

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Monday, 26th April, 1976



Celtic v Rangers

Kick-off 8 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

“HEADY” SUCCESS AGAINST RANGERS

YOU can rest assured that if you select any ‘Old Firm’ encounter be it league match or Cup-tie, there will be some incident of high drama contained in the match.

The game we recall today is certainly no exception to that rule.

It was the second league meeting of the 1971-72 season when Rangers visited Celtic Park on January 3, 1972, to contest the destination of two valuable points.

Already that season Celtic had beaten their old rivals in two League Cup-ties and also in the league championship match at Ibrox Stadium.

The teams for the Celtic Park match were:

Celtic: Connaghan; Hay and Brogan; Dalglish, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Lennox; Deans; Callaghan and Hood. Sub: McGrain.

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine and Mathieson; Greig, Jackson and Smith; McLean and Johnstone; Stein; MacDonald and Johnston. Sub: Conn.

Referee: Mr W. Mullan (Dalkeith).

Celtic had the better of the early exchanges and half chances had been narrowly missed by Deans, Lennox and Hood as they put the Ibrox defence under pressure.

When Celtic did score in the 35th minute, however, it was a headed goal by the smallest player on the park — Jimmy Johnstone.

Harry Hood made the chance when he raced up the left touchline before

crossing a ball which wrongfooted the whole Rangers defence. Wee Jimmy, coming in from the right, actually stooped down to head the ball into the net.

Although both teams kept mounting attacks, it looked like that was going to be the only goal of the game until Rangers struck with just nine minutes left. A pass from the left found Colin Stein near goal and he slipped the ball past Denis Connaghan.

Just when it looked certain to finish a 1—1 draw that most unlikely of goal-scorers Jim Brogan, appeared from nowhere to head the winner for Celtic in the last minute of the game.

It started with a quick Billy McNeill free-kick to Harry Hood. The Celtic forward saw Jim Brogan make a run behind the Ibrox defence and his perfectly judged cross was headed into the net by full back Brogan from about eight yards.



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WE HAVE FLOPPED — BUT NO EXCUSES



IT'S another Old Firm occasion. And no matter the positions of the club these matches always carry a special flavour that sets them aside from all other occasions.

Rangers come to Celtic Park this time poised to win all the prizes this season . . . the type of situation to which Celtic clubs in the past have replied with a stirring performance — and result.

The Ibrox team has shown splendid consistency since the turn of the year. Their tails are up chasing the first Premier League title and the Scottish Cup to go alongside the Scottish League Cup which is already located at Ibrox.

I hope this will be a trouble free occasion and that the play gives the fans something to remember irrespective of how the result goes.

Mark you, it is a match we'd like to win. We haven't been too successful against Rangers this season. On the law of averages we are perhaps due a victory, but we've got to play with skill and determination to get it.

We've had a most disappointing time recently. After running together ten games without defeat we've flopped . . . and flopped badly.

What's been most annoying has been the lack of skill. There are matches that can be lost and afterwards one can feel that the team was unlucky.

Against Hibernian last week we didn't deserve to win . . . because we didn't put enough into the match to merit success. There was a lack of creation in midfield, a worrying point for some time now.

However, I don't intend to make excuses for the fade-out of the team which knew before the Dundee United match that every fixture had to be won to secure the Premier League championship. Well, we lost to United, only got a draw with Aberdeen and went down to Hibernian.

One point out of six was a self-imposed handicap that reduced title hopes. A major regret has been the let-down for the fans who have been wonderful all season. Like myself, they refused to concede the championship after the Hibs match, and they have to be commended for this sense of loyalty and support which has been coming from them all the way.

It would be great to have them stream from Celtic Park tonight savouring a win over Rangers, but the Parkhead side will have to lift their game considerably to provide such a cheering note.

Celtic must be rated the outsiders tonight, and there is a grain of comfort in that for the underdogs have come through often enough in Old Firm tilts.

