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The ironies of this couldn't have been better illustrated than in our last three fixtures. Against St Johnstone, we failed to perform, but managed to scramble something out of the game.

Then came the fixtures against Motherwell and Aberdeen when, in the first half of both games, we played some of our best stuff of the season.

The bottom line, however, was that we took nothing from either game.

Against Motherwell at Fir Park, we missed a penalty kick and consequently went into the break on level terms.

After the resumption, we conceded too much territorial advantage and ended up paying the price, losing out to a superb McMillan strike from a free-kick.

Again it was a similar story at home to Aberdeen. Another good performance in the first forty-five was marred by not scoring as many goals as we should have done when we were on top.

The loss of two bad goals, the first immediately before the break, undid all the earlier good work and once more left us rueing missed opportunities.

The underlying message is clear. You are not judged on how you play, but on results.

And I can assure all our supporters that we will keep working in the hope of turning things our way again.

Celtic herald the start of a very busy and important week.

There is no hiding the fact that we were well turned over by them when we met them at Parkhead, though our cause wasn't helped by being reduced to ten men early on in the game.

However, that afternoon Celtic demonstrated just how good a side they are capable of being. So we simply cannot allow them to stage a repeat performance.

Finally, I hope you all had an very enjoyable Christmas and would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.



John Doolan

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SPL TABLE

(Prior to Yesterday's matches)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	18	11	4	3	34	16	37
Kilmarnock	19	9	7	3	27	11	34
Celtic	19	8	6	5	39	20	30
St Johnstone	19	7	8	4	23	25	29
Hearts	19	6	5	8	21	26	23
Motherwell	19	5	7	7	17	26	22
Dundee	18	5	5	8	17	25	20
Aberdeen	19	5	5	9	19	29	20
Dundee United	19	4	7	8	18	22	19
Dunfermline Ath	19	2	10	7	15	30	16

BOARDROOM PERSPECTIVE



Hopefully everybody has had an enjoyable Christmas and by now are not too fed up eating the turkey sandwiches.

Today we entertain Celtic which is the start of a busy period for the club with 3 games in 6 days before the winter shutdown, it is also the second time this season that the Sky cameras have visited Dens Park, I believe it is safe to say it will prove a more entertaining occasion than the previous game.

On Wednesday the Sky cameras again dictate the time of our kick off (6:00pm) when we travel to Tynecastle this is due to the United v Rangers game which is live on Sky with a 8:00pm kick off.

One of Dundee's ex players Neil McCann has been in the news recently when he clinched a dream move to the current league leaders Rangers as indicated in the media we also came in for a cash windfall which is most welcome.

Who can remember one of Neil's first games for the first team when he gave the then Rangers full back Gary Stevens the run-around.

For some reason it seems to be generally regarded with in the Scottish press that we have been carrying a

bit of luck with our results but looking closely our last two away games we have lost 4 points to 2 wonder free kicks in the last 15 minutes Some Luck !!

Let's give the boy's your vocal support today !!

