

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Celtic

versus **PARTICK THISTLE**

CELTIC PARK

**SATURDAY
7th FEBRUARY
1981**

**Kick-off
3 p.m.**



**programme
30p**

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FROM THE MANAGER

WELL, while recognising that we have to concentrate and maintain our present surge, the position of the club right now is buoyant.

We've taken over leadership of the Premier League from Aberdeen; the Reserves have won in convincing fashion the West Section of their league; and the under-18s side, having won their first half of the season division began the second competition with a victory at Greenock over Morton.

Of course, with things moving in the right direction for us this is precisely the time to be vigilant and see that the momentum is maintained.

We must continue to express ourselves with attractive, open football, something we have been doing convincingly recently. That must be the pattern right to the end of the season if we are to take prizes.

It is our efforts — and our efforts alone — that will determine how successful a season it will be.

Every game is important and now that we've got ourselves at the top again the pressure will increase. Every opposing team likes to beat the leaders.

Partick Thistle will be in that sort of mood against us today. This is our fifth meeting of the season. Most of our matches have been tight and Thistle are clearly working well under their new manager Peter Cormack.

They've brought off one or two results. We'll have to treat them carefully but the current mood of the Celtic team makes me hopeful that two more championship points will be secured today.

I felt we had a good result at Tynecastle last week. To win 3—0 away from home is a satisfying position irrespective of the strength of the opposition. Mark you, I would have been happier if we'd shot home further goals. Our play deserved a bigger dividend.

Nevertheless, it didn't do our confidence any harm and everyone at Celtic Park knows that they have to continue in this vein for themselves, the club and the fans. The players are prepared to put in a little extra through to the end of the season. I ask the fans, who have been tremendous all the way, to put in a little extra as well. It could be an unstoppable combination.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



FOUNDED 1888

Directors:

Desmond White, C.A. (Chairman),
Thomas L. Devlin, James M. Farrell,
M.A., LL.B., Kevin Kelly.

Manager:

Billy McNeill.

Address:

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HONOURS:

League Champions (31 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,
1977, 1979.

Cup Winners (26 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907,
1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925,
1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954,
1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974,
1975, 1977, 1980.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

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BEHIND THE SCENES

THE man who made it possible to call upon all the players who were involved in the Tynecastle match with Hearts last week-end . . . physiotherapist Brian Scott.

He was the busiest individual at Parkhead this week. Sunday was a working day for him tending to Charlie Nicholas and Tom McAdam. And while Monday saw the rest of the staff free he was still coping with a busy treatment room.

"It has been a very active time for Brian", said manager Billy McNeill. "He's been working non-stop with Murdo MacLeod and with Nicholas and McAdam requiring attention there was no day off for him. The pay off came with the availability of Nick and Tom this afternoon."



Another frustrating period of

inaction faces Murdo MacLeod. Just when it looked as if he was on the point of returning to the first team his muscle injury began to pain him in training.

A period of rest was advised by a specialist, though the present situation isn't as serious as the original hurt. And certainly it won't be as long as the month reported in some quarters.



The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act is now in force and the police powers concerning such items as taking drink into football matches should be studied by all fans. This aspect of the law, plus the carrying of drink on supporters buses has been well publicised and Celtic Football Club hope that all supporters of the team will abide by the new regulations.



JOHN WEIR
celebrates his 21st birthday this month.

Today's match began for Celtic fans the luxury of three home games in a row. It is Stirling Albion in the Scottish Cup next week and then Rangers on February 21. There are still some tickets available for this fixture which seems likely to give Parkhead the biggest crowd of the season.

