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CUP FINAL

CELTIC v RANGERS

Hampden Park · Saturday 8th May 1971 · Kick-Off 3pm



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STEIN, WADDELL MEET AGAIN...

TODAY'S Cup Final is another Old Firm milestone, but a milestone with a difference. It's the first meeting of the clubs since the Ibrox Disaster earlier this season.

The tragic accident which struck after the Rangers-Celtic New Year league game brought the Old Firm together in a way few if any had ever thought possible. Hatred suddenly took a back seat.

But I'm not going to dwell on that now—except to say that I hope the atmosphere for today's game won't make a mockery of the relationship forged in tragedy.

That certainly is the earnest wish of both managers—pictured above—who have gone out of their way to make every effort to avoid trouble scenes.

Celtic have won the Cup 20 times to Rangers 19 since 1894. This is their ninth meeting in the final. Celtic have won four and Rangers three, with one abandoned—the 1909 blow-up when, after two draws, the third game ended in a riot and the Cup was withheld.

CELTIC LEAD

Their last final was two years ago when Celtic romped home by 4-0. The teams that day were:—

Celtic—Fallon; Craig, Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill, Brogan; Connelly, Chalmers, Wallace, Lennox, Auld.

Rangers—Martin; Johansen, Mathieson; Greig, McKinnon, D. Smith; Henderson, Penman, Ferguson, Johnston, Persson.

and the scorers: McNeill, Lennox, Connelly and Chalmers.

The previous meeting in 1966 had more of the drama associated with an Old Firm Cup final. The first game ended in a no-score draw... but the replay went to Rangers with a thrilling Kai Johansen goal.

Of the Rangers' team who played in that thrilling replay, only Greig, McKinnon, Johnston and Henderson are still on the Ibrox payroll. And of the Celtic team who went down so narrowly Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill, Clark, Johnstone, Chalmers and Hughes are still at Parkhead.

Johansen's goal that night brought the clubs level at three all. Yet Rangers had been in existence 21 years before they won the cup for the first time. Celtic on the other hand won the trophy only four years after they were formed.

One of Rangers' most gratifying victories was their 4-0 win over Celtic in 1928. They hadn't won

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the Cup for 25 years whereas Celtic had won it nine times in the same period.

Davie Meiklejohn put Rangers ahead from the penalty spot 14 minutes after the start of the second half and they never looked back. Bob McPhail and Sandy Archibald (2) gave them a convincing victory.

The teams that far-off day were:

Rangers—Hamilton (T); Gray, Hamilton (R); Buchanan, Meiklejohn, Craig; Archibald, Cunningham, Fleming, McPhail, Morton.

Celtic—Thomson (J); McStay (W), Donoghue; Wilson, McStay (J), McFarlane; Connolly, Thomson (A), McGrory, McInally, McLean.

It was another 35 years before the big two met again in a final—on May 4, 1963. The game was drawn 1-1 and because Scotland had an international fixture at Hampden in the following midweek, the replay was delayed until the following Wednesday.

Teams in the first game were:

Rangers—Ritchie; Shearer, Provan; Greig, McKinnon, Baxter; Henderson, McLean, Millar, Brand, Wilson.

Celtic—Haffey; McKay, Kennedy; McNamee, McNeill, Price; Johnston, Murdoch, Hughes, Divers, Brogan.

George McLean was injured and missed the replay. Rangers brought Ian McMillan back and his generalship helped win the Cup. Celtic had Steve Chalmers at inside-left in the replay and Bobby Craig on the right-wing in place of Jimmy Johnstone.

Brand (2) and Wilson made it 3-0 for Rangers.

That's just something of the background then. Now let battle commence. But please, battle within limits.

THE WEE MEN WITH THE BIG NAMES

CELTIC'S Jimmy Johnstone on the right and Rangers' Willie Henderson below are two wee men who revel in the big occasion. But their big-time enthusiasm isn't the only thing they have in common.

- Both have played and scored for Scotland.
- Both have the pace and the ball control to tear a defence apart.
- And with the crowd roaring them on, both love to do just that.

