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v.
Ayr United

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

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

Coronation Cup 1953

European Cup 1967

JOCK STEIN says...

One of the lessons of the match last Saturday against Dundee surely is that Celtic play better against the better teams. Dundee came to Celtic Park with the deserved reputation of being one of the best sides in the league, but there isn't any doubt that they were thoroughly well beaten.

This was one of Celtic's best displays for a long time. We had not played well on the previous Saturday against relegation-threatened Dunfermline, and last week we thought a bit about that and worked a bit on it too. The rewards for the thought and the work were obvious against Dundee.

Latterly the only question was by how many goals we would win. The manner of the win was just as pleasing as the margin of it; there was a great variety of entertaining football.

HOME AND AWAY

Very soon after the game we learned the Cup ballot and that we had received yet another home draw. This pleased me very much—for this reason. A home draw is always a tremendous advantage to supporters, who more than ever these days have to count their pounds and pence. So far as the players are concerned, they are, of course, pleased too. But I would like to point out that much as they appreciate playing at home they know that they are just as capable of playing well away from home as they are at Celtic Park. Our displays and results on away grounds this season prove that. Indeed we have lost three points in the league at home and only one away from home!



Hearts at Celtic Park in the Scottish Cup can wait. We have first and foremost to consider our opponents of this afternoon, Ayr United, who in the recent past have provided us with worthy opposition, notably in the League Cup of two seasons

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No. 2 is one of several very good young players of Ayr United, Joe Filippi. He was right back against Celtic in this season's league match at Somerset Park. Since then he has become his club's regular left half.

WHEN AYR FINISHED ABOVE CELTIC IN THE LEAGUE

Our visitors last win at Parkhead

Season 1959-60 will be remembered by followers of Ayr United as the season in which they not only defeated and drew with Celtic in the league but finished above them in the league table.

The 3-2 win at Celtic Park in November, 1959, is Ayr's only victory over Celtic in any competition since the Second World War. A few months later it was followed by a 1-1 draw at Somerset Park, and at the end of the season Ayr were in eighth place in the league table—a point above Celtic, who finished ninth with 33 points for 34 games to Ayr's 34 points.

This is the only time Ayr have completed a season with more points than Celtic, and the clubs have been competing in the first division on and off since season 1913-14 when Ayr played in that league for the first time.

That Celtic Park victory was a personal triumph for Sam McMillan, who is now the Ayr coach. He scored two of his side's goals—outside left McGhee scored the other. Bertie Auld and John Divers scored for Celtic. The teams were:—

Celtic—Fallon; MacKay, Donnelly; Smith, Evans, Peacock; Chalmers, Jackson, Colrain, Divers, Auld.

Ayr United—Hamilton; Burn, McIntyre (G), McIntyre (W), Paterson,

Elliot; Fulton, McMillan, Price, Paton, McGhee.

Referee—J. Mackie (East Kilbride).

Steve Chalmers (now with Morton) is the only one of the 22 players who is playing regularly in the top class these days.

The Celtic of 1959-60 were far from being the Celtic of today as everyone will admit, however, and Ayr's best performance against us in modern times was undoubtedly in the League Cup semifinal of two seasons ago. Celtic won that semifinal at Hampden by 2-1 after being held to a 3-3 draw. In the first match John Hughes, Tommy Gemmill (from a penalty kick), and Bertie Auld scored for Celtic and Bobby Rough (2) and Dave McCulloch for Ayr. In the replay the scorers were Harry Hood and Steve Chalmers for Celtic and Alex Ingram for Ayr.

It was in the replay that Ronnie Simpson, Celtic's goalkeeper (now manager of Hamilton Academicals), suffered a recurrence of a shoulder injury. Ronnie did not play again.

AYR IN THE FIRST DIVISION

Ayr United were formed in 1910 from an amalgamation of two clubs, Ayr and Ayr Parkhouse, both second division teams. The new club were runners-up to Dumbarton in their first season in the second division and they won the championship in each of the two following seasons (There was no automatic promotion and relegation in these days).

From season 1913-14 to 1924-25 inclusive Ayr United played in the first division. That spell (of 12 seasons) has been their longest in the first division.

The present season is their twenty-ninth in the top league. It is their seventh since the war, and their placings in the league table in that period have been:—

1956-57—18th
59-60—8th
60-61—18th

66-67—18th
69-70—14th
70-71—14th

Celtic and Ayr have met 17 times in all competitions in the last 25 years (seven in the league, including this season at Somerset, where Celtic won 1-0, and four times, including the semi-final replay, in the League Cup). Celtic have won 14 of the matches.

PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC

(from)

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MURDOCH
McNEILL
CONNELLY
HOOD
DALGLISH
DEANS
CALLAGHAN
LENNOX
MACARI
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MITCHELL

Quiz on Ayr United

1. From which clubs did Ayr United sign Phil McGovern, Alex McAnespie, John Doyle, Stan Quinn?

2. What were the results of last season's league games between Ayr and Celtic?

3. When last did Ayr win in Glasgow?

4. What was unusual about the Ayr United-Celtic league match in February, 1967, and the Celtic-Ayr game in April, 1971?

5. Three Ayr United players won International caps against England within three years in the 1920's. Who were they?

6. In the first Celtic-Ayr United league game since the Second World War a former Celtic player captained the visiting team. Who was he?

7. For which club did Ayr's manager Alistair MacLeod make his reputation as a clever, unorthodox left winger?

8. Who was the predecessor of Mr. MacLeod who also was an outside left and had a deadly left foot?

9. Have Ayr scored more than three goals in a match this season?

10. How many times have they failed to score in a league game this season?

(Answers on page 10)

Division I Table

	GOALS						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Celtic	24	21	2	1	73	18	44
Aberdeen	25	18	5	2	67	19	41
Rangers	25	17	1	7	54	24	35
Hibernian	25	13	5	7	43	25	31
Dundee	24	10	10	4	43	25	30
Hearts	25	10	9	6	40	39	29
Partick Thistle	25	10	8	7	45	38	28
St. Johnstone	25	9	7	9	38	40	25
Motherwell	24	10	4	10	39	47	24
Kilmarnock	25	9	3	13	37	49	21
Ayr United	25	5	9	11	23	38	19
East Fife	25	4	11	10	26	45	19
Dundee United	24	7	4	13	41	57	18
Morton	24	7	3	14	30	39	17
Falkirk	24	7	3	14	33	52	17
Clyde	25	6	5	14	28	54	17
Airdrieonians	24	3	8	13	28	60	14
Dunfermline Ath.	24	3	7	14	19	38	13

The Celtic Season so far

LEAGUE CUP			F A	RESERVES			
Aug. 14	(h)	Rangers (at Ibrox Stadium)	2 0	Aug. 14	(h)	Rangers	1 1
" 18	(a)	Morton	1 0	" 17	(h)	East Fife	1 1
" 21	(a)	Ayr United	3 0	" 21	(h)	Ayr United	3 1
" 25	(h)	Morton	0 1	" 25	(a)	East Fife	2 1
" 28	(a)	Rangers	3 0	" 30	(a)	Rangers	2 0
" 30	(h)	Ayr United	4 1	Sep. 2	(a)	Ayr United	1 1
Sep. 8	(a)	Clydebank	5 0	Oct. 6	(a)	Dundee United (semi-final)	0 2
Sep. 22	(h)	Clydebank	6 2				
Oct. 6	(n)	St. Mirren	3 0				
" 23	(n)	Partick Thistle (final)	1 4				
LEAGUE				League			
Sep. 4	(h)	Clyde	9 1	Sept 4	(a)	Clyde	7 1
" 11	(a)	Rangers	3 2	" 11	(h)	Rangers	4 1
" 18	(h)	Morton	3 1	" 25	(h)	Airdrieonians	1 0
" 25	(a)	Airdrieonians	5 0	Oct 2	(a)	St Johnstone	5 0
Oct. 2	(h)	St. Johnstone	0 1	" 9	(h)	Hibernian	1 0
" 9	(a)	Hibernian	1 0	" 15	(a)	Dundee	2 1
" 16	(h)	Dundee	3 1	Nov 6	(a)	Aberdeen	3 6
" 27	(a)	Dunfermline Ath.	2 1	" 13	(h)	Dundee United	3 0
" 30	(a)	Ayr United	1 0	Nov 20	(a)	Falkirk	1 5
Nov. 6	(h)	Aberdeen	1 1	" 25	(h)	Partick Thistle	4 1
" 13	(a)	Dundee United	5 1	Dec 4	(a)	Kilmarnock	3 1
Nov. 20	(h)	Falkirk	2 0	" 6	(h)	Motherwell	2 2
" 27	(a)	Partick Thistle	5 1	Dec. 10	(a)	East Fife	0 0
Dec. 4	(h)	Kilmarnock	5 1	" 21	(a)	Hearts	3 1
Dec. 11	(h)	East Fife	2 1	Jan. 15	(a)	Airdrieonians	3 0
" 18	(a)	Motherwell	5 1	" 29	(a)	Hibernian	3 3
Dec. 25	(h)	Hearts	3 2	Feb. 26	(a)	Rangers	4 1
Jan. 1	(a)	Clyde	7 0	Second XI Cup			
" 3	(h)	Rangers	2 1	Oct 30	(h)	Ayr United (second round)	3 1
" 8	(a)	Morton	1 1	Jan. 22	(a)	East Fife (third round)	5 3
Jan. 15	(h)	Airdrieonians	2 0	SCORERS			
" 22	(a)	St. Johnstone	3 0	11—Davidson (V), Wilson			
" 29	(h)	Hibernian	2 1	10—Franchetti			
Feb. 19	(h)	Dunfermline	1 0	7—Hood			
SCOTTISH CUP				4—Hancock			
Feb. 5	(h)	Albion Rovers (third round)	5 0	3—Gemmell			
Feb. 26	(h)	Dundee	4 0	2—Mitchell, Wallace, Hughes, Macari McLaughlin, McCluskey, Deans, White, Murdoch			
EUROPEAN CUP				1—O'Hara, Johnstone, Quinn,			
Sep. 15	(a)	B 1903 Copenhagen	1 2				
" 29	(h)	B 1903 Copenhagen (first round)	3 0				
Oct. 20	(h)	Sliema Wanderers	5 0				
Nov. 3	(a)	Sliema Wanderers (second round)	2 1				

