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## SCENE-SETTER

Back in season 78-79 we lost a second round League Cup tie, going out to Celtic on a 4-2 aggregate in a two legged affair.

Since then there has been no exit at such an early stage. The opposite, in fact, applies with United's record in the competition second to none. In 1979 we won the League Cup, our first major honour and showed it was no fluke by retaining the trophy the following year. Only a late Ian Redford goal (for Rangers) foiled our hat-trick ambitions. From then on we have never failed to reach the quarter-finals, and last season's dismissal at the hands of Dundee ranks as our worst performance, because it is the only occasion on which we have failed to reach semi-final stages.

Of course, there is a 'slight' obstacle to us appearing in the last four again!

Celtic are back at Tannadice for the second time within eleven days and events at Tannadice and Ibrox, which saw Celtic lose twice, and incur their heaviest defeat since April 1980, will ensure that Celtic will be battling harder than ever.

Whilst Celtic are licking only wounds of morale after their Old Firm defeat, we still have a heavy casualty list, which is exacerbated by the absence of Finn Mixu Paatelainen, who is in Finland for his country's World Cup tie with West Germany this evening.

Even so, given what is at stake, nothing other than a nerve jangling ninety minutes, or possibly, one hundred and twenty minutes can be in prospect.

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# JIM McLEAN



By and large managers are very dependant on their Directors. They are the people for whom we work for and all we can ask for is their support through the bad times, without any criticism behind your back.

For me, Mr. George Grant was one of those, who, in all the time I have known him, had given me 100% support.

I doubt if amongst all the tributes that have been paid to him, anyone full appreciates the type of person he was, in particular, the jovial attitude he had towards the game. All I can say is that his death will create a void at Tannadice and he will be sadly missed by myself and my wife Doris.

After the game with Aberdeen I am feeling extremely frustrated at not being able to frequent the dug-out. It is far worse than during my last ban, because then we had a settled and relatively experienced eleven, but now we have a side with an average age of under 24 and several players trying to find their feet in the first team. Consequently I really need every opportunity to organise the side and the situation makes me all the more impatient.

Certainly there is no way we can expect or demand an immediate blend, but after the displays against Celtic and St. Mirren I thought that we were further along the road than we actually are. There are still inadequacies in our make-up one of which is our organisation at set pieces, either for or against us.

Celtic's 5-1 defeat at the hands of Rangers was not only a bad result for the Parkhead men, but for us too! Billy McNeill's side will be even more determined to atone for that result, and it was always going to be a difficult tie without last Saturday's result intervening.

Having beaten Celtic once it is vital for us to do so again, but if we don't win it would be hypocrisy to blame us for letting Mixu Paatelainen play for Finland tonight. At Tannadice we have got to, and indeed, expect our players to be involved in the international scene.

Such recognition adds greater value to the player and gives him experience of football at the very top level. Unfortunately there are times when sacrifices have to be made and this is one of those occasions.



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MR. GEORGE GRANT



Everyone at Tannadice was shocked and deeply saddened at the sudden death of Chairman George Grant. Mr. Grant had only succeeded Mr. George Fox as Chairman a week past Tuesday, and two days later he collapsed at his home in Broughty Ferry.

He was rushed by ambulance to hospital, but all attempts to revive him failed.

Mr. Grant had been a member of the Tannadice board for 14 years and held the post of Vice-Chairman until a week ago.

In addition to his role as a Director at Tannadice, Mr. Grant had for the past five years served on the SFA's International Committee and was also a member of Scottish League's Management and Commercial Committee.

George Grant had followed in his brother's footsteps by becoming Chairman, his brother Johnston was Chairman for 16 years prior to his death in 1984.

Inevitably, the mood at Tannadice was sombre last week and a hastily convened board meeting last Thursday, by Vice Chairman Harry Leadbitter, who himself had only assumed his new role at the same time as Mr. Grant's recent appointment as Chairman, had the sad task of breaking the news to the media, with this official statement, "We deeply regret to announce the sudden and unexpected death of our Chairman George Grant. He has been a Director for many years and his death will be a great loss to us all".

The Club would like to extend their deepest sympathies to his wife, Helen and his two daughters, Linda and Laura.

## HOME DRAW — AT LAST

If it has crossed your mind that we haven't been over-blessed with home Cup ties of late, you'd be spot on.

Last Wednesday's ballot presented us with our first home tie in either Skol or Scottish Cup for over a year.

Since meeting Partick Thistle in the second round of the Skol Cup last season, we had notched up seven successive ties away from Tannadice with the Scottish Cup replay with Dundee, the one lone home Cup tie out of thirteen Cup ties, we have fought in the last year. Curiously Dundee, who are tonight drawn away, have encountered almost the exact opposite, playing only once away from Dens in eight ties.

## LUCKY OMEN?

Both United first team coaches Gordon Wallace and Jim Bone share the distinction of scoring goals that have helped defeat Celtic in League Cup finals.



Jim Bone

Jim Bone was a goalscorer in Partick Thistle's legendary 4-1 win over Celtic in the 1971-72 final, whilst Gordon Wallace scored the only goal of the game which helped Dundee lift the trophy in 1973.



Gordon Wallace

Hopefully this will prove a lucky omen for tonight's quarter final tie.



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The major event in the calendar for Programme Collectors takes place next Sunday in the McLellan Galleries.

Dealers from all over Britain will be in attendance and Celtic Supporters might like to note that Chris Morris will be in attendance to promote His new fan club.

The event is being held in the

McLellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow on Sunday 4th September. Proceedings get underway at 11 a.m. and go on until 4 p.m.

### RAPHAEL'S SCORING DEBUT

Our close season capture from Sporting Lisbon, Raphael Meade has had quite a start to his Tannadice career.

Due to the mounting injury toll, Raphael was drafted into the squad at Love Street last week earlier than would have been otherwise contemplated. A hamstring injury in pre-season training meant that he wasn't completely match fit.

Although Raphael was only on the substitute bench against St. Mirren, an injury to Alan Irvine saw him make his entry to Scottish football just before half-time. Happily, he celebrated the occasion by scoring our third goal. Despite his lack of match fitness, Raphael was again in action against Aberdeen and marked his first Premier Division game with a rasping twenty yarder, which gave Snelders no chance. Things didn't go quite so well for Raphael after that highly encouraging start. He was unfortunate to be booked in the first

half and then was involved in the incident which led to Aberdeen's penalty equaliser. Shortly afterwards he was on the receiving end of a tackle, which earned the Aberdeen defender a caution and eventually forced Raphael to retire with an injury, which cast doubt upon his appearance this evening.

