

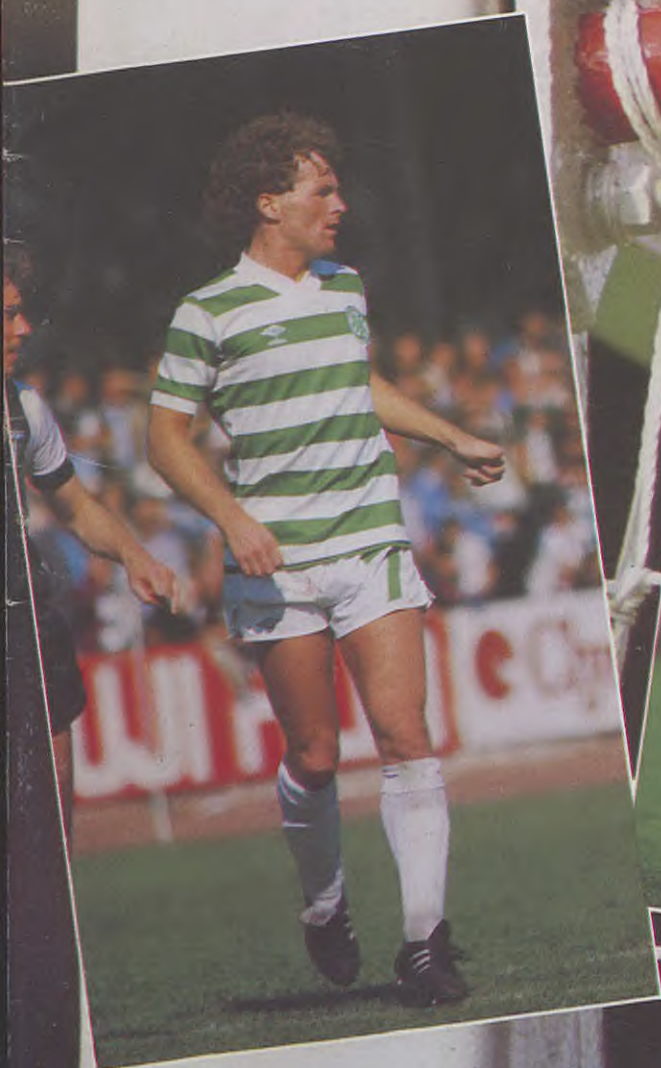
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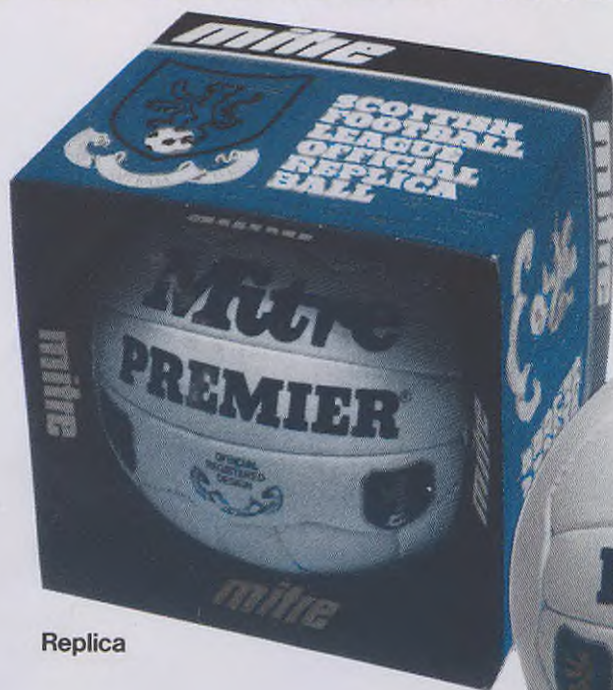


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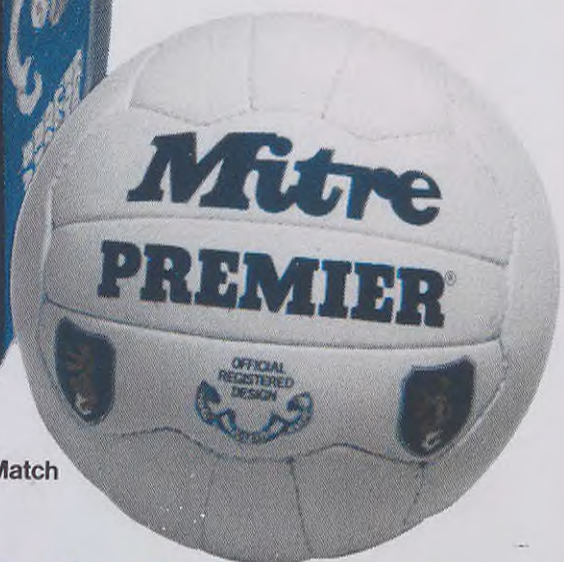
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Any meeting between Celtic and Rangers exudes an air of excitement and anticipation, especially when it is under the heading of a national final.