They've also been known to argue... about which is the taller. The record book gives Henderson a slight edge, 5 ft. 5½ to 5 ft. 4. But the wee Celt reckons the wee Rangers was standing on his tiptoes. Henderson, who missed last week's Glasgow Cup semi-final against Queens Park because of a back strain, on the other hand, claims he was actually standing in a hole.

Both Jimmy and Willie, if he's fit to play, could put the opposition in a hole today.



FIVE MINUTE QUIZ

1. Who scored the goals in Celtic's 2-0 Cup final win over Aberdeen in 1967?
2. Which Rangers player has had the longest consecutive run of games this season?
3. Who was at inside-right in Rangers' team when they beat Celtic in the final in 1966?
4. Who led Celtic's attack when they beat Dunfermline 3-2 in the final and who scored their goals?
5. How many of the Rangers 1966 final side are still on the Ibrox staff?
6. Who was the referee in last season's Aberdeen-Celtic final?
7. Which team knocked Celtic out of the Cup in 1967-68?
8. Who were Rangers' opponents in the 1964 final and what was the score?

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CELTIC . . . the team that started it all

by Rodger Baillie, *Sunday Mirror*



THERE are only two pictures inside the office of Celtic manager Jock Stein at Parkhead . . . and they are both of the same team!

It is not the European Cup winning side of 1967, the team which raised Scottish football to its highest-ever level of international reputation.

It is not any of the league championship sides in the competition which Celtic have so remorselessly made their own property in recent seasons.

It is the Scottish Cup winning team of season 1964-65, the first of the conveyor-belt of trophies they have won under Stein's regime.

One of these pictures shows captain Billy McNeill—hoisted high on the shoulders of his victorious teammates—joyfully holding aloft the Cup . . . the other is a more traditional team group.

And even if they all looked a little younger then there is no difficulty in recognising the side which reads;

Fallon; Young, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, Clark; Chalmers, Gallagher, Hughes, Lennox, Auld.

Incredibly, despite the passing of these six years—almost a life-time in football—nine of that side are still on the Parkhead staff, only right-back Ian Young and inside-right Charlie Gallagher have left the club.

IMPORTANCE

No matter the vitally increased importance of European football, and only football's Rip Van Winkles would deny its importance today, there is still a magic about the Scottish Cup.

And in Celtic's fantastic sweep of honours in recent seasons that 3-2 victory of Jock Stein's men against his old team, Dunfermline, has a special place in the memories of the manager and his players.

For it was the end of the seven lean years, the years when the Parkhead side had to operate in the shadow of Rangers, as their great Ibrox rivals won so many honours.

How fitting that it should have been the captain, Billy McNeill, with one of the first of those memorable defence devastating headers, who scored the vital winning goal.

Two seasons later when Celtic captured the Scottish Cup again the line-up had changed only slightly, but it had been forged into what could be argued was the greatest-ever Scottish club side . . . and that should start a few Cup Final day controversies.

The team which beat Aberdeen 2-0 was ;

Simpson; Craig, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, Clark; Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Auld, Lennox.

It was the side which only weeks later was to put itself on a pedestal in the memory of football fans everywhere . . . a team to rank alongside the Wembley Wizards of old men's dreams or the 1949 post-war international side.

For it was the same Celtic side which went on to crush Inter-Milan, the arch-apostles of negative defence, in that sunshine-filled soccer spectacular in the European Cup Final in Lisbon.

CONVINCING

Jump another two years now to 1969, and again the Scottish Cup was decked in green-and-white ribbons, with a convincing 4-0 victory against Rangers.

The team which achieved that result was;

Fallon; Craig, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, Brogan; Connelly, Chalmers, Wallace, Lennox and Auld, with John Clark as twelfth man.

Note in this side how the then new names, Jim Brogan and George Connelly, have come in as replacements.

Manager Stein once said that he considers his greatest achievement has been changing his club's image to the prize which is recognised to be the greatest for consistency, the league championship.

But for years Celtic had an earned reputation as Cup specialists, and these sides certainly kept alive that cherished tradition.

