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JOCK STEIN says...

Perhaps the return to Celtic Park will coincide with a general return to form of the Celtic team. It is certain that we cannot afford to treat Ayr United as other than difficult opposition. I don't need to be reminded that Ayr have just been knocked out of the Texaco Cup and that not long ago they suffered a shock defeat in the League Cup from Alloa. I know too that Ayr will be under strength and that they will miss that consistently good defender Stan Quinn, who always plays well against us.

If I know Ally MacLeod, the Ayr manager will be concentrating on catching us on the hop and hoping that we have not recovered the form which let us beat Rangers so convincingly. Since then we have been far from impressive against Stranraer in the League Cup, thoroughly well beaten by Dundee in the league, and almost embarrassed by the Norwegians, Rosenborg, in the European Cup (for the second time). I take no credit from any of those teams, especially Dundee, who played splendidly. Maybe everyone at Celtic Park will now stop considering a match with Rangers as the be-all and end-all.

We have recently been lacking in application to the job in more than



one position. This will not be tolerated if there is a chance of it continuing. We have sufficient talented young players at Parkhead to make their seniors give all-out effort. There is great glory ahead for Celtic—provided we show enough skill and will to win. I will do all in my power to prevent an eighth successive league championship from slipping away.

Scotland's clubs took a knock in midweek in the matches against European clubs and against English clubs in the Texaco Cup.

There seems little doubt what the best performance was. It was Hibs' 6-1 win over Sporting Lisbon in the European Cup-winners Cup and aggregate victory of 7-3. They were still behind with little more than half an hour of the match to run. So, congratulations, Hibs, and to Hearts and Motherwell who have come through in the Texaco Cup. We shall be meeting all three of them in the league before the turn of the year.

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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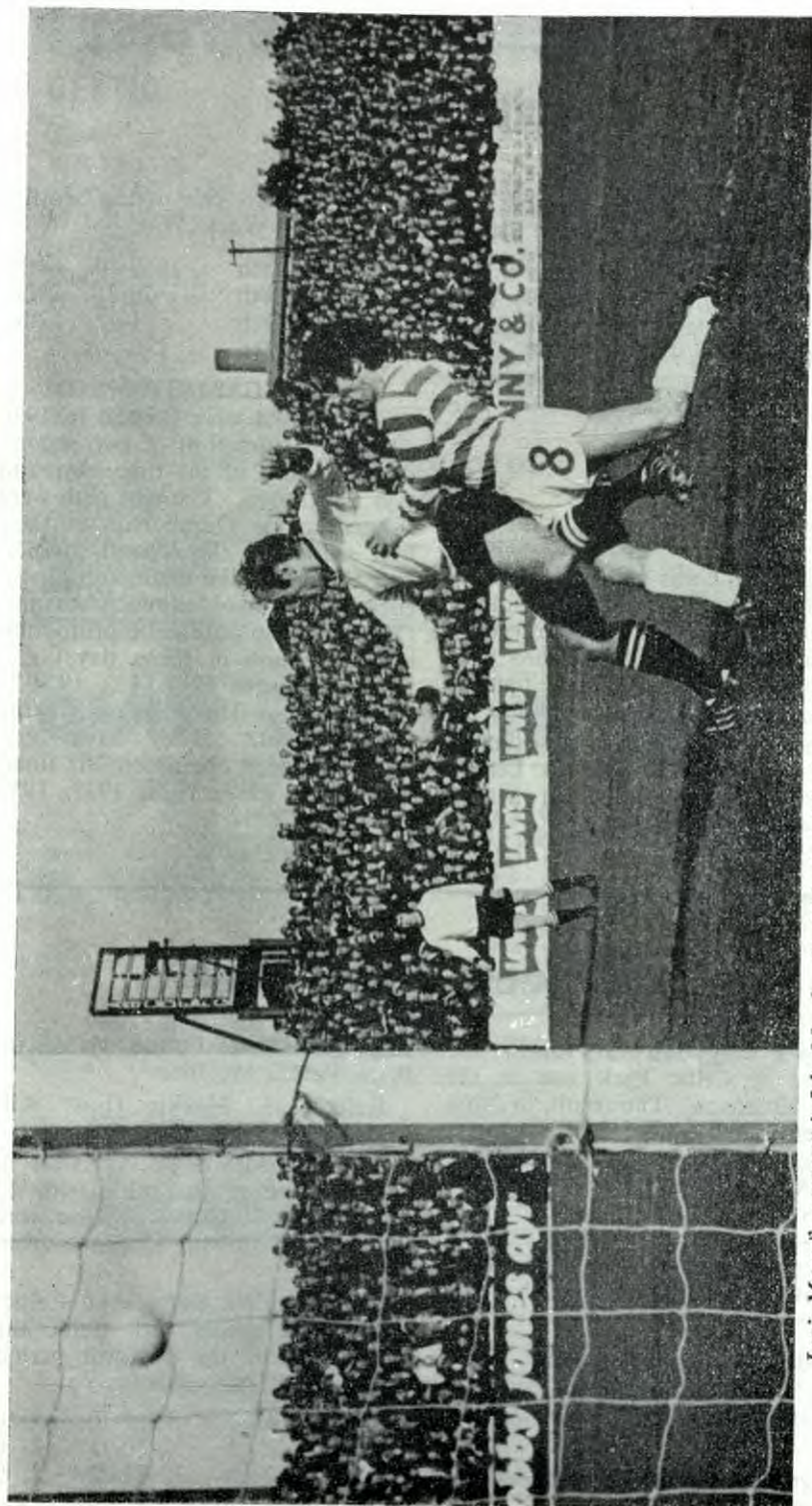
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Louis Macari's opponent is John Murphy, Ayr United's left back and the club's longest serving player. He joined them in 1963.

