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SEAN FALLON says...

There is no use trying to hide the disappointment caused by the defeat at Airdrie. It was particularly annoying because we made more than enough chances to win the match comfortably.

One man who was in no way to blame for the defeat was our new goalkeeper, Alistair Hunter, whose first game for the club it was. Let's hope that the result will be different today when he plays for the first time at Celtic Park in Celtic colours.

Celtic have had very difficult games in the Scottish Cup against East Fife. I can well remember the last tie. That was in 1951 when I was one of the side who narrowly escaped defeat at Methil but won the replay with something to spare.

East Fife have the reputation of concentrating on defensive methods in many of their games. I don't think there is much doubt that the type of football they often play does not attract spectators who like to see both teams going out for goals.

Our Responsibility

We must, however, concede them the right to use such tactics as they wish so long as they are within the rules. It is up to us this afternoon to find a way to overcome their defence and to improve upon our recent mediocre record of chance-taking.

There will not be sweeping team changes after the Broomfield defeat. I am fully confident in the men who have served us well for many months. Our players today know that they have a lot to do—they have to beat a side that can be hard to beat and they have to please the crowd with the display. I feel sure they can do both.

STANDARDS—AND CRITICS

Those who have seen fit to write about the alleged fall in standard of Celtic's demeanour on the field can take no objection to our club's belief that the critics gave a somewhat one-sided account of what happened last week at Airdrie. They themselves cannot be free of criticism in that they picked out certain incidents and used them to emphasise their arguments, but ignored—or failed to see—other happenings which had great bearing on the attitude of some of the Celtic players.

We have made full investigation into such things as apparent refusal to shake hands, etc., and are certain that there were extenuating circumstances at least. We wish to insist that our standards are as high as ever they have been and that every Celtic player must at all times try to behave in accordance with those standards. But we neither need nor wish to be told how to conduct ourselves by people who do not themselves aim at a high standard of ethics.

CELTIC Honours

Scottish League Champions (27 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.

Scottish Cup Winners (22 times)

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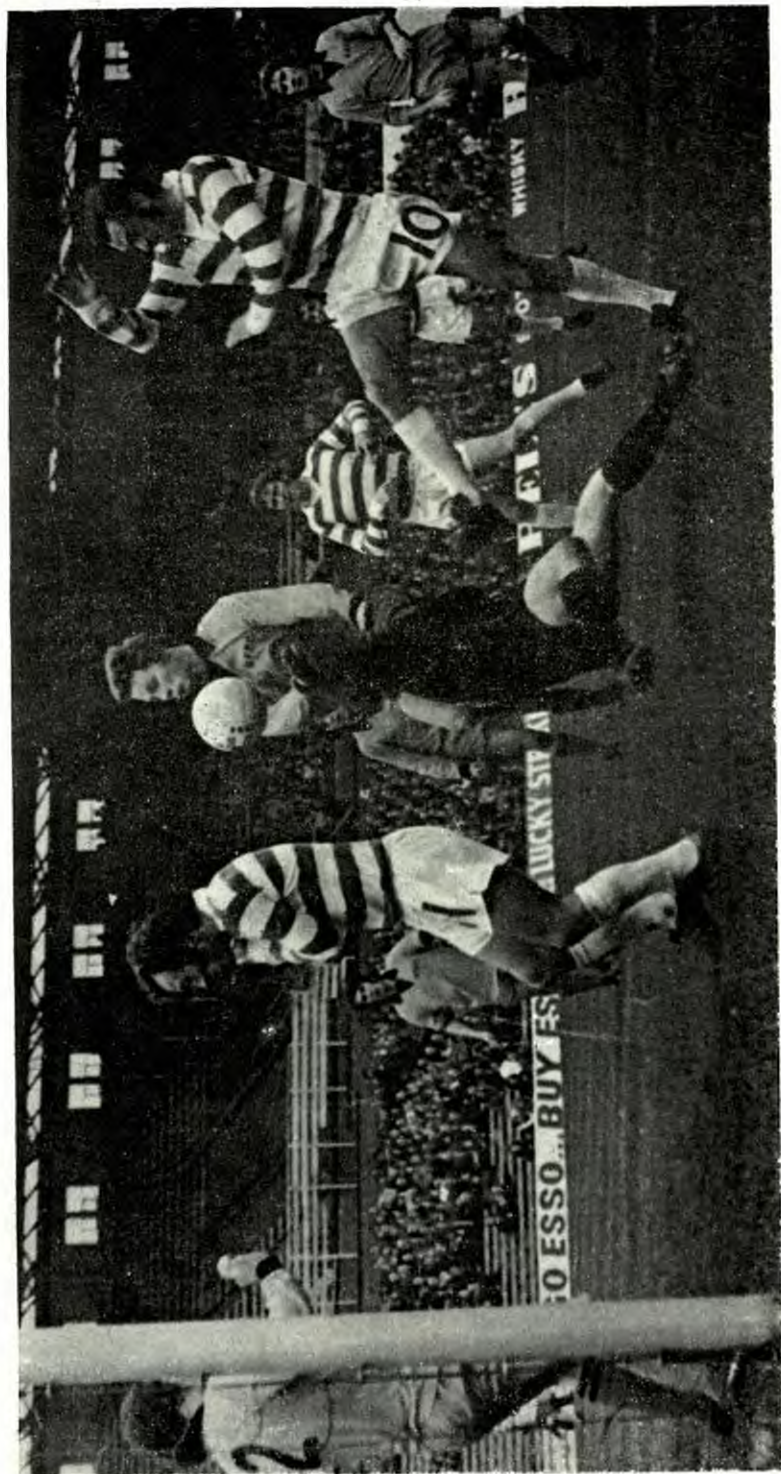
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Six East Fife players against four Celts—picture taken during the league match this season at Celtic Park. Most prominent are (left to right):—Bobby Duncan (East Fife), Bobby Lennox (Celtic), Dave Clarke (East Fife) behind his goalkeeper Dave Gorman, Billy McNeill (Celtic), Tommy Callaghan (Celtic) and John Hamilton (East Fife).

