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Every Celtic supporter knows and feels proud that his club have achieved a record by winning the Scottish League championship seven times in succession. Many of us know too that it was our own club who held the previous record of six in a row. As we see the outward signs of the magnificent run of seven victories we must find it hard to appreciate just what has happened, what tremendous efforts have been made by our players and the manager and staff.

It is proper to consider the background to this feat of seven successive championships. How many of us remember now that at the time Celtic won the first of the seven, in season 1965-66, the club had won only three in the previous 40 years and only one since the Second World War, in season 1953-54?

So our younger supporters have really been in on something big.

I do not suppose a single person ever dreamed after the 1965-66 victory that Celtic would go on to six more successive league triumphs. But as one has followed two and two has followed three and so on, all of us now know that nothing is impossible so far as our great club is concerned. So having climbed the highest peak so far, the players, the manager, and everyone connected with the club will find an even higher one. With Celtic's will to win there is no limit to what we can do.

This is not to say that we shall automatically record another championship success in the season that



Desmond White

begins league-wise this evening. It is to say that there is no surfeit of success at Celtic Park and that Mr. Stein will be leading his players as far as they can possibly go. I am reasonably confident that you will have yet another cause for celebration.

I would like to conclude by saying that when I succeeded the late Sir Robert Kelly as Celtic's chairman we won the league flag in my first year of office. Few chairmen in football can ever have had that privilege. I trust that all of you good Celtic supporters have many more privileges to share.

(Jock Stein Says on Page 8)

Celtic Honours

Scottish League Champions (27 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.

Scottish Cup Winners (22 times)

1892, 1899, 1900, 1904, 1907, 1908, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1937, 1951, 1954, 1965, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972.

Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)

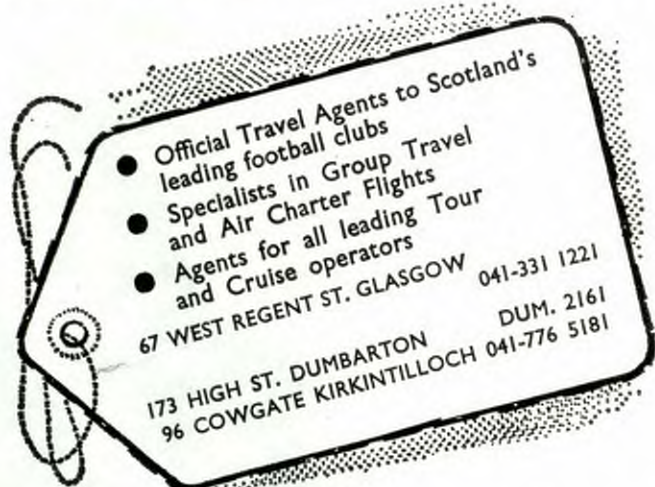
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Jackie McGrory and Dixie Deans in a tangle during the league match of last season at Celtic Park.

CELTIC'S PREDECESSORS AS CHAMPIONS

Kilmarnock's Great Feat

Sometimes the simplest things do not seem obvious. So it is with football. As we set out to play our opening match of the league season we should have a specially warm thought for our opponents. For Kilmarnock are the last club outwith our own who won the league championship.

Let no one minimise that Kilmarnock feat of becoming champions in season 1964-65, when by the way Celtic finished only eighth in the table. This has been one of the greatest achievements in Scottish football in days in which the likelihood of a provincial club winning the league flag seemed remote indeed.

What Kilmarnock did was set an example to every one of the smaller clubs. They showed that however important money was it was still not the be-all and end-all.

Yet how poorly were Killie rewarded by the people of their area; how discouraging the lack of support must have been.

It could therefore be a generous gesture if as we begin our effort to win an eighth successive championship we showed our appreciation not only of the Celtic of the past seven seasons but of the Kilmarnock of the season before.

DETERIORATION

That season in which Killie won the

league flag by the most slender of margins, goal average (as it was then) was their first and only championship-winning season. They have been runners-up four times but there has been a gradual deterioration in recent years. Here are the club's positions in the table since Scottish League football resumed after the war:—

1946-47	— 16th	1959-60	— 2nd
47-48	— —	60-61	— 2nd
48-49	— —	61-62	— 5th
49-50	— —	62-63	— 2nd
50-51	— —	63-64	— 2nd
51-52	— —	64-65	— 1st
52-53	— —	65-66	— 3rd
53-54	— —	66-67	— 7th
54-55	— 10th	67-68	— 7th
55-56	— 8th	68-69	— 4th
56-57	— 3rd	69-70	— 7th
57-58	— 5th	70-71	— 13th
58-59	— 9th	71-72	— 11th

(Note: Killie were in the second division from 1947-48 to 1953-54 inclusive. Eighteen-club league from 1955-56 on).

