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Scottish League Champions (26 times)

1893, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908,
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1926, 1936, 1938, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971.

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...

During our break this week at Seamill I was doing a bit of stock-taking, and I think I made a very interesting discovery. I wouldn't mind betting that Celtic have never approached the halfway stage of the league programme with more points in the bag. Today's game with Hearts is our seventeenth league fixture of the season, and by tonight we should be maintaining our position as league leaders having dropped only three of a possible points total of 34—(See page 10).

None of us are taking a win over Hearts for granted, of course. But the team are playing well these days. Apart from the game against East Fife a fortnight ago, we have recently hit a high peak of form. Remember that in the early part of the league programme we got several good results without having been at anything like our best.

Goals

We have scored five goals in four of the last six matches, and it is goals that give the spectators the greatest satisfaction. I thought four of the five we scored last week at Fir Park were magnificent efforts.

The spell the lads had at Seamill was for no other purpose than to give the players relaxation in the health-giving sea air. There was no training as such. Nor was there any official ordered talk or discussion, though I can assure you the time



was not wasted in that respect. I've known a match-winning move to have had its origin in just such an atmosphere as was Seamill's this week.

Pleased as I am with the team's recent play, I fully realise that we have not been firing on all cylinders. When we do—and I am hopeful that that stage is not far off—we shall really be a team and a half.

At Aberdeen

Hearts have dropped three points in the last two weeks but we are going to play them without thought of that. At the back

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The last time Celtic played Hearts at Celtic Park was on October 28 of last year—and Celtic had to produce a great late rally to beat a visiting side who led 2-0 in the second half. The match, a league fixture, scheduled for four days earlier, was postponed because Celtic were engaged in the League Cup final. The picture shows Harry Hood scoring the winning goal in Celtic's 3-2 victory. Willie Wallace (once a Hearts player and now pleasing Crystal Palace) scored twice for Celtic; Donald Ford scored Hearts' two goals. The teams were:

Celtic—Williams; Craig, Hay; Murdoch, McNeill, Cattanaich; Johnstone, Connelly, Wallace, Hood, Lennox (twelfth man, Macari);
Hearts—Garland; Clunie, Oliver; Anderson, Thomson, Brown; Young, Townsend, Ford, Wood, Lynch (twelfth man, Fleming).
Referee—B. Padden (Ardrossan).



Signs of better times for Hearts

Heart of Midlothian, winners of the Scottish League championship four times—only Celtic and Rangers have more title victories—have a moderate record in the league in recent seasons. This season, however, they promise to show considerable improvement.

Indeed they need to take an average of only one point from their remaining 18 fixtures (including this afternoon's) to finish with their biggest points aggregate since season 1964-65.

In that season they gained second place with 50 points and lost the championship only because Kilmarnock, who beat them 2-0 in the final match of the season, had superior goal average—1.87 to 1.83.

In the six seasons completed since Hearts have aggregated at best 38 points. They were fourth with that number two seasons ago but during the period have finished as low in the table as twelfth and eleventh (twice).

In view of the fact that Hibernian, the other Edinburgh senior club, have over the same period been similarly undistinguished in the league, it is not surprising that attendances in the Capital are far below what they used to be. It could be said that the first division of the Scottish League needs at least

one successful team from Edinburgh if not so badly as a successful Celtic and/or Rangers then almost as badly.

Fine Record

Not many years ago Hearts were a real power in the football land. In the period 1954-1963, for instance they won the League Championship twice, the League Cup four times, and the Scottish Cup once. Look at their league positions in the 11 seasons 1949-50 to 1959-60:—

1949-50—3rd	1955-56—3rd
50-51—4th	56-57—2nd
51-52—4th	57-58—1st
52-53—4th	58-59—2nd
53-54—2nd	59-60—1st
54-55—4th	

Those good years for Hearts included a series of successes in the league against Celtic. Take, for instance, the 10 seasons from 1955-56 to 1964-65 inclusive. How many of us realise that of the 20 league games played by Celtic and Hearts in those 10 seasons Celtic won only one (at home in 1958-59) and lost 12!