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

Cup Winners (24 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.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

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

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

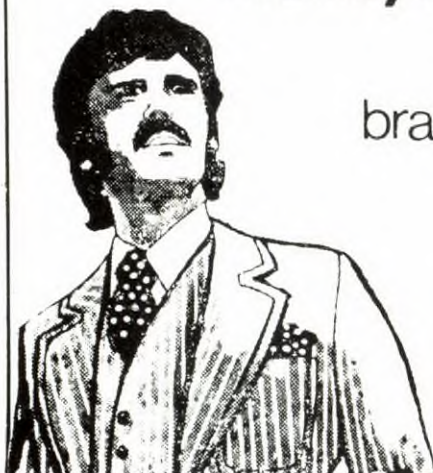
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THREE IBROX ACES

A black and white photograph of Tommy McLean, a young man with dark hair, wearing a light-colored turtleneck sweater. He is standing with his arms crossed, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

TOMMY McLEAN, the little man who has such a large influence on Rangers' play and who has scored vital goals in the Premier League championship run

A black and white photograph of two football players, Derek Johnstone and Tom Forsyth, on a football pitch. Derek Johnstone is on the left, wearing a dark t-shirt and light shorts, looking towards the right. Tom Forsyth is on the right, wearing a similar kit, looking towards the camera. The background shows stadium seating filled with spectators.

DEREK JOHNSTONE (left) heads the Ibrox goalscoring chart and **TOM FORSYTH** has been having a good season as well . . . preventing opposition strikers hitting Rangers' net

TODAY'S VISITORS

RANGERS AIM FOR A CLEAN SWEEP

SCOTTISH football was given a new look this season with the Premier League and reorganised First and Second Divisions. But the Old Firm is still at the top, despite an undoubted increase in pressure upon them and challenge to their position.

The organisations at Celtic Park and Ibrox can still pull in the customers and tonight's Premier League fixture will boost the figure in five meetings this season to over 300,000.

Rangers approach the contest with more confidence than has been the case in recent years. For in the current campaign they've won three matches and drawn one against their old rivals... gathering five Premier League points and the Scottish League Cup in the process.

Yet there has only been one goal between the sides in the matches which brought decision, and the drawn game was a low-scoring affair as well as 1-1.

On such "evidence" goals will probably be hard to come by this evening, though there have been surprising Old Firm finishes as well, with the "outsiders" doing the scoring.

Rangers are in the running for all three domestic prizes (the League Cup is already secured) and they've got to go back 12 years for the last clean

sweep. It is a feat they'd like to repeat this term.

They are now strong favourites for the Scottish Cup and the Premier title.

Here, then are the men, manager Jock Wallace will probably call upon to wear the Light Blue colours:

Peter McCloy. Goal. One of the best keepers in the game. Isn't a showy type, but ever so consistent and safe. Has shown his courage and determination many times on the field and in winning back his League side role. For a tall man (6ft. 4in.) is remarkably agile.

Alex Miller. Full back. Invariably plays in the main defence system but is a versatile player. He occupied several positions in helping Rangers to their League title success last season. Has a strong shot and plenty of courage for he played through an hour and ten minutes of the 1972 Scottish Cup final with a fractured jaw.

John Greig. Full back. A great-hearted player who epitomises the spirit of Rangers. The longest serving member of the Ibrox squad (joined August, 1960) he is one of the best-known — and best-liked — personalities in the game. His dedication, loyalty and enthusiasm to the club stayed high through several disappointing seasons, but last term he realised a long held

ambition when skipping the squad to the League championship. Has won over 50 caps and led Scotlands international side on a number of occasions.

Tom Forsyth. Centre back. A strong pillar in the Ibrox defence set-up, he tackles with tenacity and a well-developed sense of timing. He has, characteristically, shown his strength of will and purpose when recovering quickly from injury.

Colin Jackson. Centre half. A stopper-type pivot, he is a much under-rated player. Makes no pretensions to being a "clever footballer" but plays with a steadiness and economy of movement and effort that has been acquired during 13 years at Ibrox. In that time he was understudy to several players but is now the undisputed No. 1 and seems set for another series of international honours. He is the second longest serving Ranger and last week was voted Player of the Year by the Rangers Supporters' Association.

