



**Scottish Premier  
League**

**CELTIC**  
**versus**  
**AYR UNITED**

**CELTIC PARK**  
**SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER, 1977**  
**KICK-OFF 3 p.m.**

**PROGRAMME 10p**

# JO RETURNS TO "DOUBLE"

AYR are today's Premier League visitors and if their first league visit of the season follows the same pattern of the last two years, they won't be relishing the prospect of today's game.

Two years ago, on December 27, 1975 they came to Celtic Park and lost by 3-1 and also had to play part of the game with ten men after Johnny Doyle had been ordered off.

Johannes Edvaldsson, who had returned from a break at home in Iceland only hours before the game, celebrated by helping himself to two goals.

The teams that day were:-

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; Edvaldsson, McDonald and P. McCluskey; McNamara and Dalglish; Deans; Callaghan and Lennox. Substitutes: Glavin and Wilson.

AYR UNITED: Sproat; McDonald and Murphy; McAnespie, Fleming and McSherry; Doyle and Graham; Ingram; McCulloch and Robertson. Substitutes: Cameron and Wells.

Last year when the Ayrshire team came to Parkhead, on December 18 to be exact, Celtic were recovering from a bad start to the league. Celtic won the game 3-0 and with Kilmarnock beating Dundee United and the Aberdeen v Rangers game

off Celtic took over at the top of the league — on goal difference.

The change in football fortunes was never more clearly illustrated than when Johnny Doyle (now with Celtic) opened the scoring. He made no mistake when a ball came off keeper Geoghegan's chest to his feet after just 12 minutes play.

Five minutes later Celtic were two up when Paul Wilson cracked a great shot into the net — the ball having arrived in Ayr's penalty box from a Peter Latchford kick-out.

Two minutes later and Johnny Doyle spreadeagled the Ayr defence to give Kenny Dalglish an easy task in scoring.

Celtic didn't manage to score again in the game but their three goals in seven minutes spell had put paid to any chance of an upset by the Ayrshire team.

The teams on that occasion were:-

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; Stanton, McDonald and Aitken; Doyle and Glavin; Craig; Dalglish and Wilson. Substitutes: Gibson and Edvaldsson.

AYR UNITED: Geoghegan; Wells and Murphy; Fleming, Filippi and McAnespie; Robertson and McSherry; McCall; McCulloch and Cramond. Substitutes: Ingram and Masterton.

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# LEAGUE CUP GAME WITH STIRLING A LET DOWN



TODAY we welcome Ayr United to Celtic Park for a Premier League game and they'll be treated with the greatest respect.

We all remember that Ayr took two points from us in the second league game of the season in what was a somewhat controversial encounter.

Ayr will be smarting from their League Cup elimination at Forfar in midweek. We qualified for the quarter-final stage but our performance against Stirling Albion could only be described as insipid. Without detracting in any way from a spirited performance by our First Division opponents, we should have been able to progress to the next stage much more convincingly than we did. This showing was a let-down following our performances in the two matches before the Stirling visit.

What pleased me about the two games prior to Wednesday, starting from the European Cup match at Celtic Park ten days ago, is not so much that we won them, but the way we achieved the victories.

Against Innsbruck we lost a lead to a simple goal but we got back on the rails and got the winner our spirited performance merited. Then against Dundee United we lost a goal after only two minutes but the team fought back to fully merit their 2-1 win.

## SPRINGBOARD

I'm sure that performance helped to restore a lot of the lost confidence that some of our players suffered during our recent mixed spell of below par showings.

If we can recapture that form today it will be the best possible springboard for our trip to Austria next week. We know that we'll have a job on our hands against Innsbruck but if our Tannadice determination is displayed there's no reason why we shouldn't survive this hurdle and qualify for the quarter final stage of the competition. The Austrians found us different opposition entirely from what they had observed in advance of the tie in separate 'bad' league performances.

Let's hope that they see yet another and even better side of Celtic on Wednesday.

Unfortunately Danny McGrain has had his injured foot put in plaster. It is hoped this injury will respond quicker with complete rest.

