

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Monday, 3rd January 1977



Celtic v Rangers

KICK-OFF 1 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Late Celtic strike downed Rangers

IT'S seems no time at all since Celtic last played Rangers in a Premier League game.

Actually it was on November 24 (postponed from November 6 because of the League Cup final) and Celtic won by the only goal of the game.

Today we turn the clock back five years exactly to January 3, 1972 to look at the changes that have taken place in both teams in the interval.

The teams that day were:-

Celtic: Connaghan; Hay and Brogan; Dalglish, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Lennox; Deans; Callaghan and Hood. Sub: McGrain.

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine and Mathieson; Greig, Jackson and Smith; McLean and Johnstone; Stein; MacDonald and Johnston. Sub: Conn.

Referee: Mr W. Mullan (Dalkeith)

Both teams chased the all-important opening goal as play raged from end to end and then, just as it looked a first half of stalemate, Celtic opened the scoring.

Harry Hood raced down the left wing leaving Rangers defenders in his wake. His perfect cross sailed right across the Rangers goalmouth to an unmarked Jimmy Johnstone who actually stopped to head the ball past McCloy.

The second half continued in ding-dong fashion without producing any goals — at least not until nine minutes from the end when Rangers notched an equaliser.

Colin Stein ran onto a Willie Johnston pass to slip the ball past Denis Connaghan.

With the fans starting to leave the ground Celtic struck in injury time to secure both points.

Billy McNeill took a free kick and lofted it to Harry Hood. Harry controlled the ball and then crossed it onto the head of Jim Brogan who glided the ball into the net.

This was Celtic's fourth win over their rivals that season having already beaten them in two league cup ties and a league match — all at Ibrox Park.

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Football can still pull in the fans



From the outset of this season the main target for the club has been the Premier League championship. And with the halfway stage in the tourney coming up Celtic are still very much in contention for the title.

We've got plenty of opposition for the prize . . . and that's a situation which will be to the benefit of the fans of this great game which still has plenty to offer the public, despite a lot of gloomy talk about attendances.

The fans will return to football if they get entertained. Look at our Sunday match with Aberdeen. The gate of 47,000 reflected the public interest (more correctly it reflected Celtic fan interest for over 90 per cent of them must have been backing the Parkhead side) in meaningful fixtures.

They were entertained royally by the play. Despite the tricky field conditions. This would have been a classic under ideal field conditions. As it was the skills of so many players came through and with four goals scored, the crowd enjoyed every minute.

Aberdeen, of course, are among our rivals for the title, the prize which opens the way to meeting the best in Europe next season. And we'd like to see this developing Celtic team back battling with the big names on the Continent again.

Dundee United and Rangers, our opponents this afternoon, are others who have their sights on the championship flag. Our old rivals from Ibrox can never be counted out in any tourney.

They are the constant challengers and while they've had to surrender one of their Grand Slam trophies already, it is a situation which has sharpened their resolve to hold on to the others, particularly the Premier League title.

It won't be easy against them this afternoon. It never is. Nevertheless, winning at Ibrox in November hasn't done our morale any harm.

However, now that the long haul through to April is facing us, the one thing that has to be closely guarded against is the slightest sense of complacency.

The players know they've got to give 100 per cent concentration in every game from here on in. One slip can be fatal in this highly competitive Premier League. So we've got to see we don't slip. **JOCK STEIN**

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1916, 1917, 1919,
1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24
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.

League Cup Winners (8
times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

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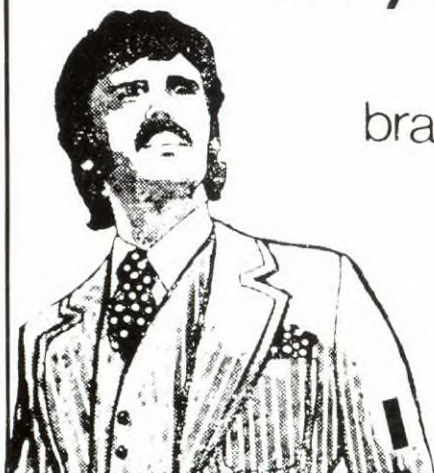
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Ne'erday, 1927, was gloomy for Celts

A PICTURE in the Christmas issue of the Celtic View of Jimmy McGrory and Hugh Hilley looking at a picture of the 1930-31 team reminded one that these Parkhead stalwarts were playing in the side exactly 50 years ago against Rangers in the Ne'erday game.

It is probably a Ne'erday neither will want to recall for Celtic's experiences over the holiday season were as gloomy as the weather.

Celtic met Rangers at Ibrox on Saturday January 1, 1927, with half a gale blowing and the famed Alan Morton, who skippered Rangers in the match, decided that his team should have it at their backs in the first half.

A crowd of 55,000 saw these teams line up:

Rangers — Hamilton; Gray, McCandless; Meiklejohn, Shaw, Craig, Archibald, McMillan, Marshall, Cunningham, Morton.

Celtic — Shevlin; W. McStay, Hilley; Wilson, Donoghue, Macfarlane; Connolly, Thomson, McGrory, McNally, McLean.

The referee was Tom Small of Dundee and four minutes after he set it going Thomson had put Celtic in front. A match report of the day gave him the goal though the ball struck McGrory on the way and was diverted away from Hamilton.

