



**Scottish Premier
League**

**CELTIC
versus
RANGERS**

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY 12th NOVEMBER, 1977
KICK-OFF 1 p.m.**

PROGRAMME 10p

PAUL WILSON'S "DOUBLE" GOT SHARE OF POINTS

SINCE the Premier League was introduced to the Scottish football calendar at the beginning of the 1975-76 season, Celtic have been hosts to Rangers for four matches in the competition.

In the first season both league games were drawn; and the first one (the equivalent of today's game) ended with the score of one each. The teams and scorers that day, November 1, 1975, were:

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; P. McCluskey, McDonald and Edvaldsson; G. McCluskey and Dalglish; Deans; Callaghan and Wilson. Substitutes: Hood and McNamara.

RANGERS: Kennedy; Jardine and Greig; Forsyth, Jackson and MacDonlad; McLean and Stein; Parlane; Johnstone and Young. Substitutes: Miller and McKean.

Referee: Mr E. Thomson (Edinburgh).

Derek Parlane gave Rangers the lead and Paul Wilson got the goal which gave Celtic a share of the points.

Last season Celtic drew their first game with their rivals and won the second encounter on the way to winning the Premier League title.

It's the first game, which was played on September 4 last year, which we recall in some depth. The teams were:—

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; Stanton, McDonald and P. McCluskey; Doyle and Glavin; Wilson;

Burns and Dalglish. Substitutes: Aitken and Lennox.

RANGERS: McCloy; Miller and Greig; Forsyth, Denny and MacDonald; McLean and Jardine; Parlane; Munro and Johnstone. Substitutes: Hamilton and McKean.

Referee: Mr J. W. Paterson (Bothwell).

Rangers looked set for a convincing win when they scored twice in the first half. The first was the result of a mistake by Andy Lynch who headed into the path of Derek Johnstone and the big Rangers' striker put the ball in the net. In another Rangers' raid Tommy McLean hit the post and an alert Derek Parlane followed up to net the rebound. Sandwiched between these goals was a bit of bad luck for Celtic when a great Roddy McDonald header came back off the Rangers' cross-bar.

As Celtic continued to pressure the Rangers defence it seemed inevitable that they would score eventually — and score they did. Roddy McDonald again caused panic in the Rangers defence following a corner kick and when the ball broke loose Paul Wilson was on hand to score with a right foot shot.

Then with time running out Celtic equalised with a goal to remember. Paul Wilson ran on to a through pass on the right, sped past a defender and crashed an unsaveable shot past Peter McCloy from the corner of the penalty box. The game finished with the scores level at 2-2.

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CELTIS WILL BATTLE ON TO KEEP THE CROWN



INJURY-wise it has been a difficult season so far for Celtic. Pat Stanton and Alfie Conn early on. Now it is Danny McGrain and Tommy Burns. Plus a number of others who had to be sidelined for less prolonged spells.

On top of that we had new players who were not eligible for European and League Cup ties and the whole effect has been team shuffling from match to match.

It is not the ideal climate in which to achieve consistency of play pattern or results, but such problems have to be faced and overcome.

That's easier to say than to accomplish at a stroke. Yet all energies must be bent in that direction for the club and the fans. Determination on the field and the will-to-win spirit has to take over when vital skills have been temporarily lost.

Against Motherwell last weekend the team grafted to great effect. They refused to give up and won two vital points.

That same sort of effort will be required against Rangers today. An Old Firm occasion has a special flavour . . . no matter how the sides might be faring.

The players do put something extra into it for a backward look shows that Old Firm contests can decide the outcome of League championships.

Last season Celtic won six of the eight points at stake . . . and finished as champions.

Two seasons ago Rangers came out best. They were the champions.

It is a statistic that invests today's contest with its special quality.

In our first meeting at Ibrox this season Rangers won 3-2. Things began to go right for them from that point and the road for Celtic got a bit rocky.

Be assured that the Celtic team on the field today will fight all the way for victory. Achieving that could set us up for the rest of the season and remove the "fallen champions" tag that was given the team after our European Cup exit.

Celtic may not be the irresistible force of other years, but it is a proud club, a spirited club . . . and the season has a long way to go.

