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

Good afternoon and welcome back to Tannadice for what should prove to be another exciting clash with our old rivals Celtic.

Since I last communicated with you through this column the results of the side have been far from satisfactory although, strangely enough, the performances of the side cannot honestly have been faulted.

Those of you who were at the Aberdeen game here two weeks ago will surely agree that we were extremely unfortunate not to have taken something out of a game into which we had put so much.

And again at Motherwell last week only that all important break of good fortune eluded us and in the end we again ended up on the losing side.

These defeats have not unaturally had an adverse effect on the confidence of the players and it is all important that they get a result — and soon.

The tremendous determination and will to win of the players over the past couple of games has sadly for them gone unrewarded and I detected a slight case of 'heads down' during training this week.

One can hardly blame them in the circumstances but the timely clash with Celtic this afternoon will certainly create a lifting effect.

It is extremely difficult for the players at this time to have gained nothing for so much effect expended and I look to to-day's big game atmosphere to boost the confidence yet again.

Celtic's recent results have not been all that convincing although it would be foolish of me to write off the chances of the Parkhead men who have graced the Scottish game so supremely in the past decade.



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# INSIGHT INTO OUR OPPONENTS . . .

**PETER LATCHFORD** (goalkeeper) — A former West Bromwich Albion player who came to Celtic last season on loan after a Parkhead problem period involving their custodians. Did not have the greatest of starts with the Celts but has since proved that his early form was completely alien to the normal. Eventually signed on at Parkhead this term and is presently in top form.

**DANNY McGRAIN** (right-back) — Probably one of the best full-backs in European football. Danny has come on by leaps and bounds since joining the club as a youngster and in recent years has pushed himself right to the top of his profession with a series of superb performances at both club and international level. Excellent when on the overlap and a main threat to United this afternoon.

**ANDY LYNCH** (left-back) — The former Hearts left-winger who has come good in his new role at Parkhead. A player who always had the pace and ball-skills to test the best of defences during his spell as a winger, this fellow is utilising the self-same talents to push himself into prominence as one of the country's outstanding full-backs.

**PAT McCLUSKEY** (defender) — One of the main reasons for the Celtic defensive improvement since last season. The under-23 cap appeared to be very much in the shadow of the defensive pairing of the great Billy McNeill and George Connelly. However, once the former Celts captain retired and the unfortunate Connelly situation came into the open, McCluskey has pushed his way into a regular first team place with fine performances.

**RODDY McDONALD** (centre-half) — A former Highland League player who was recruited by Celtic with the obvious intention of him taking over from McNeill. The retirement of the latter gave him his big opportunity and he has grabbed it with both hands. Although a defender, he has the happy knack of turning up in the opposition danger area and using his aerial talents to telling effect.

**JOHANNES EDVALDSSON** (midfield) — This talented big fellow is turning out to be one of the best imports introduced onto the Scottish scene. The Icelandic international was a guest of United here at Tannadice prior to taking off for a spell in Danish football before the Parkhead club stepped in to lure him to their ranks. Since the start of this season he has quickly become a firm favourite of the Celtic following and has paid back their appreciation of his talents with some superb goals for the side.

**GEORGE McCLUSKEY** (winger) — One of the new breed of up-and-coming Parkhead talent. A regular five-star performer in the Celtic reserve side gained him first team recognition against Rangers recently and the 'teenager' took advantage of his break to turn on a top class display. Since then he has been a regular member of the side and could well pose serious problems for United this afternoon.

**KENNY DALGLISH** (midfield) — Undoubtedly one of the top players in the world at the present time. This fellow can turn a game the way of Celts in one individual foray upfield. Now a recognised member of the Scotland side, his abilities are becoming more pronounced with the confidence he has gained over the past few seasons. A prolific scorer and a player who has seriously tested United in the past.

**DIXIE DEANS** (striker) — The fact that Jock Stein paid only around £30,000 for Deans when he took him from Motherwell in 1971 makes this dangerous front-runner one of Celtic's shrewdest-ever buys. The industrious striker has proved to be a prolific scorer of goals since moving to Parkhead and his recent form suggests he is on the way back to his best form after a short spell "off the boil."

**TOM CALLAGHAN** (midfield) — Another of Celtic's calculated buys who has turned up trumps. Cost the club £35,000 from Dunfermline in 1968 and has more than paid back that fee in top class performances. His strong running from deep positions has been a trade mark of his and he is again a player who has the uncanny knack of appearing in the danger area at the right time for important goal chances.

**BOBBY LENNOX** (winger) — The last of the Lisbon Lions left at Parkhead but still a key man in the Celtic blueprint for success. Bobby appeared to be drifting out of the first team scene last year but has emerged once again as a potential matchwinner in games over the past couple of months.

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On the advice of the local police, segregation of the supporters this afternoon will hopefully make for the enjoyment of all.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope it is realised that the measure taken is in the full interest of you, the fans.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the crowd control plan it is in the interest of spectators not to move from the allocated areas this afternoon.

## PENALTY-KICK TOURNNEY

The Dundee Primary Schools' spot-kick competition, run in conjunction with Dundee United F.C., continues to-day both before the game and during the interval.

The heats, which are to take place at every United home game in the months ahead, got off to a bright start when Aberdeen were our visitors a fortnight ago.

On that occasion Barnhill came out on top and therefore qualified for the next stage of the competition which has attracted entries from no fewer than 36 of our local schools.

To-day's second heat should again provide us with some fine entertainment when St Margaret's, Downfield, Mossgiel and Hillside will battle it out. Best of luck, kids.

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