfermline Ath.
Mar 8	Scottish Cup Round 5
Mar 15	Aberdeen
Mar 22	Raith Rovers
Apr 5	Hibernian
Apr 12	Rangers
Apr 19	Motherwell
May 3	Heart of Midlothian
May 10	Celtic
May 24	Scottish Cup Final

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Player	96-97		United Career	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
Armand Benneker	6 (1)	-	6 (1)	-
Tongeren, Belgium 25.6.69	2	-	2	-
David Bowman	20	-	268 (41)	9
Tonbridge 10.3.64	2(1)	-	74 (9)	3
Owen Coyle (now Motherwell)	6 (4)	-	26 (12)	5
Glasgow 14.7.66	1 (1)	2	5 (3)	6 (1p)
Scott Crabbe (now Falkirk)	-	-	38 (21)	6(1p)
Edinburgh 12.8.68	-	-	10(2)	2
Jamie Dolan	2	-	2	-
Salsburgh 22.2.69	1	-	1	-
Sieb Dijkstra	10	-	10	-
Kerkraide, Holland 26.10.96	-	-	-	-
Neil Duffy	5 (3)	1	5 (3)	1
Glasgow 5.6.67	2	-	2	-
Craig Easton	- (1)	-	- (1)	-
Bells Hill 26.2.79	-	-	-	-
Juan Ferreri	-	-	- (1)	-
Florida, Uruguay 13.7.70	-	-	-	-
Dale Gray	-	-	2	-
Edinburgh 15.2.78	-	-	-	-
David Hannah (now Celtic)	9(3)	2	50 (16)	7
Coatbridge 4.8.73	-	-	11 (2)	5
Ian Grant Johnson	2 (4)	-	72 (12)	7
Dundee 24.3.72	1	-	13 (2)	4
Marino Keith	-	-	- (4)	-
Peterhead 16.12.74	-	-	- (1)	-
Lance Key	4	-	4	-
Kettering 13-5-68	-	-	-	-
Jim McInally	8 (4)	1	283 (15)	18
Glasgow 19.2.64	1	-	89 (1)	4
Ray McKinnon	11 (7)	3	62 (18)	9
Dundee 5.8.70	- (2)	-	10 (6)	1
Andrew McLaren	20 (3)	2 (1p)	88 (31)	7(1p)
Glasgow 5.6.73	2	-	20 (7)	2
James McQuiken (now Hibs)	6 (3)	-	12 (6)	-
Glasgow 3.8.74	2	-	5 (1)	-
Gary McSwegan	10 (10)	5	29 (16)	22
Glasgow 24.9.70	2 (1)	2	7 (2)	2
Maurice Malpas	18	1	527 (8)	19
Dunfermline 3.8.62	1	-	180 (4)	6
Ally Maxwell	10	-	44	-
Hamilton 16.2.65	2	-	11	-
Kjell Olofsson	14 (1)	9	14 (1)	9
Gothenburg 23.7.65	1	-	1	-
Erik Pedersen	14	-	14	-
Porsgrunn 11.10.67	1	-	1	-
Mark Perry	24	-	76 (4)	3
Aberdeen 7.2.71	3	-	18	-
Steven Pressley	24	2	59	4
Elgin 11.10.73	3	-	13	-
Sandy Robertson	1 (3)	-	2 (6)	-
Edinburgh 26.4.71	-	-	5	-
Rab Shannon (now Hibs)	7 (2)	-	33 (2)	1
Bells Hill 20.4.66	1	-	12	-
Paul Walker	- (1)	-	- (3)	-
Kilwinning 20.8.77	- (1)	-	2 (2)	-
Robbie Winters	18 (6)	6	58 (14)	15
East Kilbride 4.11.74	3	2	12 (2)	5
Jonas Wirmola	1 (2)	-	1 (2)	-
Vajxo 17.7.69	-	-	-	-
Lars Zetterlund	14	-	14	-
Sweden 11.2.64	1	-	1	-

Top figures refer to League Games, whilst bottom include all domestic cup and European games and last season's, Play-off with Partick Thistle. Up to and including Saturday's match with Stirling Albion.

