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# Going Fourth



**It gives me great pleasure to welcome all supporters, officials and players from both Celtic and Dundee United to this evening's second Co-operative Insurance Cup Semi-Final here at Hampden Park, Glasgow.**

This is a competition in which both clubs have been fairly successful in getting to the Semi-Finals over the years, although Dundee United have only won the trophy twice compared to Celtic's thirteen wins. Although I do not think many of us will forget last season's Final for a long time, which I think most people would agree that United probably deserved to win, but it was not to be. The last meeting between the clubs, in this competition, was in the Semi-Final, here at Hampden Park, on Thursday, 6th February, 2003, when Celtic won by three goals to nil, thanks to a double from Bobo Balde and a third from Henrik Larsson.

It is the fourth time the clubs have met at this stage of the competition with Celtic winning in seasons 1982/83, 1990/91 & 2002/03. United's solitary win was in season 1980/81, when they, as holders, won the then two legged Semi-Final 4-1 on aggregate, before going on to beat their city rivals, Dundee, by three goals to nil in the Final. Indeed, United won the trophy in both seasons it was known as the Bells' League Cup.

Dundee United have had to play three matches to get to tonight's Semi-Final. Their Second Round Tie resulted in a fairly straightforward victory, at Central Park, against Craig Levein's first managerial charges Cowdenbeath, by five goals to one, with the goals coming from a Jon Daly hat-trick and two from David Goodwillie. In the Third Round, they eased past Airdrie United at Tannadice Park, by two goals to nil, thanks to goals from Scott Robertson and David Goodwillie again. In the Quarter Final though, they had a tougher time against Dunfermline Athletic, again at Tannadice Park, where a goal by Scott Robertson was all that separated the sides before a crowd of 5,350.

Celtic, thanks to their UEFA duties, were not required to enter until the Third Round, where they had a comfortable victory over Livingston by four goals to nil at Celtic Park, with the goals coming from Glenn Loovens, a Georgios Samaras double and a fourth from Scott Brown. In the Quarter Finals, against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park, they eventually triumphed, in a fairly physical game, by three goals to one, with goals from Aiden McGeady, Scott McDonald and Shunsuke Nakamura, before a crowd of 6,319.

On behalf of The Scottish Football League, I would also like to say a special thanks to our sponsors, Co-operative Insurance, who, earlier this month, extended their sponsorship of the competition until the end of season 2010/11. Everyone at The Scottish Football League is delighted they have decided to do so. Co-operative Insurance do not just sponsor football at the glamorous end but at grassroots level too, where, since 1999, they have provided kits to over 3,200 youth teams and coaching to over 16,000 children throughout the U.K.

Co-operative Insurance are very willing and enthusiastic sponsors and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all their officials, representatives and invited guests attending this evening and trust that they enjoy tonight's tie.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff here at the National Stadium, Hampden Park, for their assistance and co-operation over the past few weeks in organising this match.

Enjoy the game!

**BROWN McMASTER**  
President, The Scottish Football League

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The Co-operative Insurance would like to welcome both sets of supporters to tonight's Co-operative Insurance Cup Semi-final.

The Co-operative Insurance is delighted to have renewed its sponsorship of The Co-operative Insurance Cup earlier this month. We have supported The League Cup for the past ten seasons, and during that time we have become very familiar with a competition which is exciting, engaging and unpredictable. The Co-operative Insurance Cup receives tremendous exposure in the Scottish print media, is broadcast on TV and the internet with live ties and highlights, but most importantly of all, it commands a place in the hearts and minds of the fans, players, clubs and communities who are involved in it.

We are extremely grateful to member clubs of The Scottish Football League and Scottish Premier League who help with access to players which assists our efforts to generate coverage for the tournament. And of course, we are also tremendously appreciative of the generous support by the sports media and football fans throughout the country for both the competition and our promotional activities.

Alongside our involvement in Scottish football, we also sponsor The Co-operative Insurance Cup in Northern Ireland and have a nationwide grassroots programme which has supplied over 3,200 sets of football kit to junior teams and provided football coaching to over 16,000 children since it began in 1999.

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I hope you enjoy the match and I would like to wish both teams and their supporters the best of luck.



**Dick Parkhouse**  
Managing Director, Retail  
The Co-operative Financial Services

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## Roots and Branches

### THE CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE CUP 1999 – 2011

**This season sees the tenth anniversary of The Co-operative Insurance sponsorship of the Scottish League Cup. The CIS Insurance Cup as it was known until this season was The Co-operative Insurance's first sports sponsorship supporting its activity in Scotland.**

The last ten seasons have seen the tournament go from strength to strength and it is now firmly positioned as one of the top sport sponsorships in Scotland. It has a growing reputation as a competition which is exciting, engaging and unpredictable, in short it is:

- A tournament with a reputation for goals and excitement with all ties played to a finish.
- A tournament that has produced four different winners in the last five years alone.
- A tournament that offers the first silverware of the season.

