

LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL

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A REFEREE WITH A FLAIR FOR GOALS

The referee tonight is John Robertson Proudfoot Gordon, a 41-year-old cashier in Dundee, who lives in Newport-on-Tay.

Though he has been a Class One official for 12 years, this is only his third semi-final. He was in charge of a Rangers-Cowdenbeath League Cup semi-final and the Celtic-Ayr United Scottish Cup semi-final.

He has been a referee for 20 years, ever since he hung up his boots as a Highland League centre-forward with Inverness Thistle and Inverness Clachnacuddin. He recalls a hat-trick against Elgin City at Borough Briggs and a Scottish Cup tie against Airdrie, when "I didn't get a kick at the ball!"

A former F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. referee he handled a Wales-England international in Cardiff in 1967 and has been in charge of several games



JOHN GORDON

abroad. He has still to handle a Cup Final.

Married with a family, John is a native of Inverness.

So you think you know your football?

1. Who were the St. Mirren full-backs when they won the Scottish Cup in 1959?
2. Who won the European Cup the year before Celtic won in Lisbon?
3. What must the weight of the ball be before a game?
4. Who was leading scorer in the 1970 World Cup finals?
5. When St. Mirren were promoted in 1968 who did they come up with?
6. When Celtic beat Ajax 1-0 in the third round of the European Cup at Hampden last year who was the scorer?
7. Who were the beaten Scottish Cup and English Cup finalists last season?
8. Who is manager of Crystal Palace?

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CELTIC AGES WHO AIM FOR AN EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE FINAL

EVAN WILLIAMS — *Goalkeeper.* Signed from Wolves two seasons back for £8,000 and introduced against Clyde in a Glasgow Cup semi-final. Improved rapidly under the coaching of Ronnie Simpson and the high fitness demands of manager Stein. Was with Third Lanark before going to England and began his career with Dumbarton Boys' Guild.

JIM CRAIG—*Right-back.* Tall, stylish player who revels in the modern overlapping technique. While hampered from time to time by injuries he is without question one of the finest full-backs in the country. A qualified dentist, Celtic signed him from Glasgow University six years ago. At that time he seemed to have a promising career as a long-jumper!

DAVIE HAY—*Left-back,* or anywhere you care to play him. One of the most consistent players in the Celtic system, who smartly adapts himself to any position he is given. Was voted the best right-back in British football two seasons ago after playing brilliantly against England, Wales and Ireland. A tremendous asset to Celtic. Signed as a right-half from St. Mirren's Boys' Guild in 1965.

TOMMY GEMMELL—*Left-back,* is finding it hard going winning his place in face of the stiff competition at Parkhead. In his ten years at Celtic Park "Big Tam" has won the admiration of fans far beyond the confines of his club. A real personality with a flair for grabbing spectacular goals. He has made four first team appearances this season.

BOBBY MURDOCH — *Right-half.* One of the finest mid-field players in the modern game. Deceptively leisurely, he can make a team play through his brilliant distribution. Is unofficial vice-captain of the team with tremendous experience at all levels of the game. He has appeared in nine Cup-winning Celtic teams. Signed 11 years ago from Cambuslang Rangers.



JIMMY JOHNSTONE

BILLY McNEILL—*Centre-half,* and the only player to play in the 10 Cup-winning sides since 1965. Captain of the side and "Caesar" to his teammates. A great example to all young players through his conduct on and off the field. Thrived on the early coaching of Jock Stein, when he joined Celtic from Blantyre Vics. in 1957 and is now very much part of the greatest days in the history of the club.

GEORGE CONNELLY—*Left-half*. A player of fascinating versatility, this big Fifer seems to have settled down as defensive "assistant" to Billy McNeill. Possessing superb ball control, and judgment, Connelly can be described as a footballer of sophistication. But as showed against Rangers in a Scottish Cup final, he also packs a tremendous shot. Will be a Scotland player before very long.

JIMMY JOHNSTONE — *Outside-right*. What is not known about this little man could be written on a postage stamp. One of the greatest entertainers the game has ever seen. Right up there in the same class as Matthews, Best, Finney and Riva. Though strangely inconsistent, he can win a crowd in a matter of seconds with his work on the ball. The French named him "The Flying Flea" after his play against Nantes—and it has stuck ever since.