BELL'S PREMIER LEAGUE 1996-97

HOW THE PREMIER LEAGUE STANDS TODAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Rangers	24	19	3	2	63	21	60
Celtic	24	17	3	4	61	24	54
Dundee United	24	11	6	7	33	21	39
Hearts	24	9	6	9	35	35	33
Aberdeen	24	8	7	9	34	38	31
Dunfermline	24	8	5	10	35	47	29
Motherwell	24	6	6	12	25	42	24
Kilmarnock	24	7	3	14	28	46	24
Hibernian	24	6	5	13	25	42	23
Raith Rovers	24	5	4	15	20	43	19

MATCH OF THE DAY...

ALL OUR PREMIER MEETINGS WITH CELTIC

	Home	Away				
8590	2-2	2-0	1-0	0-3		
9091	3-1	2-1	0-0	0-1		
9192	3-4	1-1	1-4	1-3		
9293	1-1	2-3	0-2	1-0		
9394	1-0	1-3	1-1	0-0		
9495	2-2	0-1	1-2	1-1		
9596	1-2	-	0-1	-		

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	P	W	D	L	F	A
Tonnadice	41	17	8	16	62	57
Parkhead/Hampden	41	6	14	21	32	58
TOTAL	82	23	22	37	94	115



LOOKING BACK...

5 YEARS AGO

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 1992
ST JOHNSTONE 1 UNITED 1

Saints enjoyed the better of the opening half, but had to rely on a controversial penalty award to secure a point from this closely fought encounter. After stemming Saints opening surge, United went ahead after 29 minutes. **Duncan Ferguson** intercepted a Jim McNally pass destined for Darren Jackson and promptly lashed the ball into the net after getting the break of the ball as he was tackled on the edge of the box. A minute from the interval, van de Kamp was adjudged to have brought down Vinny Arkins and **Paul Wright** slammed in a spot-kick equaliser. On top for most of the second half, Hamilton denied Ray McKinnon and made an even more spectacular save from a flying Duncan Ferguson header. Although United failed to get a winner, the draw maintained United's unbeaten Premier record at McDiarmid Park.

United - van de Kamp, Clark, Malpas, Bowman, van der Hoorn, McNally, O'Neil, Cleland, Jackson (Paatelainen 79), Ferguson, McKinnon. (Sub not used - Ferreyra)

Crowd - 6,364

10 YEARS AGO

SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 1987
UNITED 2 FALKIRK 1

Falkirk may have been in the middle of a dismal run of six successive defeats, but even the loss of an early goal a man sent off made this no formality. An eager United start pinned the Brockville side back and produced a goal after just twelve minutes. From a right wing corner, John Clark sent in a looping header which hit the bar and **Iain Ferguson** rammed home the rebound. When Dempsey was red-carded after a clash with Ian Redford in the 33rd minute, the visitor's prospects appeared forlorn, especially as they conceded a second goal just a minute into the second half. Dave Narey powered in a 30 yarder which Walker failed to hold and **Kevin Gallacher** nipped in to tuck away United's second. Against all odds, the Bairns found themselves back in the game. Purdie ran on to a quickly taken McGuire free-kick to beat Billy Thomson from just inside the box. There were one or two nervy moments before the end, but with the number of chances which had been scorned earlier, this match should have been put well beyond Falkirk's reach well before the final whistle.

United - W Thomson, Kirkwood, Malpas, McNally, Clark, Narey, Ferguson, Gallacher, Bannon, Kinnaird, Redford (Holt 70). (Sub not used - Page)

Crowd - 8,804

15 YEARS AGO

WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 1982
ST MIRREN 1 UNITED 0

The severe winter weather meant that this was only United's second league match since the end of November and the team looked a bit ring-rusty as they endeavoured to reduce the four point gap which existed between the sides who sat in third and fourth place. An intensely fought contest produced few goalmouth incidents. McAvennie missed a good chance for the home side and Beckett cleared off the line following an Eamonn Bannon header. The teams were deadlocked as the game entered the final minutes and a draw looked the likely outcome. But then Saints struck. John McCormack's free-kick caused confusion in the Tannadice defensive ranks and substitute **Lex Richardson** poked home what proved to be the winner with just eight minutes remaining.