AYR UNITED IN THE FIRST DIVISION

This is Ayr United's thirtieth season in the first division of the Scottish League and their eighth since the end of the Second World War.

Probably their best season in the top division has been 1933-34 when they finished eighth of the 22 clubs in the league with 42 points—24 points behind the champions of that season Rangers and five behind Celtic, who were third in the table.

Best Since War

Ayr's best season since the war was 1959-60 when they finished eighth of 18 clubs to Hearts in 1959-60 with 34 points to the champions' 54. Ayr were one point ahead of Celtic that season. That has been the only time that Ayr have finished in a higher position than Celtic.

The Ayr first division positions in the seasons since Scottish League football was restarted in season 1946-47 have been :

1956-57	18th	1969-70	14th
59-60	8th	70-71	14th
60-61	18th	71-72	12th
66-67	18th		

AMALGAMATION

Ayr United were formed in 1910 as an amalgamation of two second division clubs of the time, Ayr and Ayr Parkhouse. The new club were runners-up to Dumbarton in their first season in the second division and they won the championship in each of the two following seasons. (There was no automatic promotion and relegation in those days).

From seasons 1913-14 to 1924-25 inclusive, Ayr United played in the first division. They have been second division champions six times—in 1912, 1913, 1928, 1937, 1959 and 1966.

Thirteen Years Ago

Ayr's only post-war win in the league at Celtic Park was in the 1959-60 season. The result, in November, 1959, was 3-2, the scorers being McMillan (2) and McGhee for Ayr and Bertie Auld and John Divers for Celtic. Outside left McGhee scored the winning goal six minutes from time. Sam McMillan is now the Ayr United coach. The teams were :—

Celtic—Fallon; MacKay, Donnelly; Smith, Evans, Peacock; Chalmers, Jackson, Colrain, Divers, Auld.

Ayr United—Hamilton; Burn, McIntyre (G); McIntyre (W),

Paterson, Elliott; Fulton, McMillan, Price, Paton, McGhee.

Referee—J. Mackie (East Kilbride).

That Saturday night Ayr were in fourth place in the table with 13 points from 11 games; Celtic were placed eleventh with 11 points from 11 games.

The complete list of the Celtic-Ayr league games with Celtic the home team in the post-war period have been (Celtic goals first) :—

1956-57	4 0	1969-70	3 0
59-60	2 3	70-71	2 0
60-61	2 0	71-72	2 0
66-67	5 1		

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QUIZ ON AYR UNITED

1. Celtic scored five goals against Ayr United in the League Cup semi-final in season 1969-70 (drew 3-3 and won 2-1). Only one of the five scorers is still a Celtic player. Who were they?

