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Archie KNOX

Pat GARDNER

Andy GRAY

Brian RANKIN

Iain McDONALD

## Celtic

Denis CONNAGHAN

Danny McGRAIN

Jim BROGAN

Jackie McNAMARA

Billy McNEILL

George CONNELLY

Jimmy JOHNSTONE

Steve MURRAY

Dixie DEANS

Tom CALLAGHAN

Bobby LENNOX

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### THE BOSS'S SPOT . . . BY JIM McLEAN

We are on the road to achieving something here at Tannadice. That is my firm conviction after watching the side perform in our opening League Cup fixtures.

All right, I know exactly what you are saying now . . . it does not show in the results. That is true up to a point, but the fact that I have noticed a succession of improvements since our opening tie against Ayr United a fortnight ago, lends me to the opinion that we are moving in the right direction.

After winning the game against Ayr we moved into two dangerous away fixtures at Motherwell and Celtic Park. Our results against both clubs during the past couple of seasons were reason enough to describe the fixtures as "dangerous".

However the game at Fir Park, in opposition to a side who had been labelled our "bogy" team of last term, proved to be an excellent stepping-stone into the big Parkhead challenge last Saturday.

The fact that it ended in a 0-0 draw does not give a complete picture of the situation. We had the chances to bring home the two points but bad luck, allied to slack finishing, resulted in only a share of the points.

The confidence gained from the performance however was the key achievement. The players grew in stature as the week progressed and I can honestly say that I have seldom known a more confident bunch than those who took the field at Parkhead last Saturday.

As their display proved, the confidence was well founded. The side played superbly equalling even the best performances in the Texaco Cup last season when I felt that they could not have offered me more. It was just sheer bad luck that we did not return home with a win let alone a share of the points.

Today we have the opportunity of revenge over Celtic when we greet them as visitors to Tannadice. The League Cup section final placings are still to be decided and a win today could set us up for a quarter-final spot.



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## Celts Stars . . .



DANNY McGRAIN



DIXIE DEANS

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His interests vary. Apart from football he follows speedway and cricket closely.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
CHAMPIONSHIP

UNITED

v.

MOTHERWELL

here at Tannadice Park  
next Saturday, August 31

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

## Meet today's referee . . Eddie Thomson

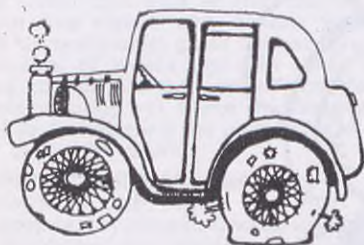
This afternoon we greet Edinburgh official Eddie Thomson to Tannadice. The popular whistler has been taking charge of games for fifteen years now. He began in the Edinburgh Churches League in 1959.

For ten of these years Eddie has been on Grade One status and his service was honoured last season when he was promoted to the F.I.F.A. list—his biggest football thrill to date. However he is not on the list this season.

During last season he was given charge of an Iceland v. Republic of Ireland international, but this honour hardly tops the poll as far as Eddie is concerned.

This top spot in his book undoubtedly goes to a certain Berwick Rangers v. Glasgow Rangers Scottish Cup tie at Shielfield Park in 1967 when the wee 'Gers put it over on their illustrious rivals to make history.

Eddie works as a medical executive in the Scottish Home and Health Dept., in Edinburgh. He is married with two daughters.



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# Insight into our opponents

## DENIS CONNAGHAN (goalkeeper)

Denis is the man in the Parkhead "hot spot" at the moment—Celtic having had consistent goalkeeping problems since the start of the season. Internationalist Ally Hunter began the campaign in the No. 1 position but uncharacteristic slips have again opened the door for the former St. Mirren last-liner.

## DANNY McGRAIN (right-back)

One of Scotland's big World Cup successes in Germany this summer. A full-back of quite outstanding merits—fast, aggressive and with an unusual amount of natural ability for a defender. A serious head injury threatened his career two years ago but Danny has come bouncing back with a series of great performances in Celts run of successes since then.

## JIM BROGAN (left-back)

A former Scotland full-back who has turned out to be one of Celtic's best-ever clubmen. He joined up at Parkhead in 1962 from junior side St. Roch's and forced his way through the Parkhead ranks to challenge for a first team spot.

## JACKIE McNAMARA (midfield)

The youngster who downed United with his goal at Parkhead last Saturday. Yet another who has been groomed at Parkhead to successfully challenge for a permanent first-team spot.

## BILLY McNEILL (centre-half)

The Celtic fans said all that can be said about this superb club captain when he had his testimonial game against Liverpool a couple of weeks ago. No other Parkhead captain has ever gained the club so much prestige—at home or abroad—and he has commended the admiration of fans all over the world.

## GEORGE CONNELLY (defender)

Recognised as one of the finest "sweepers" in Europe, George was robbed of displaying his talents with Scotland's World Cup team in Germany by a broken ankle sustained near the end of last season. It has taken him some time to recover but now apparently he is back to his best.

## JIMMY JOHNSTONE (winger)

On his day this tremendous character is undoubtedly one of the greatest entertainers in the football business. Scotland team boss Willie Ormond obviously agrees because he recalled the "wee man" into the international limelight in Germany during the summer. However Johnstone was not called into the Scottish side and World Cup fans were robbed of what was almost certain to be his last appearance around the World Cup arena.

## STEVE MURRAY (midfield)

A tremendously talented midfield man who is well remembered in this area following his highly successful spell across the road at Dens Park. A shrewd distributor of the ball who has taken over the role left by Bobby Murdoch at Parkhead. His amazing stamina, which has seen him consistently finish a game apparently as fresh as he began, marks Steve down as a key man.

## DIXIE DEANS (striker)

The fact that manager Jock Stein only paid around £30,000 for this prolific scorer when he bought him from Motherwell three years ago makes the transfer one of Celtic's shrewdest deals. Deans has netted consistently for the Parkhead club since he came and is without doubt one of the most feared strikers in our game.

## TOM CALLAGHAN (midfield)

Another shrewd buy by the Parkhead management. He cost Celtic £35,000 when they signed him from Dunfermline in 1968. And once again the club were proved right in purchasing this talented player. His strong running from the deep in defence quickly made him an exciting favourite with the fans and has in no small way contributed towards the club's successes.

## BOBBY LENNOX (winger)

A speedster who has caused problems for defences throughout the world during his thirteen years at Parkhead. And apart from his pace his deadly finishing around the goal area has for long made him a man to fear.

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