United - McAlpine, Malpas, Stark, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Shurrock, Dodds.

Crowd - 5,198

25 YEARS AGO

SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY 1972
UNITED 0 ABERDEEN 4

The Dons unceremoniously dumped United out of the Scottish Cup at Tannadice. The visitors carried just too much fire-power against a United eleven that couldn't be faulted for lack of effort. The Tannadice defence were at sixes and sevens when **Bertie Miller** gave them the lead after just seven minutes when he slotted in the opener. However, United spurned a great chance to equalise 10 minutes later. The punishment for a soft handball offence was a penalty, but Clark was to save Kenny Cameron's spot-kick. **Joe Harper** did not miss from 12 yards in the 65th minute after Wattie Smith had pulled the chunky Dons striker down. Two minutes later, Harper hooked home their third from Miller's cross and right on time **Willie Young** made contact with a Hermiston free-kick to head home a fourth.

United - McAlpine, Rolland, J Cameron, Markland, D Smith, W Smith, K Cameron, Knox, Copland (Traynor 64), Gardner, Mitchell.

Crowd - 12,974

Saturday 14th September 1996
PREMIER DIVISION - 5th Fixture

UNITED (0) 1 McSwegan 88
CELTIC (1) 2

van Hooijdonk 44, Mackay 89

Tommy McLean's first game in charge ended in disappointing fashion with Celtic grabbing a late winner after it looked as though a Gary McSwegan goal had rescued a deserved point.

The first real chance fell to Celtic after 21 minutes when van Hooijdonk's through ball found Thom, but Ally Maxwell dashed from his goal to close the German down and blocked his shot. Di Canio always threatened when he had the ball, but apart from Ally Maxwell blocking a Thom shot during Celtic's best spell of the match, it looked as though United would go in on level terms at the break.

However, shortly before the interval Steven Pressley kneed the ball back to Ally Maxwell, but referee Crombie adjudged it as a pass-back. Despite United protests, he stood by his decision and Di Canio slipped the ball to **van Hooijdonk** who breached the defensive wall which rushed from the goal-line with a low grounder to give Celtic the advantage at the break.

The start of the second half simply bristled with incident. Within four minutes, Celtic were reduced to ten men after O'Neil received a second yellow card for holding Gary McSwegan. From the free-kick, David Hannah's header was cleared off the line by van Hooijdonk. This heralded an intense spell of pressure around Marshall's goal and Dave Bowman was unlucky to see his 25-yarder crash back off the face of the crossbar.

Other than Thom firing over a Di Canio cut-back, ten man Celtic were being pinned back for long spells. But United's luck continued to be out. David Hannah hit the bar with a header when he lost his marker to get on the end of an Andy McLaren free-kick and you began to think that this wasn't to be United's day.

However, with a couple of minutes remaining **Gary McSwegan**, determinedly, held off the challenge of Hughes to fire a glorious shot high into the far corner to bring great relief to players and fans alike. A point looked assured, however, even with so little time left, it proved a false dawn. In extended play Cadete sent in a header which rebounded off the inside of the post and **Malky Mackay** just managed to scramble the ball over the line to deny United anything from a game which they deserved to take something.

Crowd - 12,152

United - Maxwell, Bowman, Shannon (McQuilken 73), Pressley, Perry, Benneker, Winters (Coyle 57), McKinnon (Johnson 78), McSwegan, Hannah, McLaren.

Celtic - Marshall, Boyd, Mackay, McNamara, Hughes, Grant, Di Canio, O'Neil, van Hooijdonk, Thom (Donnelly 89), Cadete. (Subs not used - Wieghorst, McLaughlin)

Sending-off - Celtic - O'Neil (Second yellow card for holding McSwegan 49)

Bookings - United - Perry (Foul on Di Canio 72). Celtic - Hughes (Tackle from behind on McKinnon 32), O'Neil (Barging McSwegan 24).

