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# JOCK STEIN says...

If the remaining weeks of the season turn out as well for Celtic as last week did none of us at Parkhead will complain. It was a hard week but a very successful one, and I am sure that the results in the Scottish Cup at Pittodrie and the league game at Tynecastle have done the team a great deal of good.

Billy McNeill's late goal in the replay against Aberdeen gave us the victory we deserved. Just as important is the fact that the side played well. We did not go to Tynecastle in a pessimistic mood even though Heart's ground has not been kind to us in the recent past. I was pleased to see our players continuing in their recently regained confident manner. The ground and the conditions were not conducive to good football and there were signs that the midweek Cup contest had taken some toll. Yet the overall display was quite satisfactory.

## CHANGES

We shall have one or two changes against Falkirk this afternoon because

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

### European Cup 1967

### Coronation Cup 1953

### Empire Exhibition Cup 1938



players such as Kenny Dalglish and Tommy Callaghan should be ready to resume after injury. Falkirk haven't been getting results for some time now, which has placed them dangerously near the relegation margin, but they will be all the more determined because of that.

This is one of six league fixtures that remain for us, four of them at home and two away. After Falkirk we play Dumbarton, Arbroath, and Motherwell at Celtic Park and St. Johnstone and Hibernian at Muirton and Easter Road respectively. This is an appropriate time to repeat what I have said before with some emphasis—we shall win the championship if we win our matches despite what happens elsewhere. I feel sure that the Celtic players are back in championship-winning mood, though they have been sorely pressed in one way or another.

Falkirk gave us a hard match in the league earlier this season, even though they were unfortunate in losing their young left back, Jim Shirra, with an injury from which he has yet to complete a recovery. But it will be a big disappointment, even a shock, if Celtic don't take another step towards the championship.

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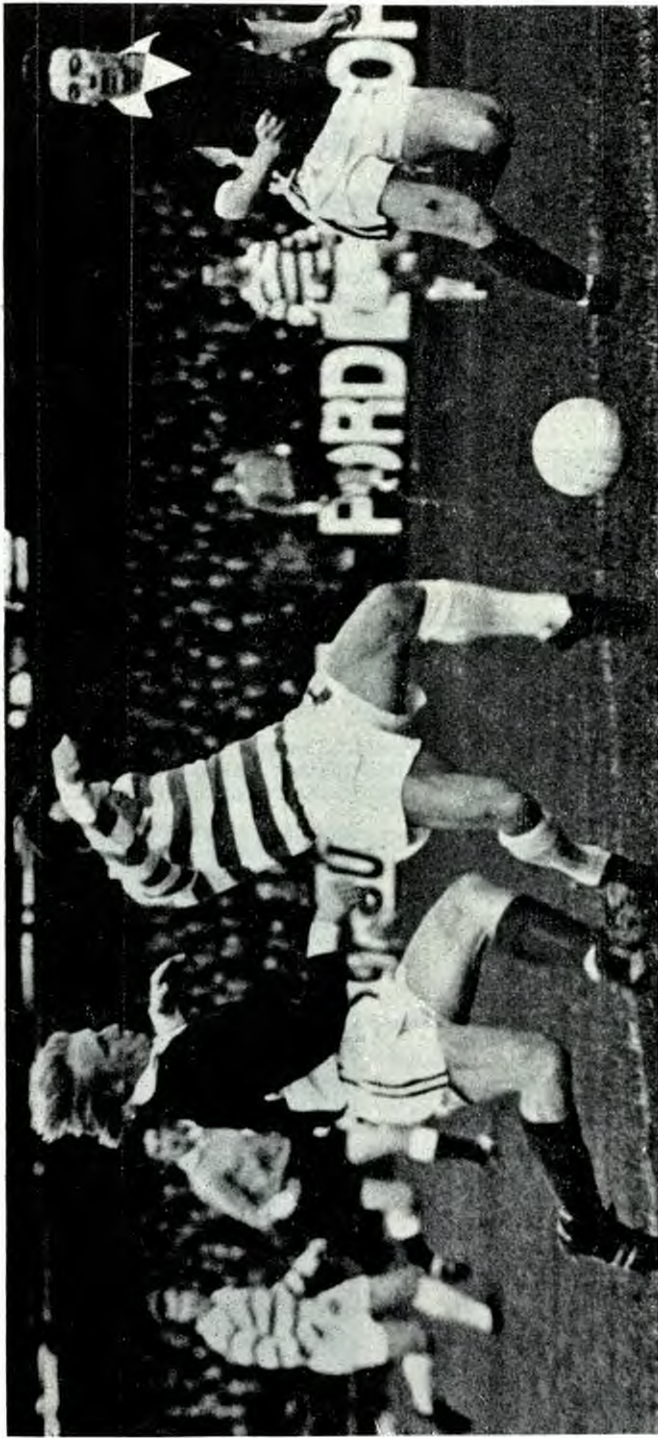
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Absent from the Falkirk team this afternoon is one of their best young players, Jim Shirra, who suffered a compound fracture of the left leg in the last Falkirk-Celtic match. Jim was hurt in a collision with "Dixie" Deans in the league game at Brockville in November of last year, the misfortune occurring 20 minutes from time when Celtic were winning 3-1. In the end Celtic won 3-2.

