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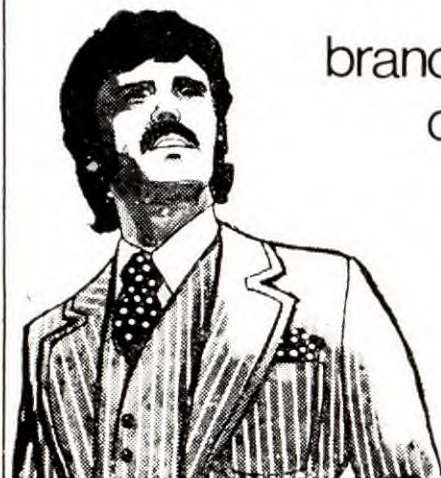
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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JOCK STEIN says...

This afternoon we are at home for the second successive Saturday, but I don't think that today's game with Hibs will bear any resemblance to last Saturday's league match.

In saying that I mean no discredit to Arbroath or to their manager Albert Henderson who has worked wonders with very limited resources.

It is simply that the crowd today should certainly be more than double last week's attendance and both teams will be pulling out all the stops to pick up the two valuable points that are at stake.

With a bit of real atmosphere generated by the crowd and a willingness by both teams to go forward, I like to think this meeting could be one for the connoisseur.

EARLY ADVANTAGE

At present we have a one point lead over the Easter Road team and a win today would give us a great early advantage in the race for the League title.

With regard to the eventual destination of this season's League championship, however, there is no way that this encounter will settle the chase for that honour. We have yet to reach the quarter-way stage of the league programme and a lot of joy and tribulation face the contenders between now and April before this season's league championship will be decided.

In our meeting with Arbroath last Saturday we did enough to collect two points but with a little care near goal we would have won the game with a much more convincing scoreline.

In so doing we would also have given the spectators better value for their money and whilst I have always regarded that as our prime consideration it is even more vital in the present climate of falling gates.

All things being equal, there should be no worry about the quality of the entertainment this afternoon.

Both teams can play open football and allow it to be played and the



game today becomes something of an advert for next week's League Cup final at Hampden.

The Celtic Players know they haven't been producing their best form recently but with their supremacy being disputed, we should see something like the real Celtic in action today.

In conclusion some candid comments and loud voices suggested that Celtic were given a break by the S.F.A. disciplinary committee this week—that's not how I see it.

There was nothing malicious in the incident which led to Jim Brogan's ordering off but his dismissal proved costly to the club and it leaves a permanent blot on the player's good record.

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 co-operate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIAL

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League Champions (29 times)

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.

Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970.

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S FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC HONOURS

HIBERNIAN

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ANDERSON
(Kilbride)

Umpires:
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(Linton)

Scorers:
McNAIR
(Lenzie)

(from)

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BREMNER

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

Hibs are the visitors to Celtic Park this afternoon and if today's game follows the pattern of previous meetings in recent years the fans are in for an entertaining afternoon.

Games between the two clubs at Celtic Park over the last few seasons have been close run affairs with both teams having tasted victory and defeat. Last season's meeting, which was played a year ago almost to the day on October 20th, 1973, finished in a 1-1 draw.

The team line-ups last season were:—

Celtic—Hunter, McGrain and Brogan, Murray, McNeill and Connelly, Hood and Dalglish, Lennox, Hay and Callaghan. Substitutes—McCluskey and Deans.

Hibs—McArthur, Bremner and Schaedler, Stanton, Black and Blackley, Edwards and Higgins, Gordon, Cropley and Duncan. Substitutes—Smith and Hazel.

Marksman

With both defences seemingly on top in the match it looked bad for Celtic when Hibs' ace marksman Alan Gordon gave the Easter Road men the lead.

Celtic with both substitutes, Deans and McCluskey on for Hood and McNeill, kept going at the Hibs' defence in search of the equaliser and eventually they got it.

During one particular onslaught on Hibs' goal a shot was blocked by the Hibs' keeper but Pat McCluskey appeared from the inside left position to score from ten yards.

Despite dire attempts by both teams to snatch the winner no further goals were scored.

The last occasion on which Celtic beat the Edinburgh side with goals to spare at Celtic Park was on the 7th October, 1967, when the home side won by 4-0.

Coincidence

By a strange coincidence that game was played shortly after Celtic returned from Russia, having been eliminated from the European Cup in the first round.

In 1967 the respective sides were:—

Celtic—Simpson, Craig and Gemmell, Murdoch, McNeill and Clark, Johnstone and Lennox, Wallace, Auld and Hughes. 12th man—Chalmers.

Hibs—Allan, Duncan and Davis, Stanton, Madsen and McGraw, Scott and Quinn, Stein, Cormack and Stevenston. 12th man—O'Rourke.

Bobby Murdoch shot Celtic into a 1-0 interval lead and second-half goals from Wallace, Johnstone and Murdoch again gave Celtic a most convincing 4-0 victory.



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