

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Wednesday, 20th April, 1977



Celtic v Aberdeen

KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m..

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

DONS HAVE TIP-TOP PARKHEAD RECORD

ABERDEEN are Celtic's visitors tonight in the Premier League and the Parkhead players will be keen to put one over on the men from the Grantie City.

Obviously Celtic are anxious to win at any time but they'll be particularly wanting to record a victory over the Dons; the only Premier side that they haven't beaten at least once this season.

Last season Celtic won both League games at Pittodrie but they lost one and shared the points in the other game when Aberdeen came to Glasgow.

In fact since Celtic last recorded a home league victory against the Dons, on November 2, 1974 to be exact, a number of players have departed the Parkhead playing scene.

The teams on that occasion, when Celtic won by the only goal of the game, scored by Paul Wilson, were:-

CELTIC: Hunter; McDonald and Brogan; Murray, McNeill and McCluskey; Johnstone and Dalglish; Deans; Hood and Wilson. Substitutes: Lennox and Callaghan.

ABERDEEN: Clark; Williamson and McLelland; Smith, Young and Miller; Purdie and Craig; McCall; Jarvie and Graham. Substitutes: Thomson and Hair.

That game came a week after Celtic unforgettable 6-3 league cup victory over Hibs at Hampden.

Strangely enough Celtic's previous

home league victory over the Dons also comes immediately after a never to be forgotten match, albeit for different reasons.

That one was in April of the previous season shortly after the visit of Atletico Madrid to Celtic Park and Aberdeen returned on the wrong side of a 2-0 score-line.

The teams on that occasion were:-

CELTIC: Connaghan; McGrain and Brogan; Hay, McNeill and McCluskey; Johnstone and Murray; Deans; Hood and Dalglish. Substitutes: Lennox and Callaghan.

ABERDEEN: Clark; Hermiston and McLelland; Thomson, young and Miller; Smith and Hair; Pirie; Jarvie and Graham. Substitutes: McCall and Davidson.

Celtic took the lead after four minutes with a gem of a goal. Kenny Dalglish started the move when he put Jimmy Johnstone in possession. Jimmy took the ball to the bye line and cut the ball back for Dixie Deans to hammer the ball into the net.

The home side continued to dictate the game but they couldn't transmit their out-field superiority into goals.

With thirty minutes remaining Celtic used both substitutes, replacing Jimmy Johnstone and Dixie Deans.

Then with only five minutes left Bobby Lennox settled the issue by scoring from a Kenny Dalglish free kick.

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WELL, that's another League championship added to the club's lengthy tally. No. 30 in fact. And I would like to congratulate the players and everybody on the staff for their great efforts through a long season which had its strains and problems, now happily behind us.

But I cannot forget our supporters. They've been magnificent. Right from the kick-off in August. They stayed with us all the way, showing the depth of their loyalty and faith in the side when things were slightly unsettled at the start of the championship.

For them I was particularly pleased when the Premier title was clinched at Easter Road. They deserved the championship for I can look back on a number of games when it was their encouragement that "lifted" the side to victory. They played their part in this success, too.

I am convinced this Celtic team will progress to greater heights and provide what I hope will be an ever-growing Celtic support with further successes and a lot of entertainment in the process.

There have been whimpers here and there of dissatisfaction over the present League set-up. There may have been games between other clubs which haven't been of a high standard. The games in which Celtic have been involved have all been of a good standard.

I expect tonight's fixture to maintain that level. We have yet to score a victory over Aberdeen this season and obviously they'll lift their game to maintain that "jinx" on us. With the championship won, look for a less hurried play style from Celtic, our outlook concerning the two points will be unchanged. We want them to stretch the championship winning margin to the maximum.

There is a Scottish Cup final with Rangers looming, and any changes tonight from the usual line-up will be to give some of the players a rest and also get things together for the Hampden action with our old rivals next month.

In short, things are looking pretty good at this juncture, but there are no forecasts from this quarter about the Cup final outcome. All I'll say is I still look for more from this championship winning squad.