Yes, it's all been quite a start to the Londoner's baptism to Scottish football.



Raphael Meade celebrates his first Premier goal.

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# OLD BOYS REPORT

Close season transfer activity has brought about the unusual situation of half the Premier Division clubs having players with United connections leading their front line, Tommy Coyne across the road; Davie Dodds for Aberdeen; Paul Smith at Motherwell, and, of course, Hearts most recent acquisition Iain Ferguson.

The summer break produced a hectic spell for the legendary 'Hamish'. Starting the shutdown in retirement, he opened another chapter of his successful career by accepting an invitation from Celtic to take part in their pre-season tour of Switzerland. Now, however he has found a new home nearby as Arbroath's new goalie. Hamish's deputy on many a European night, John Gardiner, has also been on the



Hamish McAlpine on duty for Celtic in Switzerland.

move recently. Huntly being the Highland League club securing his services.

**Ralph Milne** who had been earning his living with Charlton since severing connections with Tannadice, has joined Joe Jordan at Bristol City. A loan deal was struck late last spring and indeed, Ralph played his part in City's attempt at promotion through the play-offs. Hopes, however were dashed by Walsall after an extra play off, although Ralph would seem to have done enough to prove himself as the loan deal has now become permanent. Bristol City's conquerers, Walsall, also now provide

home for ex-United talent with the recent signing from Hamilton of Alex Taylor.

Some others on the move are Derek Murray from Motherwell to Raith Rovers, David



Ralph Milne... made permanent move to Bristol City

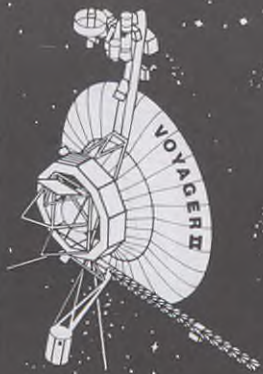
McKellar from Dunfermline to Hartlepool on loan and Alan Main who has joined Cowdenbeath on a loan spell, while this happens ex United men Andy Gray (remains at West Bromich Albion) and Derek Johnstone (remains frontman for Radio Clyde).

Finally, the bad news to emerge recently, was the fact that Motherwell's **John Reilly** has had to give up the game due to injury. This blow was dealt to John during the summer and is tragic news for the man who netted seven goals in eight starts during our championship season.



John Reilly... forced into retirement





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# MATCH REVIEWS

WEDNESDAY, 24th August

Premier Division

ST. MIRREN (0)1  
UNITED(1)3

This was the sixth time that we have met St. Mirren in the League Cup and we maintained our 100% record with this convincing win, our second of the season at Paisley.

Apart from a twenty minute spell in the second half, the game was dominated by us.

The match started in bright late summer sunshine and Saints started in the mood of the weather with Martin trying a pot shot from 30 yards less than a minute from the kick-off.

On seven minutes, Kevin Gallacher almost capitalised on a slip by Godfrey, but the danger was cleared by Cooper. A Billy McKinlay cross went tantalising across the face of the Saints goal and then Ian Redford was released by Kevin Gallacher, but again there was no takers for his hard hit ball into the middle.

Billy Thomson was called into action for the first time when he had to dart from his box to hammer the ball away as McGarvey and Chalmers menacingly chased a long through ball.

Alan Irvine had to limp off with a back injury two minutes before half-time, which saw Raphael Meade make his United debut. Within a minute the newcomer saw his colleagues take the lead with a superb goal.

Maurice Malpas hit a first time ball out to Mixu Paatelainen out on the left, and the Finn's cross to the near post was met by Kevin Gallacher, whose glancing header entered the far corner leaving Fridge helpless.

After Mixu Paatelainen missed a good chance just after the interval, Saints began to enjoy their best spell. In 67 minutes Ian Cameron cut in from the left and fired in an equaliser from the edge of the penalty area. Two minutes later Paul Chalmers almost did likewise from the same



spot, but this time Billy Thomson turned the ball round the post for a corner.

Our reply was immediate and clinical. In the 71st minute, Billy McKinlay threaded the ball through to Kevin Gallacher who squared the ball for Mixu Paatelainen to turn the ball into the net from inside the six yard box.

A minute later and the game was safe. Kevin Gallacher found Ian Redford free on the left and he turned the ball inside for Raphael Meade to score his first goal for the club via Saints' keeper Les Fridge.

Before the end Fridge had to dive full length to turn an Ian Redford drive away to safety.

Crowd: 5,970

**St. Mirren** Fridge, Wilson, Winnie, Callachan (McWhirter 72), Godfrey, Cooper, Cameron, Martin, McGarvey, (Lambert 77), McWalter, Chalmers.

**United:** W. Thomson, Bowman, Malpas, Beaumont, Clark, Narey, Irvine, (Meade 40), McKinlay, Paatelainen, Gallacher, Redford. (Sub not used - Cleland)



St. Mirren's Tommy Wilson clears from Mixu Paatelainen in last Wednesday's tie.

(Photo by Frank Tocher)





Dave Bowman outpaces Saints Dave Winnie

(Photo by Frank Tocher)

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**SATURDAY, 27th  
August**

**UNITED (1)2  
ABERDEEN (0)2**

Aberdeen dented our 100% record, coming back to equalise twice, but all things considered a draw was probably a fair result. By the standards of past encounters this was a high scoring affair, but the strong wind was a major disrupting factor.

We, in fact, faced that strong wind and had a narrow escape in the fourth minute when Neil Simpson shot past from a good position.

Raphael Meade, who was making his League debut and starting a match for the first time was involved in a lot of the early action.

First he got in a header which Snelders saved comfortably, then the former Sporting Lisbon striker ran on to a head flick from Dave Beaumont and made uninterrupted progress to the edge of the box, before sending in a shot which Snelders turned round the post. Quarter of an hour later, the newcomer opened his League account for the club. John Clark nodded a free-kick down to Raphael, whose searing first time shot left Snelders helpless. A couple of minutes later Aberdeen should have equalised but Davie Dodds hooked wide from 10 yards. Thereafter chances were few and far between until the interval.



