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# JOCK STEIN says...

It's back to Scottish Cup business this afternoon with Stirling Albion, our visitors in the fourth round of the tournament. Once again, our game is on a Sunday but I am far from convinced that the change in our day for football will last beyond the present power crisis. Certainly our two previous games with Clydebank and Dundee have produced bumper crowds, but in the final analysis, it is not so much the day of the match that counts as much as the quality of the football.

Talking about football quality, our displays in the last couple of weeks lacked some of the sparkle of the previous couple of months.

The strange thing about our two league defeats at the hands of Motherwell and Dundee is that the two games were as different as chalk from cheese.

In the game against Motherwell, we survived an early pounding from the Fir Park men to score the only goal of the first half. When we scored a second goal shortly after the interval, we were dictating the run of the game until carelessness at the back allowed Motherwell to snatch the points.

Against Dundee, we took control straight from the first whistle and in spite of all our pressure and good play, slack defensive work resulted in us being two goals down after half an hour. Although we got one back soon after this, too many of our players had an off day to turn our territorial advantage into goals.

Already people are talking about our game with Hibs next Saturday being a title decider. In my opinion next week's game is a league match with two points at stake—and there's



twelve other games to be played after that—so one match won't settle the destination of the championship.

Our immediate aim today, however, is to win a place in the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup. With this in view, we will treat Stirling Albion with the same respect as we would afford any Scottish Club.

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# Our Visitors, Stirling Albion

Former Kilmarnock wing-half, Frank Beattie, makes his first visit to Celtic Park today in a managerial capacity hoping that his Stirling Albion side will give a good account of themselves and benefit from the experience.

Today's line-up will probably come from the following list of players:—

**George Young**—The Stirling 'keeper joined the club in 1968 from minor grade club Melbourne Thistle and has set up the fantastic record of missing only three games in that time. Played against Celtic in both League Cup matches last season.

**Mervyn Jones**—Former Hibs full back who left Easter Road for Brockville before moving on to Annfield about 18 months ago. A quick tackling full back who likes to overlap on the wing.

**Terry Christie**—One of a batch of youngsters who joined the club from the East of Scotland. A schoolteacher by profession, he came as a forward from Hawick Royal Albert but has since been converted into a full back.

**Jim Clark**—Twenty-two year old midfield player who hails from Kilmarnock. Joined up at Annfield from Glenafton Athletic junior club in 1972.

**Tom Downie**—Another youngster, only twenty years of age, who shows great promise as a midfield player. Signed only last season from Musselburgh Athletic he has gained quick promotion into the top side.

**Stewart Carr**—Plays the double centre-half role and standing six feet and weighing over twelve stones is physically suited to the position. Signed from Whitburn Juniors he was an ever present in the side all last season.

**Robert Duffin**—A local lad who joined the club from Stirling Boys' Club in 1969. A good player who plays the old deep lying inside forward type role attacking from midfield.

**Jimmy Hancock**—An Englishman who comes from Chesterfield and was previously on the Aston Villa playing staff. Lives in Edinburgh now and drives a taxi in the capital.

**Mike Lawson**—Another of the East of Scotland brigade who came to Annfield from Musselburgh Athletic in 1971. Plays in the striking position and was the club's leading scorer last season with 20 goals.

**Billy McAlpine**—Yet another Edinburgh man who joined Stirling last July having had spells previously with Hearts and Arbroath.

**Alastair McMillan**—Belongs to Glasgow and has been with Albion for three years. Nick-named 'Gus' the tall (6 ft. 1 in.) midfield player was another ever present in the team last season.

**Matt McPhee**—One of the 'veterans' of the team who has been with the club since 1967. Another product of Musselburgh Athletic, a very useful player who generally plays on the right wing.

**Robert Morrison**—Joined the club as an amateur from Queens Park and only recently signed professional forms for the club. A striker, he is industrious and knows the way to goal.

**Billy Steel**—Another striker who plays either on the wing or in the middle, and is the club's top scorer this season. A Veterinary student, he has been attracting the attention of a number of clubs.

**Andy Stevenson**—Has been a Stirling player for three years following a spell in South Africa playing with Hellenic F.C.

**John Murphy**—A midfield player who signed for the club just before the start of this season. Has had previous senior experience with Morton and Hibs.

**Frank McAleer**—The former Clydebank and Ayr United full-back has been a regular with Stirling but is presently on the side lines with an injury.



# TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

## CELTIC HONOURS

### Scottish League

#### Champions (28 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.

### Scottish League Cup

#### Winners (7 times)

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

## CELTIC

(from)

HUNTER

McGRAIN

BROGAN

CONNELLY

McNEILL

HAY

HOOD

MURRAY

DEANS

DALGLISH

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(C)

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<b>B</b> DUNFERMLINE Q. of S.		<b>F</b> BLACKBURN TRANMERE
<b>C</b> RANGERS DUNDEE		<b>G</b> CHARLTON WALSALL
<b>D</b> NOTTINGHAM F. PORTSMOUTH		<b>H</b> PORT VALE BRISTOL ROVERS

# FOR TODAY'S GAME

## CELTIC HONOURS

### STIRLING ALB.

Referee:  
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Umpiresmen:  
 R. RICE  
 (Glasgow)

KENNEDY  
 (Airdrie)

(from)  
 YOUNG  
 JONES  
 McALPINE  
 CLARK  
 STEVENSON  
 CARR  
 McPHEE  
 DUFFIN  
 STEEL  
 McMILLAN  
 MURPHY  
 HANCOCK  
 LAWSON

Scottish Cup  
 Winners (22 times)  
 1892, 1899, 1900,  
 1904, 1907, 1908,  
 1911, 1912, 1914,  
 1923, 1925, 1927,  
 1931, 1933, 1937,  
 1951, 1954, 1965,  
 1967, 1969, 1971,  
 1972.