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The first game of the New Year saw the All-Stars in charge against a team from the local CID. Ian Fleming hit two of the goals in a 7-2 win. Not that I am equipped to give the full details on the game because, I made a mad dash from the Goalkeeping course at Graham Street and only played for forty minutes, before dashing back to finish off the course. The All-Stars next outing is on the 14th February, when we will tackle ERGO in a match for charity.

* SOCCER SEVENS

The Saturday morning sessions at Gussie Park started on January 11th 1997 under a new format. Forfar and Arbroath will re-commence at the beginning of March as will a new venue at Tayport. Further details will be given at a later date.

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The bad weather at New Year all but put paid to the scheduled events. Only the Goalkeeping Course and First Timers which were held in the Tannadice gym actually went ahead.

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- In addition to Kosice and Hamburg, which three other European sides have played at Celtic Park this season?
- Scotland's top scorer in the league last season was Pierre van Hooijdonk. Did he score a) 24 goals; b) 26 goals; or c) 28 goals?
- This player topped the Premier scoring charts in 1988, 1991 & 1995 with three different clubs. Can you name him?
- Against which club did Lars Zetterlund make his United debut?
- David Hannah scored in his farewell appearance in tangerine before moving to Celtic. Can you name that last United player to score in his final game for the club?
- Where will the second leg of this season's European Super Cup be played and what was the score in the first leg?
- How many players were making their Scottish Cup debut at Forthbank last Saturday?
- Who knocked Celtic out of this season's Coca-Cola Cup?
- Which current Celtic player was born in Mozambique?
- When Celtic played here in May 1995. Three United players were making their last appearance before moving elsewhere. Can you name them?

ANSWERS

- 1 Sporting Lisbon, Barcelona and Bayern Munich
- 2 b) 26
- 3 Tommy Coyne with Dundee, Celtic & Motherwell
- 4 Against Motherwell at Fir Park at the start of November
- 5 Brian Welsh in the play-off against Partick Thistle at Tannadice
- 6 Palermo which will stage the Juventus v Paris St Germain tie The Italians won the first match 6-1 in France
- 7 Six - Diaktra, Pedersen, Olsson, Zetterlund, Dolan, Walker
- 8 Hearts who beat them 1-0 at Tynecastle.
- 9 Jorge Cadete
- 10 Jim McInally, David Craig & Sergio

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MEMORY MATCH...

DUNDEE UNITED 2 CELTIC 0

Scottish League Premier Division, Saturday 13th January, 1990

CONNOLLY COQUERORS CELTS

Writing in the programme for the visit of Celtic back in 1989, manager Jim McLean commented, "Barring illness or injury, Paddy Connolly will be in the side and I'll be interested to see how he handles one of the big games of the season."

The young Forward had only just emerged as a first team candidate, having been in the starting line-up for the previous two games, but the teenage striker was still waiting to score his first goals in a tangerine jersey.

This was to be rectified against the club he had supported as a lad.

Tannadice, so often been the graveyard for Celtic's aspirations, was to live up to its reputation yet again.

Early proceedings were to shed no light on how comfortable a victory, United were to eventually earn.

If anything Celtic had the better of the opening half hour, most notably when Elliot flicked on a Mathie corner and Joe Miller smacked the ball against the bar.

However, once United had gone in front, there was only going to be one winner! That opening goal came in the 36th minute when Bonner could only palm away a powerful shot from Kevin Gallacher and Paddy Connolly turned the ball goalwards. Bonner did get his hands to it, but only succeeded in fumbling the ball over the line.

Within the matter of minutes, United could easily have scored twice more. The Celtic defence was in total disarray as Kevin

Gallacher sped on to a through ball, but he shot weakly into Bonner's arms. Then John Clark was presented with a free header from a Dave Narey free-kick, but he failed to hit the target.

Right on the stroke of the interval justice was done when a second goal did arrive.