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Duel of the Macs



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MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC (from)

Pat BONNER
Danny McGRAIN
Mark REID
Dom SULLIVAN
Tom McADAM
Roy AITKEN
Davie PROVAN

Mike CONROY
Frank McGARVEY
Tommy BURNS
Charlie NICHOLAS
George McCLUSKEY
John WEIR

THISTLE (from)

Alan ROUGH
Dave McKINNON
Brian WHITTAKER
Jackie CAMPBELL
Andy ANDERSON
Kenny WATSON
Donald PARK

Ian JARDINE
Alex O'HARA
Ian McDONALD
George CLARK
John LAPSLEY
Joe SWEENEY
Jamie DOYLE

AND OFFICIALS

Referee
Mr J. R. Renton
(Cowdenbeath)

Linesmen
Mr H. Gould
(Markinch)
Mr L. J. Officer
(Aberdeen)

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A	ABERDEEN v MORTON	
B	DUNDEE UTD v RANGERS	
C	KILMARNOCK v HEARTS	
D	ST MIRREN v AIRDRIE	
E	BERWICK v MOTHERWELL	
F	CLYDEBANK v ST JOHNSTONE	
G	DUNFERMLINE v FALKIRK	
H	E STIRLING v STIRLING ALBION	
I	HAMILTON v AYR UNITED	
J	HIBERNIAN v DUNDEE	
K	RAITH ROVERS v DUMBARTON	
L	EVERTON v ASTON VILLA	
M	IPSWICH v CRYSTAL PALACE	
N	LEICESTER v MAN UTD	
O	WEST BROM v LIVERPOOL	

Spectators are requested to take care — particularly leaving the ground after the match

CELTIC ARE DOUBLE 'TOPPERS'

CELTIC are tops. They've taken over the leading spot in the Premier League and had a convincing success in the 26-match Reserve League. Even though they've two matches to go they have the division sewn up. Details in "Reserve Scene".

The latest table placings are:

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	24	17	2	5	51	27	36
Aberdeen	23	14	7	2	45	16	35
Rangers	22	10	10	2	39	16	30
Dundee Utd	23	9	8	6	41	28	26
St Mirren	23	8	7	8	33	29	23
Partick Th	24	8	7	9	19	26	23
Morton	24	7	7	10	26	38	21
Airdrie	23	5	8	10	22	36	18
Hearts	23	3	5	15	18	40	11
Kilmarnock	23	2	5	16	15	53	9

RESERVES LEAGUE (West)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	24	20	4	0	54	14	44
Rangers	23	14	5	4	67	26	33
Kilmarnock	24	11	6	7	48	31	28
St Mirren	21	11	6	4	38	27	28
Ayr Utd	22	9	7	6	41	31	25
Partick Th	21	10	3	8	34	32	23
Hamilton	23	7	7	9	26	37	21
Motherwell	22	8	4	10	35	38	20
Clydebank	23	8	4	11	29	42	20
Dumbarton	22	5	6	11	27	39	16
Airdrie	21	5	6	10	20	35	16
Queens Park	23	3	8	12	28	45	14
Morton	21	6	1	14	23	40	13
Clyde	22	5	1	16	22	57	11

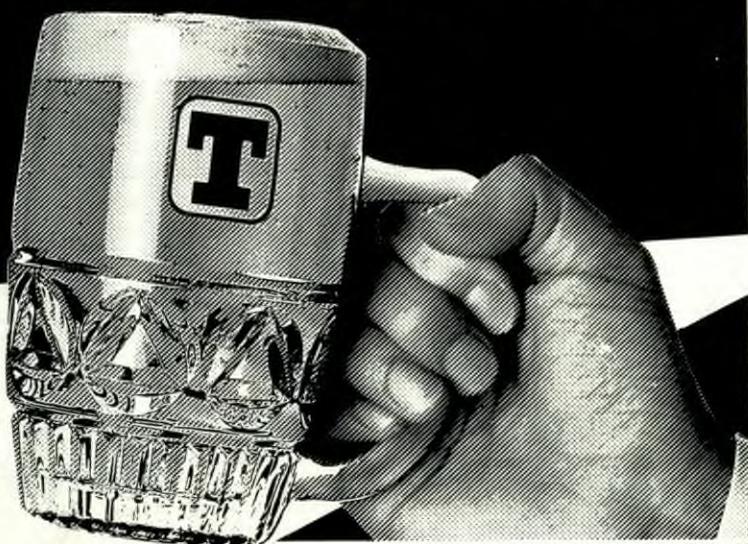
RESERVE LEAGUE (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	22	18	1	3	58	19	37
Dundee Utd	20	17	0	3	57	11	34
Dundee	20	15	2	3	56	23	32

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