



**Scottish Premier
League**

**CELTIC
versus
PARTICK
THISTLE**

CELTIC PARK

SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1978

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

PROGRAMME 10p

ROUGH KEEPS THE SCORELINE DOWN

CELTIC finish their home matches in the Premier League today with the visit of Partick Thistle.

If the game matches up to the one produced the last time Thistle visited Celtic Park on December 19, last year, then the fans will be in for an enjoyable afternoon.

At that stage the Firhill side were going great guns and were sitting in third spot in the table with 20 points from 16 matches.

Celtic, who had not had the best of starts to the season were two points behind with a game in hand.

Both teams wore black armbands as a mark of respect for young Brian McGrane, who had died so tragically earlier in the week, and before the game, players, officials and spectators observed a silence in his memory.

The team line-ups were as follows:—

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

PARTICK THISTLE: Rough; Mackie and Whittaker; Marr, Anderson and Craig; Melrose and Somner; O'Hara; Gibson and Love. Substitutes Houston and Campbell.

Referee: Mr T. R. Kyle (Glasgow).

Partick Thistle started the game in fine style and looked like taking control of the midfield as they stroked the ball about with great accuracy.

However Celtic had other ideas and as they thrust into attack on occasions they looked more dangerous than Thistle and sharper around the goal.

Indeed the game was only ten minutes old when Celtic took the lead with an excellent goal.

Tom McAdam and Joe Craig set up the chance and the former scored with a cracking shot with Alan Rough beaten all ends up.

As the interval approached Celtic scored again with another excellently constructed goal.

Andy Lynch, Alfie Conn and Tom McAdam were involved in the build up down the left and when the ball was centred Roddie McDonald was positioned to shoot home from ten yards.

Celtic almost scored with their first raid of the second half but a third goal was only delayed for a few minutes. Alex O'Hara was penalised for using an arm in the penalty box and Andy Lynch made no mistake from the 12 yards spot.

Only some superb goalkeeping by Alan Rough prevented Celtic from adding to their goals total and the score finished in a 3-0 win for the Celts.

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THIS is our final home match in what I can only describe as a disappointing and undistinguished season for Celtic.

It has been a topsy-turvy one as well and we continued in this vein in our last two matches.

Hibernian inflicted the worst defeat (4-1) of the season on us at Easter Road last Saturday. Forty-eight hours later at Parkhead we were recording our biggest victory of the Premier League campaign against Clydebank!

Such in-and-out performances contrast vividly with the long record of consistency that has been the hallmark of the club in recent times. The result? There are no prizes for us this time.

Of course, it would be easy to look back and lament the unprecedented spate of injuries that robbed the club of keymen at vital points through the season.

That is not a profitable exercise. We've got to bend our energies to preparing for a brighter and better time next season.

While we brought in one or two youngsters we really cannot expect them to carry the burden through to 1978-79.

We must see what we can recruit for the start of the new term.

Everyone will be glad to see this over ended. That goes for fans as well as the staff at Parkhead.

The support, indeed, provided one of the most consistent and bright aspects of the year. The manner in which they stood by the team was simply marvellous. They deserve reward for such loyalty and that's an inspiration point for everybody at Celtic Park in 1978-79.

Today's home fixture with Partick Thistle and away games with Clydebank and St Mirren wrap up the championship activity, though the club is involved in the Easter Road testimonial match for Pat Stanton on April 30.

As always we'll have the positive aim of winning and entertaining . . . to give a flourish to the season's finale.

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1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1977.

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1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
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1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975,
1977.

