

Wednesday 9th October 1974 Kick-Off 7.30 pm
LEAGUE CUP Hampden Park
SEMI FINAL

AIRDRIE v CELTIC



OFFICIAL **5p**
PROGRAMME



IAN McMILLAN

NOW AIRDRIE TRY TO MAKE A BIT OF LEAGUE CUP HISTORY

CELTIC manager Jock Stein, who took up his appointment on March 9, 1965, seeks to take his club to an 11th successive Scottish League Cup final tonight. A remarkable record,

Stein himself has been involved in nine successive finals and can surely claim some sort of world club record this evening. The tie with Airdrie is Celtic's 116th successive League Cup tie. A run which began back in August 1964.

Since that date Celtic have played in ten finals, won five (in a row from 1955), and made a lot of money from gate receipts in the process.

Jock Stein may have seen it all before, but he doesn't want to lose a personal record of consistency he is particularly proud of.

NO RECORD

Airdrie have no track record whatsoever. They have never won the Scottish League Cup, and have never before qualified for the final. So Ian McMillan, part-time manager of part-time Airdrie, has all to play for.

Though Celtic are moving through a transitional period and are not quite as convincing as they have been during the past nine years, they are still the team to beat in Scotland. They have won the Scottish League Cup on seven occasions, and have already made 12 final appearances.

Remarkably they have lost their last four finals, to Rangers (0-1), Partick Thistle (1-4), Hibernian (1-2), and Dundee (0-1)! It is the Achilles heel of the proud Celtic record over the past nine years when they have won the First Division championship every time out.

To play for a place in a Hampden final is incentive enough for skipper Derek Whiteford and the rest of the Airdrie squad. They played well in both their quarter-final ties against Partick Thistle. They showed aggression in their first tie to win 5-2, and showed restraint in the return leg which ended 1-1.

McMillan, former inside-forward of Rangers, Airdrie and Scotland, has built a well-organised side who have learned to play within their limitations.

They use two centre-backs in Jim Black and Columbk McKinley and have two powerful mid-field men in Mark Cowan and Whiteford. Watch striker Willie McCulloch. His duels with Billy McNeill will be one of the features of this evening's action.

RUNNING POWER

Celtic will use their running power to full advantage. Over the years they have learnt to be patient. If the goals don't come early, don't panic. Over the years they have won many a game in the closing minutes, aye even closing seconds.

They just never let up. Airdrie will have to play all the way tonight. The slightest break in their concentration could finish them.

It is a big occasion for them, an annual occasion for Celtic. If Airdrie win tonight it will be the biggest shock of the season... almost a dream come true for a team that won the Second Division championship last season.

David and Goliath indeed!

Success can be taken with a smile



A LIGHT-HEARTED moment shared by the greatest partnership in the history of Scottish football, manager Jock Stein of Celtic and his skipper and centre-half Billy McNeill.

It cannot go on for ever, but already they have worked together to take nine First Division championships, six Scottish Cup wins, five Scottish League Cup wins, and the greatest of them all, the European Cup in Lisbon in 1967.

IT'S THE CUP WITH CROWD APPEAL

THERE may be some controversy about when best to play the League Cup tournament. Some say it should be played in mid-season to split the League championship, others prefer it as it is.

Either way the League Cup is a success, proving to be the most lucrative competition of them all. The finals alone have attracted over two million spectators since the competition began with the Rangers-Aberdeen final of 1946.

Here are the scores and attendances over the last ten years, when Celtic competed on every occasion.

1973-74	Dundee 1 Celtic 0	27,974
1972-73	Celtic 1 Hibernian 2	71,696
1971-72	Partick Thistle 4 Celtic 1	62,740
1970-71	Rangers 1 Celtic 0	106,263
1969-70	Celtic 1 St. Johnstone 0	73,067
1968-69	Celtic 6 Hibernian 2	74,420
1967-68	Celtic 5 Dundee 3	66,660
1966-67	Celtic 1 Rangers 0	94,532
1965-66	Celtic 2 Rangers 1	107,609
1964-65	Rangers 2 Celtic 1	91,523

It's All Very Worthwhile!