In more recent years Celtic have done much to alter the overall picture, though two seasons ago they lost 0-2 at Celtic Park.

The 50 post-war league matches between the clubs give a total number of wins for Celtic of 16 and for Hearts of 22; 12 games have been drawn. Of the 25 at Parkhead, Celtic have won 11 and Hearts 7; 7 have been drawn.

Take Care!

We do not apologise for yet again advising all spectators to take care as they enter and leave the ground and, above all, not to hurry, especially as they descend slopes.

Our able-bodied spectators are asked to assist the elderly whenever possible and everyone is requested to follow such instructions as the police may give them.

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC 3

(from)

CONNAGHAN

HAY

QUINN

DALGLISH

McNEILL

CONNELLY

JOHNSTONE

LENNOX

DEANS

CALLAGHAN

HOOD

CRAIG

Referee:

A. F. J. WEBSTER

(Falkirk)

Linesmen:

T. P. McNaull

(Troon)

W. P. SHILLINGLAW

(Ralston)

HEARTS 2

(from)

CRUICKSHANK

SNEDDON

OLIVER

KAY

BROWN

VEITCH

THOMSON

MURRAY(N)

RENTON

FORD

WINCHESTER

MURRAY(T)

FLEMING

LYNCH

Quiz on Hearts

1. From which clubs did these players join Hearts?—Ian Sneddon, Neil Murray, Eric Carruthers, Eddie Thomson?

2. Who scored the goals in the 1956 Scottish Cup final, in which Hearts beat Celtic 3-1?

3. One of Hearts directors is a former well known player of the club. Who is he?

4. How many times have Hearts won the League Cup and the Scottish Cup?

5. Who is the longest-serving Hearts player?

6. A Hearts player of the 1930's played for Scotland, as did his father when the latter was a Celtic player. Who were they?

7. Who were the two Hearts managers immediately before Bobby Seith?

8. By what margin of points did Hearts win their last league championship. Was it a record margin?

9. Why was the winning of the League Cup in 1954 a special reason for Hearts' joy?

10. The following Hearts players were also Scottish Internationalists—Andy Anderson, Peter Nellies, Davie McCulloch, Alec Massie, John Johnston. What was the usual position of each?

(Answers on page 10)

Division I Table

	P	W	D	L	GOALS		
					F	A	PTS
Celtic	16	14	1	1	52	13	29
Aberdeen	16	13	2	1	50	10	28
Hibernian	16	10	3	3	30	13	23
Rangers	16	11	0	5	39	18	22
Hearts	16	8	5	3	29	21	21
Dundee	16	8	4	4	30	19	20
Partick Thistle	16	5	7	4	29	30	19
St. Johnstone	16	6	4	6	27	27	16
Morton	16	7	1	8	25	24	15
Falkirk	16	6	2	8	24	32	14
Dundee United	16	5	2	9	31	42	12
Kilmarnock	16	5	2	9	22	33	12
Ayr United	16	3	5	8	15	26	11
Motherwell	16	4	3	9	22	42	11
Clyde	16	4	2	10	15	32	10
Airdrieonians	16	3	4	9	21	46	10
East Fife	16	2	5	9	15	35	9
Dunfermline Ath.	16	2	4	10	11	24	8

The Celtic Season so far

LEAGUE CUP		F A
Aug. 14	(h) Rangers (at Ibrox Stadium)	2 0
" 18	(a) Morton	1 0
" 21	(a) Ayr United	3 0
" 25	(h) Morton	0 1
" 28	(h) Rangers	3 0
" 30	(h) Ayr United	4 1
Sep. 8	(a) Clydebank	5 0
" 22	(h) Clydebank	6 2
Oct. 6	(n) St. Mirren	3 0
" 23	(n) Partick Thistle (final)	1 4

