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1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970.

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

Coronation Cup 1953

European Cup 1967

JOCK STEIN says...

It is my first duty in these notes to compliment the Celtic supporters. Wednesday night at Hampden was a grave disappointment for everyone connected with the club. Yet before the match with Ajax began and for a long spell of the play during which it was still possible for us to save the game, the supporters were tremendous with their encouragement. So all of us at Celtic Park would like to thank them for the part they played.

We must realise, all of us, that against a side of the class of Ajax, we had left ourselves a mammoth task—a task that only Celtic at their very best could have accomplished. We worked and tried very hard, but the longer the game lasted the more we knew that it had been won and lost in the first leg in Amsterdam.

So it's goodbye European Cup for this season. The season is, of course, not nearly over; we still have much to aim for—not least winning the championship of the league for the sixth successive time. That too will be a difficult task, but we must get our heads down to make amends for the European Cup defeat.



My principal hope is that we can quickly wipe out the effect of Wednesday's disappointment and get on with the job of winning the league. We must try to ensure that the renewal of the effort begins today.

Straightaway we have a real test this afternoon, for Falkirk, who drew 0-0 with us at Brockville earlier in the season are a good side make no mistake about that.

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Falkirk goalkeeper Stewart Rennie saves bravely from John Hughes in the league game at Brockville Park this season (result 0-0). John Markie (Falkirk) and Bobby Murdoch are the other players in the picture. A save of a very different kind by Rennie (from Jimmy Johnstone) in the same match can be seen on page 6.

JOHN WHITE'S FIRST GOAL FOR FALKIRK

SUCCESS AT CELTIC PARK

Few young footballers have shared in victory on their first visit to Celtic Park. One who did was the late John White, one of the finest forwards Scotland has had in many years.

John played his first match in the first division for Falkirk at Parkhead on October 11, 1958, when he was barely 21. Not only did Falkirk win that league game by 4-3 but the fair-haired White, transferred from Alloa to Falkirk, scored the visiting team's first goal.

The teams in that match were:—

Celtic—Beattie; Donnelly, Mochan; Cre-rand, McNeill, Smith; Colrain, Fernie, Conway, Divers, Auld.

Falkirk—Slater; Richmond, Hunter; Wright, Prentice, Price; McCulloch, White, Grierson, Moran, Lachlan.

Referee—J. P. Barclay (Kirkcaldy).

The scorers for Celtic, who led 3-2 at halftime, were John Divers (2) and Willie Fernie. The other Falkirk scorers were Wright, McCulloch and Moran. The Moran goal was scored in the last few seconds.

TAKE CARE!

Spectators are requested to enter and leave the ground in an orderly, unhurried manner. Please take heed of the elderly or very young in your midst and lend a helping hand when necessary.

Celtic supporters are asked to be especially careful next Saturday at Hampden Park, where there is likely to be a big crowd.

(Note—John White, who won 22 full International caps, most of them while he was with Tottenham Hotspur, was struck by lightning and died on a London golf course in July, 1964.)

That 4-3 win is Falkirk's last success in any competition at Celtic Park. They have lost the last eight league games they have played there and the clubs have not met in the Scottish Cup or the League Cup since season 1955-56 (when they were in the same League Cup section).

FOUR GOAL MARGIN

Six years ago to the day Falkirk won a remarkable league victory over Celtic at Brockville Park. Ten days before Celtic played in the Scottish Cup final Falkirk beat them 6-2.

They are the only club who have scored six goals against Celtic in Jock Stein's six years as manager.

Only once since have Celtic suffered a four-goal margin of defeat in any competition. That was a fortnight after the Falkirk shock when they lost 5-1 at East End Park in a league game to Dunfermline Athletic whom they had just previously defeated 3-2 in the Scottish Cup final.

The last Celtic-Falkirk match at Parkhead was a league game on April 9, 1969, when Celtic won 5-2. These were the teams:—

Celtic—Fallon; Craig, O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill, Clark; Johnstone, Hood, Wallace, Auld, Lennox (sub., Callaghan).

