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SCOTTISH

Cup Semi-Final



KICK-OFF
3 P.M.

RAITH ROVERS v. CELTIC
IBROX STADIUM, APRIL 13, 1963

The Pen Pictures of Raith Rovers

JAMES THORBURN—Goalkeeper—5 ft. 11 ins., 12 st. From Douglasdale Juniors in 1956, he has served Raith Rovers well, despite their lowly League position. Quick to the ball, and daring to a degree, he makes a difficult task appear comparatively easy. His coolness has given his colleagues the confidence they need to face today's difficult task. No cause is ever lost with a 'keeper so safe and composed as Thorburn.

JAMES STEVENSON—Right-back—5 ft. 8 ins., 10 st. 9 lbs. Went to Kirkcaldy from St. Mirran in 1959, and made good. A courageous defender, slick thinking and tenacious. He gave a commendable exposition against Aberdeen in the quarter-final tie at Stark's Park last month, his timely interventions, accurate clearing and excellent positional sense repeatedly being the means of foiling the Pittodrie forwards.

GORDON HAIG—Left-back—5 ft. 8½ ins., 10 st. 13 lbs. He was a wing-half when invited to step up from Ormiston Primrose to Raith Rovers last year. Manager Hugh Shaw developed him as a back, and it became apparent that it was Gordon's real position. Clever in "reading" an outside-right, and setting himself to thwart him. An effective "cover" for his goalkeeper, with whom he holds a perfect understanding. He will be faced with a difficult problem in the Celtic right wing, but will not wilt, as he has demonstrated more than once. Was provisionally signed by Hibernian, but not called up.

WILLIAM WILSON—Right-half—5 ft. 8 ins., 10 st. 7 lbs. Was secured in 1959 from Sauchie, and his obvious talent was allowed to come to fruition with the Reserves. It was clear, however, that a first team berth awaited him, and when it arrived, he grabbed it. A bold, fearless middleman prepared to go up with his forwards, and push home an assault. He knows the type of pass most suitable to the particular style of his forward team-mates, while he uses the cross-field pass to sound purpose.

JOHN BOLTON—Centre-half—6 ft. 1 in., 11 st. 2 lbs. Went from Nairn Thistle to Raith in 1961. Uses his height to the fullest advantage, and his bouts in the air with Celtic's centre should be one of the game's most piquant features. He emerged from his duel with Aberdeen's centre-forward, Ernie Winchester, in the quarter-final tie at Stark's Park, with full honours. A lion-hearted pivot, who makes every effort to start an attack from out of defence.

FRANK BURROWS—Left-half—6 ft. 1 in., 12 st. 2 lbs. Was actually signed from Sauchie last year as a right-half, but found no trouble in moving to the other end of the line. That he can take a goal he proved against Falkirk at Brockville, last month, when the Fifers got home by the odd goal in five. Has been a stalwart during Raith's days of adversity, refusing to admit defeat or that the Fifers' position was hopeless. It is this spirit that has had so strong an impact on their bid for the trophy, with everyone predicting their downfall as each round was drawn.

JOHN LOURIE—Outside-right—5 ft. 8 ins., 10 st. 7 lbs. Journeyed to Stark's Park from Linlithgow Rose in 1961 as an outside-left. He was ready to play in any position, and being a two-footed forward, Manager Hugh Shaw did not hesitate fielding him on the right wing. It proved a sound move. Lourie fitted into the attack with fluency and eagerness, as was seen when he took



above—JIM THORBURN



left—ROBERT GILFILLAN

a smart goal against Motherwell. An enterprising, go-ahead forager, keen and unafraid, he could cause the Celtic defence much trepidation this afternoon if given adequate support.

TOMMY McDONALD—Inside-right—5 ft. 9 ins., 11 st. Made the short journey from Dunfermline to Stark's Park this season, but the former Hibernian player had a longer trip when he joined up at East End Park from Leicester City. His wide experience has been a most important factor in the Fifers' breakthrough to the semi-final when scorned by all but those in their inner circle.

ROBERT GILFILLAN—Centre-forward—5 ft. 9 ins., 11 st. Bobby had a day of glory against Aberdeen in the last round at Kirkcaldy for he scored both Raith's goals in their dramatic 2-1 victory. He thus emerged from the shadows, for three months before, the former Cowdenbeath and St. Johnstone leader was offered a free transfer. He stayed on, and the gods of soccer relented. In only his third game in 14 weeks, he took those goals that shocked Aberdeen—and brought a joyous Rovers' crowd around their heroes for the first time this season. It was indeed a day Bobby—and Kirkcaldy—will remember. Will he give them another today? It is at least his ambition.

WILLIAM SMITH—Inside-left—5 ft. 9 ins., 10 st. 12 lbs. From Banks O' Dee, he was secured by Manager Hugh Shaw last October. He had shown up prominently in Army football, and the Raith Rovers' chief lost no time in inviting him to join up at Kirkcaldy. Smith did not hesitate, and soon he had shown himself worthy of a first team berth. When the opportunity came, he clutched at it with a snap and enterprise that made him a favourite with the home crowd.

BOBBY ADAMSON—Outside-left—5 ft. 9 ins., 11 st. 7 lb. An Ayrshire Junior product. Was two seasons with Dundee, before joining Raith on a free transfer in 1961. He had a spell at centre-forward.

Introducing the Celtic Players

FRANK HAFEEY—Goalkeeper—6 ft. 11 st. 6 lb. Signed from Maryhill Harp in 1958, and on being entrusted with the first team berth grabbed it as securely as he does the ball. Equally effective with high and low shots, and reveals commendable anticipation. Reflects tremendous confidence in all he does within his own area. Has worthily gained International honours. Is having perhaps his best season.