CELTIC v EAST FIFE IN SCOTTISH CUP

Celtic have played East Fife in six Scottish Cup ties and won all of them. What will probably interest Celtic supporters even more than that, however, is the fact that in all but the first season in which the clubs met in the national Cup competition Celtic won the trophy.

The first encounter was in the third round at Methil in 1921 and Celtic won 3-1 and this was the only season in which a victory over East Fife did not lead to ultimate Celtic success.

Few other than veteran East Fife followers will recall the home side in that 1921 cup-tie but many other than Celtic followers have at least heard of the majority of the Celtic team. The sides were:—

East Fife—*Neish; Stewart, McBride; Burton, Wightman, Brown; Neil, McTavish, McLaren, Currie, Wilson.*

Celtic—*Shaw; Livingstone, McStay (W); Gilchrist, Murphy, McMaster; McLean, Gallacher, McNally, Cassidy, McFarlane.*

Referee—A. E. Jackson (Glasgow).

The goal-scorers were McNally (2) and Gallacher for Celtic and Neish (penalty kick in 5 minutes) for East Fife.

SHOCK

The attendance on a day on which Rangers and Alloa played before 54,000 in another cup-tie at Ibrox was 11,000. The result at Ibrox was one of the shocks of the season—a no-scoring draw. Alloa, like East Fife at the time were members of the Central League, which included among others the reserve teams of Falkirk and Hearts.

The five other ties between Celtic and East Fife were (Celtic goals first in the scores):—

1922-23	Third round	— 2-1 at Celtic Park
1926-27	Final	— 3-1 at Hampden Park
1930-31	First round	— 2-1 at Bayview Park
1936-37	Third round	— 3-0 at Bayview Park
1950-51	First round	— 4-2 at Celtic Park (after 2-2 at Bayview Park)

East Fife were in the second division of the Scottish League when they reached the 1926-27 final. That was the final that the young Jimmy McGrory missed because of injury after having won a medal two seasons previously and been in the Celtic side beaten by St. Mirren in the 1925-26 final. The 1927 final teams were:—

Celtic—*Thomson (J); McStay (W), Hilley; Wilson, McStay (J), McFarlane; Connolly, Thomson (A), McNally, McMenemy, McLean.*

East Fife—*Gilfillan; Robertson, Gillespie; Hope, Brown, Russell; Weir, Paterson, Wood, Barrett, Edgar.*

Referee—T. Dougray (Bellshill)

FIRST SEASON

Goals by Robertson (own goal), McLean, and Connolly to one by East Fife's captain, Jock Wood gave Celtic their twelfth Scottish Cup final victory. The match was seen by 79,500 and two Celtic players won a medal in their first season with the club—John Thomson and John McMenemy.

