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LOOKING AHEAD

Although this is only the beginning of March, we have, in fact, just four home fixtures to complete, barring any Cup replay. During the whole of March Tannadice will stage just one further match, against St Mirren in three weeks time. That could change, however, because we still have an outstanding derby match with Dundee to fit in. Otherwise our home programme will end on 4th May with the visit of Rangers. Next Saturday, our all-important quarter-final Scottish Cup clash with St Mirren takes place at Love Street, and before our next home league game, also against St Mirren on the 23rd, we have another away match at Tynecastle.

TODAY'S MASCOT

Nine-year-old Richard Wilkie is this afternoon's mascot. Richard attends Barnhill Primary School.

BALL BOYS

Local Primary School, Mid-Craigie provide the Ball Boys for Celtic's visit today.

COVER PICTURE

Stewart Cochrane and Alex Taylor compete for the ball as Jim Robertson approaches. United won 3-0 in the end to earn a trip to Love Street next week. (Picture courtesy of 'Dumfries and Galloway Standard').

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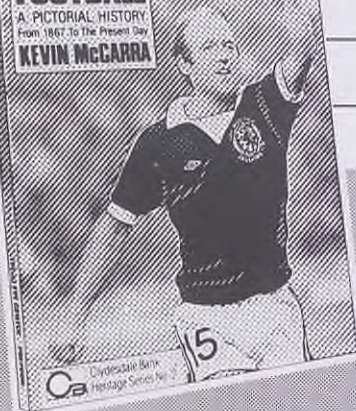
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JIM McLEAN

Though players rightly get most of the credit for any success a club may have, Managers are also praised when a club is successful, however, the Directors of a club are normally over-looked in such circumstances.

To put it mildly I am more than a little difficult to put up with, both by the people I work for and those who work with me. Ever since the previous Chairman's death I have thought a lot about my twelve years and seven months association with Mr Johnston Grant. It was, without any shadow of a doubt, a special one. During that time with the exception of the summer holidays, seldom a day past when he didn't 'phone me for a wee blether, and those regularly lasted over an hour!

I won't hesitate to say that after the deaths in recent years of both Mr E. S. Robertson and Mr Grant, I was very perturbed as to how things would work out in the future. I needn't have worried, however, and am very pleased to say that Mr George Fox, who has always been a very important member of the board during my time, has handled the responsibility of Chairman thrust upon him in magnificent fashion. I



hope I don't upset anybody but I do feel that he is carrying too great a share of the burden. But, moreover, I now really appreciate more than ever just how fortunate I have been to work for the Directors we have had here at Tannadice. In addition I have also been lucky to work with such people as Andy Dickson and Jim Gibb, the Groundsmen, both of whom were prepared to make any sacrifice to benefit the club. I'd

like to think that we have been reasonably successful in recent years and naturally hope that continues, but no club can succeed without the right people at the top and in that area I feel we are in good hands. I just hope Mr Fox can put up with me for as long as Mr Grant did with at least the same level of success.

At the time of writing, the injury list is, mercifully, showing signs of diminishing at long last. Both Stuart Beedie and Billy Thomson should be available again, that leaves only Derek Stark and Gary McGinnis still not fully fit. Hopefully, between now and the end of the season we'll enjoy better luck with injuries, which have been at their worst level this season than in any other in my thirteen years with the club.

Today, we meet Celtic who had a magnificent win against Aberdeen last week to narrow the gap, and that alone should ensure this afternoon's entertainment matches the quality of our recent meetings. However, I am keeping my fingers crossed for a Dundee United win, not only to extend our recent run of good results, but also as a confidence booster for the Cup-tie at Paisley next week.

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TOPICS



EXAMS FIRST.

Although Dave Beaumont was originally included in the Under-21 squad to travel to Spain for Tuesday's clash in Cadiz, Dave had to withdraw from the party as he has been sitting exams this week at Dundee Technical College, where he is studying civil engineering.

THREE TANNADICE STARLETES IN YOUTH SQUAD.

Last weekend, team boss Andy Roxburgh selected his pool for the forthcoming Under-18s Youth International against the Republic of Ireland in the European Championship at Tynecastle on March 19th. Three members of the Tannadice staff have been called up, goalkeeper **Scott Thomson**, and midfielder, **Gordon McLeod**, who both played in Scotland's highly creditable 2-1 win over England at Craven Cottage last November, are joined by winger, **Kevin Gallacher**, who earns his first call-up at this level. The full squad is — **Thomson (United)**, **Holland (Kilmarnock)**, **MacFarlane (Rangers)**, **McCahill (Dumbarton)**, **Robertson (Aberdeen)**, **Hunter (Hibs)**, **Winnie (St Mirren)**, **Ferguson (Rangers)**, **Shepherd (Celtic)**, **G. McLeod (United)**, **Wright (Aberdeen)**, **Cameron (St Mirren)**, **Gallacher (United)**, **Kinnaird (Norwich)**, **Gray and Miller (Aberdeen)**.

