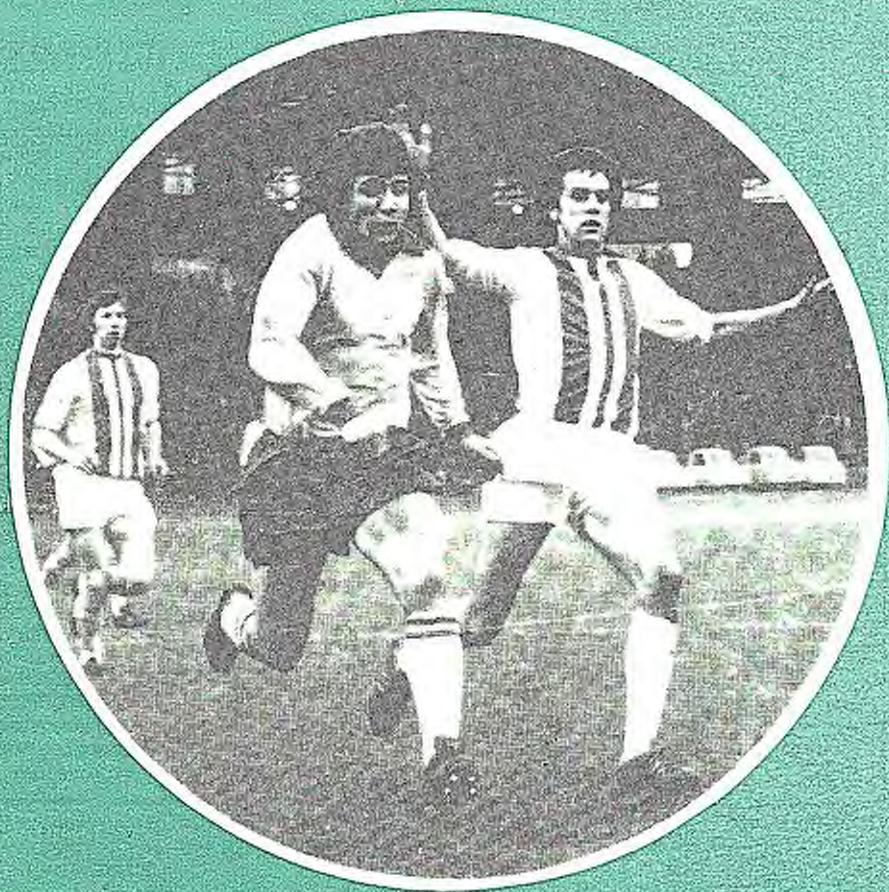


SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 9th April, 1977



Celtic v Kilmarnock

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

KILLIE ENTERTAIN

KILMARNOCK are the visitors to Celtic Park today for a Premier League game and if the game is as good as the earlier meetings this season, the crowd will be well entertained.

In the three previous encounters the games have produced no fewer than 11 goals (Celtic winning 4-0 and 3-1 at Rugby Park and 2-1 at Celtic Park) and a great deal of good football skills and thrills.

Indeed in the first meeting of the clubs at Rugby Park on September 25, Kilmarnock were more than holding their own when Celtic hit them with a double punch in the last minute of the first half. Joe Craig and Ronnie Glavin were the men who did the damage.

The next meeting of the two clubs was on Saturday November 27 at Celtic Park and on that occasion Killie took an early lead from one of the best goals scored against Celtic this season.

After Killie had scythed their way through the Celtic defence Iain McCulloch finished the move off by placing the ball well out of the reach of Peter Latchford to give them a shock lead.

Believe it or not Celtic again produced two goals in a minute just before the interval to take the lead and eventually the points.

With no further goals being scored Celtic won by a two goals to one margin.

The third meeting of the clubs and the second at Rugby Park, ended in a Celtic victory after a spirited and skillful early start by the Rugby Park side. Goals from

Ronnie Glavin (2) and Paul Wilson countered only by an Ian Fallis goal for Kilmarnock gave Celtic a fairly comfortable 3-1 victory.

