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1993-94

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1973-74, 1980-81, 1984-85, 1986-87,

1987-88, 1990-91

Scottish League Cup Winners

1979-80, 1980-81

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1981-82, 1984-85, 1997-98

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Runners-up 1964-65

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COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

The Directors, Management, Players and Office Staff of Dundee United Football Club hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

EASTIE'S PITTODRIE PREFERENCE

CRAIG EASTON...scored his fifth goal against Aberdeen in the recent home game.

Craig Easton's recent goal against Aberdeen was his third of the season and took him to halfway to equalling his six-goal tally of last term.

Perhaps, more remarkable is that of his total tally of fourteen, more than a third of them have come against the Dons.

Having said that, with his first three goals for the club all coming against the men from Pittodrie, he had a big helping hand. His penalty conversion in the 5-3 defeat at Tannadice last term was his fourth against the Dons and the latest, and probably pick of the bunch, was his fifth.

But there again, and as a future warning to the Motherwell defence, Eastie has also shown a penchant for scoring against another club with his goal against Motherwell at the end of October his fourth against the Fir Parkers.

Curiously, Eastie is following a pattern first set by Jim McNally who was a midfielder of a similar mould. During Jim's ten years at Tannadice, he had an equal fondness for puncturing the Dons defence with the most significant scoring contribution, being the winner in the semi-final of the replayed Scottish Cup final in 1994.

In total Jim scored six of his total of 22 against Aberdeen, but with Eastie having scored five in fourteen, he looks set to beat Jim's tally on both counts.

TABLE FOR 2001 MAKES GOOD READING

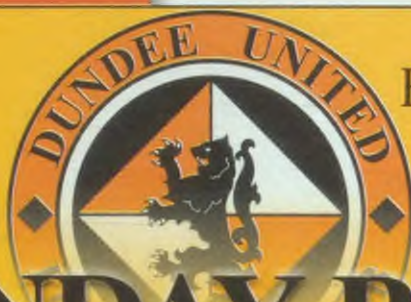
A league table made up of all the SPL results for the calendar year, which is just about to go in the history books, makes rather good reading for United and their supporters.

It demonstrates what a massive improvement there was in the second half of last season and the steady start made to this term with United in fourth place, ten points ahead of Dundee.

Here is the fantasy table with more than a hint of reality as it was prior to the matches last Saturday.



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Under 12 Wing	£12
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Under 8 Wing	£9
Senior Prime	£59
Senior Premier	£54
Senior Wing	£50
Student	£45

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Celtic	33	29	2	2	89
Rangers	35	22	7	6	73
Aberdeen	36	17	6	13	57
United	34	13	11	10	50
Dundee	35	11	7	17	40
Hearts	33	11	7	15	40
Killie	34	10	9	15	39
Livingston	18	10	6	2	36
Hibs	35	8	11	14	35
Dunfermline	34	9	6	19	33
Motherwell	34	8	9	17	33
St Johnstone	33	4	8	21	20



became the official 1,000th Young Lion for season 2001-2002. To mark the event, the Club invited Nadine and her family to Tannadice

support. This is the next generation of supporters and the work put in through projects such as the Young Lions, the Young Arabs, the Super Sevens and all of John Holt's Community Coach work will hopefully maintain and grow the outstanding level of support that United are currently enjoying."

NADINE IS THE 1,000TH YOUNG LION

With Season ticket sales having achieved record sales this campaign, it is no surprise that membership of the official Junior Supporters clubs, the Young Lions (up to age 11) and the Young Arabs (12-18 years) have also registered record numbers.

The combined membership is now almost at the 2,000 mark and recently Nadine Duffy of Dundee

for the SPL match against Livingston where they enjoyed Corporate Hospitality in the Executive Suite.

Nadine is pictured above with captain Danny Griffin and Stuart White of the Business Club who operate the Young Lions/Arabs on behalf of United.

