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GORDON WALLACE



I cannot begin to tell you how pleased I am to be taking over as Manager of Dundee Football Club. I fully appreciate the opportunity I have been given and I am really looking forward to being a manager again, allowing me to run my own club and implement my own ideas.

Though it has been an extremely eventful week for me personally, now it is a matter of getting down to the hard work and graft where it counts — on the park.

Although I have just taken over I am very pleased with the response and determination the players have shown me this week in training and I can only hope that they carry that good work on in today's game with Celtic.



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Chairman's View...

After an eventful and uncertain period in the Club's history it is with great relief and delight that on behalf of my board and everyone at Dens Park Stadium, including you the fans, I welcome our new manager Gordon Wallace.

Gordon is well known to the Club through a distinguished playing career, of which I'm sure no-one needs reminding. With the experience gained in the management and coaching field I'm sure his appointment augers well for the long term future of the Club.

It is also a pleasure to welcome today's match Sponsor Davy GVA Limited to Dens Park Stadium and their association with our club is greatly appreciated. As a new and dynamic employer to this area I wish them continued success in their highly specialised field.

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WELCOME BACK GORDON



THE PLAYER

The appointment of Gordon Wallace as the Club's new Manager means it is a case of welcome back to a man who was highly popular at Dens in his playing career in a Dark Blue jersey.

Born and bred in the City, Gordon took the first steps of his playing career by signing for Dundee North End in 1957. A couple of years later he was actually signed on provisional forms by Dundee, but unfortunately he wasn't called up. Gordon moved to Alyth United before turning Senior with Montrose.

That was in 1962 and after displaying his scoring prowess with the Links Park Club, Raith paid out a club record fee of £3,000



NOW MANAGER

for his services. The dividend was soon delivered because Gordon's goals helped Raith to promotion in 66/67, and 27 goals in the top grade the following season was a major factor in Raith's continued presence in the First Division. His efforts won wider acclaim because he was voted Scotland's player of the year in 67/68. It was a similar story following season with Gordon hitting 18 league goals as Raith again just avoided the drop.

In September 1969, Dundee manager John Prentice paid out £30,000 to bring Gordon to Dens Park. As you can see from his career in a Dark Blue jersey it was money well spent!

In just under seven seasons at Dens, Gordon topped the century of goals, including the goal that won the League Cup in 1973.

His last term at Dens was the year we lost our Premier Division status. Gordon was given a free transfer in recognition of his services and moved to Seattle Sounders. On his return to Scotland he spent 18 months with United as a player before returning to Raith. Curiously his last match in a Tangerine jersey was in a league cup-tie at Kirkcaldy. Not long after returning to Starks Park, Gordon was appointed Player/Coach and within six weeks found himself Player/Manager in March 1979.

The major disappointment of his managerial career with Raith was missing out on promotion in 80/81. The Starks Park Club were in a seemingly unassailable position, but as Dundee fans will recall only too well, the Dark Blues pipped them at the post. To this day Gordon cannot explain the reasons for Raith's fade out.

It was at the start of 1983/84 season that Gordon joined the coaching staff at Tannadice and five and a half years later he has returned to Dens, as though it was destiny when you consider that he has twice been connected with the past two clubs with whom he was connected.



Gordon's only goal in the 1973 League Cup Final brought the League Cup to Dundee.

	LEAGUE		SCOTTISH CUP		LEAGUE CUP		UEFA CUP		TEXACO CUP		TOTAL	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
69-70	30	21	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	23
70-71	33	11	3	—	8	2	—	—	2	1	46	14
71-72	30	(2) 16	2	—	6	3	6	3	—	—	44	(2) 22
72-73	31	(1) 9	5	4	9	5	—	—	2	—	47	(1) 18
73-74	23	(1) 15	—	—	10	7	1	—	—	—	34	(1) 22
74-75	13	(2) 6	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	(2) 7
75-76	29	(2) 12	1	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	35	(2) 14
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A year ago Celtic were heading for a League and Cup double. It was to be the ideal manner in which to celebrate the club's centenary.

A repeat of the double triumph appears increasingly unlikely this time round, though, whilst Celtic are through to the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup, where they meet Hearts at Parkhead, the Parkhead side's defence of the league title is hanging by a thread.

