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## GOALIE'S GRAB THE HEADLINES

The goalkeeping situation has certainly occupied centre stage at Tannadice recently.

No sooner had Scott Thomson gone on loan to our former U.E.F.A. Cup adversaries, Coleraine, and Stuart Garden's services been offered to a junior club, than Billy Thomson found himself back on the sidelines.

The big 'keeper had only just returned to action following the injury he sustained in the home U.E.F.A. Cup tie with FH of Iceland. Now, ironically, Billy has suffered a similar injury, this time in the Alloa reserve match at Recreation ground. Fortunately, Billy was in line to return with the reserves in midweek.

Last Saturday there was more trouble for the Tannadice goalkeeping fraternity.

Alan Main had only just passed a late fitness test on an injured hand when he was in the wars again at Love Street — even before a ball was kicked.

He ricked his back in the pre-match warm-up and it was touch or go as to whether he would be able to play. Reserve 'keeper Stuart Garden was close to being called in, but Alan made it and lasted the full ninety minutes.

Fortunately, with Billy Thomson almost back to full fitness and Alan Main's back injury responding to treatment, the possibility of Scott Thomson being recalled from his loan spell to Coleraine has receded.

## GRANT RETURNS

It is only a couple of months since we had to report that Grant Johnston had opted to pursue a law degree at Birmingham University instead of a highly promising football career.

However, after spending just six weeks at Birmingham University, the 18 year old midfielder is back at Tannadice.

At the time Grant had committed himself to his studies, the former Craigie High School pupil felt he was struggling at football.

However, after making that decision things improved. Now University remains an option at a later date, but he felt he had to have another go at making the grade with United. Grant revealed that a major factor in his change of heart was the fact that youngsters do get a chance with United.

"You know with this club you'll get the best coaching and receive an opportunity of first team football", he said.

Manager Jim McLean is delighted at the youngster's return. "Grant has made great progress recently than anyone else at Tannadice", he said.

## DARREN'S EARLY STRIKE



DARREN JACKSON

Last week Darren not only knocked in his 13th goal of the season, but also scored our fastest counter of the season with his strike in 75 seconds at Paisley.

United's leading scorer already held the honour of hitting the quickest goal of the season when he scored after seven minutes in our opening game of the season in the Skol Cup at Alloa.

The former Meadowbank and Newcastle striker is already well past his total of eight goals for us last term.

The next target in Darren's sights must be 20 goals which would give him a personal best in a season.

Back in 1985-86, Darren's first with Meadowbank, he scored 19 times, so with the season only around the halfway mark, Darren must have high hopes of beating his previous high.

Incidentally, with nine League goals he has already beaten last season's total. He and Mixu Paatelainen both hit 7 goals during the 89/90 League campaign.

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Our last home match with Aberdeen saw Billy McKinlay make his 100th appearance for the club. The 21 year old made his debut against Hibs almost exactly four years prior to that century of appearances against the Dons.

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# JIM McLEAN



When we picked up a point at Love Street last season, I was reasonably satisfied in view of our away record then, but things have been very different on our travels this term with only one League defeat so far.

To be honest, I was as angry as I have ever been at the end of last week's match at Paisley, particularly taking into account our second half performance.

The total commitment of the first half was missing and the players refused to push forward to try and get a victory and in the last five minutes, we could even have lost the one point we did eventually take from the game.

Sadly, we have a long way to go in finding winners in our ranks. We, undoubtedly, have a lot of players with loads of ability, but too many want to play the game at their pace and will only put just enough effort into a game to get by.

Frankly it isn't good enough and the real winners in the side — Maurice Malpas, Freddy Van Der Hoorn and Jim McNally — deserve a better response from their colleagues.

Today's match with Celtic, coming as it does in the wake of too many home defeats recently, is vitally important.

Our record away from home has been in keeping with a side at the top of the table, but recent home results have been very, very disappointing.

Celtic will, I am sure, be very determined to beat us here, so it is absolutely essential that we are much tighter at the back than we have been at Tannadice recently.

In addition, if we are to beat Celtic we'll have to attack with the same determination as in the second half of the Hearts game and the whole of the match against Aberdeen.

If we can achieve both these aims then there is no reason why we cannot maintain the excellent record we have against Celtic over the past few years at Tannadice.

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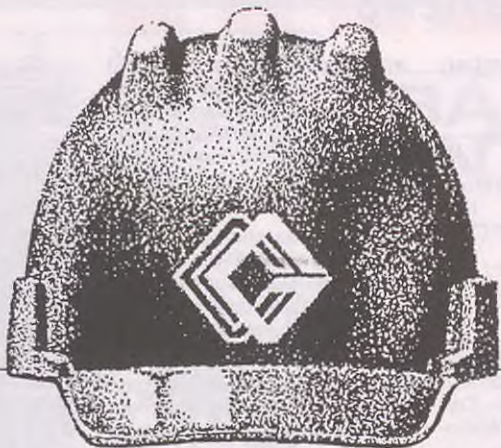
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# MATCH REVIEWS

Saturday, 24th November,  
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B & Q Premier Division —  
14th Match

Venue: Tannadice Park

**UNITED** (2)2  
(McKimmie 7, Malpas pen (39))  
**ABERDEEN** (2)3  
(Jess 3 (10, 16 & 46))

Crowd: 12,344

**UNITED:** Main, Cleland, (Steinmann 83), Malpas, McNally, Krivokapic, Welsh, Van Der Hoorn, McKinlay, Dailly, McKinnon, Ferguson.

**ABERDEEN:** Watt, McKimmie, D. Robertson, Jess, (Cameron 83), McLeish, Irvine, Van De Ven, Bett, Mason, Connor, Gillhaus

Referee: L. W. Mottram (Forth)

Bookings: United — Van Der Hoorn (tackle from behind on Mason 73)

Aberdeen — Mason (tripping McNally 62), McKimmie (tripping Dailly 74)

What a game this was! So often, past matches with Aberdeen have resembled chess on a football park with both sides cancelling each other out.

There were no such inhibitions in this end-to-end encounter, however.

As early as the fourth minute Gillhaus took a Bett cross wheelled and somehow knocked the ball past the far post.

In keeping with the trend of the whole match, Duncan Ferguson, starting a match for the first time, broke clear but was robbed just as he reached the edge of the penalty box.

