

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Saturday, 16th August, 1975



CELTIC v DUMBARTON

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Previous League cup-tie with Dumbarton developed into a marathon

THE LAST occasion on which Celtic and Dumbarton came face to face in a League Cup-tie was in 1970 and it took two games and two periods of extra time to separate them.

Dumbarton's pairing with Celtic had a 'lambs to the slaughter' look about it when you consider that the Sons were in the second division and Celtic had just months previously contested the final of the European Cup.

However, football being the unpredictable game that it is, it took exactly four hours of endeavour to produce a victory and even then it was only a single goal that separated the teams.

In the first match at Hampden, Dumbarton, with ex-Celt Charlie Gallagher in the mid-field, slowed the pace of the game and held Celtic to a non-scoring draw after extra time.

The replay, at the same venue the following week, required a further thirty minutes period of extra time before Celtic finally ended the challenge from Dumbarton.

Bobby Lennox scored twice for Celtic with Willie Wallace and Lou Macari bagging one apiece.

Dumbarton's marksmen were Charlie Gallagher from the penalty spot, Kenny Wilson and Johnny Graham.

By a strange coincidence only Bobby

Lennox and Johnny Graham of those goalscorers will be playing in today's match and they will skipper their respective teams.

The teams for the first match on Oct 7, 1970, were :—

Celtic 0, Dumbarton 0.

Celtic : Williams, Craig and McGrain, Murdoch, McNeill and Hay; Johnstone and Connelly; Hood, Macari and Lennox. Sub : Wallace for Lennox (66 mins).

Dumbarton : Williams, Jenkins and Muir; Ferguson, Bolton and Graham; Coleman and C. Gallagher; McCormick, Wilson and B. Gallagher. Sub : Donnelly.

October 12 (replay)

Celtic : Williams, Quinn and McGrain; Murdoch, McNeill and Hay; Johnstone and Connelly; Wallace, Lennox and Wilson. Sub : Macari for Wilson.

Dumbarton : Williams, Jenkins and Muir; Ferguson, Bolton and Graham; Coleman and C. Gallagher; McCormick, Wilson and B. Gallagher. Sub : Donnelly.

Dumbarton went on to win the second division championship that season and remained in the top division until the introduction of the new Premier League set-up. The Boghead men will have their eyes firmly fixed on the new first division title and entry into the Premier League competition.

Although Charlie Gallagher has now retired from the game former Celts John Cushley and Donald Watt are still figuring in the Dumbarton scheme of things and so was Willie Wallace until his departure for Australia at the end of last season.



WE MUST PUT THE BALL IN THE NET

THIS SEASON has started off in weather one would normally expect to encounter in Malta, Athens or other such places usually associated with European football.

Like our pre-season challenge match against Derby County last Saturday's opening League Cup-tie with Aberdeen was played in a temperature of 80 degrees. As everyone knows we won both games by the only goal of the game. But I think everyone would agree that we won both games more comfortably than that suggested by a single goal score-line. However, if there was something to be satisfied with in those performances there is still a lot of room for improvement in our finishing.

This was our main downfall against Hearts on Wednesday at Tynecastle when we missed several good chances as well as a penalty kick.

We must turn our midfield play to good account. In other words, we must put the finishing touch to our build-up by sticking the ball in the net. We are missing too many chances for comfort and in so doing we made two games unnecessarily difficult for ourselves and lost at Tynecastle.

I don't normally like to single out players for praise but I am sure that all the players would agree with me that Andy Lynch and Roddy McDonald have made a particularly impressive start to the season.

Andy has started off in the confident way he finished last season and Roddy has shaken off the 'ghost' of Billy McNeill with his tremendous opening display.

Kenny Dalglish, too, has been impressive in every game despite the pressure he has been under recently.

Last week I said that the players have a 'hunger' and I am still convinced of this from the way they are going about training as well as their approach to games.

With a bit more care and accuracy in finishing they will be a force to be reckoned with.

Leaving football aside now I would like to say something that displeased me, the players and everybody else connected with the Celtic Football Club.

I am referring of course to the lunatic behaviour of the three fans who ran on to the field during the Aberdeen game last week. Let me say here and now that by their actions they did nothing for Celtic, for football or for themselves.

I appeal to Celtic supporters to help the police at all times by pointing out potential trouble-makers so that the majority of decent people can watch their football in peace. Finally on the same note support the team at all times but don't sing or shout anything that will give offence to anybody.

CELTIC



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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.**

Cup Winners (24 times)

**1892, 1899, 1900,
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.**

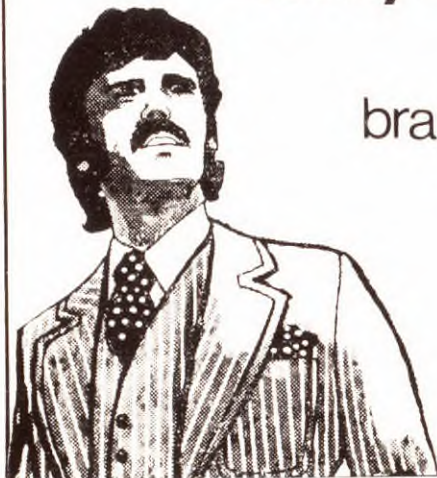
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What the papers said:

About Celts' first cup-tie with Dumbarton

CELTIC in their first year of existence played Dumbarton at Boghead in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup on the 12th of January, 1889 and attracted some interesting observations from the sports papers of the times.

