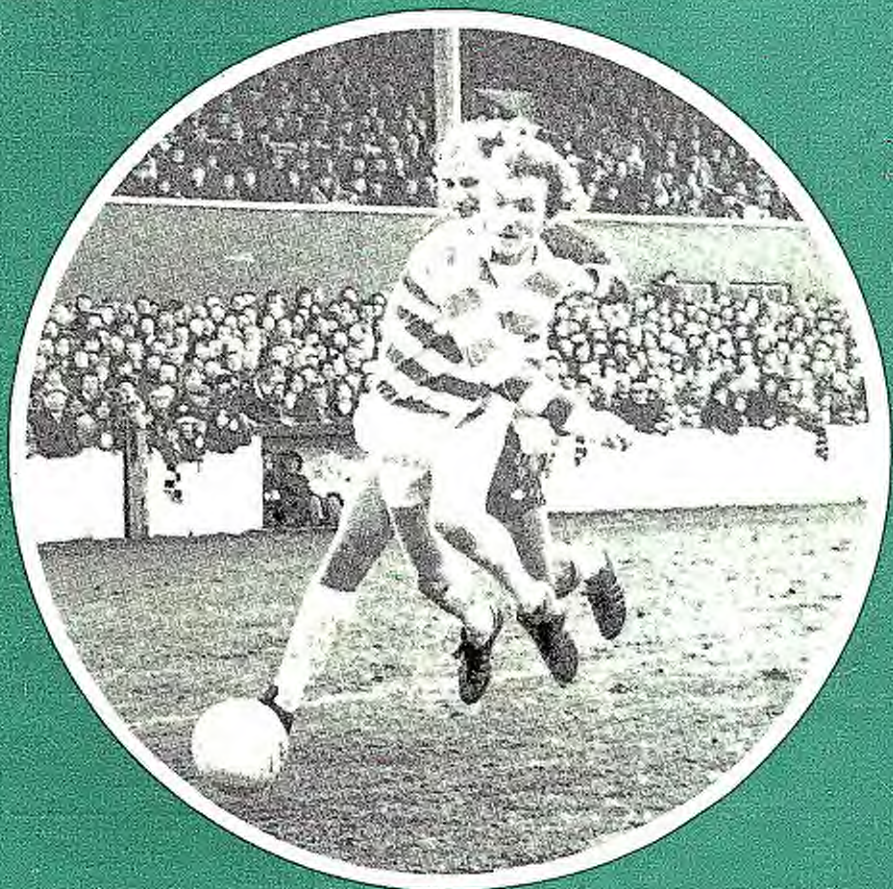


SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 30th April, 1977



Celtic v Ayr United

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

AYR PUSHED CELTIC IN THE "SCOTTISH"

CELTIC, the new Premier League champions, conclude their home league programme this afternoon with a visit from Ayr United. The Somerset Park team, who were reckoned by many to be candidates for relegation this season, have finished the season in great style and in so doing secured their place in the top league next season again.

Ayr's last visit to Parkhead was just two months ago when on February 27 they came to Glasgow for a Scottish Cup tie and forced a 1-1 draw. The replay ended 3-1 in Celtic's favour after a hard fought match.

Earlier this season, on December 18 to be exact the two clubs met at Celtic Park in a Premier League game which Celtic won comfortably by a 3-0 margin.

However in the two Premier League games last season Celtic won one and lost the other against the Ayrshire team. The first game in the new style league was on December 27, 1975 and the two teams lined up as follows:-

CELTIC: Latchford, McGrain and Lynch; Edvaldsson, McDonald and McCluskey; McNamara and Dalglish; Deans; Callaghan and Lennox. Substitute: Glavin and Wilson.

AYR UNITED: Sproat, McDonald and Murphy; McAnespie, Fleming and McSherry; Doyle and Graham; Ingram, McCulloch and Robertson. Substitutes: Cameron and Wells.

Referee: Mr J. R. P. Gordon (Newport-on-Tay).