Brian Welsh cleared a dangerous cross from Gillhaus with his head but in doing so clashed heads with goalkeeper Alan Main.

Immediately, Duncan Ferguson

won a corner at the other end and when Ray McKinnon's corner came over **Stewart McKimmie** won a race between Duncan Ferguson and Michael Watt to the ball and his header sailed into the far corner.

Our lead was short-lived. First Van De Ven's shot was well saved by Alan Main, but there was nothing he could do about Jess's goal two minutes later.

The youngster drove at the United defence on the left and his shot took a deflection off Maurice Malpas and went in at the near post.

Jess almost put the Dons further ahead two minutes later when he met Bett's right wing cross at the near post, but his flick ran just past the far post.

Four minutes later better fortune awaited **Jess** when he ran through and hammered in a low shot to put Aberdeen ahead.

A minute later Alan Main palmed away another Jess effort.

At this stage Maurice Malpas and Alex Cleland switched wings and we gradually took a grip on proceedings.

In the 27th minute Ray McKinnon laid the ball off to Billy McKinlay and only an inspired save kept out his dipping shot.

A minute later Alex Cleland hooked narrowly past.

Aberdeen's threat wasn't entirely subdued though because Alan Main had to tip a Mason shot round the post and then the woodwork came to our rescue when Gillhaus hit the post from close range and Alan Main pounced on the loose ball.

Still the frantic pace was maintained when Watt turned Christian Dailly's shot round the post.

Seven minutes from half-time Jim McNally was brought down by Connor and whilst the referee waved play on, an upraised flag



prompted the official to consult his linesman and award a penalty.

Once the Dons' protests had died down, **Maurice Malpas** stepped up to score his first penalty for United.

As one spectator was heard to remark as he went for his half-time cuppa, "it was a half of two halves!"

The crowd had barely settled down for the second half when Aberdeen took the lead again.

Connor laid the ball into Jess who had a simple task of tapping in his hat-trick.

The post-interval action wasn't quiet as fast and furious, but that was understandable. We did have the better of the second half chances, but couldn't breach the Dons defence once more.

Despite that we kept plugging away and right at the death Billy McKinlay fired in a shot which dipped just over.

So ended a quite classic encounter which had everyone enthusing.

From our point of view the only drawback was that Aberdeen had captured both points!



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# MATCH REVIEWS

Saturday, 1st December, 1990

B & Q Premier Division — 15th Match

Venue: Love Street

ST. MIRREN (1)1  
(McDowell 2)

UNITED (1)1  
(Jackson (75 secs) )

Crowd: 4,581

**ST. MIRREN:** Money, Martin, Black, Lambert, Victor (Wishart 76), Manley, McDowall, Archibald, Stickroth, Torfarson (Shaw 72), McWhirter.

**UNITED:** Main, Cleland, Malpas, McNally, Krivokapic, Welsh, Van Der Hoorn, McKinlay, Dailly, Jackson, McKinnon, (J. O'Neil 61).  
(Sub not used — M. O'Neill)

Referee: L.B. Thow (Ayr)

No Bookings

It looked as though the thrill a minute stuff on offer against Aberdeen had spilled over into this match, well, for the first two minutes anyway.

Some 75 seconds were on the clock when **Darren Jackson** gave us the lead. Maurice Malpas's throw in found Darren Jackson who dragged the ball towards the face of the goal before turning sharply and firing in a low drive.

Campbell Money got his hand to the ball, but could only push it on to the post and the ball ran along the line before entering the net just inside the far post.

To say our lead was short-lived would be an understatement! Just 50 seconds later Stickroth sent over a cross to the far post where **McDowell** sent in a looping header over Alan Main into the far post.

After quarter of an hour Billy McKinlay sent Darren Jackson clear, but Darren's shot slipped past the far post.

Billy McKinlay then created another opportunity with a finely executed lobbed pass to Ray McKinnon. His cross into the middle was met by Christian Dailly at the far post, but his effort went wide.

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A minute later St. Mirren posed their first serious threat when Archibald picked up a loose ball and stabbed in a shot which Alan Main turned round the post.

Although we had dominated the first half, the teams went in level at half-time.

Ten minutes after the interval, we had our best chance of the second period. Christian Dailly robbed Black on the right, went to the bye-line and cut the ball back to Ray McKinnon who side-footed a shot wide of the near post from six yards.

An accidental clash involving Miodrag Krivokapic and Torfarson saw the Icelander assisted off and stretched away. Later it was learned that he had a fractured cheek-bone.

Saints, in fact, enjoyed their best spell of the game in the closing stages. Twelve minutes from the end Alan Main saved from Stickroth, but it was in the last five minutes that Saints came close to grabbing a victory.

Alan Main dropped a cross as he fell to the ground and Wishart followed up, but the danger was cleared.

A minute later Alan Main was again in action, saving at point-blank range from Steve Archibald.



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## MATCH ACTION v Aberdeen



Aberdeen defender Stewart McKimmie heads past his own goalkeeper, Michael Watt to put us ahead in our last home match.

It wasn't, however, a new experience for the defender because when he was with Dundee he scored our equaliser in a 1-1 draw in March 1982.

*Saturday, 24th November, 1990*



Aberdeen's David Robertson heads clear from Ray McKinnon.

