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EAST FIFE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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Scottish Cup Winners (21 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912,
1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951,
1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971.

Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)

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

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

Coronation Cup 1953

European Cup 1967

JOCK STEIN says...

For many of the younger Celtic supporters, attending today's match will be a completely new experience. East Fife, whom we welcome to Celtic Park, have not played here for more than seven years—and that was an isolated League Cup sectional match.

I myself have probably seen less of East Fife for several years than of almost any other Scottish League club. Having had the facts and figures (which you can see on another page) presented to me, I realise that never in my time as a manager with Dunfermline, Hibernian, and Celtic have I been in charge of a team against East Fife—in league, Scottish Cup, or League Cup. During my time as Dunfermline manager the Pars probably played a Fife Cup game or two against the men from Methil, but that is all.

WARNING

Familiarity certainly does not breed contempt in the case of East Fife. I would like to remind our supporters, especially the younger ones, that though Pat Quinn's team come to Celtic Park as the bottom of the league club they are not by any means a side which one can treat lightly. If they won a couple of matches very soon they would quickly rise in the league table, simply because so many clubs above them have little to spare in a points lead.

Celtic continued on their winning, entertaining way against Kilmarnock, who contributed a great deal to last Saturday's match even though they were convincingly defeated. We are playing open, attractive football, and are scoring goals. The introduction of young players has been very successful. Now there is a very wholesome spirit of competition for first-team places.

I do not wish to make over-much of the fact that so few of our very fine European Cup winning side have been playing recently in the first team. All of you can think of very good Celtic players who for



some reason or other have lost their places and practically all of whom are capable of winning them back. In the meantime the young players who have justified their promotion will strive their utmost to keep their places.

There is a great hunger for the rewards of success at Celtic Park—and I do not mean purely the financial rewards. Everything considered, the position is indeed healthy. It indicates that the future of the club is as bright as it has been for many a day.

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This is possibly the most difficult pitch on which a modern Celtic team have played. It was Sliema Wanderers' ground in Valetta, Malta, where Celtic won a European Cup game 2-1 early last month. There was no turf; the entire playing surface was sunbaked earth, powdery and almost white. Evan Williams, George Connelly, and Tommy Gemmell are the Celtic players in the picture.

EAST FIFE'S FINE RECORD AGAINST CELTIC

This will be the fortieth competitive match (league or cup) between Celtic and East Fife, and there is a remarkable story attached to the comparatively short connection of the clubs in senior football.

East Fife were formed in 1903, but they did not reach the first division of the Scottish League until the start of season 1930-31. They remained in the major league only one season, in which they lost both of their league games with Celtic. Their next season of promotion was 1948-49. It was in the very late 1940's and in the early and middle 1950's that the Methil club established a splendid reputation for skilful football and also for cup-tie flair.

Let us look first, however, at East Fife's league record against Celtic from season 1948-49 to 1957-58 inclusive. In those ten seasons East Fife beat Celtic in the league more often than Celtic defeated them. Of the 10 games at Celtic Park Celtic won 6 and East Fife 1; three were drawn. But of the 10 at Bayview Park East Fife won eight and Celtic only two. That Methil was a dangerous ground for Celtic in those days there is no doubt. Look at the results of the 10 fixtures there in the period in question (East Fife score given first);—

1948-49	0-3	1953-54	4-1
49-50	2-0	54-55	3-1
50-51	3-0	55-56	3-0
51-52	3-4	56-57	5-1
52-53	4-1	57-58	3-2

That run of six successive home league wins over Celtic has been surpassed only once in the history of the Scottish League.

In the period 1924-25 to 1930-31 inclusive Rangers beat Celtic in seven successive league matches at Ibrox. That is the longest league run ever by any club against Celtic, and we feel sure that East Fife are very proud of having almost equalled it.

SCOTTISH CUP

Curiously East Fife have not enjoyed similar success in the Scottish Cup against Celtic. The clubs have met six times in the national cup competition. Celtic have won all six ties, including the first of any kind between the clubs—at Methil in the second round in 1920-21 and the final of 1927.

Of the 10 League Cup games Celtic and East Fife have played Celtic have won six, and East Fife two: two have been drawn.

So altogether of the 39 matches in all competitions between the clubs Celtic have won 22 and East Fife 11; six have been drawn.