Those interested in statistics will be aware that of the seven finals involving Celtic and Rangers—1957/58, 1964/65, 1965/66, 1966/67, 1970/71, 1975/76, 1977/78—the score stands at Rangers 4 Celtic 3, although the goals scored tally is Celtic 12, Rangers 8.

The dusty leaves of the archives reveal the fact that Rangers have won 11 League Cup Finals with Celtic not far behind on the 8 mark.

What will be the situation after today's 90 minutes or (120 minutes if extra time is required)?

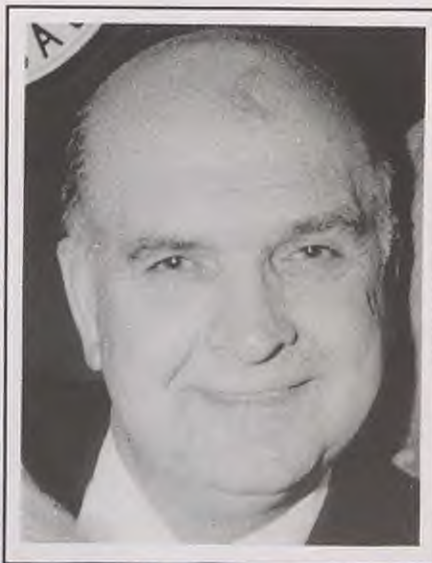
I am confident that today's contest, the 37th Scottish League Cup Final, will prove to be as exciting as the brilliant encounter at Parkhead in the Premier Division on 30th October, 1982.

The ingredients are there for a stimulating attacking game with both teams geared to go forward in search of goals.

My Management Committee is pleased with the

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beat an Old
Firm Final'**



success of our quarter final and semi-final ties, although recognising the difficulties which can, at times, be experienced in the Sectional stages.

The success of a competition is often gauged by the Final—I look forward to an enthralling game.

It is a fact that the winners of this final automatically qualify for a place in next season's UEFA Cup, but I have a feeling that Rangers and Celtic will be aiming for another higher place in Europe.

That, however, is another story!

We thank Telejector Ltd. for the incentive based sponsorship of today's match and welcome Mr. James B. Russell and guests to Hampden Park.

I do hope you have an enjoyable day and that we will all remember this match for an excellent performance on and off the field of play.

**DAVID LETHAM,
PRESIDENT, SCOTTISH
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MESSAGE TO THE FANS!

I would urge you to take every precaution to discourage pickpockets who may be present here today. This is a problem associated with many sporting events and other places where large crowds gather. **BE ON YOUR GUARD!**

I would like to thank most sincerely the officials and staff of Queen's Park for all the assistance given in connection with today's game.

Everyone present will wish the players good luck and good fortune today. Let's have a happy atmosphere and ensure that this traditional world-famous fixture is a good advert for Scottish Football and the reputation of Scotland abroad.

You will be aware that many eyes focus on this clash. Let us continue to enhance the growing reputation of Scottish supporters at Club and International level.

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My company is delighted to sponsor this afternoon's Scottish League Cup Final and particularly so in view of the fact that there can be no more exciting clash in Scottish football than a Hampden Final between Rangers and Celtic.

I am certain the usual excitement associated with this fixture will be very much in evidence today and that the capacity crowd will receive excellent value for money.

Telejector's backing of the Final indicates that we believe that Scottish football has much to offer and I think it is fair to say, despite the critics of our game, that it may well be entering one of the most exciting periods in its history.

Talking of excitement, I also believe that Telejector Big Screen Videos, which range in size from 45 inches to 25 feet are going to sweep the U.K. market.

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Our principal manufacturer and supplier, Grundig International Limited, are joining with us this afternoon to provide a package of benefits of which you will doubtless have heard.

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Mr. James Russell



Telejector will offer incentives to both teams to score goals; to individual goal-scoring talents; to the Man-of-the-Match; to fair play; to spectators; and even to the press.

Telejector are happy to be sole sponsors of this great event. In conclusion, I wish all spectators, players, and match officials all good luck and lots of excitement this afternoon.