Earlier this month at Hampden, Scotland's National Stadium, The Scottish Football League and The Co-operative Insurance announced a two year extension to The Co-operative Insurance Cup sponsorship with an option on a further term. This extension will take The Co-operative Insurance's term of sponsorship to twelve seasons and is a significant endorsement of the strength of the tournament and Scottish football.

The straight knock-out format of the competition will remain unchanged, with the 42 clubs from the top four Scottish divisions competing for The Co-operative Insurance Cup trophy, over six rounds. From next season, First Round matches will become weekend fixtures, to allow The Co-operative Insurance to work with clubs to build community activity into match days.

Alex Salmond, Scotland's First Minister, made the announcement of the renewal, talking in extremely positive tones about the competition, The Co-operative Insurance brand and the value of the sponsorship to Scottish football: "I am delighted to be here today to announce The Co-operative Insurance's renewal of its League Cup sponsorship for a further two years with an option for additional years. The League Cup is a terrific tournament and today's renewal is hugely important and indicates the financial strength of The Co-operative Insurance.

"These are difficult times as we all know and, in difficult times, sponsorship is one of the first things to come under pressure. Today an outstanding tournament and an outstanding company are coming together in a fruitful sponsorship for the benefit of football and the benefit of Scotland.

"An important aspect of this sponsorship is the commitment to grassroots football which has been a key part of the sponsorship and I welcome that. To secure this vital sponsorship at this time is a real cause for celebration and that's what we should do."

Dick Parkhouse, Managing Director, Retail for The Co-operative Insurance followed, outlining the importance of the Scottish market to the company as it accounts for 14% of its customer base. He continued: "We know that football is a sport close to the hearts of our customers and employees who live in Scotland. But most importantly, it commands a place in the hearts and minds of fans, players, clubs and communities who participate in The Cup each season."

He went on to discuss the value of the sponsorship to the organisation and thanked The Scottish Football

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League and Scottish Premier League and voiced his appreciation for the support by the sports media and fans up and down the country for both the competition and the organisation's promotional and community activities.

Alongside The Co-operative Insurance's sponsorship of The Co-operative Insurance Cup, it also has a grassroots programme which provides kits and equipment to junior teams throughout the UK. Since it began in 1999, it has provided kits to over 3,200 junior teams and coaching to over 16,000 children.

The Co-operative Insurance recognises the importance of grassroots football, not only giving children the opportunity to benefit from regular exercise but also to learn about teamwork and to develop social and sporting skills. The organisation plays an active role in its sponsorships and through its grassroots programme, aims to increase participation in football among children aged 6-16 and to encourage players of all abilities.

Current projects include The Co-operative Insurance Cup Keepy Uppy Challenge which visits shopping centres around Scotland; The Co-operative Insurance Cup Masterclasses which offer schools and junior teams access to structured football coaching; and starting this week, The Co-operative Insurance Cup Win For Your Club in conjunction with The Scotsman newspaper which gives readers the chance to win great football kit and equipment for junior teams.

On the day of the renewal announcement at Hampden, Murdo MacLeod, former Celtic, Hibernian and Scotland legend, BBC Scotland football pundit and columnist with the Daily Record, took a group of children from St. Andrew's and St. Bride's School in East Kilbride through a Co-operative Insurance Cup Masterclass. Murdo is delivering a series of Co-operative Insurance Cup Masterclasses as part of a promotion with the Daily Record. The children seemed delighted with the extra attention of TV cameras and Scotland's First Minister who posed with them for photographs.

**AILEEN WALTERS**  
(Sponsorship Manager, The Co-operative Insurance)

**First Minister, Alex Salmond with children from St. Andrew's and St. Bride's School in East Kilbride who took part in a Co-operative Insurance Cup Masterclass**



## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

**The origin of the Scottish League Cup dates back to the Second World War, but it was not officially a recognised tournament until the 1946/47 season, when Rangers beat Aberdeen 4-0 in the Final.**

The original format involved a number of "mini-leagues", with winners going through to a knockout stage. However, in recent seasons the competition has been played as a straight knockout tournament.

CIS signed its sponsorship deal with The Scottish Football League in 1999. In Season 2008 / 2009 CIS rebranded as The Co-operative Insurance and so the competition took the new title - The Co-operative Insurance Cup.