Commercial Manager Bill Campbell said, "It is vital that we maintain a very strong level of young people's

TONIGHT'S PROGRAMME

In view of the very short space of time between the Hearts game and the visit of Celtic, print deadlines meant that this programme went to press before the Rangers game which means all the statistics are only correct up to and including the Aberdeen match.

In addition, we have had to drop one or two features and hope that you will bear with us on this occasion.



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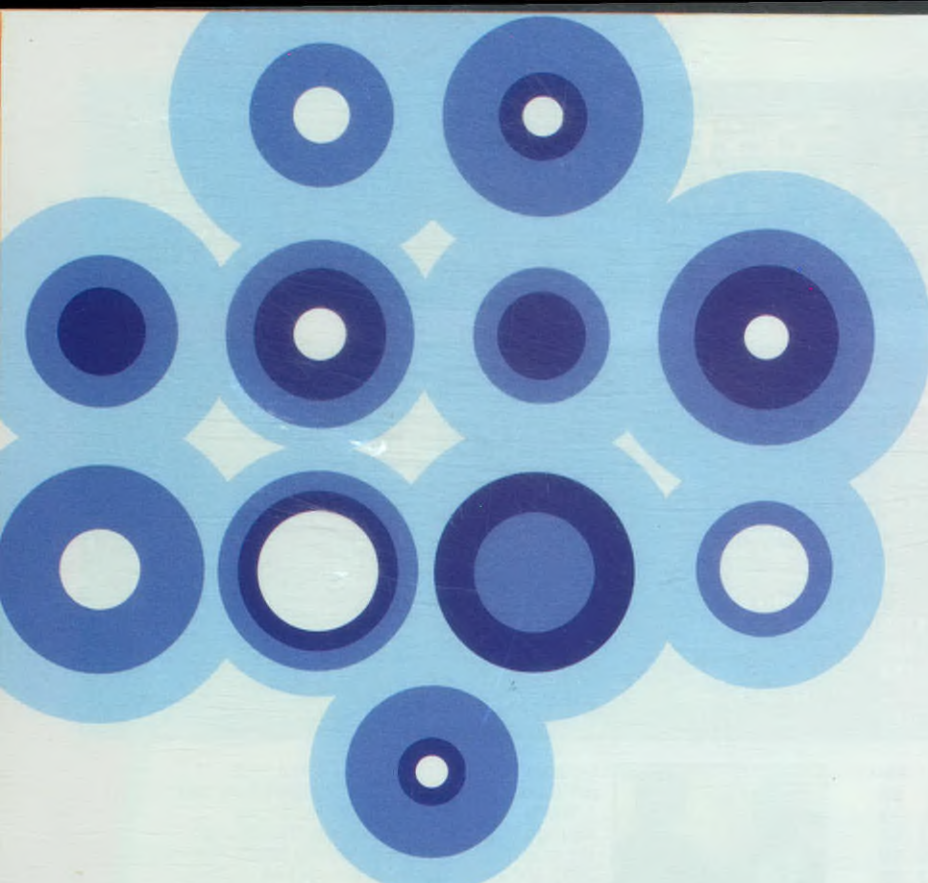


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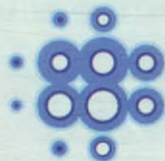




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Alex Smith



We couldn't have wished for better opposition with which to wind up the old year as welcome Celtic the champions this evening.

Putting it mildly, their form since Martin O'Neill took over has been unbelievable. Not only are they a very strong side, but they possess some great players and there are very formidable opponents.

In saying that, they are always enjoyable to play against, and hopefully, tonight's game will be as entertaining as these matches have been in the past.

Not that I am alone amongst managers given Celtic's consuming form, but in my near eighteen months at Tannadice from whom I have yet to take even a point.

The nearest we came was at Celtic Park in the early part of the year when we went down narrowly and the other two meetings given Celtic's four goal winning margin on each occasion are best forgotten.

Having said on their last visit here on Boxing Day twelve months ago, I felt that we had done fairly well in the early stages and Larsson's penalty and two more goals before the break completely killed us off.