Mixu Paatelainen headed on another Dave Narey free-kick and Paul Elliot, obligingly, missed his clearance to allow Paddy Connolly to steal in and tuck the ball into an empty net.

On the resumption only Bonner's save from Darren Jackson's downward header from a sweeping Miodrag Krivokapic cross prevented United from increasing their lead.

True to their tradition, Celtic battled hard, but on the few occasions on which they managed to find a chink in the Tannadice rearguard, they found Alan Main, in goal, unflappable.

A measure of the difference between the sides could be found in the Sunday Express whose reporter wrote, "Celtic have more to concern themselves with than United, who won without playing brilliantly. The home team merely made the most of the opportunities presented to them, and had more quality players where it mattered."

For Paddy Connolly, this was the game which really stamped his first team credentials, whilst it was another sorry Tannadice chapter for Celtic who then had only won twice in their previous 17 visits.

More significantly, this win re-awakened United's European hopes, closing the gap on Celtic in fourth place to just a single point.



PADDY CONNOLLY... is mobbed after United first goal

MATCH DETAILS

Saturday 13th January 1990

UNITED (2) 2

Connolly 2 (36 & 44)

CELTIC (0) 0

Teams :-

United - Main, van der Hoorn, Malpas, McNally, Krivokapic, Narey, Clark, Gallacher, Jackson, Connolly (Bowman 84). (Sub not used - McKinnon)

Celtic - Bonner, Morris, Galloway, Elliot, Whyte, Mathie (Walker 58), McStay, Dziekanowski, Fulton, Miller. (Sub not used - Grant).

Bookings - **United** - van der Hoorn (Foul on Mathie 45).

Celtic - Whyte (Dissent 37), Fulton (Dissent 38), McStay (Foul on Connolly 44), Elliot (Scything down McNally 76).

Referee - J R S Renton (Cowdenbeath)

Crowd - 16,635



PADDY CONNOLLY... scores the first goal against Celtic



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MEDIA FILE

With so many games to cover and, the Celtic game apart, all ending in United victories, we'll take a brief look at what have largely been glowing tributes to Tommy McLean's men.

Even in defeat at Parkhead, there was encouragement from The Sporting Post. *"United's good away run is over, but although disappointed, they can console themselves that on another day it would have been good enough to earn something,"* summarised Bob Angus.

Phil Gordon writing for Scotland on Sunday said.

"Tommy McLean's side were never totally out of the game, though their aim was merely to contain Celtic rather than threaten them and for the final half hour the Parkhead crowd's frayed nerves were all too apparent." On to the Boxing Day game with Motherwell and the start of United's roll.

"Dundee United made it two home wins on the trot for the first time this season and tightened the relegation screw on Motherwell," wrote Steve Bruce in The Courier, adding, *"But while Tommy McLean's Tangerines handed their fans some festive cheer, Boxing Day brought only further misery for supporters of the Steelmen."*

Misery was what both sets of fans suffered as far as the spectacle of Raith v United was concerned, but the result made up for a lot of the earlier suffering.

You couldn't quibble with The Sporting Post's summary.

"United took the points in a pretty dire game but the fans must have been disappointed to see no more goals after that early strike."

A point on which, Mike Ritchie in the Sunday Mail was in agreement wit, *"A second minute's strike from United's sensational Scandinavian Kjell Olofsson SHOULD have set them up for a more comfortable victory."*

"But the fighting Fifers pushed them all the way."

The New Year's day derby brought the most pleasurable reading of the season so far as Aberdeen were sent packing with their tail between their legs after a 4-0 drubbing.

"Aberdeen stumbled into Winters blunderland as the United bandwagon rolled into 1997 at breakneck speed," proclaimed Jim Black in The Sun.

Natasha Woods wrote in The Scotsman, *"Dundee United climbed majestically into third place in the Premier Division by humiliating Aberdeen in a New Year derby at Tannadice which saw Tommy McLean's side regain their position as the dominant power of the so-called New Firm."*

Later she observed, *"United tore apart their opponents in a graphic illustration of just how far they have progressed since McLean took over the reigns in the autumn."*

Killie were next on United's hit list and The Sporting Post was almost getting carried away with the Club's new found success.

