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JIM McLEAN

The draws at both Love Street and Fir Park in the past week, were, in my opinion, two points tossed away.

I'll concede we didn't deserve more than a draw against St. Mirren, but at Motherwell, we gifted the home side a point.

The lesson simply isn't getting through despite the number of instances where lapses late in a match have cost us dearly.

Tuesday's match at Fir Park can be added to our home matches with Celtic, Motherwell, St. Johnstone and Hibs where points have been dropped because of the loss of goals in the last ten minutes and Falkirk could so easily have been an addition to that list.

I simply cannot understand the negative element which continues to creep into our game.

Statistics can be deceiving because whilst we are the third top scorers in the Premier Division, there is no doubt in my mind that we have chucked too many chances away for our own good.

Too many times this season we have lead by a single goal, but then failed to kill off the opposition.

Fir Park on Tuesday was a classic example of this. Some of our outfield play was very pleasing yet we finished up hanging on to a 1-0 lead and ultimately throwing away a point.

I have to confess that I am struggling to find the right blend just now. I don't like fielding an eleven without a really penetrative winger.

Unfortunately, virtually no one on the staff relishes playing wide to give us width and space to play in.

Some will do it in the odd game, but none is capable of achieving it on a consistent basis.

Some may ask why I didn't play Alex Cleland at Motherwell after he scored at Paisley, but you can't play four in midfield because none possess that vital element of penetration.

So you can see finding that right blend is a real headache. That is not to say we haven't done well of late, but we are still short of being the finished article.

Most managers would be happy with our record of only one defeat in the last nine matches, but I must have a closer look at solving our problems in those wide positions.

Also whilst we have strikers with undoubted quality, we cannot afford to play three up front.

Consequently, if everyone is fit today, a player whom I consider to be a very good player will have to sit on the bench, but that is all part of the jigsaw in trying to find the right blend which just now is proving a bit elusive.



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TWO INCREDIBLE DECADES



JIM McLEAN... completed two decades at Tannadice this week.

This week and depending upon which date you wish to pick, manager Jim McLean completed his second decade in charge of team matters at Tannadice.

Although not a written applicant for the vacant team managers post in 1971, Jim McLean accepted the offer of the job on Friday December 3rd.

Typically, although not due to take up his duties until Monday 6th, he took his place in the dug-out at Tynecastle the following day to watch United go down 3-2 to Hearts.

Few could have realised then the impact which the new United manager was to have on the fortunes of the club.

I suppose you could say the rest is history, but a reminder of just how much one man has changed the course of the club can be gleaned from the following pertinent facts:

United's Achievement under Jim McLean

- * When Paul Hegarty raised the League Cup aloft at Dens Park in 1979 it was the Club's first major honour. Aberdeen were United's 3-0 victims, in the replayed 79-80 Bells League Cup Final.
- * Tannadice fans didn't have to wait another 70 years for honour number 2. A year later United were back at Dens repeating that 3-0 scoreline, this time against Dundee in the League Cup final.
- * May 1983 brought the ultimate honour to Tannadice when United lifted the Premier title. Although

it wasn't decided until the final day of the season, the Championship was won with a then record points total, and the current record for goals scored and fewest defeats.

- * Until 1977 United had never had a player capped at full International. Dave Narey became United's first capped player against Sweden at Hampden. Since then he has become one of nine United players to earn full international recognition. In the World Cup, in Mexico five years ago, no less than five United players wore their country's colours in the final stages, something no other Scottish club can claim. Maurice Malpas, the current club skipper, stands on the threshold of entering Scotland's "Hall of Fame" and with 45 caps to date is now United's most capped player.

- * In Europe United have been consistent performers. The pinnacle being the appearance in the Final of the 1986-87 UEFA Cup. In addition the Club are now Britain's most regular participants in the U.E.F.A. Cup and have competed in Europe in all but two of the last 17 seasons.

- * United, under Jim McLean, have appeared in all 3 European tournaments and, of course, reached the semi-final of the European Cup in season 1983-84.

- * In addition to the honours above United have participated in six Scottish Cup Finals and a further two League Cup Finals.

