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# PARTICK THISTLE

SCOTTISH  
PREMIER  
LEAGUE

CELTIC  
PARK

SATURDAY  
APRIL 26  
1980

KICK-OFF  
3 p.m.



15p

# PROGRAMME

# Bobby Lennox signs for leading German team.

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# EUROPEAN CUP GAMES BROUGHT SEASON TO A TOO EARLY CLIMAX

**OUR defeat at the hands of Aberdeen on Wednesday night knocked us off the position we have held for so long at the top of the league.**

However it wasn't so much the victory of the Dons that did that as our very disappointing performances in several league matches since our exit from the European Cup.

Perhaps the pinnacle we had to reach for the first game with Real Madrid followed by the disastrous elimination in the Bernabeu, in a game we might just as easily have won, brought the season to a too early climax for our players.

Having said that, it's also true to say that in carelessly losing the first goal as we did on Wednesday night we didn't give ourselves the right platform from which to launch a victory bid.

Instead of setting the pace and mood of the game we made it doubly hard for ourselves by allowing Aberdeen to get the morale boosting first goal.

Then, having equalised from the penalty spot through George McCluskey after the same player had been brought down we were denied another spot kick when George seemed to be even more obviously upended in the box as he manouevred into a good position.

However, after the dust has settled on Wednesday's action, and leaving aside the fact that we didn't get any breaks in the game at all, it's frustrating to analyse our four league matches with Aberdeen.

In two of our most difficult league games of the season, against Aberdeen at Pittodrie, we took three points and then in a matter of three weeks we played the Dons twice at Celtic Park and came out of the encounters pointless.

Our situation now is that we have three league games remaining and we must gather points from them to keep pressure on Aberdeen.

The first of these games is against Partick Thistle this afternoon and the Jags are seldom other than difficult opposition.

Bertie Auld's side got the two points on Wednesday night which secured their place in the Premier League and they are now free of any survival tensions.

**BILLY McNEILL**

# CELTIC



FOUNDED 1888

**Directors:**

Desmond White, C.A. (Chairman),  
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**Manager:**

Billy McNeill.

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**HONOURS:**

**League Champions (31 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, 1973, 1974,  
1977, 1979.

**Cup Winners (25 times)**

1892, 1898, 1900, 1904, 1907,  
1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925,  
1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954,  
1968, 1967, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1974,  
1975, 1977.

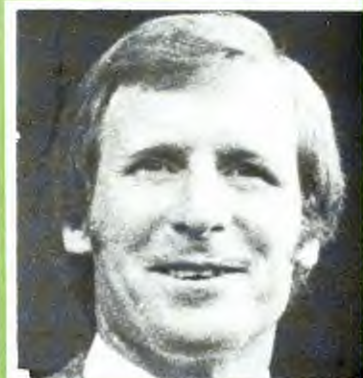
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1969, 1970, 1975.

**Empire Exhibition Cup 1938.**

**Coronation Cup 1953.**

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**Alan Rough saves from George McCluskey at Firhill this season.**

# RESERVES

By **FRANK CONNOR**

**LAST Sunday the reserve team played Shettleston Juniors in a Testimonial match for their long serving player George Wardrop and next Sunday we are doing the same thing against Maryhill Juniors at Lochburn Park (kick off 3 p.m.) for Paddy Turner.**

We won the game at Shettleston by 2-0 and I think the crowd of several hundred was well entertained.

The junior team had former players Mark Cloughtery of Clyde and the Coyle brothers now with Dumbaron in their line up.

We played quite well in spells in the game and scored a goal in each half.

The first half goal was supplied by Jim Casey with a splendid header from a corner kick and the game remained that way until five minutes from the end.

Then, following a sparkling run up the left wing, John Halpin crossed the ball for Charlie Nicholas to head it powerfully into the net.

Considering the reserve team players had played league games on Thursday and Saturday of last week they gave a good account of themselves in the match.

The line up was:—

Bonnar; Duffy and Donaldson; Weir, Conroy and Casey; Crainie and Lumsden; Nicholas, Reid and Halpin. Substitutes: McGrath and Crawley.

# MATCH TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

## Celtic

(From)

Peter Latchford  
Danny McGrain  
Murdo MacLeod  
Roy Aitken  
Roddie McDonald  
Tom McAdam  
Davie Provan  
Mike Conroy  
George McCluskey  
Tommy Burns  
Johnny Doyle  
Frank McGarvey  
Jim Casey

## Partick

(From)

Alan Rough  
Dave McKinnon  
Brian Whittaker  
Jackie Campbell  
Colin McAdam  
Andy Anderson  
Donald Park  
Jim Melrose  
Alex O'Hara  
Tony Higgins  
Jamie Doyle  
Ian McDonald  
Ian Jardine

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Referee: **Mr A. G. McFaul** (Glasgow)  
Linesman: **Mr J. E. Harvey** (Kilmarnock).  
Linesman: **Mr J. Kerr** (Motherwell).