LEAGUE		F A
Sep. 4	(h) Clyde	9 1
" 11	(a) Rangers	3 2
" 18	(h) Morton	3 1
" 25	(a) Airdrieonians	5 0
Oct. 2	(h) St. Johnstone	0 1
" 9	(a) Hibernian	1 0
" 16	(h) Dundee	3 1
" 27	(a) Dunfermline Ath.	2 1
" 30	(a) Ayr United	1 0
Nov. 6	(h) Aberdeen	1 1
" 13	(a) Dundee United	5 1
Nov. 20	(h) Falkirk	2 0
" 27	(a) Partick Thistle	5 1
Dec. 4	(h) Kilmarnock	5 1
Dec. 11	(h) East Fife	2 1
" 18	(a) Motherwell	5 1

EUROPEAN CUP		F A
Sep. 15	(a) B 1903 Copenhagen	1 2
" 29	(h) B 1903 Copenhagen (first round)	3 0
Oct. 20	(h) Sliema Wanderers	F A
Nov. 3	(a) Sliema Wanderers (second round)	5 0 2 1

SCORERS

19—Dalglish
15—Macari
13—Hood, Lennox
6—Johnstone
5—Deans
4—Callaghan
3—Wallace, Hay, McNeill
1—Hughes, Murdoch, Gemmell, Brogan
3—own goals: Clark (Morton), Ruddy (Clydebank), Strachan (Partick Thistle)

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 (semi-final)	0 2

League

Sept 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
Dec. 10	(a) East Fife	0 0
" 21	(a) Hearts	3 1

Second XI Cup

Oct 30	(h) Ayr United (second round)	3 1
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SCORERS

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

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McBride, Wallace and DEANS

John ("Dixie") Deans has followed in the footsteps of Joe McBride and Willie Wallace, both of whom were quick to make their mark as scoring forwards for Celtic. Deans has already proved to be a shrewd transfer purchase by Manager Jock Stein, as, of course, were Wallace from Hearts and McBride, who like Deans joined Celtic from Motherwell.

"Dixie" has played six games for Celtic—four in the first team and two for the reserves—and he has scored in every game. His last three goals for the first team have been headed—two against East Fife, the other against Motherwell.

Deans admits that the header against his former club gave him special satisfaction though he believes he still has many friends at Fir Park despite that goal!

He also thinks that the Celtic training and fitness methods have done wonders for him. "Playing for this great club," he says "is taking part in another game altogether."



"Dixie" Deans

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F KILMARNOCK MORTON		N HAMILTON ACAS. FORFAR	
G PARTICK THISTLE AYR UNITED		O QUEEN'S PARK BERWICK RANGERS	

Jock Stein says . . .

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of our minds as we prepare to meet the challenge is the knowledge that only four weeks ago they beat Aberdeen 3-2 at Pittodrie—and that has been Aberdeen's only league defeat this season.

We can't afford to slip with the Dons so close at our heels in the race for the championship. So another victory this afternoon gained in the style that will please our supporters is the immediate aim. The matches after today's we shall take as they come.

Though Hearts will not be as strong in personnel as they would like to have been, they will be turning out some very good players against us and I know they will make a worthwhile contribution to what should be a very attractive match.

EDITOR'S NOTE

You would have won your bet, Mr. Stein. Only in season 1965-66 when Celtic won 15, drew one, and lost one of the 17 games in the first half of the league programme have the club done so well in the period for as far back as the lifetime of our supporters of average age.

Even in season 1967-68 when Celtic aggregated a record number of points (63) for the 18-club league they dropped four points in the first half of the programme. Last season, for the sake of comparison, five points were dropped in the first 17 league fixtures.

Answers to Quiz

1. Drumchapel Amateurs, Ross County, Salvesen Boys Club, Penicuik Athletic.
2. Crawford(2), Conn for Hearts; Haghney for Celtic.
3. Bobby Parker.
4. Four times, five.
5. Jim Cruickshank (joined 1960).
6. Barney Battles (centre forward); Barney Battles (full back).
7. Tommy Walker, Johnny Harvey.
8. 13 points (1957-58); yes (and still is)
9. It was their first success in a major tournament in 50 years.
10. Right back, left half, centre forward, right half, centre half.

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