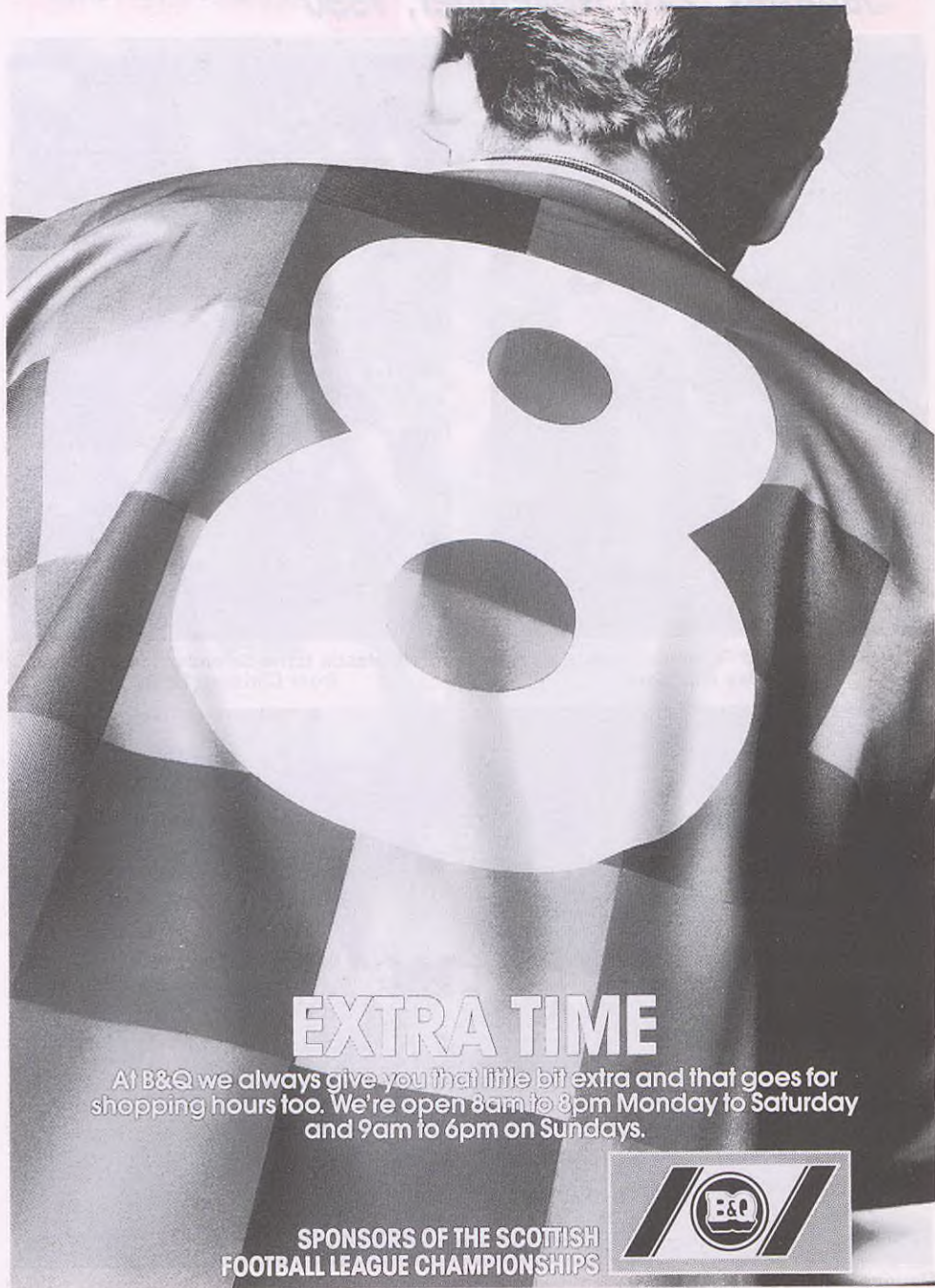


Paul Mason turns defender to head clear from Christian Dailly.



Maurice Malpas shoots home our equaliser against the Dons. It was the United captain's first goal of the season.

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# CAPTAINS CORNER



**Maurice Malpas**

I had my first experience of taking a penalty in a first team match against Aberdeen and most of the lads have been kidding me on that it is the only way I'll get a chance to score!

Mind you, being a two goal a season man, that means I am half way to this year's total.

However, in the future I don't think I'll bother taking another one if we are going to get beaten.

Instead, I'll hand the job back to Darren Jackson, because when he scores we almost invariably don't lose!

It isn't often that you enjoy a match which you have lost, but our last home game with Aberdeen was an exception. Meetings with the new firm over the years have normally been tactical battles, but in this one tactics went out the window with both sides charging forward. I know it was enjoyable to play in and I am sure it

must have made good viewing for the fans.

Last week I was disappointed that we didn't take both points from Love Street.

It is places like that we must start winning though if we are to have a chance of challenging for the title. I can't however go along with the comments made recently about Love Street being a bogey ground as after last week we have lost on only one of our last seven visits!

Celtic are at Tannadice today and these are always good games to play in, because they don't come to defend and, hopefully we'll get the normal result which is usually in our favour!

Tonight sees another event in my Testimonial Year when I'll be attending a shindig with my Fife mates at a function in Kirkcaldy organised by

the Glenrothes branch of the United Supporters Association.

Meanwhile I'd just point out that tickets for the Burns Supper on Sunday, February 3rd are still available and the range of T-shirts, rugby jerseys and sweaters to mark my Testimonial Year are all on sale at the club's Souvenir Shop in the Forum Centre, Dundee and at Clubsport in Broughty Ferry and McGill's in town.

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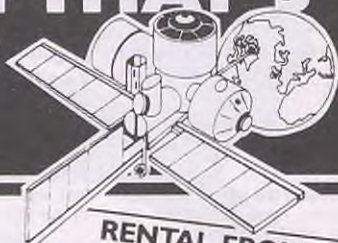
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### LEAGUE TABLE AFTER 19 GAMES

Player	Points	Player	Points
Freddy Van Der Hoorn	21.5	Christian Dailly	6
Darren Jackson	19	Alex Cleland	6
Brian Welsh	15	James McNally	5
Maurice Malpas	13	Patrick Connolly	3
William McKinlay	9	David Bowman	2
Alan Main	8	Raymond McKinnon	2
Hamish French	6.5	Michael O'Neill	2
Miodrag Krivokapic	6	William Thomson	1
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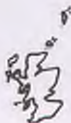
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# PLAYER PROFILE

## Hamish French

I doubt if any player who has appeared in this feature can have had as much bad luck with injuries in such a short space of time as Hamish French.

The former Keith man attracted Manager Jim McLean's attention at an early stage. In fact had it not been for Hamish having just started an apprenticeship with British Telecom, Hamish could well have been at Tannadice several years before he finally arrived at Tannadice in the 1987 close season.

Hamish made his debut at Ibrox in August on the opening day of season 1987-88 and played very impressively in his role as a target man up front.

Unfortunately, with praise still being bestowed upon him, the Highlander broke his ankle in training on the Monday after the match.

That injury sidelined him until Christmas apart from a handful of games in October.

The following season Hamish's tale of woe came at the end of the season rather than the beginning.

A foreign body in his knee forced him to come off in a Scottish Cup tie at Pittodrie and effectively ended any further contribution by him in season 1988-89.

