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



Having at last managed to throw off the shackles of the freeze-up, it is a tremendous feeling not only to be back in action again, but also to welcome you back to Tannadice for our first home game of 1979.

It seems a long, long time ago since that 2-1 Premier League success was recorded against Hibs here on December 23 last year—and it is great to be back!

Since that occasion we have of course managed only a couple of games, both away from home when conditions relented sufficiently at Love Street and Ibrox.

On both days we suffered defeats to somewhat dent our title challenge against St Mirren and Rangers respectively, two of the top sides in the country at the moment.

And now we face Celtic this afternoon to ring up a formidable hat-trick of opponents with which to ease our way out of the cold spell.

Our two previous outings in Paisley and Glasgow brought disappointments to everyone here at Tannadice, but even in defeat there were plus factors.

Namely the fact that the players knew within themselves that they should have done better, didn't, and therefore are all the more determined to atone.

The fact that we have home advantage today is I feel the thing which could tip the balance in our favour. For only here when faced by the Old Firm do we in any way compete support-wise — and that's important when titles are being sought.

This afternoon we have the opportunity to confirm results over the Old Firm from earlier in the season, and as the ball is in our own court we have no excuses.

This one is absolutely vital and a positive attitude will be required to get the result we so desperately need at this time.

The Celtics and Rangers of this world simply must be beaten by clubs holding any ambition — and we here at Tannadice are aiming for the moon.

A draw today therefore is really of little use to us at this stage, for the dropping of home points by any club has never led to the winning of titles.

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# DOWN MEMORY LANE . . . .

Another search through the Tannadice record books has unearthed the following reminders of United fixtures played on the corresponding weekends . . .

## . . . 15 years ago

United 4, Motherwell 1, 22nd February, 1964. — Having accumulated only a single point from their three previous home matches, United were desperate to atone on a snow-covered Tannadice pitch. Former United favourite Walter Carlyle was in the Fir Park ranks while Dundonian Bert McCann was another Motherwell stalwart of the time. And it was McCann who stunned the home side after 20 minutes when he was allowed to net from a suspiciously offside position to give the visitors the lead. It was into the second half, the 47th minute to be exact, before Denis Gillespie managed to get United back on level terms when he nodded in a Bobby Smith corner kick. Then it was the turn of defender cum forward Jimmy Briggs to take a hand when first teeing up a scoring chance for Bert Howieson to make it 2-1, before adding to that scoreline himself when netting a penalty award. And before the end Briggs did it again when slipping home United's fourth to put a more realistic scoreline on the occasion. The sides were: — United — Davie, Millar, Gordon, Neilson, D. Smith, Fraser, Gillespie, Briggs, Howieson, Mitchell and R. Smith. Motherwell — Murdoch, Thomson, McCallum, Martis, Delaney, Murray, Carlyle, Lindsay, McBride, McCann and Weir. Crowd — 9,000.



Kenny Cameron

## . . . 10 years ago

Clyde 2, United 2. — Shades of this winter because when this league fixture was due to be played only two games went ahead in Scotland that Saturday, at Kilmarnock and Greenock. However, when United did go to Shawfield they found things very uncomfortable from the first whistle. Sam Hastings slipped Clyde ahead after less than 60 seconds had elapsed and despite efforts from Davie Wilson and Alex Reid going close to equalising, it was the 32nd minute before Kenny Cameron broke our duck — and the club individual scoring record in the First Division. Kenny lobbed over the advancing Tommy McCulloch to take his tally to 29 goals, thus passing the record set by Finn Dossing. However, the celebrations soon ended when Clyde's Dave Soutar, later to join Dundee, tapped home an Anderson assist to reinstate the

home side's lead just prior to the break. But Kenny Cameron was not finished and completed a memorable day by levelling things again in 68 minutes with a 'dipper' which completely fooled the home keeper. The sides were: — Clyde — McCulloch, Glasgow, Mulheron, Burns, Fraser, McHugh, Soutar, Hood, Anderson, Stewart and Hastings. United — Mackay, Rolland, J. Cameron, Gillespie, D. Smith, Wood, Hogg, Reid, K. Cameron, Mitchell and Wilson. Crowd — 2,000.

## . . . 5 years ago

Rangers 3, United 1, 24th February, 1974. — As if the recent inclement weather was not sufficient to cause enough problems with our football, the power crisis created further problems in 1974. The Ibrox game was due to have been completed 24 hours earlier but was delayed until the Sunday because of the national emergency. The eventual outcome was later described by United boss Jim McLean as "a disgrace" after the Tannadice side appeared to lie down in the face of their difficult Ibrox mission. As it was the Light Blues trod all over United during a first 45 minutes in which there was only one side playing — Rangers. Two goals from Parlane and another from Young sent the home side into an unassailable 3-0 lead at the interval. Thereafter a Pat Gardner consolation goal for United put a more respectable appearance on the scoreline, but this was a shocking display by the Tannadice side. Only 17-year-old John Holt, playing at Ibrox for the first time, came out of the game with any kudos while some of his more experienced team-mates failed dismally to make even an impression. The sides were: — Rangers — Hunter, Jardine, Mathieson, O'Hara, Jackson, Johnstone, McLean, Hamilton, Parlane, Scott and Young. United — Davie, Holt, Kopel, Copland, D. Smith, W. Smith, Knox, Gardner, Payne, Fleming and Rankin. Crowd — 15,500.

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## CLUB SNIPPETS . . . BEHAVE OR ELSE

The Dundee United board of directors wish it to be known that hooliganism will not be tolerated at matches and that anyone found guilty of such behaviour will be banned from entering Tannadice Park.