Looking back just over two years ago to another meeting between the two clubs we find a game that ended in a heavy defeat for the Ayrshire side.

The most amazing fact that emerges from looking back to that game is the discovery that no fewer than eight of the Celtic team and substitutes are no longer at Celtic Park.

The teams for that match on September 4, 1974 were -

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

KILMARNOCK: Stewart; Maxwell and Robertson; McCulloch, Rodman and McDicken; Cook and Fleming; Morrison; Sheed and Smith. Substitutes: McSherry and Whyte.

Referee: Mr R. B. Valentine (Dundee).

Vic Davidson opened the scoring for Celtic in the first half and that was the only goal separating the teams at the interval. The score remained unchanged until the last ten minutes when Celtic scored no fewer than four goals to win by 5-0. Celtic's late scorers were Jimmy Johnstone, Kenny Dalglish, Paul Wilson and Steve Murray.

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PLAYERS signed by Celtic get microscopic scrutiny from the supporters. The fans want the best available talent for the club . . . to maintain its record and traditions. And of course, they deserve the best.

That has always been the Celtic criteria when entering the transfer market, and the current position of the team and its playing standard surely indicates that it has been met.

There was a period when the support, if not exactly apprehensive, showed a little concern about the goal-keeping role. Peter Latchford changed that. And now Roy Baines, taking over the position because of injury to Latchford, has proved the first-class goalie he was judged to be when signed.

Injuries to Andy Lynch and Roddy McDonald meant changes at full back and centre half in recent games, but here again the deputies, Tommy Burns and Jo Edvaldsson, proved their worth and the advance of the club was continued smoothly towards the major target of the season — the Premier League championship.

This afternoon we have Kilmarnock as our opponents . . . the top versus the bottom of the league. The Rugby Park side are probably a little tired of being told how attractive their football has been this season. And it is true they do play pleasing open stuff, though their league position is hardly attractive.

The last time they played here they gave us one of the hardest games we have had at Celtic Park. They got in front early on, though we managed to finish 2-1 ahead.

Killie have a young side and obviously the experience they have gained in the Premier Division this time will be of great help as they make their effort next season to return to the top league.

For Celtic the position is clear. We've got to drive on and get the League championship won as early as possible. There won't be any complacency against Killie or any other side.

The fans, as we've said earlier, deserve the best so every post has to be winning one right to the final fixture. And of course, taking the championship opens up a wider field for players and supporters . . . Europe. We want to test ourselves against the Continent again in the top tourney. . . that for champion clubs.