The last Celtic—East Fife league game at Celtic Park (in season 1957-58) resulted 4-0 for Celtic. The only East Fife league win at Parkhead in history was by 1-0 in November, 1948, in a season in which East Fife completed a league double by beating Celts 3-2 at Methil.

East Fife's positions in the 11 seasons in which they have been in the first division:—

1930-31	17	1948-49	4
49-50	4	50-51	10
51-52	3	52-53	3

53-54	6	54-55	11
55-56	12	56-57	15
57-58	17		

Finishing third of the 16 clubs in 1952 and in 1953 has been East Fife's best league performance. They were only four points behind the champions, Rangers, in 1953 and eight behind Hibs, the champions, in 1952.

Season 1970-71 was the third in which they won promotion, the other occasions having been in 1929-30 and 1947-48.

They won the Scottish Cup in 1938, beating Kilmarnock 4-2, after a 1-1 draw, in the final. They are the only non-city club to have won the League Cup three times. Indeed only Celtic (eight times), and Rangers (seven times) have won the trophy more often and only Hearts (three times) have won it as often.

LEAGUE CUP

East Fife's first League Cup success was when they were a second division club. That was in season 1947-48 when they beat first division Falkirk 4-1 after a no-scoring draw. They have the distinction of being the only second division club to have won the League Cup.

The second League Cup victory was by 3-0 over Dunfermline Athletic in 1949-50 and the third in 1953-54 when they beat Partick Thistle 3-2.

INTERNATIONALISTS

In East Fife's greatest years they gave several fine players to Scotland's International team. George Aitken, Alan Brown, David Duncan, Charlie Fleming, and Henry Morris all played for Scotland between 1949 and 1954.

Morris was most unlucky not to receive more than the single International honour awarded him against Ireland in season 1949-50. The East Fife centre forward scored three of the goals in Scotland's 8-1 victory at Windsor Park. His club-mate Aitken was at left half in that Scottish team, and the inside right that day was one of the great little footballers of his day or any day—Jimmy Mason. Many older Celtic supporters who appreciated Jimmy's special skill learned with great sadness of the sudden death of the Third Lanark "star" last week-end.

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS FOR TODAY'S GAME

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(from)

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East Fife Quiz

1. Can you name the Celtic team who beat East Fife 3-1 in the final of the 1927 Scottish Cup?
2. Pat Quinn is the East Fife manager. Who have been his predecessors in the post since the Second World War?
3. Who holds the East Fife scoring record for the first division?
4. What had these East Fife players in common?—Danny McLennan, Sammy Cox, Andy Matthew.
5. April 15, 1961 is not a day that Pat Quinn remembers with much pleasure, nor does Billy McNeill. Why?
6. Who is the former Scottish International who plays regularly for East Fife?
7. How many times had Celtic won the Scottish Cup when they beat East Fife in the 1927 final?
8. When were East Fife founded?
9. Were East Fife top scorers in the second division last season?

10. Which positions did these well known East Fife players usually occupy?—McKerrell, Liddell, Milton.

(Answers on page 9)

Half Time Scores

on Page 10

Division I Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Celtic	14	12	1	1	45	11	25
Aberdeen	14	11	2	1	43	9	24
Hibernian	14	9	2	3	28	12	20
Hearts	14	8	4	2	29	19	20
Rangers	14	9	0	5	34	18	18
Dundee	14	7	4	3	28	18	18
St. Johnstone	14	6	3	5	25	23	15
Partick Thistle	14	4	6	4	21	27	14
Morton	14	6	0	8	20	21	12
Dundee United	14	5	1	8	29	37	11
Motherwell	14	4	3	7	18	29	11
Ayr United	14	3	4	7	13	21	10
Kilmarnock	14	4	2	8	20	31	10
Falkirk	14	4	2	8	19	32	10
Airdrieonians	14	3	4	7	19	39	10
Dunfermline Ath.	14	2	4	8	10	20	8
Clyde	14	3	2	9	12	27	8
East Fife	14	2	4	8	12	31	8