JAMES B. RUSSELL
Chairman

THE CASH BREAKDOWN

● If any player scores a hat-trick during normal time (excluding extra time), his club will receive £20,000. In the event of more than one hat-trick, the team whose player is the first to score three goals will receive the award.

● If either team scores more than three goals during normal time (again excluding extra time), a payment of £10,000 will be made.

● If either team finishes the match without a player or official having been cautioned, ordered off or reported, the club or clubs concerned will receive a payment of £2000.

● The player judged by a panel to be the Telejector Man of the Match will receive a holiday for two in America.

● The scorer of the first goal (own goals excluded) will receive a Grundig video recorder.

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● A spectator from both the Celtic and Rangers ends of the stadium will be selected during the game by a lucky number on the back page of the programme. Each will receive a Grundig video recorder. The draw will be announced at half-time.

● The match report of the League Cup Final which is, in the opinion of a panel of judges, the most accurate and entertaining, will win a Grundig video recorder for the writer or broadcaster. This incentive will apply to sports writers on Scottish newspapers, radio and television broadcasters and commentators.

The SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

IAN ARCHER,
Sunday Standard.



'Today, I wouldn't
be anywhere else'



Peaches and cream. Morecambe and Wise. Whisky and Water. Celtic and Rangers. All good things come in pairs, just as Noah discovered when he led the animals into the Ark two by two.

Today's Scottish League Cup final is not just any other old game. It's the latest instalment of a phrase which always needs capital letters to describe it.... The Greatest Club Match in the World.

Such hyperbole rests easy with the 57,000 fans who have come from all the airts and parts to be at a Hampden Park undergoing a facelift.

So, it will be Britain's biggest crowd of the day, as it usually is when blue meets green in this hard and special city.

Beaten narrowly by Celtic in a semi-final of epic proportions, that awkward genius from Tannadice, Jim McLean, rubbed away the ache of disappointment with a quote which leapt out of the printed page.

"We'd have loved to have been at Hampden," he said. "But an Old Firm match is just what Scottish football needs," and he wasn't being facetious.

You can see what he means. Packed terraces, committed fans, football played at a pace which would leave Allan Wells gasping for breath and the

genuine chance that two proud and attacking teams can produce a scoreline of yesteryear... 4-3 or something like that.

These are no mean sides from no mean city. Consider one wee piece of history. Back before the First World War and the mud of Flanders a visitor to Glasgow could catch a tram and within the space of a morning see the three largest football grounds in the world—Celtic Park, Ibrox, and Hampden.

Those grounds stood as architectural testimony to the indisputable fact that Glasgow was, and to an extent still is, the greatest place in the world for loving its football.

Certainly, Maracana in Rio is larger and Barcelona's Camp Nou is more ritzy, but Hampden Park is still the spiritual home of the people's game.

No red-blooded male in Scotland can meet his peers this day without his own noisy view of what will happen when referee Kenny Hope blows his whistle and the roar sweeps out above the Mount Florida air to be heard on a clear day all the way to Bridgeton Cross and, aye, even Govan.

It's fashionable in some quarters to knock the Old Firm and some things associated with them—and to be honest there will be songs sung today that I'd rather not hear.



But, oddly, and unknown to the majority of supporters, on the field the game is generally played in a spirit which would do justice to those old Victorian Corinthians who invented sport as we know it now.

Take one story about a decade ago. Willie Henderson took the ball up to Jim Craig, who tackled him and cleared. What appeared to happen then was that the two men stood eyeball-to-eyeball in a bitter verbal exchange.

The crowd erupted. What actually had happened was that Willie, who, until he got his contact lenses was distinctly shortsighted, had said to Jim: "Well played big man, where did the ball go?"

I like that tale because what it proves is that the issues that link Rangers and Celtic irrevocably are far more important than what divides them.

They have always been and will continue to be the major forces for excellence in Scottish football.

That is said with all due deference to Aberdeen and Dundee United, who have given so much to this competition, and neither does it disparage the greatest wee club in the world who came from Maryhill to lift this same trophy 11 years ago. It's simply a fact.

That excellence is demanded not just by the re-

spective managers of the clubs, but it comes as a command from their supporters.

No two teams in the world enjoy greater links between those who earn their living playing football and those who pay their wages. The customers insist the game is played the way they want it.

I detect this season a spring in the step of the Rangers fans because they know that this present side is trying to play the same skilful type of stuff which once brought them out in their thousands to watch Baxter and Co.

