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Celtic v. Partick Thistle

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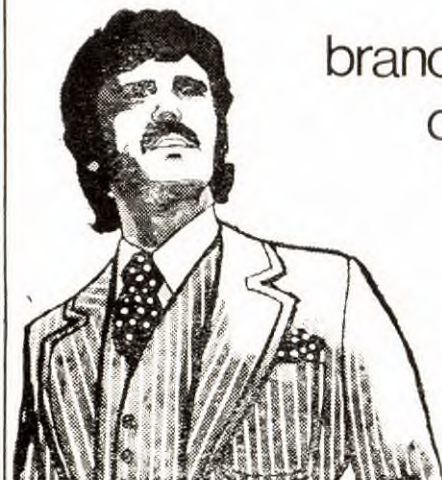
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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JOCK STEIN says...

Since the last programme was printed, for the game against Clydebank in the Scottish Cup, we have played two games. In the Cup we eliminated the Kilbowie Park team and in the league we dropped two valuable points to Hibs last Saturday.

The significant fact about the loss of those two points is that we are now trailing in the championship race and cannot really afford to make any more mistakes if we are to keep in contention.

But it was the manner in which we lost the points that annoyed me. We never at any stage of the game put Hibs under the type of pressure which we displayed in beating them on three different occasions already this season.

Without apportioning blame on anyone we lost two terribly careless goals and at other times we were lucky not to be punished more severely for slackness in defence. Some people are suggesting, with the benefit of hindsight, that I should have recalled the experienced Billy McNeill for the match. But Roddy McDonald has got to be given his chance. I may add that the big Highlander wasn't the worst player in a Celtic jersey last Saturday.

Anyway the same critics would have taken the opposite standpoint if we had played Billy McNeill and lost. Just as Roddy required a run Billy needed a break and I'm sure he'll have benefited from the rest.

This afternoon's game promises to be an exciting encounter with much more at stake for both teams than would have appeared possible in



December when we were top of the league and Thistle were the bottom club.

In the matches played since then Thistle have collected 15 points from 11 games and have hoisted themselves up to ninth position in the league.

With a win in today's game vital to both clubs the emphasis should be on attacking football and that is what soccer fans pay to see.

After today's game we'll turn our thoughts to our trip to Dumbarton next week for the Scottish Cup match at Boghead.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match. They are also requested to co-operate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIAL

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League Champions (29 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.

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970. 1974/75.

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feree:
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 (Glasgow)

(from)
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Scottish Cup
 Winners (23 times)
 1892, 1899, 1900,
 1904, 1907, 1908,
 1911, 1912, 1914,
 1923, 1925, 1927,
 1931, 1933, 1937,
 1951, 1954, 1965,
 1967, 1969, 1971,
 1972, 1974.

European Cup
 1967.

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 1953.

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 Cup
 1938.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

Previous matches between Celtic and Thistle have produced a fair crop of goals and the game we recall today was no exception to the rule.

The game we focus our attention on was played at Celtic Park on December 27th, 1969, and it was a game that Thistle fans will not relish being reminded of now.

CHANGE OF ROLE

Very few of the players who took part in that game just over six years ago have any chance of playing in today's game, but for one man in particular it will be a change of role as well as club.

The man in question is, of course, Bertie Auld who has changed the green and white hooped shirt he wore then for the 'hot seat' in the visitors' dug-out.

First of all the teams for the match played in 1969:

Celtic—Williams, Craig and Hay, Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan, Johnstone and Hood, Wallace, Auld and Hughes. Twelfth man: Lennox.

Partick Thistle—Ritchie, Campbell and Holt, Johnston, McKinnon and Hansen, Rae and Smith, Bone, Flanagan and Duncan. Twelfth man: Gray.

Celtic went straight into attack from the kick-off and it was a sign of things to come when Billy McNeill headed against Thistle's bar after only four minutes play.

However, it took Celtic another 13 minutes to get the ball into the net and it was John Hughes who broke the ice with a cracking shot. Ten minutes later Celtic scored a second when 'Yogi' took on the role of goal-maker for Bertie Auld to score. Just seconds before the interval Billy McNeill stabbed home the third, following an almighty scramble when Thistle failed to clear a corner kick.

FOURTH AND FIFTH

It took just seven minutes after the interval for Willie Wallace to score the fourth and another eight minutes for John Hughes to make the total five.

Thistle kept plugging away and Smith reduced the leeway, but it did little to stop the hungry Celts.

Willie Wallace made it six (his 100th for the club) from the spot and nine minutes from the end John Hughes completed his hat-trick.

With just five minutes remaining for play Bertie Auld added to Thistle's discomfiture by scoring his own second goal and Celtic's eighth.



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