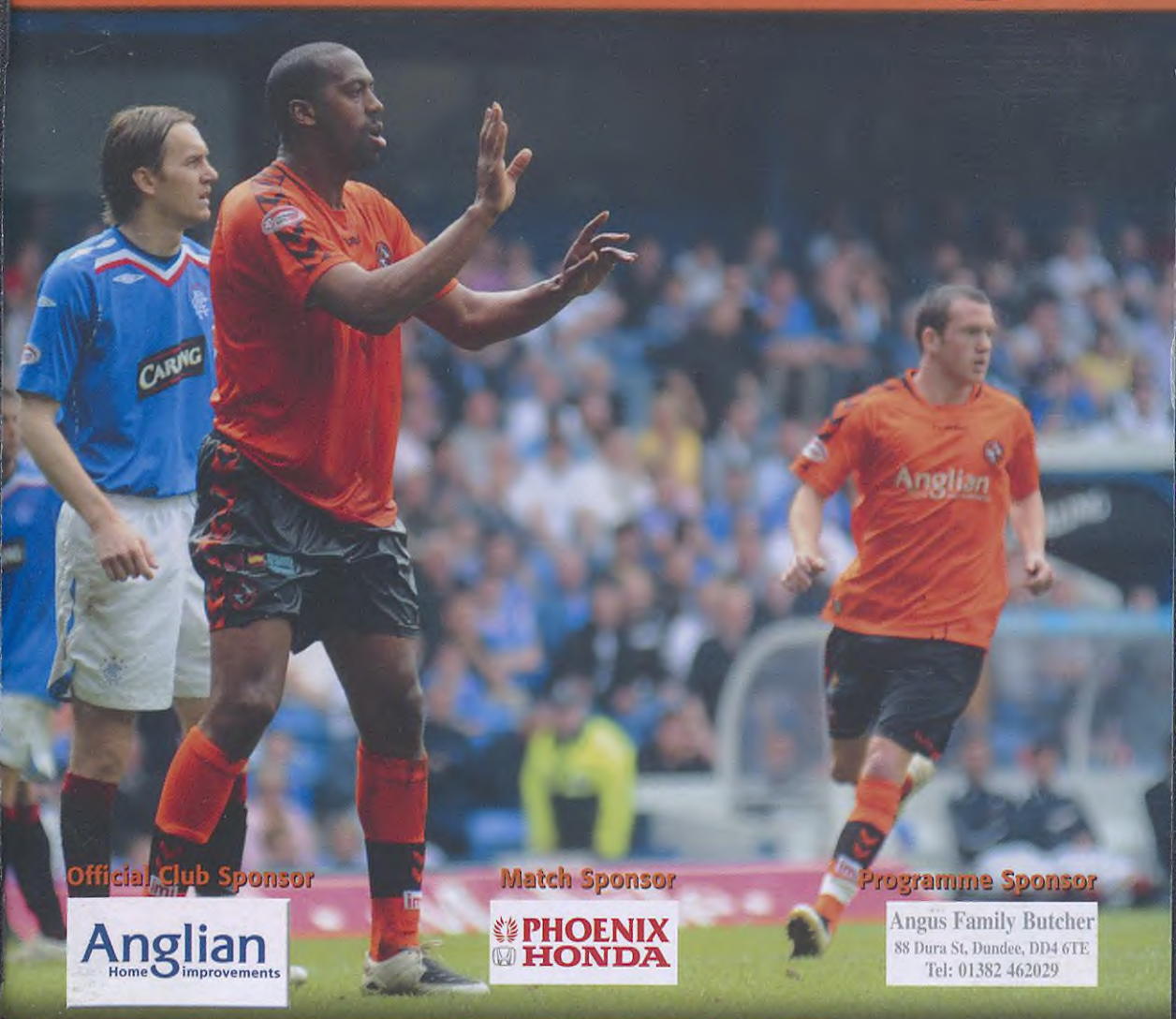


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Craig Levein

For the final game of the season, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Gordon Strachan and his Celtic side.

They have enjoyed a tremendous season and know that victory this evening will almost certainly see them crowned SPL Champions.

When we learned that Celtic would be our visitors for this last game of the season, I was hopeful that that it would be a meaningful one for both clubs.

Unfortunately results since the split mean that we are no longer involved in the scrap for a European place, which is very disappointing.

However, that doesn't mean to say that we have nothing to play for!

We've been in the top four for most of the season and I want us to stay there because that would be the Club's best finish for eleven years.

Defeat could see us drop two places and that would be a big disappointment.

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But no matter what happens this evening, it has been a satisfying campaign, especially since the playing staff has been almost completely overhauled since Peter Houston and I arrived nineteen months ago.

Of course, the impending close season inevitably brings change.

For a start, we will be saying goodbye to on-loan trio Willo Flood, Jim O'Brien and Eric Odhiambo who will be returning to their clubs and I would like to thank them for their contributions.

In addition, Christian Kalvenes has returned to Norway and Euan McLean is moving to St Johnstone and I wish them both well in their future careers.

One or two others are also likely to move on, so work is in hand to bring in, hopefully, five new players before next season.

One player who has been fixed up is striker Kevin Smith who has signed a one-year contract. He has proved his fitness, but only just as the season was coming to an end and I am looking for him to make an impact next season.

The same applies to Keith Watson who has been so unlucky with injuries and missed the whole season. However, he is well down the road to recovery and I am looking forward to having his talents available to me next term.

Staying on the subject of injuries, Craig Conway has also had very bad luck, having recently broken his foot. It is the same injury, but this time affecting his other foot, but all being well, he should be ready for next term.

Overall, we have a good young squad whose best years are still ahead of them and I have to say that I am very optimistic about the forthcoming campaign.

Certainly wherever we finish this season, I'll be looking to improve on that in a year's time.

Finally, and no matter how this evening's match pans out, I would like our fans to remain to the end, so that the players can show their appreciation to the supporters who have backed us so well over the past season.

Craig Levein

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Around Tannadice

FEDERATION PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Picture courtesy of DC Thomson & Co Ltd

Over 300 Arabs attended a packed Piperdam on the first Sunday of the month for the Federation of Dundee United Supporters' Clubs Player of the Year Dance.

Also in attendance was the entire first team squad, Manager Craig Levein and his full

coaching staff, Chairman Eddie Thomson plus representatives of the Board and staff at Tannadice.

The main awards on the night went to Noel Hunt as Player of the Year and Morgaro Gomis as Young Player of the Year, with Steven Robb also collecting a special award from the Banter Bus.

The Federation also made a special presentation to Christian Kalvenes, thanking him for his contribution both on and off the park over the last two years.

Entertainment was provided by the excellent The Directors with a special guest session from Gary Robertson and the Cundeez, supported by Hoolie on megaphone, who brought the house down with their own totally Shed version of the Sham 69 classic "The Kids are United".

Master of Ceremonies was Federation Chairman Shug Falconer, with net proceeds being donated to United for Kids.

TOMMY BURNS

Putting all recent matters into perspective was the tragic news of the death of Tommy Burns. Everyone associated with the Club was saddened to hear this news and, as ever at these times, our thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues.

Manager Craig Levein spoke on behalf of the Club, "I knew Tommy was seriously ill, but it still came as a shock. He was a decent man and a real football person and all of our thoughts right now are with his family."



WEBSITE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



With only one game remaining, Noel Hunt cannot now be caught in the man of the match voting in the website match reports and can therefore be formally named as the Dundee United Website Player of the Year. This follows similar accolades from the Club itself and from the Federation of Dundee United Supporters' Clubs, and gives Noel a clean sweep of the honours this year.

Out of 45 competitive games played, Noel collected 8 man of the match nominations, closely followed by Willo Flood with 6, Mark Kerr with 5 and Prince Buaben and Barry Robson with 4 apiece.

Captain Lee Wilkie received 3 nominations, as did Morgaro Gomis, with Christian Kalvenes picking up 2 nominations.

Ten other players were named as man of the match during the season.

Thanks are due to our intrepid band of volunteer match reporters, Ross Burns, Baktosch Gillan, Craig MacLagan, Stuart McDonald, Gareth Scott, Scott Simpson and Ally Stewart.

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Around Tannadice

CRAIG LEVEIN HONOURED BY SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Show Racism the Red Card

On Monday 12th of May, Craig Levein was announced as an inductee into the Show Racism the Red Card Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony hosted by the Prime Minister at Number 10 Downing Street. The event was attended by many well known people from football across the UK including Avram Grant, Paul Elliot, Gordon Smith, George Burley, Lex Gold, Sol Campbell and Anton Ferdinand.

Craig and Dundee United have worked tirelessly with Show Racism The Red Card for a number of years to educate young people about the negative effects of racism and how to tackle it. The manager recently gave up his time along with Prince Bauben to be interviewed for the campaign's new educational films, which will be distributed across the UK. Unfortunately Craig was unable to attend the Downing Street awards day, so it is with great pleasure that Show Racism The Red Card would like to thank the manager and Dundee United for their continued commitment to tackling racism by presenting this Hall of Fame award to Craig Levein.

ArabMASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual ArabMASTERS, organised by ArabTRUST, took place on Monday at St Michaels Golf Course, near Leuchars.

This year's winner of the coveted tangerine jacket was Craig Conway (no, not that Craig Conway!) and his team "Three Arabs and a Tic" also took the team prize.

Special mention should also be made of the Inverness Arabs who travelled down for the occasion.

Despite a few sore heads from the night before, a great day out was had by all.

Thanks are due to Joe Duncan for organising the event on behalf of the Trust.

FORMAL COMPLAINT LODGED WITH SFA

On Tuesday, the Club lodged a formal complaint with SFA Chief Executive Gordon Smith in connection with the refereeing decisions in a number of controversial incidents during the recent game against Rangers at Ibrox on Saturday, 10 May 2008.

The Club is now awaiting the response of the SFA.



CHEQUES PRESENTATION



Members of the eastfootball messageboard forum presented cheques in favour of Prostate Cancer Charities and United for Kids at Tannadice last week.

The money was raised through the sale of their own "Eddie Thompson Tangerine Army" T shirts as well as the auction of signed shirts and donated to the site's two nominated charities.

Pictured are Niall Mulligan, Leon Strachan, Barrie McCord and Vicky Ogilvie of eastfootball, together with Mark Kerr, Garry Kenneth and Derek Robertson of Dundee United.

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR FIVE TEENAGERS

Last week five of the Club's Under-19 players - Ryan McCord, Fraser Milligan, Gordon Pope, John Gibson and Sean Fleming all signed one-year contract extensions.

Match Report

The Clydesdale Bank Premier League – 34th Match



< Date Sunday 20 April 2008
Kick-off 2.00 pm
Venue Tannadice
Referee Eddie Smith
Attendance 7,404



DUNDEE UNITED HIBERNIAN

SCORERS... UNITED: Hunt pen
HIBERNIAN: Shiels

This fourth and final meeting this season may have lacked the excitement and drama of the previous three, but this was another entertaining and closely contested contest between two teams eager to get forward at every opportunity. While the home side pressed forward in numbers to attack a shaky back four, Hibs always looked dangerous on the break.

Manager Craig Levein made no changes to the line up which started against Rangers, with Darren Dods having recovered to take his place in central defence.

Andrew McNeil retained his place in goal for Hibs in preference to Yves Makalambay, who was on the bench. He was the busier of the two goalkeepers in an opening half dominated by United, albeit without showing the same flair evident in recent weeks.

First chance fell to Noel Hunt in just eight minutes, when he fired in a header from a Kalvenes cross, but McNeil at full stretch did well to tip the ball over the bar.

United's attacks were characterised by some great deliveries into the box by Sean Dillon and both Hunt and de Vries might have done better to capitalise on these before the break.

In a rare Hibs attack, Zaluska had to be alert to thwart an effort by Zemama after a surging run by the Moroccan. United responded with a quick counter attack of their own, David Robertson driving the ball wide after a clever knock down from de Vries.

Willo Flood brought the save of the game from Andrew McNeil on the half hour mark. As the Hibs defence retreated, the Irishman eschewed supporting options on the flanks to hit a spectacular strike from outside the box that McNeil tipped acrobatically over the bar.

The second half was much more hotly contested with Hibs fired up in the opening exchanges and Kalvenes did well to block Fletcher from making the break through.

With United pushing forward in numbers for the opener, they were caught out by a classic counterattack in 57 minutes. With



all the big defenders up for a long throw into the box from Hunt, the ball broke to Zemmama who fired it forward for Dean Shiels to outstrip a threadbare defence and expertly round Zaluska before clipping the ball home from a tight angle. Cruel a reflection on the run of the game as that was, United were only behind for three minutes.

Mark de Vries looked to be chasing a lost cause as he headed out the box, but Gatheussi needlessly wrestled him to the deck for a penalty. Noel Hunt stepped up to thrash the ball past McNeil.

Robust challenges by the visitors took their toll on United, with de Vries, Kalvenes, Flood and Hunt all being subject to some over enthusiastic tackles. Kalvenes and de Vries both had to be substituted, Daly and Grainger taking their places, and the Hibs' perpetrators perhaps fortunate to escape with only yellow cards before the end of proceedings.

A David Robertson header flashed past the post before United were again caught on the counter, with Fletcher guilty of selfishness as he attempted to beat Zaluska with Rankin better placed to finish off the move.

In the closing stages United continued to push forward in numbers looking for the winner, while Hibs ever alert to breaking forward quickly.

Just minutes from time, a Flood



cross found Daly who did well to head the ball back to Hunt. Noel's header looked netbound all the way, but McNeil somehow clawed it past the post. This really would have been a contender for the save of the season had it not been for a late offside decision against Hunt.

With three minutes of added time gone, it looked as if United had managed to get the three points when a free kick from Grainger beat the keeper but scraped past the wrong side of the post.

Dundee United Website Man of the Match

United's top scorer **Noel Hunt** once again worked tirelessly throughout and was our best man on the day.

Mark Kerr fends off the challenge of Zemmama. (above)

Noel Hunt strokes home the equaliser from the penalty spot. (below, far left)

Colin Nish uses Lee Wilkie as a step ladder in this aerial duel. (below)

THE TEAMS

United

Zaluska, Dillon, Wilkie (c), Dods
 ■ 81, Kalvenes (Grainger 71),
 Flood, Kerr, Gomis (Conway 84),
 Robertson, Hunt, de Vries (Daly
 67).

Subs not used: McLean, O'Brien,
 Kovacevic, Odhiambo.

Hibernian

McNeil, Gatheussi, Canning,
 Murray (c), Zarabi ■ 80,
 Zemmama, Beuzelin ■ 61,
 Rankin ■ 86, Shiels, Fletcher,
 Nish (Benjelloun 82).