Five minutes after the interval Aberdeen equalised when Raphael Meade was adjudged to have brought down Jim Bett, who after treatment, scored from the penalty spot.

We retaliated with a searching McKinlay cross which McKimmie was forced to hurriedly head to safety.

Five minutes later Ian Redford sent in a shot which went inches wide, after Raphael Meade had chested the ball into his path.

It was Ian Redford again in the 75th minute when his surging run took him into the box and his shot to the far corner was well saved by Snelders.

Five minutes later we took the lead when Mixu Paatelainen chased a ball out on the left, chipped it back into the middle for John Clark to head the ball past Snelders. Despite Aberdeen's protestations for a foul on the keeper, the goal stood, but our joy was short-lived. Within a minute Aberdeen had equalised through John Hewitt. A corner on the right wasn't cleared and John Hewitt had a simple task of nodding in the equaliser.

**UNITED:** W. Thomson, Bowman, Malpas, Beaumont, Clark, Narey, Meade (Cleland 73), McKinlay, Paatelainen, Gallacher, Redford. (Sub not used - J. McLeod).

**ABERDEEN:** Snelders, McKimmie, Robertson, Simpson, McLeish, Miller, Wright, Bett, Dodds, Connor, Hewitt. Subs not used: Irvine, Mason.

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

Bookings: United - Meade (foul on Connor 31), Paatelainen (pushing Simpson to the ground 67)

Aberdeen: Hewitt (foul on Bowman 62), McLeish (felling Meade 64)



Neil Simpson sneaks in to first time a shot past the United goal. Maurice Malpas, Davie Dodds, John Hewitt, Dave Beaumont and John Clark can only look on.



# LINE-UPS



1-0	5,153 W. Thomson	Rowman	Maipas	Cleah	Nery	Irwin	McKinlay	Paatalanen	Gaulcher	Redford	French	Beaumont
2-0	4,400 W. Thomson	Rowman*	Maipas	Hegarty	Nery	French*	McKinlay	Paatalanen	Gaulcher	Redford	McPhee	McGinnis
3-0	18,719 W. Thomson	McOlinis	Maipas	Clark*	Nery	Clark	McKinlay	Paatalanen	Gaulcher	Redford	Borman	I. McLeod
4-1	5,271 W. Thomson	Rowman	Maipas	Clark	Nery	Irwin*	McKinlay	Paatalanen	Gaulcher	Redford	Cleah	J. McLeod
5-2	13,128 W. Thomson	Rowman	Maipas	Clark	Nery	Irwin*	McKinlay	Paatalanen	Gaulcher	Redford	Cleah	J. McLeod

1-0 AUGUST - 13 MOTHERWELL (B&W Cup 2nd Rd) 20 CELTIC 24 ST. MIRREN (B&W Cup 2nd Rd) 31 ABERDEEN 37 CELTIC (B&W Cup OT)

SEPTEMBER - 6 FLORIANA (EWCW1 194) 10 HAMILTON ACCIES (1st Leg) 17 HIBERNIAN 20 MOTHERWELL 27 RANGERS

OCTOBER - 5 HEARTS 6 FLORIANA (EWCW1 2nd Leg) 9 HAMILTON ACCIES 13 CELTIC 22 ST. MIRREN 29 MOTHERWELL

NOVEMBER - 2 HIBERNIAN 2 HIBERNIAN 13 ABERDEEN 19 HEARTS 26 HAMILTON ACCIES

DECEMBER - 3 RANGERS 9 HAMILTON ACCIES 17 CELTIC 31 ST. MIRREN

JANUARY - 3 ABERDEEN 14 HAMILTON ACCIES 21 HEARTS

FEBRUARY - 11 RANGERS 25 MOTHERWELL

MARCH - 11 ST. MIRREN 25 CELTIC

APRIL - 6 ABERDEEN 8 DUNDEE 15 RANGERS 22 MOTHERWELL 29 HIBERNIAN

MAY - 13 HAMILTON ACCIES



**FIRHILL ACTION**  
**Jags Keeper McLaren punches the ball away from Paul Hegarty and two of his colleagues in our second round tie at Firhill.**  
 (Photo courtesy of 'Glasgow Guardian')



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18.8.62	CELTIC 4 (Hughes 2, Czerand, Gallacher), UNITED 0. Sectional Tie
1.9.62	UNITED 0, CELTIC 0 . . . . . Sectional Tie
14.8.65	UNITED 2 (Carroll, Gillespie), CELTIC 1 (Auld) . . . . . Sectional Tie
28.8.65	CELTIC 3 (Young, Chalmers, McBride), UNITED 0 . . . . . Sectional Tie
12.8.67	CELTIC 1 (Johnstone), UNITED 0 . . . . . Sectional Tie
26.8.67	UNITED 0, CELTIC 1 (Lennox) . . . . . Sectional Tie
15.8.70	CELTIC 2 (Callaghan, Lennox), UNITED 2 (I. Reid, Gordon) . . . . . Sectional Tie
26.8.70	UNITED 2 (Wilson, Gordon), CELTIC 2 (Hay, Macari). Sectional Tie
17.8.74	CELTIC 1 (McNamara), UNITED 0 . . . . . Sectional Tie
24.8.74	UNITED 0, CELTIC 1 (Wilson) . . . . . Sectional Tie
14.8.76	UNITED 0, CELTIC 1 (Dalglish) . . . . . Sectional Tie
1.9.76	CELTIC 1 (McDonald), UNITED 1 (Hegarty) . . . . . Sectional Tie
30.8.78	UNITED 2 (Sturrock, Fleming), CELTIC 3 (Conroy, McDonald, Lynch) . . . . . 2nd Round 1st Leg
2.9.78	CELTIC 1 (Glavin), UNITED 0 . . . . . 2nd Round 2nd Leg
12.11.80	UNITED 1 (Bannon), CELTIC 1 (Nicholas) . . . . . Semi-final 1st Leg
19.11.80	CELTIC 0, UNITED 3 (Pettigrew, Sturrock, Dods) Semi-final 2nd Leg
27.10.82	CELTIC 2 (Nicholas, McGarvey), UNITED 0 . . . . . Semi-final 1st Leg
10.11.82	UNITED 2 (Sturrock 2), CELTIC 1 (Nicholas) . . . . . Semi-final 2nd Leg
5.9.84	UNITED 2 (Sturrock, Clark), CELTIC 1 (McInally) Quarter-Final



Willie Pettigrew scorer of our opening goal in the famous 3-0 win over Celtic in the 1980-81 semi-final.