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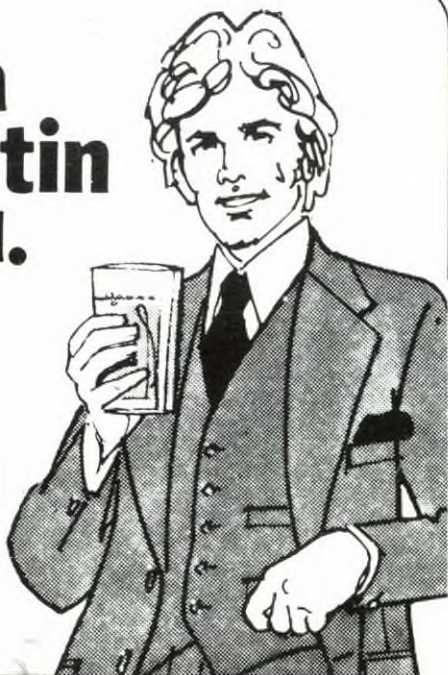
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TODAY'S VISITORS

BERTIE'S BACK

and he wants to win this time

NO end-of-season indifference from Partick Thistle manager Bertie Auld about today's encounter at Celtic Park.

"I've not had a result at Parkhead since I took over Thistle," says the former Celt.

"Oh, we've done all right at Firhill, but I'm hoping things fall into place this time for us and we leave Celtic Park with a couple of points."

He also wants to entertain as well.

"Look at the situation. Both sides will be in the Premier League next season so there isn't any heavy pressure on. My prime aim will be to get the team to give the fans a show they can enjoy."

Looking back to August of last year the Firhill club boss says "it hasn't been too bad a season for Thistle. Perhaps the biggest disappointment was reaching the semi-final of the Scottish Cup and going out the way we did. At the same time it has to be said that Aberdeen have a very good team.

"Taking everything into consideration maybe I should alter that judgment of 'not too bad a

season' and say it has been a reasonably good campaign for us."

Looking at individual players in the squad manager Auld feels that Jim Melrose is now showing consistently the undoubted ability he possesses.

Brian Whittaker, too, is settling down well and now that he is knocking on the international door he can only become better."

Naturally, Thistle and their boss, look forward to a break and a bit of relaxation before returning to the fray in 1978-79.

But manager Auld will use the remaining matches this season with the view to the new campaign.

"We'll try out one or two experiments in them seeking leads for next season."

However experimentation is not likely to be heavy this afternoon. Manager Auld would like a result against his old club. That's sufficient reason to give a sharp competitive edge to Thistle's play.

They don't want any repeats of the 4-0 win Celtic secured at Firhill at the end of last month on a night of driving rain.



Kenny Dalglish wears the green and white hoops of Celtic again on Sunday, April 30. So will Lou Macari and Jimmy Johnstone . . . members of a Celtic side that takes on Hibs in Pat Stanton's testimonial match at Easter Road. Hibs are calling on big-name Anglos who are in Ally McLeod's World Cup squad. (See Page 14).

TODAY'S TEAMS

CELTIC (from)

PETER LATCHFORD
 ALAN SNEDDON
 ANDY LYNCH
 JO EDVALDSSON
 RODDIE McDONALD
 TOMMY BURNS
 JOHN DOWIE
 MIKE CONROY
 RONNIE GLAVIN
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SIDELINES

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Goalkeeper Peter Latchford and centre Roddie McDonald march on as Celtic's ever-presents with 32 Premier League appearances, eight in the League Cup, three in the Scottish Cup and four in Europe this season to date.

TWO MORE "TOPPERS"

Topping the scoring lists are Jo Edvaldsson and Joe Craig with 14 goals apiece in competitive games. The Ic-lander drew level with Craig when he scored against Clydebank this week. They are followed by Roddie McDonald and Tom McAdam with ten apiece.



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HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. From which club did Mike Conroy join Celtic?
2. Who has been voted Player of the Year by the Scottish Football Writers' Association?
3. The current Flat racing jockey champion is . . . ?
4. Who is Celtic's leading scorer?
5. Who are the finalists in the English Cup?

- ANSWERS**
1. Port Glasgow Juniors.
 2. Derek Johnstone (Rangers).
 3. Pat Eddery.
 4. Joe Craig and Jo Edvaldsson (14 each).
 5. Ipswich and Arsenal.

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