Subs not used: Ma-Kalambay,
 Morais, Stevenson, Chisholm,
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Close range	16			Close range	21		
Inside 18yd box	32			Inside 18yd box	51		
Outside 18yd box	5			Outside 18yd box	11		
Shots	26			Shots	41		
Headers	11			Headers	20		
Volleys	4			Volleys	9		
Penalties	8			Penalties	5		
Free Kicks	2			Free Kicks	3		
Own Goals	2			Own Goals	5		
Last 6 results				Seasonal progress comparison		Last 6 results	
Opponents	HA	Score			Opponents	HA	Score
Rangers	A	1-3			Hibernian	H	2-0
Aberdeen	A	1-2			Motherwell	A	2-1
Motherwell	A	2-2			Rangers	H	3-2
Hibernian	H	1-1			Aberdeen	H	1-0
Rangers	H	3-3			Rangers	H	2-1
Hearts	A	0-1			Motherwell	A	4-1
Set pieces & discipline		Celtic's last 10 years		Set pieces & discipline			
Scored from free kick	5			Scored from free kick	8		
Conceded from free kick	4			Conceded from free kick	2		
Scored from corner	3			Scored from corner	8		
Conceded from corner	3			Conceded from corner	3		
Fouls committed	525			Fouls committed	433		
Average per game	14.19			Average per game	11.7		
Yellow cards	49			Yellow cards	60		
Red cards	10			Red cards	1		

Head2Head stats since 1999/00 season

Last meeting at Tannadice		Previous meetings		Where & how goals scored		
Dundee Utd	0-2	Celtic				
Attendance	12,357	Vennegoor of Hesselink 68 McManus 74 Referee Smith	at Dundee Utd	at Celtic	Dundee Utd	Celtic
Szamotoulski, Wilkie, Dillon, Dods, Gomis, Buaben, Robertson D (Conway 58), Robson, Flood, Hunt, Robertson J		Brown, Caldwell, Balde, Naylor, McManus, Hartley, Jarosik (Donati 72), Brown Sc, McGeady, Vennegoor of Hesselink, McDonald	0-2	2007-08	3-0/0-0	19
Booked	Gomis	Booked	none			
Sent off	none	Sent off	none			
Att on target	0	Att on target	0			
Att off target	0	Att off target	0			
Corners	0	Corners	0			
Fixture date	26/12/07					
				1-4/1-1	2006-07	2-2
				2-4	2005-06	0-2/3-3
				0-3/2-3	2004-05	0-1
				1-5	2003-04	0-5/1-2/1-2
				0-2	2002-03	0-5/0-2
				0-4	2001-02	1-5/0-1
				1-2/0-4	2000-01	1-2
				2-1/0-1	1999-00	1-4/0-2
				Terrors' goals to left of results line		
				3	Close Range	19
				12	Inside Area	46
				4	Outside Area	10
				10	Shot	44
				4	Header	17
				3	Volley	8
				1	Penalty	5
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				1	Own Goal	0

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1956-2006
Finalists 13 times

European Cup/ Champions League

120 matches, 1966 to date
Winners 1966/67
Finalists 1969/70

Uefa/Fairs Cup

73 matches, 1962-2004
Finalists 2002/03

European Cup Winners' Cup

39 matches, 1963-96

Most capped player

80, Pat Bonner
(Republic of Ireland, 1981-96)

For the fourth time in ten years, the Old Firm's battle for the Premier title goes to the wire.

Back in 1998, Celtic led Rangers by two points ahead of the final fixtures and although Rangers triumphed 2-1 at Tannadice, Celtic held their nerve beating St Johnstone 2-0 at Celtic park to stop the Ibrox club making it ten in a row.

Five years later, there was an even tighter and crazier finish.

Both were level on points and goals, but Rangers romped home 6-1 against Dunfermline at Ibrox, while Celtic could only win by four goals at Kilmarnock, allowing Rangers to pip Celtic to the title thanks to their goal difference being better by one!

Many said then that such a close climax to the title race could never be emulated, but three years ago, it was.

The final day of season 2004-05 saw the title swung from Celtic to Rangers in the dying embers of the season as Motherwell, thanks to two goals from Scott McDonald - no doubt hoping to atone this evening - came from behind to win 2-1 and re-direct the helicopter to Easter Road with the trophy.

As was the case three years ago, it is advantage Celtic this evening as they have a better goal difference of five.

However, given what history recent has thrown up, it is all very much in the melting pot this evening as Gordon Strachan endeavours to emulate legendary figures Jock Stein and Willie Maley as one of Celtic's greatest ever managers by guiding the club to a third consecutive SPL title this season, according to chairman John Reid.

Only two managers have won three league championships in a row for Celtic in their 120-year history, the most recent of them being Jock Stein who did it 40 years ago.

As Hoops Chairman John Reid recently said, "For Gordon to have won the title two seasons in a row and now have everything to play for in this season's championship, as well as winning cups and reaching the last 16 of the Champions League twice, is a pretty creditable performance by any standards."

Maley, Celtic's first and longest-serving manager, won three consecutive championships for the first time in 1907 in a run ultimately extended to six in a row, then repeated the feat in 1916 when the club went on to make it four straight titles.

Stein, universally accepted as Celtic's greatest manager, notched up three successive championships in 1968 during the run that would eventually set a new record of nine in a row.

Strachan is now in pole position to win three championships in a row after Rangers slipped up again by drawing 1-1 at Motherwell last Saturday.

Yet Celtic had looked out of it two months ago after suffering a shock home reversal to Motherwell at Parkhead.

However, Strachan never lost faith Celtic could retain the title. He said: "Seven weeks ago it was all over, or so I was told. But our objective was to take it to the last game. That was the best we could have hoped for at that stage. And we have managed to do that."

"Are we the favourites for the SPL title? I haven't got a clue. Since I have been in Scotland I have never picked up a paper and never watched any sports shows. I go along and play the games and then go home."



Georgios Samaras

He blasted his critics who wrote his side off after a bad early-season spell. "In the first game of the season we drew 0-0 with Kilmarnock and it was the end of the world, as far as some people were concerned. We kicked on and did well and got to the middle of the season with a couple of hiccups.

"About March time, we were playing very well, without getting the results. Now, suddenly, we are now getting results again without being too spectacular."

The side trying to create history this evening will come from this squad.

1. ARTHUR BORUC

Date of birth: 20.02.1980

Place of birth: Siedlce, Poland

The popular Pole signed for Celtic in the summer of 2005 from Legia Warsaw and immediately became a firm fans' favourite. He won the SPL and League Cup during his debut season and was then outstanding as Poland's No.1 at the 2006 World Cup in Germany. An athletic shot-stopper and genuine personality on and off the park, 27-year-old Boruc then continued his superb form in the 2006/07 league and Scottish Cup double

winning campaign. Meanwhile in the Champions League, stunning saves against the likes of Manchester United have cemented his reputation as one of European football's best goalkeepers. He also played for Pogon Siedlce and Dolcan Zabki (loan).

2. ANDREAS HINKEL

Date of birth: 26.03.1982

Place of birth: Backnang, Germany

Joined Celtic in January from Spanish side, Sevilla. The German internationalist, who has won 17 caps for his country, had previously played for VfB Stuttgart and played against Celtic in the 2002/03 UEFA Cup campaign. He made his Hoops debut in the Scottish Cup tie against Stirling Albion at Celtic Park in January 2008 and, having played sixteen games for the Hoops, he's scored one goal, a superb effort in the 3-0 win over Hearts.

3. LEE NAYLOR

Date of birth: 19.03.1980

Place of birth: Walsall, England

During nine years at Wolverhampton Wanderers, Lee Naylor showed his quality at both Championship and Premiership level. After breaking into the first team at Molineux as a 17-year-old, Naylor went on to make over 300 starts for Wolves and was capped at Under 18 and Under 21 level by England. Since moving north in August 2006, the 27-year-old defender has been a revelation for Celtic and was nominated for last season's SPFA Player of the Year award and tipped for a full England call-up. A regular in the side he hasn't played since being injured in the 2-1 victory over Shakhtar Donetsk.

5. GARRY CALDWELL

Date of birth: 12.04.1982

Place of birth: Stirling

The former Hibernian captain and Scotland defender signed a pre-contract deal with Celtic in January 2006 and joined up at the start of last season. Began his career with Newcastle, but was loaned out to Darlington, Hibs, Derby and Coventry City before making a permanent move to Easter Road in January 2004. A versatile defender, who has been deployed as a centre-half, right-back, sweeper and holding midfielder at both club and international level, Caldwell has been a major asset for Gordon Strachan, but injury saw him ruled out for three months of season 2006/07. After returning to fitness, Caldwell's presence helped Celtic clinch the SPL and Scottish Cup. He has been capped 26 times by Scotland.

6. DIANBOBO BALDE

Date of birth: 05.10.1975

Place of birth: Marseille, France

The Guinean internationalist returned to Celtic Park after playing in the 2008 African Cup of Nations, where he helped his country reach the quarter-final of the tournament. Bobo joined Celtic from Toulouse in July 2001. His 2006/07 season ended when he was stretchered off on Boxing Day at Celtic Park against Dundee United with a broken leg. He made his first-team comeback against Dundee United at Tannadice exactly a year to the day of being injured, but has

Celtic Appearances 2007-08

	SPL		SFA Cup		CIS Cup		CL	
	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
Balde	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boruc	29	0	4	0	2	0	9	0
Brown, M	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brown, S	31 [2]	3	3	0	2	0	9	0
Caddis	0 [2]	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Caldwell	34	1	4	1	2	0	9 [1]	0
Conroy	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donati	22 [3]	3	3 [1]	0	2	0	7 [3]	1
Hartley	22 [4]	0	1 [1]	0	1	0	9	1
Hinkel	15	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hutchinson	0 [2]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jarosik	6 [2]	1	0	0	0	0	5	1
Kennedy	5 [2]	0	0	0	2	0	4 [1]	0
Killen	2 [18]	1	0 [1]	0	0 [1]	0	1 [4]	0
McDonald	34 [1]	25	4	3	2	1	8 [2]	2
McGeady	34 [1]	7	4	0	1	0	8 [2]	1
McGowan	0 [1]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McManus	36	4	4	0	2	0	10	1
Miller	1 [1]	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nakamura	23 [2]	6	4	1	0	0	5 [1]	0
Naylor	32	1	3	0	2	0	9	0
O'Brien	0 [1]	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
O'Dea	3 [3]	0	1 [1]	0	0	0	1 [1]	0
Doumbe	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pressley	5	0	0	0	0	0	1 [1]	0
Riordan	2 [6]	10 [1]	0	0	1	0	0 [1]	0
Robson	8 [6]	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Samaras	5 [10]	5	0 [3]	1	0	0	0 [2]	0
Sheridan	0 [1]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sno	3 [9]	0	1 [1]	0	1 [1]	0	0 [5]	0
Vennegoor of H'link	30 [1]	14	4	3	2	1	7 [1]	1
Wilson	8 [2]	0	0	0	0	0	4 [1]	0
Zurawski	1 [4]	0	0	0	0	0	0 [3]	0

only figured three times since.

8. SCOTT BROWN

Date of birth: 25.06.1985

Place of birth: Dunfermline

One of the best young midfielders in British football, Celtic beat off competition from a host of clubs this summer to land the 21-year-old from Hibernian for a fee of more than £4 million - a record transfer between two Scottish clubs. Brown has energy, drive, tenacity, skill and is a real presence in midfield. He can defend and attack and is blessed with a real competitive streak. A product of the Hibs youth system, Scotland internationalist Brown has the potential to become a huge player for Celtic.

9. GEORGIOS SAMARAS

Date of birth: 21.02.1985

Place of birth: Heraklion, Greece

The Greek internationalist joined Celtic on loan from Manchester City until the end of this season in January. He scored on his Hoops debut, coming on as a substitute in the Scottish Cup victory over Kilmarnock at Rugby Park to net one of Celtic's five goals. He also scored in the 2-1 league victory over Inverness Caley Thistle, which was his first goal at Celtic Park. And he came off the bench against Hibernian at Easter Road on March 1 to head home Celtic's second goal in the 2-0 victory. He joined Manchester City from Dutch side Heerenveen, having scored 29 goals in 88 league games for the Dutch club. In 65 appearances for Manchester City, he was on target twelve times. Has also scored three goals for Greece in 12 international games and is hoping to make it into Greece's Euro 2008 squad. Scored the crucial winner in Celtic's recent 2-1 win at Fir Park.

CELTIC'S RECORD THIS SEASON

Aug 5	H	Kilmarnock	SPL	D	0-0
Aug 11	A	Falkirk	SPL	W	4-1
Aug 15	A	Spartak Moscow	CL	D	1-1
Aug 19	A	Aberdeen	SPL	W	3-1
Aug 25	H	Hearts	SPL	W	5-0
Aug 29	H	Spartak Moscow	CL	D	1-1 *
Sept 2	A	St Mirren	SPL	W	5-1
Sept 15	H	Inverness CT	SPL	W	5-0
Sept 23	A	Hibernian	SPL	L	2-3
Sept 26	A	Dundee	CIS 3	W	2-1
Sept 29	H	Dundee United	SPL	W	3-0
Oct 3	H	AC Milan	CL	W	2-1
Oct 7	A	Gretna	SPL	W	2-1
Oct 20	A	Rangers	SPL	L	0-3
Oct 24	A	Benfica	CL	L	0-1
Oct 27	H	Motherwell	SPL	W	3-0
Oct 31	H	Hearts	CIS 4	L	0-3
Nov 3	A	Kilmarnock	SPL	W	2-1
Nov 6	H	Benfica	CL	W	1-0
Nov 24	H	Aberdeen	SPL	W	3-0
Nov 28	H	Shakhtar Donetsk	CL	W	2-1
Dec 1	A	Hearts	SPL	D	1-1
Dec 4	A	AC Milan	CL	L	0-1
Dec 8	H	St Mirren	SPL	D	1-1
Dec 11	H	Falkirk	SPL	W	4-0
Dec 16	A	Inverness CT	SPL	L	2-3
Dec 22	H	Hibernian	SPL	D	1-1
Dec 26	A	Dundee United	SPL	W	2-0
Dec 29	H	Gretna	SPL	W	3-0
Jan 12	H	Stirling Albion	SC4	W	3-0
Jan 19	A	Kilmarnock	SPL	W	1-0
Jan 27	A	Falkirk	SPL	W	1-0
Feb 2	A	Kilmarnock	SC5	W	5-1
Feb 10	A	Aberdeen	SPL	W	5-1
Feb 16	H	Hearts	SPL	W	3-0
Feb 20	H	Barcelona	CL	L	2-3
Feb 24	A	St Mirren	SPL	W	1-0
Feb 27	H	Inverness CT	SPL	W	2-1
Mar 1	A	Hibernian	SPL	W	2-0
Mar 4	A	Barcelona	CL	L	0-1
Mar 9	A	Aberdeen	SC 6	D	1-1
Mar 12	H	Dundee United	SPL	D	0-0
Mar 18	H	Aberdeen	SC 6R	L	0-1
Mar 23	A	Gretna	SPL	W	3-0
Mar 29	A	Rangers	SPL	L	0-1
Apr 5	H	Motherwell	SPL	L	0-1
Apr 13	A	Motherwell	SPL	W	4-1
Apr 16	H	Rangers	SPL	W	2-1
Apr 19	H	Aberdeen	SPL	W	1-0
Apr 27	H	Rangers	SPL	W	3-2
May 3	A	Motherwell	SPL	W	2-1
May 11	H	Hibernian	SPL	W	2-0

* won on penalties

10. JAN VENNEG00R OF HESSELINK

Date of Birth: 7.11.1978

Place of Birth: Oldenzaal, Netherlands

A prolific goalscorer in his native Holland with FC Twente and PSV Eindhoven, the man with the most unusual name in European football was brought to Celtic Park by Gordon Strachan in August 2006. A towering presence in the penalty box and comfortable with the ball at his feet, Vennegoor was a part of the Dutch squad which featured at the 2006 World Cup. A title-winner and Champions League semi-finalist with PSV, the striker finished Celtic's double-winning season as top scorer with 18 goals, despite being hampered by injury. No such problems this term, which has seen him, accumulate 19 goals in all competitions.

11. PAUL HARTLEY

Date of birth: 19.10.1976

Place of birth: Glasgow, Scotland

A lifelong Celtic supporter, Hartley fulfilled a long-held ambition when he joined the Hoops from Hearts on transfer deadline day in January 2007. Having initially begun life as a winger at Hamilton Academicals, Hartley has made progress at every club he has played for (St Johnstone, Hibs, Raith Rovers and Millwall), eventually switching to the role of box-to-box midfielder. A talented and driven presence in the midfield, Hartley is also a Scotland internationalist and capped his first six months as a Hoops player by winning the SPL and Scottish Cup. He scored a vital away goal against Spartak Moscow in the Champions league qualifier, his only strike of the current term.

12. MARK WILSON

Date of birth : 05.06.1984

Place of birth: Glasgow

A former schoolboy international captain and Scotland Under-21 star, right-back Wilson joined Celtic after over 100 first team starts in six years at Dundee United. The 23-year-old fulfilled a lifelong dream when he moved to Celtic Park in January 2006 and showed consistency and maturity as he played a key role in clinching a league and League Cup double in his first season, playing at left and right back. Having suffered a terrible run of injuries during the 2006/07 league and Scottish Cup double winning season, Mark's injury woes have continued this term but he has been involved recently.

15. EVANDER SNO

Date of Birth: 09.04.1987

Place of Birth: Dordrecht, Holland

The 20-year-old Dutchman arrived at Celtic Park in June 2006 after spells with Ajax, Feyenoord and NAC Breda. At Breda he was utilised in no fewer than nine different positions, but Evander (who is named after the former World Heavyweight Champion, Holyfield) was signed by Gordon Strachan primarily as a holding midfielder. He made a major impact in the SPL and Champions League last season before his campaign was cruelly cut short by injury. Sno is now fully fit and has featured in 21 games so far this term, though 17 of those have been from the bench.

