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PREMIER DIVISION  
SATURDAY,  
13th APRIL, 1991  
Kick off 3.00 p.m.

# TANNADICE TOPICS



## DRESS REHEARSAL

Motherwell's victory in the Scottish Cup semi-final on Tuesday evening has set up a family affair at Hampden on 18 May when Tommy McLean's Motherwell will meet elder brother's Jim in the Final. But before then we have to face Motherwell in a re-arranged league fixture. This match was due to have been played on semi-final day and was then re-scheduled for Tuesday 30th April, until it was realised that Scotland were due to play San Marino the next day. May 7th was then the allocated date for the match, but earlier this week the league decreed that the match should be played next Tuesday evening at Fir Park.

"It's not a bad idea to bring the game forward because had the league stood by the original date we'd have been facing each other only 11 days before the final," said manager Jim McLean.

## SCOTT BACK



Goalkeeper Scott Thomson returned to Tannadice at the start of this week after the completion of his loan spell with South Yorkshire club, Barnsley.

## ANGLO FILE

Continuing a south of the border theme, the midweek fixtures brought news of two former Dundee United players.

Defender Raymond Stewart returned to the West Ham side at Brighton. Even though the Hammers went down 1-0, Ray will have been gratified just to get ninety minutes under his belt, because it's his first appearance for over two years. Now he'll be hoping to play in tomorrow's F.A. Cup semi-final with Nottingham Forest.

Also down south in midweek, former Tannadice winger Alan Irvine was on target for Blackburn Rovers away to Sheffield on Wednesday, but it didn't prevent them sliding to a 3-1 defeat.

## GUSSIE PARK BOOKINGS

The Gussie Park synthetic pitch is available for hire by local football and hockey teams.

A block booking costs £45.00 per session or £50.00 on a one-off basis.

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## MIDWEEK IBROX DATE

Before the end of the season we have two midweek away fixtures to fulfill. The match at Motherwell as already mentioned goes ahead next week, but our match at Ibrox originally scheduled for Saturday, April 27, will now take place on Wednesday April 24, as it is being screened on BSkyB television. Kick-off time is 8.00 p.m.

## CUP DATES

The B.P. Youth Cup Final against Hibs is no longer being played on April 30. As yet no new date has been announced so please watch the press for details.

One date that has been confirmed is the semi-final of the Reserve League Cup against Celtic, which will take place at Tannadice next Wednesday, April 17.

## PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The April edition of programme monthly carries this years, 'Scottish Programme of the Year Awards' and the United programme has finished fourth in what, as you can see from the markings has been a very closely fought contest.

## SCOTTISH PROGRAMME OF THE YEAR AWARDS 1990/91 Premier League

1. Celtic	70.89
2. Aberdeen	69.63
3. St. Johnstone	68.00
4. Dundee United	67.63
5. Hearts	67.50
6. Motherwell	67.25
7. Rangers	67.22
8. Dunfermline Athletic	67.00
9. Hibernian	62.63
10. St. Mirren	53.13

Marks were submitted by 29 of the 38 Scottish League club programme editors.

In addition, the magazine had this to say about our issue.

"One of the most attractive issues of the Premier League this season is that of former winners, Dundee United, who are alone in the top league in favouring the traditional small page size."

We are now beginning to formulate plans for next season's programme so, if you have any ideas which you'd like to be incorporated into the programme, please write to Mr. Jim Connor, Commercial Manager, Tannadice Park, Dundee.

## BLONDIE'S FORTIETH

Gordon Sturrock, who was one of the founders of the newly formed Tangerine Social Club, reached the milestone of his fortieth birthday earlier this week.

His wife, Val, and sons, Simon and Barry, have requested that we give as much publicity as we can to this landmark in his life and added, "Gordon has managed to embarrass most people over the years and this seems a lovely way to point out his advancing years and prove that the hair that he insists is 'blonde' is, in fact, grey!"

## SPONSORS COACH

The club would like to thank all the sponsors who travelled by coach with the club to last weekend's semi-final.

Rembrand, KKE Builders, The Pancake Place, Jim Robertson and Mr. Docherty were the sponsors concerned and we look forward to seeing you all at the Cup Final when a similar excursion will be run.

## ANOTHER BACKROOM SUCCESS

The London Fire Brigade took on the United backroom staff in a friendly on Gussie Park last Sunday. Although the southern fire-fighters lost 3-1, we promised to give special mention to their scorer — Bill Aying. (Obviously it was his burning ambition to see his name in the programme!)

Gary McLean was on target for the backroom staff and indeed he has regularly featured amongst the scorers for the backroom staff in their series of friendlies.

Young Gary has been pestering Commercial Manager Jim Connor for a long time to get a mention in the programme and we are duly happy to oblige.