The Celtic supporters are happy because in Charlie Nicholas and Paul McStay they have men—well, still boys really—who can parade the game's finer arts.

To the most knowledgeable watchers in the world the way the game is played is almost, though not quite, as important as the result which their endeavours achieve. They understand too much to be cheated or short changed.

That is why, the world over, people will look to see what happened in the Scottish League Cup final at Hampden Park.

I cannot think of any better place in the universe of sport to be this afternoon and that makes me a little bit proud to be a Glaswegian and a Scot.





**'Why this particular
Hampden Final means so
much to Parkhead men'**



**ALLAN HERRON,
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CELTIC



MANAGER Billy McNeill was in the team that began it all. He was at centre-half in the Celtic team that played Partick Thistle at Parkhead in August 1964 in the opening tie of the Scottish League Cup campaign.

Remember it? I doubt it. John Fallon and George Niven, the respective 'keepers, put up the shutters and the 29,000 crowd stifled a yawn as they headed for their "locals" to assassinate the reputations of the forwards who had not done particularly well.

What they didn't realise was that Celtic had just put their toes on the springboard of an incredible record of consistency, which was to stretch to a world record.

Celtic were to make 154 successive appearances in the Scottish League Cup from that day in August until December 13, 1978, when they were stopped in the semi-final by Rangers at Hampden Park.

Incredibly they competed in 14 successive finals—a record anywhere in the world of football for a national Cup competition.

The team that began that run was: Fallon; Young, Gemmell; Clark, McNeill, Kennedy; Johnstone, Murdoch, Chalmers, Gallagher, Lennox. The embryo of the European Cup-winning side in Lisbon.

The team beaten by Rangers 14 years later was: Baines; Filippi, Lynch; Aitken, MacDonald, Edvaldson; Provan, Conroy, McAdam, Burns, Doyle.

The "Lions" had been, and gone. Rather sadly, that fantastic Celtic run ended through an own goal from substitute Jim Casey in extra time. Goals from Johnny Doyle, and Tom McAdam, and from a Sandy Jardine penalty and Colin Jackson, had pushed this ill-mannered semi-final into extra time.

The winning goal six minutes from the end of over-time was a nightmare—a mis-hit by Rangers striker Derek Johnstone which hit Casey on the legs and was diverted past Roy Baines.

Casey, close to tears at the end said: "I just couldn't do a thing about it. The ball hit me as I was running back, and went into the net."

So a world record run came to an end, and astonishingly this is Celtic's first appearance in the final since. It's their eighth final against Rangers and their first final since Billy McNeill took over as manager in the World Cup year of 1978. It is the one domestic trophy he has yet to win as Celtic manager.

While the tournament has been financially lucrative to Celtic over the years, it was 11 years after the Scottish League Cup was founded in 1946 that Celtic—renowned Cup-fighters—reached the final.

They beat Partick Thistle 3-0 after a replay in 1956, and retained the trophy the following year with an astounding 7-1 victory over Rangers—and Rangers were favourites!

It remains the biggest winning score-line of any final, and to this day Billy McPhail will describe his hat-trick in detail!

Though Celtic were to record a winning sequence of five successive Cup wins during the sizzling sixties, it surprised many of us that they did not win this trophy more often.

In their run of 14 successive finals they won only six and lost eight—four times to Rangers, and once each to Partick Thistle, Hibs, Dundee and Aberdeen.

Hampden, as the losers will find today, has a hard heart.

Only skipper Danny McGrain of the present Celtic squad can show you a winner's medal from a League Cup competition. His only winner's medal, gained in that tremendous nine-goal final against Hibs in 1974 when Joe Harper scored a hat-trick for Hibs, and found himself in a side beaten 6-3!

So you can say that Celtic have it all to do this afternoon. Success gives them a piece of European insurance—a place in next season's UEFA Cup competition—though Celtic's ambitions are a little higher than that.

Experienced campaigners like Roy Aitken, Tom McAdam, Davie Provan, and Tommy Burns will be as enthusiastic about winning this final as Paul McStay, Frank McGarvey, Charlie Nicholas, Murdo MacLeod and Pat Bonner. It would be a first for all of them.

No one needs to motivate a player for an "Old Firm" final. The adrenalin that begins to pump some 30 minutes before this final takes care of this physical need.

Forecast? Of the seven previous finals Rangers have won 4, Celtic 3. Billy McNeill, who has contributed so much to the absorbing history of the League Cup, would like to level the score, and well he may.

But shouldn't we really concern ourselves more with the quality of play from these two clubs than a debate on winner or loser?

I think so.



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