

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 1st November, 1975



CELTIC v RANGERS

Kick-off 1 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

A LATE BROGAN GOAL SECURES THE POINTS

RANGERS are today's visitors for the first-ever Old Firm Premier League game at Celtic Park.

Although Rangers got the only goal of the game to win the League Cup at Hampden last Saturday they'll be hard pushed to get any points from today's game.

Indeed, the Ibrox team have only one win to their name out of the last five visits to the East End of Glasgow.

One of those games was played at Celtic Park on January 3, 1972, and several players have departed from both camps in the intervening months.

The team selections for that game just under four years ago were:—

CELTIC: Connaghan; Hay and Brogan; Dalglish, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Lennox; Deans; Callaghan and Hood. Sub.: McGrain.

RANGERS: McCloy; Jardine and Mathieson; Greig, Jackson and Smith; McLean and D. Johnstone; Stein; MacDonald and W. Johnston. Sub.: Conn.

Referee: Mr W. Mullan (Dalkeith).

The game swung from end to end at the start, but Celtic were slowly taking the upper hand, and after 35 minutes they opened the scoring. Harry Hood made the opening on the left and his cross was headed into the net by Jimmy Johnstone from a crouching position.

Celtic really put on the pressure for the last ten minutes of the first half, but at the end of 45 minutes' play, the score remained at 1-0 for the home team.

The second half proved to be just as exciting as the first period, and Celtic paid the penalty of squandered chances when Colin Stein scored the equaliser with just nine minutes to play.

Then when it looked certain that the points would be shared Celtic grabbed the winner in injury time. Billy McNeill found Harry Hood with a free-kick and his perfectly judged cross was headed home by Jim Brogan who had gone upfield in support of his attack.

That goal ended a Rangers run in which they had won seven league games in succession, and also served to inflict the fourth Celtic win over their Ibrox rivals that season.



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CELTIS WILL MAINTAIN HERITAGE OF SKILL



WELL, it's Celtic v Rangers again this Saturday afternoon. It'll be quite a different ball game, I hope, from the Scottish League Cup final at Hampden last week.

It was one of the poorest finals I have seen ... and that's not a sour grapes comment because Rangers prised the League Cup from our grip.

Of course we felt disappointment in defeat. That's natural enough. Yet we are disciplined enough to accept a loss, put it behind us and go forward again seeking success.

MARVELLOUS FANS

I thought the fans were marvellous considering the lack of continuity in the play at the Hampden final ... and the absence of entertainment and goalmouth excitement.

So for their sake, one anticipates that this will be a football game this afternoon with much more sparkle than the final, and much less in terms of the physical.

One thing, Celtic will not desert what Scotland has become renowned for ... the traditional ball player. We'll not desert for strength what is part of the heritage of Scottish football.

It is something we will always persist in ... trying to play the game as it is known here. It provides entertainment for the spectators and it will not be discarded at Celtic Park.

WILL CONTINUE

Our play style has given pleasure to the fans and brought us success. That's how it will continue. In short, we believe that SKILL WILL ALWAYS OUT.

Nevertheless, every Celt on the field today will be 100 per cent fit. Without the pressure of a midweek engagement, there was greater opportunity to work on player injuries.

The Portuguese side, Boavista, are at Parkhead on Wednesday evening for the "second half" of the European Cup-winner's Cup-tie. It is a game we have to approach carefully. Boavista are an able side and most dangerous on the break.

People who feel Celts are home and dry should remember a no-scoring draw that was accomplished against AC Milan in Italy ... and then we lost 1-0 at Parkhead!

SEAN FALLON.

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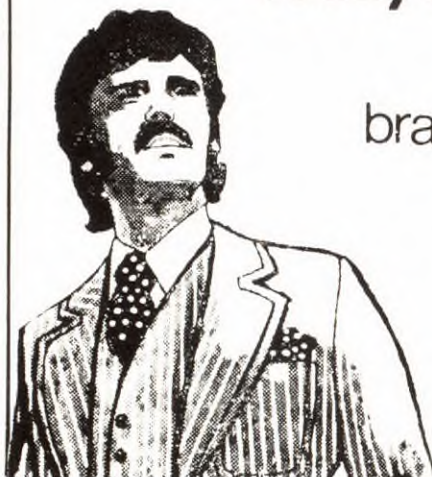
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BERTIE AULD, a Lisbon Lion looks at the Old Firm encounter from his Firhill desk, and asserts:

THERE ISN'T ANOTHER FIXTURE LIKE IT!