For and on behalf of the Dundee FC Board

Yours in Sport

**Derek J Souter
Vice Chairman**

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SPORT IN QUESTION

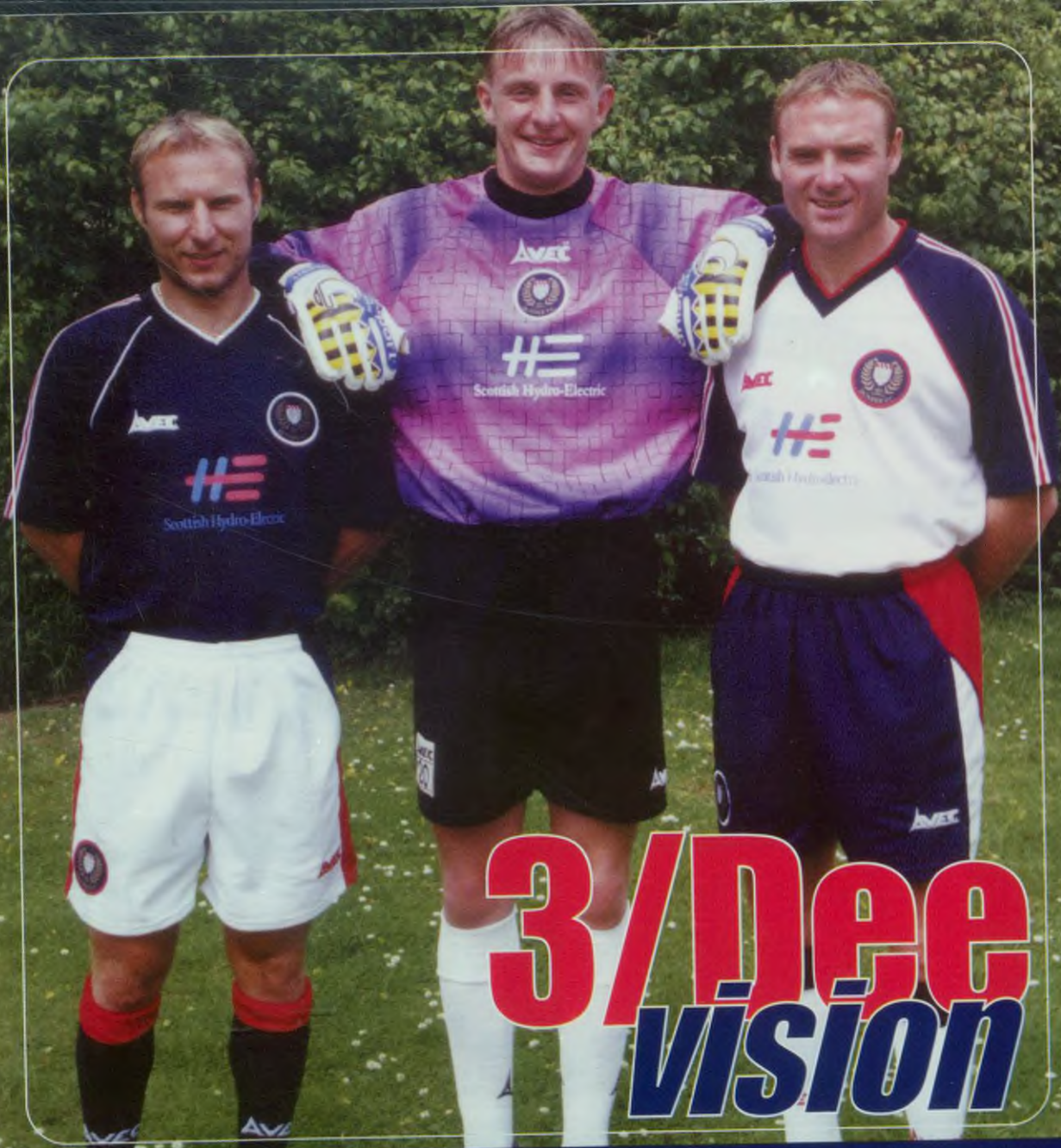


TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH THE FOLLOWING 15 SPORTS QUESTIONS

- From which clubs did Celtic sign
(a) Paul Lambert (b) Mark Reiper (c) Jonathon Gauld.
- In cricket, what is the name given to the delivery which pitches right in the batsman's blockhold?
- Which Nationwide Division One side play at the County Ground?
- Who won this year's Formula One World Championship?
- Which club won the first ever European Cup?
- Which famous darts commentator was educated at Oxford?
- Which player was sent off in the 1998 World Cup Final?
- Name eight non-European cities to stage the summer Olympics?
- Which nationality are the following English Premiership players?... (a) Blackburn's Tore Pederson, (b) Everton's Olivier Dacourt (c) Derby's Ron Willems
- In which athletics event would the athlete use a scissors, free leg swing or straddle?
- Which Israel footballer joined Liverpool in 1979-80?
- Which goalkeeper became the first to reach 100 clean sheets in the FA Premiership?
- Which former Dundee players are manager and assistant respectively of Clydebank?
- In which Indian city would you watch Test cricket at the Eden Gardens ground?
- Where did the following Celtic players go when they left the club (a) Paul Dalglish (b) John Hughes (1990's) (c) Andy Walker

ANSWERS

- (a) Borussia Dortmund (b) West Ham (c) Bradford
 - Yorker
 - Swindon Town
 - Mike Hakkinen
 - Real Madrid
 - Sid Waddell
 - Marcus Desailly (France)
 - St Louis, Los Angeles, Melbourne, Tokyo, Mexico City,
 - Montreal, Seoul, Atlanta
 - (a) Norwegian (b) French (c) Dutch
 - High jump
 - Avi Cohen
 - Peter Schmeichel
 - Ian McCall and Gordon Chisholm
 - Calcutta
 - (a) Liverpool (b) Hibs (c) Sheffield United
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MEMORY MATCH

Saturday 24th September 1983
Dundee F.C. 2
Celtic 6



Our man in Aberdeen has already alluded to the match, so despite the unappealing scoreline to those of a Dark Blue persuasion, we thought we had better fill you in with the rest of the dire details of an afternoon when Celtic were firing on all cylinders.