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP-FINAL DATES.

After being postponed back in January, the new dates for our Reserve League Cup-final meeting with Aberdeen have now been confirmed. We will meet the Dons at Tannadice this coming Monday (kick-off, 7.30 p.m.), with the second leg taking place a week later at Pittodrie.

DAILY RECORD FIVES.

A mainly young pool represented the club in the Daily Record Fives which took place at the Kelvin Hall on 12th February. Hibs were United's opponents in the first round and the Easter Road side gained a degree of revenge for their Scottish Cup defeat. Hibs took the lead, but Jimmy Page equalised, and by full-time there had been no further scoring. Instant death penalties were to decide the tie, and whilst Hibs scored from their first two, as did Jimmy Page, Joe McLeod missed his spot-kick to give Hibs victory, maintaining our lamentable record in penalty shoot-outs of any type.

SCHOOLBOY TRIAL MATCH.

Tannadice was the setting for a warm-up match recently for the Scottish Schoolboys who begin their International season with a fixture in Ireland shortly. This trial match was played a week past Monday on a bone-hard surface. A United Under-15s side

provided the opposition, and they took the lead through central defender, Bruce Deas midway through the second half. Ironically, the Scottish side's equaliser came only 10 minutes from the end through John Bishop, an 'S' form signing attached to United. John hails from East Kilbride, and also in the Scottish pool was Alan Preston, a midfielder from Edinburgh, who is similarly attached to the club.

TRAVEL DETAILS FOR PAISLEY.

The Supporters' Association are running buses to Paisley for next Saturday's cup-tie.

The coaches will leave Tannadice at 11 a.m., and bookings can be made at the Supporters' Association's office in the ground.

The usual prices of £2 (members), £3 (non-members) apply. Bookings can also be made at the Social Club between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. between Monday March 4, and Thursday, March 7.

In addition, a luxury coach with toilets and videos will also run. This, however, will leave from the Social Club at 12.30 p.m., and the cost for this excursion is only 50p above the normal charges.

CAPPED AGAIN.

Richard Gough's inclusion in Scotland's team and his competent display against Spain in Seville on Wednesday night will have brought a great deal of pleasure to all United fans.

PRaise INDEED.

If any of our supporters would like to exchange programmes with a Manchester United fan then Mr Hodson appears to be the person to contact as his letter indicates.

"I write to you praising your fine programme. I am a Manchester United supporter who travelled up to the game on December the 12th, and was most impressed by the standard of the programme. The two games between the teams were tremendous, highlighting all that is good in football. I can assure you that Dundee United have won a lot of friends in Manchester, not just through their team which plays open and attack-minded football, but also by the friendliness of the people which was incredible. One would not wish to meet better people. I wonder if it would be possible to exchange programmes with any Dundee United fan — I would be most grateful if you could put me in touch with anybody."

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP HODSON.

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GAYFIELD FRIENDLY.

A hastily arranged friendly at Gayfield on Thursday gave Stuart Beedie and Billy Thomson, both returning from injury, the opportunity to get in some early match practice.

TRANSFER REQUEST WITHDRAWN.

Striker John Reilly who made his first full League appearance of the season last Saturday, withdrew his transfer request during the week, having decided to stay at Tannadice and compete for a first team place.

That obviously pleased manager Jim McLean. John scored 13 first team goals last term and despite only a couple of full appearances this term, 'Boney' has scored twice, underlining his goal threat. It hasn't been a good season for the lively forward who was severely hampered by a groin strain at the beginning of the season, but that hasn't prevented him scoring regularly in the Reserves for whom he has scored 15 times in 23 appearances this term.

HAMISH PLAYS ON

Despite the untimely death of Hamish McAlpine's father on the

eve of our League match with Dumbarton, Hamish decided to carry on and play in the match, because he felt that is exactly what his father would have wished. The uncertainty surrounding Hamish's availability meant that youth internationalist Scott Thomson was put on stand-by as his namesake, Billy, was still feeling the effects of his back injury.

However, in the end, Hamish's decision to play meant a delayed first team debut for youngster Scott.

DEBUT BOYS.

Last week saw new names added to the roll-call for both the first team and reserves. Gordon McLeod (left) made his first ever appearance for the first team in a competitive match when he replaced Eamonn Bannon, late in the match against Dumbarton. Another new face to wear a Tannadice jersey was Neil Duffy, our latest signing from South Africa. Neil, a central defender, had an impressive debut for the Reserves in their 6-0 win at Boghead, so both Neil and Gordon got their Tannadice careers' off to a winning start.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

No-one who was present at Celtic's ebullient victory here in October could have foreseen the traumas which lay ahead for the club. The occasional high points (such as Tommy Burns' dissection of Saint Mirren in a 7-1 victory) seem almost irrelevant when compared with the disaster of Old Trafford. That whole affair visibly drained players of both energy and invention.