On that occasion Celtic won by 3-1 but four months later on April 24, 1976 Ayr got their revenge with a 2-1 win. It's interesting to note that the goalscorers that day, Dixie Deans for Celtic and Malcolm Robertson who got both Ayr goals, are no longer on the respective playing staffs.

Talking about players who have departed the scene it's astonishing to look at the changes that have taken place in the Celtic team in less than three years. The teams for the Ayr visit on September 28, 1974 were:-

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

AYR UNITED: McLean, Wells and Murphy; McAnespie, Fleming and Filippi; Doyle and Lannon; Somner; Dickson and Ferguson. Substitutes: Graham and Carns.

Two headers one from Dixie Deans and the other from Paul Wilson shot Celtic into a 2-0 lead. Then, after Doug Somner had reduced the leeway for the visitors, goals from Kenny Dalglish, Paul Wilson and Harry Hood raised Celtic's tally to five, goals from Dickson and Filippi reduced the margin but Celtic won by 5-3.

Strange too, in all the changes to see that Johnny Doyle and Jim Brogan could face each other having changed sides.

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THE SUPPORT the club has received through the entire season has been simply marvellous, and, on behalf of everyone at Celtic Park I give warm thanks to our loyal fans.

They played their part in the winning of the Premier League championship, "lifting" the team in matches when things weren't going according to plan.

Particularly away from home. It was a back-up which the players appreciated most sincerely, and their achievements were accomplished for fans as well as for the club and themselves.

I hope everyone enjoys the gala occasion today. We have tried in practical fashion to express thanks to the fans with some half-time presents and we would hope that the bulk of the souvenirs will go to the younger supporters.

This is the last occasion that the team will parade on the present pitch. It will be "rolled-up" on Monday and work started on a new playing surface to be ready for the kick-off in August.

REGRETS

Of course, there will be a few regrets at the disappearance of the field on which so much of the recent (and successful) history of the club has been achieved.

Reconstruction, however, was necessary for the pitch was showing the stresses of the heavy demands that have been made on it in recent seasons.

Next Saturday we meet Rangers at Hampden in the final of the Scottish Cup. We look forward to the event with confidence but irrespective of the result we would hope the occasion goes off smoothly.

DISCIPLINE

We would remind Celtic fans that, as always, they will be under the microscope at this big game, and we would ask them while enjoying themselves to obey all instructions and maintain disciplined behaviour.

This is the time when clubs have to assess their staffs and issue lists. One or two young fellows will be leaving Parkhead, and it is our hope that the ones who move on will later prove us to have been wrong in releasing them. In short, we wish them success and thank them for their work with Celtic.

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24 times)

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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.

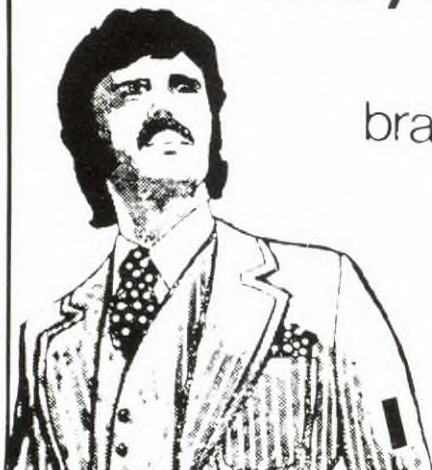
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Further details from the Secretary, Ayr Racecourse, 2 Whitletts Road, Ayr.

FULL BACK ANDY WINS ON THE WING



Celtic full back Andy Lynch on one of his speedy, thrilling wing runs eludes the tackle of Ayr United's McAnespie. As a former winger Andy is adept in the art of evading defencemen.

TODAY'S VISITORS

AYR UNITED — THE SURVIVAL ACES

THE PREMIER LEAGUE survival act (for the second season in a row) by Ayr United was a courageous one against a frightening background of injuries that revealed the big, fighting heart of the Somerset side.

Even for today's fixture at Parkhead manager Alex Stuart was merely hoping that some of the regulars would be available to him.

It has been a battle all the way since he took over at Somerset 18 months ago, but the "survival kit" he put together in numerous emergencies have proved his management skills.

