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JOCK STEIN says...

Our League Cup section games have so far produced a 100% record and that is something about which we can be reasonably happy. Today's match with Rangers is only of academic interest so far as the League Cup qualifying stage goes but it will nevertheless be a very important encounter from a prestige point of view.

Last week's tussle at Ibrox produced an exciting match and overall could be classed as one of the better games involving the two teams. Considering the way the teams played it was tragic to see a hard fought but sporting game spoiled as a spectacle by the sickening scenes produced by crowd misbehaviour.

Returning to the match itself, both teams had good chances and scorned them until the closing stages of the game when our two quick goals put the issue beyond doubt. I hope today's match produces as good a game as that of last week.

Both clubs may have qualified for the next stage of the League Cup but a win is still a win in an 'Old Firm' match and this will ensure a competitive game.

Whilst on the subject of the League Cup I sincerely hope the two teams qualifying from each section rule is changed at the end of the season.

Reflected

The competition has lost its competitive edge and this is being reflected by the attendances on the terracing.

Apart from that there is something wrong with a cup competition in which a club can conceivably be beaten three times by opponents and still win through with one victory.

The directors and officials of The Celtic Football Club take this opportunity to congratulate the Rangers Football Club on achieving their centenary in Scottish football.



This situation could come about if a team was beaten twice in sectional games and in the first leg of the quarter final and then produced a second leg win big enough to win on aggregate.

The fact that Celtic and Rangers were drawn together gave our section some interest but there will be little to attract and excite football followers on Wednesday night when the majority of games will have no bearing on qualification for the next stage of the League Cup Competition.

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Celtic	4	4	0	0	8	3	8
Rangers	4	3	0	1	9	4	6
Arbroath ..	4	1	0	3	5	8	2
Falkirk	4	0	0	4	3	10	0

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Celtic and Rangers Matches

in League Cup Tournament

It's a remarkable fact that since 1947-48 the 'Old Firm' clubs have been drawn in the same section of the League Cup no fewer than twelve times. Indeed on two occasions, twenty years apart, they have been paired in the same section of the competition three seasons in succession—1947-48-1949-50—and again from 1967-68-1969-70.

Apart from sectional matches they have faced each other in five League Cup finals and once in the semi-final of the tournament. Altogether they have played 29 games in the competition including last Saturday's game at Ibrox of which Celtic have won 16—Rangers have won 11 and two have resulted in draws.

The two clubs have previously met eleven times at Celtic Park in League Cup matches and not one of these games failed to produce an outright win. As a matter of fact Rangers have only managed three victories at Celtic Park in the tournament and the last one was in 1963.

Looking back on the clashes of the two clubs we find that two games, eleven years apart saw squandered penalty kick chances by both clubs. The first game was in August 1956 and the team line-ups were as follows:—

Celtic—Beattie, Haughney and Fallon, Evans, Jack and Peacock, Higgins and Collins, McPhail, Fernie and Tully.

Rangers—Niven, Shearer and Little, McColl, Young and Rae, Scott and Simpson, Murray, Baird and Hubbard.

Celtic were on top early in the match but they were unable to turn their out-field superiority in to goals until the 34th minute when a glancing headed pass from Billy McPhail was quickly despatched to the net by Bobby Collins.

Rangers fought back and just before the interval Max Murray scored from close in to equalise the Celtic counter.

In the 65th minute came the penalty incident when George Young floored John Higgins in the box. Mike Haughney took the kick but blasted his shot over the bar. All was forgiven ten minutes later, however, when Charlie Tully scored with a cleverly lofted shot over George Niven's outstretched hands. Celtic's 2-1 victory helped them to win the section and they went on to lift the trophy for the first time beating Partick Thistle in the final by 3-0 after a 0-0 draw.

The occasion of the Rangers missed penalty was in August 1967 and the teams in that game were:—

Celtic—Simpson, Craig and Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill and Clark, Johnstone and Wallace, Chalmers, Auld and Lennox.

