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Scottish Cup—Third Round

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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...

The Scottish Cup is always a welcome change at this time of the year—and that goes for players and spectators alike. It does not matter what kind of opponents we have to meet; there is something about the Cup which has a magic of its own.

Albion Rovers, our opponents of today, are far removed from the category of giants. They are no less welcome to Celtic Park. Just because they are a second division club, and not one of the higher placed at that, they must not be treated lightly. Indeed they are the type of opposition which the bigger clubs are not always happy to meet. Rovers will go into today's game with absolutely nothing to lose; therefore they will be dangerous opponents. I would like to think that we shall be giving the crowd top-class entertainment with the match well in hand fairly early on. But woe betide any of our men who don't go full out to decide the tie from the start.

RUSSIAN VISTORS

On Monday night we face an entirely different calibre of opposition. Our visitors from the Soviet Union, Dynamo Kiev, are champions of their country, and we have good reason to remember them as European Cup rivals. If we had tried to arrange a match with top-class opposition from abroad but with a team that we were very confident of beating we would hardly have chosen Dynamo Kiev.

Please note, by the way, that the kick-off on Monday night is 7.45 p.m. It will help everyone if all those who intend to be present at this most attractive game arrive in good time.

We consolidated our position at the top of the league by beating Hibs last week—a



far from popular result if we are to judge from many of the comments about the game. Our players thought that they had a good goal disallowed in the first half and they also had more than a little doubt about the validity of the Hibs goal in that period. I agree with them that there was a disproportionate amount of comment about the late Hibs score that was disallowed.

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of last season when they finished two points behind Celtic at the top and 81.66 when they won the championship (16 club competition) in season 1954-55.

Celtic's percentage at the moment is 91.30 compared with their final percentage of 82.35 last season and 92.64 of season 1967-68 (see page 10).

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS SINCE ROVERS BEAT A FIRST DIVISION CLUB IN THE CUP

Thirty-four years have passed since Albion Rovers defeated a first division club in the Scottish Cup.

That is the remarkable fact that very few supporters of the Coatbridge club realise as they hope for the best at Celtic Park this afternoon.

The last first division Cup victims of Rovers were Dundee in a first round tie in January 1938, at Cliftonhill Park, when the second league side won 4-2 and the team were:—

Albion Rovers—*Robertson; Waddell, Beath; Corrance, Liddell, Mc Latchie; Burke, Kiernan, Love, Loudon, Douglas.*

Dundee—*Lynch; Rennie, Richards; Cowie, Morgan, Sheddon; Boyd, Baxter, Coats, McMenemy, Kirby.*

Referee—*P. Craigmyle (Aberdeen).*

TOMMY KIERNAN

The goals were scored by Love (2), Loudon, and Kiernan for Rovers and Coats and Baxter for Dundee. Tommy Kiernan became a Celtic player seven years later. Older Celtic supporters will remember the stockily built, clever inside right, who made a reputation with Army representative teams during the war.

Rovers, ill-supported nowadays, would be glad to have a home "gate" such as attended that cup-tie with Dundee. The attendance was 6,000—and that on a day on which Third Lanark and Celtic attracted a record crowd of 43,877 for Cathkin Park in another first-round tie.

Rovers beat Ross County at Dingwall in the second round but were beaten 4-0 at Falkirk in the third round.

Since then they have played 10 first division clubs in the Cup—Aberdeen (1938-39, when Rovers were themselves in the first division), Hibernian (1947-48), Clyde (1950-51

and 1954-55), Third Lanark (1951-52), Queen of the South (1952-53), Dundee (1953-54 and 1969-70), Hearts (1957-58), Celtic (1958-59), Dundee United (1962-63), and Kilmarnock (1963-64).

The closest they came to victory in any of those ties was in 1954 when they drew 1-1 with Dundee at Cliftonhill in the second round. (They lost the replay 1-4).

SIXTH TIE WITH CELTIC

This will be the sixth Scottish Cup tie with Celtic. The previous games have resulted:—

1888-89 (third round)—Celtic 4, Albion Rovers 1; 1893-94 (second round)—Celtic 7, Albion Rovers 0; 1932-33 (fourth round)—Albion Rovers 1, Celtic 1; Celtic 3, Albion Rovers 1; 1936-37 (second round)—Albion Rovers 2, Celtic 5; 1958-59 (first round)—Celtic 4, Albion Rovers 0.

The scorers in the last match were Sammy Wilson (2), Mike Jackson, and Kerr (own goal).

Rovers' best Scottish Cup season ever was 1919-20 when they reached the final, in which they lost 2-3 to Kilmarnock.

In the 25 seasons since the Second World War Rovers have reached the last 16 in the competition only three times and have never gone beyond that stage. Whatever their fate this afternoon they will earn some hard-earned money. Last season they were eliminated in a first preliminary round at Forfar.

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC

(from)

WILLIAMS

CRAIG

HAY

BROGAN

MURDOCH

McNEILL

CONNELLY

JOHNSTONE

DALGLISH

DEANS

MACARI

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HOOD

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R. K. WILSON
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(Kilmarnock)

ALBION ROVERS

(from)

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NESS

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FERRIS

MARTIN

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MACKINDER

Coatbridge Club in the League

Albion Rovers, formed in 1881, had from then until 1919, (when they moved to their present headquarters) Meadow Bank, Whifflet, as their home ground.

They played in the second division of the Scottish League from 1903 to 1919. Their first taste of first division football was in 1919, and their longest experience of it has been from then until 1923.

They have been relegated three times—in 1923, 1937, and 1949; they have won promotion three times—at the end of season 1933-34 (they won the second division championship that season), 1937-38, and 1947-48.

