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No. 12

PREMIER DIVISION

v **CELTIC**



Tuesday, 30th November, 1993

Kick off 7.30 p.m.

TANNADICE DIARY

WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Manager Ivan Golac was left fuming at the defensive lapses which allowed Raith to recover a two goal deficit and strengthened his resolve to bring new faces to the club. In the afternoon a United side met Aberdeen in a closed door friendly in the Granite City in which the United manager was able to have a look at Tony Barras, a central defender, on trial from Stockport County

THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER

An afternoon meeting between the manager and the players was held to try and sort out the recurring defensive frailties. Tony Barras was allowed to return to England with Ivan Golac wanting to see the central defender in action in a competitive fixture

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before deciding whether to pursue any further interest.

FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Confirmation came that at long last Gordan Petric was on his way to Tannadice with the red tape which had held up the deal now completed. However, before his arrival United had to face Hibs and manager Ivan Golac added David Hannah, Jim McNally and Scott Crabbe to his pool of players, while there was no place for John Clark. The reserve fixture in Edinburgh was postponed because of the flu bug which had swept through Easter Road.

SATURDAY 13th NOVEMBER PREMIER DIVISION - 17th Match

UNITED (2) 2

Brewster 21, McKinlay 44

HIBERNIAN (0) 2

D Jackson 51, Hamilton 80

Incredibly this match served up almost an exact re-run of the fixture four days earlier. About the only departure from the script of the Raith Rovers game was that Hibs got their equaliser when they still had a full compliment of players and before the dismissal of Graeme Mitchell.

United's dominance of the opening half was almost total.

After 18 minutes sustained pressure, the visitor's defence was finally cracked when John O'Neil touched the ball out to Andy McLaren and when his cross came over **Craig Brewster** sent a glancing header past Jim Leighton which went in at the far post.

Whilst United remained well on top they failed to really test Leighton, but Hibs only shot of the first half almost brought them a goal as Michael O'Neill sent in a curler from 20 yards which



rebounded from the outside of the post.

However, right on half-time United got a second goal which should have ensured a sound base for victory. Dave Bowman worked the ball to **Billy McKinlay** who side-stepped a defender before scoring with a terrific 25 yard shot into the top corner.

But as against Raith instead of cruising on to victory, the Tangerines lost a goal early in the second period when the combined efforts of two former United men pulled a goal back. Michael O'Neill squared the ball into the middle Keith Wright dummied it and it ran to **Darren Jackson** who turned the ball home from 12 yards.

Even at that only Leighton's agility prevented Christian Dailly from grabbing a thid which would surely have put the game beyond Hibs as the Hibs keeper brilliantly turned his downward header away for a corner.

Ten minutes from time Hibs repeated Raith's come-back when Tortolano's cross was headed back across the goal by Donald and again Keith Wright let the ball

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run past him which allowed **Brian Hamilton** to prod in the equaliser through Alan Main's legs.

Mitchell was sent off following a clash with Dave Bowman which earned the United man a yellow card and for the second successive match a two goal lead had been squandered by the loss of two very unprofessional goals to a side which finished up with only ten men!

Crowd - 6,880

UNITED - Main, Cleland, Malpas, van der Hoorn, Welsh, O'Neil, Bowman, McKinlay, McLaren, Dailly, Brewster (Brewster 66). (Subs not used - Crabbe, van de Kamp (g)).

HIBERNIAN - Leighton, Miller, Mitchell, C Jackson (Tortolano

75), Tweed, Hunter, Donald, Hamilton, Wright, D Jackson, M O'Neill (Farrell 86). (Sub not used - Reid)

SENDING OFF - Hibs - Mitchell (Clash with Bowman 82)

BOOKINGS - United - Dailly (Persistent fouling 40), McKinlay (Holding back D Jackson 55), Bowman (Clash with Mitchell 82), Hibs - None.