18. MASSIMO DONATI

Date of birth: 20.02.1980

Place of birth: Sedegliano, Italy

One of Gordon Strachan's key signings for the 2007/08 campaign, midfielder Donati was brought to the club from AC Milan in June. At one point regarded as one of the most exciting young players in Italian football, the 27-year-old rose to prominence with Atalanta, where he set a new record for Italian Under-21 caps, before his €10million move to the San Siro in 2001. Loan spells at Parma, Torino, Sampdoria and Messina followed, but the Italian has fulfilled his craving for regular first team football with Celtic, though his last appearance was the 1-0 win over Aberdeen last month.

19. BARRY ROBSON

Date of birth: 07.11.1978

Place of birth: Aberdeen

As all Tannadice fans know only too well, Barry left Tannadice during the January transfer window and has already made it into the Celtic history books after scoring with his first ever touch as a Celtic player – in the 5-1 victory over Aberdeen at Pittodrie. Barry, who shares a birthday with Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, began his career at Rangers, though he didn't make any first-team appearances for the Ibrox side. He moved to Inverness Caley Thistle in 1997, and was transferred to Dundee United six years later. As also been capped once by Scotland – against South Africa in August 2007. Barry has been on target three times for Celtic in his 15 appearances, and he has been in the starting XI for the last six games. That makes his season's tally 15 goals, which includes his 12 for United. Was one of four players nominated for the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association Player of the Year Award.

21. MARK BROWN

Date of birth: 28.02.1981

Place of birth: Motherwell, Scotland

The highly-rated shotstopper started his career with Rangers before moving to Motherwell in 2001. At Fir Park, he enhanced his reputation and showed considerable strength of character when financial troubles at the Lanarkshire club forced him to move on. Inverness Caledonian Thistle was his next destination and it was in the Highlands that Brown emerged as one of the SPL's most consistent shotstoppers. His stunning form caught the eye of Celtic manager Gordon Strachan and Brown was brought to the club in January 2007, making his debut in the final league game of the season against Hibernian in May. Filled in for Boruc at the start of the season and performed heroics in the away UEFA Champions league qualifier with Spartak Moscow. Has been between the sticks for eight SPL games this term.

25. SHUNSUKE NAKAMURA

Date of birth: 24.06.1978

Place of birth: Kanagawa, Japan

Arguably the biggest sporting star in his native Japan, Naka has impressed the Celtic supporters with his flair, vision and ability since his move from Reggina in Italy in July 2005. The 29-year-old extended his Celtic contract during the 2006 World Cup and last

season played a key role for the club in Europe and in the domestic competitions – with his memorable free kicks (home and away) against Manchester United lighting up the Champions League arena. As a result, the free-kick expert was named Player of the Year by his team-mates, Celtic fans, football writers, fellow professionals and SPL sponsors. Naka again started the new season in impressive fashion, scoring several spectacular goals, but was sidelined with an injury for almost three months before returning early in the New Year.

27. SCOTT McDONALD

Date of Birth: 21.8.1983

Place of Birth: Melbourne, Australia

The Australian striker was one of Celtic's summer signings – lured to Glasgow after three prolific years at Motherwell. Son of Scottish parents, native of Melbourne McDonald had a spell working under Gordon Strachan at Southampton before moving north to Fir Park. At Motherwell, he made his name as one of the best strikers in the SPL and was rewarded with a move to his boyhood heroes. Has broken into the Australian International side and has a massive future ahead of him. Has been a revelation, scoring 30 times including two hat tricks – one of which was in the first meeting with United.

33. CHRIS KILLEN

Date of Birth: 8.10.1981

Place of Birth: Wellington, New Zealand

Another summer signing, 25-year-old Killen is a New Zealand internationalist and gives Celtic a real physical presence up front. He first played in Britain with Manchester City, before arriving at Hibernian, via Oldham. In the SPL, he became a regular scorer for Hibs and Gordon Strachan wasted no time in snapping him up when he became available on a Bosman during the summer. The antipodean's only goal so far came in the 2-1 win away to Gretna.

46. AIDEN MCGEADY

Date of Birth: 4.4.1986

Place of Birth: Glasgow

The Irish internationalist announced his arrival on the first-team scene with a



Aiden McGeady

spectacular debut goal and man-of-the-match winning performance at Tynecastle against Hearts in 2004. Since that date McGeady has made steady progress and has shown that he is capable, with his many tricks and flicks, of winning games at Champions League and domestic level. He has been named as Celtic's Young Player of the Year for the last three seasons and was also nominated for the SPFA Young Player of the Year last year. At only 21, he has made over 100 appearances and Aiden recently signed a long-term deal with Celtic. Has played a pivotal role for Celtic this season and Particularly during their European games. Not renowned for a goal scorer he bagged a hat-trick in the 4-0 win over Falkirk and has hit the back of the net eight times this term.

44. STEPHEN McMANUS

Date of birth: 10.09.1982

Place of birth: Lanark

One of the real success stories of Gordon Strachan's first season in charge, 'Mick' McManus forced his way into the team in the opening weeks of the campaign and went on to become an ever-present in the championship-winning side. The affable big centre-half is an uncompromising figure in defence and continued his progress in season 2006/07, even taking on the captain's role in the absence of Neil Lennon. He was also outstanding in the Champions League and is now a Scotland regular. At just 25, he has a full collection of domestic medals and the presence and ability to be the cornerstone of this Celtic side for years to come. Has missed only one of Celtic's 53 competitive matches this term.

48. DARREN O'DEA

Date of birth: 04.02.1987

Place of birth: Dublin, Ireland

A powerful and physical presence in the heart of several title and cup winning reserves and Under-19 defences, O'Dea is one of many talented defenders to have emerged from the Celtic Youth Academy. An Irish youth and under-21 internationalist, O'Dea made a major breakthrough last season and excelled in the Champions League against AC Milan. He was rewarded for those fine displays with a new long-term deal and finished the campaign with his first SPL medal. Darren has a massive future ahead of him and has featured in ten games this season.

52. PAUL CADDIS

Date of birth: 19.04.1988

Place of birth: Irvine

Attended St Joseph's Academy until June 2004 when he joined Celtic. The full-back's progress was quick and he was on the bench for the final game of last season. Made his competitive debut coming on as a substitute in Celtic's 1-0 victory away at Falkirk in January, started his first game for Celtic on February 2, 2008 against Kilmarnock in the Scottish Cup. Ironically, his first start came at the town where he grew up. He assisted Scott McDonald for the first goal in a 5-1 rout against Kilmarnock. Made his home debut on February 20, 2008 against FC Barcelona in the Champions League Last 16 First Leg fixture.

Match Report

The Clydesdale Bank Premier League – 35th Match



Date Saturday 26 April 2008

Kick-off 12.30 pm

Venue Fir Park

Referee Kenny Clark

Attendance 5,027



MOTHERWELL DUNDEE UNITED



SCORERS... MOTHERWELL: Porter 2

UNITED: Craigan own goal, Wilkie

It was no real coincidence that all four goals in this hard fought 2-2 draw came from headers, as both sets of players struggled to play football on an atrocious playing surface. A swirling wind added to their difficulties as the game wore on and as a direct consequence the match never lived up to that expected from two sides vying for the third spot in the SPL and European football which accompanies it.

A late equaliser from Lee Wilkie gave United a deserved share of the spoils based on their first half showing and a never say die attitude, but ironically the much maligned pitch came to their rescue in added time when Lasley was unable to control the ball as it bobbed when put straight through on goal.

Preferred Jon Daly to Mark de Vries in attack, Danny Grainger slotted in as a straight replacement for the injured Christian Kalvenes. Darren Dods retained his position in central defence after recovering from injury.

Perhaps mindful of being overrun in the opening stages of the last

meeting between the sides at Fir Park when Motherwell were 3-0 up after just 17 minutes, United started with real purpose and seemed to be camped in their opponents half for almost all of the opening 17 minutes this time around.

Willo Flood forced a great finger tip save from Smith in just four minutes, while efforts from Daly, Dods and Flood again were all charged down as a tenacious United side took complete control of the game.

Inability to turn their early supremacy into goals came to haunt United when, totally against the run of play, Motherwell took the lead. In their first attack of note, a long ball from defence saw Clarkson inadvertently nudge a speculative cross from Hughes on to Porter, who had the easiest of tasks to head home from a suspiciously offside position.

The goal gave Motherwell a lift much of their threat came from long lofted balls over the top of the defence, a tactic no doubt perfected to avoid using the playing surface wherever possible.

As the first half wore on, United came back into the game, with a good effort by Hunt forced away for a corner and a Lee Wilkie header drifting narrowly past.

With Well looking as though they would survive to half time, United got a slice of luck that their perseverance merited. Hunt nodded Gomis's right footed cross from the left towards goal and Stephen Craigan, under pressure from Jon Daly, headed beyond his own goalkeeper for a deserved equaliser.

In complete contrast to the first, the home side took charge at the start of the second, forcing United into mistakes that heaped pressure on the defence. After five minutes of sustained pressure, Clarkson won the softest of awards near the goal-line on the left edge of the box by theatrically throwing his hands in the air when



Gomis did little more than jockey him towards the corner. McCormick blasted a wicked free-kick across goal and Porter headed home at the back post from no more than a yard.

With both sides struggling with the conditions, Motherwell appeared content with their narrow lead and United seemed unable to create any real chances to threaten it.

However, just four minutes remaining and both sides seemingly devoid of ideas, United fashioned an unlikely but deserved equaliser.

Danny Grainger's long throw from the right from was nodded on by Darren Dods and captain Lee Wilkie rose above everyone to place his header beyond Smith into the top corner of the net.

That gave United new impetus and it was the visitors who now searched for the winner, with Motherwell now forced to protect a potentially crucial point. However deep in added time, this nearly backfired on United.

With most players pushed forward, Dillon was robbed of possession on the half way line allowing Clarkson to put Lasley straight through on goal. Fortunately, the wicked surface came to the rescue as the midfielder blazed his shot wide of the target!



Dundee United Website Man of the Match

There were several good performers, Hunt and Gomis to mention two, but **Willo Flood** couldn't have given more for the cause, and, particularly in the first half, was United's most dangerous player.

Noel Hunt isn't saluting Paul Quinn, but just protecting himself as the Motherwell skipper tries to cut out this cross. (above)

Morgaro Gomis leaves Motherwell defender Bob Malcolm trailing in his wake. (far left)

Lee Wilkie's header is netbound for a point-saving goal. (below)

Pictures courtesy of Kara Griffiths Photography

THE TEAMS

Motherwell

G Smith, Quinn (c) ■ 68, Hammell, Reynolds, Craigan, Hughes (Fitzpatrick 45), Malcolm, Lappin (McLean 88), Porter ■ 90, McCormack (Lasley 84), Clarkson.

Subs not used: Daniels, McGarry, D Smith, Murphy.

United

Zaluska, Dillon ■ 29, Wilkie (c) ■ 70, Dods, Grainger, Flood, Kerr ■ 76 (Conway 77), D Robertson (O'Brien 63), Gomis, Hunt, Daly (de Vries 86).

Subs not used: McLean, Kenneth, Kovacevic, Ryan McCord.



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An occasional sideways glance at quirky football facts

Drawing - a blank!

The one-one draw with Hibernian in our last home match meant that the points have been shared in each of the four SPL meetings with the Edinburgh club this season. That has led to Arabs wondering whether such a sequence has ever occurred before.

We can't speak for matches involving other clubs, but it has happened to United - in season 1988/89, in our meetings with Hearts. But there's more to it than that, because not only did the four league matches with the other club from the capital end all-square, not only was the scoreline the same in each one, but not a single goal was scored because every one ended goal-less!

That's unique in the history of the Premier Division and SPL, but the remarkable story doesn't end there... because both clubs had also drawn a blank in the final meeting of 1987/88, meaning there were five consecutive Hearts-United league games without a goal being scored. Just to illustrate how well-matched the clubs were at the time, that sequence was book-ended by 1-1 draws, so seven consecutive league meetings between the clubs failed to produce a winner, which is certainly a United record against any opponent.

The corner store vs. the supermarket

The fact that Celtic's 1967 European Cup-winning team was made up entirely of players born within a 30-mile radius of the city is well-documented. It's always been assumed that the Lisbon Lions were unique in that regard but, though it seems that remains the case as far as Europe's premier competition is concerned, it doesn't extend to all winners of a European trophy.

In fact, just seven years after Celtic's historic achievement, it was matched in the European Cup Winners' Cup final. The 1973/74 trophy was won by DDR Oberliga (East German League) side 1FC Magdeburg, who beat AC Milan 2-0 in Rotterdam - with a team containing players who were all from

the Magdeburg area of Saxony-Anhalt.

It's highly improbable that will ever be repeated, given the now-established trend of top clubs signing players from all corners of the globe. But one club that might achieve it some day is Athletic Club Bilbao, if they maintain their "cantera" (meaning catchment area) policy, whereby players are recruited solely from the



Basque country, including the part that's in France. Although the Basque region is larger in geographical terms than the greater Glasgow area, its population is similar, at around two and a half million people.

The club have not won a domestic trophy since their La Liga/Copa del Rey double in 1984, but they've played in the Uefa Cup on several occasions and, like United, have narrowly missed out on qualification for next season's competition.

Following the crowd

The latest available figures (go to european-football-statistics.co.uk) for people attending football matches at the top level show that in Scotland we punch above our weight. These are the leading twelve average attendances at national leagues across Europe:

Bundesliga 39,045; FA Premier League 36,010; La Liga 30,025; Serie A 22,597; Ligue 1 21,329; Eredivisie (Holland) 18,116; SPL 15,858; Rosgosstrakh (Russia) 13,543; Jupiler League (Belgium) 11,232; Liga Portuguesa 11,213; Axpo Super League (Switzerland) 11,064; Tippeligaen (Norway) 10,485

To finish seventh in Europe is a quite a feat, given that there are only 5 million of us, though there's a case to be made for excluding the distorting factor of the Old Firm's figures, given that a considerable number of their fans travel from outside Scotland. If that is done, the



figure for the SPL would be 7970 (this season, which would place us fifteenth, below Sweden, Austria and Denmark. Taking population into account, only Norway has a higher proportion of its citizens watching top level football.



The Bundesliga attracts the highest attendances in Europe and last week United's old rivals Borussia Moenchengladbach celebrated returning to it. The banner reads "Back home - thanks for your support"

Derby Days

With Dundee's bid to return to the SPL having fallen short again, city derbies will remain on hold for at least another season. But why is a derby match called that?

It seems the term is derived from the horse race known as the Derby Stakes.

First run in 1780, it was named after the Earl of Derby and soon became established as the high point of the racing season, part of the meeting at Epsom in June. Its prominence was such that other classic races were named after it (such as the Kentucky Derby) and Derby day, the day of the race, developed into a hugely popular event and a big day out for Londoners, a public holiday in all but name.

By the start of the 20th century, as football became established and overtook racing as the most popular spectator sport, the word took on a wider use and it came to be applied to a fixture between two local sides, hence the now established term "a local derby".

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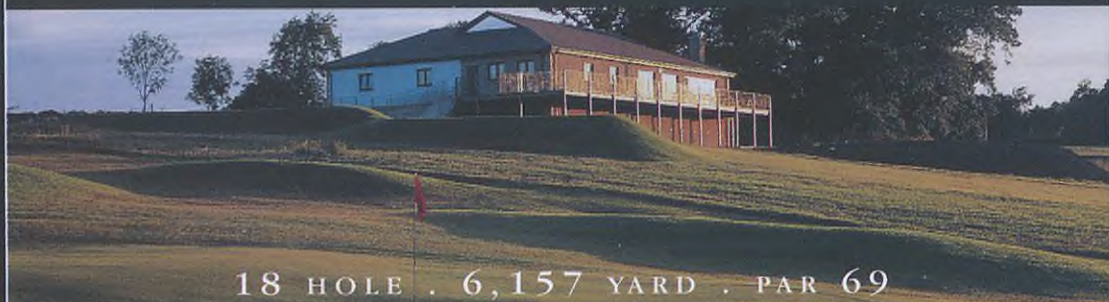
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Home and Away

Today's other eleven-a-side challenge involving United and Celtic!