The lowest moment can be placed precisely. At half-time on January 1st at Ibrox stadium Celtic faced the ruin of their season. Three days before a missed penalty had tipped the game, and two points, to Dundee United. Now Mo Johnston had again shown fallibility from the spot and Celtic trailed their traditional rivals by one goal. A minute after the re-start McGarvey took on Dave McKinnon inside the box. His twists and turns almost dismantled the defender and as the crowd grew impatient ('cross the expletive deleted thing' came from the voices) he landed the ball on Maurice Johnston's head bang in front of goal. 1-1. The winner which followed from McClair was about as surprising as murder in an Agatha Christie novel.

Subsequent weeks have not brought a total restoration of confidence, indeed a defeat along the road last month left

optimism in temporarily short supply, but it is now clear that Celtic cannot easily be discounted in League or Cup.

Recent times have seen significant changes as Celtic seek to buttress their challenge for honours. It has clearly been felt that Willie McStay can no longer be left on the 'outer limits' of the subs' bench and reserve football, particularly after his storming performance in a certain 3-0 'victory' over Rapid, and McGrain has been switched to left-back to accommodate him. In the centre of the defence Pierce O'Leary, a refugee from the faltering NASL, has been introduced. It can be argued that he is the first genuine 'sweeper' to have been included in the team since the hey-day of Pat Stanton. In so changing their defensive tactics Celtic acknowledge that savage cuts in the goals against column are vital.

Cuts in the fixture list occasioned by snow and ice have also helped Celtic's cause. There is no doubt that Paul McStay has looked overplayed — since his early teens the existence of a close season has been no more than a rumour — and the recent enforced rest has done much good. His more frequent forays into opposing penalty area will bring a marked rise in tranquilliser sales to Premier League defenders, his

total of five goals in the last three games being three more than he had managed in all previous games this season.

The attack remains the most impressive department of the team with McGarvey and Johnston striking up a good understanding. The return to form of Davie Provan suggests that Celtic are set fair to create even more chances for those two.

Despite that there is a new wariness about Celtic. Film of last week's encounter with Aberdeen is unlikely to be much in demand on coaching courses but Celtic were proved right in thinking that the first priority in that fixture is to gain a firm hold on the midfield. The tactic has brought Celtic four successive wins over Aberdeen at Parkhead (three in the League and one in the League Cup) while an attempt at open, enterprising play led only to a 4-2 defeat at Pittodrie earlier this season.

The League campaign remains difficult for Celtic since they know that, apart from today's game, they have still one journey to make to the Granite City. It is not lost on them either that there can be no more lapses such as the one which gave Morton two points (almost a quarter of their total to date) and that every game must now receive their keenest attention.

KEVIN McCARRA.

Kevin McCarra is co-author (with Hugh Keevins) of '100 Cups' — a history of the Scottish Cup which is to be published by Mainstream in April of this year.

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Physiotherapist: Brian Scott

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Celtic Pools: Alan J. Austin, Man. Dir.

Honours: League Champions (33 times)

1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909,
1910, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1982.

Cup Winners (26 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927, '931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980.

League Cup Winners (9 times)

1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982.

Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938.

Coronation Cup: 1953.

European Cup: 1967.

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LAST TIME . . .

Celtic's last visit to Tannadice was on 20th October and the result was significant for two reasons. Firstly Celtic beat United for the first time under Davie Hay and since then United have remained undefeated at home, apart from the U.E.F.A. tie with Manchester United.

The Parkhead sides three goals were of spectacular quality that afternoon. In a game of ever so tight marking, Celtic broke the deadlock in 36 minutes. Davie Provan took a short free-kick on the left, and Murdo MacLeod's curling right foot shot found the postage stamp corner giving Hamish McAlpine no chance whatsoever.

Six minutes into the second half Provan again provided the ammunition. This time his cross from the right was headed in by recently acquired idol Mo' Johnston.

Four minutes later, a determined Eamonn Bannon crashed in a 25 yarder to beat Bonner and give United hope. Eleven minutes later Celtic increased their lead again when Provan (again!) squared the ball to Peter Grant whose long range shot hurtled past Hamish McAlpine.

Celtic might have had a fourth when Paul Hegarty turned the ball into his own goal but a linesman's flag for off-side spared Paul's blushes. Crowd — 16,738.

United—McAlpine, Malpas, Munro (McGinnis, 71), Gough, Hegarty; Narey, Bannon, Coyne, Kirkwood (Taylor, 54), Sturrock, Dodds.

Celtic—Bonner, McGrain, MacLeod, Aitken, McAdam, Grant, Provan, McStay, Johnston, Burns (McClair, 28), McGarvey (Sub. not used: Colquhoun).



Paul Hegarty beat Mo' Johnston to this cross but the Celtic striker was on target with a header for Celtic's second last October.



Above: Peter Grant smacks home Celtic's third goal despite Richard Gough's attempts to block the youngster's shot.

Tannadice Diary

Monday, 11th February — As preparations began for Saturday's cup trek to Queen of the South, United Reserves got some match practice in a friendly with Forfar who won 1-0.

