



Scottish League Cup

THIRD ROUND—
SECOND LEG

CELTIC versus STIRLING ALBION

CELTIC PARK
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 1977
Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME 10p

TONIGHT'S TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
ROY AITKEN
ANDY LYNCH
RONNIE GLAVIN
RODDY McDONALD
FRANK MUNRO
JOHN DOYLE
JO EDVALDSSON
JOE CRAIG
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PAUL WILSON
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BOBBY LENNOX

STIRLING ALBION

(from)

GEORGE YOUNG
GEORGE NICOL
DAVIE STEEDMAN
IAN BROWNING
JOHN KENNEDY
ALAN MOFFAT
MATT McPHEE
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PLAYERS CAME OFF THE ROPES TO WIN



IT'S Stirling Albion who provide the opposition at Celtic Park tonight in the second leg of the League Cup third round tie.

Three weeks ago at Annfield the Albion gave us a really hard match — which was what we all expected of a team highly placed in the first division table.

Nor will we be kidded into thinking that tonight's encounter is merely a formality. The Stirling team who gave such a good account of themselves in losing by the odd goal in three in the first leg will be giving their all for a chance to progress to the quarter finals.

For our own part we must retain the impetus of our last two outings — against SSW Innsbruck in midweek and Dundee United last Saturday at Tannadice.

The game at Dundee wasn't the best I've seen the team play but it was the most determined performance they've produced for some time.

Having found themselves a goal down before some of the players had touched the ball it was to their great credit that they came off the ropes to win the game.

Many people have reported on the fortuitous goal that won the points; when a Paul Wilson effort struck David Narey before careering high over Hamish McAlpine's head into the net. But earlier a net bound Paul Wilson shot was miraculously stopped by a David Narey boot on the goal line so perhaps the breaks evened themselves for once.

Danny McGrain continues to make progress but we won't be risking him in tonight's game.

Tom McAdam, ineligible for the League Cup, steps down from Saturday's team but apart from that our team will be on similar lines to that which recorded a fine uphill win against Dundee United at Tannadice.

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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.

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

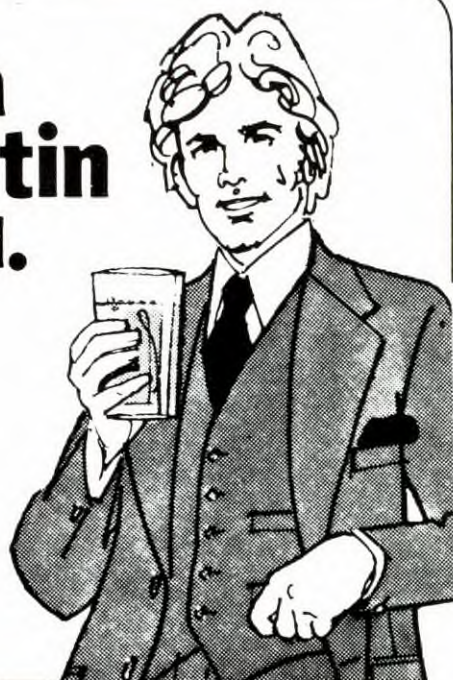
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FIVE TIME WINNERS AND ALL AT ANNFIELD

THIS season's pairing of Stirling Albion with Celtic in the League Cup is only the second time the two clubs have clashed in the history of the competition.

Tonight's game is the thirty-second game of any kind between the clubs. These are composed of 22 league matches, six in the Scottish Cup (including a replay) and three in the League Cup, including the match at Annfield three weeks ago.

Albion have beaten Celtic five times and all five victories were gained in league matches on their own grounds.

Their last success was in February 26, 1966 at Annfield and it was sandwiched between two Celtic Park league games in which Celtic defeated Falkirk and Dundee 6-0 and 5-0 respectively.

Joe McBride helped himself to a hat-trick in both of those matches but neither he nor any of his Celtic colleagues could find the net at Stirling and a goal scored by inside right Grant was enough to clinch the two points for Albion. The teams that day were:-

STIRLING ALBION: Taylor; Dickson and McGuinness; Reid, Rogerson and Thomson; Bowie and Grant; Fleming; McKinnon and Hall.

CELTIC: Simpson; Young and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Johnstone and McBride; Chalmers; Auld and Hughes.

Referee: Mr H. Phillips (Wishaw).

However the last occasion the two teams met at Celtic Park was on a Sunday, February 17, 1974 to be exact in a Scottish Cup 4th round tie and Celtic won by 6-1

Astonishingly enough, only two of the Celtic players involved in that cup clash less than four years ago are still with the club. Four of the Stirling team that afternoon could play in the game tonight.

The teams were:-

CELTIC: Hunter; McGrain and Brogan; Connelly; McNeill and Hay; Hood and Murray, Deans; Dalglish and Wilson. Substitutes: Davidson and P. McCluskey.