2. Ayr have beaten Rangers this season where?

3. From which clubs did these players join Ayr United—Alistair McLean, George McLean, Alex McGregor, John Murphy?

4. Who was Alastair MacLeod's predecessor as Ayr United manager?

5. To which English clubs were Ayr players Dick Malone and Quinton Young transferred?

6. What were the results of last season's league games between Ayr and Celtic?

7. Ayr United once contributed both full backs to a Scotland team against England. Who were they?

8. What is the Christian name of Ayr players, Rough, Filippi, Wells, McAnespie?

9. Why is the feat of scoring 66 goals in the league by J. R. Smith of Ayr United not likely to be ever again achieved?

10. Two Celtic players helped Ayr to win a second division championship before they became famous for Celtic. Who were they?

(Answers on page 9)

FIRST DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	GOALS			APTS
				L	F	A	
Celtic	4	3	0	1	11	5	6
Hibernian	4	3	0	1	6	2	6
Dundee United	4	3	0	1	9	6	6
Motherwell	4	2	2	0	8	5	6
Aberdeen	4	2	2	0	3	1	6
Ayr United	4	2	2	0	5	3	6
Hearts	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
Arbroath	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Partick Thistle	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Dundee	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
East Fife	4	2	0	2	7	6	4
Falkirk	4	1	2	1	4	3	4
Rangers	4	2	0	2	5	6	4
St. Johnstone	4	0	2	2	3	6	2
Airdrieonians	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
Dumbarton	4	0	1	3	2	7	1
Morton	4	0	1	3	6	11	1
Kilmarnock	4	0	0	4	3	12	0

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
Sept. 20 (a) Stranraer (second round)	2	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Sept. 2 (h) Kilmarnock (at Hampden)	6	2
" 9 (a) Morton	2	0
" 16 (h) Rangers (at Hampden)	3	1
" 23 (a) Dundee	0	2

EUROPEAN CUP

Sept. 13 (h) Rosenborg (at Hampden)	2	1
" 27 (a) Rosenborg (first round)	3	1

SCORERS

10—Dalglish
6—Deans
5—Murdoch (4 pen.), Hood,
4—Macari
2—Lennox,
1—Johnstone, Davidson (V)
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
Sept. 2 (a) Kilmarnock	2	3
" 15 (a) Rangers	3	1
" 23 (h) Dundee	3	2

SCORERS

7—Davidson (V)
4—Lennox, White, Hood
2—Wilson, Hancock, McLaughlin McNamara
1—Balmer, Deans, Franchetti, McCluskey

CROWD DISCIPLINE

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The directors and management thank the club's supporters for their good behaviour of the past and welcome them back to Celtic Park.



Ayr United defender, Joe Filippi.

RETURN TO CELTIC PARK

Ayr United and Celtic have something unusual in common this season—they haven't been able to play all of their home fixtures on their own ground.

Ayr reseeded their pitch at Somerset Park during the close season and rather than risk spoiling the job they arranged to play at Dam Park in their own town and then at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock. Celtic have had the use of Hampden Park since alterations to the Celtic Park press-box and then a fire in the stand caused them to move for first-team fixtures.

League Cup

Celtic played four home games at Hampden—against Arbroath in the

League Cup and Kilmarnock and Rangers in the league and against Rosenborg in the European Cup. Now they return to Parkhead for the home game with Ayr, and it will be the first league game there this season.

Two seasons ago Celtic and Ayr played a league match at Hampden because Celtic Park was undergoing extensive alterations. That was the first time Celtic ever played a league match (other than against Queen's Park) at Hampden.

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Answers to Quiz

1. John Hughes, Tommy Gemmell, Bertie Auld (first game), Harry Hood, Steve Chalmers (second game).
2. At Somerset Park. (2-1 in league)
3. Ardrossan Winton Rovers, Dunfermline Athletic, Troon Juniors, Darvel Juniors.
4. Bobby Flavell.
5. Sunderland and Coventry City.
6. 1-0 (Somerset Park) and 2-0 (Hampden Park) for Celtic.
7. Jock Smith and Phil McCloy (1924).
8. Bobby, Joe, David, Alex.
9. The 66 goals were scored in 38 matches in season 1927-28 when there were 20 clubs in the second division.
10. Willie McStay and Joe Cassidy (season 1912-13).

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