In view of the aforementioned, the directors wish it to be known that M. Fryer, 44 Grangehill Drive, Monifieth; J. R. Hustis, 8 Hopeman Road, Glasgow; S. Knight, 150 St. Kilda Road, Dundee, and M. Rennie, 10 Lundin Crescent, Tayport, have been banned.

Also, J. Lawrie, West Hailes Park, Edinburgh, has been banned from entering all grounds under the jurisdiction of the Scottish Football Association.

## PAPER THROWING . . .

The recently-acquired habit of many young fans in attempting to mimic the Argentinian World Cup supporters' paper-throwing is causing concern to many clubs.

Therefore, in view of the unnecessary clearing-up job required after such incidents, the Dundee United directors have decided that anyone caught copying the habit here at Tannadice will be ejected from the ground.

## WITH THE RESERVES

An update on the progress of the Tannadice Reserve side prior to the freeze-up . . .

Hibs Reserves 2, United Reserves 1:— One of the side's best displays of the season so far during the opening 45 minutes produced countless scoring opportunities but only one goal at Easter Road. In fact Hibs had gone ahead before Colin Craig equalised just before the interval with a glorious volley after Ralph Milne's 20-yarder had rebounded from the crossbar. Thereafter United defended stubbornly but could not hold out against an experienced home side. We fielded:—Neilson, Dolan, Kay, Kopel, Marshall, Lorimer, Malpas, Lesslie, Wallace, Milne and Craig.

## MATCH BALL

The club are indebted to local company Sydhar Properties (Dundee) Limited, for their donation of the match ball for this afternoon's Premier League game against Celtic.

## GLASGOW BASE

United supporter Jim McMahon, now based in Glasgow, has written to suggest that any other Tannadice exiles in his area should join forces to travel to games. He can be contacted at 041-334-4381.

May we suggest that Jim get in touch with J. C. Turner, 98 Carna Drive, Cathcart, Glasgow, who a couple of seasons back formed a West of Scotland branch of the United Travel Club.

### PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Goals		
					F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	19	13	3	3	53	17	29
Rangers	18	13	3	2	42	17	28
Hibs	19	10	7	2	28	33	22
Celtic	17	8	6	3	39	26	19
Morton	18	7	8	3	26	34	17
Motherwell	18	6	8	4	20	29	16
Dundee United	18	6	10	2	20	36	14
St Mirren	19	4	9	6	22	24	14
Partick	16	4	9	3	21	22	11
Hearts	18	3	11	4	12	45	10

### RESERVE MARKSMEN

	League Cup		Total
	League	Cup	
Ralph Milne	4	1	5
Derek Frye	2	3	5
David Dodds	3	—	3
Colin Craig	3	1	4
Graham Marshall	1	—	1
Gerry Lesslie	1	—	1
Paul Cavanagh	2	—	2
Gordon Wallace	1	—	1
Peter Dolan	1	—	1
Bobby Robinson	1	1	2
Ramsay Cargill	1	—	1
Totals	20	6	26

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# Celtic Review ...

Celtic today ring up their hat-trick of visits to Tannadice this season, having already travelled here on both League Cup and Premier League business so far.

Their first came on August 30 last year to contest the first leg of the 2nd round of the League Cup — and what a cracker that tie produced, with the Parkhead men edging it in a 3-2 final scoreline.

Five goals, several goal-line clearances and United's inevitable miss from the penalty spot kept a 12,648 crowd on their toes from first to last on a tremendous occasion. Celtic added another in the second leg to win through on a 4-2 aggregate.

On October 14 United had their revenge when they took two valuable Premier League points from Billy McNeill's men in front of United's biggest home gate so far this term, 17,726, with Frank Kopel's 60 second goal separating the sides.

Since United's promotion to the First Division in season 1959/60 the Parkhead side have made twenty-seven visits here on league and cup business. Here is the overall record: —

Season 60/61—United 1, Celtic 1  
(Played on Spring Fast Monday).

Season 61/62—United 4, Celtic 5  
(Celtic led 5-1 after 46 mins.)

Season 62/63—United 0, Celtic 0  
(League Cup).

Season 62/63—United 3, Celtic 0  
(League, and United's biggest win).

Season 63/64—United 0, Celtic 3.

Season 64/65—United 3, Celtic 1.

Season 65/66—United 2, Celtic 1  
(25,000 gate, League Cup).

Season 65/66—United 0, Celtic 4  
(Orjan Persson sent off).

Season 66/67—United 3, Celtic 2  
(Celtic's first defeat in 47 games).

Season 67/68—United 0, Celtic 1  
(League Cup).

Season 67/68—United 0, Celtic 5  
(Still United's heaviest home league defeat since 60/61).

Season 68/69—United 1, Celtic 3.

Season 69/70—United 0, Celtic 2.

Season 70/71—United 2, Celtic 2  
(League Cup).

Season 70/71—United 1, Celtic 2  
(League).

Season 71/72—United 1, Celtic 5.

Season 72/73—United 2, Celtic 2.

Season 73/74—United 0, Celtic 2.

Season 74/75—United 0, Celtic 0.

## Premier League

Season 75/76—United 1, Celtic 3 (Nov.)

Season 75/76—United 3, Celtic 2 (Apr.)

Season 76/77—United 1, Celtic 0 (Sept.)

Season 76/77—United 1, Celtic 2 (Jan.)

Season 77/78—United 1, Celtic 2 (Oct.)

Season 77/78—United 0, Celtic 1 (Mar.)

Season 78/79—United 2, Celtic 3

(League Cup, Aug.)

Season 78/79—United 1, Celtic 0 (Oct.)

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