REFEREE - W Innes (Steps)

MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Dave Bowman had flu and had to withdraw from the Scotland squad bound for Malta. A back injury had meant Alan Main had pulled out of the squad the previous day.

TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Gary Bollan was finally able to begin his return from the injury he sustained in the League Cup semi-final with Hibs in September.

WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Paul Sturrock's 19 year association with Dundee United came to an end as he was appointed manager of St Johnstone. That same day the club's record transfer fee was established as the signing of Gordan Petric was finally completed.

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Gordon Wallace was quickly installed as a replacement for Paul Sturrock as first team coach.



Darren Jackson who was on target for the third time against us this season.

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IVAN GOLAC

The weather was been the main topic of conversation recently as the snow and frost enforced an idle weekend upon us following the postponement of last Saturday's derby with Dundee. But I would rather face a backlog of fixtures than have the players risk life and limb on icy and dangerous surfaces.

Indeed conditions at Fir Park were far from ideal and though the park may have looked okay from the stands I can assure you that the surface was extremely tricky and only just survived a late inspection. Not that I am making excuses for what was undoubtedly the poorest performance since I arrived at the club. What concerned me most was the lack of passion we displayed in going down to defeat. What also rankles is the manner in which we continue to shoot ourselves in the foot by giving away bad goals. Not content with having twice thrown away two goal leads against Raith Rovers and Hibs, poor defending meant we were trailing to Motherwell with less than two minutes on the clock, leaving us with a mountain to climb. Yet, for all that, Guido van de Kamp was only really tested in the last few minutes by which time Motherwell had scored a second and the game was a lost cause.

The match at Fir Park marked the arrival of Gordan Petric from Partizan Belgrade and I am sure that the United fans who made the trip to Motherwell have quickly realised why I was so anxious to bring Gordan to the club. It has taken a lot of hard work and considerable red tape has had to be overcome to finally bring him to Scotland, but I have no doubts that it will prove worthwhile. Gordan has always wanted to play football in this country and like him I will never forget the night Partizan Belgrade knocked tonight's visitors out of the Cup Winners Cup. It was one of those games which the 50,000 spectators and all the players will always remember and truly fitted Pele's description of football as 'The Beautiful Game'.

Meetings with Celtic are the kind of games which have attracted Gordan and we can take heart from our earlier visit to Parkhead which was one of our better performances this season. Celtic may have had the greater share of possession, but we created as many, if not more, chances and thoroughly deserved to draw.

Since then, of course, Lou Macari has arrived at Parkhead and he and I were in opposition to each other on several occasions when I played for Southampton and he was with Manchester United. Those were always very attractive games as is the norm when Dundee United meet Celtic and I fully believe tonight's clash will be no different as we strive to get back on the winning track.



Ivan Golac

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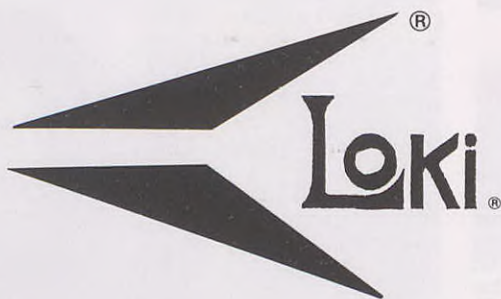
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Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased either from the office at Tannadice or from the Souvenir Shop in the Forum Centre.

ALL-TICKET

Both the visit to Ibrox a week on Saturday and our home fixture with Aberdeen on Monday 27th December are all ticket. Details regarding the sale of tickets will be announced as soon as they are known on the Tannadice Hotline and in the local Press. Note the kick-off time for the Aberdeen match at Tannadice is 3.00pm.



"GOT YOU AT LAST", Dundee United manager Ivan Golac with new half million pound signing Gordan Petric.