Narrow home wins over Motherwell and Dunfermline followed, but we couldn't shake Saints off until the penultimate game of the season at Perth. And there is no doubt that our fans played as big a part in our ultimate survival throughout that successful battle against the drop.

There was no better illustration of how big a contribution the fans made than at Perth that hot May afternoon.

Things looked particularly black at half-time with St Mirren winning and us two down to St Johnstone, but I am delighted to say that the players repaid the faith that you had in them and that marvellous second half recovery banished the relegation blues which had been hovered around Tannadice all season.

"...We couldn't have wished for better opposition with which to wind up the old year ..."

Clearly, we don't want to see a repeat of that and if we are to take something from this game, it will require total concentration on the job in hand, and everyone performing at their peak, because Celtic present a huge obstacle to overcome.

Harking back to their visit last Boxing Day, they met us then when we were at a low ebb.

The turn of the year saw us begin a gradual improvement and I don't think that there was anymore important a one than the first game of this year when we beat Motherwell immediately prior to the winter break.

That win meant we headed into the Scottish Cup and the derby in a good frame of mind and racking up three consecutive wins undoubtedly lifted the gloom.

The quality of our performance in beating Dundee undoubtedly gave us a huge boost and with wins over Rangers both in the league and the cup, everything seemed set fair.

It is probably fair to say that the only set back in our revival was losing that late goal in the relegation battle at Love Street. Had we not lost to St Mirren, then we would probably have been safe, instead it dragged us back into the dog-fight and left us walking a proverbial tight-rope.

So we started the season with a fresh slate and over the current term have maintained steady improvement albeit with a bit of inconsistency. Certainly in terms of league position we are well-placed to achieve a top-six finish, but it will require further improvement.

On the evidence of the last two home games against Aberdeen and Livingston, I feel that we are heading in the right direction, especially as we are a very young team.

At just 25, Jim Hamilton has been the oldest player in the starting line-up and with an average age of only 23, there is no reason why we can't go into the New Year in good heart.

And finally on that note, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy New Year when it comes.

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Last week at about the same time as Celtic cruised into the semi-finals of the CIS Insurance Cup to keep their target of back-to-back trebles on course, ironically manager Martin O'Neill lamented the club's Barrowfield training facilities, not to mention that cash to improve the squad was in the Club's words "limited".

And that was despite the import of Balde, Hartson, Guppy and Sylla for around £10 million.

Expulsion from Europe on penalties at the hands of a Valencia side short of so many key players was probably fresh in the mind and prompted O'Neill's comments because on the domestic front, his track record is impeccable.

So much so that the defeat by Rangers at Ibrox last season is the only meaningful domestic game, which Celtic have lost since he stormed onto the Scottish football scene at Tannadice on the opening day of last season.

True, they suffered defeats by Dundee and Kilmarnock in their final two SPL games of last term.

By then though, the title was already won and Celtic were merely warming up for the Scottish Cup final to complete the treble.

And at the halfway stage of the current season, almost unbelievable, their stranglehold on the domestic scene is even greater.

Some bookies are already paying out on Celtic winning the title as they reasonably argue that there is no way that Rangers will claw back the 13 point lead that Celtic held as they went into the Festive holiday programme - not to mention that they had a game in hand.

That outstanding game is against third-placed Livingston who are the only side preventing Celtic boosting a 100% record one match short of the halfway stage, but on the evidence of last week's CIS Cup tie, that won't prove too big an obstacle to the Celtic bandwagon.

Leaving out four key players after coming from behind to beat Dundee - Alan Thompson, Neil Lennon, Paul Lambert and Henry Larsson - O'Neill drafted in Lobo Moravia, Memo Sylla, Jackie McNamara, Steve Guppy to no obvious detriment as Celtic brushed aside the Livi challenge to set up a semi-final meeting with Rangers.

If Celtic are not as cavalier as they once were, their resilience cannot be called into question.

Last minute winners against Motherwell, Kilmarnock and St Johnstone all demonstrated that all their Champions League commitments hadn't left them drained.