# CELTIC



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1938, 1954, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1971, 1972,  
1973, 1974, 1977.

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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)

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1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1975.

Empire Exhibition Cup  
1938

Coronation Cup 1953

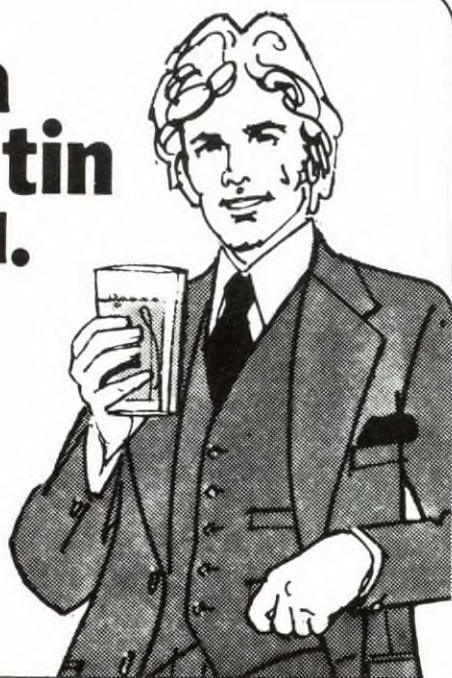
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**Bobby Lennox shoots for goal in last seasons game with Ayr United.**

# TODAY'S VISITORS

## AYR UNITED STILL A SIDE TO BE RECKONED WITH

**AYR UNITED** finished in eighth position in the Premier League last season — although that was still three points clear of the relegation mark.

That was the end of manager Alec Stuart's first full season with the club and he had reason to be quite pleased with the consolidating term for the part timers at Somerset Park.

This season's bright start, when they drew at Firhill and then defeated Celtic at Ayr to sit second top of the league, has faded somewhat with only another two wins out of the next eight outings.

However, the Ayrshire team have had their share of injury problems and odd goal defeats during that period and they are still a side to be reckoned with.

Apart from some shrewd signings like Brian Rodman, Gordon Cramond and Walker McCall, manager Stuart has unearthed some very good young players and that is where the future strength of any club lies.

Ayr's team this afternoon will be selected from the following pool of players:-

**Hugh Sproat.** Called up in 1975 from the Junior Auchinleck Talbot. He made an immediate impact to secure his place in the league side and has developed into one of the best young keepers in the Premier Division.

**Rikki Fleming.** Partners Bobby Tait in a two-man "barrier" which opposition strike forces find hard to

penetrate. A former Rangers player, he joined Ayr in 1968 and has proved a splendid signing. Effective in the air.

**Joe Filippi.** Had a spell as a young player with Coventry City before returning to sign for his hometown side. Has played at full-back, but is currently operating from midfield . . . and effectively, too.

**Davie McCulloch.** An other midfield man who can exert great influence on the United play. Small in stature, he compensates for his lack of height and weight with play prompting of perception and subtlety.

**Brian Rodman.** The former Kilmarnock centre half joined up at Somerset Park for a fee of £7,000 last season. Has been a fairly regular performer at right back in the Ayr side and has adjusted quite easily to the change of position. Away from football he is a teacher of Physical Education in Ayrshire.

**Willie Kelly.** Joined Ayr from Muirkirk Juniors in 1975 and has frequently displaced John Murphy from the left back position after 14 years of near permanency. Willie is a strong forceful type of full back who is strong in the tackle and speedy in recovery.

**Jim Brogan.** The former Celt needs no introduction to Parkhead fans. Jim came back to Scotland last season to join Ayr after a spell in England with Coventry City. He hasn't lost his enthusiasm for the



### **RIKKI FLEMING**

The ex-Ranger who is now the kingpin of the Ayr United defence.

game and remains a great competitor.

**Robert Hannah.** Ayr signed 'Rab' when he was released by Celtic at the end of last season. He played in the midfield against Celtic in the Premier League match win by Ayr at the start of the season.

**Danny Masterton.** Another product of Muirkirk Juniors he burst into the first team scene last season when his unorthodox style created problems for many defenders. Possibly hasn't recaptured the form that won him his first team shot last season but he's still a dangerous striker.

