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After the improvement in performance against Dunfermline, and hoping we had turned the corner, we made as few changes as possible for the visit of Hibs - one being enforced upon us with Dave Bowman coming in for the injured Magnus Skoldmark.

Unfortunately, The fluency which had been in evidence at East End Park was lacking again, especially in the first half. In a bid to instil more drive and penetration from midfield, we changed things at the interval and did better, creating more opportunities to eventually take the lead.

Having done so, hesitancy in defence immediately allowed Hibs to equalise and the game finished disappointingly, from our point of view, in a draw.

Frankly, one point from this kind of fixture is not good enough, especially as it was at Tannadice.

Then at Perth four days later, we had to change things around again, partly through injuries and partly with a view to freshening things up. We even risked one or two whose

training preparation for the game had not been ideal due to the very early abandonment of the reserve fixture with Dunfermline at Arbroath, but there was little choice with our options so curtailed by injuries. None-the-less, we started off reasonably well, scoring a good goal.

Then the problem of defending too deep which has afflicted us all too often this season cost us dearly again, enabling St Johnstone to equalise thanks to a Roddy Grant header.

Hopefully, as we turn to this afternoon's cup meeting with Celtic we can cast off these recent disappointments in the league.

Certainly, as we head into what is the fifth meeting this term against Celtic we hope to improve on our record which



has seen Celtic win on all four occasions. Last time we met, however, we had reason to feel aggrieved at losing

with Celtic scoring two very late goals to overhaul us. What that match did demonstrate was that they are a team full of winners and this is the kind of attitude that served us so well last term and that we must try and re-establish if we wish to make progress this afternoon.

It is no good making excuses that we are badly hampered by injuries, because these are part and parcel of the game. Instead, it should be viewed as an opportunity for others to come in and establish themselves.

One thing is essential in any cup tie, never mind one against the likes of Celtic. You must compete with the opposition from the word go and it is essential that we do so this afternoon if we are to achieve our ambitions of a place in the draw for the semi-finals.



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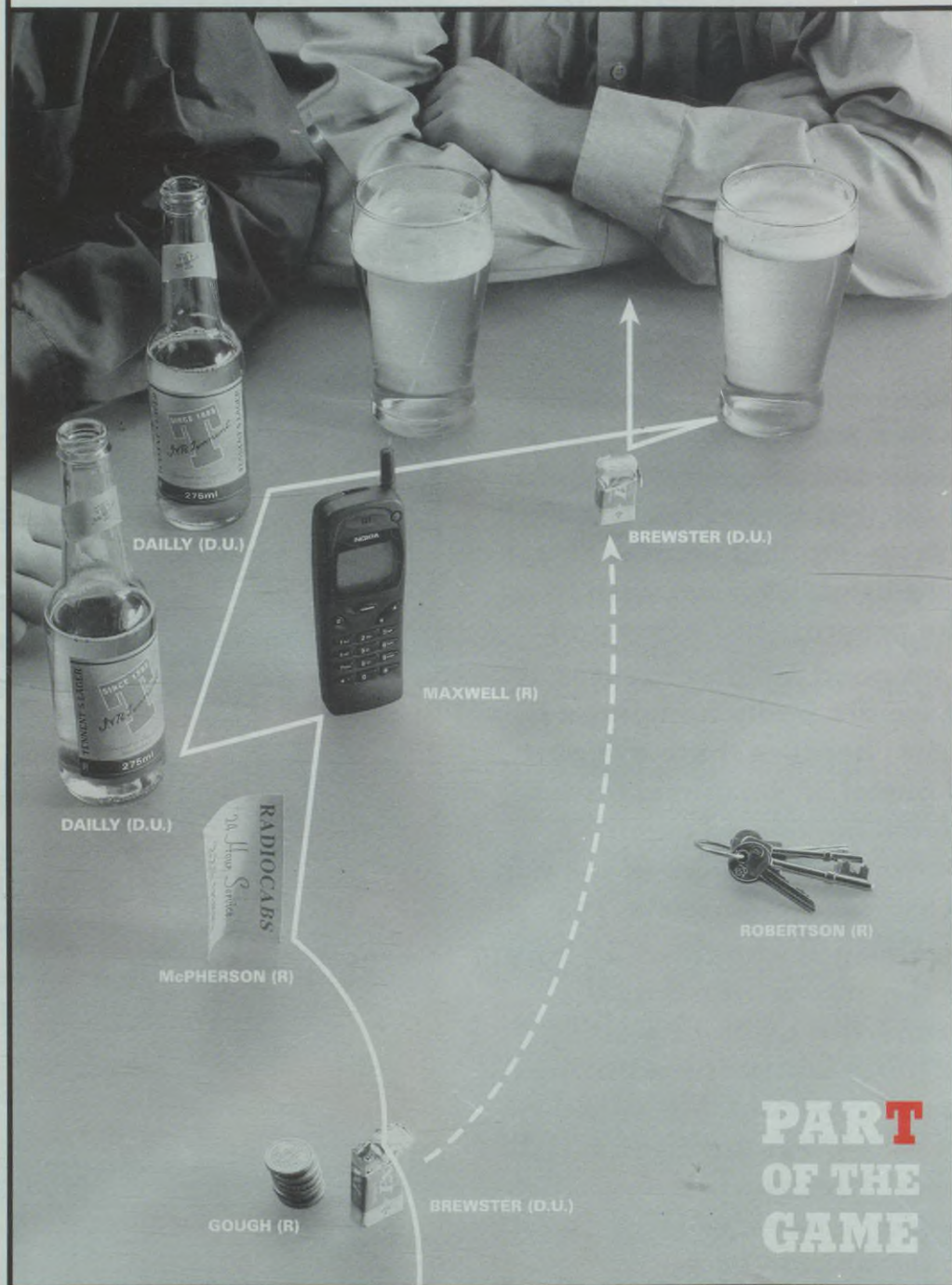