- * Within three years of taking over at Tannadice, Jim McLean had led his side to a final position of fourth in the League, which at the time was the Club's best ever League placing. Such has been the consistency since, United have only finished out of the top half of the League (75/76) and even more impressively only three out of the top four in the past 17 seasons.

It is difficult in the short space available to fully do justice to his achievements for the Club, but one can safely say that what he has done for the Club will be looked upon as legendary by future generations, if it isn't already classed in such terms.

NEW PHYSIO

Since our last programme we have said farewell to Physio, Graham Doig, who has left the club, but not the city, to set up in private practice.

We will obviously be keeping in contact with Graham, but his successor, Andrew McLeod, took up his duties at Paisley last Saturday.

Andy previously worked in Canada and rejected a tremendous job opportunity in Toronto to come to Tannadice because he is so keen to break into football.

The new Physio is, in fact, the son of Ally McLeod, the former Scotland manager, now in charge of Second Division, Queen of the South.

United actually won't be the first Scottish Club for whom Andrew has been attached because in the past he has worked for Dumbarton and Ayr United, but only on a part-time basis. So it is a case of wishing Graham good luck in his new venture and welcoming Andy to the club.

WALTER ROJAS RETURNS TO ARGENTINA

Another departure since our last programme is Walter Rojas.

The Argentinian winger, unfortunately, didn't come up to standard. Whilst he didn't enjoy much luck, Walter sustained a bad thigh injury within days of arriving at Tannadice, when he did recover, he failed to adapt. The terms of the transfer meant that San Lorenzo have bought Walter back.

This experience will not necessarily be the end of future acquisitions from that neck of the woods.

An Argentinian colleague of Victor Ferreyra, Manuel Aguilar, and Peruvian internationalists Percy Olivarias and Francesco Manicera have had spells on trial at Tannadice.

We hope to be ready if the option of another work permit becomes available.

'RAGS TO RICHES' UP-DATED

The Club's official history 'Rags to Riches' written by Mike Watson was first published in 1985.

It has been out of print for some considerable time now, and consequently an update is being launched later this month and would make an ideal Christmas present.

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MATCH REVIEW

Saturday, 23rd November, 1991
B & Q Premier Division — 20th
Match

Venue — Tannadice Park,
Dundee

UNITED (0)0
HEARTS (0)1
Robertson (64)

Crowd: 12,796

UNITED: Van De Kamp, Clark,
Malpas, Bowman, Van Der Hoorn,
Narey, McNally (Paatelainen 77),
Jackson, Ferreyra, Ferguson,
McKinnon.
(Sub not used — Cleland)

HEARTS: Smith, McLaren,
McKinlay, Levein, Mackay,
McPherson, Crabbe, (Hogg 89),
Wright, Baird, Millar, Robertson,
(I. Ferguson 70).

Referee: D. Yeats (Perth)

Sending off: Hearts — Mackay
(clash with McKinnon 82).

Bookings — **United** — McKinnon
(late tackle on Mackay 46), Ferreyra
(dissent 73)

Hearts — Levein (foul on Ferreyra
75), Wright (late tackle on McKinnon
81).

Encounters between United and
Hearts are always fiercely con-

tested and rarely does a goal
separate either side. When both
sides are on six match unbeaten
runs and the visitors top of the
league, it only serves to intensify
the competitiveness of this par-
ticular fixture.

Before the match, coach Paul Stur-
rock had forecast that it was
unlikely to be a match for the
purist. He was spot on in his
assessment.

During the first half, in particular,
creativity was hard to find as both
midfields cancelled one another
out.

It took some twenty-five minutes
before either goalkeeper was
tested. This followed a long ball
played up field by McPherson
which found Robertson in the
clear and the Hearts striker's first
shot was blocked by Freddy Van
Der Hoorn and his effort from his
follow up effort was well saved by
Guido Van De Kamp.

John Clark drilled a free kick just
wide and then headed just past,
and on the stroke of half-time
Smith made the first of several
good saves in the match when he
tipped over a 20 yarder from Dar-
ren Jackson.

