



**Scottish Premier
League**

CELTIC

versus

HIBERNIAN

**CELTIC PARK
WEDNESDAY
2nd MAY 1979
KICK-OFF 7.30 pm**

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TONIGHT we play Hibs for the fourth time this season and we must do what we have failed to do in our three previous meetings—win both points.

In the Easter Road side's last visit to Celtic Park in September they defeated us by the only goal of the game to give us our first league defeat of the season. The two matches at Easter Road produced a draw and a disappointing 2—1 defeat for us in Vic Davidson's first match on his return to Celtic.

With these results in mind, plus our current strong league position, I don't have to remind our players that only their very best form will produce a winning performance tonight.

Many sports writers are saying that it's determination and honest endeavour that has hoisted us back into league contention. While I accept that these are qualities required in any good side I don't accept that Celtic don't also have a great deal of ability in the side. Perhaps the fact that we were being written off by some people has given the Celtic players the determination and belief in their own ability to make the doubters think again.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate the Hibs players and officials on reaching the Scottish Cup final. On their best form they are capable of taking the Scottish Cup to Easter Road for the first time since the start of the century.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



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League Champions (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)

1957, 1958, 1966
1967, 1968, 1969
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OUR VISITORS

NEW FACES AT EASTER ROAD

THE Hibernian team who will face Rangers at Hampden on Saturday May 12 come to Celtic Park to-night to play their second last Premier League game of the season.

The Edinburgh side has changed quite a lot over the last couple of years and familiar faces like John Brownlie, John Blackley, Bobby Smith, Alex Edwards, Eric Schaedler and others have disappeared from the team to be replaced by a new Easter Road crop of youngsters.

Although Hibs didn't sustain their early season league promise, in which they were unbeaten in their first eight games, they have retained a healthy middle of the table league position and of course they have secured a place in the Scottish Cup final.

The players likely to be included in to-night's Premier League match are as follows:—

Jim McArthur. Back in goal again after being kept out of the position by Mike McDonald since he transferred from Stoke City in 1976.

Ally Brazil. One of the youngsters who has broken into prominence at Easter Road since the departure of Bobby Smith and John Brownlie to England. He is a sound player with pace and the ability and confidence to move forward with the attack.

Arthur Duncan. Now well established at left back is the former Partick Thistle outside left who played on the wing for Hibs for several seasons before converting comfortably to the full back position.

Des Bremner. Missed much of the season through injury but now back to his best form again in the number four jersey. He joined Hibs from Highland League club Deveronvale in 1972 and has been capped at under 23 and full international level.

George Stewart. Joined Hibs from Dundee for a fee of £38,000 in 1976. He is a tall, strong and commanding centre half who is particularly good in the air and has given solidarity to the Hibs' defence.

Jackie McNamara. Needs no introduction to Celtic fans because he was transferred to Hibs in the deal which brought Pat Stanton to Celtic Park. Jackie has become one of the best sweepers in the country and just turns in one good performance after another.

Gordon Rae. Made his debut for Hibs last season as a centre forward and also played as a centre half for the reserves. It looks like his true position has been discovered wearing the seven shirt.

Ally McLeod. The former St Mirren and Southampton player

who joined Hibs for £25,000 plays in the midfield and has been the leading scorer at Easter Road in the last two seasons.

Colin Campbell. The striker in the Hibs' side he has an honours degree which he gained at Edinburgh University. Signed on a month's trial at the start of the season he grabbed his chance and is now a regular in the side.

Ralph Callachan. The former Hearts' player who had an unhappy spell with Newcastle United is now showing the form which made him attract so much attention in his Tynecastle days. He is an industrious midfield player who has a lot of ability too.

Steve Brown. Came into the team recently as a substitute

against Hearts and has held the position ever since. A left sided player with speed and a lot of skill and the confidence to do well in the game.

Pat Carroll. Has been with the club for about six seasons and has made quite a lot of first team appearances in the last couple of years. A skilful midfield player who paks a good shot.

Bobby Hutchison. The former Montrose and Dundee player who joined Hibs last season in a swop deal which took Eric Schaedler to Dens Park. A useful striker to have on the staff.

Other players standing by who could come into the side include Rikkie Fleming, Tony Higgins, Willie Murray and Willie Patterson.



JO EDVALDSSON takes off in a goal bid against Hibs, a piece of activity that brought valuable goals for Celts.

MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
DANNY McGRAIN
ANDY LYNCH
ROY AITKEN
JO EDVALDSSON
MURDO MacLEOD
DAVIE PROVAN
MIKE CONROY
VIC DAVIDSON
TOMMY BURNS
JOHNNY DOYLE
GEORGE McCLUSKEY
TOM McADAM

Referee
MRT. K.
 (East K)

Lines
Mr A. R.
 (East K)
Mr J.
 (Kirkc)



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B	MOTHERWELL RANGERS		F	RAITH ROVERS CLYDEBANK
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JACKIE McNAMARA
GORDON RAE
ALLY McLEOD
COLIN CAMPBELL
RALPH CALLACHAN
STEVE BROWN
PAT CARROLL
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SIDELINES

A HOST of personalities from the football world attended the Scottish Football Writers Player of the Year luncheon in the Albany Hotel on Monday night.

The man chosen by the football writers was Morton's Andy Ritchie, the talented player who started his senior football career with Celtic.

Kenny Dalglish won the English Writers award making it a unique double for two former Celts.

CELTIC'S Premier League match with Partick Thistle at Firhill next Monday will kick-off at 3 p.m. With May 7 (May Day) declared a public holiday in Scotland it was decided that people would prefer this to an evening match.

THE away Premier League match against St Mirren will be played at Ibrox on Friday May 11 with a 7.30 kick off. Because of ground improvement work at Love Street the venue was switched by mutual agreement.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dundee United	35	18	7	10	43
Celtic	30	16	6	8	38
Rangers	30	14	9	7	37
Aberdeen	32	11	13	8	35
St Mirren	34	15	5	14	35
Hibernian	34	11	13	10	35
Morton	35	11	12	12	34
Partick Thistle	31	12	7	12	31
Hearts	32	8	7	17	23
Motherwell	35	5	7	23	17



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