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## Dundee United

## Celtic

Hamish McALPINE

1

Alistair HUNTER

Andy ROLLAND

2

Danny McGRAIN

Frank KOPEL

3

Jim BROGAN

Jacky COPLAND

4

Steve MURRAY

Doug SMITH

5

Billy McNEILL

Doug HOUSTON

6

PAT McCLUSKEY

Tommy TRAYNOR

7

Jimmy JOHNSTONE

Dave NAREY

8

Kenny DALGLISH

Andy GRAY

9

Dixie DEANS

Alan MUNRO

10

Harry HOOD

Iain McDONALD

11

Paul WILSON

**SUBS**

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

At the very start of this season's league campaign I pointed out that this term could well prove to be the most decisive in the club's history—in fact in the histories of all ambitious Scottish clubs.

The present position of the league table shows that few points separate many clubs and, I feel, emphasises my opinion. Wins are proving to be harder to come by this season than ever before because so many clubs are adopting safety first tactics to ensure at least one point a game.

That is why I am relatively satisfied with our own position at present. We have thirteen points from ten league outings played so far and, although every club manager in the country will, like me, harp back onto the "might have beens", things have gone pretty well.

However, since the very first game of the season I have had the month of November marked off on my calendar as the month of decision. Although I hoped that we would still hold our interest in Europe through to this month I did not take this past week's trip into account when estimating the difficult task ahead of us this month.

After our eventual good fortune in coming out of our last home game against Dumbarton with a share of the points I was doubly pleased to see us get back on song again at Arbroath last Saturday.

The side played well for long spells in the game and the winning margin was sufficient to act as a morale booster for the lads for Bursa in midweek.

Now today comes the start of our biggest challenge when we meet Celtic before going in against Partick Thistle (away), Aberdeen (home) and Rangers (away) before November is out. If our lads display the form and the character I know they possess, that difficult card can be overcome with success.

Today's game will test both, but make no mistake about the Celts, they can be beaten and that is exactly what we will be striving for as we continue to press our claims for a top ten place at the end of the season.



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PARTICK THISTLE

v.

UNITED

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
CHAMPIONSHIP

UNITED

v.

ABERDEEN

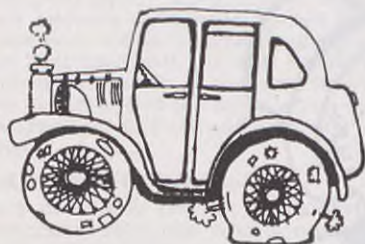
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## Meet today's official . . . Bobby Davidson

Today we are delighted to greet Bobby Davidson back to Tannadice. Recognised by all as our premier referee and by many as one of the leading officials in world football.

After the unsavoury incident which brought to an end his World Cup trip to Germany this summer it is perhaps surprising that Bobby still referees at all. To reach the pinnacle of one's dreams and be advised that you are to officiate the World Cup final then to have it taken away from you is perhaps the cruellest blow imaginable.

To his great credit Bobby has shrugged off the memory of Germany and is performing as well as ever this season. In his meagre ration of spare time away from his business interests and football commitments he is a keen golfer but confesses that he does not have sufficient opportunity to further this hobby.



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# Insight into our opponents

## **ALISTAIR HUNTER (goalkeeper)**

Ally joined the Parkhead club from Kilmarnock two years ago and made an immediate hit with the Celtic fans. International honours came his way and he appeared to be set for a permanent Scotland spot. However a lapse of form late last season saw him lose his club place and it is only during the past few weeks that he has regained the position.

## **DANNY McGRAIN (right-back)**

Undoubtedly one of the top full-backs in world football at the present time. He fulfilled all the promise displayed earlier with a superb World Cup in Germany this year, and but for a training injury this week would certainly have played in the international against East Germany on Wednesday. Came through the Celtic grades in great style after joining the club from Maryhill in 1967.

## **JIM BROGAN (full-back)**

A former international defender who has turned out to be one of the club's best-ever signings. Like his full-back partner McGrain, he forced his way into the Celtic first team after having been groomed through the grades at Parkhead. Signed for Celtic from St. Rochs away back in 1962 and is still turning on the goods at the top level.

## **STEVE MURRAY (midfield)**

The former Dundee and Aberdeen midfield dynamo who took over at Parkhead from the great Bobby Murdoch. His industrious and talented skills have thrilled the Parkhead fans and he is currently going through his best spell with the club having been a consistent scorer in the past few weeks. He netted one of the goals which took the League Cup to Parkhead after last week's final.

## **BILLY McNEILL (centre-half)**

One can easily run out of superlatives in describing this man who is not only one of the finest clubmen ever to grace the Scottish football scene but one of the top pivots ever produced in this country. His name is recognised wherever football is played in the world and he has played a major part in every one of the club's great successes since the early sixties.

## **PAT McCLUSKEY (defender)**

Another youngster brought through the grades to succeed at Parkhead. Celts had given him a chance earlier but it is only since star defender George Connolly quit the club earlier this year that Pat has become a key figure in the Celtic defence.

## **JIMMY JOHNSTONE (right-winger)**

One of the all-time great entertainers in the sport. Known throughout the world as probably the finest exponent of the high speed dribble and on his day a man who can swing a game the way of his side with one mazy run.

## **KENNY DALGLISH (midfield/striker)**

Yet another Parkhead star who has forced his way through the ranks to his present high pedestal in international football. Highly skilled in all the arts of the game and a major threat to every defence who face him. Although reckoned to have had an off-form spell during the World Cup he has come right back into form in the present great Celtic run.

## **DIXIE DEANS (striker)**

This afternoon will cap a wonderful seven days for the former £30,000 buy from Motherwell. A hat-trick in the League Cup final last Saturday was followed by his first international honour against East Germany in midweek. A prolific scorer who has netted successive hat-tricks in his past two games for the club and a real danger to United this afternoon.

## **HARRY HOOD (midfield)**

Another £30,000 signing by Jock Stein who has more than paid back the fee with his sterling contributions to the side's performances in recent years. Started his senior career with Clyde before moving on to Sunderland for an unhappy spell in football south of the border.

## **PAUL WILSON (striker)**

Another great goalscoring contributor in Celtic's great run this season. A player who often disappears from the action for long spells but then appears from nowhere to do the needful around the goal area. Has tremendous stamina and pace which combine to trouble the tightest of defences.

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