Celtic have enjoyed more publicity and glamour than any other team in Britain over the past ten years—but they've had to work for it.

Away from the cheering crowds and the after-match banquets, the training has to be done, and sweat has to shed.

No matter the weather, or the time of the year the track work has to be done, so you've got to shut your eyes and bear it. Look at the big names in the picture above—Bobby Lennox, Jimmy Johnstone, Billy McNeill, Danny McGrain, Pat McCluskey . . .

You've got to work hard to get to the top, and work hard to stay there. Celtic **MUST** be one of the fittest sides in the game, because their system of attacking football insists on speed and stamina.

No team will beat Celtic on account of fitness, Manager Jock Stein and his training staff see to that. Players may look as though they are suffering here, but the smiles come later . . . on Cup final days and pay day!

Celtic . . . formed 1888. League Champions (29) 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 Cup (23) 1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974.

Scottish League Cup (7) 1957, 1958, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970.

European Cup (1) 1967.

Most individual League goals in a season: 50, Jimmy McGrory, 1935-36.

Most capped player: Bobby Evans, 48 (1948-1960).

BILL MULLAN'S FIGHT BACK

OUT FOR 15 MONTHS — NOW HE'S BACK AT THE TOP

The appearance of Bill Mullan as referee this evening is just reward for one of the finest come-back fights in football.

Two years ago Bill was injured in a car accident, when his eyesight was affected. He was out of football from December 1972 until March 2 of this year, when he returned as a Grade One referee to take charge of the Queen's Park v Brechin Second Division match at Hampden Park.

Bill, a 46-year-old P.T. teacher at Dalkeith, says: "I'm absolutely delighted at getting this semi-final. It really makes it all worth while. I was determined to fight my way back, and I've done it. I know there are a lot of people complaining about football at the moment, but I'm enjoying the game tremendously".

ON FIFA LIST

Three years ago Bill Mullan handled the astonishing Celtic-Partick Thistle League Cup final when Thistle won 4-1. He has been a referee since 1951, and a Grade One official for 14 years. Until his accident he had been a FIFA referee for 10 years.



BILL MULLAN

One of the fittest referees in Scotland, he holds a Preliminary S.F.A. Coaching Certificate gained during a course at Largs, and recommends the course to all referees.

"A referee who has never kicked a ball would benefit greatly from this course", he says.

Airdrie . . . formed 1878. Scottish Cup winners 1924. Division Two champions 1903, 1955, 1974.

Most individual League goals scored in a season: 45, H. G. Yarnall, 1916-17.

Most capped player: Jimmy Crapnell, 9 (1929-32).

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THE PRIZE IS A CUP FINAL PLACE AT HAMPDEN

AIRDRIE

- 1 DAVE McWILLIAMS
- 2 PAUL JONQUIN
- 3 JOHN LAPSLEY
- 4 JIM BLACK
- 5 COLUMB McKINLEY
- 6 DEREK WHITEFORD
- 7 TOMMY REYNOLDS
- 8 MARK COWAN
- 9 WILLIE McCULLOCH
- 10 TOMMY WALKER
- 11 BILLY WILSON
- 12 JOHN MENZIES
- 13 RAY FRANCHETTI

Referee:

W. J. MULLAN (Dalkeith)

Linesmen:

J. CAMPBELL (Kilmaurs)
W. H. QUINN (Stewarton)

PLEASE TAKE CARE

In your own interests, and in the interests 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.

EXTRA TIME

If the clubs finish level at the end of 90 minutes, AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES WILL BE PLAYED. If the extra time fails to produce a result then there will be another game at Hampden Park on a date which will be announced later.

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CELTIC

- 1 DENNIS CONNAGHAN
- 2 DANNY McGRAIN
- 3 JIM BROGAN
- 4 STEVIE MURRAY
- 5 BILLY McNEILL
- 6 PAT McCLUSKEY
- 7 JIMMY JOHNSTONE
- 8 KENNY DALGLISH
- 9 DIXIE DEANS
- 10 TOMMY CALLAGHAN
- 11 BOBBY LENNOX
- 12 HARRY HOOD
- 13 PAUL WILSON

The Route They Took To Hampden



DEREK WHITEFORD

Willie McCulloch, with five goals, is Airdrie's top scorer in the League Cup this season—one ahead of right-back Paul Jonquin, who has scored four times, including three from the penalty spot.

