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Celtic v. Ayr United

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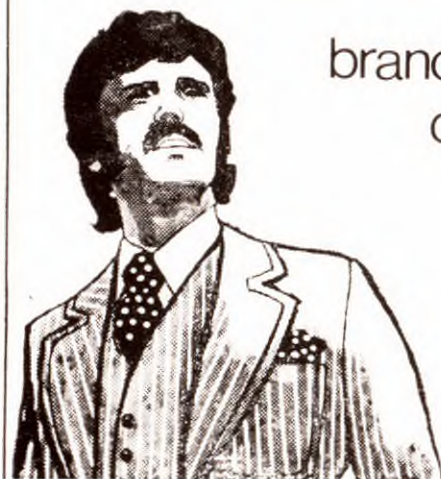
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JOCK STEIN says...

We have had our share of ups and downs since the last Saturday match programme with two victories, a defeat and a draw being the results. The game we lost, to Rangers, was one in which we seemed to have taken control only to lose our authority and we paid the penalty. Our drawn match with Olympiakos was another game that could have been so different if we had accepted our chances.

Both our victories were obtained in Lanarkshire at the expense of Motherwell in the League and Hamilton in the quarter-final of the League Cup. The latter match was infinitely better than the first game at Celtic Park because the Accies approached the game positively and it became an interesting and exciting match.

Now that we have qualified for the League Cup semi-finals we can turn our thoughts back to the League Championship today and then our very important trip to Athens for our second leg match with Olympiakos Piraeus in the European Cup.

Before leaving the League Cup, however, I think that the different offside rule in that competition is giving us greater problems now than it did in the sectional matches. At least at that stage of the competition every game was played under the changed rule. But now it's a couple of games under the recognised rules of football followed by one under the Scottish experimental rule. Everyone knows I have been diametrically opposed to this change of rule, but I am more convinced than ever now that it is bad for players, bad for spectators, and bad for the image of Scottish football as a whole.

Difficult

I'll return now to this afternoon, which is the most important game on the Celtic fixture list for the present. Ayr United are always difficult opponents for any club and the fact that the Somerset Park team are presently at the bottom of the League table could tend to make them dangerous opponents.



Ayr inflicted a defeat on us in the League Cup and took a shock lead at Parkhead in the other game in the following week although we eventually won the second game by five goals to two.

Respect

However, any team that has scored five goals against us in two matches will be treated with respect and Ayr's false position at the bottom of the League will be forgotten in our approach to the game today.

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 co-operate with police and stewards in the interest of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIAL

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

AYR UNITED

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 (Glasgow)

Scorers:
 JOHNSTON
 (Glasgow)

(from)
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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

Celtic matches with Ayr United have provided some rare tussles in recent years. Indeed, in the two most recent clashes—in the League Cup this season—the Somerset Park team defeated the Celts at home and took a shock early lead at Parkhead, although they eventually lost the match.

SIX IN SUCCESSION

The game we focus today was played at Hampden Park on April 29th, 1971 and in winning the game Celtic also wrapped up their sixth successive League Championship.

Hampden was the venue for the match because reconstruction work had started on the new stand at Celtic Park.

EQUALLED RECORD

As everyone knows this enabled Celtic to equal their own record of six consecutive League title wins which had stood for over sixty years.

The teams at Hampden in 1971 were:—

Celtic—Williams, Craig and Brogan, Connelly, McNeill and Hay, Johnstone and Lennox, Wallace Callaghan and Macari, Twelfth man Dalglish.

Ayr United—Stewart, McFadzean and Murphy, Fleming, Quinn and

Mitchell, Young and McGovern, Ingram, Whitehead and Reynolds, Twelfth man Doyle.

LENNOX SCORES

The Celtic team and their supporters got a fright in the first minute of the game when in Ayr's first raid Alec Ingram outjumped the defence to head the ball fiercely towards goal only to see it hit the bar and rebound into play. Celtic piled on the pressure after this let-off but it took them another seventeen minutes to pierce the Ayr United rearguard. Bobby Lennox was the man who opened Celtic's account. The inside man worked a clever one-two passing movement with Willie Wallace before crashing a shot into the roof of the net, giving keeper Stewart no chance.

The Celtic forwards continued to attack the Ayr defence but it took them another forty minutes to get the second and final goal.

Lou Macari intercepted a bad pass back from an Ayr defender and took the ball to the bye-line before crossing for Willie Wallace to score.

Ayr haven't enjoyed the best of starts to this season's League Championship campaign but it is certain they will make their presence felt in the game at Celtic Park this afternoon.



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