Last term saw Hamish get off to a good start. He scored our first goal of the season

and a few weeks later, he scored a late equaliser to give us a 2-2 draw against Celtic, but soon the jinx which appears to have afflicted Hamish struck again.

A groin problem was later diagnosed as a pelvic complaint which ultimately meant that complete rest had to be prescribed.

The injury restricted him to a few first team games towards the end of the season.

There was no injury worries for Hamish at the start of the current season.

"It was just loss of form which saw me spend the early part of the season in the reserves", said Hamish.

However, he returned to the side two months ago when Dunfermline were the visitors.

Hamish was a surprise inclusion, but the first match was washed out after 63 minutes. When everyone had dried out and the match was replayed four days later, Hamish capped an impressive first outing of the season by scoring the third goal in our 3-0 win.

Hamish then enjoyed a run of eight first team games before that injury jinx struck again.

"Since the match at Ibrox I felt a reaction similar to the same pelvic injury which kept me out last term", said Hamish.

**Ironically, it is Hamish's**



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sheer dedication which has been instrumental in his latest setback.

The recurrence of his pelvic problem has been put down to the fact that he had been training in the afternoon to sharpen up his finishing.

These days when manager Jim McLean has been criticising players for their approach to training, he is now having to tell one player to ease up on training!

Hamish, when fit, never misses a training session and will return in the afternoon to work on any weaknesses in his game.

Hamish was scheduled to return to action for the reserves against St. Mirren last Wednesday and, hopefully, his problems will be behind him.

One thing is certain, Hamish will not be involved in any extra training sessions.

Certainly, no player deserves better fortune in the future and you can be sure that his training schedules will be closely monitored.

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# EUROPEAN SCENE

Whilst Scottish interest in Europe is now purely academic, we'll continue to report on events in Europe.

Judging by the results of the first legs in the third round of the U.E.F.A. Cup, the clubs which ended our interest and Hearts interested in the competition will also be looking on from the sidelines when the return legs are played next Wednesday.

Vitesse Arnhem, the sole Dutch survivors, were a pale shadow of the side which won so convincingly at Tannadice and they lost two first half goals in their home tie with Sporting Lisbon.

Xavier and Gomes scored the goals for the Portuguese and although Vitesse raised their game after the interval they failed to pull back even a goal and their first venture into Europe looks certain to come to a halt in Sporting Lisbon's Jose De Alvalde Stadium.

The Dutch were without skipper Sturing in the first leg and he is unlikely to be available next week in Portugal, so unless Vitesse can repeat their remarkable result at Tannadice it looks like curtains for the Dutch newcomers to Europe.

Bologna, Hearts' conquerors fared equally badly.

Admira Wacker are far from being notable European exponents, but they gave Austrian football a foot with a 3-0 victory over the Italian side.

Violence reared its head too, in the Bundestadion.

At half-time the visiting Italian fans tried to dismantle the fence partitioning the two sets of fans.

At the end of the game the Italian fans brought further shame to their club by ripping down advertising hoardings.

Police, however, quickly moved in to restore order.

Rudi Voeller, who was in the Werder Bremen side which terrorised with success in Bremen back in 1982, was in devastating form for another of our former European adversaries.

The German striker scored a hat-trick as Roma demolished Bordeaux, currently bedevilled by a tax scandal.

The French Club's president Claude Bez has resigned because of the financial scandal which has rocked the club.

A third Italian club left in the competition, Atlanta, appear to have an excellent chance of making progress.

Roberto Bordin boosted their chances with a vital goal in Cologne. Bordin rose unmarked ten minutes into the second half to head in a cross from Carlo Perrone and negate the German's brief lead which had arisen in fortuitous circumstances five minutes earlier when Domenico Prognata put through his own goal.

Inter Milan, inspired by World Cup hero Lothar Mattheus, scored three times on the sticky San Siro surface.

Mattheus, who captained Germany to their World Cup triumph, put Inter ahead in the 32nd minute.

Second half goals followed from Andrea Mandorlini in the 49th minute and Alessandro Bianchi twenty minutes from time.

What a pity that the futuristic San Siro Stadium is such a mess, but the very splendour of the structure may well be the reason for the poor state of the pitch which is so sheltered.

Murdo McLeod's former club, Borussia Dortmund will start next week's tie in Westfalenstadion a goal down to Anderlecht. In Brussels ten days ago only a 75th minute goal by substitute striker Marc Van Der Linden, who has been sidelined for much of the season, gave Anderlecht a narrow, but deserved win.

The real surprise packets of this season's competition have been Brondby of Denmark.

They beat 1980 winners Eintracht Frankfurt 6-4 on aggregate in the first round, winning the home leg 5-0.

Now another German side and past winners look to be on the point of making a similar exit after Brondby's 3-0 home win over Bayer Leverkusen.

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BRONDBY (3)

ATLANTA (1) COLOGNE (1)

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## PAST ACTION



Three important goals are in view this week.

**ABOVE**, Paddy Bonner is beaten by Stuart Beedie as we took the lead in the 1985 Scottish Cup final.

**ACROSS**, Billy Hainey (not in picture) slots in our equaliser at Parkhead in May 1967. Celtic were poised to lift the title, but we spoiled the party by going on to win 3-2. It was Celtic's only home defeat that term.

**BELOW**, Davie Dodds slides the ball into the empty net to cancel out Charlie Nicholas's 4th minute opener after we had laid siege on the Parkhead goal. Eamonn Bannon missed a penalty two minutes from time as we drew 1-1 on our way to the Premier title in 82/83.