But it is towards the continued continental involvement was that Martin O'Neill's directed as he looks to add greater strength to a squad which could not have done better on these shores by winning all their home games.

Their failure abroad clearly rankled O'Neill as he saw his side fall to a late goal in Turin, but then lose in untypical sloppy fashion to Porto and Rosenberg, thereby making qualifying for the second stage a bridge too far.

At home, though nothing is too far for O'Neill and his men who after a trip to Potteries last Saturday, met Livingston for the second time in seven days before arriving here at Tannadice this afternoon and it would be a brave man to bet against their extraordinary record having been dented in the past week.

PAST ENCOUNTERS

ALL OUR PREMIER MEETINGS WITH HEARTS SINCE RECONSTRUCTION

		Tannadice	Celtic Park
1975-76	Premier	1-3	3-2 1-2 1-2
1976-77	Premier	1-0	1-2 1-5 0-2
1977-78	Premier	1-2	0-1 0-0 0-1
1978-79	Premier	1-0	2-1 1-1 1-2
1979-80	Premier	0-1	3-0 2-2 0-1
1980-81	Premier	0-3	2-3 0-2 1-2
1981-82	Premier	0-2	3-0 1-1 1-3
1982-83	Premier	2-2	1-1 0-2 3-2
1983-84	Premier	2-1	3-1 1-1 1-1
1984-85	Premier	1-3	0-0 1-1 2-1
1985-86	Premier	1-0	4-2 3-0 1-1
1986-87	Premier	2-2	3-2 0-1 1-1
1987-88	Premier	0-0	1-2 2-1 0-0
1988-89	Premier	1-0	2-0 0-1 0-1
1989-90	Premier	2-2	2-0 1-0 0-3
1990-91	Premier	3-1	2-1 0-0 0-1
1991-92	Premier	3-4	1-1 1-4 1-3
1992-93	Premier	1-1	2-3 0-2 1-0
1993-94	Premier	1-0	1-3 1-1 0-0
1994-95	Premier	2-2	0-1 1-2 1-1
1996-97	Premier	1-2	1-0 0-1 0-3
1997-98	Premier	1-2	1-2 0-4 1-1
1998-99	Premier	1-1	1-2 1-2 1-2
1999-00	Premier	2-1	0-1 1-4 0-2
2000-01	Premier	1-2	0-4 1-2 X
2001-02	Premier	-	- 1-5

SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Tannadice Park	50	19	10	21	70	72
Celtic Park	50	6	15	29	38	83
Total	100	25	25	50	108	155

BIGGEST HOME LEAGUE WIN

11th May 1963 - United 3 (Gillespie, Carlyle, Brodie) Celtic 0

9th April 1980 - United 3 (Dodds 2, Holt) Celtic 0

8th May 1982 - United 3 (Hegarty, Milne, Sturrock) Celtic 0

BIGGEST EVER AWAY LEAGUE WIN

26th October 1985 - Celtic 0 United 3 (Dodds, Bannan 2)

BIGGEST HOME LEAGUE DEFEAT

30th March 1968 - United 0 Celtic 5 (Lennon 2, Johnstone, Wallace, Cattenach)

BIGGEST AWAY LEAGUE DEFEAT

1st March 1930 - Celtic 7 (Scarff 4, A Thomson, Napier, Hughes) United 0

LAST HOME PREMIER WIN

15th August 1999 - United 2 (Easton, Dodds) Celtic 1 (Berkovic)

LAST HOME PREMIER DRAW

12th February 1998 - United 1 (Zetterlund) Celtic 1 (Donnelly)

LAST HOME PREMIER DEFEAT

26th December 2000 - United 0 Celtic 4 (Larsson, Sutton 2, Petrov)

SUMMARY OF ALL SCOTTISH LEAGUE MEETINGS AGAINST CELTIC

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Pre 1975	38	7	10	21	47	95
Post reconstruction	100	25	25	50	108	155
Total	138	32	35	71	155	250

