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JOCK STEIN says...

Arbroath, who were our visitors for the opening League Cup match of the season at Celtic Park, return to-day as the season draws near to its conclusion.

Although the season is drawing to a close, however, we are still very much involved in the two major domestic competitions as well as the major club prize in football—the European Cup.

Our visitors to-day are currently more concerned with consolidating themselves in the first division and they look certain to improve on last seasons final placing.

Manager Albert Henderson has built a very useful side in which he has an excellent blend of youngsters and seasoned campaigners.

This has been evident in our three meetings with the Gayfield Park club this season, all of which were close fought matches. To-day's game should be another interesting and entertaining encounter.

VITAL IMPORTANCE

Returning to Celtic's quest for honours, the three game spell which started at Hampden on Wednesday night against Dundee is of vital importance. Our win in the Scottish Cup has taken the club into a sixth successive final. The points at stake to-day are important to our league championship aspirations and next Wednesday we have our home match in the two-leg European Cup semi-final.

On Wednesday night our aim must be to attack and look for a lead to take to Madrid in a fortnight's time.

I have watched the Spaniards play, albeit minus a couple of their best



players, and saw enough to confirm that they are a very useful side.

Come Wednesday night, we'll let them worry about us and this is where our fans can play a very important part in their support of the team. Cheer the boys on with the genuine Celtic songs and chants and forget the objectionable ones which have been aired recently. The season's nearly over but there's still an awful lot going for Celtic—players and fans.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match.

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ARBROATH PEN PICTURES

Gordon Marshall—The goalkeeper who has played for several clubs on both sides of the border, including Celtic. A most reliable last line of defence who frequently turns on a good performance against his former Parkhead team-mates.

Jimmy Cant—Is the Gayfield Park club's longest serving player. He can play either at full-back or in mid-field and is the club captain. A native of Arbroath he has proved to be a very faithful and dependable club servant.

Derek Rylance—Joined the club from Perth junior club Kinnoul in 1970 as a forward but has since been converted into the regular left back in the Gayfield side. Playing as a forward last season he scored a hat-trick against Celtic in a 3-3 League Cup match.

Billy Lawson—Was called up last season from Aberdeenshire junior team Banks O' Dee and is already challenging fiercely for a regular team spot at full-back.

Tom Cargill—Joined up at Gayfield from Dens Park in 1968 and has proved a great servant for Arbroath ever since. A tall forceful and very capable player who usually operates in mid-field, but can be equally effective in a defensive role.

Bobby Waddell—A very dependable centre half who signed for Arbroath from Kilmarnock in 1970. Made a major contribution to Gayfield Park side's successful promotion bid two seasons ago and their fight to avoid relegation last season.

Joe Carson—Signed from Vale of Leven juniors two years ago and challenging hard for the pivot berth in the side. Looks like being a good long term prospect for the Arbroath club.

Cameron Murray—The former St. Mirren and Motherwell full-back has been converted to the 'sweeper' role with Arbroath since he joined the club at the start of the season. His

experience has proved invaluable to Albert Henderson's defensive plans.

Eric Sellars—Has become an 'old head' at Gayfield since he joined the club from Angus junior outfit Carnoustie Panmure in 1966. A skillful and speedy winger who has presented problems for a lot of first division full backs.

Andy Penman—Old fashioned type of inside forward who has been around the football scene for a number of years with Dundee, Rangers and Arbroath. Expertly uses the long pass to probe gaps in any defensive set-up.

John Fletcher—Has won a regular place in Arbroath's forward line this season with his strong and direct running and never-say-die spirit. English born he now lives in Carnoustie and is nearing completion of a Physical Education course.

Jimmy Milne—Joined up at Gayfield from Arbroath Lad's Club in 1969. Generally plays right back but injury has kept him out of a couple of recent games. Strong, good tackling full-back.

Tommy Walker—Joined the club originally from the prolific local nursery team Arbroath Lad's Club. Having established himself in the team he soon attracted attention from other clubs and was transferred to Airdrie two years ago for a substantial fee. Didn't settle at Broomfield and returned to Gayfield this season.

Ian Donald—Son of an Aberdeen F.C. Director he had a four year spell with Manchester United before being released by the Old Trafford club. A defender, he has been in the Gayfield scheme of things throughout the season.

Kenny Payne—A clever winger or inside forward who joined Arbroath from St. Columba's Boys Club. Has been sidelined a lot by injury this season. Was one of five Arbroath players who played in all 34 league games last season.

TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League

Champions (28 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.

Scottish League Cup

Winners (7 times)

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

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SELLARS

CANT

FLETCHER

PENMAN

PAYNE

DONALD

Scottish Cup

Winners (22 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
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Celtic's League Record against Arbroath

Celtic and Arbroath have met only 15 times in the Scottish League championship and the Gayfield side have one solitary victory to their credit. In the other 14 meetings the Celtic team emerged victorious.

Arbroath's only success was chalked up at Gayfield on October 10th, 1937 when they recorded a 2-0 win over the Celts.

