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v.
MORTON

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Scottish League champions (25 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.

Scottish Cup winners (20 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912,
1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951,
1954, 1965, 1967, 1969.

Scottish League Cup (7 times)

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

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

Coronation Cup 1953

European Cup 1967

JOCK STEIN says...

This is one of the most important Saturdays of the season for Celtic. It is, of course, the day on which we start our bid to win the Scottish League championship for the sixth year in succession and equal the feat of the Celtic team of 1905-1910—a feat which the League authorities recognised with the presentation of a magnificent silver shield which will always have an honoured place among our showpieces.

Before the kick-off we shall have the unfurling of the 1969-70 championship flag. I know that everyone in the crowd will be in happy mood for this gala occasion. It is an occasion for enjoyment to the full. And let it be the mood in which our supporters approach all football occasions: I as manager can assure our support that Celtic will do all in their power to give them many more days of real pleasure.

But now or in the future let no one who calls himself a Celtic supporter do or say anything that will in the slightest way tarnish the reputation of our great club.

OPPOSITION

Morton, we can be sure, will give us a proper first league test this afternoon. We have already been quite severely tested in the League Cup sectional tournament; indeed I think that as the season progresses the calibre of the opposition we have had will be proved to be well above the ordinary.

It is satisfying, therefore, to have qualified for the last eight once again and to know that in the quarter-final we have very attractive opposition in Dundee.



The team are still creaking a bit, though there is nothing radically wrong; there is nothing that will not be rectified as one or two players reach their best form. No one at Celtic Park is sure, of course, of a first-team place week in week out; every one has to play for it. The competition for places is one of the things that will keep our standard of play and endeavour the highest possible.

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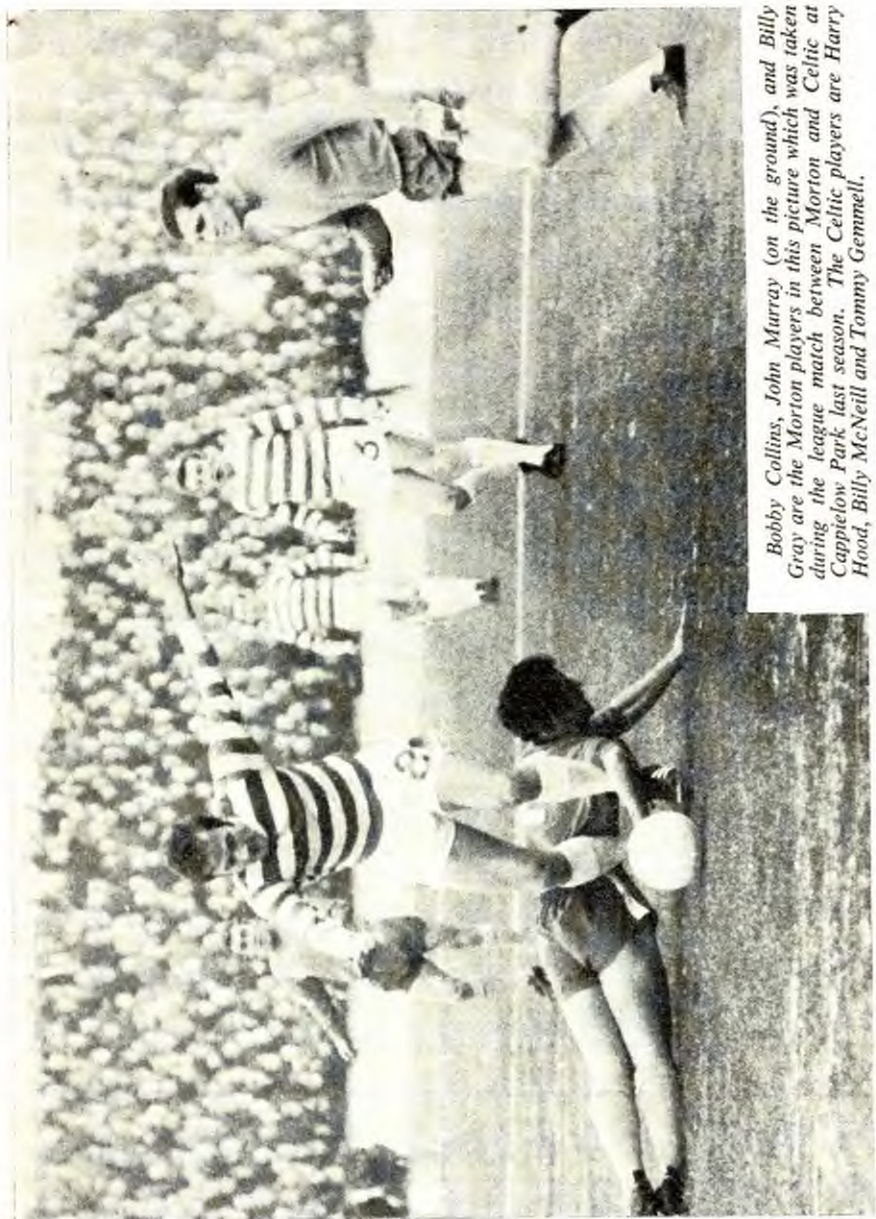