STIRLING ALBION: Young; Jones and McAlpine; Duffin, Stevenson and Carr; McPhee and McMillan; Steel, Lawson and Murphy. Substitutes: Christie and Morrison.

Referee: Mr A. McKenzie (Larbert).

Celtic with goals from Harry Hood 2, Steve Murray 2, Kenny Dalglish and Paul Wilson, were comfortable winners of the match by a 6-1 margin.

Going back to the last League Cup meeting of the two teams at Celtic Park, on August 26, 1972 we find that Celtic have two survivors and Stirling have three.

The teams for that sectional match in the 1972-73 season were:-

CELTIC: Connaghan; McGrain and Quinn; Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly; Hood and Deans; Dalglish; Hay and Lennox. Twelfth man: Callaghan.

STIRLING ALBION: Young; McAteer and Jones; Duffin, McGarry and Carr; McPhee and Christie; McMillan; Stevenston and Lawton. Twelfth man: McKechnie.

Celtic with goals from Bobby Murdoch, Ken Dalglish and Dixie Deans won by the same 3-0 margin

TONIGHT'S VISITORS

STIRLING MADE US FIGHT ALL THE WAY AT ANNFIELD

STIRLING ALBION, formed in 1945, is one of the youngest clubs in Scottish senior football indeed only Clydebank and Meadowbank Thistle are of more recent origin.

In 1946-47, when there were three divisions in the Scottish League set-up, Albion won the Division C Championship and gained promotion to Division B. They took 30 points from their 18 matches in the 10 club league. Two of their rivals in that league Edinburgh City and Leith Athletic are no longer in existence.

Two years later in the 1948-49 season, manager Tom Ferguson took his team into the Division A having finished level on points with the Division B champions, Raith Rovers.

Between then and 1967-68, when Stirling Albion last played in the top division of Scottish football, they were in the top league on eleven occasions.

Last season under manager Alec Smith they won the Second Division championship with a margin of four points and so far this season they have stayed in contention at the top of the First Division League.

Here are the men that Stirling Albion team will probably come from tonight:

In goal will be long serving Albion player **George Young** who joined the club from Melbourne Thistle in 1969. The keeper, who is 6ft 1 inch tall had 25 shut outs for Albion last



ALEC SMITH

Manager of Stirling Albion

season. He is one of the few Albion players who have played previously at Celtic Park.

Playing at right back is local lad **George Nicol** who joined the club from Bannockburn Amateurs in 1973 and is now a regular first team member.

At left back is **Davie Steedman** who joined the club from Hibs in 1976 and who played in all but two games in the Albion team last season.

Ian Browning is likely to wear the number 4 shirt. He's a midfield player who joined up at Annfield this year from Clydebank.

Allan Moffat is the number 6 who has been teaming up with the centre half in defence. He is a nineteen-year-old player who came to Stirling from Hibernian in 1976.

The centre half is **John Kennedy** who is in his third year with Albion since joining them from Partick Thistle. Good strong defender player who is particularly good in the air.

Playing at outside right is **Matt McPhee**. Stirling Albion's longest serving player, he joined up at Annfield ten years ago from Musselburgh Athletic and at only 5ft 6 inches tall he's as industrious as they come.

Another 'veteran' is **Rab Duffin**, who also joined up in 1967. The former Stirling Boys' Club player plays in the middle of the park but ventures up field now and again to join the scorers.

The centre forward is **Billy Steele** who joined up with Stirling straight from schools football in 1971. He had a good match in the first leg three weeks ago.

Jim Clark is a midfielder player who joined Albion from Glenafton

Athletic in 1972. He scored the goal against Celtic in the first leg at Annfield.

Number eleven is likely to be **Robin Thomson** who was signed as a midfielder player from Glenrothes after winning a Scottish Junior Cup medal.

Others who could come into contention are **George Watson** who was signed last year from Clackmannan Juniors. **Bobby Gray** who stepped up from Blantyre Vics two years ago as a full back but got a lot of goals last season in the strikers' role.

George Armstrong an outside left who came to Albion from Haddington Juniors in 1975 and played in every game last season. **Jim Burns** a full back who came from Clyde in 1976. **Stuart Heggie** from Queens Park this year or youngsters **Alan Skilling** or **Allan Kennedy** from Beechwood Juveniles.

HALF-TIME SCORES

A	DUNDEE UTD ARBROATH		G	ABERDEEN RANGERS	
B	FORFAR AYR UNITED		H		
C	QOS DUNDEE		I		
D	CLYDEBANK DUNFERMLINE		J		
E	ST MIRREN HAMILTON		K		
F	MORTON HEARTS		L		

STIRLING ALBION F.C.



The staff and players of Stirling Albion F.C. pictured at Annfield Park at the start of this season with a five-a-side trophy, Stirlingshire Cup and Second Division League Championship Cup on display.

