

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 13th November, 1975



CELTIC v ABERDEEN

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Bobby banished jinx

ABERDEEN are Celtic's visitors today in the first Premier League meeting between the two teams at Celtic Park. When the two teams met in October Celtic recorded a merited win, considering the team played most of the game with only ten men.

Turning the clock back a bit further, however, we find a game at Celtic Park which Celtic won on their route to an eighth League Championship success.

Perhaps the most significant thing in recalling that game is the number of players who have disappeared from both teams in under three years.

The teams for the league encounter of March 3, 1973, were as follows:

CELTIC — Hunter; McGrain and Quinn; Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Dalgligh; Deans; Hood and Lennox. Twelfth man: McCluskey.

ABERDEEN — Clark; Williamson and Hermiston; Murray, Young and Willoughby; Varga and Graham; Forrest; Jarvie and Purdie.

Of the twelve listed by both teams, only seven players are still at Celtic Park and only five remain on the books at Pittodrie.

Aberdeen went into a defensive shell right from the start and despite non-stop Celtic pressure the Dons rearguard couldn't be pierced. Then under terrific Celtic pressure centre half Willie Young used a hand to prevent a Jimmy Johnstone shot from going into the net.

With Celtic having missed their previous five penalty awards it was a somewhat hushed crowd as Bobby Lennox

was given the task of ending the penalty bogey.

Bobby responded in expert fashion to give Celtic the opening goal they had striven so hard to register.

Aberdeen continued to defend dogmatically and work an offside trap which frustrated the Celtic forwards and the spectators.

It took a piece of quick thinking from Danny McGrain to beat the offside trap and produce the second and final goal in the 2-0 victory.

The right back feigned to pass the ball and then sprinted through the Aberdeen defence wall, took the ball into the Aberdeen goal area then rolled the ball into the path of Kenny Dalgligh to sweep the ball into the net.

Going back further than that, to March 6, 1968 to be precise, we find a Celtic victory by four goals to one.

Bobby Lennox, the only member of the team still on Celtic's playing staff, helped himself to a hat-trick.

The teams were:

CELTIC — Simpson; Gemmill and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Lennox; Wallece; Gallagher and Hughes. Twelfth man: Hay.

ABERDEEN — Clark; Whyte and Shewan; Petersen, McMillan and Murray; Johnston and Smith; Watt; Buchan and Craig.

The Bobby Lennox hat-trick and a Billy McNeill header gave Celtic a 4-0 lead after 35 minutes, and Dave Johnston scored a late consolation goal for the Dons.

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HEARTS, Hibernian and Aberdeen as opponents in a period of eight days has been characterised in some places as a "crunch week" for Celtic.

Every week is a "crunch week" for the club. Every team likes to topple the successful outfit . . . and Celtic have been THE success club in Scotland these last ten years.

Don't get the idea that I feel we are having a poor time or likely to head into a period of non-success. The Premier League championship trophy, the Scottish Cup and the European Cup-Winners' Cup would look rather good on the Parkhead boardroom sideboard!

It is a hefty "hat-trick" to contemplate, but, surely we could be considered "live" candidates to accomplish it. However, there is no counting of chickens at this point of a season in which Celtic have been faced with the job of rebuilding while still hunting the prizes.

It is a factor that should be kept in mind at all times. You cannot lose men of the calibre we did last season and not feel it for a time, though the fellows who have come in are doing a fine job for the club. Just look at our present position at home and in Europe and you can gauge the worth of the replacement material.

They get a further opportunity this afternoon against Aberdeen to show their skills. This is the fourth meeting of the clubs this season . . . two in the League Cup and one in the Premier League. The score sheet is three Celtic victories . . . two of them at Pittodrie.

Their new manager, the bubbling, likely Ally McLeod will want to change that of course, but whatever the outcome I anticipate another game of quality for the Dons are a talented side, despite their poor start to the season.

Ally McLeod is a new ingredient this time and, having beaten Rangers at Pittodrie last week, will have his squad on their toes to complete a "double" at the expense of the Old Firm. Mark you, we have a few ideas about winning ourselves!

There are two points at stake in every championship game, but when the team gets a 100 per cent return in away games there is an invisible "extra." Celtic did pretty well in getting full points at Tannadice and Tynecastle and the "extra" is reflected in club atmosphere and in team confidence.