European Cup  
 1967.

Coronation Cup  
 1953.

Empire Exhibition  
 Cup  
 1938.

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## Some facts about Previous Meetings

By a coincidence Celtic follow their Scottish Cup match with the youngest team in the Scottish League, Clydebank (formed in 1965) with a tie against the second youngest team, Stirling Albion who came into being in 1945.

Celtic and Stirling Albion have played each other 29 times in league, Scottish Cup and League Cup matches in the last quarter of a century and Celtic have won 20 games, lost five and four games ended in a draw. None of Stirling's victories, however, was recorded at Celtic Park.

Looking back to the earliest game between the two clubs we find that in Celtic's first three league visits to Annfield the Stirling team won all three games by the same margin, 2-1.

When Celtic finally overcame the Annfield hoodoo, March 9th 1955, to win their first league points, Jock Stein was a scorer in the 3-2 victory. In the Scottish Cup tie between the two clubs at Annfield on March 16th 1959 no fewer than 26,400 watched

the game and established a record for the Annfield Park ground which stands to this day.

Celtic won the match by 3-1 but were beaten in the semi-final by St. Mirren.

The last Scottish Cup clash between the two teams at Celtic Park was on February 15th 1958 when the sides lined up as follows:—

**Celtic**—Beattie; Donnelly and Fallon; Fernie, Evans and Peacock; Collins and Smith, Byrne, Wilson and Mochan.

**Stirling Albion**—Smith; Gibson and Beecham; McKechnie, Menzies and Pierson; Grant and Pryce, Benvie, Spence and Rodger.

Stirling shocked Celtic by taking the lead after only six minutes through Pryce, but four minutes later Smith had equalised for Celtic. Although it took Celtic a long time to take the lead, they eventually got goals from Smith, Mochan, Wilson (2), Byrne (2) for victory in spite of a Grant goal for Albion.

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*Kenny Dalgetish eludes the Stirling Albion defence in this picture from the League Cup meeting of the two clubs at Celtic Park in August 1972.*



# RESULTS SO FAR

## FIRST TEAM

### League Cup

Celtic	2	Arbroath	1
Falkirk	0	Celtic	2
Rangers	1	Celtic	2
Celtic	2	Falkirk	1
Celtic	1	Rangers	3
Arbroath	1	Celtic	3

### League Cup 2nd Round

#### (1st Leg)

Motherwell	1	Celtic	2
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#### (2nd Leg)

Celtic	0	Motherwell	1
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### 2nd Round Decider

Celtic	3	Motherwell	2
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### Quarter-final—(1st leg)

Celtic	3	Aberdeen	2
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### (Quarter-final, 2nd Leg)

Aberdeen	0	Celtic	0
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### Scottish League Cup Semi-final

Rangers	1	Celtic	3
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### Scottish League Cup Final

Dundee	1	Celtic	0
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### Scottish League

Dunfermline	2	Celtic	3
Celtic	5	Clyde	0
Rangers	0	Celtic	1
St. Johnstone	2	Celtic	1
Celtic	2	Motherwell	0
Dundee	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	1	Hibernian	1
Hearts	1	Celtic	3
Celtic	4	East Fife	2
Ayr Utd.	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	7	Partick Thistle	0
Dumbarton	0	Celtic	2
Arbroath	1	Celtic	2
Celtic	3	Dundee Utd.	3
Celtic	6	Falkirk	0
Celtic	6	Dunfermline	0
Clyde	0	Celtic	2
Celtic	1	Rangers	0
Celtic	3	St. Johnstone	0
Motherwell	3	Celtic	2
Celtic	1	Dundee	2

### Scottish Cup 3rd Round

Celtic	6	Clydebank	1
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### European Cup 1st Round

#### (1st Leg)

TPS Turku	1	Celtic	6
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#### (2nd Leg)

Celtic	3	TPS Turku	0
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### European Cup 2nd Round

#### (1st leg)

Celtic	0	Vejlø B.K.	0
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#### (2nd Leg)

Vejlø BK	0	Celtic	1
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## 1st TEAM SCORERS

22—Deans	1
20—Lennox	2
15—Dalglish	2
11—Hood	2
5—Johnstone	3
4—Wilson, Callaghan, Murray	3
2—Connelly, McCluskey, Hay	3
1—Lynch, McGrain, V. Davidson	3
2—O.G.'s.	3

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## RESERVES

### League Cup

Arbroath	0	Celtic	0
Celtic	4	Falkirk	0
Celtic	1	Rangers	3
Falkirk	1	Celtic	4
Rangers	2	Celtic	0
Celtic	1	Arbroath	1

### League

Celtic	0	Dunfermline	1
Celtic	1	Ayr Utd.	1
Clyde	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	2	Rangers	0
Celtic	4	St. Johnstone	0
Motherwell	0	Celtic	2
Celtic	2	Dundee	1
Hibernian	1	Celtic	2
East Fife	1	Celtic	3
Partick Thistle	1	Celtic	0
Celtic	4	Aberdeen	1
Falkirk	2	Celtic	6
Dunfermline	0	Celtic	2
Rangers	2	Celtic	0
Dundee Utd.	2	Celtic	1
St. Johnstone	1	Celtic	1

### 2nd XI Cup

Q.P. Strollers	1	Celtic	5
Ayr United	0	Celtic	5

## RESERVE SCORERS

12—Davidson (V.)	
8—Wilson	
6—Deans	
5—Lynch,	
4—Lennox, McNamara	
2—McCluskey, Quinn	
1—Casey, Davidson (J.), Hood, McCool, McDonald, Mulholland, O'Hara, Ritchie.	

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