HARRY HOOD—*Inside-right*. He cost Celtic £30,000 when he was transferred from Clyde two years ago and has been a wonderful asset. Clever on the ball, Harry packs a shot which is surprising considering his slender frame. He has hit some magnificent goals this season, and is a tremendous



HARRY HOOD

favourite with the Parkhead support. Won a Scottish Cup medal last season, when he scored a penalty goal in the final.

KEN DALGLISH — *Centre-forward*. Undoubtedly one of the finds of the season. Though signed as an inside-right from Cumbernauld Juniors in 1967, he has been a bit of a sensation leading the Parkhead scoring machine. Last season he hit 23 goals for the reserve side. He has scored some superb goals this season, and has won his place in the Celtic squad through sheer merit. And to think he spent two weeks with Liverpool at one time and was told he didn't have it!

WILLIE WALLACE—*Inside-forward*. Transferred from Hearts in 1966, when he was already a Scotland player, for £30,000 and proved his worth by winning a place in the European Cup-winning squad of 1967. Has been a prolific scorer at Parkhead, with his powerful right-foot shooting and accurate head-work. Though in the veteran class now, is still a danger through his experience of the game.

BOBBY LENNOX—*front runner*. One of the fastest players in Europe. Has played in nine Cup-winning teams for Celtic and has scored in four of them. Has been with Celtic for 10 years now, being signed from Ardeer Recreation in 1961. He leaves the foot-work to others and concentrates in sprinting into the open spaces and taking what chances his team-mates can provide for him.

JOHN HUGHES—*Outside-left*. At 6 ft. 2 ins., the tallest man on the Celtic staff. You either love him, or you hate him. His powerful runs on the wing can be terrifying to the opposition. Signed from Shotts Bon Accord in 1959 and promptly named "Yogi Bear" by the discerning Parkhead support. Has won four Scottish League Cup medals, but won only one Scottish Cup medal, back in 1965.

THE MEN WHO BROUGHT A BREATH OF FRESH AIR INTO EUROPE

Celtic will drive up to Hampden—a ground that has become a bit of a home from home for the Parkhead players in recent years—hoping to make the Scottish League Cup final for the eighth successive season, easily a record. They were beaten in the 1964 final by Rangers,

had five successive wins against Rangers, Rangers again, Dundee, Hibs and St. Johnstone, before losing last season's final to Rangers.

Since Jock Stein became manager of the club on March 9, 1965, Celtic have reached 15 major Cup finals and won 10 of them. With six successive First Division championships since 1966, Celtic are without doubt the most successful club in British football since the war.

A European Cup win 1967, four Scottish Cup wins (every alternate year since 1965), six Championships and five Scottish League Cups, all within six sensational seasons, is the astonishing success story of Celtic who are now emerging from a major transitional period.

They have qualified for the European Cup on six occasions—equalling the British record of Manchester United and Rangers—played 34 European Cup ties, became the first British club to win the Cup and the only British club to make the final on two occasions.

Such has been the depth of the Celtic playing staff, and the successful grooming of young players, that 24 players have won Cup-Winners medals during the past six years.

Only Billy McNeill, the club captain, has appeared in all 10 Cup-winning teams. What a servant and ambassador he has been for his club! Signed as a leggy centre-half from Blantyre Vics. in 1957, he has emerged as one of the club's greatest-ever players. At the age of 31, there seems no reason why he should still not be playing at the age of 34.

LISBON LIONS

Bobby Murdoch, the unofficial vice-captain of the club, and striker Bobby Lennox have appeared in nine Cup-winning teams, while Tommy Gemmill and Bertie Auld, won eight medals. And surely Ronnie Simpson must be



A winning partnership for Celtic—manager Jock Stein and skipper Billy McNeill.

the only keeper to win five Cup-winning medals after the age of 34.

Though the team, known as the Lisbon Lions, has been changing gradually, the success story continues. Simpson has retired, Clark and Chalmers are with Morton, Auld is now with Hibs. But there are so many banging on the door for admission to the side, that Celtic have still not settled on a definite formation—and maybe they never will.