## UNITED ROLL CALL

	1990-91		Utd. Career	
	Apps	GlS	Apps	GlS
David Bowman Tonbridge 10.3.64	7(2) 3	1 —	101(29) 38(8)	4 1
John Clark Edinburgh 22.9.64	— 1	— —	99(38) 38(30)	14 12
Alex Cleland Glasgow 10.12.70	13(1) 7(1)	1 1	33(6) 12(1)	1 2
Christian Dailly Dundee 23.10.73	8(1) 5(1)	2 2	8(1) 5(1)	2 2
Paddy Connolly Glasgow 25.6.70	3(2) —(5)	— 1	17(5) 5(5)	5 2
Duncan Ferguson Stirling 27.12.71	1(1) —	— —	1(1) —	— —
Hamish French Aberdeen 7.2.64	6 2	1 —	45(11) 11(6)	9 1
Darren Jackson Edinburgh 25.7.66	13 7	9 4	38(1) 14	16 5
Scott Kopel Blackburn 25.2.70	— 1	— —	— 1	— —
Miodrag Krivokapic Niksc Crna Gora 6.9.59	8 4	— —	51(7) 15(4)	1 —
Jim McNally Glasgow 19.2.64	13 8	— 1	144(1) 59	7 3
Billy McKinlay Rob Royston 22.4.69	15 8	1 —	70(3) 28	3 —
Raymond McKinnon Dundee 5.8.70	7 3	1 —	14(3) 4	1 —
Alan Main Elgin 5.12.67	10 3	— —	47 12	— —
Maurice Malpas Dunfermline 3.8.62	15 8	— —	311(8) 140(4)	11 4
Dave Narey Dundee 12.6.56	3 2	— —	551(2) 246 (3)	22 13
John O'Neil Belshill 6.7.71	—(2) —	— —	6(7) —	— —
Michael O'Neill Portadown 5.7.69	2(4) 1(2)	— —	17(7) 6(4)	5 2
Mika-Matti Paatelainen Helsinki 3.2.67	4(7) 2(3)	— —	81(13) 31(3)	26 11
Allan Preston Edinburgh 16.8.69	1(1) 4	— —	18(3) 9	1 —
Gijs Steinmann Utrecht 2.4.61	5(1) —	1 —	5(1) —	1 —
Scott Thomson Edinburgh 8.11.66	— —	— —	6 1	— —
Billy Thomson Linwood 10.2.58	5 5	— —	161 73	— —
Freddy Van Der Hoorn Den Bosch 7.10.63	12 7	— 1	43 16(2)	2 1
Brian Welsh Edinburgh 23.2.69	14 7	— 1	22 7	1 1

Key to Information: 1st Line League Games; 2nd Line Cup Games. Cup Career figures include Scottish Cup, Skol Cup, Europe, Drybrough and Texaco/A/Scottish Cup.

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JIM McNALLY	4	STEVE FULTON
MIODRAG KRIVOKAPIC	5	PAUL ELLIOT
BRIAN WELSH	6	ANTON ROGAN
FREDDY VAN DER HOORN	7	TOMMY COYNE
BILLY McKINLAY	8	PETER GRANT
CHRISTIAN DAILLY	9	CHARLIE NICHOLAS
DARREN JACKSON	10	GERRY CREANEY
DUNCAN FERGUSON	11	MIKE GALLOWAY
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Player Birthplace/ Birthdate	Prev. Club	90—91 League Career				Celtic Career
		Apps	GlS	Apps	GlS	
Lex Baillie Hamilton 6.7.66	Burnbank Boys Club	6	1	24(3)	1	
Paddy Bonner Donegal 25.5.60	Keadeu Rovers	15	—	359	—	
John Collins Glasgow 31.1.68	Hibernian	15	—	15	—	
Tommy Coyne Glasgow 14.11.62	Dundee	3(2)	5	24(11)	12	
Gerry Creaney Coatbridge 13.4.70	Celtic Boys Club	10(3)	4	12(7)	5	
Jacki Dziekanowski Warsaw 30.9.62	Legia Warsaw	9(1)	1	40(3)	9	
Paul Elliot London 18.3.64	Pisa Celtic	11	1	36	1	
Steve Fulton Greenock 10.8.70	Boys Club	11	—	25(4)	—	
Mike Galloway Oswestry 30.5.65	Hearts	1(4)	—	30(8)	2	
Peter Grant Bellshill 30.8.65	Celtic Boys Club	14	—	173(15)	8	
Martin Hayes Walthamstow 21.3.66	Arsenal	2(2)	—	2(2)	—	
John Hewitt Aberdeen 9.2.63	Aberdeen	1(3)	—	9(7)	—	
Mark McNally Bellshill 10.3.71	Celtic Boys Club	4	—	4	—	
Paul McStay Hamilton 22.10.64	Celtic Boys Club	11	2	298(3)	38	
Joe Miller Glasgow 8.12.67	Aberdeen	11(3)	4	67(20)	20	
Charlie Nicholas Glasgow 30.12.61	Aberdeen	4	1	72(6)	49	
Anton Rogan Belfast 25.3.66	Distillery	12(1)	—	98(11)	3	
Andy Walker Glasgow 5.4.65	Motherwell	4(1)	—	84(17)	40	
Dariusz Wdowczyk Warsaw 25.9.62	Legia Warsaw	9	—	40(2)	8	
Derek Whyte Glasgow 31.8.68	Celtic Boys Club	6	1	155(2)	5	

## UNITED v CELTIC PREMIER FACTS

Our full Premier Record against Celtic is

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tannadice	30	14	5	11	45	38	33
Parkhead	31	5	11	15	26	43	21
TOTAL	61	19	16	26	71	81	54

## PREMIER LANDMARKS

**Biggest Home Victory:** 3-0 (twice), 8th April 1979, 8th May, 1982  
**Biggest Away Victory:** 3-0, 26th October, 1985  
**Last Home Win:** 2-0, 13th January, 1990  
**Last Home Defeat:** 1-2, 26th December, 1987  
**Last Away Defeat:** 0-3, 3rd March, 1990  
**Last Home Draw:** 2-2, 16th September, 1989  
**Last Away Draw:** 0-0, 20th October, 1990  
**First Premier Meeting:** Celtic 2 (Dalglish, MacDonald), United 1 (Payne, pen), 27th September, 1975.  
**Last Premier Meeting:** Celtic 0, United 0, 20th October, 1990



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# OUR VISITORS — Celtic



Celtic's position in the table makes perfect sense. They have so far failed to record a single League victory in any of the six matches against the four sides currently above them. The statistics suggest an entirely humdrum performance so far but the truth is far more interesting. For Celtic's supporters it has also been highly promising and extremely frustrating.

This has been a time of change for the club. It had to be after a second half of last season which resembled a slow puncture. Celtic were deflated long before the dramatic disappointment of the penalty shoot-out defeat by Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup Final. From New Year to the close of the campaign they managed only one away victory in the League and, even more surprisingly for a club of such traditions, Celtic almost entirely stopped scoring.

Last Saturday's swinging success over Hibs at Easter Road still only raised their tally of League victories away from Celtic Park to three in 1990 but it was accomplished by a considerably refashioned side. The alterations, though, have not been of the type expected by the support or, perhaps, even by the management.