BERTIE AULD, glowing with health and trim enough to step into playing strip again, pondered the question for at least two seconds and answered: "There isn't another game in the world like an Old Firm fixture."

Settling back comfortably in the chair behind his managerial desk at Firhill, the Partick Thistle manager added: "I loved playing against Rangers. The event had atmosphere, it had character ... and you need a bit of character to play in them."

Bertie Auld supplied that, plus a lot of cool skill in Old Firm games, yet he asserts: "I was one of the lucky ones to be in the Celtic team I was in. You know I played with world class men, though we didn't really appreciate it at the time ...

He singled out Bobby Murdoch as one of the world players. "He had everything for me. He was completely dedicated to football. A true professional through and through."

Out of his long list of Old Firm games, Bertie Auld immediately selected the League Cup final of 1966 for recall. In some ways it paralleled the final of last week. It was an uncompromising show.

"I got away a good, high, angled pass to Joe McBride at the far post. He nodded in to Bobby Lennox ... and wee Bobby, steaming through the middle, quickly had it in the back of the net.

"We'd practised that move for days on end before the match. Suddenly what we'd worked on opened up in the Hampden play. And because you often only get one bite at the goal cherry in an Old Firm game ... well, it was great to have things come together. It made the hard work and planning all worthwhile."

The one goal was good enough to keep the Cup at Parkhead.

With hard work on the training ground there were no complicated last-minute instructions from manager Jock Stein when sending the team out to play Rangers or any other side. "They were pretty well always the same. 'Go out there and enjoy yourselves. This is just another game'. We did, too," recalls Bertie with a smile of cheerful recollection.

Perhaps, Auld feels, too much hinges on one or two players in teams these days. "The Celtic teams I played in had eleven match winners. I don't leave out the keepers Ronnie Simpson and John Fallon. Ronnie could read a situation uncannily and with one accurate throw or kick, start moves that had us buzzing in on the opposition goal."

Dressing room tension before any match was never in evidence during Auld's stay at Parkhead. "Mark you, there was a feeling of something 'extra' in a Rangers game. People would stop you in the street and have a wee natter about the prospects. Your mother would tell you about what Mrs So and So thought about it all. There seemed total involvement everywhere ... and I loved every minute of it."

He's still happily and totally involved in football and loving every minute of it as Thistle's manager. "Ach, I've been a Thistle fan since my father used to take me to Firhill as a nipper." He believes every man, woman and child in Maryhill are Thistle fans. "So a lot of buses leave the area for Celtic and Rangers games every week. But what do they ask as soon as their game is over: 'How'd the Thistle get on?'"

Well, Thistle are 'getting on' pretty well. And while Celtic and Rangers faced each other today, an Old Firm select was looking after Thistle and Thistle Reserves. Says the Firhill boss of former Rangers manager, Scot Symon, on whose vast experience he can now draw: "He's a great character and he's been invaluable to Partick and myself. You could say Thistle are getting the best of both Old Firm worlds."

TODAY'S VISITORS

RANGERS, no matter what happens through the rest of 1975-76, have booked a place in Europe for next season... as the winners of the Scottish League Cup last week.

However, Ibrox ambition stretches beyond the UEFA Cup tourney. They aim for the top... the European Cup for club champions. They are currently engaged in that competition, and while Celtic play Boavista in the Cup-winners' tourney on Wednesday evening, Rangers will be in action at Ibrox to wipe out a two-goal deficit against the French champions, St Etienne.

Leading the Rangers' squad for the one trophy that hasn't reached the Ibrox sideboard is Jock Wallace, a forthright manager whose dedication and drive is stamped on the side.

Today's match is for Premier Division points and they are the passport to next season's European Cup. Currently, Rangers are one behind top-of-the-table Celts, who also have a game in hand, and though the fixture list has a long way to go, defeat today could dim Rangers' prospects.

