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## Jock Stein says . . . .

WE are all, I hope, back refreshed from our holidays and ready for the new season—players, backroom boys, officials, and not least supporters. The players have been hard at training and at match practice for several weeks now, and they are really looking forward to this evening's match with Leeds United.

This, they know, will be a true challenge of Scotland to England and vice-versa. As the champions of Scotland, Celtic face the champions of England, and though it will not be the end of the world if either team are beaten, Celtic and Leeds will be most anxious not to be second best.



The Celtic players and I would like straightaway to congratulate Manager Don Revie and his men on their English League championship victory. All of us know how difficult it is for a club to win the championship of the premier league of England. It has been said many a time and with little fear of contradiction that the English League is the toughest competition in the world of club football.

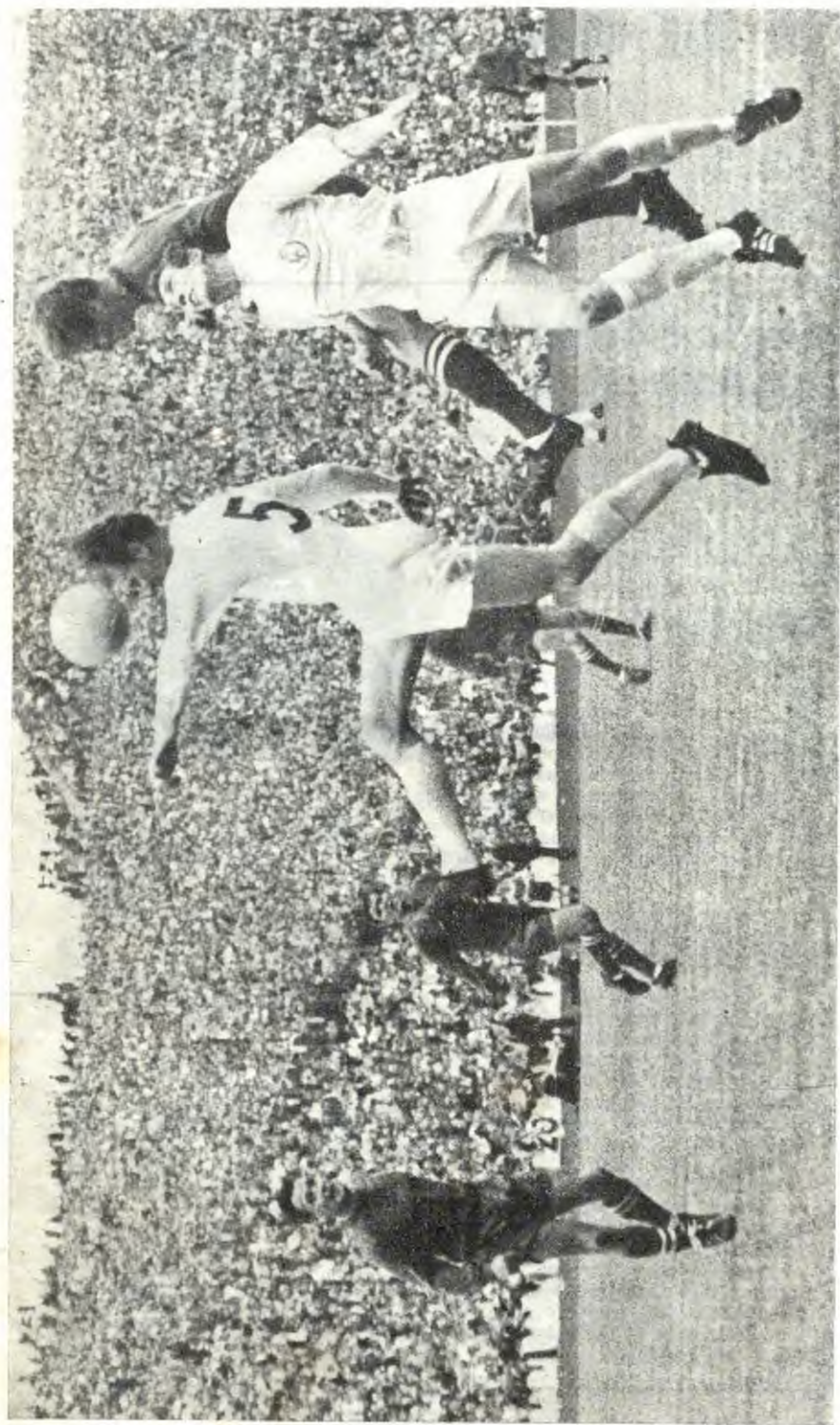
For some years now Celtic have been of the opinion that it is very much in the team's interest to play really top-class opposition before the start of the season. By doing so we get into top gear as quickly as possible for the start of the new competitive season.

