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JOCK STEIN says...

Today our opponents are old rivals Rangers in a Scottish league match and, as usual, the games commentators are forecasting that the destination of the Championship Flag will hinge on the outcome of this match.

As far as I am concerned the outcome of today's game will merely determine the distribution of two league points. Although that will have a bearing on the title race, the league champions tag will go to the side collecting most points over the whole season; therefore today's game has, for us, the same significance as any other league game—two points to be won.

In my programme piece for the Dunfermline match I said that if we collected full points from the three game holiday programme we would be in a strong position to retain the league title.

We won both the Dunfermline and Clyde games most convincingly, although the two games were poles apart in the type of football they produced.

Our performance against the East End Park team last Saturday was most pleasing. The players really played as a team—creating good scoring opportunities and converting the chances into goals. All six goals were good ones but the last one in particular was the type of goal that would have terracings packed again if that sort of build-up and finishing was more prevalent in football.

The game at Shawfield on Tuesday is one that is probably best forgotten as quickly as possible. Slack control of the game saw it develop into more of a brawl than a football match and



I was relieved to see the game finish without any bad injuries being sustained.

We won the game by scoring two goals in the first half and with a bit of luck we could have won the match by an even bigger margin.

Returning to today's game, however, we'll be looking for two points to further consolidate our place at the top of the league.

Let's hope that the game is an entertaining one and that the supporters will respond by being on their best behaviour.

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The greatest meeting of two clubs?

Today's meeting of Celtic and Rangers, often described as the greatest meeting of two clubs in domestic football, is the fifth confrontation of the two clubs in as many months.

As supporters of both clubs all know Celtic have won three of this season's meetings and Rangers' solitary success was in the only game of four played at Celtic Park.

In the first meeting of the two clubs at Ibrox on Saturday, August 18th in a League Cup sectional match the teams lined up as follows:-

Rangers—McCloy; Jardine and Mathieson; Greig, Johnstone and MacDonald, McLean and Forsyth; Parlane, Conn and Young. Substitutes—Scott and Smith.

Celtic—Hunter; McGrain and Brogan; Murray, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and McLaughlin Dalglish, Hay and Lennox. Substitutes—Hood and Callaghan.

After an evenly contested and goalless first half, Celtic struck twice after the interval with goals from Bobby Lennox and Harry Hood. Although Rangers got a late goal when the ball went in off Billy McNeill after the pivot collided with substitute Alaister Scott, Celtic emerged winners of the first match by 2 goals to 1.

In the second League Cup section match at Celtic Park two weeks later, both teams fielded unchanged sides and named the same substitutes.

This game turned out to be a tale of two halves with Celtic dominating the game in the first period and their opponents coming out on top after

the interval. In the first forty-five minutes Celtic played tremendous football and carved holes in the Rangers defence. At the interval however, they had only a Bobby Lennox goal to show for their overall supremacy.

The Parkhead men took up the offensive again at the start of the second half but some slack defensive play allowed Rangers to come back with two goals in as many minutes to take the lead.

Shortly thereafter Jimmy Johnstone clashed with Alec MacDonald and was ordered off while his adversary got away with a booking.

Celtic came close to equalising on several occasions but a late Alfie Conn goal ended the scoring and honours were even in the League Cup.

The third meeting of the 'Old Firm' rivals was at Ibrox in the Scottish League match just three weeks later on September 15th.

Rangers for the third time named an unchanged team, but injuries forced Celtic to introduce Hood and Wilson for McLaughlin and Lennox.

The game was a hard fought one with neither team looking like scoring until, with the game nearing its conclusion, Jimmy Johnstone headed home the only goal of the game to give Celtic both points.

In the most recent clash of the two teams, the League Cup semi-final at Hampden Park just over four weeks ago, both teams showed changes in their line-ups. Rangers had Jackson and Houston in for Johnstone and

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
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B ARBROATH DUNFERMLINE		F FALKIRK CLYDE	
C AYR UNITED DUMBARTON		G HEARTS MOTHERWELL	
D DUNDEE UNITED DUNDEE		H PARTICK THISTLE MORTON	

FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC HONOURS

RANGERS

(from)
McCLOY
JARDINE
MATHIESON
GREIG
JOHNSTONE
SMITH
YOUNG
FORSYTH
PARLANE
O'HARA
MacDONALD
SCOTT
HOUSTON

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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MacDonald with the latter moving to outside left.

Celtic's defence shuffle was confined to McCluskey for Murray who in turn moved to No. 6 in place of Connelly.

But the new look forward line was Hood and Hay, Wilson, Callaghan and Dalglish. On a night of swirling wind and pouring rain a Harry Hood hat-trick secured Celtic's League Cup final place for the tenth season in succession with a 3-1 victory. The Rangers goal scorer was Alec MacDonald.

With twelve goals scored in the last four matches there is every reason to think that more goals should be forthcoming in today's encounter.

Scottish League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	P	L	F	A	PTS
Celtic	17	14	2	1	50	12	30
Hibernian	16	10	3	3	34	20	23
Rangers	16	10	3	3	26	12	23
Ayr	18	9	4	5	24	19	22
Aberdeen	15	7	7	1	22	12	21
Hearts	18	8	5	5	31	24	21
Dundee Utd.	16	8	5	3	30	20	21
Motherwell	18	6	6	6	23	20	18
Dundee	16	5	4	7	24	23	14
Arbroath	17	5	5	7	28	31	15
Dumbarton	17	6	1	10	19	30	13
East Fife	18	5	3	10	13	22	13
Clyde	17	4	5	8	15	33	13
Morton	16	4	4	8	17	23	12
Dunfermline	17	4	4	9	24	34	12
Partick Th.	16	4	4	8	17	28	12
St. Johnstone	17	3	5	9	17	31	11
Falkirk	17	1	6	10	19	38	8



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Celtic's last 'home' league game with Rangers was played at Hampden and Celtic won by 3-1. The last meeting of the two at Celtic Park was in the League Cup section, and in this picture Bobby Lennox is seen scoring Celtic's only goal.

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
(2nd Leg)			
Celtic	0	Motherwell	1
2nd Round Decider			
Celtic	3	Motherwell	2
Quarter-final—(1st leg)			
Celtic	3	Aberdeen	2
(Quarter-final, 2nd Leg)			
Aberdeen	0	Celtic	0
Scottish League Cup Semi-final			
Rangers	1	Celtic	3
Scottish League Cup Final			
Dundee	1	Celtic	0
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

Scottish League continued

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

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

2nd XI Cup

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

European Cup 1st Round

(1st Leg)			
TPS Turku	1	Celtic	6

European Cup 1st Round

(2nd Leg)			
Celtic	3	TPS Turku	0

European Cup 2nd Round

(1st leg)			
Celtic	0	Vejle B.K.	0

(2nd Leg)

Vejle BK	0	Celtic	1
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1st TEAM SCORERS

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

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RESERVE SCORERS

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

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