"Four wins in a row and no goals

conceded - its been a great festive period for United and, if this form continues, its surely Europe here they come."

In a more sedate style The Sunday Times scribe Archie McGregor concurred.

"Three more points added to a previous haul of nine over the festive period means that talk of Dundee United persuing a UEFA Cup spot no longer comes over as fanciful thinking on the part of some of their more fervent supporters, but rather is surely now a genuine prospect."

Space only permits us to further review one further game - the East End Park encounter which proved to be a very tense affair.

"For entertainment value the fans could have paid double the money and would not have been short changed by this cracker," reported Bob Angus.

Bill McFarlane stated in The Sunday Post,

"When Dundee United returned to the Premier Division this season, their immediate aim was survival."

"Now their ambitions stretch far higher. Already thoughts have returned to the halcyon days of the 80's when United were a major force in Europe."

"Certainly, if they keep winning like this (their fifth victory in succession) they will have to look out their passports again."



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CELTIC FOOTBALL CLUB

With the wealth they now possess, the glamour of the Old Firm is taken for granted, but the persistence Celtic have shown this season may have made the greatest impression of all. Tommy Burns's team, as everyone has been told repeatedly, have lost all three matches to Rangers in the Premier Division so far. That sort of record is supposed to do irreparable damage to morale.

After the two trips to Ibrox, where crucial refereeing decisions went against Celtic, the players had reason to be pessimistic or despondent. It says much for the motivational skills of the manager and the perseverance of the side, however, that their character did not buckle. Less than 48 hours after a harrowing 3-1 defeat by Rangers on January 2, for example, Celtic emerged to beat Motherwell 5-0.

The club, at present, has more incentive than ever to maintain a ferocious battle. Nobody at Parkhead, after all, can meekly accept the idea of seeing Rangers equal their record of nine successive championships. Despite the effort being put in, there is a line of argument that claims Celtic played better football last year, when they were defeated just once.

This, though, ignores the momentum that is currently being built up. When Celtic beat Hibernian 4-1 on January 18, it gave them a record of eight victories in nine league matches. Despite the defeats it has suffered,



Paolo Di Canio

this is also a side with far more menace about it. Jorge Cadete typifies the incisiveness in attack.

His two goals against Clydebank in the

Tennents Scottish Cup third round victory on Sunday gave the Portuguese striker a total of 24 for the season. This has been accomplished despite the fact that he suffered a bad hamstring injury on 24 September, against Hamburg, and did not return to action until 14 November. Even then, he required a few weeks to recover his sharpness.

He has now become a leading candidate for Scotland's Player of the Year award. The impact made by Cadete has limited the attention paid to **Pierre van Hooijdonk**, but he too continues to score and a contractual dispute with the club appears to have been put to one side for the moment. With **Chris Hay** pressing his claims with a vital goal against Raith Rovers in a demanding 3-1 win at Starks Park, Burns's options in attack become increased.

The manager has always realised that his squad had to be deepened before a challenge to Rangers could be sustained and he has quietly gone a long way to creating an extended squad. The resources seem to be at their most abundant in the midfield, where **Paul McStay** and **Phil O'Donnell** have both recovered from injuries that forced them to miss the first half of the season.

In the centre of the pitch, when everyone is fit, Burns can pick from McStay, O'Donnell, **Peter Grant**, **Morten Wieghorst** and **David Hannah** who has made a pleasing impression since signing from Dundee United just before the end of last year. The fortunate pair selected can be sure they are flanked by talent.

On the right wing, Burns has **Paolo Di Canio** and, if he is being employed in an advanced role, **Simon Donnelly** is available to fill the role as a highly talented deputy. The recent injury problems of **Andreas Thom** have also proved less damaging to the club's cause than might have been feared. Few could have expected **Brian McLaughlin** to return to such

effect on the left.

