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JOCK STEIN says . . .

EVERY WEEK and every period of the season are important to Celtic, but at this time of the year I believe we are in a more important period than usual.

Today we meet Dunfermline Athletic at Celtic Park just a week after we played them on our own ground in the first round of the Scottish Cup. Next Saturday we will again be in action in the Cup, this time against Dundee United, at Celtic Park, and a fortnight today we shall be at home for the fourth Saturday in succession, with our opponents in the league Morton.

So we have it in our power to get to the quarterfinals of the Cup and also to consolidate our position at the top of the league during this period in which we shall have the great advantage of playing to the great, enthusiastic Celtic support many of whom cannot manage to travel to away games that are played a distance from home but who make up for it with the way in which they encourage the team at home.

POSSIBILITY

I should point out at this stage, by the way, that although the match with Morton on February 14 is to be our fourth in succession at Celtic Park we may have an away game before then. If we and Dundee (John Prentice's Dundee) are clear of second-round Cup replays, we shall travel to Dens Park on Wednesday, February 11, to play the league match scheduled for Saturday, February 7.

Those who don't mind lack of real football skill so long as they get plenty of thrills and excitement caused principally by physical contact of the players had no complaint about the cup-tie with Dunfermline. Personally I am no lover of the type of match it was. I am not blaming anyone for the comparative absence

of skill. I feel sure that there was so much at stake for both clubs that the game was bound to be of the type it was.

There will be arguments about whether Celtic or Dunfermline had more to lose by being knocked out of the Cup in the first round. I am inclined to think that Dunfermline had greater incentive not to lose because of the opportunity the Scottish Cup presents regarding European football next season particularly to a club who have no chance of winning the league championship and who have a lot to do yet to make sure of a place in the Fairs Cities competition of 1970-71.

OUT FOR REVENGE

This afternoon Dunfermline will, of course, be out for revenge for last week's cup-tie defeat—a defeat that because of the late goals Celtic scored must have been most annoying to the visiting club. So Celtic have got to be on their toes again.

One thing I am fairly confident of—and that is that this will be a better kind of match for spectators who like to see a good deal of attractive play as well as a physical contest. Celtic will be fashioning their game on different methods and I hope everyone of our supporters here today approves.



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JIMMY McGRORY RECALLS A GREAT DAY

JIMMY McGRORY, whose scoring feats against Dunfermline are referred to on another page, has, not surprisingly, pleasant memories of playing against the Fife club.

"Perhaps it's because they were kind enough," he says, "to allow me to score a lot of goals, though joking aside, Dunfermline, as I recall them when I played against them, were always a strong enthusiastic side.

EIGHT PLUS TWO

"I have special recollection of the league game of 1928 at Celtic Park in which I scored eight

goals against Dunfermline.

"First of all I had two more disallowed—one I think for offside.

"But what sticks in my mind most of all is that not one of the goals I scored—neither the eight that were all right nor the two that were chalked off was scored with my head."

There has been no better

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Billy McNeill, George Connelly, Bobby Lennox and Mr. McGrory after Celtic's 1969 Scottish Cup triumph.

CELTIC—DUNFERMLINE IN THE LEAGUE

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC proved in the Scottish Cup tie last Saturday at Celtic Park how difficult opponents they are for Celtic. Nor is it only in cup-ties that Dunfermline in recent years have been very hard to beat.

Probably few Celtic supporters realise that though Dunfermline have won only one and drawn one of the last nine league fixtures at Parkhead they have lost five by only a single goal. And not once during that period have they failed to score in a league game at Celtic Park.

LAST SEASON

Celtic have won three of the games by 2-1, two by 3-2 and two by 3-1.

One of the 3-1 successes was last season on January 4 when these teams turned out:

CELTIC — Fallon; Craig and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Hughes and Wallace; Chalmers; Callaghan (T) and Lennox.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC — Duff; Callaghan (W) and Lunn; Fraser, Barry and Renton; Robertson and Paton; Edwards; Gardner and Mitchell.

The referee was Mr. W. J. Mullan (Dalkeith), who was in charge of last Saturday's cup-tie.

Willie Wallace (2) and Bobby Lennox scored for Celtic and Alec Edwards for Dunfermline. Lennox retired after 75 minutes and was replaced by Jimmy Johnstone. Dunfermline also used their twelfth man late in the game, Ian Cowan coming on for Barrie Mitchell.