Home

1. The most recent United goal against Celtic came in the 1-1 draw at Tannadice in April 2007. Who was the scorer?
2. For which country did the former United and Celtic striker Tommy Coyne play in the 1994 World Cup finals?
3. Who kept goal for United in the first two SPL meetings with Celtic this season?
4. When United and Celtic met in the 1997 Scottish League Cup Final where was the match played?
5. Which SFL Third Division club does the former United and Celtic midfielder Jim McNally (right) now manage?
6. United's goalscorer against Celtic in the 1988 Scottish Cup final had a grandfather who is one of the all-time Celtic legends. Can you name them both?
7. Who was the English striker who played against Celtic on their last visit to Tannadice in December, but left the club the following month?
8. Who was the United midfielder for whom Celtic paid £650,000 in 1996?
9. What was the score when the clubs last met, at Celtic Park in March? And ...
10. Who was the United defender who made his first team debut in that match and then held his place for the CIS Cup final four days later?
11. It was following a sensational 4-3 Scottish Cup win over Celtic by then Second Division United that the nickname The Terrors was coined. Did that match take place in 1949, 1959 or 1969?



Where is he now?
See Q5

Away

1. If Celtic win the SPL championship this afternoon it will be their third in a row. How often has the club achieved the hat-trick since the Premier Division was established in 1975?
2. Can you name the three former United players in the current Celtic squad?
3. Which club eliminated Celtic from the CIS Cup this season?
4. Prior to this season, when did Celtic last fail to appear in at least one of the domestic cup finals?
5. Barry Robson did it for United against Rangers last October and he did it for Celtic against Rangers last month. What?
6. From which English Premier League club did striker Georgios Samaras join Celtic on loan in January?
7. The record transfer fee received by Celtic is £4.7m, from Sheffield Wednesday in 1997. Who was the player involved?
8. Andreas Hinkel is a German international, but in which country was he playing when signed by Celtic in January?
9. Who was the Celtic manager when the club became League champions after a nine-year wait in 1998?
10. Which clubs were in Celtic's Champions League section this season?
11. Who scored Celtic's goals in their 2-0 win at Tannadice last December?



It's all Greek to him...
see Q6

QUIZ ANSWERS - Home

1. Jon Daly; 2. Republic of Ireland; 3. Grzegorz Szamotulski; 4. Ibrox; 5. East Stirlingshire; 6. Kevin and Patsy Gallacher; 7. Jordan Robertson; 8. David Hannah; 9. The match ended goal-less; 10. Michael Kovacevic; 11. 1949.

QUIZ ANSWERS - Away

1. They have never previously achieved it; 2. Steven Pressley, Barry Robson and Mark Wilson; 3. Hearts won 2-0 at Celtic Park in the 4th round; 4. Season 1996/97; 5. He scored the winning goal from a penalty; 6. Manchester City; 7. Paolo Di Canio; 8. Spain; with Sevilla; 9. Wim Jansen; 10. AC Milan, Benfica and Shakhtar Donetsk; 11. Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink and Stephen McManus.

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Attendances...and cautions

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average	Yellow	Red
Aberdeen	222,368	17,798	8,240	11,704	56	0
Dundee Utd	148,462	12,496	5,845	8,248	49	10
Falkirk	105,785	6,803	4,490	5,568	41	7
Celtic	1,076,858	60,000	45,000	56,677	60	1
Rangers	933,723	50,440	47,419	49,143	47	4
Gretna	47,454	7,031	431	2,636	65	4
Hearts	302,238	17,131	10,512	15,907	74	9
Hibernian	255,953	17,015	11,692	14,220	67	9
Inverness	90,302	7,753	3,420	4,753	49	5
Kilmarnock	117,442	11,544	4,086	6,181	63	4
Motherwell	125,377	10,445	4,259	6,599	63	1
St Mirren	86,400	7,840	3,163	4,547	60	5

Attendances & cards are ordered alphabetically

Form guide...results so far

Club	W	D	L	For	Agst	Pts	GI Diff	Sequence
Celtic	6	0	0	14	5	18	9	WWWWWWW
Aberdeen	4	0	2	11	9	12	2	LWWLWW
Rangers	3	2	1	10	5	11	5	WDWWDL
Inverness	3	1	2	12	5	10	7	DLWLWW
Kilmarnock	2	2	2	5	6	8	-1	WWLDL
St Mirren	2	2	2	4	6	8	-2	LDDWLL
Falkirk	2	1	3	6	7	7	-1	LWWL
Hearts	2	1	3	5	7	7	-2	LLLWWD
Gretna	1	4	1	3	7	7	-4	WDLDD
Hibernian	1	2	3	4	6	5	-2	LDLDWL
Motherwell	1	2	3	7	11	5	-4	DWLLDL
Dundee Utd	0	3	3	8	12	3	-4	LLDDDL

Ordered by points gained over games so far this season. Most recent result to right of sequence.

Ratios...and records

 Best goalkeeping Total goals conceded Opposition shots on target Percentage of shots saved	Hibernian 43 255 83.1	Highest Attendance Celtic v Kilmarnock 431	60,000
 Best strike Total goals scored Shots on target Percentage of shots scored	Celtic 83 271 30.6	Lowest Attendance Gretna v Inverness	431
 Worst goalkeeping Total goals conceded Opposition shots on target Percentage of shots saved	Gretna 83 241 65.6	Average Gate	16,631
 Worst strike Total goals scored Shots on target Percentage of shots scored	St Mirren 26 153 17.0	Aggregate Attendance	3,425,962
		Total Games	225
		Home Wins	113 (50%)
		Away Wins	64 (28%)
		Draws	48 (21%)
		1-1 Draws	26 (12%)
		0-0 Draws	16 (7%)
		Total Cards	Yellow 634 Red 54

Top...scorers

Scorer	Club	SPL	CIS	SFA	EU	Tot	Gms	Ave
Scott McDonald	Celtic	25	1	3	2	31	51	0.61
Kris Boyd	Rangers	14	5	4	0	23	38	0.61
Jan Venneoor of Hesselink	Celtic	14	1	3	1	19	45	0.42
Chris Porter	Motherwell	14	2	2	0	18	41	0.44
Noel Hunt	Dundee Utd	13	5	0	0	18	43	0.42
Nacho Novo	Rangers	10	2	2	2	16	47	0.34
Jean-Claude Darcheville	Rangers	12	1	0	2	15	45	0.33
Andrius Velicka	Hearts	11	2	1	0	14	26	0.54
Steven Fletcher	Hibernian	13	1	0	0	14	34	0.41
David Clarkson	Motherwell	12	1	0	0	13	41	0.32
Barry Robson	Dundee Utd	11	0	1	0	12	24	0.50
Daniel Cousin	Rangers	10	0	0	2	12	41	0.29
Lee Miller	Aberdeen	11	1	0	0	12	51	0.24



Celtic's Scott McDonald is the SPL's top scorer with 31 goals in 51 games this season.

SPL...goalscoring

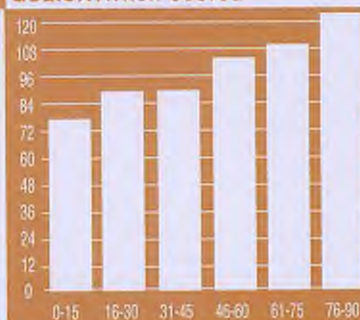
Goals in...first 15 minutes

Club	Scored			Conceded		
	0-15	Total	%	0-15	Total	%
Aberdeen	2	48	4.2	8	58	13.8
Dundee Utd	4	53	7.5	8	46	17.4
Falkirk	9	45	20.0	7	49	14.3
Celtic	7	83	8.4	2	26	7.7
Rangers	8	84	9.5	2	31	6.5
Gretna	3	32	9.4	9	83	10.8
Hearts	7	47	14.9	4	55	7.3
Hibernian	12	49	24.5	5	43	11.6
Inverness	6	51	11.8	11	62	17.7
Kilmarnock	4	39	10.3	9	52	17.3
Motherwell	11	48	22.9	3	46	6.5
St Mirren	4	26	15.4	9	54	16.7

Goals from...set piece routines

Club	Scored			Conceded		
	Corner	FK	Tot	Corner	FK	Tot
Aberdeen	7	3	10	5	6	11
Dundee Utd	3	5	8	3	4	7
Falkirk	3	3	6	3	3	6
Celtic	6	8	16	3	2	5
Rangers	10	5	15	4	3	7
Gretna	5	5	10	8	4	12
Hearts	8	4	12	7	5	12
Hibernian	2	2	4	3	4	7
Inverness	3	4	7	5	6	11
Kilmarnock	4	3	7	5	3	8
Motherwell	4	3	7	6	4	12
St Mirren	3	1	4	6	2	8

Goals...when scored



Goals in...last 15 minutes

Club	Scored			Conceded		
	76-90	Total	%	76-90	Total	%
Aberdeen	9	48	18.8	12	58	20.7
Dundee Utd	17	53	32.1	11	46	23.9
Falkirk	8	45	17.8	16	49	32.7
Celtic	19	83	22.9	3	26	11.5
Rangers	20	84	23.8	5	31	16.1
Gretna	9	32	28.1	15	83	18.1
Hearts	10	47	21.3	18	55	32.7
Hibernian	13	49	26.5	9	43	20.9
Inverness	10	51	19.6	13	62	21.0
Kilmarnock	10	39	25.6	11	52	21.2
Motherwell	7	48	14.6	11	46	23.9
St Mirren	6	26	23.1	14	54	25.9

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11/09/07	Inverness CT (A)	L	2-5
18/09/07	Falkirk (H)	L	0-1
02/10/07	Gretna (A)	L	0-2
05/11/07	Rangers (H)	L	1-4
27/11/07	Kilmarnock (H)	W	5-2
04/12/07	Hibernian (A)	L	1-5
Winter Break			
23/01/08	Motherwell (H)	D	1-1
30/01/07	Celtic (H)	L	1-2
06/02/08	Inverness (H)	L	0-2
26/02/08	Gretna (H)	W	4-1
18/03/08	Hearts (H)	W	4-1
25/03/08	St Mirren (H)	L	1-2
09/04/08	Aberdeen (H)	W	4-1
15/04/07	Aberdeen (A)	D	1-1
21/04/07	Hearts (A)	W	3-1
30/04/08	Falkirk (A)	W	6-2
02/05/08	Motherwell (A)	W	1-0
06/05/08	St Mirren (A)	D	2-2
08/05/08	Celtic (A)	L	0-6
12/05/08	Rangers (A)	W	1-0

APPEARANCES & GOALSCORERS 2007-08

	Apps	Goals
Allan	1 (1)	-
Anderson	5 (1)	-
Andreoni	2	-
Brophy	1 (1)	-
Buaben	8	-
Camara	4	-
Cameron	7	1
Conway	5	4
Daly	6	6
de Vries	1	-
Dillon	2	-
Dods	1	0
Dow	5 (3)	1
Duff	6	-
Easton	- (1)	-
Fleming	14 (2)	1
Flood	1	-
Gibson	3	-
Goodwillie	5	2
Grainger	2	-
Kenneth	9	1
Kerr	4	-
Kovacevic	8	-
Lee	- (1)	-
Love	- (1)	-
McCord, Ross	4 (7)	1
McCord, Ryan	14 (4)	2 (1p)
McGrath	7 (3)	-
McLean	13	-
Mathieson	2	-
Mitigan	14 (1)	1
O'Brien	4	1
Odhiambo	8	6
Paterson	9 (1)	-
Pope	17	-
Proctor	2	-
Robb	11	-
Robertson D	5	1
Robertson J	1	2
Robson	1	-
Russell J	9 (6)	7
Russell W	2	-
Smith K	5 (2)	2
Smith R	1	1
Swanson	7	1
Zaluska	2	-
Own Goal	-	1

Tinted players have left the club

Second Take

It has been a bizarre end to the season with the final seven games all having been played away from home. Ironically, that safari has brought the best spell of the campaign with 14 points taken from a possible 21 leading to the reserves finishing sixth. The first game of the end of season 'tour' - away to Aberdeen - was covered in our last issue and with so many games to review, and limited space, here is a brief synopsis of those final six games.

Two quick goals early in the second half set the side on the way to a comfortable win over their Tynecastle counterparts at Stirling.

If there was a distinct end of season feel about a rather lifeless first period, United restarted with a great deal more purpose, which was soon rewarded.

Just five minutes of the second half gone, Jim O'Brien cut in from right and sprayed the ball wide to Craig Conway on the left and Kevin Smith headed his cross in at the near post.

Three minutes later, Eric Odhiambo steered the ball across the six-yard box for Conway to net at the far post.

On seventy minutes, United broke quickly and after good work by Kevin Smith down the right, he turned the ball inside to Conway who drilled home his second of the match from the edge of the box.

Four minutes from time, Hearts caught the United defence napping with a quick free-kick being played into Sean Mackle who found the net with an angled shot across the keeper from 16 yards.

Next up was the last competitive game to be played at Firs Park, East Stirling's home, and United's outstanding performance brought the biggest win of the campaign.

They set their stall out by scoring in the second minute, having already missed a penalty - Eric

Odhiambo was brought down, but Jim O'Brien's spot-kick was saved.

However from the ensuing corner, Kieran Staunton, under pressure from Mihael Kovacevic, put the ball past his own keeper.

Just after the mid-point of the first half, Odhiambo's cool right-foot finished from 12 yards doubled the lead after being set up by Prince Buaben.

The only surprise as shots rained in on home keeper Robert Olejnik was that was how the score stood at the interval.

Both Craig Conway and Jim O'Brien hit the woodwork, but a third was only delayed, Odhiambo again finishing stylishly after 57 minutes, but this time with his left following a great Conway run.

Four minutes later, Kevin Smith added a fourth with a looping header from Ryan McCord's cross from the left.

Carelessness temporarily crept into United's play, and they were punished for it as the home side pulled two back through Mark Stewart and substitute Laing.

However, stung into action, Johnny Russell's superbly judged lob went in off the underside of the crossbar for the fifth and three minutes later, Jim O'Brien rounded off the victory in style; hammering home Odhiambo's cut-back.

Because the Motherwell game at Almondvale was played 48-hours later, it was contested by two very young sides.

Generally, there were few chances, but United's winner midway through the first half came after a spell of intensive pressure resulting in three corners in rapid succession.

Indeed, Smith almost scored from the first one. Gordon Pope then had a header cleared off the line and from the resulting corner Smith headed high into the roof of the net from 12-yards.

Fittingly, it came from a Sean Fleming corner, because like Smith, he had too had an



outstanding game.

Overall, it was a very good team effort from the visitors against an equally young Motherwell side, who would have snatched a draw right at the death, but for an outstanding one-handed save by United keeper John Gibson.

The next two games went along way to determining that Celtic ended the season as champions.

Holding St Mirren, the then leaders, put a real spoke in their title hopes.

However, a draw was no less than the Love Street visitors deserved.

Slightly below par in the first half, the lads really got the act together in the second half when they were much the better team.

Indeed, they passed up a whole host of chances before finally getting an overdue equaliser ten minutes from time.

United went in front after only 5 minutes when Saints keeper Chris Smith ceded possession as he was closed down by Kevin Smith who fed Eric Odhiambo who was left with a simple tap in.

A Mark Docherty double either side of the break then put the home side in front.

However, United's onslaught finally brought its reward when a corner fell to Sean Fleming and the full back's angled drive found its way into the net through a forest of legs.

With the fixtures coming thick and fast, the match against the ultimate champions at Airdrie was a complete mismatch as Celtic steam-rollered their way to a victory.

In the searing heat, a very young Tannadice team toiled terribly against vastly more experienced opponents.

Whilst United effectively had virtually no first team experience, by contrast Celtic bristled with it, including Caddis, Doumbe, O'Dea, Sno, Brown and Killen in their ranks.

Koki Mizuno opened the floodgates with a stunning free-kick and doubles from Chris Killen and Darren O'Dea had Celtic cruising. Diarmuid O'Carroll rounded off the scoring

five minutes from time with the only goal from open play, the rest coming from set pieces.

