

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 4th September, 1976



Celtic v Rangers

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.
OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

TWO GOALS IN THREE HOURS!

GAMES between Celtic and Rangers are always closely fought affairs, and today's clash will not be an exception to that rule.

The top competition of the Scottish football scene, the Premier League Championship, gets under way and both teams are obviously anxious to get off to the best possible start.

With Rangers recording a Glasgow Cup final win over the Celts at Parkhead last month they will be feeling confident about the game today. On the other hand, Celtic don't like losing to their old rivals.

In the two Premier League matches last season the teams had to settle for a share of the points, and in the three hours of football, both sides could only manage one goal apiece.

The two goals were scored in the 'Premier' clash on November 1, 1975, which attracted a crowd of just under 60,000 partisan fans. On that occasion the selections were—

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; P. McCluskey, McDonald and Edvaldsson; G. McCluskey and Dalglish; Deans; Callaghan and Wilson. Subs: McNamara and Hood.

Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine and Greig; Forsyth, Jackson and MacDonald; McLean and Stein; Parlane; Johnstone and Young. Subs: McKean and Miller.

Referee: Mr E. Thomson (Edinburgh).

Of the 26 players named for that game, under a year ago, all but three of them could come into the reckoning for today's clash. The three in question, Dixie Deans, Harry Hood and Quinton Young, have moved to pastures new.

Celtic introduced young George McCluskey into their line-up, and in the opening

stages of the game, looked set to sweep Rangers off the park. Chances were created and missed, but the nearest thing to a goal came at the other end when Derek Parlane hit the crossbar.

The first half ended without a goal being scored. In the second half, Celtic picked up where they had left off, and took the game to Rangers but they couldn't open their scoring account.

With quarter-of-an-hour played in the second half, Tommy McLean picked the ball up from a controversial free-kick situation. The winger made straight for the Celtic goal and presented Parlane with the simplest of scoring chances, which he accepted.

The Rangers' lead was short-lived, however, because just three minutes later Celtic scored to regain equality.

Kenny Dalglish sent George McCluskey away, and the youngster's cross was turned into the net by Paul Wilson.

When the teams met for a second time at Celtic Park on April 26, the following sides faced each other without either team scoring—

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; P. McCluskey, Aitken and Edvaldsson; Doyle and Dalglish; McDonald; Burns and Lennox. Subs: McNamara and G. McCluskey.

Rangers: McCloy; Miller and Greig; Jardine, Johnstone and MacDonald; McKean and Hamilton; Henderson; McLean and Parlane. Subs: Stein and Denny.

Referee: Mr I. D. M. Foote (Glasgow).

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Mark you, the season's opening fixtures have hardly been inspiring. Against Penarol and Rangers in the Glasgow Cup final there were big crowds and the players reacted encouragingly in the lively atmosphere at them.

Today's game is my first Premier League game as manager of Celtic, and you couldn't ask for a harder kick-off than a meeting with Rangers.

We had a long run of success against the Ibrox side. Now we have run into a spell of non-success in these games. Last season we got a couple of draws against them at Parkhead, and lost twice away from home.

Rangers coming out of these games the better (six points from the eight at stake) really meant the winning and losing of the championship, for they finished with 54 points while we were on the 48 mark.

One thing is certain. Players don't require to be motivated for an Old Firm match. It is always a special occasion, and everybody will have a touch of the "butterflies", even the most experienced of players.

Championship-winning teams have to provide the same solid performance week in and week out. It is no good flashing to win a couple of matches and then lose one. There must be consistency, consistent players working all the time for each other.

Before Celtic went into their long run of nine titles in a row, we flattered on occasions, but never achieved the consistency necessary to win championships.

Recapturing that consistent rhythm and confidence is the chief aim of Celtic, and while one would like instant results in this connection, it has to be remembered we are in the process of re-organisation. It could take a little time, but there is consolation in the fact that we have been winning in the League Cup series without striking the truly steady beat that brings championship success.