## APPEARANCES 88/89

	League		Scol Cup		Reserve League	
	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
V. Atkins	-	-	-	-	0+(1)	-
D. Beaumont	1+(1)	-	1	-	1	1
J. Bishop	-	-	-	-	2	-
D. Bowman	2+(1)	-	2	-	-	-
J. Clark	3	2	2	-	-	-
A. Cleland	1+(1)	-	-	-	1	-
H. Curran	-	-	-	-	3	1
P. Connolly	-	-	-	-	3	2
H. French	0+(1)	-	1	-	1	-
K. Gallacher	3	1	2	1	-	-
P. Hegarty	1	-	1	1	1	1
A. Irvine	1	-	1	-	-	-
S. Kopel	-	-	-	-	3	-
G. McGinnis	1	-	0+(1)	-	1	-
J. McInally	1	-	-	-	-	-
B. McKinlay	3	-	2	-	-	-
R. McKinnon	-	-	-	-	1	1
P. McLaren	-	-	-	-	1+(1)	-
J. McLeod	0+(1)	-	-	-	1	-
I. McPhee	-	-	0+(1)	-	3	1
A. Main	-	-	-	-	1	-
M. Malpas	3	-	2	-	-	-
R. Meade	1	1	0+(1)	1	-	-
D. Narey	3	-	2	-	-	-
J. O'Neil	-	-	-	-	1+(1)	-
M. Paatelainen	3	-	2	3	-	-
M. Perry	-	-	-	-	1	-
A. Preston	-	-	-	-	3	2(1p)
I. Redford	3	-	2	-	-	-
B. Thomson	3	-	2	-	-	-
S. Thomson	-	-	-	-	2	-
B. Welsh	-	-	-	-	2	-
Trialist	-	-	-	-	1	-

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DAVE BEAUMONT	4	ROY AITKEN (Capt)
JOHN CLARK	5	MICK McCARTHY
DAVE NAREY	6	PETER GRANT
RAPHAEL MEADE	7	JOE MILLER
BILLY McKINLAY	8	PAUL McSTAY
GARY McGINNIS	9	FRANK McAVENNIE
KEVIN GALLACHER	10	ANDY WALKER
IAN REDFORD	11	TOMMY BURNS
JOE McLEOD	Subs	DEREK WHYTE
ALEX CLELAND		BILLY STARK

### OFFICIALS

Referee: J.R. RENTON (Cowdenbeath)  
Linesmen: 3A— J. Carlin (Linlithgow) and  
3B— R. Smith (Dunfermline)

**MASCOT:**  
Tonights Mascot is Kevin Ogg aged 10. Kevin, who lives in Dundee, attends Powrie Primary School.



**BALL BOYS:**  
St. Fergus Primary School, Dundee provide the Ball Boys for this evenings game.

Celtic's visit to Tannadice Park tonight for this Skol Cup quarter final tie is their fifth consecutive away tie at this stage of the competition since the introduction of the straight knock out rounds.

It was United who ended any of Celtic's hopes of lifting the trophy in 1984-85. The following season the Celts travelled to Edinburgh to face Hibernian. A sudden death penalty miss by defender Pierce O'Leary put paid to any cup triumph for that year. The past two seasons have paired Celtic and Aberdeen together at Pittodrie. In 1986-87, the Glasgow side progressed to the semi finals, winning the tie after a penalty shoot out. Last season, a goal by Jim Bett gave the Dons victory and revenge for the previous season.

With Ayr United and Hamilton Accies disposed of so far, tonight it is United who now stand in Billy McNeill's mens way as they try for the "treble" in their centenary year.

It is in the goalkeeping department that the Celtic squad has seen changes this season. Regular number one Keeper, Pat Bonner has now started light training following his close season back operation. The tall Irishman had an outstanding season for both his club and country last season. Number two last season Allen McKnight decided his future lay at West Ham and moved there for £300,000. The £300,000 did not stay in the bank long for Billy McNeill signed Ian Andrews for that amount. The former English youth and under 21 internationalist began his career with

Mansfield Town before moving to Leicester. Made his debut for the Filbert St. side against Wolves in May 1984. Ian had a shut out on his debut in Scottish football on the opening day of the season. The other signing in the goalkeeping position has been Alan Rough. Made his debut for Celtic in the second round of the Skol Cup against Ayr United. Alan had the misfortune to be the first Celtic keeper to conceded a goal in a competitive fixture at Celtic Park since December 12, 1987 when visitors Hearts had netted twice. Was outstanding in the reserve fixture against United ten days ago at Celtic Park.

Consistency is a key factor in any player and Chris Morris is no exception to this. Ever present in the side so far in his time with Celtic, Chris has now had an unbelievable past fourteen months, from playing reserve football with Sheffield Wednesday to League and cup honours at club level with Celtic and then competing superbly amongst the best at international level with Eire. At left back for Celtic is Northern Ireland internationalist Anton Rogan who has transformed into a top class player. He is strong in the tackle and in the air, confident going forward and seldom wastes a cross. At 22, Anton will certainly win many more international caps.

Centre of the defence is one place that contributed greatly to Celtic's successful season. Captain of club and country, Roy Aitken made his first appearance of the season for Celtic here at Tannadice after serving a two match suspension. After missing the start of the last season through injury, Mick McCarthy forged an excellent partnership at the back with Roy Aitken. Like Pat Bonner and Chris Morris, Mick was

outstanding in the European Championships. Mick will be out to ensure there is no repeat of that drastic mistake all defenders dread, the short pass back which occurred ten days ago. Partnering Aitken and McCarthy against United recently was Derek Whyte. Capped at every level by Scotland from schoolboy to full international. Derek was dropped last Wednesday as Celtic crushed Hamilton 7-2. Waiting for a chance is Lex Baillie. Made his first team debut last season and played very well. Will push Aitken, McCarthy and Whyte all the way for a regular first team place.