Tuesday, 12th February — Billy Thomson (back injury), Gordon McLeod (concussion) had joined long term absentees Derek Stark and Stuart Beedie on the injury list.

Wednesday, 13th February — Hamish McAlpine damaged a shoulder in training to give manager Jim McLean a goalkeeping problem in view of Billy Thomson's injury.

Thursday, 14th February — The weather k.o.'d our 2nd XI cup-tie with Hearts but with the exception of Billy Thomson, most of the club's casualties had recovered.

Friday, 15th February — The United party set off for Dumfries with a pool of 14. Ralph Milne replacing John Clark and fit again Davie Dodds for Tom Coyne were the only changes from the previous week.

Saturday, 16th February — Once Davie Dodds had given United the lead in 43 minutes, there was no doubt that United would overcome a stuffy Queen of the South side. Eamonn Bannon and Davie Dodds (again) earned a final 3-0 score-line at Tannadice. The Reserves went down 2-1 to Celtic.

Monday, 18th February — Maurice Malpas will miss Saturday's game with Dumbarton due to a one-match suspension, whilst Gary McGinnis, Gary Voy and Paul Smith were all suspended.

Tuesday, 19th February — Stuart Beedie's ankle injury continued to improve and he should be back in 10 day's time or so.

Wednesday, 20th February — Injuries and suspensions were causing problems for the Reserve fixture at Dumbarton. Gary McGinnis, Jimmy Page and John Clark would all require fitness tests.

Thursday, 21st February — Despite problems over team selection the Reserves hit Dumbarton for six at Boghead. John Reilly (2), Jim Easton, John Clark (penalty), Gordon McLeod and substitute Kevin Gallacher were marksmen who won both points.

Friday, 22nd February — John Reilly was included in the first team pool for the visit of Dumbarton with Maurice Malpas out. Gordon MacLeod and John Clark were added to make-up the 15 man pool.

FLASHBACK

10 YEARS AGO

Saturday, 1st March, 1975 — Dumbarton 1, United 2.

A shaky start by United culminated in Dumbarton taking the lead in the 24th minute, though it was in dubious circumstances following a soft penalty award. John Bourke seemed to fall rather than be sinned against but that didn't prevent Ian Wallace blasting the ball past Hamish McAlpine from the spot.

United can thank winger Iain McDonald for their victory. He alone, of the two sets of forwards, showed the necessary directness and he was rewarded with two superb goals. He equalised in the 34th minute after a mazy run and crashed home a 25 yard special in the 50th minute to clinch both points. Crowd — 2,500.

United — McAlpine, Rolland, Kopel, Copland, Smith, Narey, MacLeod, Payne, Gray, Fleming, McDonald (Hegarty). (Substitute not used — Sturrock).

20 YEARS AGO

Saturday, 27th February, 1965 — United 3, Airdrie 2.

United took their run of successive League victories to seven but this was perhaps the least impressive. A second minute strike by Finn Dossing put United ahead, but Ian McMillan shot a beauty to equalise 12 minutes later. Ian Mitchell was scythed in the box in the 21st minute and Jimmy Briggs lashed home the spot kick. Two minutes later the points looked totally safe when Mogen Berg scored from an Ian Mitchell assist. However, Airdrie's Doug Newlands gave them hope with a goal right on the interval.

Encouraged by that, the Broomfielder's second half form belied their lowly League position and with a touch of luck, they would have earned a point their play merited. Crowd — 6,000.

United — Mackay, Millar, Briggs, Munro, Smith, Gordon, Berg, Gillespie, Dossing, Mitchell, Persson.

30 YEARS AGO

Saturday, 5th March, 1955 — United 1, Dunfermline 4.

After an improvement in form over recent week's this result came as a severe set-back. Dunfermline were always on top and United only had a McGairy goal as consolation in a defeat which kept us in third bottom spot in the Second Division.

United — McLaren, Massie, Cross, Callaghan, Arnold, Stewart, McBain, Dunlop, Aikman, McGairy, Stephen.

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RESERVE REVIEW

After a spell of four consecutive defeats, the Reserves got back on song with a six goal victory at Dumbarton with their best performance of the New Year.

The Second XI Cup-tie at Tynecastle was postponed and no new date has been fixed at the time of writing. The winners, incidentally, will now travel to Motherwell who knocked out Rangers in the last round.

Details of the victory at Boghead are as follows:—

Thursday, 21st February

DUMBARTON RES. 0, UNITED RES. 6

After a spell of disappointing results this was a decisive morale booster for the Reserves.

Hero of the first half was John Reilly with two goals. His first in 15 minutes had an element of luck when a shot-cum-cross was misjudged by Gibson in the Dumbarton goal and spun off his hands into the net. Five minutes before half-time John got his second when he was on hand to crash home a Joe McLeod corner.

Despite those two goals John didn't reappear after the break, having earned himself a first team place for Saturday. United went three up five minutes into the second half. Gordon McLeod met a loose ball 18 yards out and despatched a low grounder past the keeper. Kevin Gallacher who replaced John Reilly scored the fourth after 66 minutes. Twenty minutes from time Jim Easton hit a fifth, and the sixth came 10 minutes from the end when Tom Coyne was brought down in the box and John Clark blasted home from the spot-kick.