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Bobby Collins, John Murray (on the ground), and Billy Gray are the Morton players in this picture which was taken during the league match between Morton and Celtic at Cappielow Park last season. The Celtic players are Harry Hood, Billy McNeill and Tommy Gemmell.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE v. LEAGUE OF IRELAND

Those who love to see a lot of goals should make sure of visiting Celtic Park on Wednesday night when the Scottish League play the League of Ireland in the first representative match of the season in Scotland. Scottish League teams usually find scoring form against the Irishmen, particularly when the match is in Scotland.

The last time the game was played in Scotland—also at Celtic Park—was in season 1966-67 when the Scots won 6-0. Joe McBride (then with Celtic) scored three goals, Bobby Lennox had two, and Peter Cormack (then with Hibernian) scored the other.

Six Celtic players were in the Scottish League side—Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch, John Clark, Joe McBride, Steve Chalmers, and Bobby Lennox.

Five Celts have been named in the Scottish League pool for Wednesday—Tommy Gemmell, David Hay, George Connelly, Jimmy Johnstone, and Harry Hood.

MORTON IN THE LEAGUE

Not even that most enthusiastic Morton man, director-manager Hal Stewart, would claim that the club have been a power in Scottish League football. Morton are more renowned for their Scottish Cup feats—notable their 1-0 victory over Rangers in the final at Hampden in 1922 and their gallant effort against the same opponents in the final of 1948 when after a 1-1 draw and extra time they lost 1-0 again after extra time.

Older followers of football may recall those two matches in 1948 as examples of superb centre-half play by a one-time Celtic player Alec Miller.

Since the end of the Second World War Morton have been more often in the second division of the Scottish League than in the first. This is their eleventh season in the first division since the competition was restarted in season 1945-46.

BEST SEASON

Probably their best season in the top league has been 1967-68. They had won the second division championship in 1967 with the fine aggregate of 69 points from 36 games. A year later they finished sixth in Division I with 36 points—27 fewer than Celtic, who had created a record aggregate for the 18-club league, but only three points fewer than the aggregate of the club who finished fourth in the table, Dunfermline Athletic.

Morton have held their place in the first division ever since, having finished tenth in 1969 and in 1970. Last season they were only three points behind Hearts, who finished in fourth position in the table, and chief reward for the Greenock club was a place in the new British Cup.

The last time Morton played at Celtic Park was in the league game of last season. The fixture was dated for February 14 but was a casualty of severe weather and it was played on March 10. Celtic won 4-0 (they had won the Cappelow league game 3-0) with goals from Ferguson (own goal),

Auld, Macari and Lennox. The teams were:—

Celtic: Williams; Hay and Gemmell; Callaghan, McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Macari; Wallace; Auld and Lennox. (Twelfth man, Murdoch, replaced Auld in 65 minutes).

Morton: Nielsen; Murray and Laughton; Ferguson, Gray and Rankin; Coakley and Lavelle; Osborne; Mason and Campbell.

Referee: A. McKenzie (Larbert).

SHOCK AT PARKHEAD

In the 1968-69 season Morton came to Celtic Park on league business and created one of the shocks of the season. They beat Celtic 4-2—a Celtic who had just won the championship for the fourth time in succession and who only two days earlier had won the Scottish Cup. The teams on Monday, April 28, 1969 were:—

Celtic: Fallon; Cattanach and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Connelly and Chalmers; Wallace; Hood and Auld. (Twelfth man, Callaghan, replaced Connelly in 61 minutes).

Morton: Nielsen; Ferguson and Kerr; Rankin, Gray and Strachan; Coakley and Sweeney; Harper; Allan and Bartram.

Referee: E. H. Pringle (Edinburgh).

Wallace and Hood scored for Celtic and Bartram (3) and Harper for Morton. Per Bartram, a powerfully built Dane, was transferred to Crystal Palace. Joe Harper scored five goals for Aberdeen last Saturday.

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McNEILL
BROGAN
JOHNSTONE
HAY
HOOD
CONNELLY
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MACARI
HUGHES

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(from)

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RANKIN
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BOOTH
COLLINS
CAMPBELL
MASON
HANNIGAN
CLARK

Bobby Collins

Bobby Collins, one of the best Celtic forwards of all time, deserves—and we feel sure will receive—the warmest of welcomes from the Celtic support when he trots on to the pitch this afternoon. This wonderful little man has played senior football for 21 years and is now a key figure in the Morton team, the general of the side.