Rangers—Sorenson, Johanson and Provan, Jardine, McKinnon and Greig, Henderson and Penman, Ferguson, D. Smith and Johnston.

Rangers took the lead after only eight minutes with a goal scored by Willie Henderson. Despite wave after wave of Celtic pressure the Ibrox

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TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

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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MORRIS
YOUNG

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,
1972.

European Cup

1967.

Coronation Cup

1953.

Empire Exhibition Cup

1938.

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Celtic and Rangers Matches in League Cup Tournament (cont'd)

team retained their slender lead and then, with only 14 minutes remaining Henderson was tripped in the box and Rangers were awarded a penalty kick.

Kai Johanson took the kick and cracked the ball against the Celtic bar.

It proved a costly miss for the Light Blues because in the remaining 13 minutes Wallace, Murdoch and Lennox scored to win the match for Celtic and sew up the section.

Celtic went on to win the League Cup that year defeating Dundee 5-3 in the Hampden final.

THE OLD FIRM LEAGUE CUP RESULTS

1947-48	Section	Rangers 2	Celtic 0	1963-64	Section	Rangers 3	Celtic 0
		Celtic 2	Rangers 0			Celtic 0	Rangers 3
1948-49	Section	Rangers 2	Celtic 1	1964-65	Final	Rangers 2	Celtic 1
		Celtic 3	Rangers 1			(Hampden)	
1949-50	Section	Rangers 2	Celtic 0	1965-66	Final	Celtic 2	Rangers 1
		Celtic 3	Rangers 2			(Hampden)	
1951-52	S. Final	Rangers 3	Celtic 0	1966-67	Final	Celtic 1	Rangers 0
		(Hampden)				(Hampden)	
1955-56	Section	Rangers 1	Celtic 4	1967-68	Section	Rangers 1	Celtic 1
		Celtic 0	Rangers 4			Celtic 3	Rangers 1
1956-57	Section	Rangers 0	Celtic 0	1968-69	Section	Rangers 0	Celtic 2
		Celtic 2	Rangers 1			Celtic 1	Rangers 0
1957-58	Final	Celtic 7	Rangers 1	1969-70	Section	Rangers 2	Celtic 1
		(Hampden)				Celtic 1	Rangers 0
1960-61	Section	Rangers 2	Celtic 3	1970-71	Final	Rangers 1	Celtic 0
		Celtic 1	Rangers 2			(Hampden)	
				1971-72	Section	Rangers 0	Celtic 3
						Celtic 2	Rangers 0
				1973-74	Section	Rangers 1	Celtic 2