In midfield, Celtic normally perm any three from four, choosing from McStay, Grant, Burns and Stark. Peter Grant has matured into a hard working midfielder who never knows when to give up. The ball winning player in the Celtic side, Peter is pushing hard for a call up to the full international squad for the forthcoming World Cup ties. In Paul McStay they have a very gifted player. Against Hearts it took a piece of magic from Paul to set up the chance for McAvennie to score the only goal of the game. Was kept quiet here at Tannadice ten days ago by Jim McInally. Tommy Burns skippered the side in the absence of Roy Aitken in the opening two fixtures. Has taken a liking to this years Skol Cup, he found the net in both games so far. Tommy came on as a substitute in the League game here as Celtic pushed for an equaliser. Buy of last season had to be Billy Stark, a £75,000 signing from Aberdeen. "Big Starkie" notched many a vital goal last season and he was on the scoresheet last Wednesday when he headed home the sixth goal, this after replacing Paul McStay.

The forward line was Billy McNeill's first major problem when he took over a year ago. With Johnston and McClair gone, Billy set about the job in his usual manner, quietly and effectively. He bought Andy Walker from Motherwell, Frank McAvennie from West Ham and, later, Joe Miller from Aberdeen. Andy Walker has bagged four already in the Skol Cup this season, two each against Ayr and Hamilton. Frank McAvennie needs no introduction to the United fans after scoring twice against their side in the cup final. Three goals so far in the Cup. Frank will be looking to add to his tally tonight.



Frank McAvennie... his two goals beat us in last year's Scottish Cup Final.

A £680,000 signing from Aberdeen in January, Joe Miller will remember he netted a last minute winner for Celtic to given them a 2-1 victory here last December. His form has been disappointing lately, but knowing Joe, he will be soon back at his best to fulfil the potential he has shown. A valuable player to have in your squad is someone like Mark McGhee. A player with vast experience who swung important games Celtic's way last season. Started the recent game here at Tannadice, but was replaced by Joe Miller, as Celtic pressurised the United goal. Owen Archdeacon has been outstanding in the reserves this season and was rewarded for his effort with a place on the bench in the last round against Hamilton Accies. He came on to replace Andy Walker and Owen netted Celtic's seventh goal of the game.



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Jim Bett equalises from the spot as Dave Narey looks on.

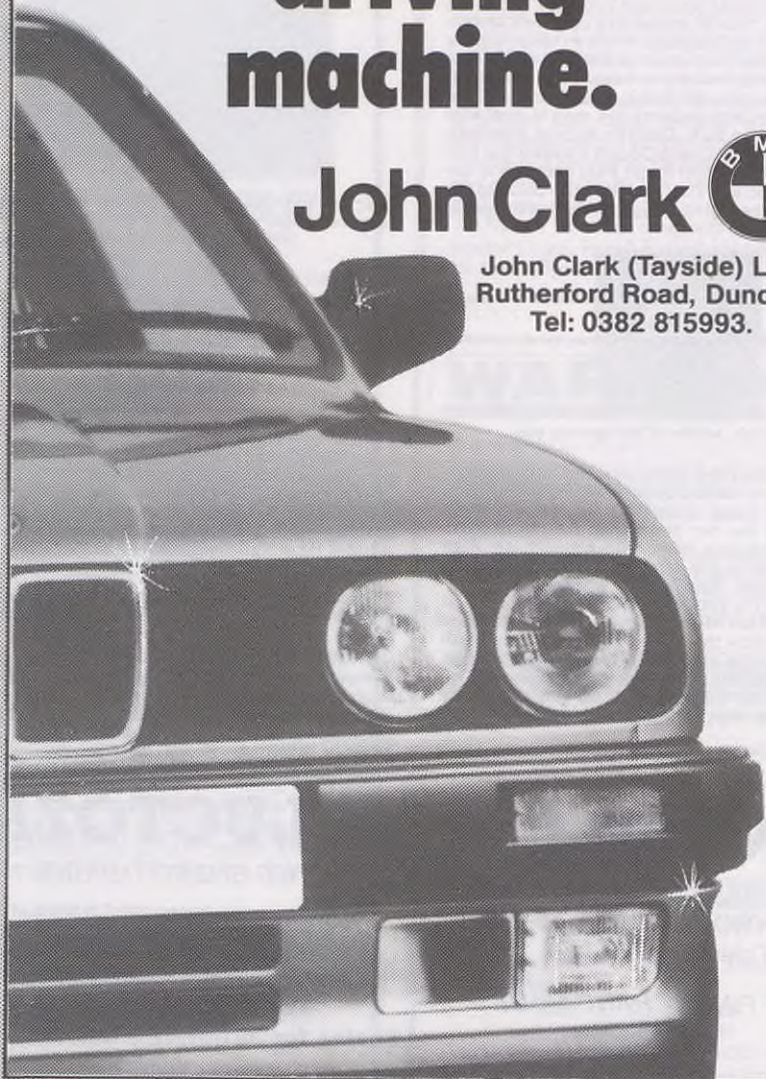


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# LAST TIME

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Strangely, particularly when you compare it to more recent meetings, this tie started in a relatively sedate manner. Goalmouth incidents were in short supply and when Paul Sturrock gave us the lead in the 61st minute, the match looked to have been decided. Danny McGrain brought down Paul Sturrock from behind and the Celts indiscretion was to cost him dear. From the free kick, Eamonn Bannon hoisted a ball to the far post. Richard Gough nodded the ball down to Ralph Milne, who found **Paul Sturrock** in the middle of the box, and Paul knocked the ball into the far corner of the net, giving Paddy Bonner no chance whatsoever.



Paul Sturrock, scorer of the opening goal.

The goal was what the game needed and as to be expected, Celtic roared back at us. Billy Thomson had to punch clear from Colquhoun and then McClair struck the bar before the ball went over. With sixteen minutes left Celtic brought on Alan McInally for Colquhoun, a move which was to bring Celtic an equaliser. Paul McStay worked his way into the box, and his shot for goal was going wide of the mark, until **Alan McInally** stepped in to side-foot the ball in and stun the United fans with only eight minutes left. It is a scenario which we have seen repeated painfully subsequently in two recent Cup finals, but on this occasion events did go in our favour as the tie slipped into extra-time.



Only two minutes of the additional thirty minutes had elapsed when we struck.