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1951, 1954, 1965,
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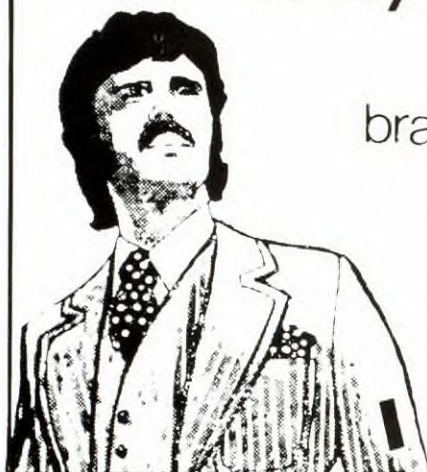
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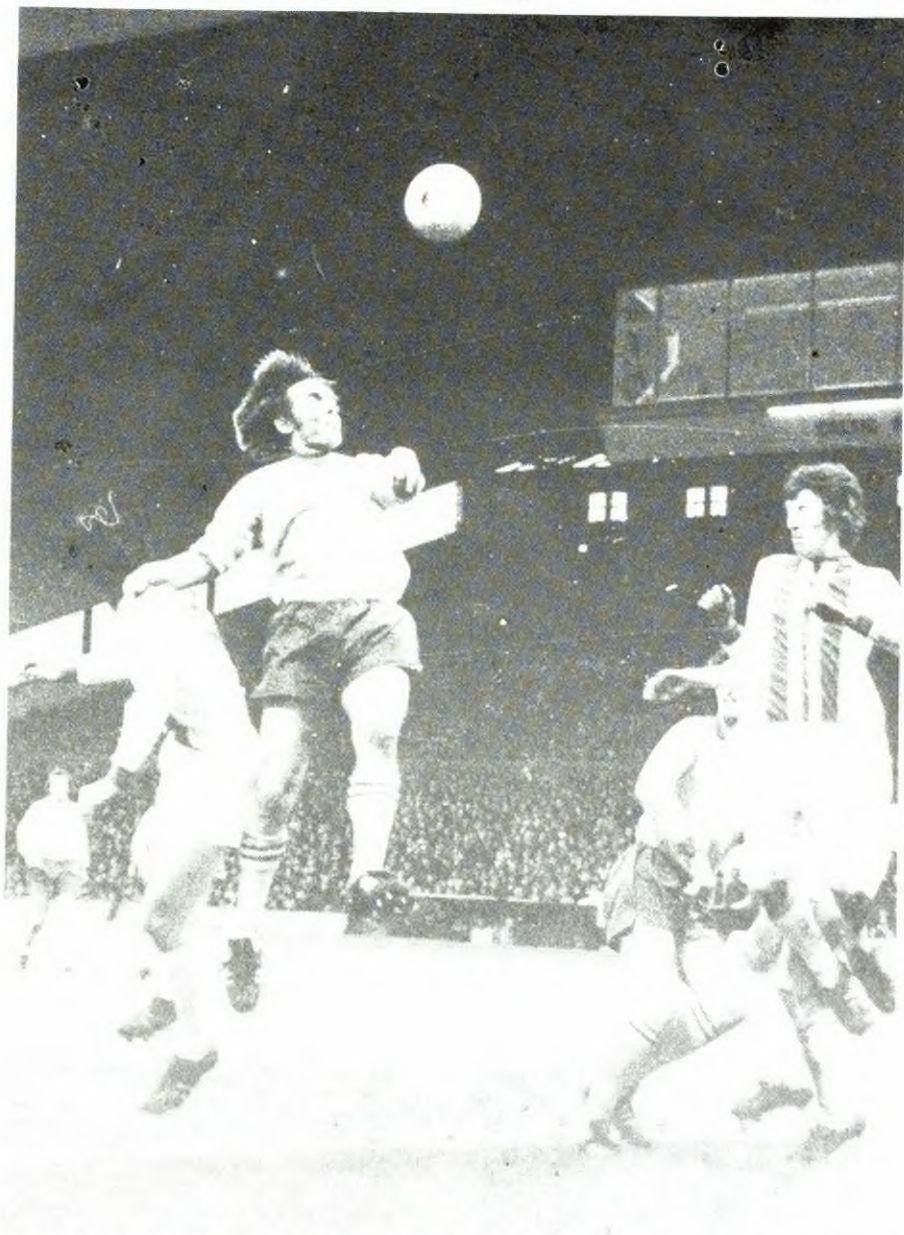
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Further details from the Secretary, Ayr Racecourse, 2 Whitlets Road, Ayr.

High-Flying Kenny



Kenny Dalglish soars above his Kilmarnock "shadow" in an all-out effort to connect with a high ball into the heart of the Ayrshire team's defence.

TODAY'S VISITORS

KILLIE THE BRAVE KEEP ATTACKING

KILMARNOCK manager Willie Fernie has accepted that he will be organising his team for First Division matches next season. But there's no flat resignation in the acceptance . . . that it doesn't matter what happens in the Premier League matches that have still to be fulfilled.

Of course, there is natural disappointment about relegation. But through it there bubbles an unquenchable enthusiasm for football, Kilmarnock . . . and the future.

Pride of club bring the Ayrshire squad to Parkhead this afternoon in optimistic and positive mood. "Sure we'll be looking for a victory at CelticPark", says the former Parkhead star. "Why not? We won't change the attitude to matches we've had all season."