Of their three pricey signings only John Collins, prior to his alarming injury at Easter Road has been able to assume the place earmarked for him. Hamstring problems ensured that the initial roar of the terracing was quickly followed by the quiet of the treatment room and reserve football.

The debate over his chances of recovering the carefree form of his Parkhead youth had to be placed in

the pending tray. The shot whipped against the post in the Old Firm game and the first goal of his second spell with Celtic last weekend at least hinted that he can still be a significant figure.

There has been more concern about the £650,000 signing from Arsenal, Martin Hayes who has already made public his problem in acclimatising himself to the manner in which football is played in Scotland. The names of those who have been more regularly pitched into the Premier Division battleground are not those which might have been anticipated. Steve Fulton was only a fringe player last season while Mark McNally and Gerry Creaney were unknown to the vast bulk of the fans.

Creaney's form has been especially heartening. He is durable, perceptive and surprisingly effective in the air for someone a couple of inches short of the six foot mark. United fans saw that for themselves when he scored

the goal which put Celtic ahead in the Skol Cup semi-final. That display showed the heights which the team can touch but there is a lingering brittleness about Celtic even when they seem in command.

They have twice rued the fact against Rangers. In the Skol Cup they never seemed to recover from taking the lead and completely handed the initiative to their great rivals. Two weeks ago at Celtic Park a defensive error and a failure to play to the whistle eventually saw them end up on the wrong side of a game they often dominated.

It is little wonder that an exasperated Billy McNeill has been talking about the small margin which separates them from being a successful team. A defence which includes Pat Bonner and the commanding Paul Elliott is soundly based and this week. McNeill may be in the extraordinary position of being able to replace the crooked Collins with none other than Paul McStay.

The question of a striking partner for Creaney has been more difficult to resolve. Dariusz Dziekanowski held the position for a while but he has lately lost out to the revived and more incisive Tommy Coyne, who didn't even feature in the squad taken to the continent for pre-season training.

For Celtic the task now is both simple and demanding. There is leeway to be made up and although we are only at the beginning of December games such as today's are unusually important. As if the fixture wasn't lively enough at the best of times!

Kevin McCarran (Scotland on Sunday)

## UNITED V CELTIC IN THE PREMIER DIVISION

	H		A	
75-76	1-3	3-2	1-2	1-2
76-77	1-0	1-2	1-5	0-2
77-78	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-1
78-79	1-0	2-1	1-1	1-2
79-80	0-1	3-0	2-2	0-1
80-81	0-3	2-3	0-2	1-2
81-82	0-2	3-0	1-1	1-3
82-83	2-2	1-1	0-2	3-2
83-84	2-1	3-1	1-1	1-1
84-85	1-3	0-0	1-1	2-1
85-86	1-0	4-2	3-0	1-1
86-87	2-2	3-2	0-1	1-1
87-88	0-0	1-2	2-1	0-0
88-89	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1
89-90	2-2	2-0	1-0	0-3

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# PICK OF THE PAST

There can be little doubt that from a United stance, April 20th, 1983 ranks as one of, if not the most important ever clash, with the men from Parkhead.

Prior to the match Jim McLean said that Celtic and Aberdeen had always been the more likely favourites for the title.

"If we beat Celtic this time, there is no way either Celtic or Aberdeen have a better chance of winning the title than us. But if we are beaten by them we won't be the champions".

Only two weeks previously we had lost 2-0 to Celtic at Parkhead.

Celtic were "fresh" from a Scottish Cup semi-final defeat by Aberdeen. Indeed, that was the reason our meeting had been delayed until midweek.

We only had one doubt for the trip to Parkhead with Billy Kirkwood doubtful, having gone over his ankle in training.

Celtic's worries surrounded 46 goal Charlie Nicholas. The indications were that he would not play, but as it transpired Celtic's leading scorer made it, but Billy Kirkwood was not in United's starting line-up.

Right from the start we took the game to Celtic and after six minutes might have taken the lead when Richard Gough back-headed a Bannon cross and Paul Sturrock flung himself at the ball, but headed over.

The tackling and commitment of both sides reflected the importance of the occasion and with things at boiling point, we took a deserved lead.

Again the combination of Eamonn Bannon and Richard Gough which opened up the way for **Paul Hegarty** to hook the ball home after quarter of an hour.

This goal brought Celtic into life and Burns shot wide in what was their first sortie upfield. Murdo McLeod's 20 yarder seemed a certain scorer until Hamish McAlpine flung himself full length to push the ball for a corner.

The Bannon-Gough combination created yet another scoring chance, but Paul Sturrock hooked his shot just past the far post in the 27th minute.

Just when it appeared that United were in total control, Celtic got back into the game via the penalty spot.

Derek Stark was adjudged to have impeded Tommy Burns and **Charlie Nicholas'** 38th minute well-placed penalty was almost saved by Hamish McAlpine.

The competitiveness of the first half continued after the interval and Richard Gough was booked for his part in a wrestling match with George McCluskey.

A minute later, however, we regained the lead and like Celtic's equaliser it came via the penalty spot. McLeod fouled Davie Dodds inside the penalty area and **Eamonn Bannon** made no mistake from the box.

The furious pace was unrelenting. Roy Aitken headed over and then Davie Dodds put Paul Sturrock clean through but with only Bonner to beat, he was denied by the Celtic 'keeper's charge from the goal-line.

Our prospects of victory took a decided slump in the 59th minute when Richard Gough was sent off after a melee with Davie Provan who was booked.

Hamish McAlpine had a brilliant save from Charlie Nicholas at point blank range.

However, Celtic's pressure told in the 73rd minute when **Burns** swept the ball into the net from

10 yards from a McCluskey pass.

We were far from finished, however, and Celtic had a lucky escape when Davie Dodd's first-timer went straight into Bonner's arms.

Just six minutes remained when we struck the decisive blow. **Ralph Milne** controlled an Eamonn Bannon pass with his chest before hooking the ball over Bonner's head.



RALPH MILNE... the Parkhead matchwinner.

This ended a tremendous, if at times, rough, tough game and we defied the odds in that second half to capture two priceless points.