John Clark... hit the winner

**John Clark** had replaced the injured Davie Dodds near the end of normal time and he was to prove the match-winner. The big striker was at the end of a Paul Sturrock — Ralph Milne move to steer the ball past Bonner and United into the semi-finals, where we met Hearts and ultimately lost to Rangers in the final courtesy of an Iain Ferguson goal!

Although only four years span the two ties, this evening's line-ups will show considerable changes in personnel as the sides listed below illustrate.

**UNITED:** W. Thomson, Holt, (Beebie), Malpas, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds (Clark)

**CELTIC:** Bonner, McGrain, Sinclair, Aitken, McAdam, Grant, Colquhoun, (McInally), P. McStay, McClair, Burns, McGarvey.

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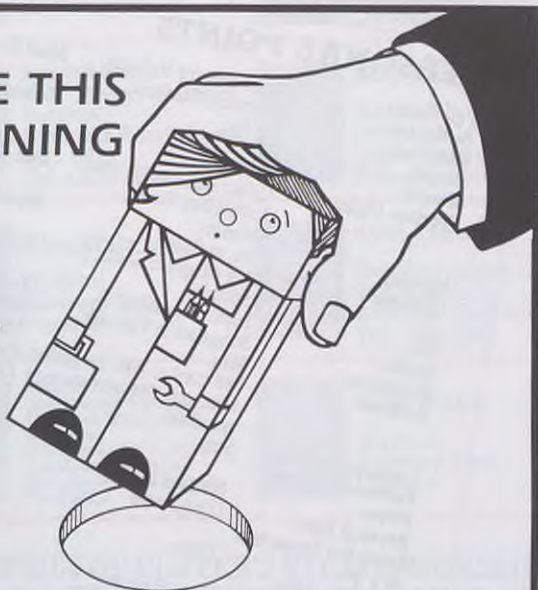
The table below gives the League champions from around Europe with their winning margin in points (or GD for a title victory by goal difference) from the runners-up, plus the score in the National cup final. (Cup final scores in brackets are first and second leg scores, and scores in penalty deciders are marked with an asterisk).

COUNTRY	LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	Points/Games	RUNNERS-UP	Margin	CUP FINAL
Albania	Nentori Tirana	48/36	Flamutari	7	Flamutari 1-0 Partizan Tirana
Austria	Rapid Vienna	54/36	Austria Vienna	8	Kremser (2,1) 3-3 Tirol AG
Belgium	Brugge	51/34	Mechelon	2	Anderlecht 2-0 Standard Liege
Bulgaria	Vitosha Sofia	48/30	Sredets Sofia	2	Sredets 4-1 Vitosha
Cyprus	Pezoponkos	48/30	Apolo Nicosia	1	Omonia 2-1 AE Limassol
Czechoslovakia	Sparta	49/30	Dukla Prague	10	Sparta Prague 2-0 Inter Bratislava
Denmark	Brøndby	47/26	Kast	9	Aarhus 2-1 Brøndby
East Germany	Dynamo Berlin	37/26	Loko Leipzig	GD	Dynamo Berlin 2-0 Carl Zeiss Jena
Eire	Dundalk	90/40	St. Patrick's Ath.	9	Dundalk 1-0 Derry City
England	Liverpool	90/40	Manchester Utd.	9	Wimbledon 1-0 Liverpool
Finland	HJK Helsinki	33/22	Kuusysi Lahti	3	Kuusysi Lahti 5-4 OTP
France	Monaco	52/38	Bordeaux	6	Metz 1-1 Sochaux *5-4
Greece	Larissa	43/30	AEK Athens	3	Panathinaikos 3-2 Olympiakos *4-3
Hungary	Honved Budapest	41/30	Tatabanya	4	Bekescsaba 2-2 Honved
Iceland	Valur Reykjavik	37/18	Fram	5	Fram 8-0 Vidir
Italy	AC Milan	48/30	Napoli	3	Sampdoria(2,1) 3-2 (0,2) Torino
Luxembourg	Jeunesse D'Esch	25/15	Avenir Beggen	2	Jeunesse D'Esch 1-0 Avenir Beggen
Malta	Hamrun Spartans	22/14	Silema Wands.	3	Humrun Spartans 4-2 Floriana
Netherlands	PSV Eindhoven	59/34	Ajax	9	PSV Eindhoven 3-2 Roda JC
Norway	Moss	44/22	Bryne IL	10	Bryne IL 1-0 SK Brann
N. Ireland	Glentoran	62/26	Liffield	2	Glentoran 1-0 Glentoran
Poland	Cornik Zabrze	51/30	Katowice	11	Lech Poznan 1-1 Legia Warsaw *3-2
Portugal	Porto	66/38	Benfica	16	Porto 1-0 Vitoria Guimares
Romania	Steaua Bucharest	64/34	Dyn. Bucharest	1	Steaua Bucharest * Dyn. Bucharest
Scotland	Celtic	72/44	Hearts	10	Celtic 2-1 Dundee United
Spain	Real Madrid	62/38	Real Sociedad	11	Barcelona 1-0 Real Sociedad
Soviet Union	Spartak Moscow	42/30	Dnepr	3	Metalist Kvarov 2-0 Torpedo Moscow
Sweden	Gothenburg	+	Malmö	2	Norrköping 3-1 Örebro SK
Switzerland	Neuchatel	47/38	Servette Geneva	2	Grasshoppers 2-0 Schaffhausen
Turkey	Galatasaray	90/38	Besiktas	12	Sakaryaspor (2,1) 3-1 (0,1) Samsunspor
Wales	—	—	—	—	Cardiff 2-0 Wrexham
West Germany	Werder Bremen	52/34	Bayern Munich	4	Eintracht Frankfurt 1-0 VFL Bochum
Yugoslavia	Red Star Bel.	48/34	Partizan Belg.	1	Borac Bratislava 1-0 Red Star Belgrade

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Yet, though Jim is now part and parcel of the Tannadice scene, his initial impact was less than dynamic. He found his first taste of Tannadice pre-season training pretty tough and it wasn't until about mid-September that Jim made his first team debut. He has hardly looked back since, winning caps against Belgium and Brazil last year and against Malta earlier this year.



