

CELTIC VERSUS ABERDEEN

LEAGUE CUP
SEMI-FINAL



HAMPDEN PARK
MONDAY 27th NOV. 1972
KICK-OFF 7-30p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 5p

CELTIC AIM FOR EIGHT FINALS IN EIGHT YEARS



Jock Stein

FEW Celtic fans need reminding that Jock Stein became manager of the club in March 1965.

In over seven years of unparalleled success the date is now part of the legend of Celtic. For so many of their younger fans that is when it all really began to happen.

What may not be so well known, however, is that under Stein's guidance Celtic have played in 16 major Cup finals—and won eleven of them!

And in terms of quantity at least the League Cup ranks high in a glittering list of honours.

The 2-1 win over Rangers in the 1965 final started a record run of victories which was to bring the trophy back to Celtic Park no fewer than five times in succession.

AND CELTIC HAVE NOW APPEARED IN ALL SEVEN FINALS SINCE STEIN BECAME BOSS.

In that period Stein has hammered at the theme that every match is a fresh challenge and every Cup final is one they want to win.

With defeats from Rangers and Partick Thistle in the last two finals their monopoly of the tournament has been broken.

The signs now are though that having stayed with success in other competitions through a transitional period Celtic's new youngsters are aiming to add a League Cup medal to the list. Tonight they aim to prove they are ready for the big test.

JUST 24 hours after being officially appointed manager of Aberdeen Jimmy Bonthronne steered his side to a 2-1 win against Celtic in the 1971 Drybrough Cup final.

It was a tremendous start for the popular 43-year-old Bonthronne who had undertaken the daunting task of succeeding Eddie Turnbull at Pittodrie.

THE JOB

FACING

THE

DONS



Jimmy Bonthronne

The Dons also finished runners-up to Celtic in last season's League competition—an achievement which allowed them into the UEFA Cup where they were beaten by West Germans Inter Borussia Munchen Gladbach. Being runners-up however is not a position they are greatly interested in.

In his 15 months in charge, the former East Fife star, who was coach at Pittodrie

under Turnbull, has made his own impact on the side.

The Dons style has developed into one which places the emphasis on skill and individual ability within the team framework.

Martin Buchan's departure to Manchester United left problems. So did Henning Boel's return to Denmark and injuries to centre half Willie Young and £40,000 signing Barrie Mitchell.

Bonthronne however has succeeded in getting a good blend going and with big money signings Drew Jarvie and Zoltan Varga fitting in well they should get even better.

Compared with Celtic the Dons record just does not stand-up. For all that they have always proved themselves a tough hurdle for the Parkhead side, beating them to take the Scottish Cup in 1970. They are out to repeat that success in the League Cup.

Top of the World— that's Ref BILL MULLAN

Bill Mullan with his feet up! Its a rare sight these days for the far travelled and fast moving Dalkeith referee who handles tonights match.

A referee since 1951 and on the FIFA list since 1962, (except for one year) 43 year old Bill is rapidly gaining himself a reputation as a worldwide trouble-shooter.

Last month he was in Greece to sort out a potentially explosive situation in a third match in the European Cup between Panathanaikos and CSKA of Bulgaria. The Greeks, although beaten, gave him rave reports.

The same thing happened when he travelled to South America to referee the delicate World Club Championship match between Panathanaikos and Nacional.

His name also cropped up in Budapest when Celtic played Ujpest Dosza. Referee that night, Bent Nielsen of Denmark, remarked he had been linesman to Mullan in Munich the Olympics match between East and West Germany "A very good referee", he said.

Mullan, who has been a grade one whistler for 13 years was the man in charge of last seasons League Cup final.

A physical training instructor at St. David's High School, Dalkeith he is one of the fittest referees in the business.

He also holds the SFA Preliminary Coaching Certificate. He is married with three children.



Bill Mullan

CELTIC AND DONS MUCH IN DEMAND

Both Celtic and Aberdeen are out of the European competitions but they are still very much in demand.

Ujpest Dozsa, who knocked the League champions out of the European Cup, are likely to return to Celtic Park in late February. The Hungarians are keen on the match as a preparation for the quarter finals.

Aberdeen, who recently played and defeated a star studded Manchester United side 5-0, have matches lined up against Hertha Berlin and Olympiakos of Greece. Dates for all games have still to be announced.