## FINAL HOME MATCH B & Q PREMIER DIVISION

## HEARTS

SAT. 4TH MAY 1991  
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

## EXECUTIVE TABLES

Occupying the Executive Tables in the Discovery Lounge this afternoon are Rembrand, Behaven, North Sea Roofing, Briggs Oil, Bowater Containers, McGregor Construction and Fine Home Interiors.

## U-17'S SUCCESSFUL EUROFOOT 91

As you'll probably know, we sent an under-17 side to play in the recent Eurofoot 91 Tournament which was held in St. Brieuc, Brittany in France.

The standard was exceptionally high and our youngsters showed that they were equal to the very best in Europe of their own age. Details of the matches were as follows:

**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH:** Venue: Paimpol v F C Nantes — Won 2-1: Scorers: Dailly (2) (Kick-off 4.30 p.m.) H.T. 2-0

**WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH:** Venue: Lamballe v Austria Vienna — Won 2-1: Scorers: J. McLaren, Winters (Kick-off 4.30 p.m.) H.T. 2-0

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH:** Venue: St. Brieuc v Lge of Brittany Select — Won 4-1: Scorers: J. McLaren, Winters, Hudson, Dailly (Kick-off 9.00 p.m.) H.T. 2-1

**SATURDAY 30TH MARCH:** Venue: Perros Guirec v Cologne — Drew 0-0; Lost 4-2 on Pens. (Kick-off 3.00 p.m.)

Despite losing on penalties the draw enabled us to top the league and saw us go forward to the Final against the winners of the other group — Feyenoord.

**FINAL — MONDAY 1ST APRIL:** Venue: St. Brieuc v Feyenoord: Drew 0-0; Lost 4-2 on Penalties (Kick-off 3.15 p.m. — shown live on national French television)

We were as happy to reach the Final as we were disappointed at losing on penalties to Feyenoord, but we didn't come back empty-handed as we won a Trophy for the team with the best record in the competition.

We hope to be invited back next year because it is a great experience for the young players and tremendous recognition for the club.

# BELHAVEN



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# JIM McLEAN

Naturally, everyone at the club is highly delighted at reaching the Scottish Cup final once again.

There is no doubt that the number of supporters who took the time and trouble to support us contributed greatly to our narrow win over St. Johnstone in last week's semi-final at East End Park.

For the moment, however, we must put any thoughts of next month's Cup final to the back of our minds, because we must concentrate on finishing as high as possible in the League.

Celtic are our nearest rivals for third place and that obviously makes this afternoon's meeting very important for both sides.

In a season when just too many games have been meaningless for some clubs because of League reconstruction it is great to be involved in a fixture which is not merely of academic importance.

Our meetings with Celtic are, of course, rarely meaningless, but in any event, it is a clash we always anticipate with relish, because they are usually one of the most entertaining matches of the season.

So far this season the honours have been shared with wins for us when Celtic were at Tannadice last December, whilst Celtic won 1-0 in our last meeting at Parkhead two months ago with the first meeting in Glasgow being drawn.

Hopefully, therefore we can grab the honours in this season's league meetings with the Parkhead side, but, more importantly, extend the lead of four points which we currently hold over this afternoon's visitors.



## HONOURS:

**UEFA Cup:** Runners-up: 1986-87.

### Scottish League:

Premier Division Champions:

1982-83;

Division 2 Champions: 1924-25,

1928-29; Runners-up: 1930-31,

1959-60.

**Scottish Cup:** Runners-up:

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

1986-87, 1987-88.

**Scottish League Cup:** Winners:

1979-80, 1980-81; Runners-up:

1981-82, 1984-85.

**Summer Cup:**

Runners-up: 1964-65.

**Scottish Wartime Cup:**

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# MATCH REVIEWS

Saturday, 30th March, 1991

B & Q Premier Division —  
30th match

Venue: Tannadice Park.

UNITED (0)0

ST. JOHNSTONE (0)0

Crowd: 7,794

**United:** Main, Clark, Malpas, McNally, Krivokapic, McKinlay (Bowman 73), Van Der Hoorn, J. O'Neil, McKinnon, Jackson, Paatelainen, (French 73).

**St. Johnstone:** Hamilton, Treanor, McVicar, Barron, McGinnis, Sweeney, Davies, Turner, McDonald, (Hedde 79), Grant, Bingham (Ward 84).

Referee: W. N. Crombie (Edinburgh)

Bookings: Dundee - McNally (pulling down Turner 43)  
St. Johnstone - McVicar (scything down O'Neil 21).

Part one of the double header with Saints provided few clues as to the likely winners of the following week's cup semi-final.

St. Johnstone, for one reason or another, had five of their regulars missing — Harry Curran, Sergei Baltacha, John Inglis, Allan Moore and Steve Maskrey.