Jock Stein paid the losers this tribute in "The Celtic View" four days later:

"I would like to praise the Dunfermline team who contributed so much to a fine match last Saturday. If it is any consolation to them I would say that they are the best Scottish visiting team to have played at Celtic Park this season."

5-4 THRILLER

One of the most thrilling league matches between the clubs in the recent past was not, however, played at Parkhead. In season 1966-67 Celtic won 5-4 at Dunfermline, having been no fewer than three times down by two goals—at 2-0, 3-1 and 4-2.

A hotly disputed penalty kick goal scored by Joe McBride decided the match. The teams were:

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC — Martin (B); Callaghan (W) and Totten; Thomson, McLean and Barry; Fleming and Paton; Delaney; Ferguson and Robertson.

CELTIC—Simpson; Gemmell and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Johnstone and Chalmers; McBride; Auld and Lennox.

Referee—T. Wharton (Clarkston). Robertson, Delaney, Paton and Ferguson scored for Dunfermline. McBride, Murdoch, Johnstone and Auld scored the other Celtic goals.

"PARS" DOUBLE

Two seasons previously Dunfermline recorded a league "double" over Celtic. They won 2-1 at Parkhead and then, just after Celtic had beaten them in the Scottish Cup final and

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Longest Run in First Division

Dunfermline Athletic were founded in 1907 and joined the Scottish League as members of the second division in 1921. They won the Division II championship in 1926 and accordingly promotion, but they were relegated several times afterwards. Their longest run in the first division is their present one. They have remained in the top league since they were promoted at the end of season 1957-58. Since 1960-61 they have done a great job for provincial football. Their position in the table since has been fourth, eighth, fifth, third, fourth, eighth, fourth and third.

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DETERMINED DUNFERMLINE



Dunfermline in determined defence in the previous league game with Celtic this season. Dunfermline won 2-1 at East End Park. On the left of the picture is Roy Barry, now a prominent centre half for English League first division club, Coventry City.

JIMMY McGRORY RECALLS (continued from page 3)

centre forward header of a ball than the great McGrory, but this always modest man who is not free with words about his own achievements was also a fine shot with either foot—as the 1928 match against Dunfermline obviously proved.

James E. Handley, author of "The Celtic Story," reckoned in his book that as large a proportion as a third of McGrory's goals were **headed**. That in itself indicates how remarkable was his scoring feat against Dunfermline on that great day in 1928.

Celtic-Dunfermline in the League (Continued from page 4)

given Mr. Stein his first major success as Celtic's manager, Dunfermline gained revenge in the return league game by 5-1.

The oldest Dunfermline supporter cannot recall a more substantial victory for his club over Celtic than that.

A much heavier defeat in the league, however, was suffered by Dunfermline in 1928 when Celtic won 8-1.

WORLD RECORD

On that day, January 14, Jimmy McGrory, now Celtic's public relations officer and Mr. Stein's predecessor as manager, created a world record for the Scottish League which still stands by scoring eight goals.

By coincidence famous centre forward McGrory eight years later scored three goals in a league game with Dunfermline at Celtic Park and made a new Scottish record — an aggregate of 351 goals in first-class football. The world record at the time was Steve Bloomer's 352. McGrory exceeded that just a month after his feat against Dunfermline, and went on to aggregate 550 goals (410 of them in the league).

DIVISION I TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					For	Agst.	
Celtic	22	17	2	3	61	23	36
Rangers	22	15	4	3	47	22	34
Hibernian	20	13	3	4	37	18	29
Hearts	23	8	9	6	36	28	25
Dunfermline Ath.	22	10	5	7	28	25	25
Dundee United	22	10	5	7	39	40	25
Dundee	21	9	5	7	26	23	23
Morton	21	8	5	8	32	33	21
Aberdeen	21	8	4	9	40	34	20
Kilmarnock	21	7	6	8	41	39	20
St. Johnstone	20	9	2	9	34	39	20
Ayr United	22	9	2	11	27	34	20
Motherwell	20	5	9	6	32	30	19
St. Mirren	22	5	4	13	19	31	14
Clyde	20	5	4	11	20	38	14
Airdrieonians	19	4	4	11	37	51	12
Raith Rovers	22	3	6	13	17	43	12
Partick Thistle	18	2	5	11	21	43	9

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