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PAST CUP ENCOUNTERS

It might come as something of a surprise to learn that although this is the 11th Scottish Cup pairing between the pair, this afternoon's encounter is only the third to be staged at Tannadice and the first for almost fifty years! That last meeting was a very famous encounter as Second Division United created a major cup upset, but before reviewing that landmark encounter, we'll detail the very first Scottish Cup meeting which also took place here way back at the start of the thirties.

Although in the Second Division, promotion was very much on the Tannadice agenda later that season, finishing runners-up to Third Lanark. In the first round Nithsdale Wanderers had been vanquished after the club had stormed to the biggest win in our history - 14-0.

Celtic had a somewhat closer encounter, edging home just 2-1 against East Fife at Bayview before coming to Tannadice. However, anticipation of the visit had to be put on hold as a blinding snow-storm three hours before kick-off wiped out any question of the tie going ahead. Indeed, the Tannadice pitch was far from perfect the following Wednesday afternoon when the game was played.

And by half-time a shock result was on the cards. Goals from Jackie Kay and Colvin Bennett gave us a 2-1 lead, Scarff replying for the visitors, and was no more than our first half efforts deserved. Indeed, but for the form of the legendary John Thomson in goal, the margin would have indeed been wider. After the break, however, Celtic's superior stamina on the sticky surface proved decisive and another Peter Scarff goal and one from Charlie Napier, enabled Celtic to scrape through on the way to winning the trophy.

But we had given a good account of ourselves in what was a test of our First Division potential.

Just 13,000 saw these teams do battle on 31st January 1931.

United :- W McCallum, Taylor, Penson, Milne, Gardiner, Harley, D McCallum, Williamson, Bennett, Kay, Cameron.

Celtic :- J Thomson, Cook, McGonagle, Wilson, McStay, Geatons, R Thomson, A Thomson, Hughes, Scarff, Napier.

A famous day in the Tannadice annals as United created one of the major cup upsets in the history of the Scottish Cup. The all-ticket tie on 22nd January 1949 attracted 25,000 and Tannadice Street must have been a bit congested that afternoon with 16,000 watching Dundee take on St Johnstone simultaneously!

This was an encounter in which it rained goals! We had the ball in the net no less than seven times, but three were disallowed for various infringements.



PETER MCKAY two goals in a remarkable 4-3 Scottish Cup tie

After having one chalked off in the 21st minute, there was nothing debatable about Peter McKay's penalty opener in 21 minutes. Nine minutes later Jimmy Dickson extended our lead. Before the interval, however, Charlie Tully reduced the deficit. Thanks to young Alex Edmiston playing only his third senior game, Celtic were held at bay as they piled on the pressure. Jacky Gallacher did eventually equalise in the 56th minute with Celtic threatening to assume control.

Another disallowed goal the third of the match, this time from Jimmy Dickson, could have deflated the Tannadice men, but their courage was rewarded in the 74th minute when Peter McKay scored his

second to put us ahead again. Back came Celtic, who netted through Gallacher again to make it 3-3. This time the strength sapping conditions were not to

tell in Celtic's favour. With nine minutes left George Cruickshank ran on to through ball from George Grant to score the winner and secure a famous victory.