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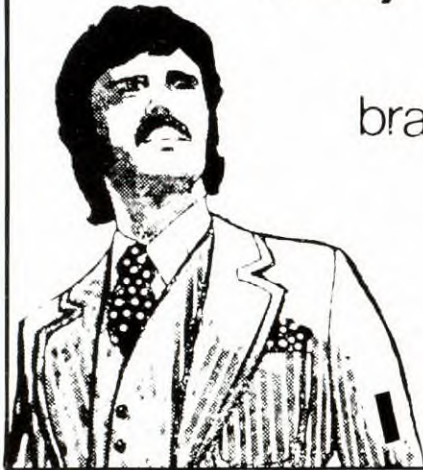
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The champagne flows as Celtic players celebrate in the Easter Road dressing room the clinching of the 1976-77 Premier League title with a single goal by Joe Craig against Hibernian.

TODAY'S VISITORS

DONS PREPARE FOR NEW CHALLENGE

ALLY McLEOD comes back to Parkhead this evening with a team he says quite bluntly has been "off the boil" for the last two months. He's not at the kidology stakes. Ally means it . . . and the recent record of the team underlines the observation.

"We've had what I would call a reasonable season" says the man who left Ayr United for Aberdeen just over 18 months ago.

The "reasonable season" included the winning of the Scottish League Cup which would have been sufficient to make it "a great year" for some clubs. Manager McLeod's summing up of the season merely underlines his ambitions for Aberdeen. He wants the Dons to be the top team in Scotland.

"We were disappointed we couldn't maintain the leadership we had earlier in the season. The trick we have to learn is now that we're at the top is staying there. Still, we have another year of experience behind us and next season will see an improvement."

The heady days of last November when Aberdeen was en fete for the return of the League Cup winners have faded for the fans, but they've remained with manager McLeod as an experience he wants to repeat in League championship and Scottish Cup.

Of course, this season's feat ensures that the Dons will be involved in Europe next term.

It will be manager McLeod's first essay against the Continentals and he's looking forward to the experience.

"Of course we have a bit to come as a side, but within the team we have a number of people who have tackled the Europeans, particularly among the forwards. Players like Joe Harper, Jocky Scott and Arthur Graham.

While he will cut his teeth in the UEFA

Cup, the European horizon of manager McLeod extends to the club champions' tourney. That is the prize for winning the Premier championship and had the freeze-up not interrupted the current season's fixtures Aberdeen might have been in there at the finish according to the Pittodrie boss.

"Aberdeen and Dundee United were playing well when football was interrupted by the weather. At that point Celtic and Rangers weren't doing so hot. When the weather cleared things turned round. Celtic started playing well, Aberdeen didn't. But then that's what the game is all about," says the Pittodrie man philosophically.

The Dons have done well against Celts this term. Apart from defeating the Parkhead men in the League Cup final they've taken five of the six Premier League points at stake so far.

"That sort of record against every club would have brought the championship", says McLeod, who points to Partick Thistle as their "jinx" side. "They are really the ones who spoiled our title chances for we only took two points from eight against them."

In the build up towards 1977-78 manager McLeod will be introducing "New" names to the fans. He has in his first team pool the tall (6ft 1in) Doug Rougvie.

He's still a young fellow though it is five years since he arrived at Pittodrie from Dunfermline YC. He's had an in-depth and lengthy apprenticeship that is paying off now.

"We'll give others a chance before the end of the season", says manager McLeod who hopes to organise a close-season tour which will be used as a "proving ground" for tactics that will be used in the new campaign.

The Dons may have faded a little recently, but they are a long way from

being finished "We'll be back with a stronger than ever challenge", promises the Pittodrie team boss.

Of course, he'll have his players well organised for tonight's test. They'd like to be the first team to beat THE CHAMPIONS. It is an idea that Celts don't fancy . . . so the fans should be the winners, no matter the result.



JOE SMITH



ALLY McLEOD

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NOW GEORGE IS THE PATIENT

THE McCluskey brothers will be happy to see season 1976-77 concluded.

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