One such paper — REFEREE — said: "On a dry, crisp, winter's day the ground was all in favour of that short-passing game for which the Celts have gained a reputation." The paper added that it also "offered an excellent opportunity to Dumbarton for the display of that long-kicking and speedy following-up style not only of their club but which is characteristic of the play of the Vale district." Of the Celtic forward line it remarked:

"To see five men working a ball with their feet as if they were handing plates across a table stamps the outcome of their work as due to a thorough understanding of each other, and illustrates . . . not only the division-of-labour principle applied to football, but the perfection of combination. The Celts' style is modelled on that of Preston North End, and whilst it demands speed, strength, and all the essentials which go to make up the stock-in-trade of the football player, the one thing

needful is head. The cool, calculating, easy-going manner in which the Celts wrought the ball must have been a revelation to the Dumbarton people. So completely taken were they, too, with the manoeuvres of the shamrock representatives that they forgot to cheer their own team, even when it was in most need of encouragement . . . There was no cohesion in Dumbarton's front. Their rushing, one-man game contrasted strongly with the machine-like work of their opponents."

"The victory of the Celts over Dumbarton," commented 'Scottish Sport,' "has surprised no one. The Celts have had a remarkable career. Starting at once into the very front rank, they have made a name and a fame for themselves which excite the admiration of the majority and, unfortunately, the envy of not a few. There is much merit in the club, and should the Scottish Cup find a resting place out Parkhead way that desirable consummation will have been attained by genuine ability and a noble ambition. The Celts play the game as few teams can nowadays."

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TODAY'S VISITORS

TODAY'S visitors, at the half-way stage in the League Cup qualifying section, are Dumbarton and the Boghead team have proved determined opponents in the past. They made the best possible start to the season with a home victory against 'Premier' side Hearts but went down 2-0 to Aberdeen in mid-week. They were undefeated in their pre-season build-up friendlies.

In their first competitive outing they drew 2-2 at home against Preston North End and then on English soil they recorded a 1-1 draw against Chester and then improved on that with a 3-2 win over Tranmere Rovers at Birkenhead.

The club is managed by quiet spoken Alec Wright who has had previous managerial experience with Dunfermline Athletic and St. Mirren.

His right hand man is former Rangers and Scotland winger Davie Wilson who coaches and looks after the reserve team.

Here are the players boss Wright will be leading into the fray this season:—

LAURIE WILLIAMS, joined Dumbarton from Port Glasgow Juniors six

A good start by the Sons



TOM McADAM, scored 20 goals last season.

years ago and has been first choice for most of that time. Not exceptionally tall for a goalkeeper but compensates lack of inches with agility.

ALISTAIR BROWN, just the club from school football 18 years of age, he joined ball and came into the first team at the end of last season. Fast and aggressive full back who is considered a very good prospect.

DONALD WATT, signed

for Dumbarton on being released by Celtic in 1972 and has become a favourite at Boghead with his consistently good displays. Tackles well and likes to attack as an over-lapping full back.

DENIS RUDDY, signed from Clydebank in 1972, he is a strong midfield player who likes to attack from deep positions. A versatile player who can also play a defensive role.

JOHN CUSHLEY is no stranger to Celtic fans where he understudied Billy McNeill for several years. Joined Dumbarton after spells with West Ham and Dunfermline and is still an uncompromising stopper type centre half.

JIM MUIR was signed from Motherwell as a central defender for £20,000 last August. Started as a forward with Motherwell before being converted into a defender. Fast and good in the air he is a full-timer at Boghead.

JOHNNY GRAHAM, the new skipper of Dumbarton, he is slightly built and a skilful player who has been 'sweeper' this season. Has given a new role as been six years at Boghead and his ability to read the game could make this his best season yet.

JIM COOK was bought from Kilmarnock about a year ago for £14,000. Fast and tricky winger who can operate on either wing and packs a shot with either foot. Now in his middle-twenties he should be much more settled in his new surroundings this season.

HUGH McLEAN is a stranger to Celtic fans hav-

ing played all his football in England. Still only 23 he is a tall very skilled midfielder who could have a bright future with Dumbar-ton. Scored with a great 20 yard shot in the win over Hearts last Saturday.

JOHN BOURKE, another big forward who stands over 6 ft. tall and is skillful and industrious as well as being good in the air. Aged 21 he has been two years with Dumbar-ton and has just qualified as a teacher of physical education. He scored last minute winner against Hearts last week.

IAN WALLACE broke into first team squad last season and has the knack of scoring goals. Just 19 years old he joined the club from junior football. Strong on the ball with a fine degree of skill and speed to go with his strength.

TOM McADAM, good in the air, skilful on the

ground with the ability to score goals. Dundee tried to sign him at one time and last season a £40,000 bid from Notts Forest failed to secure his services. Scorer of 20 goals last season he is

a full-timer with the club.

COLUMB McKINLEY, signed during the close season after being released by Airdrie. Another player who is 6 ft. plus and can play either at the back form or in midfield. Although he has been some time with Airdrie he is still only 24 years old.

PETER COLEMAN joined the Sons from Albion Rovers in 1970 and is a survivor of the 1970 League Cup clashes with Celtic. A utility player who has played in a number of roles for the club but probably more often in the wing or in mid-field.

MURDO McLEOD is an apprentice professional who graduated to the ground staff from schools football. He was included in the pre-season tour games in England. With dedication and hard work is considered a god prospect for the future.



JOHN BOURKE, handy man to have in forward line, stands over six feet tall.

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shorts and stockings. Change strip:
Gold shirts, black shorts, gold
stockings.

HONOURS

The honours list of the Dumbarton
club founded 1872, is:

Scottish League Champions: 1890-91
(jointly with Rangers), 1891-92.

Second Division winners: 1910-11,
1971-72.

Scottish Cup winners: 1883.

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JOHN CUSHLEY is no stranger to Parkhead. He was Billy McNeill's understudy before moving on to West Ham and Dunfermline before joining Sons.



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