James E. Handley, wrote in "The Celtic Story" not long after Bobby had gone from Celtic to Everton:—

"But if the team (Celtic) as a whole acquitted themselves without distinction, they provided for the supporters one glint of radiant blue flashing through the grey clouds. The little dynamo they had geared to their machinery that season (1949-50) in the person of Bobby Collins lifted the hearts of the old faithfuls back to the dear dead days beyond recall . . ."

It is important to appreciate that the writer's tribute referred to the impact of Collins very early in his career; his greatest days for Celtic, Everton, and Leeds United (for whom he played in an English Cup final) had yet to come.

Morton Quiz

1. Morton play West Bromwich Albion in the first round of the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. Have they experience of playing in competition outwith Scotland, and if so whom have they met?
2. How many games have Morton lost so far this season?
3. A Morton player once scored eight goals in a Scottish League match. Who was he?
4. To which club was Billy Steel transferred from Morton?
5. Which member or members of the Celtic staff have played for Morton?
6. Morton have played to an aggregate of over 265,000 within a period of four days. What was the occasion?
7. Four Morton players represented Scotland in the home Internationals in the period 1947-52. Who were they?
8. How many clubs was Billy Steel attached to when he was capped for Scotland?
9. What is Morton's best recent performance in Cup football?
10. Which Morton outside-left in recent years played for Celtic?

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CELTS and DANES

Morton have six former Celtic players on their staff—John Murray, Gerry Sweeney, George O'Neill, Bobby Collins and Jim Clark, all of whom may be in their team today, and their coach Eric Smith.

A few seasons ago the Morton side was liberally sprinkled with Danish players but now they have only two—both goalkeepers, Lief Nielsen and Erik Sorensen, who was transferred to Rangers but who recently returned to Morton on a free transfer.

Jim Brogan

does an extra stint

Jim Brogan, Celtic's "sweeper", did an extra stint this week by taking part in a friendly match on Monday night at Hamilton. This may have seemed peculiar to those who think that each extra match played brings extra possibility of injury. Jim has this to say:—



"When the Boss first raised the matter of a team I was one of the first to volunteer to play.

"I had two reasons. First, though I don't minimise the risk of injury, I don't think about it in such circumstances; my first concern is to play for Celtic as often and as well as I can. That is my enthusiasm for the club.

"Secondly, I knew I could help myself as well as the club by getting a game at centre-half. My normal job in the Celtic team necessitates my playing closely in touch with my centre-half. So the more I know about the centre-half's duties the better. And what better way of learning these duties than to play in the position?

"I also was aware that my timing, especially in the air hasn't been as good as it might have been. So centre-half in the Douglas Park match gave me an excellent chance to improve."

Wise words: there won't be much wrong at Parkhead so long as there's a Brogan about.

THE TICKET MATCH AT SHAWFIELD

The next Scottish League fixture Celtic have is against Clyde at Shawfield Stadium a week today. Clyde have arranged for this match to be all-ticket—an arrangement with which Celtic Football Club are far from happy. So much so that we have decided not to accept an allocation of tickets for the match.

Celtic believe that recent attendances at Shawfield in which Celtic have been the visitors have not justified the decision to have an all-ticket game. The attendance at the recent League Cup match there, for instance, was under 15,000.

In order to try to prevent what many of our supporters consider to be exploitation in connection with ticket matches we have decided to take this stand.

NEXT FIRST-TEAM

HOME GAME

CELTIC v. RANGERS

(league championship)

Saturday, September 12

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The Celtic Season so far

LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 8	(a)	Hearts
" 12	(h)	Clyde
" 15	(h)	Dundee United
" 19	(a)	Clyde
" 22	(h)	Hearts
" 26	(a)	Dundee United

F	A
2	1
5	3
2	2
2	0
4	2
2	2

Scorers

4	—Lennox
3	—Johnstone Hughes
2	—Gemmell (2 pen.) Macari
1	—Callaghan Connelly Hay

GLASGOW CUP

(1969-70 final)

Aug. 10 (n) Rangers

3 0

Scorers

2	—Gemmell
1	—Quinn

ANSWERS TO MORTON QUIZ

1. Yes: in the first round of the 1968-69 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup in which they were beaten 9-3 on aggregate by Chelsea.
2. Two—to Motherwell at home and Rangers at home.
3. Jock Calder in a second division match against Raith Rovers in April, 1932.
4. Derby County.
5. Neil Mochan and Jim Kennedy.
6. The Scottish Cup final replay with Rangers at Hampden Park in 1948.
7. Jimmy Cowan, Billy Campbell, Billy Steel, Tommy Orr.
8. Three—Derby County and Dundee as well as Morton.
9. Reaching the League Cup final (against Rangers) in 1963.
10. Tony Taylor.



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