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JOCK STEIN says...

The neck-and-neck race between Celtic and Rangers for the Scottish League Championship resumes this afternoon with Celtic once again in the leading position in the table. Whether it will continue to the very last day of the season remains to be seen. Yet the position has not changed radically for several weeks—our rivals can win the championship only if we lose it.

I must say I have been pleased with the team's efforts in recent matches; we have been winning and winning with a degree of comfort. The midweek win over Dumbarton was further proof that Celtic are "coming good at the right time", and there is no doubt that the burden of strain has moved to the shoulders of Rangers.

Difference

Nevertheless none of us can relax for a moment. Today's match would seem to me to be much more promising in the way of entertainment than it would have appeared to be some weeks ago. We have Arbroath visiting Celtic Park completely free of the worries that beset them.

After they had lost at Ibrox on February 20 they had 17 points from 25 games and were only three ahead for instance of, Dumbarton, who had played two matches fewer. Relegation at that stage was very much a possibility for Arbroath. It has now vanished. From their last seven



matches Arbroath have taken nine points. That is a fine achievement.

Some of the credit must go to Andy Penman, who has made a splendid come-back to the top class, and to Albert Henderson, the Arbroath manager, who had the courage of his convictions in signing a player whose first-division days seemed over.

At Stake

So Arbroath must start today's game in a frame of mind that will help them to contribute greatly to the quality of the football, and I am looking forward to a good match. Celtic's biggest danger is, of course, that carelessness develops. But I don't think we should worry too much about that—every player knows what is at stake.

All of them appreciate that irrespective of what their rivals do the winning of an eighth successive league flag is up to them. All Celtic have to do now is to win two matches to be certain, and, who knows, one conceivably will be sufficient.

CELTIC Honours

Scottish League Champions (27 times)

1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1919, 1922, 1926, 1936, 1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972.

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Gordon Marshall, the Arbroath goalkeeper, who not long ago was with Celtic, tries to save from Harry Hood during the last game between the clubs in Glasgow. That game was a League Cup sectional tie this season, played at Hampden Park because Celtic Park was undergoing alterations. Hampden itself was not fully in use at the time because of improvements being made to the terracing. The result of the match was 3-3.

Former Celt helps to beat Celtic

Memorable day for Arbroath

How many times (if ever) have Arbroath beaten Celtic? The answer is once, but we must remember that the Red Lichties have only comparatively rarely played Celtic. In only seven seasons, including the present one, for instance, have the clubs met in the league.

The solitary Arbroath victory (in any competition) was gained in the league at Gayfield Park on October 10, 1937 when a sorely handicapped Celtic side went down 0-2.

Celtic's troubles began that day when their captain, Willie Lyon, had to go off with a pulled muscle after only 12 minutes play. When he returned it was to limp on the left wing. Arbroath outside right Lowe put his side ahead before Celtic suffered another injury blow. Jimmy Delaney damaged a shoulder after a challenge by Becci, the Arbroath left back, and Celtic were left with nine fit men and the injured Lyon.

FORMER CELT

It was a former Celtic player, Johnny McNally, who scored the second and decisive goal in a victory which despite the circumstances has always been treasured by the Arbroath club. The teams on that day were:—

Arbroath—Robertson; Fordyce, Becci; Adams, Gavin, Urquhart; Lowe, McNally, Adam, Devlin, Christie.

Celtic—Doyle; Hogg, Morrison; McDonald, Lyon, Paterson; Delaney, Buchan, McGrory, Crum, Murphy.

Referee—P. Craigmyle (Aberdeen).

One of the Arbroath players, Johnny Devlin, has vivid recollections of the match, played as it was more than 35 years ago. Johnny, a school teacher in Glasgow, retains his great interest in football. He is a

frequent visitor to Celtic's games and he is also a fairly regular visitor to Gayfield Park.

