

SCOTTISH CUP-FINAL

# CELTIC v RANGERS



**HAMPDEN PARK**  
**KICK-OFF 3.0. p.m**

**SATURDAY**  
**5th MAY 1973**

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Official Programme



## CELTIC POOL

- 1 ALISTAIR HUNTER
- 2 DANNY McGRAIN
- 3 JIM BROGAN
- 4 BOBBY MURDOCH
- 5 BILLY McNEILL, *Captain*
- 6 GEORGE CONNELLY
- 7 JIMMY JOHNSTONE
- 8 DIXIE DEANS
- 9 KEN DALGLISH
- 10 DAVID HAY
- 11 TOM CALLAGHAN
- 12 BOBBY LENNOX
- 13 HARRY HOOD

### Referee:

J. R. P. GORDON  
(Newport-on-Tay)

### Linesmen:

R. G. CHEYNE (Aberdeen)

Red Flag

W. S. BLACK (Glasgow)  
Orange Flag

*The Football used for today's match  
is supplied by Mitre Sports*

## RANGERS POOL

- 1 PETER McCLOY
- 2 SANDY JARDINE
- 3 WILLIE MATHIESON
- 4 JOHN GREIG, *Captain*
- 5 DEREK JOHNSTONE
- 6 ALEX MacDONALD
- 7 TOMMY McLEAN
- 8 TOM FORSYTH
- 9 DEREK PARLANE
- 10 ALFIE CONN
- 11 QUINTON YOUNG
- 12 JOE MASON
- 13 GERRY NEEF
- 14 DAVE SMITH
- 15 JIM DENNY
- 16 ALEX MILLER

## WARNING . . .

Spectators, in their own interests, and in the interests of those around them, are urged to exercise the utmost care when leaving the ground. Their doing so will reduce to a minimum the risk of accident.

We ask you to pay particular attention to this notice.

## ROAD TO THE FINAL

CELTIC				RANGERS			
3rd:—				3rd:—			
Celtic	4	East Fife	1	Rangers	1	Dundee United	0
(Deans 2, Dalglish 2)				(Young)			
4th:—				4th:—			
Motherwell	0	Celtic	4	Rangers	1	Hibernian	1
		(Deans 2, Dalglish, Lennox)		(Johnstone)			
5th:—				Replay:—			
Celtic	0	Aberdeen	0	Hibernian	1	Rangers	2
Replay—				(McLean, 2)			
Aberdeen	0	Celtic	1	5th:—			
		(McNeill)		Rangers	2	Airdrieonians	0
Semi Final				(Parlane, Young)			
Celtic	0	Dundee	0	Semi-Final (Hampden)			
Replay				Rangers	2	Ayr United	0
Celtic	3	Dundee	0	(Parlane, 2)			
(After Extra Time)				Goals—F. 8 A. 2			
(Johnstone 2, Dalglish)							
Goals—F. 12 A. 1							

In the event of a draw this afternoon, the replay will take place at Hampden Park, on Wednesday, May 23, 1973. Kick-off at 8 p.m. If still level at the end of 90 minutes play, an extra 30 minutes will be played. Tickets will be required for all parts of the ground. Arrangements will be announced later.

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## Message of Welcome from the President

*It is with particular pleasure I welcome our principal guest H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to Hampden Park this afternoon, and with her, her husband the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.*

*It is not often that we in Scotland can boast of a royal visitor at a national football occasion and for this reason her Royal Highness's presence with us today is all the more appreciated.*

*On behalf of the Scottish Football Association I thank the Princess and her husband most sincerely for honouring us on this very special occasion—our Centenary Year—and trust they will enjoy their visit and their first Scottish Cup Final experience.*

H. S. NELSON,  
PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

### PRE-MATCH ENTERTAINMENT

## THE SCOTTISH DAILY EXPRESS PRESENTS

#### EVENT 1—2.00-2.20 p.m.

The Junior Pipers, Drummers and Bandsmen of the Scottish Division. By kind permission of Lt. Col. D. A. N. C. Miers, Q. O. Hldrs., Officer Commanding Scottish Infantry Depot, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen.

Bandmaster	W.O.1 Samuel P. Holmes, A(Mus) LCM., ARCM., ALCM., Black Watch.
Drum Major	W.O. Robert D. McGeachan, Royal Highland Fusiliers.
Pipe Major	S/Sgt. Robert H. MacPhee, Queen's Own Highlanders.

#### EVENT 2—2.20 p.m.-2.28 p.m.

Scottish Schools Invitation Football Dribbling Competition—Semi-finals.

- 1st Semi-final: Powis Academy, Aberdeen v. Holyrood Secondary, Edinburgh.  
2nd Semi-final: Arbroath Academy v. Riverside Secondary, Glasgow.

#### EVENT 3—2.28 p.m.-2.34 p.m.

Invitation Mile (under S.A.A.A. Laws).

#### EVENT 4—2.34 p.m.-2.39 p.m.

Scottish Schools Invitation Football Dribbling Competition—Final.

#### EVENT 5—2.39 p.m.-2.45 p.m.

Schools Relay Races.  
*Boys Medley Relay Race*  
Wishaw High School  
Eastwood High School  
St. Mungo's Academy  
Jordanhill College School

#### Girls 4 x ½-lap Relay Race

Eastbank Academy  
Dalziel High School  
Hamilton Grammar School  
Jordanhill College School

#### EVENT 6—2.45 p.m.-2.55 p.m.

The Junior Pipers, Drummers and Bandsmen of the Scottish Division.

#### HALF-TIME

The Junior Pipers, Drummers and Bandsmen of the Scottish Division will play for approximately 10 minutes from 3.45 p.m.