The season hadn't exactly got off to a glorious start for Donald Mackay's charges. One draw and four defeats left the Dark Blues one place off pointless St Johnstone at the foot of the table.

New signing Lex Richardson was making his debut following his signing from St Mirren. Dundee's bright start in no way hinted at the disasters to unfold that afternoon.

"Deservedly, the dark Blues took the lead after twenty minutes. Stewart Mckimmie raced round Whittaker and was brought down in the box, Iain Ferguson neatly converted the resultant penalty."

The smiles soon vanished from the faces of the Dundee support as Celtic alarmingly dictated play and the seemingly inevitable equaliser came after in the 33rd minute. Tommy Burns accepted a pass from Whittaker to crisply knock the ball home from just outside the box.

Relentless pressure produced a second six minutes later in circumstances Colin Kelly will wish to forget. The Dundee keeper somehow failed to gather Brian McClair's scuffed effort which barely had the power to cross the line.

To be fair Colin did bring off blinding saves from McStay and Melrose to restrict Celtic a one goal interval lead, but that

second goal was undoubtedly the point upon which the game turned.

Seven minutes into the second half, Hay's heroes extended their lead. A long ball found McClair who slipped past Bobby Glennie before coolly sliding it wide on the advancing keeper.

Things went from bad to worse in the 69th minute when Cammy Fraser was red-carded for trying to send Davie Provan into orbit.

And soon after the roof caved in as Brian McClair hit two in a minute.

First he dived to head in a Tommy Burns cross then he popped away a pass from Paul McStay.

A cheeky lob from Jim Melrose took the tally to six. Eight minutes from the end the referee spotted someone pushing somebody in the box and awarded a penalty which Iain Ferguson converted with the equal aplomb to the first.

A black day all round at Dens was completed by the reserves going down 5-0 to Celtic Park, leaving Donald Mackay to bemoan.

"We started well and had a real grip for the first twenty-five minutes. After that we gave Celtic to enough room to turn the Titanic", adding somewhat optimistically, "However, I still don't think there was four goals between the teams. I was delighted with Lex Richardson's debut and also thought Iain Ferguson did extremely well."



MATCH DETAILS

Dundee (1) 2
Ferguson 2 (Both pens 20 & 82)
Celtic (2) 6
Burns 33, McClair 4 (38, 252, 72 & 73), Melrose 80

Teams:-

Dundee - Kelly, McGeachie, McKinlay, Fraser, Glennie, MacDonald, Ferguson, McKimmie (Mackie 46), McCall (Smith 75), Richardson, Kidd.

Celtic - Bonner, McGrain, Whittaker (Sinclair 75), Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan (Halpin 71), McStay, Melrose, Burns, McClair.

Referee - A M Roy (Elgin)

Crowd - 11,467

DUNDEE GREATS - BILLY STEEL



BILLY STEEL

Position : Inside-left

Birthplace : Denny, Stirlingshire

Date of Birth : 1st May 1923

Died : 13th May 1982

Height : 5' 6"

Weight : 11st

Previous Clubs : Dunipace Thistle;

Bo'ness Cadora; Leicester City ground

staff January 1939; St Mirren on

amateur forms close season 1939; Morton as professional close

season 1941; Derby County June 1947 (£15,500, a then record

fee and also the first five figure fee paid by an English club to a

Scottish Club.);

Date signed: 21st September 1950 for a then record fee paid by

a Scottish club.

Debut : 23rd September 1950 v Aberdeen (h) in a 2-0 win in the

First Division.

First Goal : On his debut above.



Last game : 17th April 1954 v Partick Th (h) in a 6-0 win in the First Division.

Date transferred: Officially transferred by Dundee in January

1956, but played for Los Angeles Danes after emigrating to

America in August 1954. Also played for Hollywood FC.

Club Honours : Scottish Cup runner's-up medal (1) 1952;

League Cup winners medal (2)

1951-52 & 1952-53.

International Honours: 30 Full caps (13 with Dundee); Played

for Great Britain v Europe in 1947; 4 Scottish League caps (All

with Dundee);

His Dens Park Career Details

	League		Scottish Cup		League Cup	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
1950-51	26	7	4	1	-	-
1951-52	21	6	6	6	8	2
1952-53	22	8	1	-	10	6
1953-54	25	6	2	-	6	3
Total	94	27	13	7	24	11