The hallmark of Celtic's success last season was the ability to produce late winners in so many games. We know that only too well because that is exactly what happened in the corresponding fixture here almost a year ago.

Luck most certainly has not been running in Celtic's direction this term, however. An illustration of this came as recently as Celtic's last league outing when a Bobby Russell goal in the last minute gave Celtic their first home defeat since we won 3-2 at the end of October.

That surprise home defeat by Motherwell is one of nine reversals this term and with five of those having come in the opening eight matches, Billy McNeill's men had a severe handicap to overcome whilst still in the starting blocks.

True to tradition they stormed back and pegged back Rangers lead at the top to get within striking

LAST TIME WE MET

PREMIER DIVISION

SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, 1988

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Coyne 28)

CELTIC (0) 0

DUNDEE: Geddes, Kirkwood, McKinlay, Chisholm, Forsyth, Saunders, Rafferty, Shannon, Wright, Coyne, S. Campbell (Subs not used Smith, Harvey).

CELTIC: Rough, Morris, Rogan, Aitken, Baillie (Stark 79), Whyte, Miller (Archdeacon 46), McStay, McAvennie, Walker, Burns.

CROWD: 15,574

REFEREE: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

BOOKINGS: Dundee — Saunders, Chisholm

Celtic — McAvennie, Aitken.

distance before Christmas. However, the Tayside hoodoo, which seems to be afflicting Celtic this term struck when Celtic lost 2-0 at Tannadice, and when Rangers inflicted a second heavy defeat on their rivals at Ibrox at New Year, Celtic's grip on the title became increasingly more tenuous.

MIDFIELD TROJAN

A major factor in Celtic's vulnerability this season undoubtedly lies in several long term injuries.

Midfield trojan Peter Grant has been absent for more than half the season and even now is only regaining full match fitness after toiling with a viral complaint.

Former Motherwell striker, Andy Walker has also spent more time spectating rather than playing this season. He contributed 32 goals towards Celtic's double triumph last term, but a stomach muscle problem sidelined him for three months. Celtic were delighted to welcome him back against Hamilton. Not only because he scored in that match but also because it marked the first match which Frank McAvennie failed to start.

Celtic's 4-1 defeat at Ibrox was bad enough but to rub salt in the wound, Frank McAvennie broke an arm and that meant their leading scorer was out for a month.

FORGOTTEN MAN

Fortunately, Mark McGhee, who'd almost become a forgotten man at Parkhead, made a timely return to form and is probably showing his best form since his Pittodrie days. The former Hamburg striker has bagged two hat-tricks this term and has 14 goals to his credit.

Yet another of Celtic's strike force has been sidelined with injury. Joe Miller, in fact, was due to play in a reserve league cup-tie against Motherwell on Wednesday in the hope of proving his fitness after a knee injury. If he comes through that outing he may well figure in today's match.

Countering the probable return of Joe Miller, the condition of defender Derek Whyte is causing concern. He visited a specialist this week to investigate a knee injury which is stubbornly



FRANK McAVENNIE

refusing to heal properly.

Little wonder, therefore, that Celtic are being connected with several transfer bids. The club were playing down a suggestion that they have offered £500,000 for Leicester City's Gary McAllister, but have put in a bid of £400,000 for Sheffield Wednesday's Sigi Jonsson. Any developments in that area are currently on ice now that new Owls manager Ron Atkinson is assessing the situation at Hillsborough.

One acquisition that Celtic have made is Steve McCahill. The central defender was one of Dumbarton's stars in their recent cup-tie at Parkhead and his transfer followed swiftly upon his five star display. He, however is one for the future, and in any event is cup-tied.

Perhaps the most amazing statistic this season is the number of goals which Celtic have conceded.

Despite having the same players available and the backbone of the Republic of Ireland's defence, Celtic have lost 37 goals already in the league this season. In winning the title last term a miserly 23 goals were conceded and that from a programme of eight extra matches! Perhaps the trio of Eire internationalists who helped their country perform such heroics in the European championships in Germany are suffering from a surfeit of football? Whatever the problem Billy McNeill will be looking to restore confidence at the back as quickly as possible.

Going forward Celtic are as enterprising as ever and if they can quickly redress those defensive problems, it may not be too late to still retain their title. One thing is certain until their chances are mathematically impossible, Celtic will fight to the end, as we have seen in the past.



PAUL McSTAY