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Kevin Ballaghan

John

Jimmy  
Christie  
Preston  
Dunbar



JIMMY JOHNSTONE

David  
Cunnaghan

Danny McGrain



JOHN RAFFERTY, *The Scotsman*

Talking to

## BILLY McNEILL, Captain of Celtic

**B**ILLY McNeill wrinkled his brow and looked puzzled. That was strange, for the question seemed simple enough. It was, "How many Scottish Cup finals have you played in?" He shook his head and answered, "I'm not sure how many!" He hastened to add, "Don't think I'm blase about the Scottish Cup. I'm far from that, but in the Scottish Cup it's not a case of how many, for each one stands on its own, each is important in its own right."

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For Billy McNeill's information he has played in seven of the last eight finals and has taken a winners medal in five of them. He can be excused for having lost count but still one must wonder at his having retained his enthusiasm and being as keen to win this afternoon as he was that day in 1965 when a new ambitious and inspiring manager, Jock Stein, was in the dressing room and his old club, Dunfermline, were the opposition.

Billy McNeill said, "I have a professional's pride in winning every game, but I have to admit that the Scottish Cup is special and each one is special in its own right, each one has its own glamour."

"People talk about collecting medals but Scottish Cup Medals are not like stamps or train numbers. Each season you start afresh in a new competition with new



opponents, with new pride and ambition and the final is the climax of all that. There is no way it could be flat, there is no way you could become blase or disinterested. Each one is a new sensation, each one provides new memories."

And then he talked of the finals that were gone and of the first one against Dunfermline. "We were setting out in a new era with a new manager and we had that feeling that history was about to be made. And it was, too, for it all started with that final although we had no inkling then just to what extent we were to be successful."

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He remembered '67, the year of the Grand Slam, "That final was part of a special year. We had just come back from Prague and had won a place in the European Cup final. There was a sense of destiny with us that year. We felt we could beat anything in football and even if Brazil had been set in front of us we would have been having a go at them and expecting to win."

He went on, "The finals against Rangers are memorable but maybe they are different from the others. Every game between our clubs is important and I think at times that maybe the fact that it is a Scottish Cup final can make it no more important. This season, however, we have not been able to give the same attention and thought to the final for we have been absorbed with the more important league championship."

Billy McNeill, one of the great team captains of all time in Scottish football had a sticky time in mid season after hurrying his return to the team after injury. He has played himself out of that bad patch and is again the impressive authoritative centre half who has dominated the Celtic defence and bossed the team through the most successful years of the club. He goes to Hampden Park today fresh and enthusiastic as he was that day eight years ago against Dunfermline.

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He has listened to the talk that Celtic are after a record this afternoon in winning three Scottish Cups in a row, something the present team has not been able to do. He said, "It is nonsense to think we will have that on our minds. We have never talked about that and we will not. We want to win the cup this afternoon because it is the Scottish Cup of 1973."



RODGER BAILLIE, *Sunday Mirror*

Talking to

# JOHN GREIG, Captain of Rangers

**E**LEVEN years is almost a football lifetime in the jet-paced, travel-packed schedule of today's soccer stars.

And that is the time span since Rangers captain John Greig made his Scottish Cup debut for the Ibrox club.

So long ago, so much has happened that John himself could not even recall the match.

So to whisk you down memory lane as the minutes tick away to today's clash the occasion when he bowed into the Scottish Cup limelight was a 2-2 draw against Aberdeen at Pittodrie on February 17, 1962.

The Rangers team that day was: Ritchie; Shearer, Caldwell; Davis, Baillie, Baxter; Henderson, Greig, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

Greig, a raw, lean 19-year-old had stepped in for the injured Ian McMillan but the little man who master-minded so many Ibrox triumphs returned for the replay.

Rangers won the game 5-1, and they went on to take the Cup that season by beating St. Mirren 5-1 in the final.

Greig is the last link left from those Rangers glory days. He was a youngster then among some of the greatest names in the one hundred years of Ibrox, but it can surely be said that over the years he has risen to equal or even surpass them.

For he has had to captain the club at a time when the balance of power has swung away from the Ibrox club.

So the familiar pictures which claimed newspaper space season in and season out of the Rangers captain on the shoulders of his team-mates clutching some piece of silverware have not been so familiar.

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He was captain of the 1966 Cup-winning side—when a Kai Johansen goal beat Celtic in a replay—but when Rangers again triumphed against Celtic in the 1970 League Cup Final he had to sit out the match because of injury.

It was then that privately he began to wonder if a hoodoo surrounded him, but if indeed there was, it was triumphantly swept away when Rangers beat Moscow Dynamo in the final of the European Cup-Winners Cup last season.

And the pictures of the bearded, grinning John Greig clutching that giant Cup told their own story.

Now he says: "I always felt that if we won our way into enough finals our luck would turn . . . Barcelona was that game."

The experience of Greig will be a vital factor for Rangers today, to reassure those of his team-mates who have not experienced the nerve-shredding tensions of an 'Old Firm' Cup Final.

When I asked him what he found different about such a fixture he grinned and said: "The ticket situation. Everyone is after you for tickets before the game, and I don't think I have ever known such a demand as for this one."

Then he continued: "Seriously, because of the League situation, every game for the last two months has been like a Cup Final for Rangers.

"The big difference is that at the end of today's match there is silverware to be collected."

John Greig has been criticised in the past, and probably will be in the future, for an over-robust approach in his play.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS

He himself has never tried to make out a case that he is one of the most skilful players of the age, but his contribution was put into perspective by a top opposition manager who once told me: "He's a hell of an opponent, but I would like him on my side."

Certainly whether you like or loathe his brand of play there can be little disagreement that it is Greig, sometimes seemingly alone, who has carried his side through many a crisis.

That alone makes him a worthy successor to the many great names of the past who went before him in the proud position of captain of Rangers.