Shirra had not missed a game for Falkirk's first team this season before his injury. He had played the first two matches

of the season at left half and then apparently became a regular at left back, for the game against Celtic was his nineteenth in succession in that position.

Shirra, Bobby Lennox, and Falkirk right back Stewart Kennedy (left to right) are prominent in the picture above, taken at Brockville in the November game. Kennedy has already been recognised this season by Scotland team manager Willie Ormond.

# CELTIC AND FALKIRK IN THE LEAGUE

## Visitors' Poor Record at Parkhead

Few clubs have so undistinguished a record against Celtic as Falkirk, especially at Celtic Park. It is a remarkable fact, for instance, that Celtic have won all 10 of the last league games at Parkhead and that in only two of those did Falkirk score. The last 10 league games at Celtic Park have resulted (Celtic goals first):—

1961-62	3-0	1966-67	5-0
62-63	2-1	67-68	3-0
63-64	7-0	68-69	5-2
64-65	3-0	70-71	4-0
65-66	6-0	71-72	2-0

So the aggregate score over 10 seasons is 40-3 in Celtic's favour!

There have been 22 Scottish League games between the clubs at Parkhead since the war. Celtic have won 17 and Falkirk two; three have been drawn.

### Last Falkirk win

The last Falkirk victory was in October 1958 at a time when two youngsters were setting out on football careers which were to become most successful. Celtic's centre half was the 17-year old Billy McNeill; Falkirk's inside right was John White, who less than six years later when he was barely 27 died on a London golf course after being struck by lightning.

John's international career began in 1959. The vast majority of his 22 full caps were won after he had been transferred to Tottenham Hotspur.

White, who had joined Falkirk from Alloa shortly before he played in that 4-3 win at Celtic Park, scored one of the goals in a match in which his club were three times a goal down and then won in the last half-minute. The teams were:—

**Celtic**—Beattie; Donnelly, Mochan, Crerand, McNeill, Smith; Colrain, Fernie, Conway, Divers, Auld.

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

The other scorers were Divers (2) and Fernie for Celtic and Wright, McCulloch and Moran for Falkirk.

The other post-war Falkirk win at Celtic Park was that of November, 1947 when goals by Aikman (2) and Corbett (own goal)

put Celtic down to fifth-bottom place in the league and on the road to the nerve-racking struggle to avoid the ignominy of losing first-division status. The teams were:—

**Celtic**—Miller; Mallan, Milne; McPhail, Corbett, McAuley; Began, Gallacher, Evans, Sirrell, Paton.

**Falkirk**—Dawson(J); Whyte, McPhie; Bolt, Fiddes, Whitelaw; Allison, Fleck; Aikman, Henderson (J), Dawson (K). Wilson.

The last Celtic-Falkirk league game (on November 20, 1971) ended in a 2-0 win for Celtic, the goals coming from Kenny Dalglish and Billy McNeill, the latter's with a spectacular header. The teams were:—

**Celtic**—Connaghan; Craig, Quinn; Callaghan, McNeill, Hay; Johnstone, Macari, Dalglish, Lennox, Hood. Sub.: Wilson.

**Falkirk**—Devlin; Abel, Jones; Markie, Miller, Shirra; Hoggan, Young, Somner, Ferguson, Roxburgh. Sub., Bryce.



*John Markie, Falkirk's experienced defender.*

# PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

## CELTIC

from  
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 McNEILL  
 CONNELLY  
 HOOD  
 DALGLISH  
 DAVIDSON  
 DEANS  
 HAY  
 LENNOX  
 WILSON  
 CALLAGHAN

### Referee:

R. H. DAVIDSON  
 (Airdrie)

### Linesmen:

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 (Fauldhouse)

J. RUSSELL  
 (Grangemouth)

## FALKIRK

from  
 DONALDSON  
 KENNEDY (S)  
 KENNEDY (J)  
 MARKIE  
 McMILLAN  
 McLEOD  
 CATTANACH  
 HOGGAN  
 HARLEY  
 JACK  
 SOMNER  
 FERGUSON  
 SETTERINGTON  
 YOUNG

## Quiz on Falkirk

- Who scored Falkirk's last goal against Celtic at Parkhead?
- A Falkirk winger scored 39 league goals in one season. Who was he?
- Patsy Gallacher, the famous Celtic inside right, was a Falkirk player when he was capped for Ireland against Scotland in 1927. Who was the other Falkirk player who was in the Irish team in that match?
- When did Falkirk last win in Glasgow?
- What was Falkirk manager Willie Cunningham's club when he (a) first played for Ireland (b) last played for Ireland?
- Which of these Celtic forwards did not also play for Falkirk—Willie Gallacher, Jock Weir, John Colrain, Jim Conway, Hugh Maxwell, Jimmy Rowan?
- Did the late John White of Falkirk and Tottenham Hotspur play for Scotland when he was with Falkirk?
- When did Falkirk last beat Celtic in any competition?
- Falkirk totalled 27 points in the first division last season. How many fewer did they have when they were last relegated in 1969?
- What was the previous senior club of Falkirk players Tommy McMillan, Alec Ferguson, Jim Shirra, Denis Setterington?