UNITED — S. Thomson, Smith, Munro, Clark, Duffy, G. McLeod, Taylor (Page, 77), Easton, Reilly (Gallacher, 46), Coyne, J. McLeod.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAID . . .

RANGERS 0, UNITED 0

Sunday People

"It was a frustrating, inconclusive day for both teams, Rangers had their chances in the first half, United in the second, yet neither side could produce the spark of genius to win the game."

Sunday Express

"Paul Sturrock missed a great chance to end United's Ibrox hoodoo, but the Scotland striker was by no means the only sinner in a game that cried out for a goal."

Sunday Mail

"Frustrating stuff for all — including those in the dug-out."

Sunday Post

"Both can forget it as far as the Premier League Championship is concerned. Both have to pin their hopes on the Scottish Cup. I trust that's what they were saving themselves for."

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 0, UNITED 3

Sunday People

"Queens fought a furious rearguard action in their Scottish Cup Fourth Round tie."

Sunday Post

"The Doonhamers had fought stubbornly until a minute before the break."

Sunday Express

"United never gave Queens the slightest hope of causing an upset and always looked as if they had something in reserve."

Sunday Mail

"Dundee United cruised through to a Fifth Round tie against St Mirren, despite a plucky performance by Queens."

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RANGERS		MATCH	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	
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Saturday, 9th February		DATE	Saturday, 16th February	
19,347		CROWD	5,700	
Icy wind. Pitch firm		CONDITIONS	Sunny. Pitch soft on solid base	
Premier Division, 23rd match		FIXTURE	Scottish Cup, 4th Round	
UNITED (0) 0	RANGERS (0) 0	TEAMS RESULT AND SCORERS	UNITED (1) 3 Dodds 2 (43 and 83) Bannon (53)	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0 Davidson, Mackay (Quinn 80 mins.), Gray, McCluskey, Parker, Oliver, Robertson, Cochrane, Nolan Cloy, Robertson. (Sub. not used— Young)
McAlpine, Malpas, Holt, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Taylor, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds. (Subs. not used— Beaumont, Clark).	Walker Mackinnon Munro, McPherson Paterson, Redford McCoist, Fraser Johnstone, MacDonald (Williamson, 67), Cooper. (Sub not used— Russell).		McAlpine, Malpas, Holt Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Taylor (Milne 46), Kirkwood, Sturrock (Beaumont 85), Dodds.	
<p>The firm pitch and icy wind did little to enhance spectator comfort and also contributed to a rather lack-lustre game, during which neither goalkeeper was ever under any great pressure.</p> <p>Rangers could justifiably claim they had the better of the first half, but the best chances of the opening 45 minutes fell to United.</p> <p>Paul Sturrock shot wide from an Eamonn Bannon cut back and nearer the interval Paul Hegarty's free header from a corner was saved by Walker.</p> <p>The second half was fairly even and Davy Cooper for the home side and Alex Taylor for United both hesitated in front of goal when in the clear.</p> <p>Overall, neither side could quibble with the point they gleaned, but the draw meant Rangers stretched their unbeaten run against us to a remarkable nine games.</p> <p>Booked: United — Narey (Foul on Johnstone, 7 mins.)</p>		MATCH REPORT	<p>A potentially tricky tie on paper in reality provided a relatively comfortable passage into the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup.</p> <p>Although the Doonhamers rarely threatened to score they defended stoutly in the early stages, restricting United to only a handful of chances in the first half, the most notable being a solo run by Maurice Malpas, a Billy Kirkwood header, and a Davie Dodds' header which struck the post.</p> <p>Two minutes from half-time Davie Dodds broke the deadlock when he took advantage of a slip by Gray to hammer the ball past Davidson from 12 yards.</p> <p>Then Eamonn Bannon cracked in a loose ball seven minutes into the second half to effectively end any hopes of Queens' springing a surprise.</p> <p>After missing a series of good chances, Davie Dodds volleyed in a third near the end to cap a fine overall performance by the striker who had just returned from injury.</p> <p>Booked: Queen of the South — Cloy (Trip on Holt, 55 mins.)</p>	

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Our action focus captures the first two goals last week, and they came from two players who haven't enjoyed the best of luck with injuries this term. Ralph Milne's goal (above) was his first since the home leg of the U.E.F.A. tie with Stockholm, and John Reilly (extreme right, below) scored his first League goal of the season. His only previous counter was in the League Cup-tie with Forfar.