The CIS Insurance Cup Final results so far:

1999/2000	Celtic 2 Aberdeen 0
2000/2001	Celtic 3 Kilmarnock 0
2001/2002	Rangers 4 Ayr United 0
2002/2003	Rangers 2 Celtic 1
2003/2004	Hibernian 0 Livingston 2
2004/2005	Rangers 5 Motherwell 1
2005/2006	Dunfermline Athletic 0 Celtic 3
2006/2007	Kilmarnock 1 Hibernian 5
2007/2008	Rangers 2 Dundee United 2 (Rangers won 3 - 2 on Kicks from the Penalty Mark)

And the competition will have its first Co-operative Insurance Cup Winners on 15th March, 2009.

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# Road to the SEMIS

**Tonight's Co-operative Insurance Cup Semi-Final between Celtic and Dundee United will be the 25th time that these clubs have met in this competition. The League Cup has been played in various formats since its inception in season 1946/47 and since then, Celtic and Dundee United have played against each other in sectional ties, two legged knock-out matches and, similar to tonight's meeting, straight one-off matches played to a finish. In total, the Hoops have been victorious on fourteen previous occasions, the Tannadice club have recorded five victories with a further five matches having been drawn.**

Celtic and Dundee United have been paired at this stage of the competition on four previous occasions with the Parkhead club having won three of the previous ties, in seasons 1982/83, 1990/91 and the most recent encounter between the clubs here at Hampden in season 2002/03. The Terrors solitary success came in season 1980/81 when they recorded a 4-1 aggregate victory and then went on to successfully defend the trophy in the Final against city rivals Dundee. The only occasion that tonight's Semi-Finalists have met in the Final of this competition was back in season 1997/98 when the Hoops recorded a convincing 3-0 victory at Ibrox.

## SECOND ROUND

Tuesday, 26th August, 2008

**COWDENBEATH 1**

**DUNDEE UNITED 5**

*J. Dempster*

*J. Daly (3), D. Goodwillie (2)*

**COWDENBEATH:** D. Hay, D. Mackay, D. Fleming, D. McGregor, J. Mbu, S. Hodge, B. Fairbairn, (J. Dempster), J. Shields, (M. Baxter), J. Gemmell, (M. Tomana), M. Ramsay, P. McQuade

Substitutes not used: S. Linton, S. Morris

**DUNDEE UNITED:** L. Zaluska, S. Dillon, D. Grainger, G. Kenneth, D. Dods, W. Flood, C. Conway, (D. Swanson), S. Robertson, J. Daly, (A. Shala), M. Gomis, D. Goodwillie

Substitutes not used: R. O'Donovan, M. Kovacevic, M. McGovern

*Referee: Euan Norris*

*Attendance: 1,435*

With Celtic having qualified for the UEFA Champions League, they received a bye into the Third Round. Dundee United, meanwhile, were drawn away from home to Cowdenbeath, who had just been relegated from the Second Division at the end of the previous season. Central Park, of course, was where United boss Craig Levein began both his senior playing and managerial careers and was therefore, well acquainted with the surroundings.

Although United ultimately won convincingly, they toiled early on against their Third Division rivals and Danny Lennon's side comfortably held their own for the opening 25 minutes or so. However, after the Blue Brazil had almost snatched the opener through John Gemmell, the Tannadice club took the lead when Jon Daly glanced home a Craig Conway corner on the half hour mark and five minutes before half-time, David Goodwillie

converted from close range.

Two minutes after the restart, Daly scored his second to give United a commanding lead and in the 60th minute, Goodwillie added his own second to finish the tie as a contest. To Cowdenbeath's credit, they never gave up and substitute John Dempster grabbed a consolation in the 74th minute. However, the evening was to belong to Jon Daly and he completed his hat-trick in the 80th minute by scoring from close range.

United boss, Craig Levein, said: "This was potentially a difficult match but our attitude was spot on. I was pleased with the all round performance."

Georgios Samaras and Liam Fox



## THIRD ROUND

Tuesday, 23rd September, 2008

**CELTIC 4**

**LIVINGSTON 0**

*G. Loovens, G. Samaras (2),*

*S. Brown*

**CELTIC:** A. Boruc, A. Hinkel, L. Naylor, S. McManus, G. Loovens, A. McGeady, S. McDonald, (S. Maloney), M. Donati, (S. Brown), G. Samaras, P. Caddis, P. Hartley

Substitutes not used: G. Caldwell, J. Vennegoor of Hesselink, M. Brown

**LIVINGSTON:** R. McKenzie, D. Mackay, J. Talbot, (G. Miller), J. McPake, L. Fox, (F. Giarrizzo), C. Innes, A. McParland, M. Davidson, C. Elliot, (J. Cuenca), R. Quinn, J. Hamill

Substitutes not used: C. McDonald, P. Martini

*Referee: William Collum*

*Attendance: 23,644*

Celtic entered the competition by hosting the then First Division leaders, Livingston, who had started the season in impressive form. Indeed, the West Lothian club began the game brightly and passed the ball crisply with on loan Heart of Midlothian striker, Calum Elliot, missing an opportunity after only six minutes.

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