The pressure is on them to get a result, and these are the men manager Wallace will likely have in action and on the substitutes' bench:

TOM FORSYTH: defence. Back to the side after injury, he is known for his fervent tackling and all-out endeavour on the field. Played a strong part in Rangers' League Championship success last season.

COLIN JACKSON:

Rangers . . . set for Europe once again

centre-half. A current Scottish internationalist, he is a fine stopper-type defence-man whose play is unspectacular, but ever so safe. Second longest serving player with the club (12 years).

TOMMY McLEAN: right-wing. Speedy and skilful and one of the most accurate passers in the game. Completed his haul of Scottish tourney winners' medals in the League Cup against Celtic last week.

DEREK JOHNSTONE: midfielder. Joined Rangers in July, 1970, and celebrates his 22nd birthday on Tuesday. As a 17-year-old, headed the goal which defeated Celtic in the final of the League Cup (1970). A versatile player, he is another product of the Rangers youth policy.

STEWART KENNEDY: goal. Was an ever-present in the Scottish League Championship-winning side last term, gaining international

honours in a rapid rise to the top after signing from Stenhousemuir in season 1973-74. Called into the team at the last minute (literally) last week in St Etienne when Peter McCloy was injured in the European tie warm-up with the French champions.

SANDY JARDINE: full-back. Captained Scotland in the home internationals last season and was in the World Cup squad in West Germany. One of the fastest players in Scottish football, he is a product of the Ibrox club's youth programme.

JOHN GREIG: full-back. The longest-serving player at Ibrox (15 years), he sets a captain's example by dedication, enthusiasm and loyalty. Is having one of his best seasons ever, and at 33, is back in Scotland's squad. A great character, he has won every honour in Scotland, and now has his sights set on a European Cup-winner's medal.

DEREK PARLANE: striker. Rangers' highest-scorer for the past two seasons, he was a marksman in his debut against Bayern Munich in the semi-final of the European Cup-winners' Cup. His caps total is now in double figures, and at 22 can be an Ibrox key player for years.

COLIN STEIN. Another notable Ibrox goalscorer, though recently he has been operating in midfield. Returned to the club from Coventry City this year for £80,000. Got the goal

against Hibernian that clinched the Scottish League Championship.

ALEX MacDONALD: midfielder. A tremendous worker who can play in attack as well as the "engine room" of the team. Got the all-important goal at Hampden last week to take the League Cup to Ibrox.

QUINTON YOUNG: left-wing. One of the highest scoring wingers in Scottish football who combines aggression and pace that disturbs the best defences.

ALEX MILLER: full-back. A courageous player who played through most of the 1972 Scottish Cup final with a broken jaw. A versatile member of the Ibrox staff, he played an important part in last season's championship win.

BOBBY McKEAN: midfielder. Transferred from St Mirren just over a year ago.

Made an immediate impact with his strong running and tackling.

ALASTAIR SCOTT: striker. Joined from Queen's Park with whom he won amateur international honours. A courageous player.

ALEX O'HARA. Joined Rangers when he was 13, and as a 16-year-old played 22 first team games in season 1973-74. Has captained Scotland's professional Youth side.

IAN McDUGALL: midfielder. Played a number of first team games last season, and has been capped at Under-23 level.

GRAHAM FYFE: forward. Joined the club in 1968 and has played numerous games as an attacker. Helped Rangers to their League Championship success.



SANDY JARDINE
Rangers' right-back.

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Today they compete as individuals over 500 metres for which the world record stands at 60.6 seconds. David Jenkins has been timed at 60.9 seconds over the distance, and with opposition of the highest quality, could trim this figure today.

Eight each

Rangers equalled Celtic's eight League Cup wins last week at Hampden. The Ibrox club have won the Scottish League championship on 35 occasions (Celtic 29), and the Scottish Cup 20 times (Celtic 24).

Kenny's tops

Celtic have scored 45 goals in Premier League, League Cup and European Cup-winners' Cup fixtures so far this season. Kenny Dalglish is the leading marksman with nine goals.

The others have come from Lennox 6, Wilson and Hood 5, Edvaldsson 4, Deans and McCluskey 3, Callaghan, McDonald and Lynch 2, McGrain, Glavin, McNamara and Ritchie one apiece.

New date

Provisional date for the postponed Ayr United v Celtic fixture in the Premier League is Wednesday, November 12.



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