The Celtic directors and I also believe, however, that this type of game which we offer tonight is very much to the liking of the Celtic supporters. We shall never cease trying not only to win leagues and trophies for our great club but also

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### Sir Robert Kelly

I would like in this new-type programme, which I think will please you, to give a special welcome to Celtic Park tonight to the club chairman Sir Robert Kelly. During the close season Sir Robert was ill, and that took everyone who knows him completely by surprise for he has always been a very fit man, a man who never to my knowledge has had a day off. It is a great pleasure for me to inform you that Sir Robert has made a full recovery and that he is back at the helm as usual this evening.



At first glance the No. 5 heading the ball could be Celtic centre half Billy McNeill. But Billy's in the dark shirt immediately on the right of his opposite number, Leeds United centre half Jackie Charlton. The picture was taken during the Celtic-Leeds match at Hampden Park a year ago. (See page 7.)

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# THE CHALLENGE OF CHAMPIONS

## Our Visitors, Leeds United

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Seven years previously at approximately the same stage of the season United took part in a league fixture in the knowledge that defeat for them would probably mean ignominious descent from the second division to the third. They won that day and were spared the humiliation.

### DON REVIE

Hardly more than a year before, Leeds had appointed as their manager a young man who had been a very fine footballer and who was to become a manager of comparable quality. Don Revie, who had played in two English Cup finals and been on the winning Manchester City side in the final of 1956, and who had been the English Football Writers' Association choice as "Player of the Year" in 1955, became the seventh manager a troubled club had engaged since the end of the Second World War.

Revie was ambitious as well as shrewd. Not for him the humdrum existence of a lowly second-division club: he had his eyes on the summit of football. That he knew where he was going cannot be disputed. The measure of his success, that of the directors who gave him his head and of the players who dovetailed with him in his plans is that thousands of boys in Yorkshire, far away from Leeds, can be seen playing in their little bounce games in the all-white strip of United.

### FOUNDED IN 1920

Leeds United were founded in 1920 after the winding-up of Leeds City. City had been in existence since 1904 and been members of the English League second division since 1905.

United were elected to Division II in the year of their foundation and they won the championship of that division in 1924. But for nearly 40 years they were never considered in the top flight of English clubs.

The signing of a former Celtic player by Manager Revie assisted

tremendously in the development of Leeds into one of the finest sides in Britain. In March, 1962, Bobby Collins, who had left Celtic for Everton, was transferred from the Liverpool club to Leeds and immediately made his mark. The pocket Hercules of an inside forward, often a hero for Scotland as well as Celtic, became the Leeds captain and the man who acted as adjutant to commanding officer Revie.

In season 1964-1965 United lost the league championship only on goal average to Manchester United and reached the English Cup final for the first time but were beaten at Wembley by Liverpool. In season 1965-66 they were runners-up (by goal average from Burnley) to Liverpool.

### TOP HONOURS

But top honours were not to be much longer delayed. Leeds won the Inter-cities Fairs Cup of season 1967-68, having defeated three Scottish clubs, Hibernian, Rangers and Dundee, en route to the final, in which they beat the Hungarian club Ferencvaros. That final was, by the way, held over until early last season because of the commitments of Leeds players with England's World Cup team.

In the spring of this year came the greatest of all Leeds triumphs. Not only did they win the first-division championship but they won it with a record number of points—67. Incidentally it is a pointer to the scarcity of goals in the major league of England that Leeds scored fewer goals (66) than they won points. Billy Bremner's men established another record for English League football, for they lost only two of their 42 games.

So real champions are our visitors tonight—a side full of talent and club spirit, a side who have proved that they can take on the best in the world.

