



**Scottish League
Cup** (1st Round – 1st Leg)

CELTIC
versus
DUNDEE

**CELTIC PARK
WEDNESDAY,
16th AUGUST, 1978
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

PROGRAMME

10p

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What a record we must sustain



IT SURE is a busy week. Morton, Liverpool, Dundee tonight and Hearts on Saturday has put season-opening pressure on Celtic.

What with suspensions (Andy Lynch and Paul Wilson) and injuries (George McCluskey and Joe Craig) we came close to our limits as regards playing resources for the league side.

So it was doubly gratifying to start with a win in the Premier League championship against Morton at Cappielow. The ground had a cup tie buzz and the Morton team was keen to make a big impression.

We might have made victory much more emphatic if we had taken some of our good chances at goal, yet while the team had to cope with some pressure near the finish we came away with the points from a team that will pose problems to a lot of clubs this season at Greenock.

The return of Danny McGrain to action in the reserve match at Parkhead completed a good week-end, and while we are not going to push him hard his progress is much greater than we had anticipated when he resumed training.

After taking on Liverpool on Monday, we play hosts to Dundee this evening in the League Cup, a competition that Celts have dominated for last 14 seasons.

Familiar figures to Celtic fans lead the Dens Park side . . . manager Tommy Gemmell who has Willie Wallace his chief aide.

Both wore the Celtic colours with distinction, though tonight their concentration will be on ways and means of beating their old club.

Promotion is the major aim of the Dens Parkers this season but we have prepared to meet a side that likes to win Cup-ties as well.

We have a wonderful League Cup record to sustain and if the players respond as they did at Greenock I would expect Celts to go forward to the second leg at Dens Park next Wednesday with a lead.

Our support has been great in the season-opening matches but some people on the terracing seem to think that a football match is an occasion for foul language and abusive chants.

I don't . . . nor does Celtic Football Club. Such "supporters" we can do without.

BILLY McNEILL.

CELTIC



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Kevin Kelly

Manager:

Billy McNeill

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HONOURS:

League Champions (30 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, 1974, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 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,
1977.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

Empire Exhibition Cup
1938

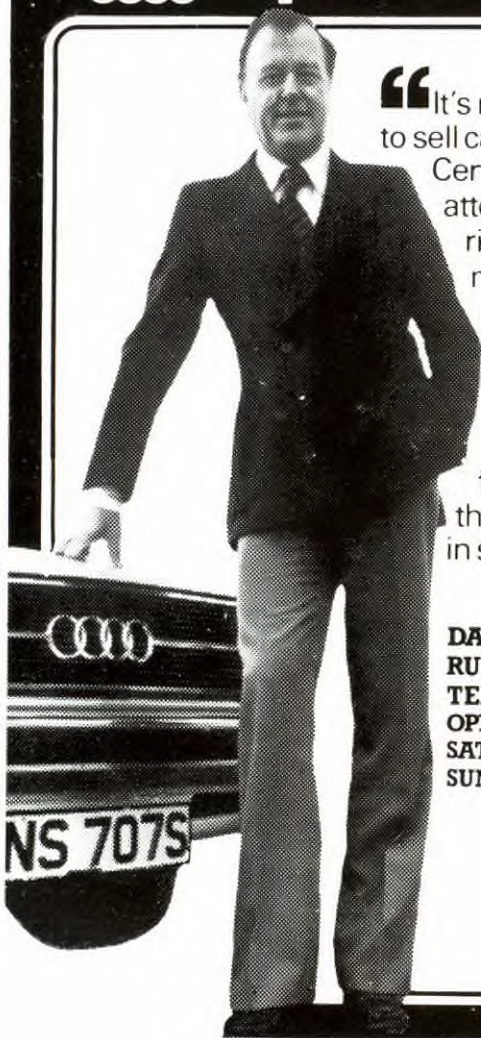
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George McCluskey raps in one of the Celtic goals in the 7-1 rout of Dundee in the Scottish Cup last season. "We'll be playing it pretty tight this time", says Dens Park manager Tommy Gemmell.

TONIGHT'S VISITORS

Dundee remember Cup "Lesson"

DUNDEE manager Tommy Gemmell's visit to Parkhead tonight was his second in 48 hours. On Monday night, as a member of the now legendary Lisbon Lions (winners of the 1967 European Cup), he took a field bow before Celtic played Liverpool in the testimonial match for his old boss and architect of the triumph of 11 years ago, Jock Stein.

Tonight is a much different occasion. Gone is the nostalgia and magical memories of 1967. With the first leg of this Scottish League Cup tie comes the nitty-gritty of domestic football . . . and the first competitive confrontation between big Tam and his former skipper at Parkhead, Billy McNeill, in managerial roles.

"We had a pre-season friendly when Billy was managing Aberdeen, but this is our first meeting in a competition," says Gemmell who takes on the match after his side achieved a good season opening win in the First Division campaign against Ayr United at Somerset.

"We played pretty well in that one considering we had three new players (full backs Les Barr from Montrose and Willie Watson from Motherwell, and striker Alex McGhee from Hibernian), in the set-up for the first time. Four if you include midfield man Alan Lamb who came towards the end of last season from Port Vale.

"The team understanding and organisation achieved was pleasing and very necessary for a trip to Somerset for it is a place that is difficult to prise points from. I wasn't relishing the trip considering we had

Bobby Glennie, Eric Schaedler, Jim Shirra and Billy Pirie on the sidelines."

