

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, 6th September, 1975**



**CELTIC v DUNDEE**

Kick-off 3 p.m.

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

# CELTIC, DUNDEE GAME SAVED BY A STRAW

DUNDEE are the visitors today at Celtic Park. The Dens Park side have won on each of their last two visits to Parkhead and on that score alone will be treated with respect.

However, we've turned the clock back a few years to examine a game between the two sides at Celtic Park.

The game in question was played at Celtic Park on January 7, 1967 and a cold bleak winter's day it was too.

The team line-ups were:—

**CELTIC:** Simpson; Craig and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Johnstone and Wallace; Chalmers; Gallagher and Lennox. 12th man, Auld.

**DUNDEE:** Arrol; Wilson and Cox; Murray, Easton and Houston; Bryce and Scott; Cameron; McLean and Kinninmonth. 12th man, MacKay.

Referee was W. Elliott of Barrhead.

Just under 40,000 spectators attended the match which was only playable because a straw covering had protected the playing field from the elements. Indeed the adverse weather was responsible for the cancellation of no fewer than five other first division matches.

Although the park looked perfect before

the game started it cut up badly once the game got under way and particularly around the Dundee goal as Celtic mounted relentless pressure.

These early attacks culminated with Celtic scoring twice within a minute after only six minutes play. Bobby Murdoch scored the first and laid on the second for Willie Wallace. In the 21st minute Jimmy Johnstone added a third and on the half hour mark Charlie Gallagher made it 4-0.

Although Kenny Cameron got one back for Dundee early in the second half the Celts remained on top and just before the end Willie Wallace scored for the second time to make the final result 5-1 for Celtic.



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# MISSED CHANCES AGAIN PROVE OUR DOWNFALL



DUNDEE are our visitors today in our first Premier League match at Celtic Park. After a disappointing League Cup campaign they started the new league with a home win against Aberdeen. They will be treated with respect in our attempt to win our first league championship points.

Looking back on the four matches we have played since I wrote in the last programme, we have won three games and lost one. The games we won were at Boghead where we defeated Dumbarton 8-0, at home against Hearts in which we avenged our earlier defeat at Tynecastle with a 3-1 victory, followed by a convincing 2-0 win in our final League Cup match against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

No one will need to be reminded that the game we lost was at Ibrox last Saturday when we were beaten 2-1.

I can honestly say that with one or two reservations I was happy with our play at Ibrox.

What displeased me was our failure to finish splendidly made chances and an unaccountable loss in concentration by the team early in the second half which allowed the reins to slip out of our fingers.

It took the loss of two goals to snap the players back into action but in spite of tremendous late pressure they failed to get an equaliser.

## CHANCES

Three weeks ago I spoke about making games difficult for ourselves by squandering scoring chances and last Saturday we paid the penalty again for our carelessness.

On the credit side, however, we have been creating chances and that's important in football. I would be very worried indeed if we were failing to create scoring opportunities — because if you cannot build up creative moves on the football field, scoring becomes well nigh impossible.

In conclusion, I would like to say that in common with everyone else connected with Celtic, I was sickened by the objectionable hooliganism that was seen inside and outside Ibrox last Saturday. Let's hope an answer to the problem can be found so that in future the action will be confined to the field of play.

# CELTIC



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1922, 1926, 1936,  
1938, 1954, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1971, 1972,  
1973, 1974.

#### Cup Winners (24 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.

#### League Cup Winners (8 times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1975.

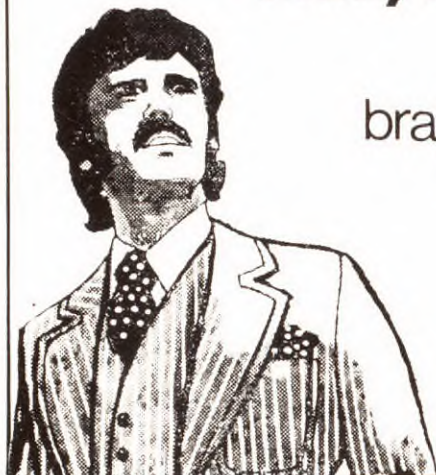
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## Dundee manager writes . . .

