



**Scottish Premier
League**

**CELTIC
versus
ABERDEEN**

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1977
KICK-OFF 3 p.m.**

PROGRAMME 10p

SUNDAY SPECTACULAR

LOOKING back at the Premier League meetings with Aberdeen last season brings back memories of two exciting matches with the Dons.

The first meeting at Celtic Park took place on Sunday December 26 and a magnificent crowd of 47,000 spectators turned up to see this special Christmas show.

Celtic created a bit of a surprise before the game by bringing Tommy Burns into the team at left back in place of Andy Lynch who was injured. After a slightly shaky start Tommy settled down to play very well in his unaccustomed role.

The teams on that occasion were:—

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Burns; Stanton, McDonald and Aitken; Doyle and Glavin; Craig; Dalglish and Wilson.

Substitutes: Gibson and Edvaldsson.

ABERDEEN: Clark; Kennedy and McLelland; Smith, Garner and Miller; Sullivan and Shirra; Harper; Jarvie and Graham.

Aberdeen took the lead after 22 minutes when Drew Jarvie cracked a low shot into the net. Previous to this Joe Craig had had a goal disallowed on an offside decision, but his equaliser on the 31 minute mark was a gem. He breasted the ball from Johnny Doyle under control and cracked it into the net.

Drew Jarvie restored the lead for Aberdeen with a great headed goal but that man Craig came back to equalise yet

The next visit of Aberdeen to Celtic Park took place on Wednesday April 20 as the Premier League drew to a close with Celtic as certain champions of

From the very start of the game it was obvious that Celtic were out to lay the bogey which had prevented them from beating Aberdeen throughout the season.

Ronnie Glavin started it off with a strong attack in which he zipped past a couple of Aberdeen defenders. Then, when Alfie Conn ran into space in the middle left position Ronnie released the ball at the right time for him to place the ball into the Dons net.

Aberdeen equalised when Drew Jarvie (who else!) headed a great goal.

Celtic regained the lead just before the interval when a Kenny Dalglish shot only stopped in front of goal and Ronnie Glavin was on hand to score.

In the second half Celtic were in unstoppable form and further goals from Joe Craig and Kenny Dalglish only emphasised their superiority.

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ABERDEEN: McLean; Williamson and McLelland; Smith, Garner and Miller; Sullivan and Davidson; Harper; Jarvie and Graham. Substitutes: Rougvie and Shirra.

Referee: Mr D. Ramsay (Edinburgh).

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Parkhead eyes on that 14th Final



IT is back to the Premier League championship again today. Taking on Aberdeen this afternoon we'd hoped to be much more in the title race. . . though at this stage of the season few sides would consider themselves out of it.

Celtic don't — not by a long chalk — though the current league table figures have some people suggesting otherwise. The team has bounced back well after the European k.o. Against Rangers last week we did well enough to win and getting the right rub of the green would have collected both points.

Still, there is no profit in looking back on the might-have-beens. We've got to get on with such things . . . and that's what the team did against St Mirren on Wednesday in the League Cup on another night of dreadful weather.

Mark you, we'd really done the job at Paisley in the 1st leg of the quarter final tie when we won 3-1. Two more goals (from Paul Wilson and Johnny Doyle) carried us into the semi-final and now we have our eyes on our 14th successive League Cup final.

Forfar Athletic have brought a touch of romance to the tourney and while I write this before the semi-final draw is made we'll be happy to meet them or Rangers or Hearts.

That's in the future. Today the test is against Aberdeen and for this one we'll have available Joe Filippi and Tom McAdam again. The team shuffling between championship matches and League Cup ties has been coped with in good style by the players.

Against St Mirren a "new" boy came into the team for his first full game. Peter Mackie played steadily at right back and is clearly gaining experience.

Our injured players, Danny McGrain, Tommy Burns and Pat Stanton, are still not ready to be recalled. But in their absence the rest of the squad has buckled down to the job and played with great determination.

This has been much appreciated by the Celtic support, and the manner in which they have got behind team through the difficult period has been warmly welcomed by the players.