With a stalwart foursome like that ready to recall it emphasises the depth of the Dens Park club's player pool . . . and their close-season recruitment highlights their determination to make the Premier League this time after two near misses.

Consistency is the key manager Gemmell seeks and the result at Ayr gives promise of a successful promotion bid this time, though the Dens boss makes the obvious point: "There is a long way to go."

In the drive for a Premier place he has a dedicated right hand man in Willie Wallace, another Lisbon Lion, just as Billy McNeill has a former team-mate, John Clark as his main aide.

Taking both points at Ayr on a single Ian Redford goal Dundee "played it very tight". And manager Gemmell speaking in the same straightforward — and effective — manner in which he played his football adds: "There is no use trying to hide the fact that we'll try and play it that way tonight.

"Of course we'll want to try and take advantage of anything presented to us by Celtic, but clearly in a two-leg affair like this we want to leave ourselves in a position to have a chance in the second one.

"Quite honestly though we don't expect to beat Celtic and get through to the next stage.

"If that was to happen it would be a bonus and a big boost to the players' confidence, but I have to say

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE THIS SEASON IS PROMOTION.

That's understandable. Two seasons in the First Division has cost Dundee a reported loss of just over £100,000. Last term they came ever so close scoring 91 goals in the attempt which saw them finish in third place, one point behind Hearts.

But there's no dwelling on the might-have-beens from manager Gemmell. "This is a brand new season and everyone at Dens knows the objective."

Mark you lessons learned last season haven't been forgotten. Like the 7-1 defeat from Celtis in the Scottish Cup. "Celtic goals just before half time and immediately after half-time killed us completely. That's when we folded. We'll be watching it this time I can tell you."

Manager Gemmell will select his squad tonight from the following players:

ALLY DONALDSON (Goal). In his second spell with the club and is playing better than ever. Won caps at Under-23 and League levels.

LES BARR (Full back). Close season signing from Montrose.

WILLIE WATSON (Full back). Another newcomer to Dens Park, joining recently from Motherwell.

BOBBIE GLENNIE (Full back). A powerful player, he reached his home town team from Aberdeen.

BILLY WILLIAMSON (Midfield). Formerly with Aberdeen & Dundee United. Likes to have a crack at goal.

ERIC SCHAEGLER (Full back). Was a member of Scotland's World Cup Squad in West Germany. Brought to Dens Park from Hibs towards the end of last season.

IAN McDOUGAL (Midfield). Transferred from Rangers last year, has proved a good buy. Always on the alert for a goal-scoring chance.

JOHN McPHAIL (Centre half). A local lad who has made good progress.

IAIN PHILLIP (Defence). Transferred to Crystal Palace for £115,000 he didn't settle in London and returned to Dens Park. A skilled defender.

ALAN LAMB (Midfield). The former Port Vale player has fitted well into the Dundee set-up.

DAVE McKINNON (Midfield). Signed from Arsenal this versatile player was hit by injuries in his early days with Dundee but is now fully fit.

JIM SHIRRA (Midfield). Club captain. Transferred from Aberdeen midway through last season he's a good competitor and an inspiration to his mates.

ERIC SINCLAIR (Striker). Takes a lot of weight off his fellow forwards. A powerful player.

BILLY PIRIE (Striker). A free scoring centre he was signed on a free transfer from his home town team Aberdeen.

ALEX McGHEE (Striker). Another of the Dens Park newcomers who made a good start to the season against Ayr United on Saturday. Signed from Hibernian.

IAN REDFORD (Striker). A Scottish Youth Internationalist he is fast and skilful.



TOMMY GEMMELL

TODAY'S TEAMS

CELTIC (*from*)

PETER LATCHFORD
 JOE FILIPPI
 ALAN SNEDDON
 ROY AITKEN
 RODDIE McDONALD
 JO EDVALDSSON
 JOHNNY DOYLE
 RONNIE GLAVIN
 TOM McADAM
 TOMMY BURNS
 ALFIE CONN
 JIM CASEY
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IAIN PHILIP
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SIDELINES

JOE CRAIG hasn't figured in Celtic's season-opening selections. He was hurt in the build up but the good news is that he has resumed training again.

An eye infection has meant inactivity for George McCluskey, but the shield he has had to wear will be dispensed with next week. "He should be back soon," says manager Billy McNeill.

Another Parkhead casualty is John Dowie who played in the USA during the summer with Bobby Lennox in the Houston Hurricanes side. He was hurt in the reserve match with Morton.

CELTIC CUP RUN

CELTIC have played in every round of the Scottish League competition FOR THE LAST 14 SEASONS.

Tonight is their 146th successive tie. Manger McNeill played in the bulk of them and he wants to keep that record going with a win in his first as manager at Parkhead.

In their 14 final appearances Celts have won six and lost eight.

A TEAM HAT TRICK

SATURDAY'S match in the Premier League with Hearts at Parkhead means that Celts will have played in eight days the teams which finished first (Morton) second (Hearts) and third (Dundee tonight) in the First-Division last season.

FOCUS ON PAT

In today's issue of the Celtic View there is a Special Focus on Facts article devoted to Pat Stanton, the talented Celtic midfielder man who has decided to quit the game because he feels unable to maintain the high standard of skilful play that characterised his distinguished career in the game.



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Here they are opposition players . . . tonight they are opposition managers. That's Tommy Gemmell in the No. 3 shirt watching closely as Billy McNeill goes up for a cross ball. Also in the picture (left to right) Jimmy Johnstone, Paul Wilson, Kenny Dalglish.