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# JOCK STEIN says...

Celtic face Aberdeen this afternoon in the knowledge that they cannot afford to miss such scoring chances as they did in midweek against St. Johnstone and not pay a severe penalty.

It is an indisputable fact that we should have been able to coast home in the midweek league game had we taken even half of the chances we made in the first 20 minutes.

If it is true that the most successful football teams gain their reputation by creating scoring chances it is equally true to say that they are successful if they also put a good proportion of chances in the opposing team's net.

Everyone at Celtic Park must get it into his head from this moment on that everyone is playing for his place in the first team and that while a player can be excused for making mistakes, no one is going to get away with lack of positive effort.

St. Johnstone have provided stiff opposition to us in the past, but it was ridiculous that they were still in with a chance of equalising our opening goal well into the second half. I was pleased, by the way, with the manner in which Brian McLaughlin took the opportunity as substitute to impress his personality on the game.

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## CELTIC Honours

### Scottish League Champions (27 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.

### 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.

### Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)

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

### European Cup 1967

### Coronation Cup 1953

### Empire Exhibition Cup 1938



### League and Cup

Now we have Aberdeen as both league opponents and Scottish Cup rivals inside a fortnight. They have been splendid opponents in the recent past, as their record shows. Among their personality players are Bobby Clark (despite the criticism he took for his part in the recent International defeat by England), under-23 centre half Willie Young, the extremely skilful Hungarian Zoltan Varga, and the former Airdrie inside forward Drew Jarvie.

The cup-tie in a fortnight's time is not our present concern. We must now make every post in the league race a winning one. I said recently that no team other than Celtic could win the title if we were determined not to throw it away. That is still true.

Celtic-Aberdeen matches in any competition have been features, in the good sense, of the Scottish football scene for a long time now. I am confident that today's game will be true to tradition so far as the class of play is concerned.

But there must be no slip-up from now on and no Celtic player will enter the field today without that having been clearly impressed on him.