Jim, of course, began his career with Celtic and very nearly landed up with Dundee. He spent a spell on loan at Dens, helping Dundee avoid relegation in 83-84, but Celtic eventually sold him to Nottingham Forest. From there it was on to Coventry, before the move to United, which has been cemented by the highly popular midfielder having signed an extended contract, which hopefully will allow Jim to achieve his stated ambition of winning a major honour in a United jersey.

## PERSONAL POINTS

- Full Name:** James Edward McNally  
**Birthplace:** Bridgeton, Glasgow  
**Birth Date:** 19.2.64  
**Height:** 5'8½"  
**Weight:** 11 stone  
**Previous Clubs:** Celtic, Dundee (on loan), Nottingham Forest, Coventry
- Married:** Yes, to Alison  
**Children:** One daughter, Laura, (6 months)
- Car:** Toyota Corolla  
**House:** Bungalow in Fairmuir  
**Nickname:** Mac  
**Hobbies:** I've tried to take up golfing, without too much success I am afraid.  
Sun
- Favourite Reading:** Maurice Malpas  
**Favourite Current Player:** Dixie Deans  
**Boyhood Hero:** Celtic  
**Team You Supported as a Boy:** Alex Higgins  
**Favourite Other Sportsman:**
- Most Memorable Match:** Beating Barcelona in the Nou Camp  
**Favourite Stadium:** After the answer to the last question its got to be the Nou Camp  
**Best Goal Seen Scored:** John Clark's header in the Barcelona game  
**Biggest Disappointment:** Losing in the U.E.F.A. Cup final  
**Holiday Spot:** None, I spent the summer trying to get fit.  
**Favourite Food:** Chicken Tikka  
**Miscellaneous Likes:** Winning  
**Miscellaneous Dislikes:** Losing  
**Favourite TV Show:** Neighbours  
**Favourite Musician(s):** Level 42  
**Favourite Actor/Actress:** Clint Eastwood  
**International Honours:** 9 Youth Caps, 3 Full  
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**International Honours:** To win something with United  
**Personal Ambition:**

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- In what season did United first reach the semi-final of the Scottish League Cup?
- Name the three players in the starting eleven in United's 1980 final victory over Dundee, who did not start the game v Aberdeen at Dens the previous season?
- Who scored the goal that beat Celtic in the 1973 Scottish League Cup Final?
- Name the two sides United defeated in last season's Skol Cup?
- Name the opposition on the only occasion United have gone to penalties in the League Cup?
- Who were the last side to win a League Cup tie at Tannadice?
- Who were the last team to beat United in a League Cup tie at Tannadice?
- Who eliminated St. Mirren from the 87/8 Skol Cup?
- Who scored his first goal for the club v Clydebank in a Skol Cup tie in August 1985?

# LEAGUE TABLES

### PREMIER DIVISION

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	W	D	F	A	Pts	
Rangers	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	7	1	5
Dundee Utd	3	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	5	5
Hibernian	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Aberdeen	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	4	3
Hearts	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	3
Dundee	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	3
St. Mirren	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	2
Hamilton	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	5	2
Celtic	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	2
Motherwell	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	1

### DIVISION ONE

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	W	D	F	A	Pts	
Dunfermline	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	5	2	6
Clyde	3	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	5	4
Airdrie	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	4
Forfar Ath.	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	4
Ayr United	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	5
Kilmarnock	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	3	3
St. Johnstone	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	3
Morton	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	3
Falkirk	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	4	2
Meadowbank	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	4	2
Partick Th.	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	2
Raith Rovers	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	2
Clydebank	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	6	1
O.O.S.	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	7	1

### DIVISION TWO

	Home			Away			Goals			Pts
	P	W	D	L	W	D	F	A	Pts	
Brechin City	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	2	6
Queen's Park	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	6	2	4
Montrose	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	9	6	4
Stirling Albion	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	4	4
Stranraer	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	2	4
Albion Rov	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	4	4
Alloa Ath.	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	5	3
Arbroath	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	4	4	3
Stenhousemuir	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	3
E. Stirling	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	3
East Fife	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	2
Dumbarton	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	7	2
Berwick Rangers	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	5	0
Cowdenbeath	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	12	0

### ANSWERS

1. Falkirk; 2. 1964/5; 3. Philip, Payne, Dodds; 4. Our coach, Gordon Wallace, but first leg of the 85/6 semi-final; 5. St. Mirren; 6. Hearts; 7. Aberdeen v Dundee 1987; 8. Aberdeen beat us 1-0 in the first leg of the 85/6 semi-final; 9. St. Johnstone; 10. Ian Redford.



# SKOL CUP ROUND-UP

Shocks have been hard to find in this year's competition and, therefore, Dunfermline's elimination of Motherwell qualifies as the biggest surprise. A two goal burst in the first half by Dave Irons and John Watson carried the Pars through against the Premier side they failed to beat last term. It wasn't all that easy for Dunfermline in the second half as Motherwell came back thanks to a Steve Kirk penalty and Dunfermline were reduced to ten men after former United defender John Holt was sent off after a second hand-ball offence.

The Pars reward for that upset is a home tie with Hearts, who comfortably beat Meadowbank Thistle in the Edinburgh Derby played at Falkirk! Malcolm Murray and Kenny Black got the goals for the Jam Tarts in their 2-0 victory.

Whilst we followed up our League win over Celtic with that 3-1 win at Love Street, Celtic got back to winning form with a crushing 7-2 victory over newly promoted Hamilton. The goals flowed thick and fast with Andy Walker scoring



Andy Walker scorer of two goals in the last round.

the first two with Frank McAvennie also bagging a couple with Tommy Burns, Billy Stark and Owen Archdeacon completing seven goal soirée. Jaimie Fairlie hit two within a minute by way of

consolation for Accies.

Rangers were also in goalscoring mood.

At home to Clydebank they hammered in six, with Ally McCoist, Richard Gough, Mark Walters, Butch Wilkins, Kevin Drinkell and Ian Durrant each getting on the score-sheet.

Rangers are at home again tonight, facing Dundee. The Dens Park men had to come from behind against First Division Falkirk at Dens last Wednesday night.

Falkirk took the lead through Alex Rae, but goals by Keith Wright and substitute Alan Lawrence ensures there was no upset.