Arbroath were unlucky opponents for Jimmy Delaney. The flying Celtic winger suffered an even more serious injury against them in a league match at Celtic Park in April, 1939. He sustained a broken arm after a fall and Scotland as well as Celtic paid the penalty, for Jimmy missed the Scotland-England international later in the month for which he had been a certain choice.

FIRST AT PARKHEAD

The first Celtic-Arbroath league match was at Celtic Park in November 1935 in the season in which Arbroath began their first division career. They had had an unenviable first division baptism, for the first game was at Ibrox, where they lost 0-6 to Rangers.

Manager Bob McGlashan had several changes in his team at Parkhead where Celtic won 5-0 through goals from Jimmy McGrory (2), Delaney, Lyon (penalty kick) and Frank Murphy. Here were the teams for the first ever Celtic-Arbroath league game:—

Celtic—Kennaway; Hogg, Morrison; Geatons, Lyon, Paterson; Delaney, Buchan, McGrory, Crum, Murphy.

Arbroath—Gerrand; Fordyce, Becci; Connaboy, Duff, Urquhart; Lowe, Cargill, Adams, Carver, Walker.

Referee—W. Bell (Motherwell)

Of the 13 previous league games between Celtic and Arbroath (seven at Gayfield and six at Celtic Park) Celtic have won 12. The last match at Celtic Park was in March 1969, when Celtic won 7-1. The teams were:

Celtic—Fallon; Craig, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, Brogan; Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Callaghan, Hughes. Sub. Auld.

Arbroath—Williamson; Booth, Hughes; Cargill, Stirling, Reid; Sellars, Cant, Jack, Bruce, Wilkie, Sub. Kennedy.

The scorers were Willie Wallace (3), Steve Chalmers (2), Jimmy Johnstone and John Hughes for Celtic and Bruce for Arbroath.

PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

CELTIC

(from)

HUNTER
 McGRAIN
 BROGAN
 MURDOCH
 McNEILL
 CONNELLY
 JOHNSTONE
 DALGLISH
 DEANS
 HAY
 CALLAGHAN
 HOOD
 LENNOX

Referee:

R. MARSHALL
 (Glasgow)

Linesmen:

J. McATEE
 (Kilsyth)

H. M. ORR
 (Kilmarnock)

ARBROATH

(from)

MARSHALL
 MILNE
 RYLANCE
 CARGILL
 WADDELL
 WINCHESTER
 SELLARS
 PENMAN
 PIRIE
 FLETCHER
 PAYNE
 STANTON

Quiz on Arbroath

- Which is the older club—Arbroath or Celtic?
- What was Arbroath's last match in Glasgow?
- Who was Mr. Albert Henderson's predecessor as manager of Arbroath?
- Who was the former Arbroath goalkeeper who played for Scotland against England 35 years ago?
- Arbroath finished foot of the table in the last season in which they played first division football. How many points did they get then?
- Who was the ex-Arbroath goalkeeper who played for Scotland against England at Ibrox Park in what became known as the Ibrox Disaster International?
- Arbroath hold the record for a winning margin in the Scottish Cup. Give the score and the name of the club's leading scorer in the match.
- Have Arbroath won the second division championship?
- What is the christian name of these Arbroath players—Cant, Winchester, Waddell, Sellars, Pirie?
- Which Arbroath official has been president of the Scottish League and of the Scottish Football Association?