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WHEN I look back to 1958 when I joined Celtic, I marvel at what has happened in the interval. It has been my good luck to win four League championship and four League Cup medals and three for the Scottish Cup. And I have been a member of the first British club to win the European Cup.

It is the Celtic who have done all this that our young lads have the privilege of playing for now. It was different in my teen-age days; Celtic then were plagued with lack of success. So the incentive for the youngsters to do well is greater than ever. It's a great Celtic now—not just a Celtic struggling to be great.

Celtic have always been a huge family of officials and players. Now they are more of a family than ever; the youngsters train with the seniors, there is no dividing line. This is one of the factors which make Celtic the greatest club in the world. I know that there are lads at Parkhead on the brink of a career that will make the club more famous, if that is possible, than ever.

## A message from Billy McNeill



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### A year ago at Hampden Park

CHANCE of revenge occurs for Celtic tonight, for almost a year ago to the day (Saturday, August 3, 1968) Leeds United beat them 2-1 in one of the challenge matches that are nowadays very popular appetisers for a new season. The game was played at Hampden Park because construction of the new enclosure at Celtic Park had not been completed.

Goals by Republic of Ireland Internationalist Johnny Giles and former

Scottish schoolboy "star" Peter Lorimer against a penalty goal by Tommy Gemmill gave Leeds the victory. The attendance of 75,000 saw the visiting goalkeeper, Welsh Internationalist Gary Sprake, defy the Celtic attacks with a brilliant display.

Another reason for the Celtic defeat was that Leeds had benefitted from having a previous match against Bradford a few days before.

In the first half Celtic fielded Jimmy Johnstone with a No. 9 shirt, and the little winger did indeed adopt a role more akin to that of a centre forward than an outside right. But in the second half Johnstone took over his customary position, and a rearrangement of the forward line after half-time brought in Steve Chalmers and put Bertie Auld on the sidelines. The teams and referee were:—

**CELTIC:** Simpson; Gemmill and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Hughes and Wallace; Johnstone; Lennox and Auld.

**LEEDS UNITED:** Sprake; Reaney and Cooper; Bremner, Charlton and Hunter; Lorimer and Madeley; Jones; Giles and Gray.

**Referee:** J. M. Kelly (Wishaw).

### THE NEW "VIEW"

Celtic's official newspaper, "THE CELTIC VIEW," will, starting this week, be of eight pages instead of four as in the past. The increase has been decided upon because of repeated requests by readers.

This week the "VIEW" will be published on Thursday, so that it may include an account of tonight's match. But in each succeeding week it will be on sale (price sixpence) on Wednesday.

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## **JOCK STEIN (continued)**

to entertain our splendid, loyal support, without whom we might not have been the success we are today.

I do not wish to begin a new season with any kind of criticism of those whose support means so much to us. I would rather pay a further compliment to the Celtic supporters and say that I am confident that they will continue to support the players and the club in a manner which will maintain Celtic's reputation.

It is, of course, much easier to be a good supporter when things are going well than when things are going badly. There is unfortunately a tendency, on the part of elated supporters to become arrogant and provocative. I think we at Celtic Park, officials and players and the many thousands of real supporters, have shown how victory should be accepted. We should be delighted in victory; we should be seen to be delighted in victory. But we should always remember that there must be losing days, too; and we should guard against being too full of ourselves and our successes.

**Whatever happens in other quarters let our supporters continue to behave in accordance with their recent high**

**standard. Let them once again deserve the praise they have received from many quarters.**

I would ask all Celtic supporters this evening to join with the Celtic officials and players in giving the Leeds officials and players — and those who come from England to support them — a warm welcome. I feel confident that while Celtic supporters want their own team to win they will give full praise to Leeds for skilful play and courageous effort. Our supporters can be sure that our players will not be lagging behind, so a fine spectacle should result.

### **EXTRA ATTRACTION**

There is an extra attraction in tonight's match because for the first time Celtic and Leeds are in a major European competition this season. Leeds have tasted success in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, but this season will be their first either in the European Champions' Cup or the European Cup-winners' Cup. Can both of us play sufficiently well and be lucky enough in the European Cup draw to become the first all-British pairing in a European Cup final?

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