The earlier part of the second half



followed a similar pattern, but in
the 64th minute Hearts broke the
stalemate with a goal out-of-the-
blue. Crabbe flighted the ball over
from the right to Baird at the far
post and he headed down to
Robertson who prodded the ball
past Guido Van De Kamp.

This certainly put life into the
game and the introduction of Mixu
Paatelainen almost reaped instant
dividends as Duncan Ferguson
headed one of the Finn's crosses
from the left just over.

Then came the flash point of a con-
troversial incident. Ray McKinnon
was felled by Wright as he made
tracks towards goal. As the Hearts
midfielder was being booked, the
stand-side linesman flagged and
the net result was the dismissal of
Gary Mackay for an incident in the
wake of the original foul on Ray
McKinnon.

From the ensuing free kick Henry
Smith made a tremendous save
from a viciously curling John Clark
shot. We poured forward in
search of an equaliser and almost
grabbed one when McLaren
directed a pass-back wide of
Smith, but again the Hearts keeper
was on the alert and dived to save
an awkward situation.

So our six match unbeaten run
came to an end, though our efforts
almost certainly merited a point
from the last match to be played at
Tannadice before the removal of
the north enclosure to make way
for a new two tiered stand in its
place.



Craig Levein clears from Maurice Malpas.

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MATCH REVIEW

Saturday, 30th November, 1991

B & Q Premier Division —
21st match

Venue — Love Street,
Paisley

ST. MIRREN (0)1

Broddle (53)

UNITED (0)1

Cleland (83)

Crowd: 3,500

ST. MIRREN: Money, McGowne, Beattie, Aitken, Charnley, Manley, Lambert (McDowell 83), McIntyre, Irvine (McGill 78), Broddle, Elliot

UNITED: Van De Kamp, Clark, Malpas, Bowman (Cleland 82), Van Der Hoorn, Narey, McNally, Paatelainen, Ferreyra, Jackson, McKinnon (McLaren 72).

Referee: Mr. R. T. Tait (East Kilbride)

Bookings: United — Bowman (holding McGill, 80).

St. Mirren were obviously in buoyant mood following their win at Ibrox and we again went into this match without the services of Billy McKinlay, and Duncan Ferguson was also ruled out because of a broken bone in his hand.

Saints made a sprightly opening with Dave Narey



ALEX CLELAND... his first touch at Paisley brought our equaliser

blocking a Charnley shot after Broddle had created the opening.

It was the start of a fast and furious game and in the 11th minute we almost took the lead when Elliot screwed the bar following a Ray McKinnon corner.

Saints came back and Guido Van De Kamp had to react quickly to hold an Alan Irvine shot at the second attempt to prevent Elliot from scoring.

The pace of the game was brightening up a very grey Paisley afternoon and Darren Jackson shot wide after a neat exchange between Victor Ferreyra and Darren Jackson.

The breakthrough almost came in the 34th minute when we struck the woodwork for a second time when Mixu Paatelainen stabbed the ball against the base of the post after the Finn ran on to a throughball.

The pace of the game showed no signs of slackening in the second half and eight minutes into the second half Saints went ahead when **Broddle** pounced on a Guido Van De Kamp throw out which was intended for Jim McNally.

The Englishman strode forward to drill the ball into the far corner from around 25 yards.

Five minutes later Saints missed a golden opportunity to tie up the match. Alan Irvine, looking suspiciously off-side, ran through, did all the hard work, rounding Guido Van



De Kamp, only to strike the same spot on the post as Mixu Paatelainen had hit in the first half, but in the former United striker's case the goal was at his mercy.

The end-to-end stuff continued and Andy McLaren replaced Ray McKinnon in the 72nd minute, but it was our second substitution ten minutes later that was to reap instant reward.

Alex Cleland came on for Dave Bowman and made an instant impact. Victor Ferreyra crossed from the right from which Mixu Paatelainen got in a shot which Money could only parry and **Alex Cleland** ran in to nod the ball home from close range to equalise with his very first touch of the match and score his first goal of the season.

Neither side could summon up a winner in the last seven minutes so we had to be content with a point which stretched our unbeaten run away from home to four matches.

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