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# JOCK STEIN says...

Having had no game since our home match against Rangers on January 5, I have mixed feelings about the enforced absence from a competitive match last Saturday. On one hand it could be considered a good thing that the players got a rest after a fairly gruelling holiday programme—particularly with grounds as heavy as they've been in recent weeks. However, it could be argued against that point of view that the team was on a good run in which they were creating chances and converting a fair percentage of them. At the same time, we won our last three games without conceding a goal which means that the defence were contributing just as much to our recent success as our creative players and strikers.

## RETURN TO THE LEAGUE

Let's hope that in our return to the league fray this afternoon the players show they have benefitted from their break and that they can pick up from where they left off a fortnight ago.

The players, or the fans for that matter, won't need reminding that the Muirton Park side is the only team to record a league victory against us this season.

In spite of all the talk that's being bandied about that the championship race is all over bar the shouting, our aim today, as in every other league game, is to add two points to our total.

As far as I am concerned, the league title will remain undecided until the top of the table team has a higher points total than that which can be obtained by any other side.



JOCK STEIN

I hope at the end of the season that team will be Celtic, but until then our aim is the winning of each game as it comes.

## EUROPEAN CUP

Due to the present emergency working arrangements, this programme had to be printed in the first three days of the week and I am therefore unable to make any observations on our opponents in the quarter-final of the European Cup. However, I will have something to say on that subject in our next programme.



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# To-day's Visitors to Celtic Park

Visitors for today's league match at Celtic Park are St. Johnstone, the only team that has recorded a win over Celtic in this season's league championship campaign.

The Muirton Park men are managed by former Airdrie and Dundee player Jackie Stewart who had previous managerial stints with Albion Rovers and Dumbarton.

Jackie Stewart joined the Perth club when Willie Ormond left the Saints to take over the role as Scotland team manager.

In spite of the September league success against Celtic, the Saints are not having one of their better league campaigns and at present they are in a group of five clubs jointly placed in the third from bottom league position.

Today's team selection is likely to come from the following players :—

**Jim Donaldson**—Signed from Jeanfield Swifts in the mid-sixties is a most capable goalkeeper who on his day is as good as the best.

**John Lambie**—Has been with the club for a few years and is a fast, good tackling full back who likes to over-lap when possible.

**Willie Ritchie**—Joined up from Largs Thistle in 1970 and has been coming more into the first team scheme of things this season at full-back.

**Jim Argue**—Signed from Kilsyth Rangers in 1967 and has been a fairly regular member of the team for the last three years.

**Alec Rennie**—A signing from Stirling in 1967, has adapted to the

sweeper role which he plays with courage and determination.

**Ian McDonald**—A product of Highland League football in 1972 and has made the centre-half position his own in the last year.

**Andy Kinnell**—was signed from Cowdenbeath for a modest fee which he has repaid with his skill, enthusiasm and experience.

**Henry Hall**—An £8000 signing from Stirling Albion in 1968, operates mainly in the mid-field but hasn't lost his flair for scoring goals.

**Gordon Smith**—The promising displays of this youngster with the famous football name has made him the pin-up boy of the Perth fans.

**John Hotson**—A product of famous nursery club Gairdoch United, has been playing as a striker recently.

**Jim Pearson**—Stylish forward with an eye for goals who has been attracting the attention of English clubs. Another product of Gairdoch United.

**Fred Aitken**—Ball-playing winger with a fair turn of speed and a deadly left foot. Joined Saints from Fife Junior club Valleyfield Colliery in 1966.

**John McQuade**—Called up from Denny High School during the close season and is already making an impact on the first team scene.

**John Muir**—Signed from Alloa Athletic four years ago, he knows where the goal lies, playing on the wing or through the middle.

**Duncan Kerr**—A full-back who joined up at Muirton Park from Manchester City last season.



# 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  
McCLUSKEY  
McNEILL  
HAY  
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<b>B</b> ARBROATH MORTON		<b>F</b> FALKIRK DUNFERMLINE	
<b>C</b> AYR UNITED HIBERNIAN		<b>G</b> HEARTS RANGERS	
<b>D</b> DUNDEE UNITED MOTHERWELL		<b>H</b> PARTICK THISTLE DUMBARTON	

# FOR TODAY'S GAME

## CELTIC HONOURS

### ST. JOHNSTONE

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WEBSTER  
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DONALDSON  
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McDONALD  
CRAMMOND  
MUIR  
SMITH  
PEARSON  
HALL  
HOTSON  
McQUADE  
KINNELL

#### 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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# A game to remember

Matches between Celtic and St. Johnstone have provided many entertaining clashes in the past and the Perth side have a better record than most against the Celts in recent seasons.

The game we recall here today was the opening league match of the 1969-70 season and any thoughts that Celtic would get off to an easy championship start were soon dispelled by the Muirton Park side.

Both teams have changed dramatically since that game which was played on Saturday August 30, 1969.

The team line-ups were:—

**Celtic** — Fallon; Craig and Gemmell; Brogan, McNeill and Clark; Johnstone and Connelly; Wallace, Hood and Chalmers.  
**Twelfth Man**—Macari.

**St. Johnstone** — Donaldson; Lambie and Cockburn; Gordon, Rooney and McPhee; Aird and Hall;

McCarry, Connolly and Aitken.  
**Twelfth Man**—Whitelaw.

After some great play by both sides, the home team were shocked when the Perth side took the lead through McCarry after 22 minutes. Six minutes before the interval, Celtic were back on level terms. Steve Chalmers was the man on the target after Willie Wallace had made the opening.

Thirteen minutes into the second half the Saints took the lead for the second time. A long pass from John Connolly found Fred Aitken unmarked and the winger blasted the chance past the helpless John Fallon.

St. Johnstone's lead was short lived, however, because just five minutes later Harry Hood scored with a great header and the Celts were on equal terms for the second time.

The game ended with the score 2-2.

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*Stevie Murray heads a pass back from the bye-line for Dixie Deans to score at Mairton Park in the League Match in September. In spite of the early lead Celtic lost by 2-1.*

# 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

## 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	Vejele B.K.	0
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## (2nd Leg)

Vejele BK	0	Celtic	1
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## 1st TEAM SCORERS

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

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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
Motherwell	0	Celtic	2
Celtic	2	Dundee	1
Hibernian	1	Celtic	2
East Fife	1	Celtic	3
Celtic	4	Aberdeen	1
Falkirk	2	Celtic	6
Celtic	2	Dunfermline	0
Rangers	2	Celtic	0
Dundee Utd.	2	Celtic	1

## 2nd XI Cup

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

## RESERVE SCORERS

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

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