(Answers on page 9)

FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Celtic ...	32	24	5	3	86	28	53
Rangers ...	32	25	3	4	70	28	53
Hibernian ...	32	19	6	7	73	29	44
Dundee ...	32	17	7	8	65	40	41
Aberdeen ...	32	15	10	7	57	31	40
Dundee United	32	16	5	11	53	46	37
Ayr United ...	32	15	7	10	48	50	37
East Fife ...	32	11	7	14	44	50	29
Motherwell ...	32	10	9	13	37	46	29
Hearts ...	32	12	5	15	37	47	29
Morton ...	32	10	8	14	46	49	28
St. Johnstone	32	10	8	14	49	62	28
Arbroath ...	32	9	8	15	39	58	26
Partick Thistle ...	32	9	7	16	36	51	25
Falkirk ...	32	6	11	15	34	54	23
Kilmarnock ...	32	7	7	18	37	67	21
Dumbarton ...	32	4	11	17	37	71	19
Airdrieonians ...	32	3	8	21	33	74	14

THE CELTIC SEASON SO FAR

FIRST TEAM

LEAGUE CUP			F	A
Aug. 12	(a)	Stirling Albion	3	0
" 16	(h)	East Fife	1	1
" 19	(a)	Arbroath	5	0
" 23	(a)	East Fife	3	2
" 26	(h)	Stirling Albion	3	0
" 28	(h)	Arbroath	3	3
Sept. 20	(a)	Stranraer	2	1
Oct. 4	(h)	Stranraer	5	2
Oct. 11	(a)	Dundee	0	1
Nov. 1	(h)	Dundee	3	2

after extra time

Nov. 20	(h)	Dundee	4	1
" 27	(h)	Aberdeen	3	2
Dec. 9	(h)	Hibernian	1	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Sept. 2	(h)	Kilmarnock (at Hampden)	6	2
" 9	(a)	Morton	2	0
" 16	(h)	Rangers (at Hampden)	3	1
" 23	(a)	Dundee	0	2
" 30	(h)	Ayr United	1	0
Oct. 7	(h)	Airdrieonians	1	1
" 14	(a)	Partick Thistle	4	0
" 21	(h)	East Fife	3	0
" 28	(a)	Aberdeen	3	2
Nov. 4	(h)	Dundee United	3	1
" 11	(a)	Motherwell	5	0
" 18	(h)	Hearts	4	2
" 25	(a)	Falkirk	3	2
Dec. 2	(a)	Dumbarton	6	1
" 16	(a)	Arbroath	2	1
Dec. 23	(h)	Hibernian	1	1
1973				
Jan. 6	(a)	Rangers	1	2
" 13	(h)	Dundee	2	1
" 13	(a)	Ayr United	3	1
" 27	(a)	Airdrieonians	1	2
Feb. 7	(a)	Kilmarnock	4	0
" 10	(h)	Partick Thistle	1	1
" 17	(a)	East Fife	2	2
" 28	(h)	St. Johnstone	4	0
Mar. 3	(h)	Aberdeen	2	0
" 6	(h)	Morton	1	0
" 10	(a)	Dundee United	2	2
" 24	(a)	Hearts	2	0
" 31	(h)	Falkirk	4	0
Apr. 4	(h)	Motherwell	2	0
" 14	(a)	St. Johnstone	3	1
" 18	(h)	Dumbarton	5	0

SCOTTISH CUP

Feb. 3	(h)	East Fife	4	1
Feb. 24	(a)	Motherwell	4	0
Mar. 17	(h)	Aberdeen	0	0
" 21	(a)	Aberdeen	1	0
Apr. 7	(n)	Dundee	0	0
" 11	(n)	Dundee	3	0

after extra time

EUROPEAN CUP

Sept. 13	(h)	Rosenborg	2	1
" 27	(a)	Rosenborg	3	1
Oct. 25	(h)	Ujpest Dozsa	2	1
Nov. 8	(a)	Ujpest Dozsa	0	3

SCORERS

38—Dalglish
30—Deans
16—Lennox
15—Hood
10—Johnstone, Macari
7—Murdoch (5 pen)
3—Callaghan, McCluskey
2—Davidson (V), Hay
1—Wilson, McNeill
3—own goal (Cargill, Arbroath, McCallum, Motherwell, Cushley, Dumbarton)