At last week's Peter Grant Testimonial Match against Bayern Munich, German journalists were eager to know



Pierre Van Hooijdonk

who was so troubling the Bundesliga side. Burns insists, too, that McLaughlin was the real star against Clydebank, despite the goals from Cadete.

Celtic score freely at present and if there is one problem causing the manager real concern, it lies in the fact that the opposition also tend to put the ball in the net. When Kevin Harper looped a header over **Stewart Kerr**, to score in Hibs recent defeat, it was the 24th goal conceded by Celtic in the Premier Division. In the whole of last season, the side lost just 25 goals.

Burns is attempting to remove some of the flourishes at the back and return to the basics of defending. It is for that reason that **Malky Mackay**, scorer of the winner when Celtic last visited Tannadice, has been restored to the team following the Old Firm game at New Year. This week, the manager has also been trying to sign Enrico Annoni from AS Roma.

While it is important for Celtic to defend more vigorously, though, they also have to pursue victory in every match if they are to retain their hopes of catching Rangers.

KEVIN McCARRA
The Sunday Times



Jorge Cadete

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PREMIER A TO Z

HAMISH FRENCH Birthplace: Aberdeen Date of Birth : 7th February 1964

Few players can have suffered as badly with injuries as the popular former Highland League striker. It would be hard to find a more dedicated professional, but the player never deserved the luck his never-say-die attitude deserved. First signed in June 1987 from Keith at the third attempt, Hamish's misfortunes were to dog form almost day one. He made a mighty impressive debut in a 1-1 draw at Ibrox on the opening day of season 1987-88. Two days later his leg was in plaster after he broke it in training! And that set the all too unfortunate tone of his Tannadice career. Indeed, his problems were exacerbated by the player's sheer appetite for training and on more than one occasion, he had to be curbed from doing extra training for his own good as he battled back from a pelvic injury. There was no place for him in the 1988 Scottish Cup Final side against Celtic, but he was a member of the side which went down in that memorable final against Motherwell three years later. His farewell appearance before a £150,000 move to Dunfermline in October 1991 was against St Johnstone when he scored a memorable solo goal - a reminder of what might have been had his career not been so blighted by injury. There have been periods of *deja vu* during his five and a bit years at East End Park, but this season, at least, luck has been with Hamish who has only missed a handful of games, finding the net five times.



HAMISH'S TANNADICE CAREER

	League		Scottish Cup		League Cup		Europe	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
1987-88	20	3	5	1	-	-	1	-
1988-89	12 (6)	3	2	-	1 (2)	-	- (2)	-
1989-90	7 (5)	2	- (1)	-	-	-	- (1)	-
1990-91	16 (3)	4	2 (1)	2	-	-	2	-
1991-92	5 (1)	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
Total	60 (15)	13	9 (2)	3	3 (2)	1	3 (3)	-

KEVIN GALLACHER Birthplace: Clydebank Date of Birth : 23rd November 1966

His first team debut against Neuchatel Xamax in Switzerland was just before Christmas 1985. It was the beginning of a four year spell at Tannadice when the fleet of foot forward was a mainstay of the United attack. He played in three finals for United - the 1987 Scottish Cup when he came on as a substitute; the 1988 when he scored the opening goal in United's 2-1 defeat by Celtic and the UEFA Cup Final against Gothenburg, although he only featured in the second leg at Tannadice. In addition to that, Kevin was capped seven times by the Under-21's and four times at full level. Although not a prolific goalscorer he notched two Premier hat-tricks, against Dunfermline at East End Park and at Douglas Park against Hamilton. In total he made 187 appearances, scoring 39 goals. His pace and flair tempted Coventry City into parting with their record transfer fee of £900,000 early in 1990. It was the Highfield Road club's third bid and created their then record transfer fee, topping United's previous best of £750,000 which was received from Spurs for Richard Gough. In almost four seasons with the West Midlands club, Kevin made exactly 100 league appearances, scoring 28 goals. His transfer to Ewood Park in 1993 cost Blackburn more than a £1 million with Roy Wegerle going to Coventry. However, after a good start to his Ewood career, a horrific spell of injuries sidelined for all but a month in an eighteen month spell which saw him only play once - and score once - in Blackburn's title triumph in 1994-95. Happily, restored to full fitness, Kevin is once more a regular in Rovers team and has hit five goals this season, including the winner against Newcastle. He has, of course, again teamed up with former Tannadice team-mate Billy McKinlay as Rovers have gradually edged up the table away from the bottom place they occupied for so long. His presence is no short term measure with Kevin having signed a new two year contract which starts after his present one ends this summer. And, of course, a place back in the Scotland team so that he can add to his 23 caps for his country.