JOCK STEIN

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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,
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Roy Aitken registers the joy of goalscoring in an Old Firm contest. He "punches" out his delight after sliding home the first of two goals against Rangers at Ibrox and colleague Joe Craig sweeps into offer his congratulations.

TODAY'S VISITORS

RANGERS BANISH THE "CRISIS" HEADLINES

WITH early season League defeats from Aberdeen and Hibernian plus an early exit from Europe the possibility of extravagantly - labelled "Crisis at Ibrox" headlines looked imminent.

That "danger" disappeared fast as the Rangers team with new boys and established campaigners were welded together by manager Jock Wallace into a squad which Ibrox fans now see capable of winning another "treble".

Jock Wallace, who has weathered more "crises" than a French government during his time as coach and manager at Ibrox isn't making such a claim . . . not yet anyway.

He's letting the team do the bulk of the talking for him . . . and that works out at goals and victories.

Manager Wallace, like manager Jock Stein, didn't require to call a special player pep-session for today's encounter. An Old Firm match is something special . . . no matter how often they meet, the players feel it and the adrenalin flows without words from the managers.

That goes for John Greig, 17 seasons at Ibrox and a player in over 70 Old Firm games, as much as the new boys in Rangers team.

The new boys this season have played a substantial part in the Rangers recovery. Gordon Smith recruited from Kilmarnock is the leading scorer. Davie Cooper has maintained the wonderful wing play that made him a target for many clubs while he was with Clydebank.

But the impact that 20-year-old Bobby Russell has made on the side has been considerable. The midfield man arrived without any transfer trumpeting . . . called up from Shettleston Juniors at the beginning of the year.

He got his chance quickly . . . and grabbed it. Now he is thoroughly

established in the "engine room" of the team out of which he makes a polished contribution to the play of the squad.

What pleases Rangers fans is the TEAM pattern that has evolved. There is skill and subtlety plus strength and a will-to-win spirit that every successful side must possess.

Whether or not they stay on the currently successful course has still to be determined. But the future looks good and manager Jock Wallace aims to keep things that way.

Finishing on the right side today could go a long way to determining another Premier title for a man who has coached and managed Rangers to a lot of prizes . . . in spite of "crisis" headlines!



JOHN GREIG



DEREK JOHNSTONE . . . the Rangers defensive and attacking star the Ibrox club hope to have fit for today's Parkhead action.

Photograph courtesy of Rangers News

TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC (from)

PETER LATCHFORD
 JOE FILIPPI
 ANDY LYNCH
 FRANK MUNRO
 RODDY McDONALD
 ROY AITKEN
 JOHN DOYLE
 RONNIE GLAVIN
 JOE CRAIG
 TOM McADAM
 PAUL WILSON
 ALFIE CONN
 JO EDVALDSSON

Referee:
 Mr E. THOMSON
 (Edinburgh)

Linesmen:
 Mr J. H. GIBSON
 (Dundee)
 Mr A. S. McNair
 (Lenzie)



Spectators are requested to take care — particularly leaving the ground after the match.

RANGERS (from)

STEWART KENNEDY
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 JOHN GREIG
 TOM FORSYTH
 COLIN JACKSON
 ALEX McDONALD
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SIDELINES

Billy's back

Billy McNeill's back at Parkhead next Saturday in opposition to Celtic! The former Celtic skipper brings his Aberdeen squad to the football stage he bestrode for so long. This time he has to watch it all from the sidelines, and while Celtic fans will give him a warm welcome they'll be hoping the Dons and their manager go home pointless!

Ever-presents

Winger Davie Cooper is the only player who has appeared in all of Rangers matches (26) this season. Celtic's ever presents in 20 Premier League, League Cup and European matches are Peter Latchford and Roddy McDonald.

Ibrox marksman

Rangers leading scorer is Gordon Smith. His total of 16 is made up of 10 premier League goals, five in the League Cup and one in Europe.

Premier League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rangers	12	8	2	2	29	16	18
Aberdeen	12	7	2	3	20	11	17
Dundee Utd.	12	6	4	2	15	9	14
Partick Thiss.	12	6	4	2	18	18	14
Celtic	12	5	6	1	17	17	11
St. Mirren	12	4	5	3	18	20	11
Motherwell	12	4	6	2	17	17	10
Hibernian	12	4	7	1	10	12	9
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