The Celtic Season so far

LEAGUE CUP			F A	EUROPEAN CUP		
Aug. 14	(h)	Rangers (at Ibrox Stadium)	2 0	Sep. 15	(a)	B 1903 Copenhagen 1 2
" 18	(a)	Morton	1 0	" 29	(h)	B 1903 Copenhagen 3 0 (first round)
" 21	(a)	Ayr United	3 0			F A
" 25	(h)	Morton	0 1	Oct. 20	(h)	Sliema Wanderers 5 0
" 28	(a)	Rangers	3 0	Nov. 3	(a)	Sliema Wanderers 2 1 (second round)
" 30	(h)	Ayr United	4 1			
Sep. 8	(a)	Clydebank	5 0			
" 22	(h)	Clydebank (quarter-final)	6 2			
Oct. 6	(n)	St. Mirren (semi-final)	3 0			
" 23	(n)	Partick Thistle (final)	1 4			
LEAGUE				SCORERS		
Sep. 4	(h)	Clyde	9 1	17—Dalglish		
" 11	(a)	Rangers	3 2	15—Macari		
" 18	(h)	Morton	3 1	13—Hood		
" 25	(a)	Airdrieonians	5 0	12—Lennox		
Oct. 2	(h)	St. Johnstone	0 1	5—Johnstone		
" 9	(a)	Hibernian	1 0	4—Callaghan		
" 16	(h)	Dundee	3 1	3—Wallace, Hay, McNeill		
" 27	(a)	Dunfermline Ath.	2 1	2—Deans		
" 30	(a)	Ayr United	1 0	1—Hughes, Murdoch, Gemmell, Brogan		
Nov. 6	(h)	Aberdeen	1 1	3—own goals: Clark (Morton), Ruddy (Clydebank), Strachan (Partick Thistle)		
" 13	(a)	Dundee United	5 1			
Nov. 20	(h)	Falkirk	2 0			
" 27	(a)	Partick Thistle	5 1			
Dec. 4	(h)	Kilmarnock	5 1			

RESERVES		
League Cup		
Aug. 14	(h)	Rangers 1 1
" 17	(h)	East Fife 1 1
" 21	(h)	Ayr United 3 1
" 25	(a)	East Fife 2 1
" 30	(a)	Rangers 2 0
Sep. 2	(a)	Ayr United 1 1
Oct. 6	(a)	Dundee United 0 2 (semi-final)

League		
Sep. 4	(a)	Clyde 7 1
" 11	(h)	Rangers 4 1
" 25	(h)	Airdrieonians 1 0
Oct. 2	(a)	St. Johnstone 5 0
" 9	(h)	Hibernian 1 0
" 15	(a)	Dundee 2 1
Nov. 6	(a)	Aberdeen 3 6
" 13	(h)	Dundee United 3 0
Nov. 20	(a)	Falkirk 1 5
" 25	(h)	Partick Thistle 4 1
Dec. 4	(a)	Kilmarnock 3 1
" 6	(h)	Motherwell 2 2

Second XI Cup		
Oct. 30	(h)	Ayr United 3 1 (second round)

SCORERS		
10—Franchetti		
7—Hood		
5—Wilson		
4—Davidson (V)		
3—Gemmell, Hancock,		
2—Mitchell, Wallace, Hughes, McLaughlin, McCluskey, Deans		
1—White, O'Hara, Johnstone, Quinn, Murdoch		

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Connaghan played several fine games against Celtic during his spell with St.



Mirren—the last as recently as the League Cup semi final at Hampden just over two months ago.

Answers to East Fife Quiz

1. Thomson (J); McStay (W), Hilley; Wilson, McStay (J), McFarlane; Connolly, Thomson (A), McInally, McMenemy, McLean.
2. John McArthur, Scot Symon, Jerry Dawson, Charlie McCaig, Jimmy Bonthron, Bill Baxter.
3. Charlie Fleming (32 goals in season 1952-53).
4. All played also for Rangers.
5. It was the day on which England beat Scotland 9-3 at Wembley. Quinn and McNeill were in the Scottish team.
6. John Martis (capped as a Motherwell player).
7. Twelve.
8. 1903.
9. No; Dumbarton 87, East Fife 86.
10. Outside left, inside right, goalkeeper.

TAKE CARE

All spectators are requested by the club to be careful as they enter or leave Celtic Park—especially when they descend slopes. It is the wish of all of us to eliminate the chance of accidents.

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