Despite the huge gulf, the Tangerines stuck manfully to their task and kept their shape and discipline, though understandable tired badly in the latter stages.

The season finally came to an end at Ibrox 48 hours after the first team's controversial visit and in an eerily empty Ibrox, the lads brought the curtain down on their season with a narrow victory at the end of a closely fought contest.

The all-important goal came with fifteen minutes left when Steven Robb skipped past two defenders as he drove in from the left to fire in a shot that the keeper blocked.

However, Eric Odhiambo was on hand to crash home the loose ball from close range.

There was a distinct end of season feel to the first half.

The only real chance fell to Rangers' Andrew Shinnie who headed a shot from Paul Emslie past the post when it seemed easier to score after 40 minutes.

The second half action was mercifully more expansive.

Early on Prince Buaben saw his effort held by keeper Scott Gallacher and almost immediately a Rory Loy angled drive was beaten away by keeper Euan McLean.

Very shortly after United had gone ahead, Prince Buaben played a one-two with Kevin Smith, but the Ghanaian's first time shot was saved.

The only threat to a Tangerine victory came five minutes from the end when substitute Chris Craig blasted a Loy cutback narrowly over.

SPL Reserve League - Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Celtic	22	15	3	4	56	18	48	38
Inverness CT	22	14	1	7	50	36	43	14
St Mirren	22	13	3	6	43	26	42	17
Hibernian	22	12	1	9	48	35	37	13
Rangers	22	9	5	8	43	40	32	3
United	22	9	3	10	42	45	30	-3
Kilmarnock	22	8	5	9	29	39	29	-10
Hearts	22	7	7	8	34	31	28	3
Aberdeen	22	6	8	8	33	37	26	-4
Motherwell	22	6	7	9	27	34	25	-7
Falkirk	22	6	4	12	25	44	22	-19
Gretna	22	2	3	17	14	59	9	-45

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United (0) 3

K Smith 50, Conway 2 (53 & 70)

Team: Camara, Kovacevic, Kenneth, McGrath, Robb, O'Brien, Swanson (Ryan McCord 80), Buaben, Conway, K Smith (J Russell 80), Odhiambo. **Substitutes not used:** Gibson, Fleming

Wednesday, 30 April 2008

SPL Reserve League

@ Firs Park, Falkirk

Falkirk (0) 2

Stewart 74, Laing 76

United (2) 6

Staunton own goal 2, Odhiambo 2 (23 & 57), K Smith 61, J Russell 85, O'Brien 87

Team: McLean, Kovacevic, Kenneth, Pope, Robb, Conway, Buaben, Ryan McCord, O'Brien, Odhiambo, K Smith (J Russell 75). **Subs not used:** Gibson, Fleming, Anderson.

Friday, 2 May 2008

SPL Reserve League

@ Almondvale, Livingston

Motherwell (0) 0

United (1) 1

R Smith 23

Team: Gibson, W Russell, Fleming, R Smith, Pope, Ryan McCord, Allan, Anderson, Mathieson, Ross McCord (K Smith 77), Dow (Lee 89).

Subs not used: J Russell.

Tuesday, 6 May 2008

SPL Reserve League

@ Love Street, Paisley

St Mirren (1) 2

Docherty 2 (27 & 47)

United (1) 2

Odhiambo 5, Fleming 78

Team: McLean, Milligan, Kenneth (Ross McCord 78), Pope, Fleming, Ryan McCord, Buaben, Robertson, Robb, K Smith, Odhiambo (J Russell 75).

Subs not used: Gibson, Anderson

Thursday, 8 May 2008

SPL Reserve League

@ New Broomfield, Airdrie

Celtic (3) 6

Mizuno 8, Killen 2 (18, 65), O'Dea 2 (25, 95), O'Carroll (83)

United (0) 0

Team: Gibson, Milligan, Fleming, Mathieson, Pope, Ryan McCord, W Russell, Anderson, J Russell, Ross McCord, Paterson.

Sub not used: Dow, Nelson.

Monday, 12 May 2008

SPL Reserve League

@ Ibrox Stadium,

Rangers (0) 0

United (0) 1

Odhiambo 75

Team: McLean, Milligan, Fleming, Pope, Kenneth, Ryan McCord, Swanson, Buaben, Smith, Odhiambo (J Russell 76), Robb.

Subs not used: Gibson, Ross McCord, Mathieson, Anderson, W Russell.



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Player Profile

He would love to have been here to say good-bye in person, but the extension of the season prevented Christian Kalvenes from returning to say good-bye as planned. Ideally, he would have preferred to have been involved in a game of tonight's significance, but he tore his medial ligaments in the game against Hibs and with his contract up at the end of the season, the full-back is now back in his native Norway.

Had football been the only consideration, then Christian confirmed that the only place he would finish his career would have been at Tannadice.

However, because of his young family, he decided to return home.

And he admits that it is a blow to be leaving behind a team that he genuinely feels can only go from strength to strength under Craig Levein.

"Basically, I'm very sad to have left, but sometimes decisions are not down to your own wishes, but are for your family," said the fans' favourite.

"I've loved being a Dundee United player - it was the best period of my career - and I think I am leaving at time when things are very good for the club.

"It was my intention to come back and go out on the pitch to say thank you to everyone, but the change of date made it impossible to come back."

If he had it would undoubtedly have been a tearful farewell with Christian admitting, "I cannot think of one thing about this country I will not miss and I will have very happy memories of United.

He added "From a career point of view, I will not forget the day Craig Levein walked in because, since then, the team has improved continuously and it has been great to be part of.

"Hence the reason I am so disappointed not to be here tonight for one last time to say goodbye to everyone personally."

It was a little under two years ago that Christian, on the recommendation of then Brann Bergen colleague and former United midfielder Charlie Miller, arrived in Scotland and over the course of the next 22 months, there has never been a dull moment.

One of the main attractions for Christian here was playing in front of big crowds and he did that from day one as well as making the headlines on his debut at Ibrox.

"That first match at Ibrox was really something else. It was the first time that I had played in front of such a big crowd and to score which



Christian Kalvenes

Squad Number :

3

Position :

Left full back

Birthplace :

Bergen, Norway

Date of Birth :

8 March 1977

Height :

5ft 11

Weight :

11st

Previous Clubs :

Varegg, Brann, Asane, Sognal, Brann

Date signed :

2 August 2006

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5 August 2006 v Rangers in the SPL

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Christian KALVENES





I don't do very often made it one of the greatest days of my career.

"It was Paul le Guen's first game in charge at Ibrox and we silenced the crowd, especially when I scored the second.

"The only thing to spoil the afternoon was Rangers fighting back to snatch a point."

Very much a fans favourite, Christian's whole-hearted swashbuckling style won the hearts of all those of Tangerine persuasion.

From that first game, injury or suspension apart, his was one of the first names on the teamsheet.

Who'll forget his tremendous display against Aberdeen in the semi-final of the CIS Cup at Tynecastle.

Having been injured in the 2-2 draw at Easter Road, the Norwegian hadn't kicked a ball for almost twelve weeks when he was thrust into the action due to Danny Grainger being cup tied, but it didn't show.

Revelling in the tremendous atmosphere, Christian scored the goal that put United ahead in the tie after Darren Dods had cancelled out Aberdeen's shock opener.

United went on to win 4-1 to book a place in the final against Rangers to set up what Christian readily concedes that so far ranks as the absolute highlight of his career.

"I will never forget the feeling walking out at

Hampden for the cup final. Even though we lost, it was good that we could be very proud of our performance."

"Seeing the United fans in such numbers at Hampden was unbelievable.

"Winning games at our ground when it is almost full has been a special experience and I will miss the fans greatly.

"I'd like to thank them and indeed everyone connected with the club for making me so welcome and helping me settle so quickly, because nothing was too much trouble.

"I'd like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone the very best for the future and I am positive that under Craig Levein, the trophy that we came so close to winning this season will come in the very near future."

Christian himself has become very much a Dundee United fan and confirmed, "I have seen the highlights of all the game since I left on Arabzone and will continue to follow the club's fortunes closely."

Back home, Christian is marking time.

On the football front he can't move until the beginning of August when the Norwegian Transfer Window opens. In any event he won't be fully fit for a few weeks as he has only just started light jogging.

Of course, as he is now 31-years-old, he is at an age when he has to start thinking beyond his playing days, but on that score he shouldn't have too many problems because his prowess isn't restricted to purely football, as he holds a masters degree in Business Management.

Whatever direction his future career takes, everyone at Tannadice wishes him and his family well and he can bank on a warm welcome whenever he returns.



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Match Report

The Clydesdale Bank Premier League – 36th Match



Date Saturday 3 May

Kick-off 3.00 pm

Venue Pittodrie Stadium

Referee Brian Winter

Attendance 10,312



ABERDEEN DUNDEE UNITED

SCORERS... ABERDEEN: Foster, Touzani
UNITED: Swanson

United's hopes of finishing third in the SPL and securing a place in the UEFA Cup next season were dealt a blow after defeat to rivals Aberdeen. Despite yet another Danny Swanson wonder-goal, a goal in each half from Richard Foster and Karim Touzani gave the home side the points.

Swanson returned to the side following a three-match suspension in place of David Robertson in midfield with Mark de Vries replacing Jon Daley up front, the only other chance from the side that drew at Motherwell.

Having started the game brightly, United could have taken a first minute lead when a free-kick from Sean Dillon was met by Lee Wilkie, but the United captain could only head straight at Aberdeen keeper Jamie Langfield.

United continued to do most of the pressing and Andrew



Considine's short pass-back was almost charged down by Noel Hunt.

United enjoyed the lion's share of possession throughout the early stages, with Mark Kerr and Gomis, Willo Flood and Swanson pulling the strings in midfield. Yet despite United creating several half chances, it was the home side who took the lead on the half hour mark. Derek Young broke free of the Tannadice rearguard and struck a powerful shot goalwards. Zaluska could only parry it into the path of the advancing Foster, who slotted home from the edge of the area.

As United attempted to restore parity before half time, Kerr went close when he fired Danny Grainger's cut-back just wide of the post. From yet another Grainger cross, this time from the right, the ball fell to Hunt who poked the ball goalwards, only to see his effort cleared off the line.

On the stroke of half time, Swanson almost scored, his curling free kick was just kept out by Langfield.

The second half started disastrously for the Tangerines. Barely a minute had passed when the home side extended their lead. Touzani met a Barry Nicholson corner at the far post to score his first goal for the club.

United immediately dragged themselves right back into the game. From the re-start when Swanson picked the ball up in midfield after good battling from de Vries to dance his way past three players before firing a low shot in off the post. The goal clearly gave United a boost and they could have equalised when Swanson curled an effort inches wide of

the post.

However, as Craig Levein's side chased an elusive equaliser, the Dons could have easily have extended their lead and on more than one occasion.

On the hour mark, former United striker Lee Miller could have put the game out of reach, but thankfully, he wasted the opportunity - heading straight into the arms of Zaluska from just six yards out.

In the closing stages, United continued to press but could not create a real goal-scoring opportunity to get back on level terms. And with that, they missed the opportunity to put real pressure on Motherwell in the race for Europe.

Dundee United Website Man of the Match

It had to be **Danny Swanson**. He provided the creative spark in midfield and scored a superb individual goal, which would have been a worthy winner in any game.

THE TEAMS

Aberdeen

Langfield, Duff, Severin (c), Considine, Foster ■ 61, de Visscher (Lovell, 87), Nicholson (Bus 79), Touzani, Young, Miller ■ 64, Maguire (Walker 73).

Subs not used: Soutar, Ross.

United

Zaluska, Dillon, Wilkie, Dods ■ 86, Grainger ■ 70, Flood, Kerr (O'Brien 79), Swanson, Gomis (Daly, 84), Hunt (Russell, 46), De Vries.

Subs not used: McLean, Robertson, Kovacevic, Odhiambo.



Aberdeen's Andy Considine closes in on Mark de Vries. (above)

Darren Dods and former United striker Lee Miller indulge in some high-stepping. (far left)

Having already left one Dons defender in his wake, Danny Swanson prepares to take on Touzani. (below)

Pictures courtesy of Kara Griffiths Photography



Match Report

The Clydesdale Bank Premier League – 37th Match



Date Saturday 10 May

Kick-off 12.30 pm

Venue Ibrox Stadium

Referee Mike McCurry

Attendance 50,293



RANGERS DUNDEE UNITED

SCORERS... RANGERS: Novo 2, Darcheville
UNITED: de Vries

A host of refereeing blunders not only cost United a potential share of the points, at least, plus the lingering prospect of European qualification, but also obscured a patient yet effective comeback when all appeared lost after less than 20 minutes.

The loss of two early goals to a rampant Rangers in front of a partisan full house at Ibrox would normally signal the end of the contest. However, United weathered the storm and finished the first half strongly with both David Robertson and Mark de Vries denied clear goal scoring opportunities just before the break.

This pattern of play continued after half time, with a cast iron penalty refused and perfectly legitimate goal disallowed before, eventually, United's persistence was rewarded with a header from Mark de Vries.

By then however it was too late to capitalise further on any lingering nervousness in the home ranks and with bodies thrown forward in a last ditch effort for the equaliser, Rangers took advantage on the break to steal a third.

This was a pulsating encounter, unfortunately spoiled by inexplicable decisions that prevented it being an even encounter.



Boss Craig Levein recalled Mihael Kovacevic to the right back position at the expense of Sean Dillon and David Robertson started ahead of Danny Swanson, who had been nursing a strain all week, in midfield. Garry Kenneth failed to make the bench after picking up an injury playing for the Reserves in midweek.

United started with intent and Noel Hunt passed up an excellent opportunity at the back post with less than a minute on the clock.

Nacho Novo then entered proceedings and almost single handedly looked to have given the home side all three points with barely a quarter of an hour on the clock. First, he won a very soft free kick in 50:50 tussle with Mark Kerr and somehow eluded all of United's big defenders to head home Kevin Thomson's dead ball delivery into the box.

If this was a poor goal to concede, the same could not be said of Novo's second. Although Kovacevic allowed the ball to float over his head to Novo out on the left, the Spaniard's wonderful, first time, left footed effort could not have been anticipated as it dipped past Zaluska from an impossible angle.

With Rangers two ahead after just 18 minutes, the assembled media hacks were already writing that the match was effectively over. Fortunately, no one told the United players.

Instead, they started to impose themselves with patient passing movements and gradually took control of midfield.

With Noel Hunt causing problems for Broadfoot at right back, Alexander was forced off his line to clear clumsily with feet at the edge of the box. The ball broke to David Robertson, whose first time effort was net bound but headed clear off the line by David Weir. Just before half time a concerted United attack saw Wilkie feed de Vries who turned his marker to create space for a shot, which Alexander saved spectacularly.

If United finished the first half strongly, they were undoubtedly the stronger side for almost all of the second half and could have taken all three points had correct decisions been made.

In the 54th minute, a mistake by Weir allowed Noel Hunt to advance through on goal with only the keeper to beat. As he was set to pull the trigger, he was bundled over by Weir. It was a cast iron penalty and referee Mike McCurry instinctively put whistle to mouth to signal the award. Inexplicably his vocal chords failed him, the whistle did not

blow, and play was waved on!

With United temporarily rattled, Rangers scored two decent chances from Novo and Christian Dailly before an even worse decision denied United a goal.

A thirty-yard drive from Danny Swanson took a ricochet off the legs of David Weir to wrong foot Alexander and ended up in the net. With United at last celebrating, the linesman flagged for offside, claiming the ball had hit David Robertson who had been retreating from a marginal offside position. Although the referee had a clear sight of the ball coming off Weir, he consulted the linesman and upheld the offside decision, informing the United players now that although Robertson had not touched the ball, he had been "interfering with play".

The game then threatened to boil over, with Cousin head butting Lee Wilkie and Kirk Broadfoot allegedly punching Noel Hunt.

With fourteen minutes left, United eventually got the goal their persistence deserved, when de Vries stole inside Papac to power a precision header past Alexander from Danny Grainger's long ball. He was then promptly booked for checking with the officials that the goal would be allowed to stand.

With Rangers now defending in depth, United threw on attackers and pushed defenders forward in a last ditch effort to save the game. In doing so, they sacrificed defence for attack and paid the penalty in added time as Novo broke clear to play in Darcheville for a highly flattering and undeserved final score line.

