



**Scottish Premier
League**

CELTIC

versus

**PARTICK
THISTLE**

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY
7th APRIL 1979
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.**

PROGRAMME

10p

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A goal pattern that must change



WELL, we got two points from the midweek visit to Motherwell, despite allowing the opposition to get in the first goal blow again.

It was a start similar to the one that was made at Easter Road against Hibernian. We must get this eliminated from our play and give ourselves a chance to get settled down to a pattern.

Mark you, losing Roddie McDonald from the centre half role at this point hasn't helped. We could use his strength and ability. A combination of Roy Aitken and Roddie in the centre of the defence was envisaged until the injury blow.

HIGHEST RESPECT

Andy Lynch couldn't make it for Motherwell in midweek. I'm hopeful he will be ready for the Partick Thistle game this afternoon to let Murdo MacLeod step forward a place. The midfield man played well at Fir Park in the left back position.

Partick is a side which always merits the highest respect. They arrive here today after a fine show against Rangers in the Scottish Cup semi-final and this is one side which will exploit any errors on our part.

More, if they get in front, they'll see that it is difficult for us to get back into the game. Of course, we'll have to feel the same way when we get ahead.

EUROPEAN PLACE

At Motherwell we were cruising along 3-1 in front quite composed and playing well. Suddenly we let the initiative go, lost a goal and 'Well were revitalised.

We have to cut out that sort of thing if we are to push ourselves up the League table and give ourselves a chance of a place in a European tourney next season.

The championship is still an open affair. We are not out of it, not by a long way.

But we've got to string things together from the kick-off and the experience of Vic Davidson can bring a touch of consistency to the team. He had a good match at Fir Park and Danny McGrain's first half display particularly was another confidence-raising factor for the side.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



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1970, 1971, 1972,
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OUR VISITORS

Thistle have twin target

WITH his Partick Thistle side still on a strong Scottish Cup course, Bertie Auld brings the Firhill men to Celtic Park today in bubbling mood.

"It was a great game with Rangers at Hampden in midweek . . . and we're still there with plenty of ideas about making the final on replay night," he enthused.

The one Rangers factor that Bertie would like for Firhill is the Ibrox support.

"Their fans are terrific. Even when their team is on the rack they are still shouting them on."

It is principally from the financial angle that Bertie wants an Ibrox-size support.

"When they are going full blast it lifts our players as well as their own. That was clearly seen at Hampden in midweek."

He expects another "great crowd and terrific atmosphere" at Celtic Park today. "We're playing attractive football and that's important for the fans."

Will the midweek effort show through when the part-timers tackle Celts?

"No chance", says their irrepressible boss. "We're ready to go with the fittest teams in the league."

Thistle are after points. Like Celts they have European ambitions and while they still have an opening to Continental competition via the Scottish Cup the Premier League also provides opportunity for glamour matches against foreign opposition.

"We realise we'll have to go some to pick up points at Parkhead in this very tight competition, but winning is the aim".

Doug Somner is back in the striking role again today. He missed the Cup semi-final in midweek because he wasn't 100 per cent fit.

"It was a tough decision to take . . . and explain to the player. But he accepted it and now he'll tackle today's job and the replay with new zest."

Zest is a quality that manager Auld exudes and he's given it to a Thistle team that has long since lost the tag of unpredictables.



Jacky Campbell soars above Jo Edvaldsson, but it looks like the big Celt is going to be the man who will get possession of the ball.

MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
DANNY McGRAIN
ANDY LYNCH
MURDO MacLEOD
ROY AITKEN
JO EDVALDSSON
MIKE CONROY
DAVIE PROVAN
BOBBY LENNOX
VIC DAVIDSON
TOMMY BURNS
JOHNNY DOYLE
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(from)

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DAVE McKINNON
BRIAN WHITTAKER
JACKY CAMPBELL
ANDY ANDERSON
IAN GIBSON
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SIDELINES

FIRST GOALS

Danny McGrain and Vic Davidson scored their first goals for Celts in the mid-week fixture with Motherwell. The full back's effort gave the team much-needed inspiration and it was a pass from Davidson that set up the chance to equalise the match at 1—1.

Danny got the "assist" on Vic's goal and as one fan commented: "Well seen these two have played together before."

Very true. It is a combination that could give the club the little extra in the hunt for points.

MIDWEEK MATCH

Celtic's midweek match in the Premier League is Dundee United at Tannadice. It's an important assignment one from which Celts will have to extract maximum points to push themselves into title contention.

COLLECTION

The Box collection at today's match is in aid of the Salesian Missions. The Committee are hoping for a generous response.

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	P	W	L	D	Pts
Dundee Utd	29	14	8	7	35
St Mirren	28	13	10	5	31
Rangers	24	11	5	8	30
Hibernian	28	9	8	11	29
Aberdeen	26	9	7	10	28
Celtic	23	11	7	5	27
Morton	29	9	11	9	27
Partick Th.	25	9	9	7	25
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Motherwell	29	4	20	5	13



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Johnny Doyle, breaking for goal, finds it isn't too easy rounding the Thistle "barrier" represented by Brian Whittaker.