United :- Edmiston, Bernie, Jardine, Ogilvie, Ross, Grant, Quinn, Dickson, McKay, Mitchell, Cruickshank.

Celtic :- Miller, Boden, Mallan, Evans, McPhail, McAuley, Weir, Johnstone, J Gallacher, Tully, Paton.

Since then all the other ties have taken place in Glasgow and only once have United come out on top.

Almost twenty-one years to the day Celtic gained revenge for that 1949 humiliation when they comprehensively defeated us 4-0 at Parkhead in front of 45,000. John Hughes (2), Lou Macari and Willie Wallace were the Celtic scorers in a straight forward

second round victory on 7th February 1970.

Jim McLean had taken over by the time the side's next met which was in the Scottish Cup final in 1974. We travelled to Hampden in hope rather than expectation and lost 3-0 with goals from Harry Hood, Steve Murray and Dixie Deans, leaving us with the consolation of a place in the European Cup Winners Cup as Celtic completed a league and cup double. A crowd of 75,959 saw our first ever appearance in the final.

Seven years elapsed before the next confrontation. Again Hampden was the venue, but this time at the penultimate stage of the competition. We scored a rare Hampden triumph, but only after the first meeting ended goalless. In the replay, watched by 32,238, we showed great character, bouncing back after falling behind to a Charlie Nicholas penalty in five minutes. Eamonn Bannon equalised three minutes later and a Paul Hegarty goal just two minutes later put us in front. Charlie Nicholas squared matters immediately before the interval, but with fifteen minutes left, Paul Hegarty scored what proved to be the winner to carry us into our second final where Rangers defeated us in the replayed 1981 final.

And it was at the ultimate stage of the competition that the two clubs next came into conflict. The scoring sequence of both finals being uncannily repetitive. In 1985 Stuart Beedie's goal was cancelled out by late strikes by Davie Provan and Frank McGarvey, whilst in 1988, it was Kevin Gallacher's goal which gave us the advantage as the game went into the last quarter of an hour. Then Frank McAvennie headed the equaliser and went on to score a very late winner to give Celtic their last league and cup double.

Since then there have been just two further clashes - both at Parkhead.

In 1992, in a midweek televised encounter watched by 26,225, Gerry Creaney gave the home side the lead, but Mixu Paatelainen steered home an equaliser only three minutes later. With a replay looming large, Tommy Coyne popped to head the winner five minutes from time.

The syndrome of late goals was carried to the ultimate last time the two sides clashed.

Just two years ago we lead into the final couple of minutes thanks to an Owen Coyle goal after 28 minutes and a semi-final place appeared to beckon. However, Celtic's late, late show thanks to goals from van Hooijdonk and Thom stole our thunder!



PAUL STURROCK gets in a cross during the 1985 Scottish Cup Final



SIGGI SIDELINED

Our Icelandic internationalist Soggi Jonsson hasn't enjoyed the best of luck since joining the club and the injury which he sustained last week looks as though it could rule him out for the rest of the season!

If you recall he made his debut against Celtic in the league meeting at Parkhead as a trialist before being signed the following day. A groin strain kept him out of the Coca-Cola Cup a week later. Then in his home debut against Dunfermline he was stretchered off with a knee injury which fortunately didn't turn out to be as bad as was first feared. Since then illness and international calls have restricted his appearances and now comes this latest blow.

Earlier this week he was diagnosed as having torn ankle ligaments and that will probably sideline him until the middle of April which leaves little time to get match fit before the end of the season.

"It's the same kind of injury Ray McKinnon had earlier in the season and the way it looks at the moment, Soggi could be out a similar length of time. If my fears are correct then he could be struggling to get back for the season will be near enough finished by the time he is fully fit.

"I feel sorry for the player because he has already had more than his fair share of bad luck to contend with and this is another set-back for him," bemoaned Tommy McLean. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

ABANDONMENT RECORD?

The recent reserve encounter with Dunfermline may well have written its way into the Guinness book of records. Why? Well the referee called a halt to proceedings after just ninety seconds!

That brief spell of play did see Andy McLaren volley as a wind assisted pass from a Pars defender obviously convinced the match official that play was going to be reduced to the realms of farce by the gale-force wind which was sweeping down Gayfield.