The value of this win was enhanced even more when Celtic lost to Aberdeen the following Saturday, the same day as we beat Kilmarnock 4-0 at Tannadice to take over the League leadership for the first time that season. As we all know now it was a position we were not to relinquish.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of that Parkhead meeting was watched by a crowd of only 23,965!

**CELTIC:** Bonner, Sinclair, (McCluskey), Reid, Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, McStay, Nicholas, Burns, McGarvey.

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5. Who scored Celtic's goals which knocked us out of the Skol Cup this season?
6. Mixu Paatelainen and Darren Jackson were joint top League scorers last season. How many did they each score?
7. Aberdeen scored three times in our last home match. When was the last occasion on which a visiting side scored three times in a League match?
8. True or false? Freddy Van Der Hoorn's last goal was against Celtic last season?
9. Who scored Celtic's goals in the 2-2 draw at Tannadice last season?
10. Who was Celtic's leading League scorer last season?

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# RESERVE AND YOUTH SCENE

The most important news of recent weeks was the youth teams progress into the quarter finals of the B.P. Youth Cup against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park.

With both Eddie Conville and Tom McMillan still absent through injury we were forced to field a particularly young back four.

So it was very pleasing to win this awkward tie and the only disappointment of the night was that we didn't finish the tie off with a much bigger win, because our outfield play certainly merited more goals and the chances were there to be taken.

We dominated the match for long spells and the goal which was to take us through to the quarter-finals of the B.P. Youth Cup came four minutes from the interval.

**Gary Bolland** was the match-winner when he powerfully headed an Andy McLaren cross past McIntosh in Killie's goal.

Christian Dailly passed up to two great opportunities in the last couple of minutes, so we were restricted to a single goal victory, John Lindsay, Gregor Benvie and Andy McLaren, who set up the winning goal, all did very well.

At the time of writing we don't know who our quarter final opponents will be, but the next round isn't due to be completed until the end of February and, hopefully, Eddie Conville and Tom McMillan will both be available by then.

In the Reserve League East we entertained Arbroath at Gussie Park, but this turned out to be one of our poorer displays in this league.

In fact, it took a goal in the last minute to give us both points.

We had chances in the early stages, but both John O'Neil and Michael O'Neill were narrowly off target with their efforts.

Arbroath hit back with Tindal threatening with two long range efforts.

Ten minutes into the second half Stewart angled a shot wide, but we came back and Paddy Connolly shot past and a couple of minutes later John Clark headed narrowly past the post.

However, with a minute left we grabbed a winner when John Clark created the opening to allow Paddy Connolly to sweep the ball under their keeper.

Although on the whole it was a relatively disappointing display, Stuart Garden did well in goal after his long lay-off; youngsters Peter Prior and David Hannah came through in fine style; and John Clark had an effective match.

MATCH DETAILS	
Wednesday 21st November, 1990	
B.P. Youth Cup 3rd Round	
KILMARNOCK YOUTHS	(0)0
UNITED YOUTHS	(1)1
(Bolland 41)	
TEAM: Arbuckle, Biggart, Prior, Lindsay, Hannah, P. Clark, McLaren, Benvie, Parks (McCheyne 82), Dailly, Bolland, (Sub not used — Spence)	

RESERVE LEAGUE EAST APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS		
	App	Goals
Benzie	4	—
Biggart	2(1)	—
Bolland	7	1
Bowman	1	—
Clark J	6	4
Clark P	1	—
Cleland	1	—
Connolly	3	2
Conville	2	—
Dailly	2(1)	1
Duffy	5	—
Ferguson	9(1)	4
French	2	—
Garden	2	—
Hannah	2(1)	—
Johnson	7	1
Kopel	5	1
Krivokapic	1	—
Lindsay	4	—
McCheyne	—(1)	—
McKinnon	6	3
McLaren	4(1)	1
McLeod	1	—
McMillan	6(1)	—
McNaughton	—(1)	—
Narey	1	—
J. O'Neil	10	2
M. O'Neil	4	2
Paatalainen	2	3(2p)
Parks	—(1)	—
Perry	8(2)	—
Preston	5	—
Prior	1	—
Steinmann	2	—
S. Thomson	9	—
W. Thomson	1	—
Trialists	5(1)	—
Van Der Hoorn	1	—
Own Goals	—	1

RESERVE LEAGUE (EAST) FIXTURES 1990/91			
27 Aug.	Dundee	A	L 0-1
4 Sep.	East Fife	A	D 1-1
11 Sep.	HEARTS	H	W 2-0
19 Sep.	Meadowbank	A	D 1-1
24 Sep.	BRECHIN	H	L 1-2
1 Oct.	Stirling	A	W 6-1
8 Oct.	Forfar Ath.	A	W 5-0
18 Oct.	Dunfermline	A	W 1-0
21 Oct.	MONTROSE	H	P/poned
29 Oct.	Raith Rovers	A	W 3-2
4 Nov.	Hibernian	A	P/poned
12 Nov.	Aberdeen	A	W 3-0
19 Nov.	Alloa	A	W 2-1
26 Nov.	ARBROATH	H	W 1-0
2 Dec.	Cowdenbeath	A	L 1-3
9 Dec.	Dundee	A	—
16 Dec.	EAST FIFE	H	—
6 Jan.	Hearts	A	—
13 Jan.	MEADOWBANK	H	—
20 Jan.	Brechin	A	—
27 Jan.	STIRLING ALB	H	—
3 Feb.	Forfar	A	—
10 Feb.	DUNFERMLINE	H	—
17 Feb.	Montrose	A	—
24 Feb.	Raith Rovers	A	—
3 Mar.	HIBERNIAN	H	—
10 Mar.	Aberdeen	A	—
17 Mar.	ALLOA	H	—
24 Mar.	Arbroath	A	—
31 Mar.	COWDENBEATH	H	—

\*All dates indicate the first day of the week in which the fixture will be played.

MATCH DETAILS	
Monday, 26th November, 1990	
Reserve League East	
UNITED RES	(0)1
(Connolly 89)	
ARBROATH RES	(0)0
TEAM: Garden, Prior, Bolland, Johnson, J. Clark, Hannah, J. O'Neil, Steinmann, M. O'Neil, Connolly, Preston, (Subs not used — Lindsay, McLaren)	

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# PREMIER ROUND-UP

Since our win at Ibrox, Rangers have faced three consecutive away matches and having taken maximum points, the Ibrox club took over the leadership of the division following their win in the Old Firm match.