SCORERS

23—Dalglish
18—Hood
17—Macari
16—Lennox
13—Deans
8—Johnstone
6—Callaghan
3—Wallace, Hay, McNeill
2—Brogan, Murdoch
1—Hughes, Gemmell, Davidson (V)
4—own goals: Clark (Morton), Ruddy (Clydebank), Strachan (Partick Thistle), Mulheron (Clyde)

TAKE CARE

The attendance this afternoon at Celtic Park will be considerably smaller than what can be expected at several home games in the near future. Nevertheless the club ask spectators to take care and to avoid unnecessary haste especially when descending slopes.

Will everyone try to obey such instructions as the police issue. Co-operation with the police and with stewards will be greatly appreciated.

The club also request their supporters to help the elderly among them and to continue to set a good example to youngsters.

AYR IN THE SCOTTISH CUP

Ally MacLeod has not been able to inspire Ayr United to Scottish Cup success—but neither has any of his predecessors as manager. Having seen Ayr's exit from the competition in midweek one has sympathy for them. They certainly were not favoured by fortune in the way in which they lost both goals.

Ayr are a much younger club than the majority in the first division; nevertheless they are one of only three (Dundee United and St. Johnstone are the others) who have never reached the final of the Scottish Cup.

First or second round defeat has been Ayr's portion in modern times. In the last 25 years (since the tournament was restarted after the war) Ayr have reached the last eight only three times—in 1951, 1960, and 1964. They have not gone farther.

In 1951 it was their conquerors of Wednesday night, Motherwell, who knocked them out—and, as this time, it was after a draw at Somerset Park. Celtic beat Motherwell in the

final that year. In 1960 Clyde eliminated them at Somerset, and in 1964 they were knocked out at Dunfermline.

Ayr have met Celtic only twice in the Scottish Cup—each time at Ayr. Celtic won 3-2 in the second round in 1933-34 and by 3-0 in the sixth round in 1955-56.

HALF-TIME SCORES

A	AIRDRIEONIANS DUNFERMLINE ATH.	
B	DUNDEE MOTHERWELL	
C	EAST FIFE HEARTS	
D	FALKIRK DUNDEE UNITED	
E	HIBERNIAN CLYDE	
F	KILMARNOCK RANGERS	
G	PARTICK THISTLE ABERDEEN	
H	ST. JOHNSTONE MORTON	
I	ARBROATH DUMBARTON	
J	COWDENBEATH QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	
K	ST. MIRREN MONTROSE	
L	CHELSEA STOKE CITY	
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Jock Stein says . . .

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ago. They are not really out of the relegation zone in the league, though it would be surprising if a side of their calibre were to go down.

The Celtic players will be treating them as if they were Újpest Dozsa or Aberdeen, the clubs they have to meet immediately after today's game. If the players continue in the manner in which they played Dundee there is no reason why we should not go to Budapest on Monday more firmly in command of the top league place and with the confidence to do well yet again in a European Cup tie.

I would like to congratulate our reserve side, who won convincingly at Ibrox while the first team were beating Dundee. Everyone who is playing in the second team knows that promotion to the first eleven is the immediate prize that is promised. The reserve players know too that the part they play in the club effort is no less appreciated by those in authority.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Newcastle United, Craigmark, Viewpark B.G., Shettleston.
2. Ayr United 1, Celtic 2; Celtic 2, Ayr United 0.
3. Beat Clyde 1-0 at Shawfield in a Scottish Cup third round tie on February 5.
4. The kick-off in February, 1967, was at noon; the April, 1971, game was played at Hampden.
5. Jock Smith, Phil McCloy, Jimmy Smith.
6. Alec Boden (1956-57).
7. Third Lanark.
8. Bob Ferrier (Motherwell).
9. Yes; they beat Airdrie 4-3 at home in a league match.
10. Ten times.

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