Of course for both teams today, Celtic and Rangers, the extra incentive of a victory against their greatest rivals, is a powerful boost.

For both managers, Jock Stein and Willie Waddell of Rangers, it is another chapter in their rivalry which began more than a decade ago when they managed two of the most forward-thinking clubs of their day, Dunfermline and Kilmarnock.

A rivalry which was put into cold storage when Willie Waddell turned to journalism, and has now emerged again, obviously as great a clash of personalities for the dominance of Scottish football as the legendary battles of the twenties and thirties between Celtic's Willie Maley and Bill Struth of Rangers.

OMENS

Celtic have taken comfort from the soccer omens that since Jock Stein became their manager they have carried off the Cup every second season.

The last time was two years ago, when they completed a grand slam of the domestic trophies, and, as I have said, their Cup Final victims were Rangers.

Whether these omens are right or wrong will be proved over the 90 tense minutes at Hampden today.

But, I can only hope that the tension which is so inseparable from these occasions will not again spill over into violence either on the terraces or the field.

My apologies to the rest of the Cup contestants, but the two dominating teams in Scottish football are in action against each other today.

It will be an immeasurably better and greater finale to the club season if, no matter who wins, the taint of hooliganism which has too often besmirched the meetings of these 'Old Firm' clubs is unseen and—dare we hope—unheard today.



RANGERS . . . an old tradition with a new look in the world of football

by James Sanderson, *Scottish Daily Express*

IT is axiomatic that when one writes of Rangers there has to be an immediate reference to tradition.

It is something that has been engendered by the club since inception. Today, at Hampden, there is still much of it in evidence.

But, although tradition is a backbone, there is also a new breed of Rangers, both in the men who play today and in the back-room team that is such an integral part of the revolution that is sweeping our football.

The faces—and the deeds—of most of the men who play for Rangers today are well known. Behind them, are others, with manager Mr. Willie Waddell in control, who are no less important.

Men such as trainer-coach Jock Wallace, assistant Stan Anderson, physiotherapist Tom Craig and Joe Craven.

THE FOUNDATION

It is they who are the foundation, laid by the manager, of the new aims of the club. It has become fashionable in football throughout the world to denigrate coaching, planning and training that is mathematical in its efficiency, physically harder, too, than ever before.

But, with Rangers, the tradition of old has been allied, with creditable simplicity, to a modern outlook that needs time to bring it to fruition.

Rangers are now an amalgam of modern method and tradition that has seen them take a giant step forward in thought and action.

Today, with all the pomp and circumstance of the Scottish Cup Final, is another chapter in a march forward that could be still in its infancy where success is concerned.

Players such as John Greig, Willie Henderson and Billy Johnston link up with others such as Alex Miller, Colin Jackson and Peter McCloy.

For the first named three, it is part of a familiar Ibrox pattern. For the others, representing the wind of change, it is a giant step forward, not only for themselves but for the club.

The old, and the comparatively new, take onto the football field with them, the essence of the Rangers both of today and tomorrow.

It has been a happy blend, confronted with problems, exhorted by many, and criticised in equal volume. But the old and the new, tradition and modern, a welding together of diverse personalities, has been a mammoth job tackled well.

And there is no one at Ibrox who does not see the pit-falls and difficulties ahead. But neither is there anyone not ready for the challenge.

The victory in the League Cup Final, in which Rangers defeated Celtic by one goal to nil, was perhaps the most apparent proof of what team work inside Ibrox itself could do.

HIGH CALIBRE

The same situation has not been apparent in the Scottish League where, without doubt, it is consistency of a high calibre that is essential to achieve success. That is something players of Rangers Football Club are well aware of, both personally and collectively.

And for three players today there is both the expectation and excitement of a Scottish Cup Final, tinged with regret. They are full back Sandy Jardine and mid field man Dave Smith, who both miss this game because of serious injuries, plus Alfie Conn injured against Queens Park.

They are, of course, present, but there can be no more bitter experience surely than to sit as one of a vast number of spectators, reflecting on what might have been and having to wait and hope.