Alex MacDonald. Midfield. Recently rated "the finest midfielder player in Britain" by his manager Jock Wallace, the tremendous amount of work that MacDonald accomplishes is the result of his fetish for 100 per cent fitness all the time. Joined Rangers in November, 1968, from St. Johnstone and celebrates his 28th birthday on Wed-

nesday. Has won League Cup, Scottish Cup, European Cup-winners' Cup and Scottish League championship medals with Rangers and this week got his first international recognition—a League cap against England.

Tommy McLean. Midfield/winger. A player with the silky, skilful touch, his accuracy in the pass can carve the most solid of defences. With one move he can set-up a goal-scoring position for others and he has clipped a lot of goals himself. At 5ft. 5in. he is the smallest player in the Ibrox side, but his influence on the team is large. Has a fine — almost telepathic — understanding with Alex MacDonald.

Johnnie Hamilton. Midfield. Joined Rangers from Hibs and after captaining the reserves to a League championship success last season is using his experience and expertise in the main squad.

Martin Henderson. Striker. Is still a teen-ager. His 20th birthday comes on May 3. Rangers signed him three years ago and the tall (6ft.) youngster made a big impact on his debut . . . four goals against Elgin City. Toured Canada, New Zealand and Australia with the club and has made such rapid progress that he has got a regular place in the first team pool.

Bobby McKean. Forward. Joined Rangers 18 months ago from St. Mirren and has fitted into the Ibrox scheme of things. His strong running and general zest for the game have impressed Ibrox fans since his debut and Rangers expect the 24-year-old to reach greater heights.

Derek Johnstone. Forward. One of the many players who came through the Rangers youth "school" he joined the club in 1970 and played his first game as a 16-year-old. It was a fairytale beginning for he scored

the goal that beat Celtic in the League Cup final. For a big (6ft.) player he has excellent reflexes and close control and at 22 is set for a long and successful career in the game at club and international level for he is an accomplished performer in midfield and defence as well as attack.

Sandy Jardine. Full back. A highly experienced internationalist who has been on the substitutes' bench recently following a nagging ankle hurt. One of the fastest players in the game, he can also take up a midfield role with distinction.

Jim Denny. Made his debut in the Scottish Cup final against Celtic in 1971-72. Can take up a full back or midfield position.

Ian McDougall. The 21-year-old midfield player had a number of games in the League side last season and with Derek Parlane injured has been called into the first team pool.

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SIDELINES

Ten-year Record

In last ten seasons of the former Scottish League championship, Rangers won only two matches at Parkhead with two drawn. The full list, with Celtic scorers in brackets, is:

- Jan. 3, 1966—Celtic 5, Rangers 1
(Chalmers 3, Murdoch, Gallagher)
Sept. 17, 1966—Celtic 2, Rangers 0
(Auld, Murdoch)
Jan. 2, 1968—Celtic 2, Rangers 2
(Auld, Murdoch)
Sept. 14, 1968—Celtic 2, Rangers 4
(Wallace 2)
Jan. 3, 1976—Celtic 0, Rangers 0
Sept. 12, 1970—Celtic 2, Rangers 0
(Hughes, Murdoch)
Jan. 3, 1972—Celtic 2, Rangers 1
(Johnstone, Brogan)
Sept. 16, 1972—Celtic 3, Rangers 1
(Dalglish, Johnstone, Macari)
Jan. 5, 1974—Celtic 1, Rangers 0
(Lennox)
Sept. 14 1974—Celtic 1, Rangers 2
(Dalglish)

The only Parkhead game in the new Premier League on Nov. 1, 1975, finished 1—1, Paul Wilson scoring for Celts.



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HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Unscramble these letters to find two Old Firm players . . .
NERDEHNOS KENITA
2. Who was recently appointed manager of St Johnstone?
3. Name the top scorers of Celtic and Rangers this season?
4. Who were the scorers in the drawn (1-1) Old Firm game at Parkhead in November, 1975?
5. Which Scottish club plays at Links Park?

- ANSWERS—
1. Henderson, Aitken.
2. Jim Storie.
3. Dalglish, Johnstone.
4. Wilson, Parlane.
5. Montrose.

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