Back row (left to right): P. Caproni, J. Clark, A. Kennedy, R. Duffin, G.

Watson, G. Young, R. Gray, A. Moffat, A. Skilling, G. Armstrong, G. Nicol.

Front row (left to right): T. McLaren, A. Kirkwood, M. McPhee, J. Kennedy, Alec Smith (manager), I. Burns, r. Thomson, D. Steedman, G. Peebles.

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SIDELINES

First leg results

THE results of the first leg matches of the eight third round League Cup ties were as follows:

Stirling Albion 1 Celtic 2
Arbroath 0 Dundee Utd 4
Ayr United 2 Forfar 1
Dundee 0 QOS 0
Dunfermline 2 Clydebank 0
Hamilton 0 St Mirren 2
Hearts 3 Morton 0
Rangers 6 Aberdeen 1

Appearances

CELTIC player appearances in 16 Premier League, League Cup and European Cup games are:-

16 — Latchford, McDonald, Glavin.
14 — Burns.
13—Aitken, Edvaldsson, Wilson.
11— Craig, McGrain.
9— Doyle, Kay.
8—Lynch.
7—Casey.
6—McAdam.
5—Lennox.
2—Conn, McWilliams, Munro.
1—Stanton, Dowie, McLaughlin

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STIRLING SURVIVORS

The three Stirling Albion survivors from the last league Cup tie at Celtic Park in 1972.



RAB DUFFIN



MATT McPHEE



GEORGE YOUNG

HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. What was the result of the first League Cup final in which Celtic played?
2. When was the League Cup introduced to the Scottish football calendar?
3. Who were Celtic's semi-final opponents in the League Cup last season?
4. Did Celtic lose a match any of their League Cup sectional games last season?
5. Have Celtic won the League Cup a greater number of times than any other club?

1. Celtic 0 Partick Thistle 0 (Celtic won the replay 3-0).
2. 1946-47.
3. Hearts
4. No.
5. Yes.

'PREMIER' SEASON FIXTURES

EUROPEAN CUP

First round

SEPTEMBER

14—JEUNESSE D'ESCH	(H)	5	0
28—Jeunesse d'Esch	(A)	6	1

OCTOBER

19—SSW INNSBRUCK	(H)	2	1
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PREMIER LEAGUE

1977

AUGUST

13—DUNDEE UNITED	(H)	0	0
20—Ayr United	(A)	1	2
27—MOTHERWELL	(H)	0	1

SEPTEMBER

10—Rangers	(A)	2	3
17—Aberdeen	(A)	1	2
24—CLYDEBANK	(H)	1	0

OCTOBER

1—HIBERNIAN	(H)	3	1
8—Partick Thistle	(A)	0	1
15—ST. MIRREN	(H)	1	2
22—Dundee United	(A)	1	2
29—AYR UNITED	(H)		

NOVEMBER

5—Motherwell	(A)		
12—RANGERS	(H)		
19—ABERDEEN	(H)		
26—Clydebank	(A)		

DECEMBER

3—Hibernian	(A)		
10—PARTICK THISTLE	(H)		
17—St. Mirren	(A)		
24—DUNDEE UNITED	(H)		
31—Ayr United	(A)		

1978

JANUARY

2—MOTHERWELL	(H)		
7—Rangers	(A)		
14—Aberdeen	(A)		
21—CLYDEBANK	(H)		
28—Scottish Cup—3rd round			

FEBRUARY

4—HIBERNIAN	(H)		
11—Partick Thistle	(A)		

18—Scottish Cup—4th round

25—ST. MIRREN	(H)		
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MARCH

4—Dundee United	(A)		
11—AYR UNITED	(H)		
18—Motherwell	(A)		
25—RANGERS	(H)		

APRIL

1—ABERDEEN	(H)		
8—Clydebank	(A)		
15—Hibernian	(A)		
22—PARTICK THISTLE	(H)		
29—St. Mirren	(A)		

LEAGUE CUP

—2nd round

AUGUST

31—MOTHERWELL	(H)	0	0
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SEPTEMBER

3—Motherwell	(A)	4	2
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3rd Round

OCTOBER

5—Stirling Albion		2	1
26—STIRLING ALBION			

NOVEMBER

9—Quarter-final (1st leg)			
16—Quarter-final (2nd leg)			
30—Semi-final			

DECEMBER

10—Final			
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BIG MATCH DATES

Home Internationals

May 13—Ireland v Scotland
May 17—Scotland v Wales
May 20—Scotland v England

Scottish Cup

April 8—Semi-finals
May 6—Final

European Cup

May 10—Final

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Stirling keeper George Young tips the ball over the bar with Bobby Lennox the sole Celt in view in a scene from the League Cup meeting in August 1972.

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