Two of the sides in action on Tuesday last week, meet this evening. Aberdeen had to fight all the way against Morton at Cappielow. Morton went ahead early in the match when Gerry Ronald, who was on trial here last season, swung over a cross from which Rowan Alexander nodded past Snelders. The Dons hit back through two Jim Bett goals, but had to hang on as Morton's late rally kept the Dons penned in their own half. Hibs, meanwhile, were involved in as equally as close a contest against Kilmarnock. Paul Kane celebrated the signing of a new contract by scoring the games only goal ten minutes from the interval.

However, it took a couple of great saves by Andy Goram to prevent Killie taking the tie into extra time. One of these incidentally was from a header by former United striker John Bourke, who was playing his last match before retirement. He had delayed his retirement from professional football to assist Kilmarnock manager, Eddie Morrison, in an injury crisis.

So that's how tonight's quarter-finalists got to this stage and the unseeded draw for this round means that there is all to play for, with all four contests likely to be keenly contested affairs.



# RESERVE REVIEW

SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1988

ABERDEEN RES (3)5 UNITED RES (0)1

After a good start to the season, this result was a major disappointment despite the many enforced changes as a result of the club's lengthy injury list.

In truth the reserves never recovered from the loss of two goals in five minutes in the first half. Although we trailed by three goals at the interval, it really had been a case of the home side accepting their chances, whilst we hadn't! Paddy Connolly saw a shot go just past, Ian McPhee brought out a great save by Beckett with a powerfully struck 25 yarder, whilst both Harry Curran and Paddy Connolly had glancing headers which could have brought better reward.

Aberdeen scored their third goal on the stroke of half-time and the wee Dons struck again a minute after the break to further cement their lead.

We did pull one back in the 69th minute when **Raymond** McKinnon scored from a Harry Curran cross, but Aberdeen restored their four goal advantage ten minutes from the end.

On an afternoon best forgotten, young John O'Neil had a competent match in what was his first appearance for the reserves from the start of a game.

**Team:** S. Thomson, McLaren, S. Kopel, McPhee, Perry, F. Kopel, McKinnon, (Arkins 70), Curran, O'Neil, Connolly, Preston.  
Sub not used — McNulty



Raymond McKinnon on target at Pittodrie

## PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE FIXTURES SEASON 1988/89

Sat Aug 13	St. Mirren	H	W	6-1
Connolly 2, McPhee, Curran, Hegarty, Preston.				
Sat Aug 20	Celtic	A	D	2-2
Beaumont, Preston (pen)				
Sat Aug 27	Aberdeen	A	L	1-5
McKinnon				
Fri Sep 2	Dundee	H		
Sat Sep 10	Rangers	A		
Sat Sep 17	Hibernian	A		
Sat Sep 24	Motherwell	H		
Sat Oct 1	Heart of Mid.	A		
Sat Oct 8	Hamilton Acc.	H		
Sat Oct 15	Celtic	H		
Sat Oct 22	St. Mirren	A		
Sat Oct 29	Motherwell	A		
Sat Nov 5	Dundee	A		
Sat Nov 12	Aberdeen	H		
Sat Nov 19	Heart of Mid.	H		
Sat Nov 26	Hamilton Acc.	A		
Sat Dec 3	Rangers	H		
Sat Dec 10	Hibernian	A		
Sat Dec 17	Celtic	A		
Sat Jan 4	Dundee	H		
Sat Jan 14	Hamilton Acc.	H		
Sat Jan 21	Heart of Mid.	A		
Sat Jan 28	Hibernian	H		
Sat Feb 4	St. Mirren	H		
Sat Feb 11	Rangers	A		
Sat Feb 18	Aberdeen	A		
Sat Feb 25	Motherwell	H		
Sat Mar 4	Heart of Mid.	H		
Sat Mar 11	St. Mirren	A		
Sat Mar 18	Hamilton Acc.	A		
Sat Mar 25	Celtic	H		
Sat Apr 1	Aberdeen	H		
Sat Apr 8	Dundee	A		
Sat Apr 15	Rangers	H		
Sat Apr 22	Motherwell	A		
Sat Apr 29	Hibernian	H		



1910... A friendly at home to Arbroath ended in a one all draw. It was surprising that this match should have been arranged a week prior to the clubs meeting in the qualifying Cup a week later.

1912... After two defeats since the opening of the season, we open our League account with a 3-1 win over Arthurlie.

1929... Dens Park was the scene of the first League derby of the season, which we lost by the only goal of the game.

1931... Our visit to Clyde was our third successive away fixture, unfortunately it brought no better luck as we went down 4-1, Bennett being the scorer of our consolation counter.

1935... Brechin City inflicted a 2-1 defeat on us at Glebe Park, Corbett was the United scorer.

1946... Another blank Saturday as St. Johnstone beat us 3-1 at Muirton with Smart netting our consolation counter.

1949... Our hopes in the League Cup crumbled when we lost 3-1 at Dumbarton, having just beaten section leaders, Airdrie 6-0 at Tannadice.

1955... Motherwell, who were romping away with the section beat us 3-0 at Tannadice.

1957... We wound up our League Cup section by beating Stranraer 3-0 at Tannadice in a match of academic interest only. Sturrock, Duncan and Coyle were the marksmen.

1959... Hopes of advancing to the quarter final stages of the League Cup, were dashed by Falkirk. After holding the Bairns to a 1-1 draw at Brockville, Falkirk recovered to win 3-0 at Tannadice in the second leg of the play-off match.

1960... A disappoint result at Brechin City as we went down 2-1. Eric Walker was our scorer.

1963... Although we beat St. Mirren 3-2, the League Cup was already over for us, as we finished third behind Hibs and Aberdeen.

1966... A high scoring match at Tannadice as we beat St. Johnstone 5-3 in a group match which was of no consequence as Aberdeen had already won the section.

1968... Our third successive win wasn't enough to progress in our League Cup section. A bizarre Timmy Smith own goal gave us the points from Aberdeen

1975... We opened a new League season, the last before reconstruction, with a spanking 5-0 win over Motherwell. Doug Smith (penalty), Dave Narey, Andy Gray and a Pat Gardner goal saw our blend of youth and experience start the campaign so well.

1977... Partick Thistle and United fought out a goalless first leg League Cup tie at Firhill.

1985... A John Clark goal won us both Premier League points in a 1-0 victory at Fir Park.

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