Archibald headed Rangers level before half time and when it looked like another Old Firm draw Marshall hit the winner 30 seconds from time.

A contemporary Press verdict on the play (in which Rangers had a debutant in McMillan, recently signed from Armadale) said both teams were seen to advantage against the wind. "At the interval the odds appeared to be greatly in Celtic's favour, but Rangers rose to the needs of the occasion. Indeed, their display in the second 45 minutes touched a standard that amazed both their opponents and the spectators. Alan Morton, especially in the closing stages proved himself the wizard of old."

It left Celtic second in the 20-club First Division table with 28 points from 19 games, the same pointage as Rangers who had played a game more. Motherwell led with 31 points from 21 games.

Topping the 20-club Second Division was Bo'ness (33 points from 21 games) followed by Raith Rovers, Clydebank and Arthurlie wach with 25 points from 21 games.

Like Bo'ness and Arthurlie other football names of 50 years ago in the Second Division that have gone from the main stream of senior football or disappeared completely, included Armadale, King's Park, Bathgate, St. Bernard, Nithsdale Wanderers.

Other gates on the first of January 50 years ago included: Clyde v Partick Thistle (10,000), Hamilton v Motherwell (20,000), Kilmarnock v St Mirren (10,000) and Queen's Park v St Johnstone (15,000).

Celtic continued their holiday programme on January 3, 1927, with a home fixture against Queen's Park. "An hour before the start," said a match report, "the far side of the ground was hardly visible through blinding showers of hail and rain which swept the field from goal to goal."

Yet 12,000 fans braved the weather and watched these sides kick off:

Celtic — Shevlin; W. McStay, Hilley; Wilson, J. McStay, Macfarlane, Connolly, Thomson, McGrory, McNally, McLean.

Queen's Park — J. D. Harkness; A. H. Hay, W. Wiseman; J. M. Russell, R. Gillespie, W. S. King; J. Crawford, W. S. Chalmers, J. Macdonald, J. B. McAlpine, E. Scott.

Willie Bell of Motherwell was the referee. Queen's scored first through Chalmers. McLean equalised and Thomson got a second to put Celts 2-1 ahead at half time. Macdonald levelled things and with only five minutes remaining Scott got the winner for the Amateurs. And with it went Celtic's home League record for the season.

TODAY'S VISITORS

“NEW” RANGERS

TAKE THE TEST

RANGERS, who swept up all the Scottish football prizes last season, have had to reduce the target for this term now that Aberdeen have the League Cup in their grip.

And in the bid for the Scottish Cup and the Premier Division championship, Ibrox team boss Jock Wallace

has been reorganising things to give the team its former sparkle and edge.

Men who helped the club to the Grand Slam of last season are no longer automatic choices and with young blood like Kenny Watson and Alex O'Hara figuring in the set-up the competition for places at Ibrox is pretty fierce.

Clearly the men in the player pool who have to watch the action from the sidelines will answer the challenge that Wallace has given them. Their efforts to recover places is just the type of situation that Rangers boss wants to develop.

Injuries created problems for the Ibrox side with Tom Forsyth, Colin Jackson and Derek Johnstone all out of action at times. Now they are back and their hunger for success is as sharp as that of the young ones.

The disruption of the Premier programme by the freeze-up gave manager Wallace a welcome breathing space to tackle the reorganisation. He sought the answers in reserve games, plus friendlies at Inverness and Cappielow.

From these games and work on the training ground, the Ibrox boss has evolved a pool of players all of whom have passed the severe qualifications he laid down.

The “new” Rangers have played Motherwell and Partick Thistle, but the test of the Wallace changes and



TOM FORSYTH
welcome return



JOCK WALLACE
reorganising things . . .

the mood of the Ibrox team comes this afternoon at Parkhead.

Character is a word that manager Wallace uses and nowhere is the character of a side more severely examined than an Old Firm joust.

Manager Wallace has no fears about his young 'uns like O'Hara, Watson and Martin Henderson in the encounter. Certainly O'Hara has impressed his boss in recent weeks and

he has a temperament for the big occasion. Watson and Henderson know about the tensions of an Old Firm occasion.

Around them will be plenty of men with experience of football at its highest level . . . all of them ready to give the little extra in this one.

That sprightly veteran John Greig revels in an Old Firm encounter and Derek Johnstone makes a habit of shining against Celts — no matter his position, be it defence, midfield or striker.

Playing at Parkhead is motivation enough for Rangers to launch into all-out action for 90 minutes. This time there are added incentives. Like the men chosen proving that manager Jock Wallace's reorganisation plan was 100 per cent correct. And beating Celtic for the first time in the League this season.

With Celtic blending into a settled combine the ingredients are there for a wonderful match for the Old Firm fans.

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SIDELINES

The latest Celt

SEVENTEEN-year-old Forth Wanderers striker, John Clifford, has joined the Celtic ground staff. John had a number of invites from English clubs.

6 ever presents

SIX Celts have been ever-presents in the League this season — Latchford, McGrain, Stanton, Glavin, Dalglish and Doyle. Andy Lynch missed out for the first time against Aberdeen.

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Johannes Edvaldsson. This week the Celts' Icelandic internationalist married air hostess Catherine Belshaw of Rutherglen at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, Clarkston.

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