In their last season in the first division, a very unsuccessful one, they had a surprisingly good result (3-3) against Celtic in a league match at Cliftonhill. Indeed some of those who were present (including Jock Stein, who was at the time Rovers' centre half) recall a most astonishing

omission by the referee who did not award Rovers a penalty kick when Jimmy Mallan, having misjudged a cross, used both hands above his head to stop the ball in Celtic's penalty area.

QUIZ ON ALBION ROVERS

1. What was Rovers' final placing in the league last season?
2. Who was Rovers' manager when they last played in the first division?
3. Who was the Internationalist forward who played for Scotland first as a Rovers player and then as a Hearts player?
4. A South African who played for Scotland was on Rovers' books as a player in the late 1940's. Who was he?
5. Albion Rovers finished last of the 16 clubs in their last season in the first division. How many games did they win and what was their points total?
6. A former Scottish Internationalist is on the Rovers' board of directors. Can you name him?
7. The player referred to in Question 4 was best known in club football when he was on the books of ————?
8. Who was the Rovers goalkeeper who was a well known cricketer?

The Celtic Season so far

LEAGUE CUP

			F	A
Aug. 14	(h) Rangers		2	0
	(at Ibrox Stadium)			
" 18	(a) Morton		1	0
" 21	(a) Ayr United		3	0
" 25	(h) Morton		0	1
" 28	(a) 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		1	4
	(final)			

LEAGUE

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
Dec. 25	(h) Hearts		3	2
Jan. 1	(a) Clyde		7	0
" 3	(h) Rangers		2	1
" 8	(a) Morton		1	1
Jan. 15	(h) Airdrieonians		2	0
" 22	(a) St. Johnstone		3	0
" 29	(h) Hibernian		2	1

EUROPEAN CUP

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

TAKE CARE

Celtic Football Club wish to thank spectators for their continued willingness to co-operate in the matter of crowd safety. The club directors and manager wish to point out, especially to the younger members of spectators, the risks that are taken by those who run, particularly down sloping parts of the ground.

It will be even more important to take care on Monday night when a big crowd will gather for the match against Dynamo Kiev.

SCORERS

20	Dalglish
18	Hood
15	Macari
14	Lennox
11	Deans
8	Johnstone
4	Callaghan
3	Wallace, Hay, McNeill
2	Brogan
1	Hughes, Murdoch, Gemmell, Davidson (V)
4	own goals: Clark (Morton), Ruddy (Clydebank), Strachan (Partick Thistle), Mulheron (Clyde)

RESERVES

League Cup

		F	A
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

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
Jan. 15	(a) Airdrieonians	3	0
" 29	(a) Hibernian	3	3

Second XI Cup

Oct 30	(h) Ayr United	3	1
	(second round)		
Jan. 22	(a) East Fife	5	3
	(third round)		

SCORERS

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

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Division I Table

	GOALS									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	T	S	
Celtic	23	20	2	1	72	18	42			
Aberdeen	23	17	4	2	64	17	38			
Rangers	23	16	1	6	53	22	33			
Dundee	23	10	9	4	43	25	29			
Hibernian	23	12	4	7	38	21	28			
Partick Thistle	23	10	7	6	44	36	27			
Hearts	23	9	8	6	37	37	26			
St. Johnstone	23	8	6	9	36	39	22			
Motherwell	23	9	4	10	37	47	22			
Kilmarnock	23	9	3	11	34	44	21			
Ayr United	23	5	8	10	23	35	18			
Morton	23	7	3	13	30	38	17			
Dundee United	22	7	3	12	38	53	17			
Falkirk	23	7	3	13	31	49	17			
East Fife	23	3	10	10	22	42	16			
Clyde	23	5	4	14	22	51	14			
Dunfermline Ath.	23	3	7	13	19	37	13			
Airdrieonians	22	3	6	13	26	58	12			

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- Seventh.
- Mr. Webber Lees.
- Jock White.
- Dougie Wallace.
- Three games won; 8 points.
- Bobby Flavell.
- Clyde.
- Tom Crosskey.

THE NINETEENTH IN THE LEAGUE

When Celtic play Dundee at Dens Park next Saturday they will be attempting to beat their run of 18 league games without defeat in season 1969-70. In that season they won 17 matches and drew one from November 15 to March 21 inclusive.

This season they have won 16 and drawn two from October 9 to January 29 inclusive.

The best Celtic performance by far in this respect in modern times was a run of 32 games without defeat in season 1967-68—the season in which they won the championship with a record aggregate of 63 points. The run started on September 23 and continued right to the end of the season on April 30—with 29 games won and three drawn.

Even that run does not compare, however, with the 63 league games

of Celtic without defeat from November 1915, to April 1917. That remains a record for the Scottish League.

Division II Table

	GOALS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Cowdenbeath	25	14	8	3	51	18	36
St. Mirren	24	15	2	7	61	35	32
Arbroath	24	13	5	6	50	35	31
Queen of the South	23	13	4	6	42	25	30
Dumbarton	22	12	4	6	54	39	28
Stirling Albion	21	11	5	5	46	29	27
Clydebank	25	9	8	8	39	36	26
Raith Rovers	25	10	5	10	41	37	25
Stranraer	23	9	7	7	40	43	25
Montrose	24	10	4	10	50	38	24
East Stirlingshire	22	9	6	7	35	31	24
Queen's Park	22	9	6	7	32	31	24
Berwick Rangers	22	9	3	10	34	30	21
Stenhousemuir	24	7	6	11	28	35	20
Albion Rovers	25	7	5	13	30	40	19
Alloa	22	6	3	13	29	44	15
Brechin City	22	5	5	12	22	45	15
Forfar Athletic	23	4	4	15	20	59	12
Hamilton Acas	24	3	2	19	18	72	8

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