THE TEAMS

Rangers

Alexander, Broadfoot, Cuellar, Weir, Whittaker, Dailly, Ferguson (c), Thomson (Furman 51), Novo, Papac, Cousin ■ 75 (Darcheville 84).

Subs not used: Smith, Boyd, Beasley, Lennon, McMillan.

United

Zaluska, Kovacevic (O'Brien 89), Wilkie (c) ■ 75, Dods, Grainger, Flood ■ 39 (Swanson 65), Kerr, Robertson, Gomis (Robb 84), Hunt, de Vries ■ 77.

Subs not used: Camara, Dillon, Daly, Smith.



Dundee United Website Man of the Match

While the first-half provided little in the way of outstanding individual performances from United, the second-half showing was a solid team effort, led by **Mark Kerr**. He produced another composed and consistent performance in the middle of the park, and showed why Craig Levein is keen to hang onto the midfield stalwart when his contract expires in the summer.

Mark de Vries rises high above Papac to send in a header for the goal at Ibrox. (above)

Steven Robb back in first team action for the first time in almost six months leaves Darcheville in his slipstream. (far left)

Willo Flood gets in a cross despite the efforts of David Weir to block it. (below)

Pictures courtesy of Kara Griffiths Photography



On the Title Trail

United's day of destiny – Saturday, 14th May 1983 - dawned with one simple objective from their final fixture - beat Dundee to be crowned champions. Achieve that, and no matter if Celtic emerged victorious from their Old Firm meeting with Rangers at Ibrox, nor how Aberdeen fared at home to Hibernian, and the title was theirs. However, for either of the other protagonists to succeed, Dundee had to take something from the derby to end all derbies. In racing parlance, it was a three-horse race with Dundee United the red-hot favourites.

Were Jim McLean's side to drop a point, then it would be down to the wire of goal difference in which case it would depend on how many Celtic defeated Rangers.

Aberdeen, fresh from their glorious European Cup Winners Cup triumph over Real Madrid were very much the outsiders. They would have to rattle in eight without reply against Hibs to pip United, and then only if United had failed to win.

As for a Dundee win, given the style with which the Tangerines had won their last three games, no one was even suggesting that eventuality!

Obviously, there was a huge burden of expectation resting on skipper Paul Hegarty and his colleagues. However, had they been offered any venue, other than Tannadice for this fixture, then Dens Park would have been the unanimous choice.

Not only was it the scene of the club's only two previous trophy wins – annexing the League Cup there in 1979 against Aberdeen and retaining it the following year against Dundee – but it was ground on which Jim McLean's men had a very good recent league record.

Whatever the outcome of this make or break final fixture, United had already set several club records. Their total of

54 points was their best ever, beating the 51 gained in 1928-29 when United won the old style Second Division title. The season's competitive aggregate of 125 goals, beat the previous best of 121, which had only been established the previous season! The league tally of 88 was the best ever in the Premier League and the best by any United side at the top level of Scottish football.

An unbeaten run at the start of the season of 19 games was the best ever opening to any campaign by a Tannadice side.

One further record was in sight, and it was the only one United supporters cared about. Two points against Dundee would equal the Premier Division record set up by Celtic in 1979-80. Far more importantly, United would be champions.

Quite incredibly by modern standards, the game wasn't all-ticket.

Those who think that football is over-priced these days have a good case if the economic rule of thumb that inflation doubles every ten years is applied, that would mean going to a match nowadays should cost around £12!

Tannadice preparations for the game had been remarkably low key.

Two of the injury doubts from the previous week's win over Motherwell, goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine and striker Davie Dodds trained on their own as they recovered from a nasty thigh strain and a badly bruised knee respectively.

Biggest doubt for the big day surrounded John Reilly, who though scoring several important goals that season, couldn't command a regular place in United's star-studded line up. The nippy striker injured his back in the reserves derby at Tannadice four days before D-day. Fortunately by the time three o'clock on Saturday was to come round, all three were ready for the fray.

Long before the big kick-off, queues had formed around the ground. The United support was allocated the TC Keay end, whilst they also had the whole of the enclosure in front of the stand that was equally divided.

The home support occupied the Provost Road end and the Dens Road side of the ground, more familiarly known as 'The Derry'.

And the capacity of Dens Park was to be tested to the limit and, as was discovered later, well beyond.

Thousands of fans were in the places an hour before kick-off despite drenching rain.

If the fans had behaved themselves, the weather definitely did not with frequent heavy squally showers.

So much so that after referee George Smith checked the pitch and requested the groundsmen to fork several areas where puddles of water had accumulated so that they would drain away.

Banners were waving and confetti flying all over the place as the United team emerged to a deafening reception.

Team news was that John Holt dropped out of the side that had beaten Motherwell the previous week, so that Richard Gough, returning from suspension, could be accommodated.

Both sides won corners in a lively start, but nerves in the massed Tannadice support, which were to be tested to the limit later, were eased by their favourites' two-goal opening salvo.

It was fitting that the glorious opener should come from the man who throughout the season had fashioned important goals out of seemingly nothing.

This latest instalment of Ralph Milne's portfolio was as good as any of the other twenty.

Paul Sturrock collected a Narey pass almost on the halfway line, turned neatly and slipped the ball to Milne who conjured up an outrageous and sublime fourth minute opener.

Whipping the ball past future Scotland international full-back Stewart McKimmie, he took nine more strides, and having spotted Dundee keeper Colin Kelly well off his line, immaculately lofted a left-foot chip into the empty net from 25-yards.

Just seven minutes after that Milne magic, United scored again.

Richard Gough's move from right back into central defence had released Dave Narey into midfield and the Scottish internationalist picked up the ball after the Dundee defence failed to clear its lines properly and charged into the penalty box, going down under a challenge from Iain MacDonald.

Dundee protested vociferously that it wasn't a penalty, but Glennie's remonstrations

only earned him a booking. Next it was Kelly's turn to be spoken to by referee George Smith of Edinburgh for dancing about on the line as Eamonn Bannon waited to take the spot-kick, but the normally so reliable Bannon placed his kick too near the keeper who dived to his left and beat it out. Unfortunately for Kelly, the ball broke back into Eamonn's path and he steered it inside the right-hand post from inside the six-yard box.

Two up after eleven minutes, it was the start all United supporters had dreamed about.

The flow of play was very much down the slope at Dens Park towards Kelly's goal at the TC Keay end and the keeper was mighty relieved to see Glennie clear after he touched a speculative Sturrock lob on to the bar.

The woodwork again came to Dundee's rescue halfway through the first half when Davie Dodds side-footed a Bannon pass against the under-side of the bar. The ball bounced down near the line, but there was no signal from the linesman, nor any appeals from the United camp as the referee waved play on and there was no Russia linesman on hand!

This was undoubtedly the pivotal point of the match. Instead of being on the easy street of a three-goal lead, Dundee raced up the park to reduce the deficit when Iain Ferguson, later to cross the great divide and score his fair share of goals for United, gave Hamish McAlpine no chance with a fine drive from 18 yards.

You could almost see the confidence instantly drain from the men in tangerine.

It wasn't to the extent that Dundee were now in command, but worryingly United were no longer dictating the way that had been doing as the teams left the field at half-time.

However, those immediate worries were cast aside when news filtered through from Ibrox that Celtic were losing 2-0 and there was also reassuring news from Pittodrie where Aberdeen led Hibs by the same score which meant that even if Dundee did equalise, Alex Ferguson's side would have to score an unlikely six more goals.

The second half was much more evenly contested, too even from a Tannadice stance with as much time being spent looking at watches as events on the pitch!

United's raids were now much more spasmodic, although Sturrock did force Kelly to tip a shot over.

Obviously, concerned at the way the game was panning out, Jim McLean switched things about. Narey stepped back into his more usual position beside Paul Hegarty in central defence with Gough moving to right-back, whilst Derek Stark one of the lesser sung heroes of the side brought his strength in the tackle to the midfield.

There was more bad news for United fans when it became obvious that Paul Sturrock was limping. Eventually, John Holt replaced the injured striker as United elected to hang on to their lead.

Hearts were in Tannadice mouths when a Fraser free-kick was headed back across the goal to Albert Kidd who headed over from near point-blank range. Mercifully, he put his talent for title-wrecking on hold for three years, because it was his two goals for Dundee that was to rob Hearts of the title on the same ground almost exactly three years later!

History beckoned at a seemingly ever-decreasing rate as time seemingly stood still.

Pre-match, Jim McLean had been low-key, but now the United boss was constantly bobbing up and down from the dug-out and shouting instructions as Dundee continued to threaten.

His ministrations seemed to work as United regained some of their earlier initiative and Kelly palmed a Bannon free-kick round the post and then had to dash from his



charge to boot clear from the onrushing Milne as United went for a grandstand finish.

To the relief of the nerve-jangled United support, at least the dying embers of this game were fought out well away from Hamish McAlpine's goal.

Little wonder then, Dens Park was a sea of tangerine and black scarves as ecstatic supporters in the stands and crammed terracings, not to mention those who had bolted onto the pitch to congratulate their heroes.

Given the hordes of United supporters who were at Dens that day, it is hard to believe that the core United support numbered only 5,000.

Initially, the season's average gate of 11,137 may not look spectacular, but it was the club's best ever, just beating the figure for 1925-26, the club's first ever campaign in the top flight of Scottish football!

They had just witnessed Dundee United becoming League Champions for the first time in their history – and becoming only the twelfth club – and perhaps last – to collect the top title north of the border!

Twenty-five years previously, Dundee United had finished 35th out of Scotland's 37 senior clubs, now, unbelievably, they had scaled unprecedented heights to become Champions.

It was a remarkable season – and not just in terms of winning the league.

Consistency was the keynote of ALL Tannadice performances, reserves included.

Indeed, in the final analysis, only 16 of the 131 games played by the club were lost – eight each by the first team and the reserves. In the process they scored a grand total of 285 goals, whilst only 114 were conceded.

As the ink dried on the most momentous campaign in United's history, another one was about to commence in the European Cup.

However, it is sobering to reflect on just how close this race for the title had been.

In modern times, it is arguably the closest ever, because on no other occasion since the war have three teams being in contention for the title on the final day.

Even more scarily, had Dundee managed to grind out an equaliser during that nail-biting finish, with Celtic having come back from the dead at Ibrox to win 4-2, unbelievably it would have meant a play-off for the title with Billy McNeill's side.

It was that close!

United and Celtic first met in 1925 and . . . the rest is history!

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09.01.65	United 3, Celtic 1	Division One
08.12.90	United 3, Celtic 1	Premier Division
17.12.88	United 2, Celtic 0	Premier Division
13.01.90	United 2, Celtic 0	Premier Division
03.05.67	Celtic 2, United 3	Division One
20.04.83	Celtic 2, United 3	Premier Division

Though it may be tempting fate just a tad, we're featuring two previous May visits by Celtic to Tannadice, both of which ended in 3-0 defeats – for the Glasgow club!

A fitting end to a milestone season

In May 1963, towards the conclusion of Dundee United's third season following promotion, manager Jerry Kerr and his board must have surveyed the scene with a fair amount of satisfaction. The new cantilever stand had been opened at the start of the season and midway through it the Tannadice floodlights had been switched on for the first time. The club had moved up to seventh position in the 18-club table at the beginning of March and were still there two months later, with two matches remaining.

With the previous two campaigns having produced finishes of ninth and tenth, for the first time in the club's history Dundee United could claim to be established at the top level of Scottish football. But, while the Terrors had beaten Rangers twice since returning to Division One, a victory over the other half of the Old Firm had proved elusive; that was about to change – and with a vengeance.

For Celtic, season 1962/63 was not a vintage one. In manager Jimmy McGroarty's eighteenth season in charge, the club had been unable to mount a challenge for the League



championship, a trophy that had not rested at Celtic Park for nine years. They had failed to progress beyond their section in the Scottish League Cup, Valencia

had eliminated them in the first round of the Fairs Cup, with only the Scottish Cup providing any cause for optimism.

Optimism certainly remained among their followers on that score, though, because Celtic's League visit to Tannadice on **11 May 1963**

was sandwiched between their 1-1 Cup final draw with Rangers and the consequent replay the following Wednesday. So if Celtic's players were not fully focussed on picking up what was for them a meaningless two points from their last but one League outing, they could at least be forgiven. These were the teams that took the field at Tannadice that spring day, watched by a crowd of 12,000:

United – Davie, Millar and Gordon; Fraser, Smith and Briggs; Carlyle, Gillespie, Brodie, Irvine and Mitchell
Celtic – Haffey, MacKay, Kennedy, McNamee, McNeill, Price, Johnstone, Murdoch,

Hughes, Divers, Chalmers.

Exerting pressure right from the start, Dennis Gillespie had three great efforts on goal in the first two minutes! Deservedly Gillespie opened the scoring after 34 minutes with raging shot that left Haffey helpless. The only surprise was the slenderness of United's interval lead. Not resting on their laurels, the men in black and white continuing their determined pursuit of a first League win over Celtic since 1931. Ultimately, it was secured with remarkable ease. Eric Brodie netted the second in 57 minutes, finishing off a move as the ball sped from Gillespie to Mitchell, to Irvine and finally Brodie, again leaving Haffey no chance. Wattie Carlyle atoned for an astonishing earlier miss seventeen minutes from the end, scoring easily after Haffey had palmed out Brodie's swerving cross to his feet to make the final score 3-0, to the great satisfaction of United supporters who clearly relished such a comprehensive victory over one of the Old Firm.

Unfortunately for the Celtic players, if they were preserving some of their energies for the following Wednesday at Hampden it was to no avail, because they were to suffer another 3-0 defeat, compounded by then having to watch Rangers being



Seven happy Tannadice men make a symphony in black as they congratulate Dennis Gillespie after opening the scoring. The players are left to right – Brodie, Millar, Irvine, Briggs, Mitchell who has his arms round the scorer and Walter Carlyle.



presented with the Scottish Cup. The Parkhead club ended the season in fourth place in Division One, three places and three points ahead of United. Average attendances were 25,300 at Celtic Park, 9300 at Tannadice.

Eyes on the prize

Fast forward almost two decades and we come across the clubs again meeting at Tannadice in what was the penultimate match of the league season. But if the match just described above had meant nothing to the visitors, the very opposite was true for the clash that took place on **8 May 1982** because, as is the case today, Celtic's players knew they could end the day as league champions! In fact, they required just a point to clinch the Premier Division title.



The late Tommy Burns – was in Celtic's side at Tannadice in May '82

Under Billy McNeil, Celts came to Tannadice on a nine-game unbeaten run and only two of these had been draws. Their only challengers for the title were Aberdeen, who themselves were on an amazing seventeen-game unbeaten run, the latest of which was a 2-1 win at Tannadice just three days before Celtic arrived. With so much at stake, it was no surprise that Celtic fans were in the majority in a lock-out crowd of 16,779, the biggest of the season at Tannadice.

United – McAlpine, Phillip, Malpas, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Holt, Sturrock, Dodds

Celtic – Bonner, McGrain, Reid,

Aitken, McAdam, MacLeod, Provan, Sullivan (McStay), McCluskey (Moyes), Burns, Crainie

The Celtic side hoping for a glory day featured Tommy Burns, who sadly died last week at only 51, the current Everton manager David Moyes, as well as TV pundits Murdo MacLeod and Davie Provan.

Although Jim McLean's team lay in fifth place they themselves had no lack of incentive. St Mirren were one point and one place ahead and United had to overtake them if they were to finish fourth – which carried with it Uefa Cup qualification.

Curiously, the match very much followed the pattern of the 1963 clash. Celtic exhibited nerves and never really looked like claiming the point they required. Paul Hegarty was on target after 18 minutes, heading home a Ralph Milne corner after 18 minutes. Less than a minute into the second half, Paul Sturrock clipped the ball perfectly on the turn from 18-yards inside Bonner's far post from the killer second. Ralph Milne wrapped up a convincing win for United with the third ten minutes from time, exploding a great shot past the Celtic keeper. It was Celtic's heaviest defeat of the season, however, it should be noted that, twenty-six years on, we have never since beaten today's visitors by a three-goal margin at Tannadice!