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1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

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1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
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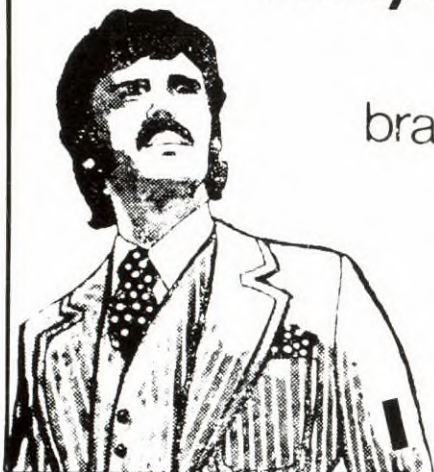
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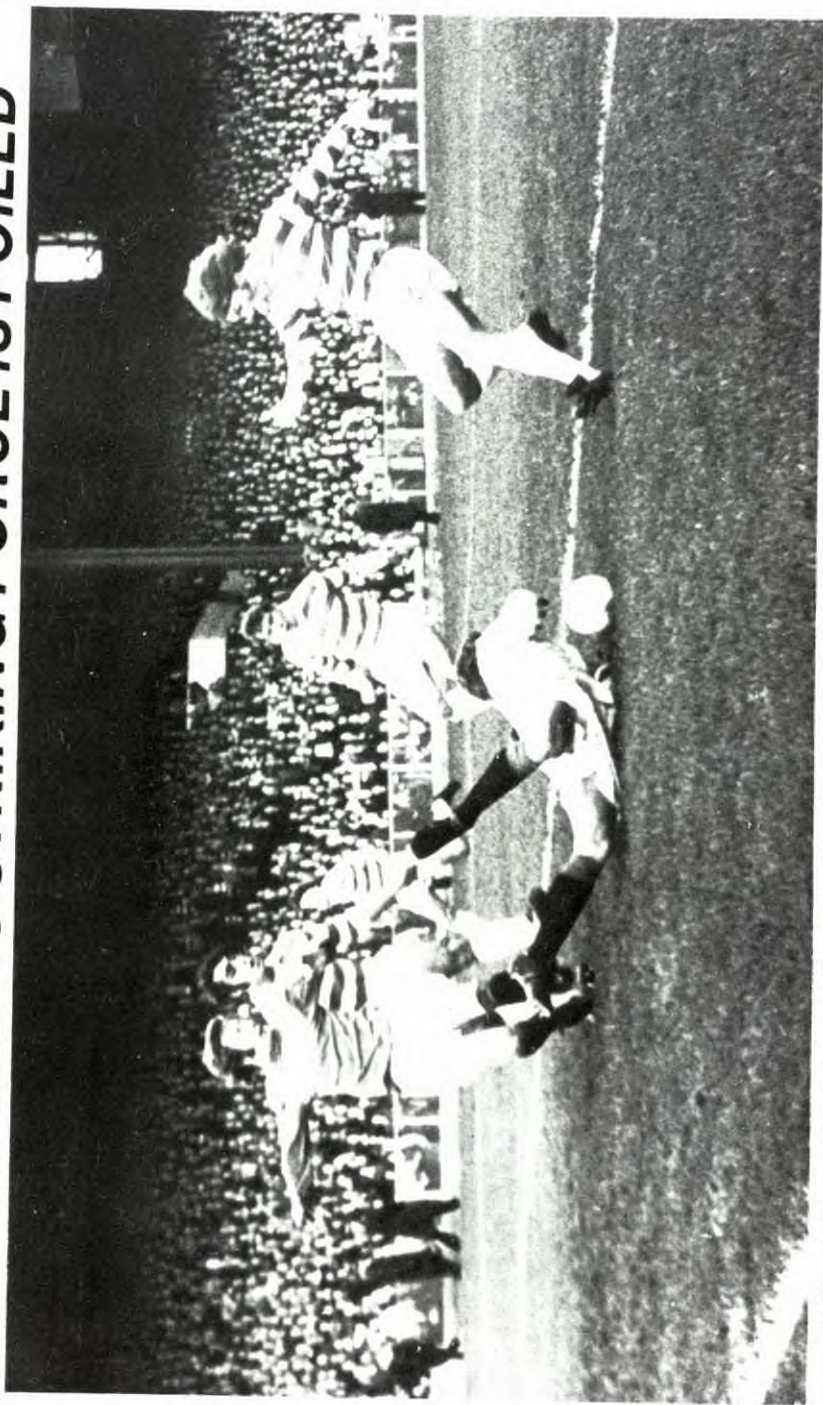


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TODAY'S VISITORS

RACE FOR RANGERS TEAM PLACES KEEN

RANGERS' manager Jock Wallace steadfastly insists that no player at Ibrox can consider himself an automatic choice for the side.