This joint effort has seen Celts string together seven games without defeat and confidence grows with every match.

JOCK STEIN

CELTIC



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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,

1977.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,

1967, 1968, 1969,

1970, 1975.

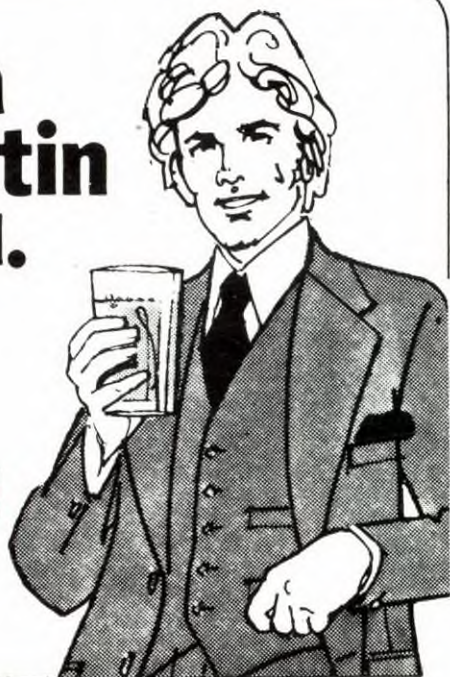
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ABERDEEN APPLAUSE FOR THE CHAMPIONS

Celtic, already assured of the League championship, take the field to the applause of Aberdeen players at Parkhead last season. The picture shows the changing football scene, Kenny Dalgligh was then the Celtic skipper and Ally McLeod was bossing the Dons.

TODAY'S VISITORS

BILLY'S BACK ... SEEKING DOWNFALL OF CELTIC

BACK to Celtic Park this afternoon came Billy McNeill ... now manager McNeill leading Aberdeen against the side that he skippered to European and domestic triumph through ten glorious years.

His on-the-field authority dictated the successful tactics designed by manager Jock Stein and the partnership became a major feature in the club's long run of success.

Their almost identical thinking on football gave rise to the story of the newspaper man who was being given an outline by Jock Stein about how he saw a forthcoming game and was told: "I know, ... I've just been speaking to Billy McNeill."

Of course, Billy wasn't privy to Jock Stein's plans for this afternoon's encounter, but the Dons' boss looked forward with relish to this first visit to his old stamping ground as team manager.

He is keen to get his team moving again after three disappointing home results ... losing to Hibernian and drawing with Clydebank and Ayr United.

Even so his team is just one point behind Rangers in the championship race, but there is natural disappointment about recent performances after the fine start the club made.

Injury to the talented Joe Smith which keeps him out of the game today and a doubt about Duncan Davidson posed problems for the former Celt when he got down to selecting his line-up.



MANAGER BILLY McNEILL

Perhaps the points lost at home and the Smith hurt prompted the McNeill comment that "the major point I've gathered in my fairly short managerial experience is never to become complacent."

Pittodrie was rated one of his favourite grounds by Billy McNeill during his playing career, but he's not unhappy to be at Celtic Park this week and Firhill next Saturday.

However, don't let anyone make the mistake of thinking the Dons' challenge has ended. Billy McNeill was a great competitor as a player. He is still a great competitor as a manager and will surely "lift" his men for the test against his old club.

Temporarily Aberdeen have lost the trick of parking the ball in the opposition net, but with players like Joe Harper around the goals "famine" must end soon.

They won the opening fixture this season with Celts at Aberdeen and it took the Parkhead men until the final championship game of last

season to register their first win against the Dons.

So they'll have to be watched most carefully today.

Billy McNeill has a soft spot for his old club no doubt . . . but not when Aberdeen play them. He wants the points every bit as much as Celtic.

BOBBY CLARK (Goal). Has made over 500 appearances for the Dons and gained more full Scotland caps (17) than any other player in the club's history. A qualified coach and physical education teacher. This is his testimonial year with Aberdeen.