Nowhere has it been seen more plainly in his transfer market activity — as buyer and seller. His signing of the tall striker Walker McCall from Aberdeen could prove to be the one of the best bargain buys of the season. And McCall's link with Danny Masterton has given the team a cutting edge that troubles defences everywhere.

The arrival of former Celtic man Jim Brogan from England gave the team a new urge at a crucial time. His enthusiasm and on-field "talk-ins" helped to fire them to new effort . . . and safety.

Manager Stuart admits the pressure on the team this time wasn't as bad as last season. "It was almost the last kick of th term then before we knew we were safe. It was terrible", he says.

"We couldn't afford to leave it to the very last game this time . . . not with that game against Celtic. Parkhead isn't the easiest place in the world to save yourself in the Premier League."

That problem doesn't loom for



ALEX STUART

manager Stuart or his players this afternoon. They come without pressures upon them . . . as they did in the Scottish Cup tie in February and held Celts to a 1-1 draw.

Like Celts they have the opportunity to fully express themselves and exhibit their skills. That's what they intend to do to add to the gala atmosphere.

Of course, they always look for a win as the end product. "And", says manager Stuart, "don't forget that we gave our best performances away from home in retaining our Premier place."

It sounded like a warning from a likeable and able football character who goes forward to the 1977-78 season with a team that has been thoroughly tempered in the heat of the highly-competitive ten-club league.

Plus the bonus of having to "blood" young players through the spate of injuries. "The club will benefit from this emergency next term", he said.

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Further details from the Secretary, Miss J. I. C. Grant,
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SIDELINES

DANNY IS TOPS WITH WRITERS

Warm congratulations to Danny McGrain. The popular and highly-skilled Celtic full back has been named Footballer of the Year by the Scottish Football Writers' Association.

Danny will receive his award in the Albany Hotel on Monday evening at the annual dinner of the association in the presence of year's biggest gathering of sports personalities in Scotland.

Principal speakers at the dinner are Mr Denis Howell, the Minister of Sport, and Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty.

Now all Danny has to worry about is his script for Monday. One fancies he would rather face up to the tension of a big match and a 100,000 crowd than speak to 300 diners on Monday!

GALA FILM NIGHT FOR THE FANS

To mark the 10th anniversary of Celtic's greatest success, Celtic Films will be showing the Lisbon European Cup final on Sunday, May 22, in the Odeon Cinema, Victoria Road, Glasgow.

Tickets (stalls £1, circle £1.25) can be obtained from the Celtic View office or postal booking to Celtic Films, c/o Celtic View, 18 Kerrydale Street, Glasgow, G40 3RW enclosing remittance and S.A.E. Supporters clubs can obtain block bookings.

RONNIE . . . THE EVER PRESENT

Danny McGrain is one of Celtic's three ever-presents in the Premier League campaign. The others — Ronnie Glavin and Pat Stanton. Ronnie is the only Celt who has played in ALL matches since the club kicked off in July 30 last year in a friendly with Inverness Thistle . . . 57 in all (excluding today's game, the Scottish Cup final and the last Premier fixture with Mothrwel).

One further match for Ronnie was in Scotland's colours against Sweden at Hampden on Wednesday . . . his first full cap, a merited honour in a season which has seen him score to date 26 goals in competitive games.



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"PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

1976 **FRIENDLY MATCHES**

JULY
30—Inverness Thistle (A) 6 2

AUGUST
2—Ross County (A) 4 0
7—PENAROL (H) 3 0

NOVEMBER
14—IPSWICH TOWN (H) 1 2

GLASGOW CUP (1975-76 final)

AUGUST
10—RANGERS (H) 1 3

LEAGUE CUP

AUGUST
14—Dundee United (A) 1 0
18—DUMBARTON (H) 3 0
21—Arbroath (A) 5 0
25—Dumbarton (A) 3 3
28—ARBROATH (H) 2 1

SEPTEMBER
1—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 1 1
22—Albion Rovers (Q Final) (A) 1 0