SUNDAY SWITCH

It is a case of *deja vu* as far as next weekend's fixture is concerned. Originally we were due to meet Celtic

next Saturday, but this had been switched to Sunday because the game is to be televised on S.T.V. Kick-off time is 3 p.m. and the match is all-ticket, with tickets currently on sale from Tannadice and The United Shop at 5 Victoria Road, Dundee.

ANOTHER CUP DATE

Irrespective of what happens here this afternoon, United and Celtic have at least one more cup date this season!

That is because the pair are scheduled to meet in the semi-final of the B.P. Youth Cup. This meeting at Tannadice which is subject to change has been provisionally arranged for Wednesday, 1st April 1988, kick-off 7 p.m.

Confirmation of this fixture will be carried in our next home programme against Hearts.

RAPID TRANSFORMATION

Both Celtic and United have won the Scottish Cup in recent years. Indeed, it is only four years since we finally annexed the trophy and the last of Celtic's 30 Scottish Cup triumphs was in 1995.

Yet, despite that, there will be precious few players on view this afternoon who possess winners medals, such has been the turnover of staff at Tannadice and Celtic Park. As far as we are concerned, only skipper Maurice Malpas, Dave Bowman and Andy McLaren who are likely to be involved this afternoon were on duty on that historic May afternoon. The only other first team survivor is Mark Perry, but he wasn't even in the squad for the final when we beat Rangers 1-0. Over to Celtic and of their probable pool for this afternoon's game, only three of their 1995 cup winning side were involved in last week's team against Hibs - Tom Boyd, Simon Donnelly and Phil O'Donnell who was a sub against Airdrie three years ago.

Two others - McKinlay and McLaughlin - are still on the books but don't figure in the first team much these days. But all that is just a sign of these post-Bosman times.

REPLAY DATE

If this afternoon's tie isn't decided at the first time of asking, then the replay will take place next Wednesday, 18th March, 1998 at Celtic Park, kick-off time 7.45 p.m. The match will be all-ticket. Details regarding the sale of tickets will be announced as soon as they are known.

TANGERINE & BLACK

The latest T&B, Issue 14, will be out any day now.

The March issue has features on Craig Easton, United's Cup record under Tommy McLean with Andy McLaren the subject of this month's Big Interview. If you are not a subscriber why not become one by telephoning Bill Campbell on Dundee (01382) 832202.

FIRST DUNDEE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB DINNER

This event takes place next Sunday, 15th March 1998, at the Earl Grey Stakis Hotel, Dundee.

The event is a complete sell-out, in fact demand has meant it is over-subscribed. The speakers are former Scotland Rugby Internationalist and now broadcaster and journalist John Beattie, Livingston Assistant Manager and former Scottish sprint champion George McNeill and the even will be hosted by comedian George Duffus.

GLASGOW SPRING PROGRAMME FAIR

Celtic and United supporters based in the west and who are interested in football programmes should note that the Glasgow Spring Programme Fair takes place on Sunday 22nd March. The venue is the Buchanan Suite in the Ingram Hotel, Ingram Street, Glasgow. All of Scotland's leading dealers will be there and the event lasts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

YOUNG LIONS

Today's Lucky Young Lions are MASCOT - Fraser Milligan (right) (337)

from Dundee
CELTIC MASCOT (below) is Mark Grace, age 7 from Linlithgow.
SPECIAL GUESTS - Natalie Ogilvie (318) from Dairsie, Cupar & Sarah Penman (222) from Dundee.

BALL BOY/GIRL - Seamus Roberts (77) from Newtyle & Johnathan Hume (626) from Glenrothes.

BALLPERSONS

The ballpersons for this afternoon's match are provided by Barnhill Primary School, Dundee.





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UNITED UPDATE

Friday, 20th February

Two new faces at Tannadice with 20-year old Emmanuel Omoyimni and 24-year old Jimmy Crawford both arriving on loan from West Ham and Newcastle respectively. A slight groin strain meant the latter wouldn't be considered for East End Park, but Emmanuel was in the squad whilst the three main casualties, Gary Shields, Sieb Dykstra and Lars Zetterlund were making progress and should play.

Saturday, 21st February 1998

PREMIER DIVISION - 25th Match
DUNFERMLINE (0) 2

Smith 2 (51 & 90)

UNITED (1) 2

McSwegan 2 (40 & 80)

A last minute goal by Andy Smith deprived us of a deserved victory.