(Answers on page 9)

## FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS.
Rangers	29	22	3	4	65	26	47
Celtic	28	20	5	3	72	27	45
Hibernian	28	19	4	5	72	26	42
Dundee	29	14	7	8	57	36	35
Dundee United	29	16	3	10	51	43	35
Aberdeen	29	14	8	7	51	29	36
Ayr United	29	14	6	9	43	46	34
Hearts	29	12	5	12	36	41	29
Morton	29	9	8	12	40	44	26
East Fife	29	10	6	13	40	47	26
St. Johnstone	29	9	8	12	44	55	26
Motherwell	27	8	8	11	31	40	24
Arbroath	29	9	5	15	37	56	23
Partick Thistle	29	8	6	15	32	45	22
Falkirk	29	5	11	13	30	45	21
Dumbarton	29	4	10	15	35	63	18
Kilmarnock	29	5	6	18	32	64	16
Airdrieonians	29	3	7	19	30	65	13

# THE CELTIC SEASON SO FAR

## FIRST TEAM

LEAGUE CUP			F	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
Nov. 20	(h)	Dundee (quarter-final)	4	1
" 27	(h)	Aberdeen (Semi-final)	3	2
Dec. 9	(h)	Hibernian (Final)	1	2
SCOTTISH LEAGUE			F	A
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
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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
Mar. 3	(h)	Aberdeen	2	0
" 6	(h)	Morton	1	0
" 10	(a)	Dundee United	2	2
" 24	(a)	Hearts	2	0
SCOTTISH CUP			F	A
Feb. 3	(h)	East Fife	4	1
Feb. 24	(a)	Motherwell	4	0
Mar. 17	(h)	Aberdeen	0	0
" 21	(a)	Aberdeen	1	0
EUROPEAN CUP			F	A
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

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

## RESERVES

LEAGUE CUP			F	A
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			F	A
Oct. 9	(a)	Motherwell	2	0
" 21	(h)	Clyde	2	0
Mar. 9	(h)	Dundee United	3	3
" 12	(a)	Dundee United	0	2
LEAGUE			F	A
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

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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
Mar. 3	(a)	Aberdeen	1	5
" 17	(a)	Motherwell	1	3
" 24	(h)	Hearts	3	2
" 26	(h)	Airdrie	3	0
" 28	(h)	Arbroath	4	1

## SCORERS

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



# SEVENTEEN GOALS IN PATSY'S BENEFIT MATCH

The reference to the free scoring at Celtic-Falkirk matches at Celtic Park reminds us that the clubs once took part in a non-competitive match there which produced no fewer than 17 goals!

It took place over 41 years ago and was a benefit match in honour of Patsy Gallacher who finished his football career with Falkirk after many years with Celtic.

These clubs combined in a select side who played a Scottish League select at Celtic Park on January 4, 1932. The Celtic-Falkirk team won 10-7, Willie Hughes scoring eight goals for the winners. The teams (much changed after withdrawals through injury and illness) were:—

**Celtic-Falkirk**—Coen (Celtic); Hogg (Celtic), Hamill (Falkirk); Wilson (Celtic), Currie (Celtic), Hutchison (Falkirk); Thomson (R) (Celtic), Gallacher (Celtic), Hughes (Celtic), Smith (Celtic), Gall (Falkirk).

**Scottish Lge.**—Jackson (Partick Thistle); Watson (Hamilton Accies), Ross (Airdrie); McDonald (Rangers), Wilson (St. Mirren), McLeod (Partick Thistle); Main (Rangers), Tolland (Ayr United), Gardiner (Hearts), Archibald (Falkirk), Whitney (Celtic).  
Referee—T. Dougray (Glasgow).

Patsy, in the year of his retirement from football, scored one goal and played a part in the making of several others. Gall scored the other goal for the winners. The League select's scorers were Gardiner (5) and Main (2).

A report of the match, which was attended by some 5,000 people—many others who had bought tickets were not present—contained this comment:—

"Gallacher delighted the crowd with much of his old inimitable trickery and lasted the pace well. The crowd were left with many regrets at the imminent passing of a truly great player—one to whom we may look for long for an equal."

## Answers to Quiz

1. John McLaughlin (now with Everton) in league match at Parkhead, 1969, when Celtic won 5-2. McLaughlin, playing inside left, scored both Falkirk goals.
2. Kenny Dawson in second division 1935-36.
3. Joe Gowdy.
4. Beat Clyde 1-0 at Shawfield, August 1971, in League Cup.
5. (a) St. Mirren (1950-51); (b) Dunfermline Athletic (1961-62).
6. Colrain and Conway.
7. Yes; against Germany, Portugal and Hungary (1958-59) and Ireland (1959-60).
8. In April, 1965, in league at Brockville by 6-2.
9. Nine fewer (18).
10. Aberdeen, Rangers, (none), Rangers.

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