THE CHARM THAT WORKS FOR VARGA

Keep an eye on Aberdeen's Hungarian born star Zoltan Varga BEFORE tonight's kick off!

For if Varga touches the ball during the pre-match warm-up it will be the first time in ten years as a senior player.

The 28 year old Hungarian is superstitious. He believes it unlucky to touch the ball before the ref blows his whistle to start the game.

It is a charm which seems to have worked for the elegant Varga is recognised as one of the world's top football artists.

In Hungary he played with Ferencvaros and was capped 16 times for his country before defecting to the West while with his national side in Mexico for the 1968 Olympics.

For that he had to serve a two year FIFA ban and was eventually signed by Hertha Berlin.

Since joining the Dons on a £40,000 fee at the start of the season he has played eight first team matches.

Allied to his midfield skill Varga also has a tremendous shot. Celtic know all about that—he scored the Dons two goals in the 2-3 defeat at Pittodrie last month.



Zoltan Varga

A 'WORLD CLASS' TRIBUTE TO TOMMY



Tommy Callaghan

When Celtic paid Dunfermline £35,000 for the transfer of wing half Tommy Callaghan in 1968 it was a record fee for the club.

The record still stands and the quiet Fifer this season is showing just how wisely the money was spent.

Callaghan joined Celtic at a difficult time for any newcomer. The heroes of the hour were the European Cup winning squad.

Murdoch and Auld were the midfield stars. Callaghan found it tough going to establish himself in the side.

This season however his accurate use of the long pass from midfield and strong left wing running has seen him develop into a player of real value to the side.

In both European Cup matches with Ujpest Dosza the Hungarians nominated him number one danger man.

"I cannot recall seeing a player with such speed and stamina," said Hungarian star striker Ferenc Bene. "He has a variety about his play that is very difficult to counteract. I would rate him one of the best I have seen." Quite a tribute from a world class star!

HAMPDEN? It's just like home says BOBBY CLARK

Robert Brown Clark—better known as goalkeeper Bobby Clark of Aberdeen and Scotland—first walked into Hampden as a kid in short pants over 14 years ago. He now regards a visit to Hampden as “just like coming home!”

“I actually joined Queens Park as a 13-year-old schoolboy,” says Bobby. “I had six very happy seasons there before moving to Aberdeen I enjoy coming back and meeting the staff who were there when I left.”

Since going north Bobby of course has had over seven years of success with Aberdeen and is now established as Scotland's first choice goalkeeper with 16 full caps.

With the Dons he has played well over 300 first team matches and for club and country has travelled all over Europe and to South America with the Scottish squad.

“It has been a wonderful experience,” he says. “But for me the most wonderful moment was when we won the Scottish Cup in 1970.”

“That was a great thrill, particularly after our disappointment in the same competition in 1967.”

“Strangely enough I always thought the 1967 side was the better of the two and yet we lost to Celtic. Perhaps the fact that Eddie Turnbull missed the game because of illness had something to do with it.

“Like most players I find the big match atmosphere exhilarating. My first taste of it was with Queens Park against Celtic in the Scottish Cup in February 1965.

“There was a crowd of over 30,000 and I thought that really something. We gave Celtic a fright but they won by a late goal from Bobby Lennox. I've played in front of a few big Hampden crowds since then.”

In his 16 appearances for Scotland, Bobby has played at Hampden only four times—twice against Wales, against England and Northern Ireland. Unlike many goalkeepers he finds the dreaded Hampden swirl a bit of a myth.

“It is no worse than any other ground surrounded by high enclosures,” he says. “At any ground like that a high wind can cause problems. Hampden is no better and no



Bobby Clark

worse—it just calls for harder concentration when conditions are windy.”

As far as tonight's game is concerned Bobby is making no predictions.

“The way I look at it, every team that plays at Hampden is doing well. That's the only way you get there. Let's just wait and see how it goes on the night.”

Since the £10,000 transfer deal with Stoke fell through, Clark has settled down to remain the most consistent 'keeper in the country.

“The whole business never really affected my game,” he says. “It was just one of those things. I just keep on working to improve my game and let transfers take care of themselves.

“I have always been very happy with Aberdeen and manager Jimmy Bonithrone has done a great job with the side. I'm pleased to be part of it and if we reach the League Cup final so much the better!”