It is a bitter experience, but one that could be enlivened by their team mates success today.

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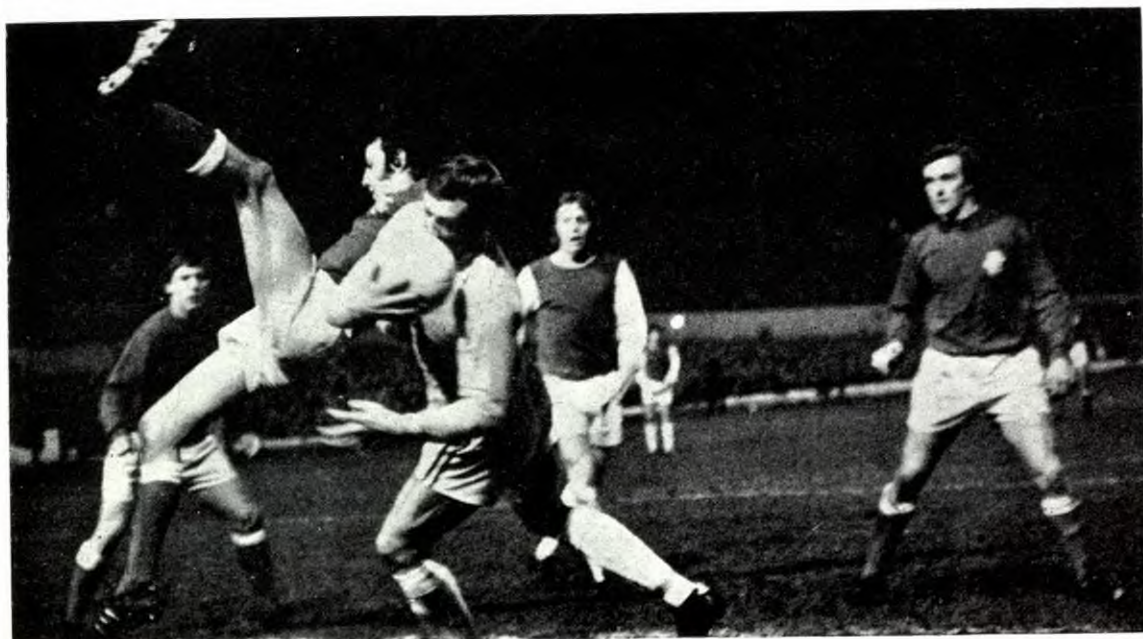
It would be quite impossible, on such a day, not to remember the cloud that surrounded the last meeting of these two teams, the death of 66 people in the Ibrox disaster in January.

Out of this shattering experience, the players and officials of Rangers, beset by huge problems, came out united. There is no doubt also that players who had been boys became men.

And it was Celtic, the opponents of today, who did so much to alleviate the distress of that day. Perhaps indeed a new bond of tolerance was forged among the fans.

For Rangers, this is a game that is another step on what has been a quiet but effective revolution. With tradition and new aims allied, and with the determination of everyone on the staff to make it all work.

JACKSON JUMPS TO IT FOR RANGERS



Colin Stein (right) Rangers looks on as Hibernian goalkeeper Marshall clutches the ball, while Colin Jackson Rangers falls back after jumping with Marshall in one of the many exciting moments of their semi-final replay.

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EVENT 2 2.02 p.m.—2.10 p.m.
Cycle Race—"DE'IL TAK THE HINDMOST"—by ten riders from the Scottish Cyclists Union.

EVENT 3 2.10 p.m.—2.17 p.m.
Invitation 1500 metres—Men. Under S.A.A.A. Rules.

EVENT 4 2.17 p.m.—2.37 p.m.
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EVENT 6 2.45 p.m.—2.55 p.m.
The Military Band of the 1st Battalion "The Black Watch" (Royal Highland Regiment).

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem will be played after the captains have tossed for choice of ends and players are in position for the kick-off.

HALF TIME

"The Black Watch" (Royal Highland Regiment) Band will play for approximately 10 minutes from 3.45 p.m.—3.55 p.m.

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