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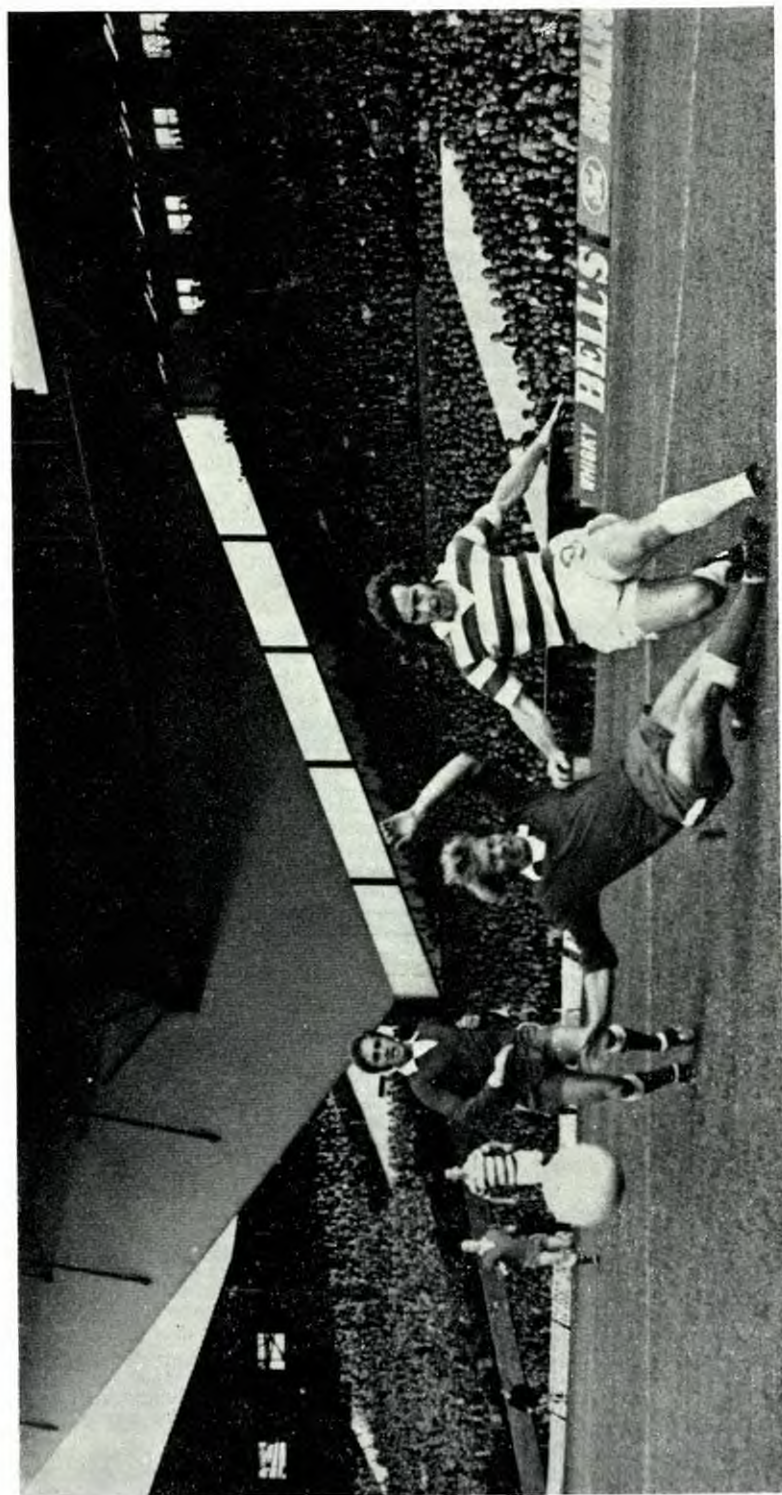
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*Dixie Deans in action against Aberdeen in the Drybrough Cup match at Celtic Park just before the start of this season. The Aberdeen players on his right are Alec Willoughby and (making the tackle) Henning Boel.*

# Aberdeen's recent fine record against Celtic

For the first time in three successive seasons Celtic play Aberdeen in a league match victory in which will not assist Dons in an attempt to win the championship. A win for Celtic, on the other hand, would be of considerable help in the effort to win the title for the eighth season in succession. The immediate result of a Celtic victory could be the regaining of the top place in the league which we have not held since early on January.

Aberdeen have provided tremendous challenge to Celtic in recent seasons, in the last two of which they have been runners-up in the league—and latterly the only serious rivals for the championship.

When Dons lost 2-3 to Celtic on August 2 of last year in a Drybrough Cup semi-final a magnificent run of results for the northern team against Celtic ended. From October 1969, when Celtic beat Aberdeen 3-2 in a League Cup match at Pittodrie, until the 1972 Drybrough Cup semi-final, the clubs had met seven times—five times in the league, once in the Scottish Cup (final) and once in the Drybrough Cup (final). The results of those seven games (Aberdeen goals first) were:—

League—2-1, 1-0, 1-1, 1-1, 1-1, Scottish Cup—3-1; Drybrough Cup—2-1.

When Celtic followed their Drybrough Cup semi-final victory just before the start of this season with a league win by the same 3-2 margin at Pittodrie in October and yet another 3-2 win, this time in the League Cup semi-final, in the following month, Dons' run of successes was well and truly broken.

## LAST HOME WIN

Nevertheless, a Celtic win today would be particularly welcome. Celtic's last league win over Dons at Celtic Park was in September 1968 when goals by George Connelly and Bobby Lennox to one by Tommy Rae gave Celtic a 2-1 victory. The teams were:—

Celtic—Simpson; Craig, Gemmill; Murdoch, McNeill, Brogan; Johnstone, Lennox, Wallace, Connelly, Hughes (sub., Chalmers).