KEVIN'S TANNADICE CAREER

	League		Scottish Cup		League Cup		Europe	
	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls	Apps	Gls
1985-86	19 (1)	3	2 (1)	-	-	-	- (1)	-
1986-87	29 (8)	10	4 (2)	3	4	2	5 (5)	1
1987-88	24 (2)	4	8	1	3	1	2	-
1988-89	29 (2)	9	5	1	4	2	4	-
1989-90	7	1	1	-	2	-	4	1
Total	118 (12)	27	20 (3)	5	13	5	15 (6)	2



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DUNDEE United v CELTIC



SIEB DYKSTRA

Has conceded just four goals in his 11 appearances for the club.

JIM McINALLY

Scored the first goal of his second spell with the club away to Dunfermline to take his tally to 22.

MAURICE MALPAS

Lines up for his 536th league match this afternoon.

STEVEN PRESSLEY

One of only two ever presents this season, 'Elvis' scored twice against Aberdeen to open his account for the season.

MARK PERRY

The only other player with an unblemished attendance record this term.

ERIK PEDERSEN

His only absence since his arrival was at Tynecastle following his red card at Dunfermline.

KJELL OLOFSSON

Although he arrived with a quarter of the season gone, the Swede is United's leading scorer with 9 goals.

LARS ZETTERLUND

Has played in every game since making his debut against Motherwell at Fir Park in November.

ROBBIE WINTERS

Must enjoy the environs of Forthbank, having scored in each of United's two visits to Stirling.

JAMIE DOLAN

Making his home debut after three very impressive starts against Dunfermline, Hearts and Stirling.

ANDY McLAREN

The provider of the cross from which Robbie Winters broke the deadlock at Forthbank.

GARY McSWEGAN

Came on to score his seventh goal of the season against Stirling.

DAVE BOWMAN

Returned after suspension at Forthbank last Saturday.

PAUL WALKER

Introduced to the Scottish Cup when he came on as a substitute at Forthbank.

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STEWART KERR

Has now featured in 18 first team games for the club.

TOM BOYD

An ever present this season. The midweek match at Dunfermline was his 186 Premier outing for Celts.

TOSH McKINLAY

Prior to Wednesday, had started 12 and made three further appearances as a substitute this season.

JACKIE McNAMARA

Has scored once in 21 outings this term.

MALKY MACKAY

Celtic's match winner last time the teams met here.

PHIL O'DONNELL

His goal downed United at Parkhead just before Christmas.

PAOLO DI CANIO

His penalty against Clydebank was the Italian's ninth counter for Celtic.

PAUL McSTAY

Easily Celtic's longest serving player with 56 goals from 507 Premier appearances. Scored at East End Park on Wednesday.

PIERRE VAN HOOIJDONK

Forty-four goals from a total of 66 Premier appearances starkly illustrates the threat the tall Dutch striker poses.

DAVID HANNAH

Ready to face his former team-mates for the first time since his Tannadice departure just after Christmas.

JORGE CADETE

The Portuguese hit-man has grabbed 17 goals in 19 league appearances.

CHRIS HAY

Three goals in three starts and five sub apps is a healthy return for the developing young striker.

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

Has hit 5 goals in 34 starts and 33 appearances off the bench in league outings.

GORDON MARSHALL

Hasn't figured in the starting eleven since the 1-0 home defeat of Motherwell in October.

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