A TEST PIECE

Celtic brought a breath of fresh air into Europe with their complete dedication to attack, their speed and their devastating striking power. Nowadays they are judged on their own fantastic playing standard, a standard which some teams will never ever attain.

They continue to be the test piece of every Scottish club. A victory over Celtic is achievement indeed. Defeat is to be expected. While they will always look back with pride, and perhaps some astonishment at what they have achieved, it is their manager Jock Stein who encourages them and

insists that they look forward to the next game.

"To win the next game, is our only aim," he says. It has been the Celtic formula for success these last few years.

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3. TOMMY GEMMELL
4. DAVIE HAY
5. BILLY McNEILL
6. GEORGE CONNELLY
7. JIMMY JOHNSTONE
8. HARRY HOOD
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2. CAMERON MURRAY
3. HUGH McLAUCHLAN
4. ARCHIE KNOX
5. GORDON McQUEEN
6. BILLY FULTON
7. BOBBY McKEAN
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DENIS CONNAGHAN—*Goalkeeper*. Once a provisional signing of Celtic, he will be particularly keen to show what he can do against them tonight. He joined St. Mirren from American football, where he played with Baltimore Bays, in 1968 and though he has asked for a move from time to time, is still the No. 1 'keeper at Love Street.

CAMERON MURRAY — *Right-back*. Longest serving player on the books. Signed from Drumchapel Amateurs nine years ago and has been one of the most consistent full-backs in recent years. He has played against the best and will not be overawed by the opposition.



DENIS CONNAGHAN

HUGH McLAUCHLAN — *Left-back*. Was a centre-forward with Third Lanark when they folded four years ago and was quickly picked up by the

Saints. Has developed into an attacking full-back and has formed an excellent partnership with Murray.

ARCHIE KNOX—*Right-half*. He too was a centre-forward, with Forfar, when he was transferred to Paisley over a year ago. Is now a mid-field player and a key man in the Humphries 4-2-4 system. Big favourite with the crowd.



CAMERON MURRAY

GORDON McQUEEN — *Centre-half*. Standing 6 ft. 3 ins. and just 19 years of age this former Largs Thistle Junior looks to have a big future in the game. He is bound to benefit from his season in the Second Division this season. Not the easiest man to beat in the air!

BILLY FULTON—*Left-half.* Skipper of the side and one of the most underrated players in Scotland. Was transferred from Ayr to Falkirk in 1962 as an inside-forward for £4,000 and joined St. Mirren on a free-transfer (what a bargain!) in 1967. Operating as "sweeper" he is an inspiration and a comfort to the younger players around.

BOBBY McKEAN — *Outside-right.* Youngest member of the team at 18. Signed from Blantyre Vics. two years ago and has settled in as an orthodox winger with a lot of courage. Is still developing and will be none the worse of his experience at Hampden tonight.

DAVIE MILLAR—*Inside-right.* Formerly with Queen's Park, Aberdeen and Raith Rovers, this clever mid-field player has been around and his experience is invaluable in the fight for promotion. Works well with Archie Knox in the link role and doesn't hesitate to hit the ball at goal, as he packs a fair dig.



BILLY FULTON

striker. At 6 ft. 2 ins., he isn't too easy to stop, and he's faster than he looks.

ALISTAIR McLEOD—*Inside-left.* Hit seven goals in four successive games last month, which emphasises the role he has. Signed from Renfrew Juniors last year and at 19 years of age, is gaining valuable experience month by month, like the rest of his young teammates.

IAN MUNRO—*Outside-left.* A Scotland Youth Cap, he has been watched by a number of big name clubs over the past year or so. Can operate equally in mid-field. Has a tremendous zest for the game and a good turn of speed. At 19 years of age is now beginning to reveal his full potential.

DAVE PRENTICE — *Outside-left.* Signed from Queen's Park last season he decided to sign a full-time contract with the Saints instead of going to Glasgow University. Is determined to make a success of professional football. At 18 years of age he has shown in his frequent appearances that his choice of professional pursuits could be right.



JIM BLAIR

JIM BLAIR—*Centre-forward.* Was transferred to Hibs for £40,000 two seasons ago but never settled. Returned to Love Street at a cut price last season, and revelling as No. 1