He's planned and worked hard at providing "cover" for all positions, and he's proved how well he has succeeded in the few short weeks since the 1976-77 Scottish season opened.

Jim Denny (who made his debut for the Ibrox club in the Scottish Cup final four years ago) has taken over at centre-half from the injured **Colin Jackson** and earned the praise of his boss for his performances.

Denny's "come-back" illustrates the all-round dedication, drive and high degree of competition for team places at Ibrox.

So, too, does the case of **Sandy Jardine**. Injury cost him his place to **Alex Miller** at full-back, who grabbed his chance and has played with such consistency that Jardine, though back in the side, finds himself with a new role in midfield.

Derek Parlane also found himself on the sidelines through injury and, like Jardine, had to wait for a time before an opening occurred. Now he's back, determined to bang in the goals again.

Rangers have also introduced **Iain Munro** from Hibernian to their set-up and given the attacking area a lot more width.

But, amid the changes, several players have marched on undisturbed, playing with remarkable consistency week after week.

Like big **Peter McCloy** who did a great job for his club in the Glasgow Cup final at Parkhead last month; sweeper **Tom Forsyth**, whose tenacity and tackling ability most opposition clubs would like to employ; wee **Tommy McLean**, the skilled craftsman who can "read" a field situation in a flash . . . to the discomfiture of opponents.

And, of course, there is the durable **John Greig**, who celebrates his 34th birthday next Saturday. The Ibrox skipper came through the recent lean years with the club,

and now savours the success spell just that bit more than his colleagues.

He's been a major inspiration in the Ibrox revival, and his appetite for football is as sharp as ever, though it is 16 years since he joined the club.

The man behind the drive at Ibrox, **Jock Wallace**, works as hard as any player in the bid to stay at the top. "It's not easy getting there and staying there is even tougher," he says.

Rangers, under his command, is a physically fit squad, but he insists that power alone hasn't won them prizes. "The team has a lot of skill as well, and that's the blend which has taken us where we are."

This week he made a trip to Switzerland to check on European Cup opponents, Zurich, but he was back in plenty of time to supervise the build-up for today's match.

Rangers are favourites for the Premier Championship, but Jock Wallace refuses to make forecasts about the outcome of today's meeting.

However, he wants to hold on to the rewards Rangers have gained, and a record-making clean sweep of the Scottish honours for a second season in a row is a legitimate target.

And, of course, Europe's **BIG PRIZE** beckons as well. The tourney for club champions was ended last season by St Etienne, who made it to the final. Rangers' players feel they will be there or thereabouts this time.

With Jock Wallace organising off the field and John Greig in charge of pitch operations, they will certainly be hard to handle by ANY Continental opposition.

However, the Ibrox boss insists on taking one step at a time. Today it is Celtic. This one Rangers want to win . . . just as Celtic want to win. There is a psychological factor in success in this fixture which can set a team right for the long run through the championship campaign.

The Leaders of Rangers



Ibrox leaders . . . team captain John Greig and manager Jock Wallace.



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Congratulations

BIRTHDAY greetings in advance to John Greig. The Rangers' skipper is 34 next Saturday, which gives the Ibrox "choir" a week to rehearse "Happy Birthday" for his appearance in the home match with Kilmarnock.

American Scene

SCOTTISH footballers who spent the summer playing in the United States have all returned with encouraging reports on the growth of the game in America.

Tommy Callaghan of Celtic was one of them, and he recounts his experiences in the show-biz atmosphere of the American game exclusively in the Celtic View next week.

League Cup

CELTIC'S League Cup quarter-final opponents are Airdrie or Albion Rovers. The ties will be played on September 22 and October 6.

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