Of course, our fans are an "extra" for the players, as well. The followers on the terracings have been behind us home and away all season and the club appreciates the value of this support.

Our mid-week draw with Hibs gives us an outright lead in the Premier League which we will aim to consolidate today.

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1910, 1914, 1915,
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1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24 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.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

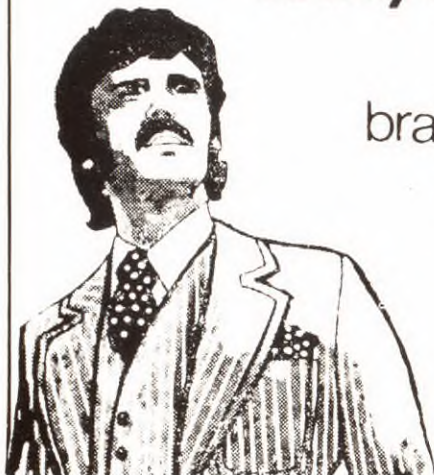
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The thoughts of Ally McLeod, new boss of Aberdeen are, as usual, optimistically refreshing and he forecasts a bright Pittodrie future.

DONS ARE NOT OUT OF THE TITLE RACE

THE ebullient Ally McLeod, having given the Aberdeen team new confidence and new direction and revitalised the drooping Dons' supporters in a few weeks of whirlwind activity says: "Sure it's hectic . . . but I'm loving every minute of it."

Yet amid the excitement and action he has generated he remembers the man he succeeded. "I arrived at Pittodrie at a time when certain wee things had gone off the rails perhaps. It wasn't the fault of manager Jimmy Bonhorne, it really wasn't the fault of anybody.

"I have a high regard for Jimmy's coaching ability and I was sad for him when he decided to call it a day at Aberdeen. I regard myself as a close friend of Jimmy's. Sure we've argued about his football ideas and I have different ones.

"Now Aberdeen have to try my way. I had hoped that the process might have been gradual, but the Aberdeen position was such I had to make changes almost immediately.

"Whether they will be successful remains to be seen, but our victory over Rangers last weekend was the Dons first against them at Pittodrie in ten seasons and that's given the fans — and players and myself — some encouragement.

"It is no use Ally McLeod saying he is going to do this and do that. If things didn't come off the fans would have a right to feel disappointed. So far wins against Dundee United and Rangers and a draw with Hearts is satisfactory. The Hearts and Rangers games were good ones to watch and the customers were satisfied."

Manager McLeod feels his enthusiastic words in recent days have been extended considerably beyond their absolute meaning. "It would be perfectly silly to say Aberdeen WILL win the Premier League title and I haven't said so. What I know is that Aberdeen are now starting to play well enough to win the title. But then so

much depends on how other teams make out.

"YET IF WE WIN AGAINST CELTIC AT PARKHEAD ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE PREMIER LEAGUE," he asserts.

And at that point he recalls Derby County having been near the foot of the English League and staging a recovery of such proportions that the championship was won.

"So what's seven points adrift with 20 games to go in our championship," he says with the cheerfulness which has worked its way through the entire Aberdeen club since his arrival.

"Aberdeen over the years have had good teams, teams that almost got there in the race for the big prizes. Well it won't be long before their name appears in the list of winners," he promises.

Discussing his team changes, manager McLeod pinpoints the comparatively young midfield players Joe Smith and John McMaster. "They have come through much quicker than I anticipated they would when I arrived. I told them: 'You have the jobs to do' when I drafted them into the team. Well, they've done their work very well. Then another young man, Willie Miller, has taken over the captaincy. Andy Geoghegan has come into goal because of injury to Bobby Clark. He's been told: 'Do well and you'll stay as keeper.' In short, there will be competition for that team place and every other team place."

Today's match? Parkhead? "At the end of the day Aberdeen could be only five points adrift of the table toppers. And don't forget we've still to play Celtic twice and Rangers twice. And the Old Firm have to play each other twice.

"When you look through the fixture list to the end of the season — and it has a long way to go — Aberdeen won't be far away at the finish. We might not win the championship this year, but we'll bring it to Aberdeen in time."

