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Celtic v. St. Johnstone

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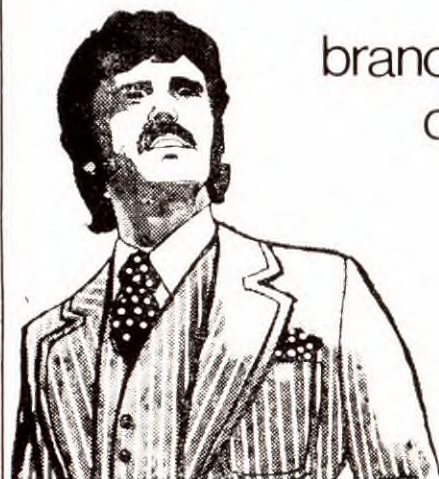
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JOCK STEIN says...

Quite a lot has happened in the two weeks that have elapsed since the last home programme.

First of all on that day we collected two points against a dour Dunfermline team although it took us to the last couple of minutes to score the winning goal.

Four nights later we played the Charity match in aid of U.N.I.C.E.F. against Benfica in what turned out to be a game containing all that is good in football—goals, near misses, thrills and an abundance of great individual skill and team work.

The Portuguese side scored a quick goal and added another in the eleventh minute. Our players pulled themselves together after that and turned a 2-1 interval deficit into a 3-2 lead before the visitors got an equaliser that took the match to a penalty decider.

This was followed by our league fixture at Dens Park last Saturday, where, after an unfortunate first-minute injury to Ronnie Glavin, we really fired on all cylinders to win by 6-0.

Insatiable

First and foremost this was a great team display but it would be a little unjust if I didn't single out Kenny Dalglish for special mention.

It wasn't only the fact that he scored a hat-trick—although his goals were all superbly taken—it was his contribution throughout and his insatiable appetite for the game that really pleased me.

Everyone played well and I was specially delighted with the form of come-back men George Connelly, Jimmy Johnstone, Tommy Callaghan and Harry Hood, who have been missing for varying spells recently.

Coming up to date now, today's visitors St. Johnstone are a side to be treated cautiously at all times.

Currently placed in the top half of the league, they have collected the same number of points, seven, at home and away this season. The



Muirton Park side generally play an open game against us and if that policy is continued today we could have an entertaining game in store.

Now to something that displeases all of us at Celtic Park.

In recent weeks we have had a revival of songs and chants which are insulting and offensive to all decent people attending football matches.

Celtic Football Club have frequently condemned this intolerable behaviour and past warnings have had some effect, but only of a temporary nature.

It is now our intention to weed out the persistent culprits with the help of the police so that decent Celtic supporters, as well as visitors and neutrals, can attend games at Celtic Park without embarrassment.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match. They are also requested to cooperate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIAL

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League Champions (29 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.

Scottish League Cup Winners (8 times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1974/75.

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PLAYS FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC HONOURS

ST. JOHNSTONE

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 (Falkirk)

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 (Renton)

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 (Falkirk)

(from)
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 O'ROURKE
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 HOTSON
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 S. SMITH

Scottish Cup
 Winners (23 times)
 1892, 1899, 1900,
 1904, 1907, 1908,
 1911, 1912, 1914,
 1923, 1925, 1927,
 1931, 1933, 1937,
 1951, 1954, 1965,
 1967, 1969, 1971,
 1972, 1974.

European Cup
 1967.

Coronation Cup
 1953.

Empire Exhibition
 Cup
 1938.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

St. Johnstone are the opponents in this afternoon's league fixture and if recent past matches against the Perth side can be used as a guide, today's game could be interesting and one Celtic should treat with caution.

The Muirton Park men have frequently proved troublesome opponents in the past and particularly on October 2nd, 1971, when they last won both points in a league encounter at Celtic Park.

Both teams have shown a few changes in the three years since that game and several of the players from both teams are now playing in new surroundings.

Line-ups for that game were:—

Celtic — Williams, Craig and Brogan, Hay, McNeill and Connelly, Johnstone and Dalglish, Wallace, Callaghan and Macari. Twelfth man Lennox.

St. Johnstone — Donaldson, Lambie and Cockburn, Rennie, Gordon and McPhee, Aird and Whitelaw, Pearson, Connolly and Aitken. Twelfth man Muir.

John Connolly, now a member of the English League-topping Everton side, scored the only goal of the match in Saints' shock win despite relentless Celtic pressure in search of an equaliser.

Things worked out differently the following season when Saints again

made the journey from Perth to Parkhead in search of league points.

This game, scheduled for December, but postponed because of the Celtic v. Dundee League Cup final, was played on February 28th, and both teams showed a few changes from the previous season's meeting.

The team selections were:—

Celtic — Hunter, McGrain and Quinn, Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly, Johnstone and Dalglish, Deans, Hood and Lennox. Substitute McLaughlin.

St. Johnstone — Donaldson, McManus and Argue, Rennie, McDonald and Rooney, Muir and Hall, Pearson, George and Aitken. Substitute Kinnell.

Bobby Lennox opened the scoring with a finely executed goal after 15 minutes' play, but try as they might, Celtic were unable to increase their lead before the interval. Indeed it was late in the game before the Celtic fans could finally relax in the knowledge that another two points had been earned towards a seventh League Championship win in succession. Davie Hay scored the second goal after 70 minutes and two goals in the last five minutes from Bobby Lennox again and Kenny Dalglish gave Celtic a final winning margin of four goals to nil.



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