The last Celtic-East Fife tie (in 1951) nearly produced a sensational victory for East Fife. One of the Celtic directors, Mr. Tom Devlin, has especial memories of the late stages of the match at Methil. East Fife were winning 2-1 10 minutes from time when Bobby Collins, who had been switched inside from the right wing, beat the tall Fife defence and headed Charlie Tully's cross for the equaliser. It was one of the few goals Collins ever scored with his head and it caused tremendous excitement. Mr. Devlin, sitting in the front row of the stand, almost toppled into the enclosure as he applauded the goal.

East Fife had returned to the second division when they gained their only Scottish Cup success. That was in season 1937-38 when they beat Kilmarnock 4-1 (after a 1-1 draw) in the final at Hampden. The winning side was:—

Milton; Laird, Tait; Russell, Sneddon, Harvey; Adams, McLeod, McCartney, Miller, McKerrell.

The Methil club were beaten finalists for the second time when they lost to Rangers by 3-0 in the 1950 final.

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(from)

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PRINTY
BORTHWICK
MARTIS
CLARKE
NOBLE
HEGARTY
HAMILTON
HONEYMAN
DAILEY
CAIRNS
McPHEE

? Quiz on East Fife ?

- Two of Pat Quinn's predecessors as East Fife manager were former Rangers players. Can you name them?
- Which of these East Fife players were Scottish internationalists?—David Duncan, Tommy Adams, Charlie Fleming, Jimmy Philp, Henry Morris.
- When last did East Fife play in Glasgow?
- Name the clubs which East Fife beat in the final when they won the League Cup.
- Which positions did these East Fife players normally occupy?—Ian Gardiner, George Aitken, Davie Duncan, Johnny Harvey.
- What was the result of the last Scottish Cup tie that East Fife played?
- What has been East Fife's best league placing at the end of a season in the first division?
- Have East Fife won the second division championship once, twice or three times?
- Which Glasgow club were East Fife's last opponents?
- How many points do East Fife need this season to improve on their league total of last season?

(Answers on page 9)

FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS			PTS.
					F	A		
Rangers	23	16	3	4	46	21	35	
Celtic	20	15	2	3	54	22	32	
Hibernian	21	14	3	4	54	21	31	
Dundee United	22	13	1	8	41	36	27	
Aberdeen	20	10	6	4	41	24	26	
Dundee	22	10	6	6	38	26	26	
Hearts	22	11	3	8	33	30	25	
Ayr United	23	9	6	8	32	40	24	
East Fife	23	10	2	11	34	39	22	
St. Johnstone	20	6	7	7	33	36	19	
Partick Thistle	23	8	2	13	30	38	18	
Motherwell	21	6	6	9	24	34	18	
Falkirk	21	4	9	8	26	38	17	
Arbroath	23	6	5	12	29	43	17	
Morton	20	5	6	9	28	34	16	
Dumbarton	21	3	8	10	26	40	14	
Kilmarnock	22	4	4	14	24	48	12	
Airdrieonians	21	2	5	14	21	44	9	

THE CELTIC SEASON SO FAR

FIRST TEAM LEAGUE CUP

			F	A
Aug.	12	(a) Stirling Albion	3	0
"	16	(h) East Fife	1	1
"	19	(a) Arbroath	5	0
"	23	(a) East Fife	3	2
"	26	(h) Stirling Albion	3	0
"	28	(h) Arbroath (at Hampden)	3	3
Sept.	20	(a) Stranraer	2	1
Oct.	4	(h) Stranraer (second round)	5	2
Oct.	11	(a) Dundee	0	1
Nov.	1	(h) Dundee	3	2
		after extra time		
Nov.	20	(h) Dundee (quarter-final)	4	1
"	27	(h) Aberdeen (Semi-final)	3	2
Dec.	9	(h) Hibernian (Final)	1	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Sept.	2	(h) Kilmarnock (at Hampden)	6	2
"	9	(a) Morton	2	0
"	16	(h) Rangers (at Hampden)	3	1
"	23	(a) Dundee	0	2
"	30	(h) Ayr United	1	0
Oct.	7	(h) Airdrieonians	1	1
"	14	(a) Partick Thistle	4	0
"	21	(h) East Fife	3	0
"	28	(a) Aberdeen	3	2
Nov.	4	(h) Dundee United	3	1
"	11	(a) Motherwell	5	0
"	18	(h) Hearts	4	2
"	25	(a) Falkirk	3	2
Dec.	2	(a) Dumbarton	6	1
"	16	(a) Arbroath	2	1
Dec.	23	(h) Hibernian	1	1
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Jan.	6	(a) Rangers	1	2
"	13	(h) Dundee	2	1
"	13	(a) Ayr United	3	1
"	27	(a) Airdrieonians	1	2