OCTOBER
6—ALBION ROVERS (Q F) (H) 5 0
25—HEARTS (Hampden, S Final) 2 1

NOVEMBER
6—ABERDEEN (Hampden, Final) 1 2

UEFA CUP

SEPTEMBER
15—GKS WISLA KRAKOW (H) 2 2
29—GKS Wisla Krakow (A) 0 2

SCOTTISH CUP

Third Round

JANUARY
29—Airdrie (A) 1 1

FEBRUARY
2—AIRDRIE (replay) (H) 5 0

Fourth Round

27—AYR UNITED (H) 1 1

MARCH
2—Ayr United (Replay) (A) 3 1

Fifth Round

13—QUEEN OF SOUTH (H) 5 1

Semi-final

APRIL
6—DUNDEE (Hampden) 2 0

Final

MAY
7—Rangers (Hampden)

PREMIER LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER
4—RANGERS (H) 2 2
11—Dundee United (A) 0 1
18—HEARTS (H) 2 2
25—Kilmarnock (A) 4 0

OCTOBER
2—HIBERNIAN (H) 1 1
16—Ayr United (A) 2 0
20—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 5 1
23—Aberdeen (A) 1 2
30—MOTHERWELL (H) 2 0

NOVEMBER
20—Hearts (A) 4 3
24—Rangers (A) 1 0
27—KILMARNOCK (H) 2 1

DECEMBER
18—AYR UNITED (H) 3 0
26—ABERDEEN (H) 2 2

1977
JANUARY
8—Dundee United (A) 2 1
11—RANGERS (H) 1 0
22—Kilmarnock (A) 3 1

FEBRUARY
5—HIBERNIAN (H) 4 2
7—HEARTS (H) 5 1
12—PARTICK THISTLE (H) 2 0
19—Ayr United (A) 4 2
22—Partick Thistle (A) 4 2

MARCH
5—Aberdeen (A) 0 2
9—PARTICK THISTLE (H) 2 1
16—MOTHERWELL (H) 2 2
19—Rangers (A) 2 2
26—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 2 0
30—Hibernian (A) 1 1

APRIL
2—Hearts (A) 3 0
9—KILMARNOCK (H) 1 0
13—Motherwell (A) 0 3
16—Hibernian (A) 1 0
20—ABERDEEN (H) 4 1
23—Partick Thistle (A) 1 1
30—AYR UNITED (H)

RESERVES by JOHN CLARK



The problem to be solved next season

THE RESERVES completed their season with a series of victories, and while one can look back on matches where we might have gathered points and been strong title challengers, on the whole it hasn't been an unsatisfactory campaign.

Reserve games have allowed regulars to test themselves before returning to the rigours of the Premier League and we have supplied stand-in players for the first team pool when the call came. That is the major function of a Reserve squad.

One pleasing feature has been the number of goals we've put away . . . well over 80. Less pleasing though has been the number lost . . . nearly 60.

So the problem is clearly defined. By next season we hope to have that problem solved and disappointment through lack of consistency will have gone.

Satisfactory, too, has been the manner in which some of the young fellows have come through. Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns are notable examples. Last season they were regulars in the reserves.

Now they are regulars in the first team pool and their promotion is an example for all the young players. Jim Casey is one who could follow it in the near future.

However, everybody has one more year's experience and next term that should stand him in good stead.

During the build up to the new season we'll be working on our defensive set-up to eliminate the inconsistency that sometimes appeared. Given that the confidence of the side will soar and it will be reflected in our play—and position — in the new term.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. How many Scots boxers have reached this year's ABA finals?
2. Who scored Inter Milan's goal in the 1967 European Cup final with Celtic?
3. Celtic still have a Lisbon Lion in Bobby Lennox. How many Inter men of 1967 are with the club today?
4. How many British teams have reached the final of the European Cup?
5. Which team did Tommy Docherty manage before going to Manchester United?

ANSWERS

1. Five.
2. Mazzola (penalty).
3. Two — Facchetti and Mazzola.
4. Four — Celtic (twice), Manchester, Leeds United and now Liverpool.
5. Scotland.

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