Aberdeen's defeat of St Mirren that day meant a double bonus for United, while ensuring that Celtic departed Tannadice only as champions-elect. In fact they finally crossed the winning line a week later, when they also assisted United's Uefa quest by beating St Mirren to end the campaign two points ahead of Alex Ferguson's side – no doubt much to the relief of their supporters.

So United secured fourth place and with it the guarantee of a sixth consecutive season of European football at Tannadice, a breath-taking prospect these days! Average attendance at League matches was 9400, while the figure for Celtic Park was 22,700. If that seems a low figure by modern standards – particularly in a season when the club were champions – consider that Rangers' average that season was a mere 16,400!

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Coming Through The Ranks

ROBERT SCORES 100th. UNITED GOAL AGAINST DUKLA PRAGUE



ROBERT CELEBRATES HIS 100TH GOAL IN BRITTANY

Under 15 Scotland striker Robert Thomson scored his 100th. goal for United in the 17s' impressive 3-0 victory over Czech giants Dukla Prague in the Festival d'Armor last week.

Robert, from Houston in Renfrewshire, scored five goals in his first season at the club, 2004-05, then added a further 19 in his Under 13 season. At Under 14 level, he found the net 45 times and started off this season by coming off the bench in the Iain Jenkins Testimonial Match against North End Juniors, scoring twice late on to earn his side a 3-3 draw. At the age of 14, this almost certainly makes him the youngest United player to score in an adult match.

Since then he has taken his goal tally for this season to 31, in the process being selected for the national Under 15 side and playing in both its international matches to date.



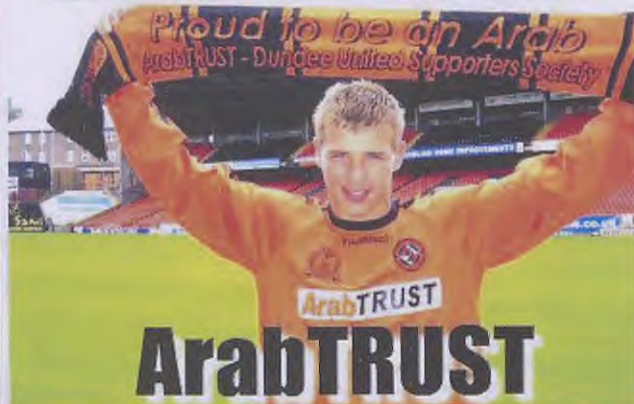
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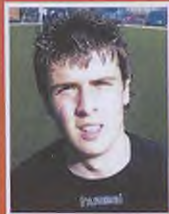
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The Under 14s came very close in the 40-club Challenge Paysage d'Iroise last weekend, reaching the semi-final stage before going down to the eventual winners, Hadjuk Split from Croatia. In a match played with the mercury rising to 31 degrees, the Croatians scored the vital first goal and, though the 14s gave it their best shot, they struggled to come back against an impressive side which went on to defeat Dynamo Kiev from Ukraine in the final.

On the way to the last four, striker Jordan Moore (right) netted eight times, his strike partner Conor Kelly scored four, while Calum Gallagher and Dean McLean pitched in with two goals each. In the round of the last 16 and in the quarter-final, skipper Ross Gilmour was the goal hero in both matches, the highlight being his spectacular 30 yard strike against Anderlecht from Belgium.

The 17s, depleted by injury and players involved in SQA exams, performed well, in particular against the top French Academy side Stade Rennais (a 0-0 draw) and in the match against Dukla Prague, in which goals from Dale Hilson, Michael Lee (pictured) and Robert Thomson secured a fine 3-0 win.



PERFORMANCE POINTS

SMITH	Ross	17s	7.7
STOKES	Gavin	17s	7.6
MOORE	Jordan	14s	7.6
SMITH	Kenny	17s	7.6
THOMSON	Robert	15s	7.6
STEWART	Harry	14s	7.5
BUCHAN	Kevin	14s	7.5
SCOTTAR	John	13s	7.4
SCOTT	Liam	15s	7.4
MCCULLLEY	Kenny	15s	7.4
GALLAGHER	Calum	14s	7.4
ROBERTSON	Willie	15s	7.3
LEE	Michael	17s	7.3
MURRAY	John	17s	7.3
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GOAL SCORERS

31	Robert Thomson
19	Craig Nelson; Scott Smith
16	Jordan Moore
15	Kieran McWalter
14	David Verlaque
13	Ryan Gauld; Calum Gallagher
12	Scott Fraser
11	Kenny Smith
10	Conor Kelly
9	Ross Gilmour; John Murray
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6	Ross Smith; Dean McLean
5	Dale Hilson; Aidan Gordon; Danny McDonald; Marc Scott; Michael Gallacher; Ryan Ferguson; Michael Lee; Scott Allan; Jordan Sinclair; Kieron Colgan; Jamie Montgomery; Robbie Norrie
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SPL YOUTH LEAGUE

RANGERS 3 0 UNITED

at Murray Park

Monday 14 April

A late flurry of goals saw Rangers edge even closer to the SPL Under 19 League title in a keenly contested match at Murray Park.

Strikers Jordon Love and Johnny Russell proved to be a real handful for the Rangers' defence with both going close to opening the scoring, though the honours were fairly even in the first period. After the break Rangers started strongly but United responded and the result was on a knife edge until Shinnie scored with a powerful drive in 75minutes.

United came back strongly again and Johnny Russell should have equalised when through on the goalkeeper with ten minutes remaining. A minute later John Gibson made an outstanding save from Cypriot full international Giorgos Efrem but United's hopes were dashed when Phil McGrath was adjudged to have pushed Hutton in the box and John Fleck scored from the spot on the 85th minute.

With United driving forward and Johnny Russell hitting the bar, Rangers broke away and Hutton added a third goal to give a completely false reflection of the afternoon's proceedings.

Gibson; W. Russell, McGrath, Pope (R. Smith 60), Fleming; Allan (Mathieson 68), Ryan McCord, Ross McCord, Paterson, Love (Boyle 76), J. Russell
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Coming Through The Ranks

SPL YOUTH LEAGUE
UNITED 3 1 INVERNESS CT
 at North End Friday 18 April

The Tannadice teenagers wound up their season on a winning note with a comfortable win over Inverness Caley Thistle at North End Park.

In an explosive start United scored twice and could easily have been four up. In addition to the two they did score, Ryan McCord, Jordan Love and Johnny Russell all missed great chances. The opener came after only two minutes, Sean Anderson playing a one two with Love before firing into the bottom corner from just inside the box. Johnny Russell set up the second, which was netted by Phil McGrath close in on 15 minutes. The visitors clawed their way back into the game seven minutes from the interval when Shane Sutherland's header from a Daniel Park cross was blocked by United keeper John Gibson, only for the ball rebound off the Caley striker into the net. A third goal five minutes into the second half sealed the home side's victory, Russell robbing Jamie Duff just inside the visitors' half and running clear to score with a cool and composed finish. Caley finished the game with ten men, Shane Sutherland being red-carded late on for a second bookable offence.

Gibson; Milligan, McGrath, Pope, Fleming; Ryan McCord, Ross McCord (Boyle 66), Anderson, Dow, Love, J. Russell
 Subs not used: R. Smith, Mathieson, Allan, Paterson, W. Russell



FINAL SPL UNDER 19 LEAGUE								
	P	W	L	D	F	A	PTS	GD
Rangers	22	18	1	3	62	19	57	+43
Celtic	22	11	3	8	46	27	41	+19
Hibernian	22	11	5	6	44	29	39	+15
Motherwell	22	10	5	7	42	34	37	+8
Hearts	22	10	7	5	33	25	35	+8
Aberdeen	22	10	9	3	33	36	33	-3
Dundee United	22	8	7	7	31	24	31	+7
Falkirk	22	7	10	5	24	28	26	-4
Kilmarnock	22	7	10	5	25	43	26	-18
St. Mirren	22	5	14	3	28	45	18	-17
Inverness	22	3	14	5	21	41	14	-20
Gretna	22	3	18	1	22	60	10	-38

UNDER 19 FIXTURES

Saturday 11 August			
KILMARNOCK	A	D	0-0
Friday 17 August			
HIBERNIAN	H	L	1-2
Saturday 25 August			
INVERNESS	A	D	0-0
Saturday 1 September			
FALKIRK	H	W	1-0
Saturday 15 September			
ST. MIRREN	H	W	2-1
Saturday 22 September			
GRETNA	A	W	1-0
Saturday 29 September			
CELTIC	A	D	2-2
Saturday 6 October			
MOTHERWELL	H	D	2-2
Sunday 11 November			
PETERHEAD (Youth Cup)	A	W	3-0
Saturday 17 November			
ABERDEEN	A	L	0-2
Saturday 24 November			
KILMARNOCK	H	D	0-0
Saturday 1 December			
HIBERNIAN	A	L	0-1
Saturday 15 December			
HEARTS	A	L	1-2
Friday 8 February			
FALKIRK	A	W	3-1
Saturday 16 February			
INVERNESS (Youth Cup)	A	W	1-0
Saturday 23 February			
ST. MIRREN	A	D	2-2
Thursday 28 February			
GRETNA	H	W	6-0
Thursday 8 March			
HAMILTON (Youth Cup)	A	W	4-0
Saturday 8 March			
CELTIC	H	L	0-1
Saturday 15 March			
MOTHERWELL	A	D	2-2
Saturday 22 March			
HEARTS	H	W	3-0
Sunday 30 March			
RANGERS (Youth Cup)	H	L	1-3
Semi-final			(aet)
Friday 4 April			
ABERDEEN	H	W	2-0
Friday 11 April			
RANGERS	H	L	0-2
Monday 14 April			
RANGERS	A	L	0-3
Saturday 19 April			
INVERNESS	H	W	3-1

APPEARANCES & SCORERS

	YOUTH LEAGUE	GOALS	YOUTH CUP	GOALS
Allan	10(3)	1	2(1)	
Anderson	12	2	4	
Boyle	4(5)		0(1)	
Brophy	11(4)	1	1	
Cannon	1			
Colgan	1(3)			
Connolly	4		1	
Dow	11(3)	4	4	1
Elfverson	0(4)	1		
Fleming	22		4	
Gibson	17		3	
Goodwillie	1	1		
Lee	0(2)		0(1)	
Love	13(1)	4	0(1)	
Mathieson	7(6)		4	2
McCord Ross	17(1)	2	3	
McCord Ryan	16	2	4	
McGrath	22	2	4	
McLeod	1(1)		4	
Milligan	17			
Murray	0(2)	2	2(2)	
Paterson	13(2)	1	3	2
Pope	18	1	4	4
Russell J	13	8		
Russell W	4(3)		0(2)	
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Programme Parade

Emphasising just how long it is since United last beat Celtic is the programme from that game. On the front cover for United's 2-1 win over tonight's visitors almost nine years ago was Icelandic international Siggj Jonsson.

Interestingly, season 1999-2000 was the first in which the Tannadice programme was full colour – as it has remained ever since.

Paul Sturrock was the manager back then and his column was a double page spread.

Ironically, he dwelt on how important it was that the side had taken four points from the opening two games, in view of the very difficult start.

However, little could he have known then that the win that he was to steer the side to that afternoon would be the last for almost a decade.

Back then the programme only consisted of 36 pages – half the number in tonight's issue.

In **United Update**, the pre-season games against Arbroath, Newcastle United and Middlesbrough were featured.

'Dandy Debuts' was one of the

items in **Tannadice Topics**, commenting on the performances of Hugh Davidson and Joaquim Ferraz, who was the matchwinner against Dundee on the opening day of the season.

Match of the Day set the scene for the game in which it was bemoaned that United had gone nine games without a win over the Hoops – now it is nine years!

News of the **Aberdeen International Festival**

told of a Tannadice triumph at Under-16 level with a squad that included Jamie McCunnie and Stephen O'Donnell.

The Under-14's didn't fair quite so well, losing out to South London Schools with David Clarkson now of Motherwell one of the scorers in the 4-3 defeat.

The scribe of **Dressing Room Diary** was skipper Iain Jenkins whose irreverent column as usual pulled no punches.

A round of happens elsewhere and particularly with a Dundee United slant were reviewed in **Scottish Scene**.

Then as now, the **Player Profile** was in the middle section with centre half Jason de Vos the player spotlighted in this issue.

Press & Media Comment needs no further comment and John Holt was the man behind the **Community Chat**.

There was a double page action spread of the action from **Derby Day**; two pages of **Player Sponsorship** and Fans Info was more formal then, entitled **Fans Information**.

Three pages were devoted to **The Visitors** and the teams could be found on the back page of a production that was the forerunner to the present hefty issue you are reading right now.



United In The Community

HALF TIME EXHIBITION

Today's game against Celtic, sees another four teams take part in the J League half time exhibition matches.

These short games at the interval will be played by two teams from the Saturday 10.45am (primary 6 & s1) session and two from the Sunday 9.30am session at Gussie Park, namely: Chelsea v Panathinakos and Real Madrid v Juventus.

We hope this will be a memorable day for all players involved, so please show your appreciation for the young teams during today's break.

DUFC & TECHNOTOTS CHAMPIONS J LEAGUE FINALS

On Sunday 4 May, ten teams battled it out in the DUFC & Technotots Champions J League Finals day at Tannadice Park.

The day proved to be memorable, not only for the participants also for the spectators who turned out in large numbers and were rewarded with some great football, not to mention goals. United first team players Noel Hunt and Danny Grainger were on hand to present the players with their medals. See pictures opposite.

RESULTS:

Finalists from Saturday 9.15am P5 & 6 session: Olympiakos 5 - v - 5 Villareal

Finalists from Saturday 10.45am P6 - S1 session, Sporting Lisbon 1 - v - 2 Porto

Finalists from Sunday 9.30am P2 & 3 session, Lazio 8 - v - 7 Juventus

Finalists from Sunday 11.00am P3& 4 session, Lille 11 - v - 7 Liverpool

Finalists from Saturday 12.15pm P4 & 5 session, AEK Athens 6 - v - 4 Lazio

Dundee United would like to thank the following individuals and companies for their sponsorship of the J League:



All J League sessions re-commence this weekend, on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May respectively. Please note that the current J League season will end on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June.

SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

The Summer School holidays are fast approaching and to follow on from the successful Easter programme, we will run several weeks of activities at Gussie Park.

More information will be available soon via our website www.dundeeunitedfc.co.uk and local press.

All United Community and J League programmes run until Friday 27th June.

To find out more information on the Holiday programme, J League or community courses, please visit our website at www.dundeeunitedfc.co.uk or contact Community Manager, Gordon Grady on 01382 833166 option 7.



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Squad Number
01

In his first term with the Club, the Polish stopper has shown his ability with five clean sheets since his opening first team appearance in January.

Lukasz Zaluska

- HOME **L N Henderson**
- HOME **Handy Taxis Free Phone 0500 303 060**
- HOME **Iain Whyte USA**
- HOME **Carracher Family**
- HOME **S & G Roofing**
- HOME **Diane Butcher**
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- HOME **The McCarle Family**



Squad Number
20

Having not appeared for several games, Prince will be looking to push himself back into contention for a first team berth.

Prince Buaben

- HOME **Carracher Family**
- HOME **Dundee United Business Club**
- HOME **Independent Access Scaffold**



Squad Number
26

After enjoying a successful spell loaned out to Second Division side Raith Rovers, the teenage striker should be looking forward to United's next campaign.

David Goodwillie

- HOME **Mike Caffrey**
- HOME **Tomatin Distillery Ltd**
- HOME **In memory of the late Jim Reid**



Squad Number
03

United's Norwegian full back will be missed both on and off the field. A fans favourite, everyone connected with Tannadice will wish him well in his future career.

Christian Kalvenes

- HOME **Dura Street Motors**
- HOME **Lorraine Kelly**



Squad Number
05

United's central defender has had an excellent season at the heart of the tangerine defence alongside Lee Wilkie. Scoring highlight will be the semi-final goal in the CIS Cup semi-final at Tynecastle against Aberdeen.

Darren Dods

- HOME **Intervention Rentals**
- HOME **Duthie Douglas**



Squad Number
07

United's energetic midfield has been extremely effective this season and Mark has played his part in the tangerine engine room. Superbly linking defence to attack, his non stop style has been key in United's attacking style.