**Walker McCall.** The big Ayrshire striker was bought from Aberdeen last season for a £7,000 fee. He celebrated the return to his home county by scoring no fewer than 17 goals for United. Has good close control for a big fellow.

**Gerry Christie.** Looks like establishing himself very quickly in the Somerset plan. He joined Ayr from Irvine Meadow in March of this year and although only 18 years

old has already played a few first team matches.

Two other Ayr full backs **Davie Wells** and **Danny McDonald** are out of action at present. Although McDonald played in the reserve team last week for the first time following a cartilage operation it may be another month before he is ready for the top team. Davie Wells is out of action with a broken left arm which he sustained in a reserve match.

**John Murphy.** A personality in Scottish football he has been a great Ayr player since he joined the club from Darvel in 1963. Although he has always been a part-time player he has always maintained a high standard of fitness which meant he seldom missed a match. Although not a regular in the team at present he's the sort of player who could be recalled with confidence anytime.

**Bobby Tait.** Another product of Ayrshire football who was signed from Crosshouse in 1972. Converted to the centre half role when Ayr had injury problems a couple of seasons ago and has been a fairly regular performer in that position since then.

**Gordon Cramond.** Former Montrose and St Johnstone player he was signed in 1976 for £15,000 fee. He is the present holder of the Ayr Player of the Year award. Gordon's a tireless and very constructive player in midfield who also manages to score goals.

**Jim McSherry.** Was released by Kilmarnock in 1975 and immediately snapped up by Ayr. A tenacious midfield player he has proved to be a great acquisition for the Somerset club.

**Gerry Phillips.** Signed from Cumnock Juniors in 1975 he is full of running and likes to play up front. Was a fairly regular performer in the team before an appendicitis operation put him out of action for a spell last year.

# TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

## CELTIC (from)

PETER LATCHFORD  
 ROY AITKEN  
 ANDY LYNCH  
 RONNIE GLAVIN  
 RODDY McDONALD  
 FRANK MUNRO  
 JIM CASEY  
 JOHNNY DOYLE  
 PAUL WILSON  
 TOM McADAM  
 TOMMY BURNS  
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## AYR UNITED (from)

HUGH SPROAT  
 BRIAN RODMAN  
 WILLIE KELLY  
 RIKKI FLEMING  
 BOBBY TAIT  
 JOE FILIPPI  
 GORDON CRAMOND  
 DAVIE McCULLOCH  
 WALKER McCALL  
 DANNY MASTERTON  
 GERRY CHRISTIE  
 JIM McSHERRY  
 JIM BROGAN  
 ALEC McANESPIE  
 GERRY PHILLIPS

# HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

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### BIRTHDAY TIME

October has been a busy birthday month for Celtic players. Celts who have celebrated birthdays this month are:

Willie Temperley (October 4).

Brian McLaughlin (October 7).

Robert Ward (October 21).

Roy Kay and John McCluskey (October 24).

### APPEARANCES

CELTIC player appearances in 17 Premier League, League Cup and European Cup games are:-

17—Latchford, McDonald, Glavin.

15—Burns.

14—Aitken, Wilson.

13—Edvaldsson.

12—Craig.

11—McGrain.

10—Doyle, Kay.

9—Lynch.

7—Casey.

6—McAdam.

5—Lennox.

3—Conn, Munro.

2—McWilliams.

1 —Stanton, Dowie, McLaughlin, Mackie.

### PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers . . . . .	10	7	1	2	25	13	15
Aberdeen . . . . .	10	6	2	2	18	10	14
Dundee Utd. . . . .	10	5	2	3	14	8	12
St Mirren . . . . .	10	4	3	3	16	16	11
Partick . . . . .	10	5	1	4	14	15	11
Motherwell . . . . .	10	4	2	4	15	13	10
Hibernian . . . . .	10	4	1	5	10	10	9
Celtic . . . . .	10	3	1	6	11	13	7
Ayr Utd . . . . .	10	3	1	6	9	18	7
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