



**Scottish Premier
League**

CELTIC

versus

RANGERS

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY,
9th SEPTEMBER, 1978
Kick-off 1 p.m.**

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The fans have an important role to play



TODAY signals my first Old Firm match as manager of Celtic as it does for John Greig as the new boss at Ibrox.

However it would be a nonsense to make the match into any kind of struggle between the team bosses because it's on the field of play that football matches are won and lost and the players are the most important people in any game.

Encounters involving Celtic and Rangers are always important games but the team that comes out on top today will win two points — the same amount available for a win in any Premier League match.

However I would obviously like to win the points this afternoon for a variety of reasons.

Firstly because the winning habit is important and, having enjoyed a taste of it in the early season matches, the players want to sample more of the same.

It would also be a great advantage at this stage of the season to open up a six points lead over Rangers because you must be realistic about it, they are the reigning champions and they'll be challenging to retain their title.

Victory in the biggest derby match of them all would give us a lot of satisfaction but more importantly it would give a big confidence boost for the season ahead.

Finally I would like to make a special appeal to our supporters to give us all the backing they can and do it in a responsible manner.

We are proud of the way the majority of our fans have encouraged us this season and we have been justified in making criticism of the people who have let us down with their so-called support.

Many people will be only too pleased to criticise any unruly behaviour at today's game — let's make sure they are disappointed.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



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Directors:

Desmond White, C.A.
(Chairman)

Thomas L. Devlin

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Kevin Kelly

Manager:

Billy McNeill

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Celtic Park,
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HONOURS:

League Champions (30 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, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975,
1977.

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OUR VISITORS

A first for both managers

RANGERS come to Celtic Park today for the first Old Firm confrontation of the new season and that isn't the only first on the cards for this afternoon.

It will be John Greig's first tilt against Celtic as manager of Rangers and at the same time the first time he has crossed swords with Billy McNeill in a managerial capacity.

Today will also be the first time the experienced Alex Forsyth will have played in an Old Firm derby despite his years in football playing with Partick Thistle and Manchester United.

Another first Rangers are still searching for is their opening goal in the new season's league campaign. In the three matches they have played to date they have failed to find the net.

In the same period, however, they have only conceded one goal which suggest that goals could be a fairly scarce commodity in the game this afternoon.

A great deal of speculation has centred around the Derek Johnstone role in the team, considering he was the team's top scorer last season. Manager John Greig is giving nothing away about his intentions in this direction and a final selection will not be made until just before the kick-off.

The teams faced each other five times last season and Rangers came out on top in three of these games.

All of them were close, however, and none more so than the League Cup final which Rangers eventually won 2-1 after a period of extra time.

The two victories they recorded at



DAVIE COOPER

Ibrox were also very closely fought affairs and in one of these Celtic at one stage held a two goal lead before finally losing by 3 goals to two.

Only one game, the Ne'erday match at Celtic Park ended in a draw and the most recent of the games played on March 28, resulted in Celtic's only win of the season by a margin of two goals to nil.

When it comes to matches between Celtic and Rangers however the form book goes for nothing. Predicting the outcome of these games is a difficult exercise and one the experts generally get round by plumping for a draw.

Certainly what happened last season will not serve as a useful guide to the possible outcome of today's encounter.

What is absolutely certain is that the Rangers team this afternoon, regardless of the eleven chosen by the new manager, will strain every sinew in their efforts to get a result.

They know better than most that if Celtic win today and open up a six point lead over them in the league it will be a very difficult task to retrieve the situation.



John Greig and Andy Lynch lead the teams on to the park in March for the last Premier League game. The Rangers' skipper didn't know then that he would be team manager the next time that Rangers visited Celtic Park.

MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
JOE FILIPPI
ANDY LYNCH
ROY AITKEN
RODDIE McDONALD
JO EDVALDSSON
JOHNNY DOYLE
RONNIE GLAVIN
TOM McADAM
TOMMY BURNS
ALFIE CONN

GEORGE McCLUSKEY
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(from)

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SANDY JARDINE
ALEX FORSYTH
TOM FORSYTH
DEREK JOHNSTONE
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ALEX MacDONALD
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Aberdeen	3	2	1	0	8	3
St Mirren	3	2	0	1	4	2
Partick Thist.	3	1	2	0	2	1
Dundee Utd	3	0	3	0	2	2
Hibernian	.....	3	0	3	0	1	1
Rangers	.....	3	0	2	1	0	1
Motherwell	.....	3	1	0	2	2	6
Hearts	.....	3	0	1	2	2	9
Morton	.....	3	0	0	3	3	8

QUIZ TIME

1. How many points were won by Celtic in their first three Premier League games last season?
2. Celtic's successive League Cup matches reached how many against Dundee United?
3. What was Celtic's biggest win last season?
4. Who finished the season as Celtic's top scorer last term?

1. One.
2. 149.
3. 7-1 (Dundee in Scottish Cup tie).
4. Joe Craig.

ANSWERS



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