RESERVES

LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 12	(h)	Airdrieonians	1	1
" 14	(h)	Ayr United	4	1
" 19	(h)	Motherwell	2	3
" 24	(a)	Ayr United	3	2
" 26	(a)	Airdrieonians	8	1
" 30	(a)	Motherwell	1	2

2ND ELEVEN CUP

Oct. 9	(a)	Motherwell	2	0
" 21	(h)	Clyde	2	0
Mar. 9	(h)	Dundee United	3	3
" 12	(a)	Dundee United	0	2

LEAGUE

Aug. 22	(h)	Dumbarton	4	0
Sept. 2	(a)	Kilmarnock	2	3
" 15	(a)	Rangers	3	1
" 23	(h)	Dundee	3	2
" 30	(a)	Ayr United	2	1
Oct. 6	(a)	Airdrieonians	3	1
" 11	(h)	Partick Thistle	5	6
" 17	(h)	Falkirk	4	1
" 21	(a)	East Fife	1	0
" 28	(h)	Aberdeen	3	1
Nov. 2	(a)	Dundee Utd.	2	2
" 18	(a)	Hearts	2	2
" 28	(h)	Ayr United	2	3
Dec. 20	(a)	Morton	1	2
Dec. 23	(a)	Hibernian	0	3
" 26	(h)	Kilmarnock	2	1

1973

Jan. 3	(h)	Morton	3	2
" 6	(h)	Rangers	2	0
" 10	(a)	Dundee	4	0
" 31	(a)	Partick Thistle	2	5
Feb. 20	(h)	Motherwell	5	0
" 27	(a)	St. Johnstone	3	2
Mar. 3	(a)	Aberdeen	1	5
" 17	(a)	Motherwell	1	3
" 24	(h)	Hearts	3	2
" 26	(h)	Airdrie	3	0
" 28	(h)	Arbroath	4	1
" 30	(a)	Falkirk	4	1
Apr. 14	(h)	St. Johnstone	2	0

SCORERS

15—Davidson (V).	11—Wilson
10—Hood	9—McLaughlin
8—Ritchie	7—White, Hancock
6—Lennox	5—McNamara
4—Franchetti,	3—Balmer
2—Deans, O'Hara, Macari, Lynch, Callaghan, McKee	
1—Johnstone, McCluskey, McGrain, "Newman", Prentice.	

Arbroath Hat-trick Against Celtic

Not many players have had the distinction of scoring a hat-trick against Celtic. Certainly Derek Rylance, one of Arbroath's young players, who achieved the feat last August, is unique so far as Arbroath is concerned.

Making the distinction even greater is the fact that Rylance's three goals in a match were scored neither at Gayfield Park nor at Celtic Park but at Hampden Park.

The occasion was a concluding sectional game in the 1972-73 League Cup. The result was unimportant from the point of qualifying, for Celtic had already made sure of reaching the quarter-finals of the competition.

Celtic Park was unavailable for the match because of the need for

alterations in the stand. Hampden was the alternative venue, and it certainly did not boost the attendance, which was a miserable 4,962.

FIRST GOAL

This was the ninth first-team game for Arbroath of the 20-year-old Rylance, who proceeded to win a niche of fame for himself by scoring three goals in the 3-3 draw, two of them late in the match after Celtic had led 3-1.

Rylance was playing regularly at inside left at that time; now he has become his club's left back, which seems most remarkable for one who has proved his ability as a goalscorer—at least in that Hampden game, for he hadn't a goal to his credit before that!

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Answers to Quiz

1. Arbroath (1878, compared with 1888).
2. League game at Ibrox on February 19 (lost 0-5).
3. John Prentice.
4. Dave Cumming (Middlesbrough).
5. 16 (season 1968-69).
6. J. Doig (Sunderland) 1902.
7. 36-0 against Bon-Accord, 1885; J. Petrie (13 goals).
8. No.
9. Jimmy, Ernie, Bobby, Eric, Billy.
10. Mr. Hugh Nelson.

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