Last Saturday's 4-0 win over Hearts further consolidated their leadership over Aberdeen if only by a superior goal difference.

Of course, Aberdeen's win at Tannadice knocked us off the top for the first time since October 14.

## HALF TIME SCORES

### B & Q LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

- A. Dunfermline v St. Mirren  
B. Hearts v Aberdeen  
C. Motherwell v Hibs  
D. Rangers v St. Johnstone

### B & Q DIVISION 1

- E. Airdrie v Clyde  
F. Brechin v Hamilton  
G. Forfar v Falkirk  
H. Kilmarnock v Dundee  
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### B & Q DIVISION 2

- M. Berwick v Stirling Alb

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- N. E. Stirling v Q.O.S.  
P. Montrose v Dumbarton

In fact out of 14 completed weeks of tables, we have been the leaders on no fewer than ten occasions with Aberdeen and Rangers the only sides to break that sequence.

Two victories by St. Johnstone continue to make the Perth men more of European candidates rather than the expected favourites for the drop.

Saints have only lost four of their 15 games and although they have a seven point cushion over the bottom clubs, manager Alex Totten still insists their priority is to avoid the drop.

In fact the League is beginning to develop a two-way split. Following Celtic's 3-0 win at Easter Road there is a four point gap between the pair who now occupy fifth and sixth place.

Goalscoring continues to be a lost art for Hibs who have managed fractionally under a goal every two games. Fortunately for them each goal has been worth 1½ points.

The other half of Edinburgh isn't faring too well either. Hearts have found visits to Ibrox pretty unproductive in the past and that trend continued with their 4-0 defeat last Saturday.

Joe Jordan's men are only a point off the bottom and, indeed, only two points cover the bottom five clubs, so a scramble to avoid the dreaded drop looks to be developing!

## PREMIER FACTS & FIGURES

- Highest Attendance:**  
45,222 Celtic v Aberdeen Sept. 1  
**Lowest Attendance:**  
4,051 St. Mirren v St. Johnstone Sept 1  
**Biggest Home Score:**  
St. Johnstone 5 Aberdeen 0 Sept 29  
Rangers 5 St. Mirren 0 Oct 13  
**Biggest Away Score:**  
St. Mirren 0 Aberdeen 4, Nov 10  
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3 Jess (Aberdeen) v United, Nov. 24



Eoin Jess... scorer of the first Premier hat-trick this season against us in our last home outing.

## B & Q LEAGUE — PREMIER DIVISION

	Home					Away					Pts	Goal Diff	Leading G/scorers <small>(League only)</small>	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F				A
Rangers	15	5	1	1	19	4	4	3	1	11	8	22	+20	McCoist 7 (1 pen)
Aberdeen	15	5	3	0	14	4	3	3	1	12	9	22	+13	Gillhaus 7
Dundee Utd.	15	5	1	2	12	7	3	3	1	9	5	20	+9	Jackson 9 (2 pens)
St. Johnstone	15	3	2	2	12	8	3	3	2	9	10	17	+3	Curran 6
Celtic	15	4	2	2	12	7	2	2	3	8	10	16	+3	Coyne 5
Hibernian	15	3	3	2	5	8	0	3	4	3	12	12	-12	Wright 2
Hearts	15	2	3	2	8	9	1	2	5	6	16	11	-11	Colquhoun 3
Motherwell	15	3	3	2	11	8	0	1	6	5	11	10	-3	Arnott, Coper, Cusack 3
Dunfermline	15	2	2	3	8	12	1	2	5	5	15	10	-8	O'Boyle 4
St. Mirren	15	2	2	3	8	12	1	2	5	5	15	10	-14	Kinnaird, Torfarson 3



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## BACK IN THE FIRST — Part 12

After the morale boosting win at Pittodrie we entertained St. Mirren at Tannadice on the first Saturday of December thirty years ago and this match was to see a continuation of that good form.

If anything, the first half performance against the Paisley Buddies was our best of the season as we established a 2-0 interval lead in atrocious under-foot conditions. The opening goal, came in the 24th minute when Gibby Ormond embarked on a mazy left wing run in which he left several defenders sprawling in his wake.

He then sent over a cross at which **Denis Gillespie** catapulted himself to bullet a header past Jimmy Brown in Saints goal.

The St. Mirren 'keeper, if helpless in conceding the first goal, was largely responsible for our second counter.

**Wattie Carlyle** sent over a cross which caught Brown in two minds. He decided to put it past the post for a corner, but instead only succeeded in deflecting the ball into his own net!

Although well in command in the second half, we failed to add to our score, but none-the-less ran out worthy winners.

Denis Gillespie was the star of proceedings against opposition who immediately bounced back with a 2-0 win over Hearts the following week.

We, meanwhile, faced a hazardous trip to Parkhead, our first visit there for 29 years and we turned in a gallant performance.

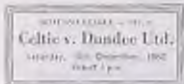
In our first attack after six minutes we went ahead. Neil Mochan flung over a low cross. Denis Gillespie failed to convert, but **Jim Irvine** didn't.

Unmarked, the big inside-left took his time before neatly placing the ball past Haffey.

A combination of good defending, not to mention some luck into the bargain saw us go in at half-time still leading. Celtic, however, made a quick break through at the start of the second half. Bertie Auld, in his first spell at Parkhead, swept into the box. Lando Ugolini failed to hold his low shot and the loose ball ran to **John Hughes** who was presented with the simplest of tasks to equalise.

Overall Celtic had much the better of the play, but the United defence fought for every ball.

Celtic did have the ball in the net twice, but there was no doubt that both goals were correctly chalked off



The Celtic programme for our visit 30 years ago on Monday.

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But we too had hard luck. Denis Gillespie and Jimmy Irvine missed sitters whilst we had what looked a perfectly good goal disallowed.

Denis Gillespie scored from a lovely cross from former Celt Neil Mochan. The referee awarded a goal but the linesman indicated the ball had gone over the line before Mochan had crossed.

But over the piece we were very happy to come away from Parkhead with a point.

With those five points from our last three outings we were now comfortably placed in the League with 16 points. Still there was no complacency in the Tannadice camp as the programme editorial after the trip to Parkhead indicated, "We think that a very high total will be needed to stay in the first division and we will go all out to get it".

So far they had been as good as their word, but the halfway mark was still three matches away.



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