



**Scottish Premier
League**

Celtic

versus

Morton

CELTIC PARK

WEDNESDAY

28th MARCH, 1979

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

10p

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I WAS quite sure last week that at long last we would be able to get off on a continuous programme of football and overtake the 16 Premier Division matches we still have to play.

Again there was disappointment with the Rangers game at Hampden being called off.

Hopefully tonight's fixture with Morton will bring the start to a non-stop stint through to mid-May.

The postponements haven't helped us one bit in the championship situation. True we have games in hand, but points must be extracted from them.

That's the only way to get ourselves into a leading position in the table and to achieve that every one of the 16 games to come **MUST BE TREATED LIKE A CUP FINAL.**

Pressure will be on the players, but I am perfectly certain of their commitment in this task for themselves and the club.

The League hasn't been won yet by anybody and if we can string together two or three good wins we'll be challenging the current leaders.

We'll have to get the rub of the green now and then and keep clear of injuries. Murdo MacLeod was hurt in the Motherwell game and he was having treatment until today.

That meant a late decision about his availability for tonight's action. However, we have Ronnie Glavin back in the pool for a match we don't expect to be an easy one.

Morton have had some excellent results against the better sides in the League, a mark of their own advance and ambition.

This test will provide a clue to our own title chances. An authoritative victory against the Cappielow side must boost a team that has come through an enforced close-down full of frustrating circumstances.

Let's hope the way is now clear for an uninterrupted go at this still wide-open championship.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



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Directors:

Desmond White, C.A.
(Chairman)

Thomas L. Devlin

James M. Farrell,

M.A., LL.B.

Kevin Kelly

Manager:

Billy McNeill

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HONOURS:

League Champions (30 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, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 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,
1977.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

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The determined Davie Hayes (Morton) in an attacking surge from the full back position meets an equally determined Celtic defenceman in Andy Lynch.



OUR VISITORS

MORTON FANS HAVE SIGHTS ON EUROPE

THE week-end victory over Premier League leaders Dundee United has stirred part-time Morton supporters' ambitions for their team.

They envisage European opposition next season.

Manager Benny Rooney — an ex-Celt like his assistant Mike Jackson — looks at the situation with the realism that all team bosses must bring to the job.

"You cannot take anything for granted in this Premier League. We have done not so badly and we will just try to keep going trying to take something out of every game in the way of points."

Striking a note of caution is not an unreasonable attitude in this still unpredictable Premier Division, although Morton have clearly proved themselves to be entitled to membership of it for a long time.

The part-timers have proved themselves against the best in the division and if the Cappielow supporters are probably a wee bit ahead of the management in their European ambitions . . . well, they may prove to be correct.

Aiding the ex-Celts who are at the Cappielow helm are former Parkhead players. Andy Ritchie firmly established in the affection of Morton fans as a character and a favourite has struck 23 goals in competitive games this season.

That's 20 more than the latest

starlet introduced to the League side . . . Jim Tolmie.

"A good prospect" is the judgment of manager Benny Rooney. Jim after raising himself to be a leading scorer with the reserves was given his league place three games back.

He's been an immediate hit . . . a skilful and courageous little 'un who could with big Roddy Hutchinson make up a most penetrative striking force.

Morton have much more to offer today than the scoring exploits of Andy Ritchie, though his shrewd work and marksmanship have helped the side to its present high position.

John McNeil is another Morton man who has progressed considerably and there is a new degree of team work and team sense under the direction of manager Rooney.

The former Celtic colony at Cappielow also includes goalkeepers Roy Baines and Denis Connaghan.

They know intimately the men they'll face tonight in a fixture which manager Rooney expects to be a hard one.

They'll tackle it with extra confidence after their gritty comeback against Dundee United . . . and their fans are built up for a further step on the road to Europe.

Keep your eye on the ball. That's the motto of Jimmy Miller (Morton) despite the arm-waving technique of Tommy Burns (Celtic) attempting a passing move.



MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
DANNY McGRAIN
ANDY LYNCH
ROY AITKEN
RODDIE McDONALD
JO EDVALDSSON
DAVIE PROVAN
MURDO MacLEOD
BOBBY LENNOX
TOMMY BURNS
JOHNNY DOYLE
RONNIE GLAVIN
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(from)

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DAVIE HAYES
JIM HOLMES
GEORGE ANDERSON
NEIL ORR
BOBBY THOMSON
BILLY McLAREN
JOHN McNEIL
JIMMY MILLER
RODDY HUTCHISON
JIM TOLMIE
ANDY RITCHIE
JIM ROONEY
ALLY SCOTT
BARRY EVANS

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SIDELINES

TRAVELLING RESERVES

Celtic reserves Mark Ward and John Halpin travelled to Italy last month with the Parkhead young 'uns for the Viareggio tourney. They return to Italy in April this time as members of the Scottish Under-17 party.

TERRACING "SPIES"

Bobby Lennox (complete with bunnet) and Roy Aitken watched from the Cappielow terracing on Saturday the Morton win over Dundee United. Bobby's "disguise" was quickly penetrated and Morton fans reduced the "spy" mission effect somewhat with continuous requests for his (and Roy's) autograph during the action.

ALL THE BEST

Many happy returns ... to Ronnie Glavin who had a birthday yesterday.

Premier League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Dundee Utd.	26	12	7	7	39	25	31
St. Mirren	25	12	8	5	35	25	29
Rangers	23	10	5	8	30	21	28
Morton	26	9	9	8	38	39	26
Aberdeen	25	8	7	10	43	26	26
Hibernian	25	7	7	11	29	29	25
Celtic	20	9	6	5	29	22	23
Partick This.	23	8	8	7	23	24	23
Hearts	22	6	10	6	29	42	18
Motherwell ..	27	4	18	5	22	64	13

(St Mirren v Rangers not included)



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