In our case striker Duncan Ferguson failed to recover from a groin strain and Mixu Paatelainen came into the side with Billy McKinlay replacing Dave Bowman who joined Hamish French on the bench.

One of our best chances came in the very early stages of the game when Gary McGinnis sliced a clearance over his own 'keeper, but, fortunately for the former United defender, wide of the target.

A move of our own making, then saw Lindsay Hamilton tip over a Darren Jackson header from Ray McKinnon's corner.

We continued to force the pace, but it wasn't until towards half-time that we again troubled the Saints 'keeper. First of all he plucked a McNally shot out of the air and then he foiled Jim McNally by diving at his feet after he had latched on to a mis-directed Gary McGinnis pass-back.

The pattern of play didn't alter



after half-time. Mixu Paatelainen headed narrowly over. Hamilton was in the right place to deal with a Ray McKinnon shot and on the hour mark Saints had their narrowest escape of the afternoon.

Ray McKinnon and John O'Neil manufactured a neatly worked free-kick which enabled John O'Neil to cross to the far post where Darren Jackson headed the ball back across the face of the goal to Mixu Paatelainen whose shot from close range was cleared off the line by Gary McGinnis.

With just under 20 minutes remaining John O'Neil made a surging left wing run before the ball was laid back to Billy McKinlay, but his shot was tipped over the bar by Hamilton.

To indicate just how little attacking threat St. Johnstone posed. A speculative Hedde shot which dipped over was the only goal attempt of note.

Five minutes from time John O'Neil burst through on to a pass from Jim McNally, but his angular shot went straight into Hamilton's mid-drift.

So the game petered out into a goalless draw and left one with the conclusion that things would be a great deal different a week later.



Darren Jackson and Saints Sweeney in an aerial tussle.



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# MATCH REVIEWS

Saturday, 6th April, 1991

Tennents Scottish Cup  
Semi-Final

Venue: East End Park,  
Dunfermline

**UNITED** (1)2  
Clark (39), Ferguson (61)

**ST. JOHNSTONE** (1)1  
Curran (44)

Crowd: 16,560

**United:** Main, Clark, Malpas, McInally, Krivokapic, Bowman, Van Der Hoorn, J. O'Neil, McKinnon (French 74), Ferguson, Jackson.  
(Sub not used — Welsh)

**St. Johnstone:** Hamilton, Treanor (Davies 82), Baltacha, McVicar, Inglis, McGinnis, Moore, Turner, Maskrey, Grant, Curran.  
(Sub not used — Sweeney)

Bookings: United — Jackson (impeding Hamilton 84)  
St. Johnstone — Moore (dis-sent 55)

Semi-finals are well renowned for being tensity, nervy affairs and our eleventh such venture turned out exactly that way.

Saints hustle-bustle style meant play rarely flowed, but in the end the only objective of any Cup tie is to win and that was what we narrowly achieved.

If anything Saints had very marginally the better of the first half in which a bumpy pitch and swirling wind made good football extremely difficult.

Saints almost grabbed an early goal when Grant pumped in a high ball which Alan Main

punched over to Moore who drove narrowly wide.

For long periods of the first period the ball was airborne and play duly suffered.

In fact, the only danger to either 'keeper came in the form of set pieces.

Indeed it was a long throw which brought about the opening goal.

Dave Bowman's long throw found the head of Duncan Ferguson who flicked the ball to Darren Jackson. He in turn pushed the ball into the path of **John Clark** who hit a twenty yarder into the far corner to give us the lead five minutes before half-time.

This goal brought the game into life and a minute before the interval Saints equalised.

Again it was a set piece which reaped reward. McVicar swung over a corner which Alan Main got a touch to, but it took Jim McInally, covering at the far post, to chest the ball off the line.

Unfortunately, it went straight to **Harry Curran** who headed the ball home.

Early in the second half, Harry Curran got in another header from a Treanor free kick, but Alan Main made a fine save.

However, gradually we assumed greater control of the match and a surging left wing run by Maurice Malpas almost brought a goal. The United skipper played the ball into Duncan Ferguson whose quick turn beat the Saints defender marking him, but Hamilton turned Duncan's shot away for a corner.

However, the same combination were to enjoy better for-



tune only minutes later.

John O'Neil sent over a corner from the right. Inglis cleared it, but only to Maurice Malpas whose shot found Duncan Ferguson, well on side and he hammered the ball down past Hamilton.

Saints came back with Harry Curran heading past; Tommy Turner shooting wide and a Maskrey volley blocked by Dave Bowman which brought fruitless claims for a penalty.

However, we also had opportunities to extend our lead. Hamilton was fortunate to get a foot to John O'Neil's shot after the keeper had failed to hold a cross and Hamish French saw his fierce drive go wide of the near post.