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PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC

(from)

WILLIAMS
HAY
GEMMELL
CALLAGHAN
MURDOCH
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BROGAN
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WALLACE
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(from)

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RENNIE
SIMPSON
McLAUGHLIN
MARKIE
MILLER
GIBSON
ROBINSON (J)
HOGGAN
SCOTT
FORD
YOUNG
FERGUSON
SHIRRA

Half-time Scoreboard

A	COWDENBEATH ST. MIRREN	0 1
B	DUNDEE DUNFERMLINE ATH.	0 1
C	HEARTS ABERDEEN	
D	KILMARNOCK HIBERNIAN	3 0
E	MORTON CLYDE	0 0
F	MOTHERWELL DUNDEE UNITED	1 2
G	RANGERS AYR UNITED	0 0
H	ST. JOHNSTONE AIRDRIEONIANS	0 0
J	ALLOA PARTICK THISTLE	0 6
K	STRANRAER EAST FIFE	0 0
L	ARSENAL STOKE CITY	0 2
M	EVERTON LIVERPOOL	1 0

DIVISION I TABLE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS			PTS
					F	A	PTS	
Aberdeen	29	22	4	3	62	14	48	
Celtic	27	21	3	3	70	18	45	
St. Johnstone	29	16	4	9	50	41	36	
Rangers	28	13	8	7	49	29	34	
Dundee	28	12	8	8	46	41	32	
Hearts	29	12	7	10	36	32	31	
Falkirk	28	10	9	9	38	37	29	
Motherwell	27	11	6	10	38	36	28	
Airdrieonians	28	11	6	11	48	55	28	
Morton	29	11	5	13	40	44	27	
Dundee United	27	9	7	11	38	45	25	
Hibernian	29	8	9	12	34	41	25	
Clyde	26	8	8	10	29	42	24	
Ayr United	29	8	7	14	34	47	23	
Kilmarnock	29	8	6	15	36	61	22	
Dunfermline Ath.	29	6	7	16	40	51	19	
St. Mirren	29	5	7	17	30	49	17	
Cowdenbeath	28	6	3	19	26	61	15	

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Falkirk—Rennie; Lambie, Hunter (J.); Gibson, Markie, Miller; Graham, Smith, Hunter (I.), McLaughlin, Watson (sub., Hoggan).

Referee—J. R. P. Gordon (Newport-on-Tay).

The scorer of both Falkirk goals that day was John ("Tiger") McLaughlin, who this season has been a consistently good left-back. Willie Wallace (2, one from a penalty-kick), Bobby Lennox (2), and Harry Hood were the Celtic scorers.

The Celtic Season so far

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

		F	A
Aug.	29 (h) Morton	2	0
Sep.	5 (a) Clyde	5	0
"	12 (h) Rangers	2	0
"	19 (a) Hibernian	0	2
"	26 (h) Dundee	3	0
Oct.	3 (a) Dunfermline Ath.	2	0
"	10 (h) St. Johnstone	1	0
"	17 (a) Airdrieonians	3	1
"	28 (h) Hearts	3	2
"	31 (a) Motherwell	5	0
Nov.	7 (h) Cowdenbeath	3	0
"	14 (h) Kilmarnock	3	0
"	21 (a) Falkirk	0	0
"	28 (h) St. Mirren	3	0
Dec.	5 (a) Dundee United	2	1
"	12 (h) Aberdeen	0	1
"	19 (a) Ayr United	2	1
"	26 (a) Morton	3	0
Jan.	2 (a) Rangers	1	1
"	9 (h) Hibernian	2	1
"	16 (a) Dundee	8	1
"	30 (h) Dunfermline Ath.	1	0
Feb.	6 (a) St. Johnstone	2	3
"	20 (h) Airdrieonians	4	1
"	27 (a) Hearts	1	1
Mar.	13 (a) Cowdenbeath	5	1
"	20 (a) Kilmarnock	4	1