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THE PLAYERS AIMING FOR A PLACE

ABERDEEN

1. BOBBY CLARK
2. ALEX WILLOUGHBY
3. JIM HERMISTON
4. STEVE MURRAY
5. GEORGE MURRAY
6. IAN TAYLOR
7. ZOLTAN VARGA
8. DAVE ROBB
9. JOE HARPER
10. DREW JARVIE
11. BERT MILLER
12. GEORGE BUCHAN

Refer

W. J. MULLIN

Linesman

J. S. BYAR

A. S. McNAUL

In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, an extra period of 15 minutes will be played. If a goal is scored in this decision another game will be played at Hampden on Wednesday.

WHAT'S ON AT HAMPDEN ...

- 1972
 Dec. 9 League Cup final.
 1973
 Feb. 14 Scotland v. England.
 May 16 Scotland v. N. Ireland
 June 30 Scotland v. Brazil.

CELTICS RECORD BREAKERS

Celtic manager Jock Stein and his staff have been selected by Glasgow businessmen in recognition of their services to the club. This is how the table looked at the end of the season.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1966							
Celtic	34	27	3	4	106	30 57
Rangers	34	25	5	4	91	29 55
1967							
Celtic	34	26	6	2	111	33 58
Rangers	34	24	7	3	92	31 55
1968							
Celtic	34	30	3	1	106	24 63
Rangers	34	28	5	1	93	34 61

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AGE IN THE LEAGUE CUP FINAL

CELTIC

1. EVAN WILLIAMS
2. DAVID HAY
3. JIM BROGAN
4. PAT McCLUSKEY
5. BILLY McNEILL
6. GEORGE CONNELLY
7. JIMMY JOHNSTONE
8. KENNY DALGLISH
9. LOU MACARI
10. HARRY HOOD
11. TOMMY CALLAGHAN
12. JOHN DEANS

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 N (Dalkeith)
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 S (Paisley)
 IR (Lenzie)

a draw after 90
 eriod of 30 minutes
 there is still no
 e will take place at
 esday night.

MAKING LEAGUE RUN

aining staff were recently honoured by
 e club winning seven League titles in a
 at the end of each of these seven seasons:

1969												
Celtic	....	34	23	8	3	89	32	54				
Rangers	....	34	21	7	6	81	32	49				
1970												
Celtic	....	34	27	3	4	96	33	57				
Rangers	....	34	19	7	8	67	40	45				
1971												
Celtic	....	34	25	6	3	89	23	56				
Aberdeen	....	34	24	6	4	68	18	54				
1972												
Celtic	....	34	28	4	2	96	28	60				
Aberdeen	....	34	21	8	5	80	26	50				

Please Take Care

In your own interest and in the interest
 of those around you PLEASE leave the
 ground in an orderly and careful manner
 at the end of the game. Responsible
 behaviour will greatly reduce the risk of
 accident.

CELTIC

Aiming for their eighth successive League Cup Final

EVAN WILLIAMS—Goalkeeper. Signed from Wolves as successor to Ronnie Simpson. Was with Third Lanark for a spell before going to England. Began career with Dumbarton Boys Guild.

DANNY McGRAIN—Right-back. Has fought his way back to the top after a head injury sidelined him last season. Joined Celtic from Maryhill Juniors in 1967. A constructive player with the speed to break into attack.

JIM BROGAN—Left-back. Recently captained the side in the absence of Billy McNeill. Signed as wing-half from St. Roch in 1962, he has developed into a hard-hitting, uncompromising full-back. Capped four times for Scotland under manager Bobby Brown.

PAT McCLUSKEY—Right-half. One of several youngsters to make a first team breakthrough. Joined Celtic from Maryhill two years ago. Best position is in the back four where he has played alongside both McNeill and George Connelly.

BILLY McNEILL—Centre-half. The most successful captain in the history of Celtic. Has played in 11 Cup winning sides under the guidance of Jock Stein. Is now in his 15th season with Celtic joining them from Blantyre Vics in 1957.

GEORGE CONNELLY—Left-half. One of the most cultured players in Scottish football. Joined Celtic from Tulliallan in 1966. Has superb ball control and packs a tremendous shot. Normally plays alongside McNeill in back four but also can play midfield.

DAVID HAY—Left-half or Right back. Celtic's most adaptable player. Recently returned to side after injury and at full-back has shown the form that makes him one of the top players in Britain in that spot. Signed for Celtic in 1965.

JIMMY JOHNSTONE—Outside-right. In the right frame of mind he is one of the greatest entertainers in the game. In his eleven years with Celtic he has built up a reputation that makes him recognised around the world. Capped 15 times for Scotland.