PREMIER A-Z

WILLIE PETTIGREW (Born 29.9.53). Just before the start of season 1979-80, Jim McLean acquired the signature of Willie Pettigrew for a then club record fee of £100,000. At the time of the signing the United manager stated that he felt the capture of Willie Pettigrew was a step in the right direction in our quest for a major honour. Those words proved highly prophetic because although Willie was only at Tannadice a little over two years he picked up two League Cup Winners medals, scoring twice against Aberdeen in 1979, and a Scottish Cup Runners-up medal. When at Fir Park, the striker's prolific scoring had been responsible for him winning 5 full caps. In his first season at Tannadice he quickly showed he had lost none of his scoring flair, topping the scoring charts with 22 goals as well as scoring in his debut against 'Spurs in a friendly. Season 1980-81 wasn't such a good one for Willie and the emergence of Davie Dodds over that season eventually led to Willie being sold to Hearts in a joint package with Derek Addison in September 1981. His full playing record:—

	Premier League		Scottish Cup		League Cup		U.E.F.A. Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
79-80	34(1)	14	2	4	8	4	4	—	48(1)	22
80-81	14(7)	6	—(4)	—	5(1)	1	2(1)	3	21(13)	10
81-82	2(1)	1	—	—	5(1)	3	—	—	7(2)	4
	50(9)	21	2(4)	4	18(2)	8	6(1)	3	76(16)	36

Willie didn't enjoy the best of fortune at Tynecastle and moved on to Cappielow and we could see him back in action at Tannadice next month when Morton are our visitors.

IAIN PHILLIP (Born 12/4/51). Iain was in his second spell at Dens Park when he was transferred to Tannadice for a £25,000 fee. Iain's experience in both defence and midfield was a telling factor in the decision to bring him to Tannadice that was much in evidence in his 5-year association with the club. Iain signed at the end of November 1978 and was more or less a first team regular up until our championship winning side, but even then he was still very much in the first team pool. Last season, however, Iain's talent was mainly utilised in the reserve side and when a broken leg side-lined him. Iain began to look to his future outside the game. Initially, he went part-time and just when he was on the verge of playing again, he moved to Raith Rovers for whom he plays regularly. Iain's playing record:—

	Premier League		Scottish Cup		League Cup		U.E.F.A. Cup		Total	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
78-79	9(1)	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	10(1)	—
79-80	26	1	2	—	4(1)	—	3	—	35(1)	1
80-81	27(2)	—	5	—	8	—	3	—	43(2)	—
81-82	14(1)	—	—(1)	—	10	—	6	—	30(2)	—
82-83	5	—	—	—	8	—	2(1)	—	15(1)	—
83-84	—	—	—	—	—(1)	—	—	—	—(1)	—
	81(4)	1	8(1)	—	30(2)	—	14(1)	—	133(8)	1

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AUG.	20	(H)	EAST STIRLING. L 2-5. Sturrock, Humphries.
SEPT.	3	(H)	FORFAR. W 3-2. Humphries (2 pens.), McDonald.
"	6	(A)	ST JOHNSTONE. W 4-3. J. Wallace 2, Own Goal, Sturrock.
"	10	(A)	BRECHIN CITY. L 0-1.
"	13	(H)	HAMILTON ACCIES. W 3-1. Newman, Hunter, Humphries.
"	17	(A)	FORFAR ATHLETIC. D 2-2. Martin, Hunter.
"	20	(A)	DUMBARTON. L 3-4. McDonald, Martin, Hunter (pen.).
"	27	(H)	STENHOUSEMUIR. W 5-2. Martin, Humphries, Scott, Hunter 2.
OCT.	4	(A)	EAST FIFE. L 1-5. Humphries.
"	11	(A)	QUEEN'S PARK. L 1-2. Hunter.
"	25	(H)	BERWICK RANGERS. W 4-1. Hay (pen.), Scott, McDonald 2.
NOV.	1	(A)	ALLOA ATHLETIC. L 1-3. Hay.
"	8	(A)	AYR UNITED. L 2-6. Hunter, Newman.
"	15	(H)	COWDENBEATH. W 2-0. Sturrock, McDonald.
"	22	(A)	MONTROSE. D 1-1. McDonald.
"	29	(H)	ARBROATH. L 2-3. McDonald, Newman.
DEC.	6	(A)	STRANRAER. L 1-4. Scott.
"	13	(H)	ALBION ROVERS. L 3-4. Scott, Hunter, Sturrock.
"	20	(A)	MORTON. L 1-2. McDonald.
"	27	(A)	EAST STIRLING. D 1-1. Scott.
JAN.	1	(H)	ST JOHNSTONE. L 2-3. McDonald, Sturrock.
"	3	(A)	HAMILTON ACCIES. L 0-1.
"	10	(H)	DUMBARTON. D 1-1. McDonald.
"	17	(A)	STENHOUSEMUIR. L 0-1.
"	24	(H)	EAST FIFE. D 1-1. Humphries.
FEB.	7	(H)	QUEEN'S PARK. D 1-1. Scott.
"	21	(A)	BERWICK RANGERS. L 2-8. Scott, Wallace.
MAR.	7	(H)	AYR UNITED. L 2-3. Scott, Humphries.
"	14	(A)	COWDENBEATH. L 0-6.
"	21	(H)	MONTROSE. W 3-0. Napier 2, McDonald.
"	28	(A)	ARBROATH. L 0-2.
APR.	4	(H)	STRANRAER. W 1-0. Scott.
"	11	(A)	ALBION ROVERS. L 1-3. Stalker.
"	18	(H)	MORTON. W 4-1. Stalker 2, Sturrock, Hay.
"	22	(H)	ALLOA. D 1-1. Stalker.
"	25	(H)	BRECHIN CITY. L 1-2.