Celtic have yet to produce a prolific scorer from their pack of strikers, though Paul Wilson leads with four goals, one ahead of Kenny Dalglish.

Airdrie, who scored 102 goals in the Second Division last season, still retain their goal touch. They've scored 22 in the League Cup and lost nine. Celtic have scored 19 and lost 10, against stiffer opposition. Here is the complete record of the clubs en route to Hampden this season:

AIRDRIE

Sept. 10 (H) Clydebank	4-0
McCulloch, Fallon (o.g.), Walker, Wilson	
Aug. 14 (A) Stirling Albion	1-2
Reynolds	
Aug. 17 (H) St. Mirren	0-1
Aug. 21 (H) Stirling Albion	3-2
Franchetti, Jonquin, Wilson	
Aug. 24 (A) St. Mirren	6-0
Franchetti, Jonquin (2 pens.), McCulloch (2), Whiteford	
Aug. 28 (A) Clydebank	2-1
Menzies, Jonquin (pen.)	

Quarter-final

Sept. 11 (A) Partick Thistle	5-2
McCulloch (2), Walker, Franchetti, Whiteford	
Sept. 25 (H) Partick Thistle	1-1
Reynolds	
Total	22-9

CELTIC

Aug. 10 (H) Motherwell	2-1
Dalglish, Wilson	
Aug. 14 (A) Ayr United	2-3
Murray, Connelly	
Aug. 17 (H) Dundee United	1-0
McNamara	
Aug. 21 (H) Ayr United	5-2
Johnstone (2), Wilson (2), Lennox	
Aug. 24 (A) Dundee United	1-0
Wilson	
Aug. 28 (A) Motherwell	2-2
Dalglish (2)	

Quarter-final

Sept. 11 (H) Hamilton	2-0
Hood (2)	
Sept. 25 (A) Hamilton	4-2
Deans, Callaghan (pen.), McNamara, Lennox	
Total	19-10

THE PLAYER WHO SCORES WITHOUT TOO MUCH FUSS



BOBBY LENNOX may not encourage the same publicity as others at Celtic Park, but he has been one of their most consistent players since the war years.

Signed from Ardeer Recreation in 1961, Bobby beat Stevie Chalmers' post-war scoring record on November 24, 1973, when he scored with a penalty against Dumbarton. It was his 242nd goal for the club, one better than Chalmers.

PERSONAL BEST

Since then he has lifted his personal total to 256, and he isn't finished yet.

Lennox, a front runner in the real sense, was most unfortunate to be sent off against Olympiakos in Greece in the recent European Cup match.

He is not a trouble-maker and never has been. In Greece he was booked for "time-wasting" at a free-kick, and then booked again, and automatically sent off for a tackle, that did not merit too much of referee Rudi Glockner's time.

Bobby has played in four League Cup winning sides—1965, 66, 67, and 68. He is still one of the fastest movers in Scottish football, and still one of the sharpest. He is the No. 1 penalty-taker at Parkhead, so if Airdrie concede one tonight...!

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AIRDRIE IN A HURRY



Airdrie won the Scottish Second Division last season by one point from Kilmarnock, and this was the team that clinched promotion in April.

The smiling faces from left to right are: Back—Bobby Morrison (trainer), Lapsley, Cowan, McRoberts, Reynolds, Wilson, Houlston, and Adam Good (physiotherapist). Front—Menzies skipper Derek Whiteford, Fearn, Franchetti, McCulloch, McWilliams, and Jonquin. Most of the players were out tonight against Celtic in a match which is only two paces from a place in next season's U.E.F.A. Cup. As far as Airdrie is concerned this is progress!

Cup Specialists . . .

Only two players have ever won seven Scottish Cup medals . . . and they began their careers with the semi-final teams here tonight.

They are Jimmy McMenemy, who won six medals with Celtic from 1904 to 1914, then won his final medal with Partick Thistle in 1921.

Bob McPhail won his first medal with Airdrie in 1924 and then won six medals with Rangers from 1928 to 1936.