Aberdeen—Clark; Hermiston, Shewan; Petersen, McMillan, Craig; Rae, Robb, Forrest, Smith, Taylor (sub., Buchan). Referee—B. Padden (Ardrossan).

(It may interest our supporters to be reminded of the Celtic side who beat Aberdeen 4-1 in a Reserve League match at Pittodrie on the same day:—Fallon; McGrain, O'Neill, Cattanach, Hay, Clark; Gallagher, McBride, Quinn, McMahon, Macari).

The last three Celtic-Aberdeen league games have ended 2-1, 1-0, and 1-1 in Dons' favour. The last league win at Parkhead was in December, 1970 when a Joe Harper goal gave them the points. The teams were:—

Celtic—Fallon; Craig, Gemmill; Murdoch, McNeill, Brogan; Johnstone, Connelly, Macari, Hay, Hughes (sub., Hood for Connelly, 65 mins.)

Aberdeen—Clark; Boel, Hermiston, Murray (S), McMillan, Buchan; Taylor Robb, Forrest, Harper, Graham (sub., Willoughby for Forrest, 82 mins.)

Less than a year later came a late own goal equaliser by Billy McNeill in the 1-1 draw before an attendance of 64,000. Harry Hood had scored in 59 minutes and Celtic seemed to have the match won when McNeill headed past his own goalkeeper 13 minutes from time. The teams were:—

Celtic—Connaghan; Craig, Brogan; Hay, McNeill, Connelly; Johnstone, Hood, Dalglish, Macari, Callaghan (sub., Lennox).

Aberdeen—Clark; Murray (G), Hermiston; Murray (S), Young, Buchan; Forrest, Robb, Harper, Willoughby, Graham (sub., Miller).

Referee—J. C. B. McRoberts (Wishaw).

## NEVER RELEGATED

Aberdeen, winners of the first division championship in season 1954-55, three points ahead of Celtic in a 16-club league, have been runners-up in the past two seasons (also to Celtic). They have a third post-war runners-up placing to their credit, for they were second to Rangers in 1956.

Formed in 1903, they played for the first time in the first division in 1903. They have never been relegated.

# PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

## CELTIC

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 QUINN  
 MURDOCH  
 McNEILL  
 CONNELLY  
 JOHNSTONE  
 DALGLISH  
 DEANS  
 HAY  
 LENNOX  
 HOOD  
 McLAUGHLIN  
 LYNCH

Referee:

A. McKENZIE  
 (Falkirk)

Linesmen:

J. S. BYARS  
 (Paisley)  
 W. W. CAMPBELL  
 (Irvine)

## ABERDEEN

(from)

CLARK  
 WILLIAMSON  
 HERMISTON  
 MURRAY (S)  
 YOUNG  
 WILSON  
 VARGA  
 GRAHAM  
 FORREST  
 JARVIE  
 PURDIE  
 MITCHELL  
 WILLOUGHBY  
 MILLER

## Quiz on Aberdeen

1. Which club did Bobby Clark, Barrie Mitchell, Ian Purdie, Ian Taylor, Drew Jarvie play for immediately before he signed for Aberdeen?

2. Nine of the players in the 1970 Scottish Cup final, in which Aberdeen beat Celtic 3-1, are no longer with the clubs. Can you name them?

3. A former Aberdeen goalkeeper recently had a brilliant game against Celtic. Who was he?

4. Which of those Aberdeen players had more caps for Scotland—George Hamilton or Archie Glen, Jock Hutton or Fred Martin, Benny Yorston or Harry Yorston, Frank Hill or Willie Mills?

5. A week after Aberdeen won the Scottish League championship in season 1954-55, Celtic beat them at Celtic Park in a league match. What was the score and who scored the goals?

6. An Aberdeen player was the central figure in a signing dispute which involved Celtic before he had any connection with the Pittodrie club. Who was he?