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SCOTTISH CUP—

FEB.	9	(A)	EAST STIRLING. D 1-1. Sturrock.
"	10	(H)	EAST STIRLING. D 0-0 (after extra time).
"	11	(N)*	EAST STIRLING. W 4-0. Sturrock, Scott, McDonald, Hay. (*Played at Tynecastle)
"	14	(H)	THIRD LANARK. L 0-4.

LEAGUE CUP—

AUG.	9	(A)	ST JOHNSTONE. W 2-1. Humphries, Hay.
"	13	(H)	COWDENBEATH. L 1-3. Humphries.
"	16	(H)	MORTON. L 1-4. Hunter.
"	23	(H)	ST JOHNSTONE. W 5-3. McDonald 2, Humphries, Sturrock, Hunter.
"	27	(A)	COWDENBEATH. L 1-6. McDonald.
"	30	(A)	MORTON. L 1-6. Own goal.

FORFARSHIRE CUP—

Semi-final	DEC. 25	(H)	FORFAR ATH. W 4-3. Hay, McDonald 2, Humphries.
Final	MAY 2	(N)*	BRECHIN CITY. L 0-3. (*Played at Gayfield).

FRIENDLIES—

OCT.	6	(H)	PORTADOWN. W 5-1. Hay 2, McDonald 2, Scott.
"	18	(H)	SCOTTISH ARMY COMMAND. W 5-1. Scott 2, Humphries, Douglas, Hunter.

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SCOTTISH CUP QUARTER FINAL PREVIEW



East takes on West in three of the four Scottish Cup-ties next week. The fourth tie is an all East coast affair in which swiftly improving Hearts meet Cup holders Aberdeen at Tynecastle. The Dons are chasing a record-breaking fourth consecutive cup win, but I have a sneaking suspicion that Hearts' undoubted fighting spirit could cause an upset.

Dundee are another side who have shown great improvement in 1985 and, fresh from a cup victory at Ibrox, Dundee will not be lacking in confidence. For the second successive week, Celtic will be in Dundee for an all-ticket match and their cup fortunes could well hinge on the outcome of today's match, and how it affects their League challenge. Having said that, the Parkhead side will be eager to avenge that 2-0 League defeat at Dens last month and that could just give them the edge, although a replay may be required.

The Motherwell - Forfar clash at Fir Park guarantees the presence of at least one non-Premier club in the semis. Manager Tommy McLean has already told his players to put the cup to the back of their minds, as promotion is by far and away the more important goal this season. However, as they now have such a great chance of making the last four I am sure they won't need much motivating. Although 'Well have already beaten Forfar twice, the Loons are renowned cup fighters, and this is bound to be a close contest with home advantage perhaps swaying the issue in Motherwell's favour.

The remaining tie involves ourselves and St Mirren at Paisley. Historically, home advantage has always proved decisive with Saints having won all four of our previous ties in the West. Indeed, the Love Street side have knocked us out of the cup four times in the last eight seasons. On the basis that such sequences are there to be broken, surely this will be our turn, and the absence of Frank McAvennie through suspension hardly comes as bad news to United fans.

Summing up, our tips for the semi-finals on April 13 are, Hearts, Celtic, Motherwell and United, that would mean two sides from the East and West, but no one in these parts would be upset if I was totally wrong in my forecasts and Aberdeen, Dundee, Dundee United and Forfar reached the last four. No matter what the draw then, it would be bound to set the administrators a headache over venues! Well you can always dream can't you, but you never know!



PROGRAMME REVIEW

For our last round, Queen of the South issued their normal programme, except that they included an extra four pages which comprised a team group of United and two blank pages for autographs, that increased the programme to 24 pages on this occasion. Contents comprise 1/2 page editorial comment, Nobby's notebook, (the manager's spot), 1 1/2 pages of news and views, down memory lane, two full pages of pictures, pen pics, players have their say (an article by each of their playing staff), fixtures and playing staff. All this is housed in a traditional programme format with about nine pages of adverts. Overall, a good issue especially for a Second Division club, and certainly, no one can quibble that its 25p price-tag isn't value for money.

BACKTRACKING . . .

VITAL CLASHES WITH CELTIC

Whilst this afternoon's clash with Celtic is vital to the destination of the League Championship, regrettably, it is so only from Celtic's viewpoint and not our own. In recent years, however, there have been several crucial meetings between the pair when both sides had title aspirations. Most recently, of course, was our 3-2 win at Parkhead in April, 1983, which was truly the platform from which we launched our run in for our championship win two seasons ago.

