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Celtic v. Rangers

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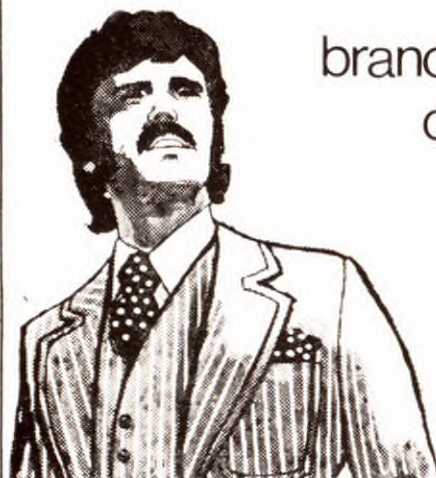
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JOCK STEIN says...

Today we have our first League meeting of the season with our old rivals Rangers, and as usual some people are suggesting that the game will determine the destination of the League Championship title.

As I have said so often in the past and make no apologies for repeating once again, the award for winning today's match is two League points—exactly the same prize that is at stake for winning a match against any other team in the League. I don't deny that there is also prestige involved in a Celtic meeting with Rangers, but the winning of the League flag is achieved by producing the best performances over the 34 League matches and not by winning one match no matter how prestigious a game it is reckoned to be.

Hectic Week

Our match today starts a hectic week for us which includes our European Cup first-round first-leg match against Olympiakos Piraeus of Greece on Wednesday and a visit to Fir Park, Motherwell, next Saturday.

Admittedly the team's form hasn't been consistently good thus far this season but they have nevertheless achieved all that has been asked of them. In spite of failing to produce their best form they have won the Drybrough Cup, qualified for the quarter-final stage of the League Cup and kept a 100% record in the League programme.

The League Cup match with Hamilton on Wednesday was a big disappointment from an entertainment point of view and the least said about it the better.

Exciting Game

Coming back to this afternoon's game there is no reason why this should fail to be a great match, certainly the meeting in the Dry-



brough Cup final produced one of the most exciting games between the two clubs in recent years.

With both teams keen to win today's encounter and the two points that go with it, the game could be one well worth watching.

Both teams will be trying all they know and it is to be hoped that both sets of supporters will allow the duels to be confined to the field of play.

Let us hope that for once we can witness an exciting 'Old Firm' match without the trouble on terracings which has so often marred these games in the past.

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 cooperate with police and stewards in the interest of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

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)

1957, 1958, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970.

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CELTIC HONOURS

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(from)

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GREIG

JACKSON

JOHNSTONE

FORSYTH

McLEAN

FYFE

PARLANE

YOUNG

McDONALD

SCOTT

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

The average footballer is reckoned to have a Senior playing career of ten years, so it was with interest that we turned the clock back that period to look at a League meeting between Celtic and Rangers at Celtic Park.

In season 1964-65, the season in which Kilmarnock won the title before Celtic's nine successive wins, the two teams clashed on September 5th, 1964.

The teams lined up as follows:—

Celtic—Fallon, Young and Gemmell, Brogan, Cushley and Kennedy, Johnstone and Divers, Chalmers, Gallagher and Hughes.

Rangers—Ritchie, Hynd and Provan, Greig, McKinnon and Baxter, Henderson and McLean, Forrest, Brand and Wilson.

In today's match only Jim Brogan and Jimmy Johnstone are available for Celtic's team selection and John Greig is the only surviving member of the Rangers side.

The odds looked stacked against Celtic before the match when injury precluded Billy McNeill and Bobby Murdoch from playing.

Indeed things looked even worse for the Celts when after only eight minutes play Jimmy Johnstone was fouled in the penalty box and Charlie Gallagher failed to score from the resultant spot kick.

Nine minutes before half-time, however, when the game was wide open, Celtic scored the vital opening goal.

John Divers started the move with a defence-splitting pass to Jimmy Johnstone. The winger took the ball to the bye-line before crossing and Stevie Chalmers met the ball with his head and placed it well out of 'keeper Ritchie's reach.

That was the only goal of the first half, but only seven minutes after the break Celtic increased their lead. This time a Johnstone shot was only parried by Billy Ritchie and the alert Steve Chalmers was on the spot to score his second goal.

GREAT GOAL

Celtic put this issue beyond doubt just five minutes later with the goal of the game, scored by John Hughes. The outside left set off from his wing beat on a mazy run across the face of the goal before crashing a great shot into the corner of the net.

Davie Wilson scored a consolation goal for Rangers just eight minutes from the end, but by that time the Ibrox team had no chance of salvaging the match.

Of the other players in that game only Gemmell, Cushley, Chalmers and McLean are still to the fore in the Scottish football scene.



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