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Celtic v. Airdrie

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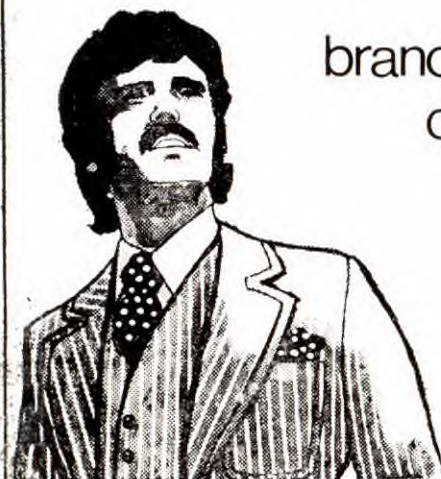
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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JOCK STEIN says...

Today our visitors are Airdrie, who are currently placed in joint tenth position in the League and are one of the dozen or so clubs separated by a mere three points. Promoted from the Second Division last season, after a single season spent in the lower League, the Lanarkshire team have sprung the odd surprise this season and in fact gave us a hard match in the semi-final of the League Cup at Hampden last month.

Whatever the outcome of today's match, I am hoping it will be an entertaining game to keep the momentum of the revived enthusiasm being shown by football fans.

After a somewhat gloomy start to the season, with uninspiring matches in the early stages of the League Cup, the game in general has come alive with exciting football as the race for the title and the Premier League positions gets underway.

Excitement

Our last four League games have provided an abundance of good football in matches that produced plenty of thrills and excitement. The Hibs game at Celtic Park sparked it off with our players showing something like their best form. After an equally good performance in the League Cup final we had a visit from the much vaunted Aberdeen side.

The young Pittodrie team played extremely well and the fact that they missed a late penalty kick must have made them feel most unlucky to lose by the only goal of the game.

On Wednesday of last week we played Partick Thistle in the League game which had been left outstanding because of the League Cup final. After a negative first half in which Thistle were inert on all-out defence the game came alive after the interval and I think our victory was well deserved albeit with a goal scored in the last minute of the game.

We finished a difficult quartet of League matches with our trip to Tannadice last Saturday and although we dropped a point in a goal-less



draw it was another game chock-full of exciting football.

Squandered chances, in the first half in particular, was our undoing and when Steve Murray's penalty kick was saved in the second half the initiative swung to the home team. I thought United played well throughout considering they had played a European fixture in Turkey just three days earlier.

New signing Ronnie Glavin will make his debut in a green and white strip today and I hope it's the start of a distinguished career in Celtic colours.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match. They are also requested to cooperate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIAL

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1893, 1894, 1896,
1898, 1905, 1906,
1907, 1908, 1909,
1910, 1914, 1915,
1916, 1917, 1919,
1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970. 1974/75.

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Scottish Cup

Winners (23 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,

1904, 1907, 1908-

1911, 1912, 1914-

1923, 1925, 1927,

1931, 1933, 1937,

1951, 1954, 1965,

1967, 1969, 1971,

1972, 1974.

European Cup

1967.

Coronation Cup

1953.

Empire Exhibition Cup

1938.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

The last time Celtic were hosts to Airdrie in the League—October 7th, 1972—the Lanarkshire team took a point in a 1-1 draw in spite of the fact that they were under constant pressure throughout the match. Indeed Airdrie were relegated at the end of that season having shared the spoils at Celtic Park and taken both points off the champions at Airdrie.

However, the game we recall today was played just over six years ago and the changes in both teams in the intervening years is nothing short of incredible.

Anxious

Having been knocked out of both the European Cup and the Scottish Cup in the first round the Celtic players were anxious to retain their title and complete a 'double' with the League Cup which was already on display at Celtic Park.

The game in question was played on 13th March, 1968, and the teams lined up as follows:—

Celtic—Simpson, Craig and Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan, Johnstone and Gallagher, Wallace, Lennox and Hughes.
Twelfth man—Chalmers.

Airdrie—McKenzie, Jonquin and Keenan, Goodwin, Black and Whiteford, Madden and Ramsey, McPheat, Jarvie and Phillips. Twelfth man—Caldwell.

Celtic got a fright right at the start when winger Phillips beat Ronnie Simpson only to see his scoring effort cleared off the line by Tommy Gemmell.

Jimmy Johnstone was in great form and was roasting the left side of the Airdrie defence and creating space for the other Celtic forwards. Just about midway through the first half Bobby Lennox opened the scoring for Celtic and six minutes later Willie Wallace scored a second from a Bobby Murdoch pass.

Bobby Lennox almost made it three just before the interval but his shot came back off a post with keeper McKenzie beaten all ends up.

Hat-trick

The third goal did arrive just three minutes into the second half however when Willie Wallace completed his hat-trick from another Lennox assist to give Celtic a comfortable 4-0 victory.

Just to emphasise the changes in personnel still further the Celtic Reserve team which recorded a 4-0 win at Broomfield was:—

Fallon, Craig and Gorman, Cattanach, Connelly and Hay, Clark (Jim) and McBride, Quinn, McKellar and Macari. Twelfth man—McMahon.

The reserve game was played four days before the first team match which also ended in a 4-0 win for Celtic.



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