KEN DALGLISH—Inside-right. Another of Celtic's youngsters whose early promise has materialised. Operates equally profitably in midfield or as striker. An established internationalist, he joined Celtic in 1967 from Cumbernauld United.



Ken Dalglish

LOU MACARI—Centre-forward. His tremendous energy and front running once prompted Denis Law to say "I could live off that wee man for years." Is also a chance taker with unexpected goals from tight positions. Is Scotland's top striker and a vital World Cup player.

HARRY HOOD—Inside-left. Celtic paid £30,000 for him when he signed from Clyde in 1969. Despite his slight build he has a tremendous shot. Adaptable either as a mid-field player or striker. Had a spell with Sunderland but never took to English football.

TOMMY CALLAGHAN—Outside-left. Wears number 11 but plays from midfield. Varies his long accurate passing with strong running on the left. A player of tremendous pace and stamina, he cost Celtic their biggest ever fee of £35,000 from Dunfermline in 1968.

JOHN DEANS—Centre-forward. Stockily built striker signed from Motherwell in 1971 for £30,000. On his game he can be devastating in front of goal and for his size—he's 5 ft 8 ins—is extremely dangerous in the air.

ABERDEEN

Looking for their first League Cup final appearance since 1955.

BOBBY CLARK—*Goalkeeper.* Scotland number 1 goalkeeper he is no stranger to Hampden. Joined the Dons from Queens Park in 1965 and has a remarkable record of consistency. Last season made 44 first team appearances in the side.

ALEX WILLOUGHBY—*Right-back.* Converted from inside forward to full-back—a move which was a masterstroke by boss Jimmy Bonthron. Cost the Dons £25,000 when they signed him from Rangers in 1969. Played 50 first team games last season and is now first choice right back.

JIM HERMISTON—*Left-back.* A solid no-nonsense player who has been at Pittodrie since 1965. Born in Edinburgh he played for Bonnyrigg Rose. Last season played a total of 56 games in the first team.

STEVE MURRAY—*Right-half.* Joined the Dons in 1970 on a £40,000 fee from Dundee. A player of considerable skill he has changed his midfield role for a place in the back four in recent matches. Born in Dumbarton he joined Dundee as a schoolboy.

GEORGE MURRAY—*Centre-half.* A versatile player who is also coach to the Pittodrie youngsters. Joined the Dons from Motherwell five years ago. Recently drafted in as centre-half because of injury to regular pivot Willie Young.

IAN TAYLOR—*Left-half.* A local boy, he signed from Banks O' Dee in 1965. Is equally effective as a midfield player or left winger. A hard worker who, while he has not established himself in the side is totally dependable when called on.

WILLIE YOUNG—*Centre-half.* At 6 ft 3½ ins the young giant has become one of the personalities of the Scottish game. Doubtful tonight because of injury Young has one Under-23 Cap and has a bright future. Born Edinburgh he has been three years at Pittodrie.

ZOLTAN VARGA—*Outside-right.* The 28-year-old Hungarian cost Aberdeen £40,000 and is proving he is worth every penny of it. Capped 16 times for Hungary, he played with Ferencvaros and Hertha Berlin before coming to Scotland. A world class player.

DAVE ROBB—*Inside-right.* A tenacious player who strikes from the midfield. He has three full 'caps' and two League honours. Has been with the Dons for seven years. Last season scored 17 goals in 60 appearances. Born Dundee.

JOE HARPER—*Centre-forward.* One of Europe's top strikers. Last season scored 52 goals—easily the best in Scotland and third in Europe. So far this season has scored 27 and looks to be well on the way to do even better than last term. Signed from Morton for £40,000.



Joe Harper

DREW JARVIE—*Inside-left.* A player of style and culture, he has fitted in well with Joe Harper since signing from Airdrie last season. One League cap against England in 1971, he has scored nine of the Dons goals in the League Cup. Born Glasgow.

BERTIE MILLER—*Outside-left.* Signed from East Fife in 1971 he played 27 matches and scored four goals last season. Was once a Rangers player but after being 'freed' joined Jimmy Bonthron at Methil and then at Aberdeen.

BARRIE MITCHELL—*Inside-right.* Another Bonthron signing earlier this year for £40,000 from Dunfermline. Born in Aberdeen he was with the Fifers for four years after being transferred from Arbroath for £13,000.