LEAGUE CUP

		F	A
Aug.	8 (h) Hearts	2	1
"	12 (h) Clyde	5	3
"	15 (h) Dundee United	2	2
"	19 (a) Clyde	2	0
"	22 (h) Hearts	4	2
"	26 (a) Dundee United	2	2
Sep.	9 (a) Dundee (quarter-final)	2	2
"	23 (h) Dundee (quarter-final)	5	1
Oct.	7 (n) Dumbarton (sem-final) (after extra time)	0	0
"	12 (n) Dumbarton (semi-final replay) (after extra time)	4	3
"	24 (n) Rangers (final)	0	1

SCOTTISH CUP

Third Round

Jan.	23 (h) Queen of the South	5	1
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Fourth Round

Feb.	13 (h) Dunfermline Ath.	1	1
"	17 (a) Dunfermline Ath. (replay)	1	0

Fifth Round

Mar.	6 (h) Raith Rovers	7	1
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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP

Sep.	16 (h) K.P.V. (Finland)	9	0
"	30 (a) K.P.V. (Finland)	5	0
Oct.	21 (a) Waterford	7	0
Nov.	4 (h) Waterford	3	2
Mar.	10 (a) Ajax (Holland)	0	3
"	24 (h) Ajax (Holland)	1	0

GLASGOW CUP

(1969-70 final)

Aug.	10 (n) Rangers	3	1
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SCORERS

24—Hood (3 pen.)
22—Wallace (2 pen.)
16—Johnstone
15—Lennox
12—Macari
10—Hughes
8—Davidson
6—Gemmell (3 pen.), Callaghan
4—Connelly, Murdoch
3—McNeill, Wilson
2—Hay
1—Quinn, Chalmers
3—own goals (McHugh, Clyde; Markland, Dundee United; Houston, Dundee)

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QUIZ ON FALKIRK

1. Who is the Scottish League club manager who was a Falkirk player and also manager of that club?
2. How many teams (if any) have Falkirk beaten twice in this season's league competition?
3. What has been Falkirk's biggest margin of victory this season?
4. From which clubs did Falkirk sign Gregor Abel, Jim Shirra, Henry Hoggan, George Miller?
5. How many times have Falkirk scored more than three goals in a league match this season?
6. A Falkirk director is a member of the Scottish International selection committee. Who is he?
7. Falkirk's manager, Willie Cunningham, was well known as a full-back in club and International football. In what other position did he play for Northern Ireland with great distinction?
8. The following Falkirk players were capped by Scotland—Tom Townsley, John White, Alec Parker. In which position did they play?
9. Who was the high-scoring Falkirk winger of the 1930's?
10. Who is the Falkirk captain?

Answers on page 10)

Welcome back



John Fallon has returned to training after a long absence through illness. So far the training has been of necessity light, and it will be some time before he can play.

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Several well known Celtic players have also worn the Falkirk colours. The names of Jimmy Delaney, Jock Weir, and Willie Gallacher come readily to mind. Best known of all, however, was Willie's father, Patsy, who ended his career with Celtic in 1926 and retired in 1932 after six seasons with Falkirk.

Contemporary with Patsy Gallacher at Falkirk was another Irish Internationalist, Joe Gowdy, who played for Glenavon and Queen's Island before going to Brockville. Gowdy, usually a wing-half, and Gallacher were team-mates for Ireland against Scotland in season 1926-27. That was Patsy's last International match and his only one as a Falkirk player.

In 1922 Falkirk paid £5,000—a very big fee at the time—for the transfer of an English Internationalist forward, Syd Puddefoot, from West Ham United.

Answers to Quiz

1. Bob Shankly (Stirling Albion).
2. One—Dunfermline Athletic.
3. 5-0 against Albion Rovers at Brockville in League Cup.
4. Bo'ness United, Gairdoch United, Linlithgow Rose, Hearts.
5. Once—4-2 against Dunfermline at East End Park.
6. Mr. Alec Hardie.
7. Centre-half (in the 1958 World Cup).
8. Centre-half, inside-right, right-back.
9. Kenny Dawson (outside-left).
10. George Miller.



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