



**Scottish Premier
League**

**CELTIC
versus
ABERDEEN**

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY, 1st APRIL, 1978
KICK-OFF 3p.m.**

PROGRAMME 10p

CELTS MADE IT IN FIVE GOAL THRILLER

BILLY McNEILL brings his Aberdeen team to Celtic Park today for the second time this season and if the game is as good as the last time the Dons came to Parkhead the fans will be delighted.

Perhaps Billy McNeill and his players would disagree with that because they lost the last match by the odd goal in five.

However the result apart the game was a cracker and contained good play, excitement and good goals in abundance.

The match in question was played on Saturday November 19 last year and the full details were as follows:—

CELTIC 3 (Lynch, Aitken, Edvaldsson).
ABERDEEN 2 (Jarvie, Harper).

Celtic: Latchford; Filippi and Lynch; Aitken, McDonald and Munro; Doyle and Edvaldsson; Craig; McAdam and Conn. Substitutes: Wilson and Glavin.

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy and McLelland; Sullivan, Garner and Miller; Jarvie and Robb; Harper; Fleming and Strachan. Substitutes: McMaster and Cooper.

Referee: Mr E. Pringle (Edinburgh).

Despite the atrociously bad weather 27,000 turned up to see the game which proved to be a real see-saw affair.

Although Celtic made a very bright start which could easily have produced at least a couple of goals they went behind after 16 minutes.

The Celtic defence looked terribly flat-footed as Joe Harper rose

unchallenged to head a pass into Drew Jarvie's path and the former Airdrie player scored with ease.

Andy Lynch equalised for the home team and that's the way the score stood at the interval.

After the break Celtic again dictated the run of the play but again chances were squandered that might have reasonably have been expected to produce goals.

Celtic did eventually score and a real cracker of a goal it was too.

Jo Edvaldsson played the ball to Roy Aitken and the teenager hit a screamer of a shot from outside the penalty box that looked destined for the net from the moment he struck the ball.

Celtic were right on top but again they missed chances that would have wrapped the game up and they paid for their carelessness.

Andy Lynch blocked an Ian Fleming shot on the goal-line and the referee awarded a penalty to the visitors despite a strong Celtic protest that it was the full-back's knee that the ball had struck. Joe Harper scored from the spot to tie the game at 2 goals each.

Celtic stormed back into attack and their offensive was rewarded when Johannes Edvaldsson scored the winner.

Tom McAdam lofted a ball across the Aberdeen goalmouth from the left wing to Joe Craig who brilliantly chested the ball to the big Icelander who thundered a crashing drive into the net to secure both points for Celtic.

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ABERDEEN line up against us this afternoon . . . and that's as tough an assignment as any club can be asked to face right now.

They've kept the interest high in the fight for the Premier championship and they are still involved in the Scottish Cup.

The managerial influence of Billy McNeill has been marked and while Celtic fans are delighted at his success he won't be expecting them to be rooting for him between 3 p.m. and 4.40 this afternoon!

While Celtic cannot win the championship people keep saying we can have a decisive influence in its destination.

Well, we beat Rangers last Saturday, but that was for two points to improve our own League place.

That's how it will be this afternoon against the closest challengers to Rangers. We want the two points and if we strike the rhythm that we achieved against Rangers then Aberdeen will have to produce something to special to stop us taking them.

The Rangers match proved what I've been saying for some time: We have the players at Parkhead, and maintaining that momentum would see us reach for the top again.

I was particularly pleased for the fans last Saturday. Despite a lot of disappointments they've never wavered in this difficult season for the club. They played their part in the victory.

They deserve more of them and that I can assure them that is the attitude of all at Parkhead . . . victories accomplished in stylish fashion.

As everyone will know Danny McGrain has pulled out of Scotland's World Cup squad. He has been told to forget about football until call-up time in July.

He will be taking a holiday away from all the pressures that have been on him through recent weeks as speculation built up about his future. Now it is a matter of rest and medical treatment.

Danny has said: "I'll be back playing with Celtic". I'm sure he will.

JOCK STEIN

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1910, 1914, 1915,
1916, 1917, 1919,
1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975,
1977.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

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

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

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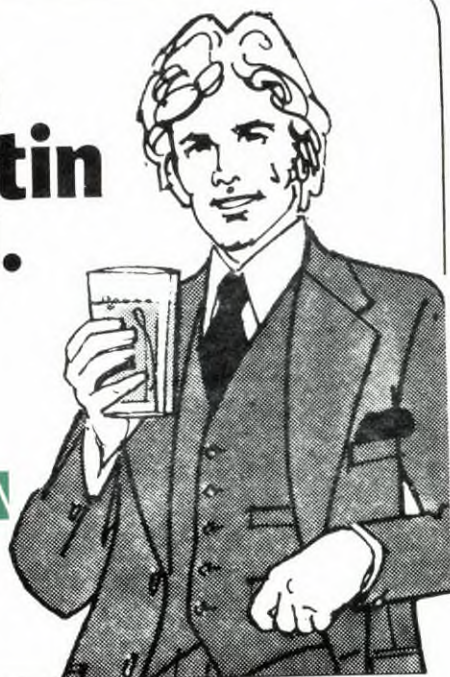
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This was one duel that Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller didn't win when the sides met at Parkhead earlier this season. Alfie Conn strides away from his Pittodrie challenge and heads for goal.

TODAY'S VISITORS

CHALLENGING DONS SEEK CONSISTENCY

CONSISTENCY . . . that's the vital ingredient that manager Billy McNeill wants to bring to his Aberdeen side which tackles Celtic at Parkhead this afternoon.