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

# BELL'S SCOTCH

# HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

<b>A</b>	<b>ABERDEEN v ST. MIRREN</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>MORTON v HIBERNIAN</b>	
<b>C</b>	<b>RANGERS v DUNDEE UNITED</b>	
<b>D</b>	<b>AIRDRIE v AYR UNITED</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>ARBROATH v HAMILTON</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>BERWICK v RAITH ROVERS</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>CLYDE v DUMBARTON</b>	
<b>H</b>	<b>CLYDEBANK v STIRLING ALBION</b>	
<b>I</b>	<b>MOTHERWELL v DUNFERMLINE</b>	
<b>J</b>	<b>ST. JOHNSTONE v HEARTS</b>	
<b>K</b>	<b>ARSENAL v MANCHESTER CITY</b>	
<b>L</b>	<b>CRYSTAL PALACE v LIVERPOOL</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>EVERTON v SOUTHAMPTON</b>	
<b>N</b>	<b>MANCHESTER UTD v COVENTRY</b>	
<b>O</b>		
<b>P</b>		

## CUP FINAL TICKETS

**TICKETS** for Celtic's Scottish Cup final match against Rangers at Hampden on Saturday May 10 are now on sale.

Prices for the match are as follows: — East Terracing £2, North Enclosure £2.50, and stands £5 and £6.

Selling agencies will be advertised in the national press and Registered Celtic Supporters Clubs and Association Clubs will get their allocations through the usual channels.

## LEAGUE CUP DRAW

THE draw for the semi-finals of the Reserve League Cup was made earlier this week and resulted as follows:—

**Celtic v St Mirren**  
**Dundee United v St. Johnstone**

The ties are played on a home and away basis and both games must be played by Wednesday May 7.

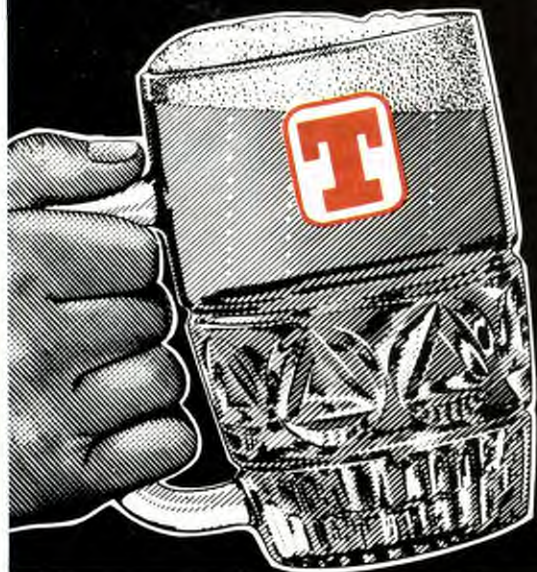
### RESERVE LEAGUE

Celtic	...	32	20	3	9	49
Aberdeen	...	33	23	7	3	49
St. Mirren	...	32	16	5	11	43
Dundee U.	...	33	15	11	7	37
Rangers	...	34	14	12	8	36
Killie	.....	32	12	11	9	33
Morton	...	33	13	13	7	33
Partick	...	34	7	20	7	21
Dundee	...	34	7	26	1	15
Hibs	.....	33	5	24	4	14

WHISKY **BELL'S**

# YARDSTICK FOR

## TENNENT'S Are you ready?



**HAVING** beaten Hibernian at Firhill on Wednesday night to put any relegation worries behind them for once and for all this season, Partick Thistle will come to Celtic Park today in a relaxed frame of mind.

They'll remember too, that despite sharing the points in both games with Celtic at Firhill during the course of this season, they suffered a heavy defeat at Celtic Park on their last visit in December.

Looking back to the situation as it existed in the league on that day in mid-December we find that Celtic and Morton were joint leaders at the top of the league and Dundee and Hibernian were the bottom clubs.

Bertie Auld's side are always a well drilled outfit and they'll make things difficult for Celtic this afternoon.

They will be aware of the fact that Celtic are in the doldrums at the moment following their disappointing run of results in April. At the same time manager Auld will know from experience that very often that is when Celtic can be at their most lethal.

The players are annoyed with themselves over recent results and if they snap back on to the rails again then some unsuspecting side could suffer from the backlash.

After today's match Celtic have to

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travel to Dundee on Wednesday and then to Paisley next Saturday to wind up their league programme.

Then, of course, they have the Scottish Cup final with Rangers at Hampden on May 10 looming up on the horizon.

Thistle manager Bertie Auld has no such targets to set for his players but he'll be using the final fixtures as a yardstick for next season and the formation of his side for the new campaign.

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## SIDELINES

### HOMESICK

A large number of former Celtic players watched the game with Aberdeen at Celtic Park on Wednesday including Dixie Deans who returned at the beginning of the week from Australia.

Dixie recently signed a year's contract with his club in Australia but they generously released him to enable him to return to Scotland.

"My wife was homesick", he said "and to be honest I was feeling it slightly myself".

Asked about his plans he said "I'll just wait and see what happens I think I've still got something to offer and hopefully I'll get a club for the start of next season".

### REAL PROGRAMMES

THERE are still a limited number of the special souvenir programme for the Celtic v Real Madrid match at Celtic Park last month.

If you'd like to add one to your collection send 37p (postal order or cheque) to the Celtic View, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow G40 3RW to cover the cost of the programme and postage.

#### PREMIER LEAGUE

Aberdeen	...	32	17	8	7	59	34	42
Celtic	.....	33	16	10	7	57	37	42
St mirren	...	32	14	11	7	51	44	39
Dundee U	...	33	12	11	10	41	27	35
Morton	.....	34	14	6	14	50	45	34
Rangers	...	32	13	7	12	43	37	33
Partick	.....	32	9	13	10	36	41	31
Kilmarnock	...	34	10	11	13	34	51	31
Dundee	...	34	10	6	18	47	69	26
Hibs	.....	32	5	5	22	26	59	15



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