To-day we spotlight the league meeting of the two teams at Celtic Park on March 5th, 1969, not because Celtic won the game convincingly, but to illustrate the changes that have taken place in the composition of the two sides in five years.

The teams on that occasion were:—

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

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

It's astonishing to discover that only four Celtic players and three of Arbroath's team are currently on their club's books.

Celtic were in rampant mood in this match and goals from Willie Wallace (2), Steve Chalmers and Jimmy Johnstone in a devastating ten minute first half spell shattered the Gayfield side.

In another scoring burst at the start of the second half Celtic took their tally to seven with goals from Willie Wallace, John Hughes and Tommy Callaghan. That completed Celtic's scoring but in the last minute Denis Bruce scored a consolation goal for Arbroath from a Jimmy Cant cross.

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Arbroath and former Rangers player Andy Penman looks on as Bobby Lennox crosses the ball in the League Cup match at the start of the current season.

RESULTS SO FAR

FIRST TEAM			European Cup Quarter Final				
League Cup			Basle	3	Celtic	2	
Celtic	2	Arbroath	1	Celtic	4	Basle	2
Falkirk	0	Celtic	2	(after extra time)			
Rangers	1	Celtic	2	1st TEAM SCORERS			
Celtic	2	Falkirk	1	30—Deans			
Celtic	1	Rangers	3	22—Dalglish			
Arbroath	1	Celtic	3	20—Lennox			
League Cup 2nd Round			15—Hood				
Motherwell	1	Celtic	2	8—Wilson			
Celtic	0	Motherwell	1	7—Murray			
2nd Round Decider			6—Johnstone				
Celtic	3	Motherwell	2	5—Callaghan			
Celtic	3	Aberdeen	2	2—Connelly, McCluskey, Hay			
Aberdeen	0	Celtic	0	1—Lynch, McGrain, V. Davidson			
Scottish League Cup Semi-final			2—O.G.'s.				
Rangers	1	Celtic	3	124			
Scottish League Cup Final			RESERVES League Cup				
Dundee	1	Celtic	0	Arbroath	0	Celtic	0
Scottish League			Celtic	4	Falkirk	0	
Dunfermline	2	Celtic	3	Celtic	1	Rangers	3
Celtic	5	Clyde	0	Falkirk	1	Celtic	4
Rangers	0	Celtic	1	Rangers	2	Celtic	0
St. Johnstone	2	Celtic	1	Celtic	1	Arbroath	1
Celtic	2	Motherwell	0	League			
Dundee	0	Celtic	1	Celtic	0	Dunfermline	1
Celtic	1	Hibernian	1	Celtic	1	Ayr Utd.	1
Hearts	1	Celtic	3	Clyde	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	4	East Fife	2	Celtic	2	Rangers	0
Ayr Utd.	0	Celtic	1	Celtic	4	St. Johnstone	0
Celtic	7	Partick Thistle	0	Motherwell	0	Celtic	2
Dumbarton	0	Celtic	2	Celtic	2	Dundee	1
Arbroath	1	Celtic	2	Hibernian	1	Celtic	2
Celtic	3	Dundee Utd.	3	East Fife	1	Celtic	3
Celtic	6	Falkirk	0	Partick Thistle	1	Celtic	0
Celtic	6	Dunfermline	0	Celtic	4	Aberdeen	1
Clyde	0	Celtic	2	Falkirk	2	Celtic	6
Celtic	1	Rangers	0	Dunfermline	0	Celtic	2
Celtic	3	St. Johnstone	0	Rangers	2	Celtic	0
Motherwell	3	Celtic	2	Dundee Utd.	2	Celtic	1
Celtic	1	Dundee	2	St. Johnstone	1	Celtic	1
Hibs	2	Celtic	4	Morton	0	Celtic	4
Celtic	1	Hearts	0	Celtic	1	Hibs	1
Celtic	4	Ayr United	0	Hearts	2	Celtic	0
Partick Thistle	2	Celtic	0	Celtic	0	Dundee Utd.	1
Celtic	3	Dumbarton	3	Ayr United	1	Celtic	2
Scottish Cup 3rd Round			Dumbarton	2	Celtic	3	
Celtic	6	Clydebank	1	2nd XI Cup			
Scottish Cup 4th Round			Q.P. Strollers	1	Celtic	5	
Celtic	6	Stirling Albion	1	Ayr United	0	Celtic	5
Scottish Cup 5th Round			Dumbarton	0	Celtic	4	
Celtic	2	Motherwell	2	RESERVE SCORERS			
Motherwell	0	Celtic	1	14—Davidson (V.)			
Scottish Cup Semi-final			10—Wilson				
Celtic	1	Dundee	0	7—Lynch			
European Cup 1st Round			6—Deans, Ritchie				
TPS Turku	1	Celtic	6	4—Lennox, McNamara			
Celtic	3	TPS Turku	0	3—Quinn			
European Cup 2nd Round			2—McCluskey,				
Celtic	0	Vejele B.K.	0	1—Casey, Davidson (J.), Hood, McCool,			
Vejele BK	0	Celtic	1	McDonald, Mulholland, O'Hara,			
				Johnstone, Bone, Little.			



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