Mark Kerr

- HOME **Caledonia Draughting Ltd**



Squad Number
12

With seven goals in his first season as a regular in the first team from almost twenty appearances, David will be looking to build on an excellent 2007-2008 season.

David Robertson

- HOME **rebellious**
hair by Denise Farnan
- HOME **NORMAN JAMIESON LTD**



Squad Number
30



The eighteen year old product of United's youth development will be looking for further opportunities to prove his worth in United's first team.


Jonny Russell

- HOME **Dundee United Business Club**
- HOME **PS Ridgway**

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		Squad Number 14
	A series of injury set backs have limited Robbo to just three starts and seven league substitute appearances in manager Craig Levein's team.	
HOME	Elite Bedding and Furniture	
HOME	Nigel, Calum & Neel Robb	
AWAY	BAD Arabs	

		Squad Number 16
	The third of United's dynamic midfield trio, he is difficult to dislodge from the ball when in possession. Links up much of United's play with short crisp passing moves.	
HOME	Dundee United Business Club	
AWAY	Mhari Whyte USA	
AWAY	Bruce McClymont	
HOME	David Wilson	
HOME	Visit United Mad at utdmad.co.uk	
HOME	Reece & Logan Smith	

		Squad Number 04
	Made captain of United following the transfer of Barry Robson to Celtic, Lee has formed a solid defensive partnership alongside Darren Dods. United's resolute defence has been at the heart of an improved Tannadice season but his back four duties have not stopped Lee from netting a few goals including a late equaliser against Motherwell in the post split match.	
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HOME	Tele Taxis Free Phone 0800 123 444	
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		Squad Number 13
	Always performed well when asked to play in the first team, Euan has proved to be an excellent stand in goalkeeper for United.	
AWAY		

		Squad Number 18
	The 2007-2008 looks set to have brought further progression to Garry's United career with twelve league starts as well as selection in the Under 20 FIFA Scotland World Cup squad in Canada earlier in the year.	
HOME		
HOME	Robert, Aaron & Liam Gibb On Site Flooring	

		Squad Number 10
	United's leading scorer in the 2007-2008 campaign, the Irish frontman will be looking to finish on a high this evening by netting against visitors Celtic.	
HOME	The Last Drop	
HOME	The Snug Bar	
HOME	Ziggys of St Andrews	
HOME	Calum Kippen Joiners & Contractors	
HOME	Paul Shannon & Family	
HOME	Alex and James Nicoll	
AWAY	JBE Builders	

		Squad Number 17
	A variety of injuries has cut short Greg's season with three United appearances including two as a sub. Has also been on loan to Partick Thistle and St Johnstone during this season.	
HOME	Kevin Gallacher	
HOME	Tony Bottone	
HOME	Cameron Forbes	

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Squad Number
02

Sean has had a solid and effective campaign at right full back. His crosses into opposition penalty boxes have often been extremely effective for United.

AWAY  **HOME**

Kara Griffiths



Squad Number
06

Like Mark Kerr, Willo has been at the heart of the United midfield for season 2007-2008. The on loan player from FA Cup Runners Up Cardiff City never seems to stop running and he drives forward at every opportunity towards the opposition goal. Recently won the Ciyesdale Bank Goal of the SPL Season for his superb strike against St Mirren at Love Street and went through to the awards dinner in Glasgow to collect his gong.

HOME **Lennoxtown Arabs** **HOME**

Derek Walker

HOME **Alex Nicoll – Night Fever Discos** **HOME**
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Squad Number
09

The powerful and tall forward has recently returned from long term injury and will be working very hard to claim a regular first team berth.

HOME  **HOME**

John Bennett



Squad Number
22

Scored in United's previous outing with a superb header against Rangers in Glasgow having already netted in extra time against the Ibrox club in the CIS Cup Final.

HOME **Lee-Ann Stevenson** **HOME**


Colin C Yule

HOME  **HOME**

AWAY **Seona Whyte USA** **AWAY**

AWAY **South London Tangerines** **AWAY**

AWAY **Inverness Arabs** **AWAY**



Squad Number
8

Solid and positive performance in the recent SPL match against Rangers where runs down the left side caused the home side a number of problems.

HOME **Amie, Jema & CJ Reid** **HOME**

Ian Duff

HOME **Diane Robertson** **HOME**
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Squad Number
11

Jim is currently on-loan from Celtic and has made nine appearances in all in a United shirt since joining in January.

AWAY  **AWAY**



Squad Number
15

Powerful and effective going forward, Craig has been unfortunate with injuries that have restricted his first team involvement.

HOME **BAD Arabs** **HOME**



Squad Number
23

The Leith born midfielder will be looking to play his way into the starting eleven for next season.

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Squad Number
25

Despite only one appearance in the starting XI, Eric has put in six impressive sub displays in the League and Scottish cup.

HOME **The McCarle Family** **HOME**

Stats 2007/08



Date	Opponents	Score	Crowd											
August														
4	ABERDEEN	1-0	12376	Szamatulski	Dillon	Kenneth	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Robson	Robertson J	Gomis	Robb	*
13	Kilmarnock	1-2	5557	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Robson	Buaben	Robertson	Gomis	Conway	*
18	HIBERNIAN	0-0	8405	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Robson	Conway	*
25	Inverness CT	3-0	4178	Szamatulski	Dillon 1	Kenneth	Dods	Kalvenes	Robson 2ps	Kerr	Buaben	Gomis	Hunt	*
29	ROSS COUNTY (CIS 2)	2-1	3114	Szamatulski	Dillon	Kenneth	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Robertson D	Gomis	Hunt 1p	*
September														
1	FALKIRK	2-0	6873	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Robson J	Gomis	Hunt 1	*
14	ST MIRREN	2-0	6128	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Robertson U	Robson	Hunt 1	*
22	Gretna	2-3	1624	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie 1	Dods	Kalvenes	Duff	Robson	Gomis	Flood	Hunt	*
25	Falkirk (CIS 3)	1-0	2804	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie 1	Dods	Robson	Flood	Bauben	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt	*
29	Celtic	0-3	57006	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Hunt	Bauben	Robertson D	Gomis	Flood	*
October														
6	MOTHERWELL	1-0	6285	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods 1	Kalvenes	Robson	Bauben	Gomis	Flood	Robb	*
20	Hearts	3-1	16631	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Robson 1p	Gomis	Hunt	*
28	RANGERS	2-1	12129	McLean	Dillon	Wilkie 1	Dods	Kalvenes	Robson 1p	Bauben	Flood	Gomis	Hunt 3	*
31	HAMILTON (CIS 4)	2-1	4567	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Robson	Bauben	Flood	Gomis	Hunt 3	*
November														
3	Aberdeen	0-2	11964	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Robson	Bauben	Flood	Gomis	Hunt	*
10	KILMARNOCK	2-0	6065	Szamatulski	Dillon	Kenneth	Dods	Kalvenes	Hunt 1	Bauben 1	Kerr	Gomis	Robertson J	*
24	Hibernian	2-2	14440	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Kerr	Gomis	Robertson D 2	*
December														
1	INVERNESS CT	0-1	5845	Szamatulski	Flood	Kenneth	Dods	Robb	Robertson D	Cameron	Kerr	Gomis	Robertson J	*
8	Falkirk	0-3	4803	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Duff	Hunt	Kerr	Robson	Gomis	Flood	*
15	St Mirren	3-0	3490	McLean	Dillon	Kenneth	Dods	Duff	Robson	Bauben	Robertson D 1	Gomis	Flood 1	*
22	GREYNA	1-2	6304	McLean	Dillon	Kenneth	Dods	Duff	Robson	Bauben	Robertson D	Gomis	Flood	*
26	CELTIC	0-2	12357	Szamatulski	Flood	Wilkie	Dods	Dillon	Robson	Bauben	Robertson D	Gomis	Robertson J	*
29	Motherwell	3-5	5227	Szamatulski	Flood	Wilkie	Dods	Dillon	Robson	Bauben	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt 2	*
January														
2	HEARTS	4-1	7507	Szamatulski	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Robson 3	Kerr	Robertson D	Gomis	Flood	*
5	Rangers	0-2	48559	McLean	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Robson	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt	*
16	Clyde (SCA)	1-0	1550	McLean	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Robson 1	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt	*
19	ABERDEEN	3-0	8579	McLean	Dillon	Wilkie	Kenneth	Grainger	Robson 2	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Conway	*
25	Kilmarnock	2-1	4803	Zaluska	Dillon	Kenneth	Dods	Grainger	Robson 1	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Conway 1	*
February														
2	St Mirren (SCS)	0-0	3945	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Flood	Bauben	Kerr	Gomis	Conway	*
5	Aberdeen (CIS SF)	4-1	12046	Zaluska	Flood	Wilkie	Dods 1	Kalvenes 1	Hunt	Kerr	Robertson D	Gomis 1	Conway 1	*
9	HIBERNIAN	1-1	6835	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	O'Brien	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Conway	*
13	ST MIRREN (SCSR)	0-1	3723	Zaluska	Flood	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	O'Brien	Hunt	Kerr	Gomis	Conway	*
16	Inverness CT	1-1	4087	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Kenneth	Grainger	Bauben 1	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	O'Brien	*
23	FALKIRK	0-0	6835	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Bauben	Swanson	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt	*
27	ST MIRREN	1-1	6037	Zaluska	Dillon 1	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Flood	Swanson	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt	*
March														
6	Gretna	3-0	501	Zaluska	Dillon	Kenneth 1	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Robertson D	Gomis 1	O'Brien	*
12	Celtic	0-0	45000	Zaluska	Kovacevic	Kenneth	Wilkie	Grainger	Bauben	Kerr	Robertson D	Conway	O'Brien	*
16	Rangers (CISF)	2-2	50019	Zaluska	Kovacevic	Kenneth	Wilkie	Kalvenes	Flood	Bauben	Kerr	Gomis	Hunt 1	*
22	MOTHERWELL	2-0	6779	Zaluska	Kovacevic	Kenneth	Wilkie	Kalvenes	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	O'Brien	Hunt	*
29	Hearts	0-1	16871	Zaluska	Kovacevic	Kenneth	Wilkie	Kalvenes	Hunt	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Conway	*
April														
6	RANGERS	3-3	11214	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes 1	Flood	Kerr	Gomis	Robertson D	Hunt 1	*
20	HIBERNIAN	1-1	7404	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Kalvenes	Flood	Kerr	Robertson D	Gomis	Hunt 1p	*
25	Motherwell	2-2	5027	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie 1	Dods	Grainger	Flood	Kerr	Robertson D	Gomis	Hunt	*
May														
3	Aberdeen	1-2	10312	Zaluska	Dillon	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Flood	Kerr	Swanson 1	Gomis	Hunt	*
10	Rangers	1-3	50293	Zaluska	Kovacevic	Wilkie	Dods	Grainger	Flood	Kerr	Robertson D	Gomis	Hunt	*
22	CELTIC 7.45pm													

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The Clydesdale Bank Premier League Table



	Home					Away					Pts	GD	
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A			
Celtic	37	14	4	1	42	7	13	1	4	41	19	86	+57
Rangers	37	18	0	1	50	10	9	5	4	34	21	86	+53
Motherwell	37	9	4	6	30	26	8	2	8	18	20	57	+2
United	37	9	6	3	26	13	5	4	10	27	33	52	+7
Hibernian	37	10	5	3	34	20	4	5	10	15	23	52	+6
Aberdeen	37	10	5	4	31	21	4	3	11	17	37	50	-10
Falkirk	38	8	6	5	21	16	5	4	10	24	33	49	-4
Hearts	38	8	4	7	27	26	5	5	9	20	29	48	-8
Inverness CT	38	9	4	8	32	28	4	2	13	19	34	43	-11
St Mirren	38	7	4	8	17	27	3	7	9	9	27	41	-28
Kilmarnock	38	7	5	7	26	23	3	5	11	13	29	40	-13
Gretna	38	4	3	11	18	34	1	5	14	14	49	13*	-51

* Gretna docked 10 points for going into administration



Match Mascot
Name: James Nicoll
Age: 8
Fav Player: Willo Flood



Match Mascot
Name: Alex Nicoll
Age: 10
Fav Player: Noel Hunt



Match Mascot
Name: Ben Johnston
Age: 6
Fav Player: Noel Hunt



Match Mascot
Name: Blaine Duncan
Age: 8
Fav Player: Danny Swanson



Match Mascot
Name: Laura Moore
Age: 7
Fav Player: Lee Wilkie



Match Mascot
Name: Kalem Gardner
Age: 9
Fav Player: Barry Robson

KEY: # Own goal → after extra-time & Lost 3-2 on penalties
 ■ Home matches Games in **bold** were played at Hampden
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Hunt	McLean	Duff	Conway	Bauben	Proctor	Goodwillie	J Russell
Hunt 1	McLean	Kerr	Kenneth	Duff	Proctor	Goodwillie	J Russell
Hunt	McLean	Robertson	Kenneth	Bauben	Duff	Goodwillie	J Russell
Wilkie	McLean	Flood	Robertson	Robb	Cameron	Duff	Goodwillie
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Hunt	McLean	Kerr	Daly	Robertson D	Cameron	Kenneth	Robertson J
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	Apps	Gl's	Apps	Gl's
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PRE-SEASON FIXTURES

At the time of going to press these are the pre-season fixtures that have been confirmed.



14/07/08 University College Dublin (A) UCD Bowl, Belfield, Dublin 4, 7.45pm



16/07/08 Tolka Rovers (A) Frank Cooke Park, Griffith Ave, Dublin 11, 7.30pm



19/07/08 Raith Rovers (A) Starks Park, 3pm



22/07/08 Dunfermline (A) East End Park



26/07/08 Barcelona (H) Tannadice Park. 4pm

There is also a strong possibility that United will be meeting Plymouth Argyle at Home Park on Saturday 2 August, though this still has to be finally confirmed.

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

The Health & Safety Team at the Club have asked the Dundee United official web site to remind all supporters that they should mainly remain seated during a match in the interest of their own and other spectators' safety.

50/50 V HIBERNIAN 20/04/08

The 50/50 draw for the Hibernian game produced a prize total of £409. Ian Mitchell made the draw, picking ticket no. 127533 as the first prize and ticket no. 128562 as the second prize.

Our winner of the £330 first prize was Ian Gardner, who was



enjoying hospitality in the Discovery lounge. Our second prize winner of £79 was W. Allan from the George Fox Lower.



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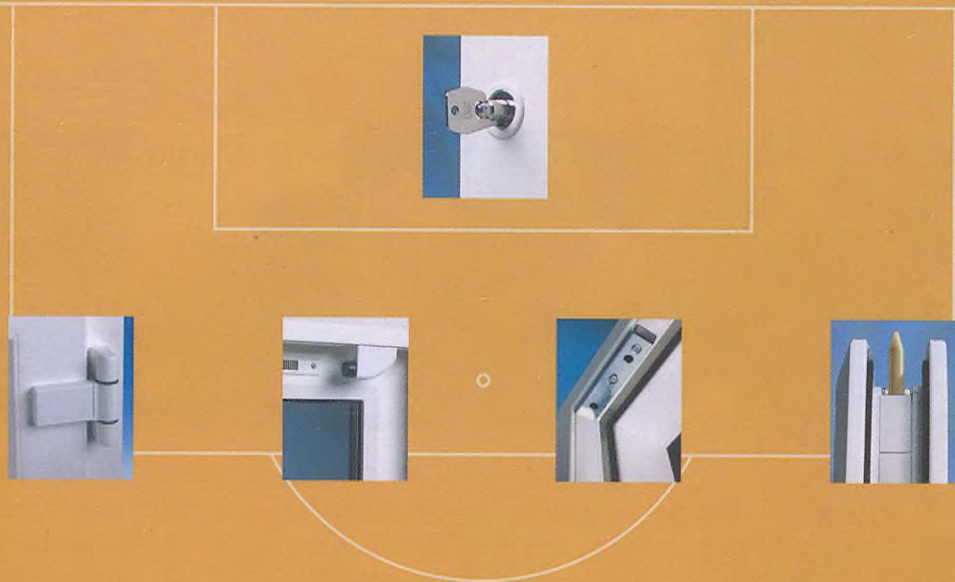
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