Killie's One Victory

There have been 19 league games between Celtic and Kilmarnock at Celtic Park in the post-war years. Of them Celtic have won 14 and four have been drawn. The solitary Killie victory came in 1955-56, in the season following a 6-3 defeat in the league at Parkhead. When the 1954-55 teams were:—

Celtic — Bonnar; Haughney, Fallon; Evans, Stein, Conroy; Higgins, Boden, Walsh, Fernie, Mochan.

Kilmarnock — Brown; Collins, Rollo; Russell, Thyne, Middlemass; Mays, Murray, Imrie, Curlett, Henaughan.

The scorers were Higgins (2), Fernie (2), Walsh, and Mochan and Curlett, Mays, and Henaughan.

The Killie centre half of that match was Bob Thyne, now one of Kilmarnock's directors.

Just over a year later Killie won the Parkhead game 2-0, both goals being scored by Davie Curlett. The teams were:—

Celtic — Beattie; Haughney, Meechan; Conroy, Evans, Peacock; Higgins, Fernie, Sharkey, Collins, Mochan.

Kilmarnock — Brown; Watson, Rollo; Taggart, Toner, Mackay; Mays, Harvey,

Curlett, Beattie, Fletcher.

The Killie manager was former Celtic player Malcolm Macdonald.

The last Celtic-Kilmarnock encounter was in the 1971 Scottish Cup semifinal at Hampden. Celtic won the match 3-1 as they had done a league game at Rugby Park only three days before. The semifinal scorers, seen by an attendance of 48,398 were Deans (2) and Macari and Cook. The teams were:—

Celtic — Williams; Craig, McCluskey; Murdoch, McNeill, Connelly; Johnstone, Macari, Deans, Callaghan, Lennox. Sub., Dalglish.

Kilmarnock — Hunter; Dickson, Cairns; Maxwell, Rodman, McGrory; McSherry, Gilmour, Mathie, Morrison, Cook. Sub., Fleming.

Referee — J. W. Paterson (Bothwell).

PLAYERS & OFFICIALS FOR TONIGHT'S GAME

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HOOD
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DEANS
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LENNOX
WILSON

Referee:

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(Carronshore)

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(from)

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RODMAN
LEE
McSHERRY
SMITH
FLEMING
MATHIE
MORRISON
COOK

QUIZ ON KILMARNOCK

1. Kilmarnock have won the Scottish Cup twice—in 1920 when they beat Albion Rovers in the final and in 1929 when they beat Rangers 2-0 in the final. Can you name the Kilmarnock team in the 1929 final?
2. Kilmarnock have played once in the European Cup. How far did they get in the competition?
3. What is the Christian name of these players—Whyte, Lee, Maxwell, Morrison?
4. These Kilmarnock goalkeepers have played for Scotland or the Scottish League (or both)—Sandy McLaughlin, Bobby Ferguson, Campbell Forsyth, Alistair Hunter. Has any of the four not played for the full Scotland side?
5. What was Kilmarnock's biggest league win last season?
6. Which of the following played for both Celtic and Kilmarnock—Joe McBride, Jimmy McGrory, "Bud" Maxwell, Alec Rollo, Willie Toner?
7. Who were the Kilmarnock managers before Walter McCrae?
8. Kilmarnock had an inside forward in the 1950s who was nicknamed Puskas. Who was he?
9. How many times if ever have Kilmarnock been relegated?
10. Have Kilmarnock ever beaten Celtic by six goals in the league?

(Answers on page 10)

JOCK STEIN says...

It's Hampden again for us tonight and it's time all of us realised the real effect of having to play our home games there for at least a time. Let's face it—it is a disadvantage irrespective of what the opposition is. I would go as far as to say that Celtic's players will have to learn—and learn thoroughly—that Hampden is a vastly different place for them when they are playing ordinary bread-and-butter games. We won't get huge crowds to give us the atmosphere that we find when the Scottish Cup semifinal or final, or the big European Cup games, are being played there by us.