That has been firmly against deadly defence with ambition limited only to survival in the major league. Killie have played to win all the time. And entertainingly. Fortune hasn't always followed this brave campaign, but Killie retain their pride and popularity.

Of course, with £300 a point still at stake in every League fixture (and they scooped in £600 against Rangers the other week) there is incentive for a best effort from Killie right through to the last kick of the season.

There are no moans from manager Fernie about fate dealing them blows of greater severity than to others in the division. He agrees that they lost daft goals at vital times in matches, that in a goodly proportion of the games they finished losers by the odd goal.

But realistically he won't have it that all the breaks went against them. "You could say we were a wee bit short of them at times. In this grade of football you have to accept that sort of thing," he observes.

He steadfastly refused to alter the team tactics through the campaign. "I know it is

a different ball game in the Premier League. Clubs have different attitudes going into matches not to lose."

Killie stayed with the positive outlook and their fans have respected this. While by normal standards the last home gate (8,000) was low against Rangers, manager Fernie was encouraged because "there were as many Killie supporters as Rangers supporters in the ground. It was a pleasant change." So was the result.

Killie's boss looking at the gates in other areas feels they haven't done too badly, though, like every club, they want more and more people through their turnstiles.

"Leaving aside the Old Firm we are not likely to be at the foot of the gates league at the end of the season," he says.

The Rugby Park team boss wants his players to "enjoy the remainder of the Premier matches" and move into the lower division in good heart.

Naturally he's been looking to the future. This is reflected in the recent appearances of Ian Jardine from the Junior Irvine Vics who was drafted in against opposition like Rangers, Motherwell and Aberdeen.

Jardine plays midfield or forward and the experience he is now picking up will be to his benefit and that of the club in the First Division campaign in which Killie must be rated one of the favourites for leadership in 1977-78.

Celtic have taken six points from the three meetings of the clubs so far this season. It is a tribute to Killie that they will be regarded as top opposition by the Parkhead men as they seek today to add two more points and move forward to making the championship absolutely secure.

One thing today's Parkhead spectators can be assured of . . . the Rugby Park men will not try and "kill" the game and bore them to tears. They've done their best to give fans everywhere bright football.

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Killie 'keeper Jim Stewart in full flight turns away a net-bound shot.

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- 4 PAT STANTON
- 5 RODDY McDONALD
- 6 ROY AITKEN
- 7 JOHNNY DOYLE
- 8 RONNIE GLAVIN
- 9 JOE CRAIG
- 10 ~~KENNY DALGLISH~~
- 11 ALFIE CONN
- 12 TOMMY BURNS
- 10 JOHANNES EDVALDSSON
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B	AYR UNITED MOTHERWELL	1	F	DUMBARTON FALKIRK	2
		1			0
C	HEARTS RANGERS	0	G	DUNDEE AIRDRIE	1
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- 4 IAIN McCULLOCH
- 5 PAUL CLARKE
- 6 DEREK McDICKEN
- 7 DAVE PROVAN
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SIDELINES

ALFIE TELLS THE FANS

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RONNIE TOPS THE LIST

Leading marksman at Celtic Park is Ronnie Glavin. He boosted his total to 25 goals against Hearts at Tynecastle — two ahead of Kenny Dalglish. With Roy Aitken finding the road to goal in recent matches this trio in the Parkhead "engine room" have a scoring record second to none.

The scoring list (excluding the Scottish Cup semi-final with Dundee):

Ronnie Glavin 25, Kenny Dalglish 23, Joe Craig 18, Johnny Doyle 11, Paul Wilson 8, Roy Aitken, Jo Edvaldsson and Roddy McDonald 5, Andy Lynch and Bobby Lennox 2, Danny McGrain, George McCluskey and Tommy Callaghan 1.

Total number of Celtic goals in competitive matches (Premier League, Scottish Cup, League Cup and UEFA Cup) is 109, two of them being "scored by opponents. In addition 14 goals were shot in friendlies with Inverness Thistle, Ross County, Penarol and Ipswich.

FOUR HAVE FULL MARKS

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