7. When did Jimmy Bonthronne become Aberdeen's manager?

8. What had Bobby Clark and Ken DalGLISH recently in common?

9. What were the results of last season's league matches between Celtic and Aberdeen?

10. Who was the well-known Irish centre half who played for Aberdeen?

(Answers on page 9)

## FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	GOALS			PTS.
				L	F	A	
Rangers	25	18	3	4	53	22	39
Celtic	24	17	4	3	65	25	38
Hibernian	23	16	3	4	61	22	35
Aberdeen	24	12	7	5	48	26	31
Dundee	25	12	7	6	43	29	31
Dundee United	24	14	1	9	43	38	29
Hearts	24	11	4	9	35	34	26
Ayr United	25	10	6	9	35	43	26
East Fife	25	10	3	12	38	44	23
Morton	23	8	6	9	34	34	22
Motherwell	24	7	7	10	29	38	21
Falkirk	23	5	10	8	28	38	20
St. Johnstone	24	6	8	10	36	48	20
Partick Thistle	24	8	3	13	31	39	19
Arbroath	25	6	5	14	29	49	17
Dumbarton	24	3	8	13	27	50	14
Kilmarnock	25	4	5	16	27	56	13
Airdrieonians	23	2	6	15	22	49	10

# THE CELTIC SEASON SO FAR

## FIRST TEAM LEAGUE CUP

			P	A
Aug. 12	(a)	Stirling Albion	3	0
" 16	(h)	East Fife	1	1
" 19	(a)	Arbroath	5	0
" 23	(a)	East Fife	3	2
" 26	(h)	Stirling Albion	3	0
" 28	(h)	Arbroath (at Hampden)	3	3
Sept. 20	(a)	Stranraer	2	1
Oct. 4	(h)	Stranraer (second round)	5	2
Oct. 11	(a)	Dundee	0	1
Nov. 1	(h)	Dundee	3	2
		after extra time		
Nov. 20	(h)	Dundee (quarter-final)	4	1
" 27	(h)	Aberdeen (Semi-final)	3	2
Dec. 9	(h)	Hibernian (Final)	1	2

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Sept. 2	(h)	Kilmarnock (at Hampden)	6	2
" 9	(a)	Morton	2	0
" 16	(h)	Rangers (at Hampden)	3	1
" 23	(a)	Dundee	0	2
" 30	(h)	Ayr United	1	0
Oct. 7	(h)	Airdrieonians	1	1
" 14	(a)	Partick Thistle	4	0
" 21	(h)	East Fife	3	0
" 28	(a)	Aberdeen	3	2
Nov. 4	(h)	Dundee United	3	1
" 11	(a)	Motherwell	5	0
" 18	(h)	Hearts	4	2
" 25	(a)	Falkirk	3	2
Dec. 2	(a)	Dumbarton	6	1
" 16	(a)	Arbroath	2	1
Dec. 23	(h)	Hibernian	1	1
1973				
Jan. 6	(a)	Rangers	1	2
" 13	(h)	Dundee	2	1
" 13	(a)	Ayr United	3	1
" 27	(a)	Airdrieonians	1	2
Feb. 7	(a)	Kilmarnock	4	0
" 10	(h)	Partick Thistle	1	1
" 17	(a)	East Fife	2	2
" 28	(h)	St. Johnstone	4	0

## SCOTTISH CUP

Feb. 3	(h)	East Fife	4	1
Feb. 24	(a)	Motherwell	4	0

## EUROPEAN CUP

Sept. 13	(h)	Rosenborg (at Hampden)	2	1
" 27	(a)	Rosenborg (first round)	3	1
Oct. 25	(h)	Ujpest Dozsa	2	1
Nov. 8	(a)	Ujpest Dozsa (second round)	0	3

## SCORERS

32	—Dalglish
24	—Deans
14	—Hood
10	—Macari, Lennox
7	—Johnstone, Murdoch (5 pen)
3	—McCluskey
2	—Davidson (V), Callaghan, Hay
3	—own goal (Cargill, Arbroath, McCallum, Motherwell, Cushley, Dumbarton)