# VISIT TO CELTIC PARK A HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON

YOU HEAR FANS talk about "an ordinary League match." There's no such thing for a team coming to Celtic Park. It is a highlight of the season. Every match there becomes a big occasion.

The tremendous atmosphere is responsible. Parkhead has an air of its own. And there is the added urge of beating a team that has been at the top of the heap for so long.

### ATMOSPHERE

It is a situation "made" for a visiting team manager. I didn't have to spell out things to the Dundee players, and gee them along for this one. Indeed, I feel it a great pity we couldn't have that special Parkhead atmosphere switched on at every ground, including our own Dens Park!

Players look forward to jousting with Celtic, pitting their wits, skills and strengths against a club that has been so successful in the last decade. And still hungry for success, I reckon. Some familiar names may have gone, but the replacements are no less keen about winning and adding to the long list of honours.

### ENTERTAINMENT

So how will Dundee tackle the assignment today? Well, one thing the spectators will have to practise as this Premier League gets under way is a little patience. It isn't something football fans are good at. For instance, we lost 4-2 to Ayr United, but it was a game with plenty

of action in the box and people summed it up as "a load of rubbish." Well, the result might not have been too pleasant for Dundee fans, but there was action and entertainment. So what do fans want us to do . . . play, tight defensive stuff and make the target no higher than let's-not-lose? That wouldn't entertain anybody.

### VARIETY

I was reading the other day that only three Scottish managers, Jock Stein, Jock Wallace and Eddie Turnbull played attacking football. Well, Celtic, Rangers and Hibs have a larger choice of players than most. They can do things in a manner denied less well equipped clubs. A manager can only work to the limit of his resources and that doesn't mean he has to throw his players willy nilly at the opposition in every game.

However, I feel it can be claimed that the less glamorous sides have made it harder for the bigger teams. There is variety in style. And if you don't have variety you don't have anything.

It is good to be back at Celtic Park today. I've always enjoyed my visits . . . even though there have been occasions when we lost rather easily. There are compensating victory memories, though, one as late as the end of last season.

### SUCCESS

Whatever the result today — and we'll be in there trying all the way — everybody in the game is conscious of the importance of this first Premier League season. It has to work, and with goodwill and patience in these demanding "instant" times it can be a success.

Of course there may have to be adjustments in the light of this first experience, but there has been bold movement from the status quo. It is a start. Just have a little patience, please, and the final pattern could give Scottish football new vigour and direction.

**Davie White**

# TODAY'S VISITORS

**TODAY'S** visitors, in the first home game of the new Scottish League set-up, are Dundee, who, having won only one game in the League Cup competition, got off to a winning start against Aberdeen last Saturday.

Last season Celtic clashed with Dundee on three occasions — twice in the league championship and also in the semi-final of the Scottish Cup at Hampden.

The first meeting at Dens Park last December resulted in a 6-0 win for Celtic. This was a game in which Celtic hit top form and none more so than Kenny Dalglish who produced a sparkling display in helping himself to a glorious hat-trick.

In the league match at Celtic Park on April 19 of this year Dundee turned the tables and took both points with a 2-1 victory.

Sandwiched between the league games the two clubs contested the semi-final of the Scottish Cup and Celtic emerged victors by the only goal of the game scored by Ronnie Glavin.

Games between the clubs generally provide good entertainment with the emphasis on skilful play. If today's game falls into that category the spectators will get value for money watching all that's good in football.

Today's team will probably come from:—

**IAN PHILLIP**, half back. A local boy who moved from Dens to Crystal Palace in 1972 for £95,000. Didn't settle in England and returned to Dens at a record fee. Since then has recovered his old form. A Scottish Under-23 cap.

