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RANGERS



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IN WELCOMING everyone to this Glasgow Cup Final, I must tell you it has given me enormous pleasure to see the greatly increased interest shown in this particular match.

Crowded modern fixture lists have tended to squeeze out Glasgow Cup ties in recent years and that was a great pity as this is one of football's oldest competitions with a rich history, highlighted by memorable "Old Firm" games.

I think the recent eight-goal League game on this ground was a timely reminder to everyone that the "Old Firm" match is still the greatest club fixture in the world and I hope the Glasgow Cup will for many years to come provide an ideal platform for these meetings.

An awareness of this competition's great traditions prompted the Glasgow Cup committee to decide that this year the teams in the final would receive winners and runners-up medals. Other prizes have been given in the past, but we believe the ideal souvenir for players of all ages is a Cup Final Medal... no matter

WELCOME

its metal or size!

I think there should always be a special place for the Glasgow Cup in Scottish football, but since many Glaswegians now stay outside the city I think there is a case for extending the scope of the competition so that other clubs within a 20-mile radius of Glasgow could take part.

I think the media would also show more interest in a tournament with perhaps eight or ten teams and so my committee plan to have talks with other interested clubs in the coming months.

But tonight's game is what matters now and I hope it is as exciting as we all expect it to be!

JACK GILLESPIE,

President, Glasgow F.A.



● Jack Gillespie

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● Spectators, in their own interests and those around them, are advised to take their time leaving the Stadium after tonight's match.

TONIGHT'S OFFICIALS

Referee: Douglas Hope (Erskine)

Linesmen: E. Martindale, Glasgow (Govan Stand Side)

H. Kerrigan, Glasgow (Main Stand Side)

● All records played at the stadium tonight are kindly supplied by 23rd Precinct, Bath Street, Glasgow.

BELL'S

SCOTCH WHISKY

Burns will move back in the end . . .

SWEDEN was the setting back in July, at the beginning of the Celtic pre-season build up, for a decision by David Hay which mystified and shocked a few Parkhead fans. It was to involve a key player.

Tommy Burns was the man in question. Hay decided to switch Tommy from his midfield position and play him at left back against Sundsvall. Some screamed in horror, others demanded an explanation.

Tommy, however, wasn't bothered by the fuss. "The press made a meal of the whole situation. The boss spoke to me before we left for Sweden and I was perfectly happy at the positional switch."

"Playing at left-back is nothing new to me, after all the late Jock Stein put me there for several league games and then a pre-season tour we had in Australia a few years back."

"From a personal point of view it was an ideal change. I had played in midfield for eight years and I must admit I felt just that little bit stale. The switch gave me a new lease of life and, although the fans didn't know what to think at the beginning, I felt that I had proved myself as the 85/86 season progressed."

Since Derek Whyte came onto the scene Tommy has reverted back to his centre of the park role. A lot of the fans believe that to be his best position where he can use his creative ability to the full. But Tommy can see his career coming to an end playing at the back.

"There will be a time when I will not be able to cope with the demands of midfield and the full back slot should be the next place to go."

Scoring goals is always a happy moment for any player and that feature was shown all too clearly in the 4-4 match against Rangers in March at Ibrox. Tommy scored the third for Celtic that day, but in the dressing room before the game he felt there would be a few goals.

"I didn't look into a crystal ball, though, it was just a feeling that told me there was going to be goals. When the 'Old Firm' clash it is usually an open game with the onus on attack. The fact that it was also our last league meeting of the season added some importance."

Tommy pointed out three Rangers players in particular he thought his colleagues would have to watch tonight. "Derek Ferguson, Hugh Burns, and obviously Ally McCoist are the players who I would pick out."

"Derek's composure and awareness of the game makes a mockery of his age. Hugh, meanwhile, is a grafter and you can never question his effort. Ally has had a great season and the way he came back from that bad spell just over a year ago is a testimony to his character."