Five years earlier only a 2-1 win for Celtic, again at Parkhead, effectively ended our league ambitions in April, 1979. In March, 1977, a 2-0 win for Celtic in Glasgow, also K.O'd our league challenge.

All these have taken place recently, but the first of these championship battles came as long ago as sixteen years ago. United, although in an apparently transitional stage, had surprised most pundits by ending 1968 level on points with the then all conquering Celtic side.

A crowd of 21,000 filled Tannadice that January afternoon sixteen years ago. There was furious controversy, amazing goals, all culminating in a fantastic finish.

Play was only possible after a pitch inspection an hour before the start when Referee Bain from Bankhead passed the heavy pitch playable.

Bobby Lennox took advantage of a mistake by Jim Cameron to put Celtic ahead, then they survived a penalty appeal for hand-ball against Jim Brogan.

The second half was only five minutes old and Jimmy Johnstone for Celtic and Ian Mitchell for United should have scored. It was end to end stuff and Alex Reid appeared to have equalised but a linesman's flag curtailed United's joy. The equaliser was only temporarily delayed. Ten minutes from time Ian Mitchell slid home a Davie Wilson cross. Four minutes later Celtic were back in front when John Hughes hooked the ball home from an acute angle to stifle United's joy.

Then with only seconds left Pat McMahon scored a third with a shot from close in to put Celtic further along the road to another championship success.

UNITED — Mackay, Rolland, J. Cameron, Gillespie (Reid), D. Smith, Wood, Hogg, J. Millar, K. Cameron, Mitchell, Wilson.

CELTIC — Simpson, Craig, Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill, Brogan, Johnstone (McMahon), Callaghan, Wallace, Lennox, Hughes.



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HAMISH McALPINE

Saved Mo Johnston's penalty at Parkhead in December, one of three penalty misses against us this season.

MAURICE MALPAS

Absent through suspension last week, that was Maurice's first miss at Premier level this term.

JOHN HOLT

His consistent performances earned him the Supporters' Association 'Man of the Match' which was presented to him last Saturday.

RICHARD GOUGH

Scored his fifth league goal of the season last week, making him our second top scorer in Premier outings.

PAUL HEGARTY (Captain)

Richard Gough and the Tannadice skipper are now the only ever presents this term.

DAVE NAREY

United's first ever full internationalist is fast approaching the 500th appearance mark in domestic competitions.

EAMONN BANNON

Gave way for Gordon McLeod late in last Saturday's game. Eamonn only needs four goals to reach the half century in Premier outings.

RALPH MILNE

Completed the full match against Dumbarton for the first time since Dumbarton's earlier visit in October. His goal last week was his eighth of the season.

BILLY KIRKWOOD

Has scored one goal in each of the four competitions United have entered this season.

PAUL STURROCK

Came on as a substitute last week to score his 16th goal of the season equalling his tally in our championship season.

DAVIE DODDS

Although he scored twice at Dumfries, Davie's last league goal was against Aberdeen at New Year.

DAVE BEAUMONT

His long throws were responsible for our two first half goals against Dumbarton.

STUART BEEDIE

An ankle injury in the friendly at Berwick has sidelined him for the past three weeks.

1

PAT BONNER

Won surprisingly in view of the fact of his consistent form for Celtic, only his fifth cap for Eire against Italy.

2

WILLIE McSTAY

The eldest of the McStay brothers, Willie, the defender, made most of his appearances from the subs. bench until recently.

3

DANNY McGRAIN (Captain)

His appearance against Morton recently marked his 300th league game for Celtic since signing from Maryhill in 1967.

4

ROY AITKEN

Totally committed to Celtic, the big defender could well be seen in a midfield role this afternoon.

5

TOM McADAM

Missed our last Parkhead meeting due to a broken cheek bone which Tom rates as the one that has side-lined him longest.

6

PIERCE O'LEARY

The second Republic of Ireland international in the side. The brother of Arsenal's David, had to wait a long time for his first team debut.

7

DAVIE PROVAN

The ex-Killie winger always seems to be a handful to us, as illustrated in our October meeting when he had a hand in all three goals.

8

PAUL McSTAY

Capped a superb performance last week against Aberdeen by converting his first penalty of the season.

9

MAURICE JOHNSTON

Scored his 13th goal for Celtic to open the scoring against Aberdeen. It was the 100th goal of his senior career.

10

MURDO MacLEOD

Scored the first goal in our October meeting. Murdo was fielded in a sweeper's role at Parkhead in December, but will be in his customary midfield role today.

11

FRANK McGARVEY

The former St Mirren and Liverpool striker is Celtic's leading scorer at Premier level over the years.

12

PETER GRANT

Scored Celtic's third goal in their win last October. Peter was replaced by Davie Provan in last week's game with Aberdeen.

14

ALAN McINALLY

The former Ayr striker scored Celtic's equaliser in our 2-1 League Cup win back in September.

Referee — R. M. DELANEY (Cleland)

Linesmen — A. J. LYON (Aberdeen) and D. PETRIE (Aberdeen).

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