## Dundee get off to a winning start



**ALAN GORDON**  
Signed last season from Hibs. One of the most consistent goal scorers in Scotland.

**JOHN MARTIN**, full back. A Larkhall boy, he played a trial with the Dens Parkers at Shawfield just over a year ago and was signed immediately the game finished. Came into the League side at the end of last season and maintained his form in the club's close season tour.

**ALEX CALDWELL**, half back. A young player of considerable promise.

**IAN ANDERSON**, half back. Another young 'un with great potential whose hard work and promise has received recognition by inclusion in Scotland Under-23 player pools.

**BOBBY HUTCHINSON**, forward. Signed a year ago from Montrose for £22,000.

**GORDON WALLACE**, forward. Has hardly missed a game since joining the club from Raith Rovers in 1969. In 1968 was Scotland's leading goalscorer and named Player of the Year.

**ALAN GORDON**, forward. Signed from Hibs last season he has been a consistent scorer over the years. He is especially strong in the air. He previously played with Hearts and Dundee United.

**WILSON HOGGAN**, forward. A fast two-footed player, he signed from Falkirk last season. Fee £34,000.

**IAN PURDIE**, forward. The latest addition to the Dens Park staff. Arrived last month from Aberdeen while Jocky Scott moved on to the Dons. A free running winger with a cracking shot he has been playing out of the midfield

with Aberdeen. Turned down a Rangers offer a year ago and has been the subject of transfer enquiries from English sides.

**THOMSON ALLAN**, goalkeeper. Signed from Hibs in 1971 and is one of the best 'keepers in the country. Has played for Scotland against West Germany and was in the 1974 World Cup pool.

**ERIC MARTIN**, goalkeeper. This 21-year-old was signed a year ago from Brechin City.

**BOBBY WILSON**, full back. Signed from Cowdenbeath in 1966 is a speedy, quick-tackling defender who overlaps with great decisiveness. Has played for the Scottish League.

**DAVID JOHNSTON**, full back. A product of the Aberdeen junior scene, he too likes to break on the wing and has scored a lot of spectacular — and valuable — goals.



**TOMMY GEMMELL**  
Ex-Celtic full-back now  
starring with Dundee.

**TOMMY GEMMELL**, full back. Was one of Celtic's Lisbon Lions, he joined the Dens Park staff from Notts Forest in 1973. His experience with the Parkhead team and in England has proved a valuable asset to Dundee.

**GORDON STRACHAN**, half back. A thoughtful, young midfield operator whose skill has brought him the award of the best young player in Scotland.

**GEORGE STEWART**, centre half. Tall, strong and good in the air, he signed in 1964 from Tynecastle Boys' Club

**BOBBY FORD**, half back. Aggressive, hard tackling player who never gives up. Signed from Falkirk in 1971.

**BOBBY ROBINSON**, Another signing from Falkirk in 1971 his clever play has been recognised with appearances in the Under-23 and full Scotland teams

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## SIDELINES

### HONOURS

Honours list of the Dundee club, founded in 1893, is:

Scottish League champions: 1962.  
Runners-up: 1903, 1909, 1949.

Scottish Cup winners: 1910. Beaten finalists: 1925, 1952, 1965.

Scottish League Cup winners: 1952, 1953, 1974. Beaten finalists: 1968.

## MAN IN THE MIDDLE

TODAY'S referee Eddie Thomson achieved a "first" last week when he handled the opening Premier League match between Hibs and Hearts at Easter Road. It is the first time a local official has controlled a match between the Edinburgh clubs in a Scottish League competition.

"Edinburgh refs have handled East of Scotland Shield ties between them" he said, "but I felt honoured to have been selected for this break through."

This is referee Thomson's 12th season as a Grade One official and he's on the FIFA list. In July he handled the pre-Olympic tournament tie between Iceland and Russia.

An executive in the Civil Service he played football to Junior level, but with the arrival of his family (two daughters), he drifted from the playing side. Later with his family settled at school he "had a go" at refereeing . . . and liked it.

Football liked his style. A dozen years in the major Scottish league (plus an imposing list of international engagements) proves it.



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