However, disappointing home results earlier in the season which cost vital points haven't prevented the Dons maintaining a Premier League title challenge that took an upswing just a month ago.

That's when they went to Ibrox and the situation was such that a Rangers victory would almost certainly have given them an unassailable lead. Well, the Dons, as they've shown often enough, thrived on the big occasion challenge, played with style and sharp goal thrust to win with an ease that was hardly anticipated.

From that point on the pressure has been on Rangers. Aberdeen are now strong threats to their ambition to add the League title and the Scottish Cup to the League Cup for a clean sweep of the domestic honours.

Whatever the outcome of this season Billy McNeill and Aberdeen will have given the Scottish football scene much-needed excitement and challenge at a point when it looked as if it was all going to develop into a one-horse race.

Manager McNeill wants to bring to his Aberdeen teams the consistency that has characterised the Old Firm through the years. And in so doing break the dominance of Celtic and Rangers in the prize-taking business.

No one is better qualified to do so. Through his long link with Celtic and his close association with manager Jock Stein ("I learned a lot from him") he

absorbed the necessary know-how for success — even when the team met problems of injury and loss of form.

He is not likely to be satisfied with second place . . . or even a Cup or League success every other season.

In securing the foundations for the future at Pittodrie he has restored what was one of the most successful "teams" that Scottish football has known for a long time.

His right hand man at Aberdeen is John Clark, the same John Clark who was his defence partner through the Celtic glory years that brought the European Cup and a succession of Scottish championships and cups.

His transfer market dealings as buyer and seller are now seen by Aberdeen fans as shrewd pieces of business. And the introduction to the team of Steve Archibald, John McMaster (a reserve who took over from £165,000 Arthur Graham) and Steve Ritchie has improved the positive attitude of the side and increased its sharpness and skill.

The selection of goalkeeper Bobby Clark, defenders Stewart Kennedy and Willie Miller and centre Joe Harper in Scotland's World Cup 40 reflects the quality of the Aberdeen squad which manager McNeill is determined to mould into the best in the country.

He'll accept anything won this season as an "extra" (a deserved "extra" of course), but after a first year of preparation he expects the team to have caught the knack of consistency next season.

Which is really another way of saying about 1978-79:

Look out, here's Aberdeen.

Top men in goals and appearances



PETER LATCHFORD

. . . always there



JOE CRAIG

. . . top scorer



RODDIE McDONALD

. . . ever present

Celtic's top scorer? Up until the midweek Premier League match with Partick Thistle at Firhill it was Joe Craig with 14. This total was made up with six in the League, four in the League Cup and four in Europe.

No. 2? That's play-anywhere Jo Edvaldsson with 12 (eight in the League, two in the League Cup and two in Europe. Roddie McDonald and Tom McAdam each have eight, Ronnie Glavin has seven and George McCluskey six.

Ever-presents this season are goalkeeper Peter Latchford and centre half Roddie McDonald. Until midweek they had played in 26 Premier matches,

eight League Cup ties, three Scottish Cup ties and four European ties . . . a total of 41 competitive outings. In addition, the pair played in all eight friendlies the club has engaged in to date.

Roy Aitken has made 25 League appearances, six in the League Cup, three in the Scottish Cup and four in Europe plus seven friendlies — 45 in all. Jo Edvaldsson's appearances record is: League — 23 (three subs), six League Cup (one sub), three Scottish Cup, three Europe (one sub) and eight friendlies . . . a total of 43 (five subs).

TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC (from)

PETER LATCHFORD
 ALAN SNEDDON
 ANDY LYNCH
 ROY AITKEN
 RODDIE McDONALD
 JOHN DOWIE
 RONNIE GLAVIN
 JO EDVALDSSON
 GEORGE McCLUSKEY
 TOM McADAM
 TOMMY BURNS
 JOHNNY DOYLE
 PAUL WILSON
 JOE CRAIG
 FRANK MUNRO

Referee:
 Mr W. ANDERSON
 (East Kilbride)

Linesmen:
 Mr W. BINNIE
 (Stenhousemúir)

Mr R. D. KEGGIE
 (Edinburgh)



Spectators are requested to take care — particularly leaving the ground after the match.

ABERDEEN (from)

BOBBY CLARK
 STUART KENNEDY
 STEVE RITCHIE
 JOHN McMASTER
 WILLIE GARNER
 GORDON STRACHAN
 STEVE ARCHIBALD
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SIDELINES

DON'T FORGET . . .

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YOUNG CELTS ENTERTAIN

The young Celts who took part in the international tourney at Roubaix (France) over Easter didn't win the competition but they returned with several trophies, one for being the most entertaining side in the series.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	30	18	5	7	52	23	43
Rangers	29	19	5	5	61	35	43
Hibernian	28	13	10	5	40	30	31
Motherwell ..	31	12	12	7	44	43	31
Dundee Utd. .	28	11	9	8	31	23	30
Celtic	27	12	12	3	43	35	27
Partick This. .	28	11	12	5	37	45	27
St. Mirren	30	9	14	7	42	50	25
Ayr Utd.	29	7	17	5	28	57	19
Clydebank	28	3	19	6	14	51	12

HALF-TIME QUIZ

QUIZ

1. Who is Celtic's top scorer?
2. Name Celtic's ever presents this season.
3. Who captains Aberdeen?
4. Which English club's ground was closed for two weeks recently?
5. Who won this year's Boat Race.

ANSWERS

1. Joe Craig (14 goals).
2. Peter Latchford and Roddie McDonald.
3. Willie Miller.
4. Millwall's.
5. Oxford.



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