EUROPEAN CUP

Sept.	13	(h) Rosenborg (at Hampden)	2	1
"	27	(a) Rosenborg (first round)	3	1
Oct.	25	(h) Ujpest Dozsa	2	1
Nov.	8	(a) Ujpest Dozsa (second round)	0	3

SCORERS

26—Dalglish
18—Deans
14—Hood

10—Macari
7—Lennox
6—Murdoch (5 pen.)
6—Johnstone
3—McCluskey
2—Davidson (V)
1—Callaghan, Hay
3—own goal (Cargill, Arbroath, McCallum, Motherwell, Cushley, Dumbarton)

RESERVES LEAGUE CUP

Aug.	12	(h) Airdrieonians	1	1
"	14	(h) Ayr United	4	1
"	19	(h) Motherwell	2	3
"	24	(a) Ayr United	3	2
"	26	(a) Airdrieonians	8	1
"	30	(a) Motherwell	1	2

2ND ELEVEN CUP

Oct.	9	(a) Motherwell (first round)	2	0
"	21	(h) Clyde (second round)	2	0

LEAGUE

Aug.	22	(h) Dumbarton	4	0
Sept.	2	(a) Kilmarnock	2	3
"	15	(a) Rangers	3	1
"	23	(h) Dundee	3	2
"	30	(a) Ayr United	2	1
Oct.	6	(a) Airdrieonians	3	1
"	11	(h) Partick Thistle	5	6
"	17	(h) Falkirk	4	1
"	21	(a) East Fife	1	0
"	28	(h) Aberdeen	3	1
Nov.	2	(a) Dundee Utd.	2	2
"	18	(a) Hearts	2	2
"	28	(h) Ayr United	2	3
Dec.	20	(a) Morton	1	2
Dec.	23	(a) Hibernian	0	3
"	26	(h) Kilmarnock	2	1

1973

Jan.	3	(h) Morton	3	2
"	6	(h) Rangers	2	0
"	10	(a) Dundee	4	0
"	31	(a) Partick Thistle	2	5

SCORERS

12—Davidson (V)
10—Hood
7—White, Hancock, Wilson, McLaughlin
6—Lennox
3—Franchetti, McNamara
2—Deans, O'Hara, Macari
1—Balmer, Johnstone, McCluskey, McGrain, "Junior"

FOURTH ENCOUNTER THIS SEASON

EAST FIFE IN THE LEAGUE

This will be the fourth match between Celtic and East Fife this season. In the League Cup in August they drew 1-1 at Celtic Park and Celtic won 3-2 at Bayview Park. The third game was the league fixture at Parkhead in October. Celtic won 3-0 and the teams were:—

Celtic—*Williams; McGrain, Hay; Murdoch, McNeill, Connelly; Dalglish, Macari, Deans, Callaghan, Lennox.* (Sub. Hood for Murdoch, 30 minutes).

East Fife—*Gorman; Duncan, McQuade; Hamilton, Martis, Clarke; Hegarty, Dailey, Green, Borthwick, McPhee.* (Sub. Honeyman).

Referee—J. R. P. Gordon,
(Newport-on-Tay)

The scorers were Hood, Deans and Macari, the second goal having been vehemently disputed on the grounds that Deans had challenged Gorman unfairly.

East Fife, formed in 1903, did not play in the first division until 1930-31. This is their thirteenth season in the first division. Their best placings have been third in 1951-52 and 1952-53. Last season, their first in the top league since 1957-58, they finished 16th of the 18 clubs.

Answers to Quiz

1. Scot Symon and Jerry Dawson.
2. All except Adams and Philp.
3. October 21, 1972, at Celtic Park.
4. Falkirk (1947-48), Dunfermline Athletic (1949-50), and Partick Thistle (1953-54).
5. Centre forward, left half, outside left, left half.
6. East Fife 0, Clydebank 1 (third round replay at Methil, 1972).
7. Third in seasons 1951-52 and 1952-53.
8. Once (1947-48).
9. Rangers (at Methil on December 23, 1972).
10. Four.

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<p>E DUMBARTON COWDENBEATH</p>	<p>M ST. MIRREN PARTICK THISTLE</p>
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