GORDAN PETRIC'S ARRIVAL - WORTH THE WAIT

Within a few days of his arrival at Tannadice manager Ivan Golac earmarked Gordan Petric of Partizan Belgrade as a transfer target. It may have taken four months and pain-staking negotiations before his eventual arrival. Gordan has signed a two and a half year contract with United but on the evidence of just one game, the £500,000 and breaking of the club's record transfer fee looks to be a bargain given today's volatile transfer market.

One of the major stumbling blocks and the main reason the deal took so long to come to fruition was the UN sanctions on the former Yugoslavia. The transfer fee had to be paid into a bank account in a neutral country and even at that Partizan won't be able to access the money until those sanctions are lifted.

Ironically, the last leg of Gordan's long and winding journey to Tannadice proved even more tortuous than the delicate and protracted bureaucracy entailed in finally bringing the Yugoslavian International defender to Tannadice.

Due to United Nations sanctions, there are no flights from Yugoslavia and consequently, Gordan had to drive from Belgrade to Budapest to catch a flight to this country and the severe wintery weather which we have experienced recently was so bad that his car twice spun across the road. Fortunately there was nothing coming in the opposite direction!

This is in fact the second time that Ivan Golac has signed Gordan because he signed him from OFK Belgrade as a 17 year old and he went on to play 325 first team appearances for Partizan and was capped 12 times by his country before sanctions suspended Yugoslavia's participation in international football.

On his arrival Gordan said, "At one stage I wondered if my transfer to Scotland was ever going to take place and I am just glad everything has worked out at last.

"Nuremburg were interested in me as were some clubs in France and Spain, but it was my ambition to play in Britain."

GOODBYE PAUL, WELCOME BACK GORDON

Since our last programme the comings and goings haven't been solely restricted to the arrival of record signing Gordan Petric, because after 19 years at Tannadice Paul Sturrock bade farewell as he moved twenty miles up the A85 to take over from



PAUL STURROCK

John McClelland as manager of St Johnstone. He has signed a three and a half year contract. Paul, first joined United from Bankfoot in 1974. He went on to win 20 caps for Scotland and scored two goals in both the 1979 and 1980 League Cup triumphs and was, of course, a vital cog in the League Championship winning side. He also played in the

UEFA Cup Final, but then injury reduced his availability as a player. His final appearance in the first team was against Hamilton Accies at Tannadice in May 1989, but he had already begun coaching the Tannadice reserves before becoming a full-time member of the coaching staff in the summer of 1989, a position he held until the offer of the Perth job a couple of weeks ago proved too tempting even for a self confessed United fan!

Paul will cross swords with his former colleagues for the first time on New Year's Day when United are due to take on Saints at McDiarmid Park.

The post wasn't vacant for long because the day after Paul left, Gordon Wallace was announced as his replacement. As Ivan Golac explained Gordon's association with United was rekindled via a mutual friend. "He came highly recommended from Harry Redknapp and I've seen enough of him to know he's very good at his job," he said at the time of the appointment. In any event Gordon had already been helping out with coaching the Tannadice youngsters. Gordon, therefore, is beginning his third spell on the Tannadice payroll. He first came to Tannadice as a player in 1976 and ironically it was his experience which did so much to further the career of Paul Sturrock whom he played alongside for some



GORDON WALLACE

18 months. He then went to manage Raith Rovers, but returned to Tannadice shortly after United won the Premier title and remained on the coaching staff until February 1989 when he was installed as Dundee's manager. He resigned in September 1991 to team up with Jocky Scott as assistant manager at Dunfermline until the Pars failure to gain promotion last season cost both he and Jocky Scott their jobs.

Since then Gordon had been scouting for West Ham and started assisting working with the kids at Tannadice and his that has led to his return to full-time football and as far as Gordon is concerned, "It's great to be back," he said. "Football is like a drug and I had really missed the day to day involvement."

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Half-price season tickets are now available and details of prices can be found on page 6 of today's programme. These make the ideal Christmas gift for a United supporter and are now on sale either from the Souvenir Shop in the Forum Centre of from the office here at Tannadice.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHESES/PARTIES

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