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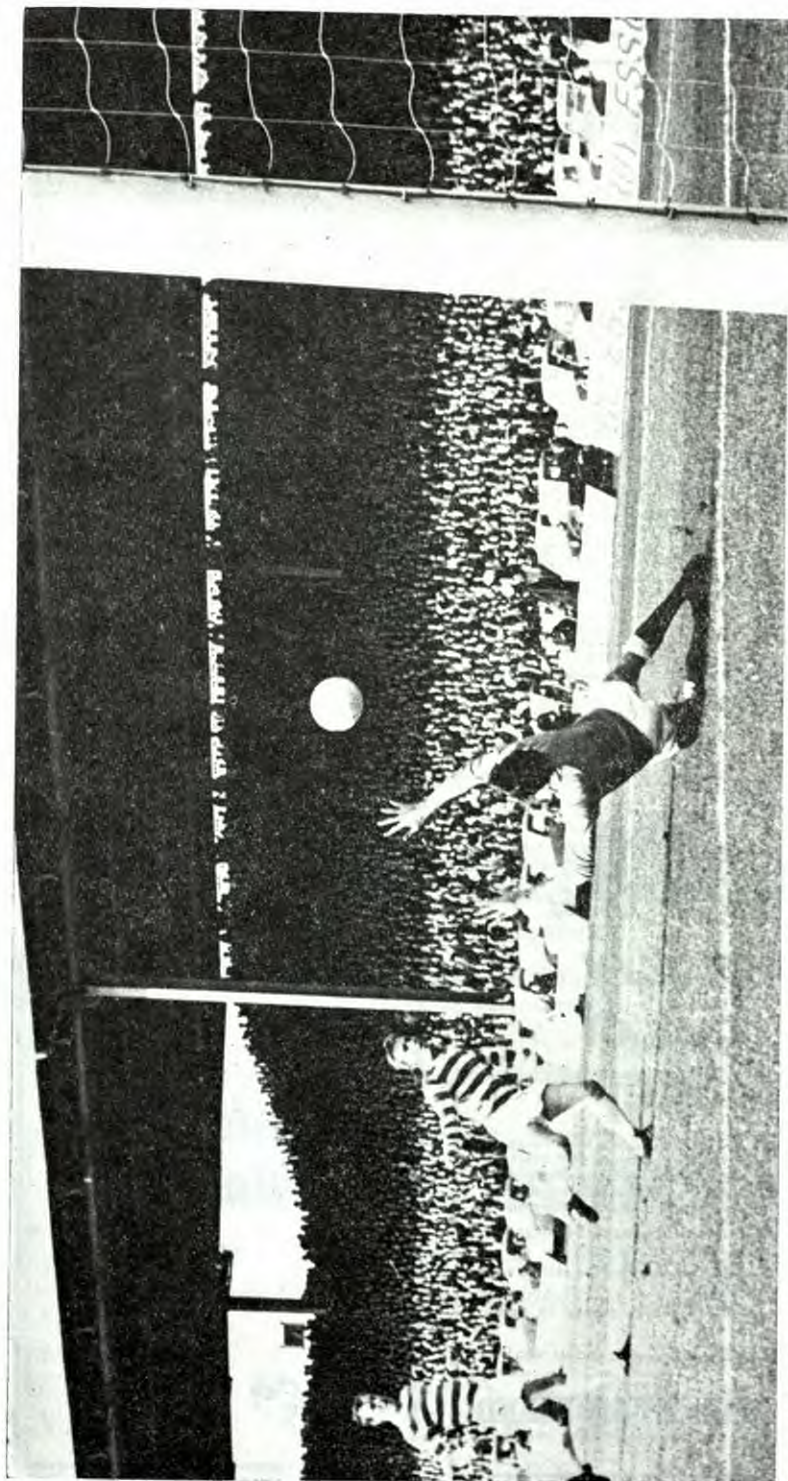
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Kenny Dalglish scores against Rangers in Celtic's 'home' game at Ibrox in 1971. Both League Cup sectional games were played at Ibrox because the new stand development at Celtic Park was incomplete.

RESULTS SO FAR

FIRST TEAM

August 11
Celtic 2 Arbroath 1
(Lennox, Lynch)

August 15
Falkirk 0 Celtic 2
(Hay, Lennox)

August 18
Rangers 1 Celtic 2
(McNeill o.g.) (Lennox, Hood)

August 22
Celtic 2 Falkirk 1
(Wheatley o.g. (Somner)
Lennox pen.)

Drybrough Cup

July 29
Celtic 6 Dunfermline 1
(Lennox 4, Dalglish, (Nelson)
McLaughlin)

July 31
Celtic 4 Dundee 0
(McLaughlin 2,
Lennox, Lynch)

August 4
Celtic 0 Hibernian 1
(Gordon)

Challenge Matches

August 2
Celtic 3 Penarol 1
(Lennox, Dalglish (Morena)
Deans)

August 6
Celtic 1 Sunderland 2
(Johnstone) (Tueart, Hughes)

RESERVES

League Cup

August 11
Arbroath 0 Celtic 0

August 15
Celtic 4 Falkirk 0

August 18
Celtic 1 Rangers 3

August 22
Falkirk 1 Celtic 4

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