But the closest we came to scoring again was in the very last minute when Darren Jackson swivelled on a header down from Duncan Ferguson only to see Hamilton make a fine save in turning the ball away for a corner in what was almost the last piece of action before the final whistle which brought us our passport to our sixth Cup appearance.



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## **MATCH ACTION v St. Johnstone**



**Mark Treanor of St. Johnstone and Maurice Malpas in combat for the ball.**



**Darren Jackson and St. Johnstone's Dougie Barron in a tussle for the ball.**

**Saturday, 30th March, 1991**



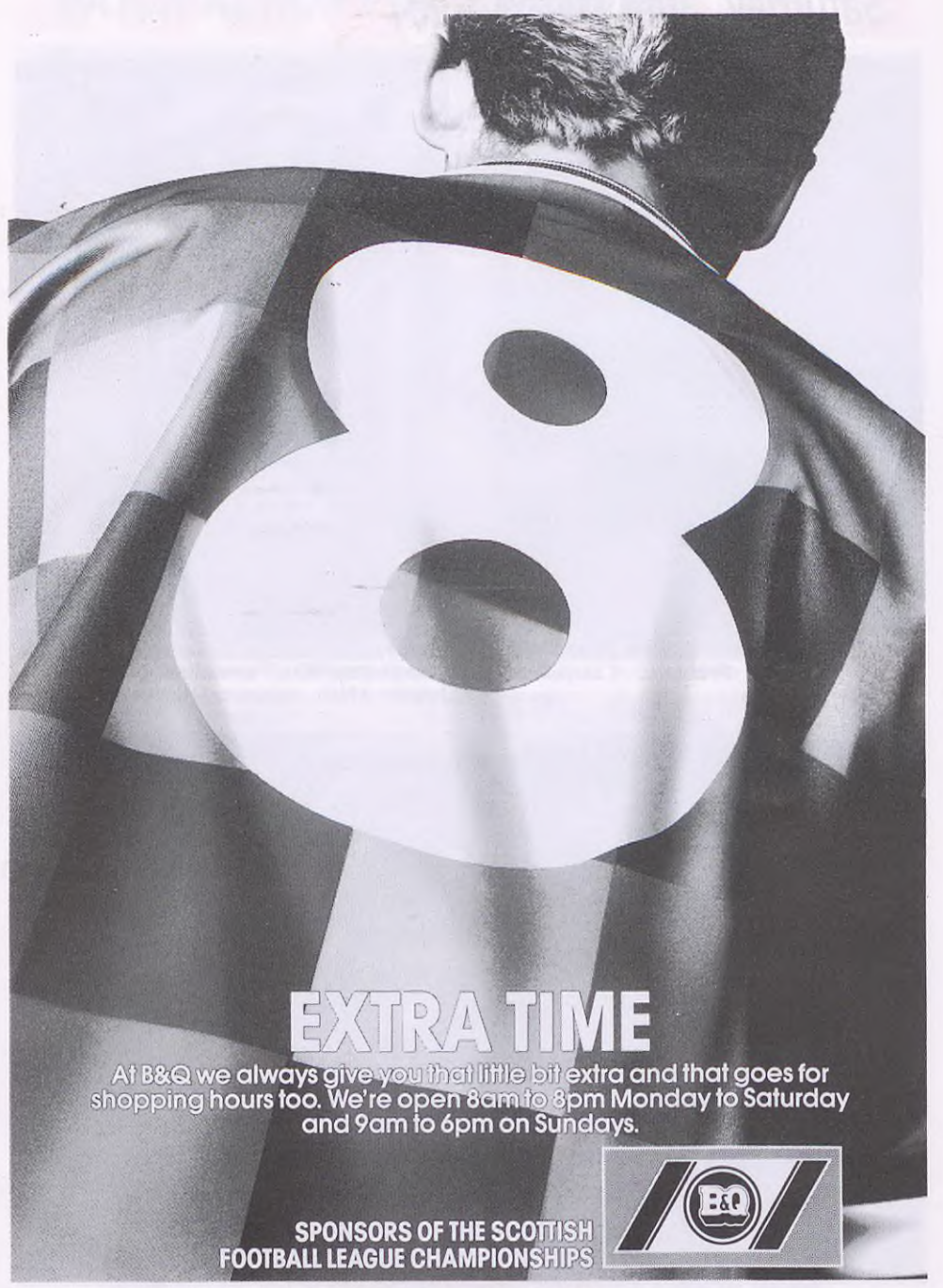
**John O'Neil and Don McVicar in an aerial dual.**



**Lindsay Hamilton the St. Johnstone 'keeper can't stop Mixu Paatelainen getting in a header which, unfortunately, went over the bar.**



**Billy McKinlay rifles in a shot which was deflected for a corner.**



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