WHEN DONS WON THE LEAGUE CUP —AND SAID THEY WERE 'LUCKY'

Aberdeen last won the League Cup in 1955 when a 44,106 crowd saw them beat St. Mirren 2-1 in the final.

The Dons came to Hampden as League champions and with a reputation of being one of the most attractive attacking sides in the business.

A forward line of Leggat . . . Yorston . . . Buckley . . . Wishart and Hather was one which the older Aberdeen fans reckon has never been bettered at Pittodrie.

With St. Mirren having most of the first half pressure it didn't look so good for the Dons but they got the best of the breaks just two minutes after the interval when a fierce Jackie Hather shot from the left struck full back Jimmy Mallan and cannoned into the net.

Struggling to overcome a first half injury to inside right Laird, Saints hit back with a scoring header from forward Bobby Holmes.

Then with just 11 minutes of the match left, Graham Leggat popped up to slam in a left foot shot which completely deceived the Saints' keeper—two goals which prompted manager Davie Shaw to say "We were lucky!"

The Dons have reached the final only twice since the war. In 1946 they lost 4-0 to Rangers. They also lost to Rangers in the 1966 semi-finals after a replay and twice reached the quarter finals.

Their two matches against Celtic in the 1969 quarter finals—the only time these two have met in the late stages of the tournament—were tight encounters.

In the first leg at Pittodrie the score was 0-0 but two weeks later Celtic defeated them 2-1 at Parkhead. Jim



Graham Leggat—the only Aberdeen player to score a winning goal in a League Cup final.

Leggat, capped 18 times for Scotland, moved south to Fulham and after finishing his playing career coached with Aston Villa.

He is now a coach in North America.

Forrest put the Dons ahead in 31 minutes but two goals in two minutes from Lennox and Wallace put Celtic into the semi-final and they went on to take the trophy.

The teams that night were:—

Celtic—Fallon; Hay, Gemmill; Brogan, McNeill, Clark; Wallace, Chalmers, Johnstone, Hood, Lennox.

Aberdeen—McGarr; Boel, Hermiston; Murray, McMillan, Petersen; Adams, Robb, Forrest, Wilson and Hamilton.

Referee was Bill Mullan!

THE LEAGUE CUP GAMES AND GOALS ON THE WAY TO HAMPDEN

ABERDEEN striker Joe Harper the Dons top League Cup scorer this season with 14 of their 36 goals in ten matches.

Ken Dalglish has netted nine times for Celtic in 11 games before tonight's semi-final. The complete record of both clubs reads:—

Celtic				Aberdeen			
Aug.	12	Stirling Albion (a) Dalglish, Macari (2)	3-0	Aug.	12	Queen of the South (a) Buchan, Jarvie, Hermiston, Easton (o.g.)	4-0
„	16	East Fife (h) Dalglish	1-1	„	16	Hibernian (h) Jarvie (2), Harper (2)	4-1
„	19	Arbroath (a) Dalglish (2), Deans (2) Murdoch (pen.)	5-0	„	19	Queens Park (h) Young (2), Harper (2), Jarvie	5-1
„	23	East Fife (a) Dalglish (2), Lennox	3-2	„	23	Hibernian (a) Jarvie	1-2
„	26	Stirling Albion (h) Dalglish, Deans, Murdoch.	3-0	„	26	Queen of the South (h) Taylor, Purdie	2-1
„	28	Arbroath (h) Dalglish, Hood, Cargill (o.g.)	3-3	„	30	Queens Park (a) Harper (3)	3-0
Sept.	20	Stranraer (a) Davidson, Lennox	2-1	Sept.	20	Falkirk (h) Forrest, Jarvie (2), Harper (3), Graham, Robb	8-0
Oct.	4	Stranraer (h) Lennox (2), Deans, Davidson, Murdoch (pen.)	5-2	Oct.	4	Falkirk (a) Harper (2)	2-3
„	11	Dundee (a)	0-1	„	11	East Fife (h) Taylor, Jarvie, Harper	3-0
Nov.	1	Dundee (h) Macari (2), Lennox	3-2	Nov.	1	East Fife (a) Harper, Jarvie, Clarke (o.g.)	4-1
„	20	Dundee (Hampden) Hood, Dalglish, Deans (2)	4-1				
		TOTAL	<u>32-13</u>			TOTAL	<u>36-9</u>

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