STUART KENNEDY (Full back). Has Scotland Under-23 and Scottish League honours. Signed from Falkirk last season for £40,000. Speedy and attack minded.

CHIC McLELLAND (Full back). Had to wait in the wings for four years for his chance. Took over from Jim Hermiston. A steady, reliable player. Has been capped at Under-23 level.

JOE SMITH (Midfield) Another Under-23 cap he is a key figure in the Dons squad and has long since moved out of the shadow of his brother Jimmy who moved south from Pittodrie.

WILLIE GARNER (Centre half). Within weeks after signing from Campsie Black Watch was called into the first team to take over from Willie Young transferred to Spurs for £125,000.

WILLIE MILLER (Sweeper). Captain of the side. A forward who was converted to a defender in the reserve team he took up his present role four seasons ago. A former Youth and Under-23 cap he made his full international debut against Rumania last season. He has also been honoured by Scottish League.

DOM SULLIVAN (Midfield-striker). Signed from Clyde in 1976 for £30,000. Has a strong shot in either foot. Another under-23 cap.

JOCKY SCOTT (Striker). A



DREW JARVIE

spectacular scorer who tends to be inconsistent, but has had good spells in partnership with Joe Harper. Got a hat-trick in last season's League Cup semi-final with Rangers.

JOE HARPER (Centre). Rejoined Aberdeen from Hibs at the end of 1975-76 for £50,000. Scored 29 goals last season and was the League's top marksman. Had spells in England with Huddersfield and Everton.

DREW JARVIE (Midfield-striker). Was the club's leading scorer in 1972-73 and 1973-74.

DUNCAN DAVIDSON (Striker). Now a regular member of the first team pool after lengthy spells of injury. Regained full fitness last season.

JOHN McMASTER (Midfield) The consistent play of Arthur Graham, recently transferred to Leeds for £165,000, prevented him establishing himself in the first team.

GORDON STRACHAN ((Midfield). A 20-year-old whose play with Dundee interested a lot of clubs before he joined Aberdeen recently with Jim Shirra moving to Dens Park.

DAVIE ROBB (Midfield). Has been at Pittodrie for 12 years and has served the club well in a variety of positions.

TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC (from)

PETER LATCHFORD
 JOE FILIPPI
 ANDY LYNCH
 ROY AITKEN
 RODDY McDONALD
 FRANK MUNRO
 JO EDVALDSSON
 JOHNNY DOYLE
 RONNIE GLAVIN
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 PAUL WILSON

Referee:
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ABERDEEN (from)

BOBBY CLARK
 STUART KENNEDY
 CHIC McLELLAND
 WILLIE GARNER
 WILLIE MILLER
 DAVIE ROBB
 DREW JARVIE
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BIRTHDAY BOYS

It is birthday congrats next week to Paul Wilson (Wednesday) and Roy Aitken (Thursday). Roy's wish is for continued Celtic success and Paul would like the same, plus a few more goals!

TESTS FOR DANNY

Danny McGrain, now in a Manchester hospital for tests on the ankle injury which has kept him out of the side for six weeks, will come home early next week.

Reporting on the other Parkhead casualties manager Jock Stein says: "Pat Stanton is picking up quite a bit. Tommy Burns is making progress but isn't ready yet to play."

HAMPDEN IS "HOME" TOO!

Celtic are away from home for the next two weeks — at Clydebank next Saturday and Hibernian on December 3.

The next home game is listed for December 10 against Partick Thistle. That one may have to be postponed for that's League Cup final Saturday and Celts want to be there for their 14th final in succession. In any event Hampden is virtually a home game for the Parkhead side!

Premier League

Rangers	13	8	2	3	19
Aberdeen	13	7	2	4	18
Partick	13	7	4	2	16
Dundee Utd.	13	6	4	3	15
St Mirren	13	5	5	3	13
Celtic	13	5	6	2	12
Hibernian	13	4	7	2	10
Motherwell	13	4	7	2	10
Ayr Utd.	13	4	7	2	10
Clydebank	13	2	8	3	7



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