We dominated almost the whole game and seemed to put the poor performance at Inverness behind us. Gary McSwegan's opportunist double, both from Jamie Dolan assists, meant we lead as the game went into the last throes, but as the previous Wednesday, we lost a late goal to drop two valuable points.

Dunfermline - Westwater, Shields, McCulloch, Tod, Barnett (Fraser 19), Bingham (McDonald 83), Shaw (Moore 46), Robertson, Smith, French, Petrie.

United - Dykstra, Skoldmark, Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Winters, Zetterlund, McSwegan (Easton 87), Dolan, Misse Misse (Omoyimni 80). (Sub not used - Bowman).

Referee - J Underhill (Edinburgh).

Crowd - 5,250

MATCH FACTS

Shots on target

DUNFERMLINE - 6 UNITED - 8

Shots off target

DUNFERMLINE - 5 UNITED - 5

Corners

DUNFERMLINE - 4 UNITED - 6

Offside

DUNFERMLINE - 0 UNITED - 6

Bookings - None.

Monday, 23rd February

Kjell Olofsson and Siggj Jonsson remained very doubtful for the visit of Hibs and Magnus Skoldmark joined them on the treatment table after Saturday, casting grave doubts upon his availability. One consolation, newcomer Jimmy Crawford was expected to be fit.

Tuesday, 24th February

PREMIER DIVISION - 26th Match

UNITED (0) 1

Dow own goal 73

HIBERNIAN (0) 1

Hughes 74

A game of few chances, but totally dominated by us. It was doubly disappointing therefore to make the breakthrough thanks to Andy Dow's own goal from an Erik Pedersen free-kick only to lose the equaliser just 60 seconds later!

United - Dykstra, Bowman (Crawford 85), Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Winters, Zetterlund, McSwegan (Omoyimni 58), Dolan, Misse Misse (Easton 46).



Hibernian - Gunn, Miller, Boco, Grant (Donald 63), Hughes, Welsh, Harper, Dow, Crawford, Walker (Jackson 54), Rougier. (Sub not used - McQuilken).

Referee - G Simpson (Westhill)

Crowd - 7,989

MATCH FACTS

Shots on target

UNITED - 4 HIBERNIAN - 1

Shots off target

UNITED - 8 HIBERNIAN - 2

Corners

UNITED - 7 HIBERNIAN - 3

Offside

UNITED - 2 HIBERNIAN - 3

Bookings -

UNITED - None.

HIBERNIAN - Welsh (Foul on Winters 65).

Wednesday, 25th February

On top of the revelation that Kjell Olofsson had undergone a cartilage op, there was more bad news with Gary McSwegan's hamstring injury from the Hibs game appearing as if it would sideline the striker for as long as his Swedish Colleague.

Thursday, 26th February

Gales force the abandonment of the reserves match against Dunfermline at Gayfield after just ninety seconds, thus depriving manager Tommy McLean the opportunity of assessing the form of several players who could come into the equation for the trip to St Johnstone.

Friday, 27th February

With two of the three main strikers definitely ruled out, manager Tommy McLean would be picking two from four striking candidates for the match at Perth - Robbie Winters, Jean Jacques Misse Misse, Steve Thompson and on loan Emmanuel Omoyimni. Not that that the Tannadice boss was using the situation as an excuse. "It's a problem, but we have just got to get on with it and go there looking for a win," he said.

Saturday, 28th February

PREMIER DIVISION - 27th Match

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1

Grant 75

UNITED (1) 1

Winters 22

For the third time in a week, we let a lead slip and watch three points evaporate into just one. In control for almost the entire first half, we took the lead through Robbie Winters' header from Andy McLaren's cross. Thereafter we lost our way defended too deep and after Grant headed the equaliser, and to a certain extent finished hanging on for the draw.

St Johnstone - Main, McQuillan, Preston, Dasovic, Weir, McCluskey, McMahon (O'Neil 77), Sekerlioglu (Grant 60), Kane (Scott 65), O'Boyle, Jenkinson.

United - Dykstra, Jonsson (Duffy 44), Malpas, Pressley, Perry, Pedersen, Omoyimni, Zetterlund, Winters (Thompson 90), Easton, McLaren (Dolan 78).

Referee - S Roy (Westhill)

Crowd - 5,637

MATCH FACTS

Shots on target

ST JOHNSTONE - 4 UNITED - 2

Shots off target

ST JOHNSTONE - 9 UNITED - 4

Corners

ST JOHNSTONE - 4 UNITED - 2

Offside

ST JOHNSTONE - 4 UNITED - 4

Bookings - None.