There is little doubt that Celtic are missing their home environment. So we have got to be increasingly wary of the occasion in the next few weeks lest we get caught out.

This is an appropriate time to apologise to our supporters for having to take them to another ground for our home matches and to warn them that they shall have to go to Hampden and not Celtic Park if they wish to watch our next two league games at least that were due to be played at Celtic Park. These are the home games against Rangers (a fortnight today, kick-off 12 noon) and against Ayr United on September 30.

THANKS

It is also a suitable time to thank Queen's Park for co-operating with us in the use of Hampden while Celtic Park is out for most games because of the alterations necessary to our press-box. We would also like to thank the other clubs who have been involved in the changes.

Changes of a very different kind have been going on at Celtic Park. I refer to the alterations in playing personnel. We have made many changes in the past seven seasons and there will still be more in the near future. I have always thought that though we won our seventh league title in a row last season we were in a transitional period. We still are.

The start of this season with the altered type of League Cup has not been in the best interests of everyone. I think that the reluctance of the



public to pass through the turnstiles proves that beyond argument. Nor can we, of course, dismiss the belief that the various kinds of industrial strife that have beset people have had a bad effect on attendances.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our opponents of tonight have seen a few important changes themselves. I wish to compliment Kilmarnock manager Walter McCrae and his directors on the way in which they have faced adverse circumstances. No manager has worked harder than McCrae in trying to give Kilmarnock a fine team. But it has been very hard going for him. Full marks for keeping trying.

Remember—we're at Hampden

At a time when Celtic are forced through circumstances to play their home games on the ground of Queen's Park the club directors and management earnestly request everyone to be especially careful of what is another club's property. Celtic Football Club do not mean to suggest that it is not the duty of every Celtic supporter to behave well on every ground in the country. They do make a strong appeal that Hampden Park be without damage during the period in which Celtic's following is in attendance.

This evening, an experimental time for a kick-off on a Saturday,

can be used by all good supporters of football to show what good behaviour means. Celtic ask everyone to refrain from hurrying to or from the ground so as to keep accidents to a minimum. Everyone is advised to obey instructions of police and stewards.

Behaviour

A fortnight today many of you will be back at Hampden for the league match against Rangers. Celtic Football Club believe that requests for good behaviour cannot be made too often, so accordingly they ask for a Celtic-Rangers match without unbecoming conduct.

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September 13—Rosenborg
(European Cup)
Hampden, 8 p.m.

September 16—Rangers
Hampden, 12 noon.

The Celtic Season so far

FIRST TEAM LEAGUE CUP

			F	A
Aug. 12	(a)	Stirling Albion	3	0
" 16	(h)	East Fife	1	1
" 19	(a)	Arbroath	5	0
" 23	(a)	East Fife	3	2
" 26	(h)	Stirling Albion	3	0
" 28	(h)	Arbroath (at Hampden)	3	3

SCORERS

- 8—Dalglish
- 3—Deans
- 2—Macari, Murdoch (both pen.)
- 1—Lennox, Hood
- 1—own goal (Cargill, Arbroath)

RESERVES LEAGUE CUP

Aug. 12	(h)	Airdrieonians	1	1
" 14	(h)	Ayr United	4	1
" 19	(h)	Motherwell	2	3
" 24	(a)	Ayr United	3	2
" 26	(a)	Airdrieonians	8	1
" 30	(a)	Motherwell	1	2

LEAGUE

Aug. 22	(h)	Dumbarton	4	0
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SCORERS

- 5—Davidson (V)
- 4—White
- 3—Hood
- 2—Wilson, Hancock, McLaughlin
- 1—Balmer, Deans, Franchetti, Lennox, McNamara.

Answers to Quiz

- Clemie; Robertson, Nibloe; Morton, McLaren, McEwan; Connell, Smith, Cunningham, Williamson, Aitken.
- Second round; lost 3-7 on aggregate to ultimate winners, Real Madrid.
- Jim, Allan, George, Eddie.
- McLaughlin.
- 4-0 at home to Airdrieonians.
- All except McGrory and Maxwell.
- Malcolm Macdonald and Willie Waddell.
- Willie Harvey.
- Once—end of season 1946-47.
- Yes—at Rugby Park, 1962-63.

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