## RESERVES LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 12	(h)	Airdrieonians	1	1
" 14	(h)	Ayr United	4	1
" 19	(h)	Motherwell	2	3
" 24	(a)	Ayr United	3	2
" 26	(a)	Airdrieonians	8	1
" 30	(a)	Motherwell	1	2

## 2ND ELEVEN CUP

Oct. 9	(a)	Motherwell (first round)	2	0
" 21	(h)	Clyde (second round)	2	0

## LEAGUE

Aug. 22	(h)	Dumbarton	4	0
Sept. 2	(a)	Kilmarnock	2	3
" 15	(a)	Rangers	3	1
" 23	(h)	Dundee	3	2
" 30	(a)	Ayr United	2	1
Oct. 6	(a)	Airdrieonians	3	1
" 11	(h)	Partick Thistle	5	6
" 17	(h)	Falkirk	4	1
" 21	(a)	East Fife	1	0
" 28	(h)	Aberdeen	3	1
Nov. 2	(a)	Dundee Utd.	2	2
" 18	(a)	Hearts	2	2
" 28	(h)	Ayr United	2	3
Dec. 20	(a)	Morton	1	2
Dec. 23	(a)	Hibernian	0	3
" 26	(h)	Kilmarnock	2	1
1973				
Jan. 3	(h)	Morton	3	2
" 6	(h)	Rangers	2	0
" 10	(a)	Dundee	4	0
" 31	(a)	Partick Thistle	2	5
Feb. 20	(h)	Motherwell	5	0
" 27	(a)	St. Johnstone	3	2

## SCORERS

13	—Davidson (V).
10	—Hood
8	—Wilson, McLaughlin
7	—White, Hancock
6	—Lennox
4	—Ritchie
3	—Franchetti, McNamara
2	—Deans, O'Hara, Macari
1	—Balmer, Johnstone, McCluskey, McGrain, Lynch, "Newman".



# FIVE-GOAL FEAT AGAINST DONS

When last did a Celtic player score five goals in a league match? The answer is—Bertie Auld against Airdrieonians at Broomfield Park in March, 1965.

A few weeks earlier (on January 30) John Hughes scored five against Aberdeen in a league game at Celtic Park which Celtic won 8-0.

Of the teams that played that day only four—all Celts—are still with either club. They are Billy McNeill, Jim Brogan, Bobby Murdoch, and Bobby Lennox. The teams were:—

Celtic—Fallon; Young, Gemmell; Clark, McNeill, Brogan; Chalmers, Murdoch, Hughes, Lennox, Auld.

Aberdeen— Ogston; Bennett, Shewan; Paterson, McCormick, Smith; Fraser, Winchester, Ravn, Kerrigan, Mortensen.

Referee—J. P. Barclay (Kirkcaldy)

Hughes achieved his success on a snow-and-ice affected pitch. He wore baseball-type boots.

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## Answers to Quiz

1. Queen's Park, Dunfermline Athletic, Banks o'Dee, Banks o'Dee, Airdrieonians.

2. Boel, McMillan, Buchan(M), McKay, Harper (Aberdeen); Gemmell, Wallace, Hughes, Auld (Celtic).

3. Ernie McGarr (East Fife).

4. Hamilton (5 to 2), Hutton (10 to 6), neither (1 each), neither (3 each).

5. 2-1; McPhail (J) scored twice for Celtic, Leggat for Aberdeen.

6. Paddy Buckley (St. Johnstone).

7. August 1971.

8. They were the only home Scots who played in the Scotland-England centenary International last month.

9. 1-1 and 1-1.

10. Eddie Falloon.

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<b>C</b> AYR UNITED DUNDEE UNITED		<b>K</b> HAMILTON ACCIES STIRLING ALBION	
<b>D</b> DUNDEE MORTON		<b>L</b> ST. MIRREN QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	
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