TODAY'S VISITORS

SINCE playing at Parkhead in a League Cup tie in August, the Aberdeen side has come under "new management". The current boss is the effervescent Ally McLeod who "built" part-time Ayr United into a combine that the best-organised full-time outfits regarded with some apprehension when called upon to meet them.

Now Aberdeen has added Ally to oil and they hope the link up is as smooth as the North Sea product. Last week's defeat of Rangers has given Aberdeen football fans a new enthusiasm and the McLeod influence has brought back the vanishing fans to Pittodrie.

Ally McLeod told the Aberdeen supporters he didn't have a magic wand which with one wave would send the Dons into a spiral of success. However, even without a wand he has revived interest and more importantly restored hope to a football centre of importance in Scotland.

Aberdeen have a lot of talented players and, despite the mixed start to this season, with team confidence clearly returning, can play a vital part in the Premier League.

These are the players manager McLeod will select from to face Celtic this afternoon.

ANDY GEOGHEGAN. Goal. The super stand in. With Bobby Clark sidelined by injury has played in Dons last three matches and helped considerably in the Aberdeen "revival".

COME-BACK TIME AT PITTODRIE



Eddie Thomson

Has had few opportunities in six years to take over from the always consistent Clark, but when called upon has proved a first-class keeper.

BILLY WILLIAMSON. Full back. Once a scoring forward he has found his true football niche in defence after a spell as a midfielder.

CHIC McCLELLAND. Full back. Was understudy to Jim Hermiston for a long spell, but once promoted to the League side quickly established himself as a sterling defender.

IAN HAIR. Full back. Signed from East Kilbride in 1971, this 20-year-old has made steady progress. He can play equally well in midfield and likes to push forward.

EDDIE THOMSON. Centre half. The former Hearts man is having a good season and has settled well into the defence post vacated by Willie Young.

WILLIE MILLER. Sweeper. A young man (21) who is rapidly becoming a Scottish football personality. Took over the captaincy when Bobby Clark was injured and is in Scotland's latest Under-23 selection. Signed in 1972 from Eastercraigs.

JOE SMITH. Midfield. Once played in the shadow of his brother, Jimmy. Now he is a personality in his own right . . . a skilful personality, too. Joined up at Pittodrie from the amateur ranks in 1971.

DAVE ROBB. Midfield. The strong-playing Don has been ten years with the club. A cartilage operation interrupted his career for a spell, but is now back to the form that brought international recognition. Can play equally effectively as an all-out striker.

JOHN McMASTER. Midfield. Since signing



Joe Smith

from Port Glasgow five years ago has made steady progress. Promoted to the league side by new boss Ally McLeod he has played with confidence and great effect.

JOCKY SCOTT, Midfield-striker. After 11 years with Dundee, has found a new zest and enthusiasm for the game and is a key figure in the Aberdeen pattern.

DREW JARVIE, Striker. Scored his first goal in the

Premier League last week... and it brought the downfall of Rangers. Has been three seasons at Pittodrie and in two of them top scorer. Now that he has broken his "duck" in the Premier league, Dons fans are expecting a lot more goals from him.

ARTHUR GRAHAM, Winger. A quick exciting player, he has been a Pittodrie favourite since

signing from Cambuslang in 1970.

BILLY PIRIE, Striker. Though troubled by injury this season he has proved to be a first rate stand in who can take a slim goal chance.

BOBBY CLARK, Goal. Has made over 400 appearances for Dons in ten seasons and gained more Scotland caps than any other player in the club's history.

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DONS' COLOURS

Aberdeen's official colours are: Red shirts with white V insert collar and cuffs; red shorts with white stripe; red stockings with white tops. Change strip: All blue.

HONOURS LIST

The honours list of the Aberdeen club founded 1902, is:

Scottish League champions: 1954-55.

Runners up: 1910-11, 1936-37.

Scottish Cup winners: 1947, 1970.

Beaten finalists: 1937, 1953, 1954, 1959, 1967.

Scottish League Cup winners: 1945-46, 1955-56. Beaten finalists 1946-47.

Drybrough Cup winners: 1971.



Aberdeen striker Drew Jarvie got his first Premier League goal of the season against Rangers last week. Now with his duck broken, the aim is to be the top-scoring Don again.



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