DUNCAN McKAY—Right-back—5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 1 lb. From Maryhill Harp in 1955, this young man took over the berth held by many illustrious backs. Holds International honours. A fast, thoughtful back who likes to advance behind his half-back, and when the occasion allows it, crosses into the opponents' half of the field. Never gives up no matter how elusive a winger may be.

JAMES KENNEDY—Left-back—5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 3 lb. Arrived at Parkhead from Duntocher Hibs in 1955, and on taking over the berth from Neil Mochan, now with Dundee United, quickly established himself. A fast-moving back, alert to any danger and clever in sealing a defensive loop-hole. Gave a brilliant display for the Scottish League against the Italian League in Rome on Nov. 14.

JOHN McNAMEE—Right-half—5 ft. 11 ins., 12 st. 4 lbs. Was signed by Manager James McGrory as a centre-half in 1959, being discovered with Bellshill Athletic. He occupied that berth with the Reserves, and also right half. When Pat Crerand was transferred to Manchester United, he came into the first team as a regular, and has shown the wisdom of that appointment. A forceful, agile middleman, who can jump forward and underline his ability as a marksman. Scored one of the three goals against Hearts in the second round.

WILLIAM McNEILL—Centre-half—6 ft. 1 in., 11 st. 2 lb. Arrived at Parkhead from Blantyre Victoria in 1957, as a centre-half, and has occupied that position with conspicuous success both for Celtic and Scotland. Can also play at right-half, but it is as a pivot that he is known best. Gave a particularly impressive showing against St. Mirren in the quarter-final tie at Love Street last month, especially after John Hughes pulled a muscle, and had to go off. Celtic had to play the last 27 minutes with ten men.



DUNCAN MACKAY



BILLY McNEILL

BILLY PRICE—Left-half—6 ft. 1 in., 13 st. 7 lb. Went to Falkirk, and then journeyed to Parkhead last year. A strong, forceful half-back who has fitted into Celtic's pattern and his consistency suggests he will hold the first-team berth, for so long graced by Bertie Peacock. Uses the ball with shrewdness.

STEVE CHALMERS—Outside-right—5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 12 lb. Came to Celtic from Ashfield in 1959 as an inside-forward, but appeared in the Parkhead line-up in more than one position. On taking over the outside-right position, proved himself one of the game's most prolific opportunists. Shoots on sight.

BOBBY CRAIG—Inside-right—Was transferred from Blackburn Rovers this season. The former Third Lanark forward is an astute, far-seeing schemer with a lethal shot. His experience has meant much to the youthful Celtic attack, producing a valuable poise and rhythm.

JOHN DIVERS—Centre-forward—5 ft. 10 in., 10 st. 8 lb. Son of a former noted Celt. Was the magnet of many scouts when with Glentworth, the Renfrewshire club. Has scored many goals by his sudden incursions and on-the-mark shooting. Joined the club in 1957. Had a spell at centre, as well as at inside-forward, and excelled in this berth, too. Was a scorer against Gala Fairydean.

BOBBY MURDOCH—Inside-left—5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. One of the brightest youngsters to hit the football scene for years. The 17-year-old inside-forward was discovered in Motherwell schools' football in 1959, and such has been his swift development, he has become a regular first-team player. Can play in practically any front-line position, which tells of his remarkable versatility. Scored a hat-trick against Gala Fairydean in the third round and also got one against Hearts in the second.

FRANK BROGAN—Outside-left—5 ft. 9½ ins., 10 st. 6 lb. Was found while playing with St. Roch's in 1960, and it was obvious Manager McGrory had unearthed another promising lad. That promise has come to fulfilment and he has justified the praise lavished on his first team displays. Scored the goal against St. Mirren, at Paisley, that took Celtic into the semi-final. Scored two goals against Raith Rovers in the League match at Parkhead on March 19.

How the Cup Semi-Finalists will Line Up this Afternoon at Ibrox Park

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ROBERT KELLY

The Scottish Football Association President and Celtic Chairman

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Should the teams finish level to-day after 90 minutes, there will be no extra time, the replay taking place next Tuesday evening. There will be extra time in the replay—if necessary.



JOHN KENNEDY
(Celtic)



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Dramatic Duels Recalled

WHILE it is true, that Raith Rovers line up against record Scottish Cup winners, Celtic, in today's semi-final with little apparent hope of success—at least, strictly on form—they can draw much comfort from several facts. First, they have rarely failed to fight Celtic with tremendous zest and determination. Second, they have, as the record book shows, several notable victories over their redoubtable rivals, and third, they have come through this season's ties winners, when they appeared to have had as little hope as this afternoon.

When they last met in the Scottish Cup, however, Celtic took the honours. This was a third round tie at Stark's Park in season 1960-61.

The Fifers, gallantly though they tried, could not withstand the surge and pace of the Celtic attack, and went down 4-1. Wallace scored for the Rovers while Chalmers, Leigh (o.g.), Fernie and Hughes netted for Celtic.

CHALMERS THE MARKSMAN

Celtic swept on to the final, only to fall to shock-makers Dunfermline in a tense, fascinating replay. Both League Championship games were drawn that season—2-2 at Stark's Park and 1-1 at Parkhead.

How Raith must fear the sight of Steve Chalmers. Not only did he pierce their defence in the Cup-tie, but he also scored in both League encounters.

Furthermore, when Celtic beat Raith in last season's League match at Kirkcaldy, Chalmers notched another goal in their 4-0 win, Bobby Carroll, now with St. Mirren, registering another and John Divers adding two more. But Raith's resiliency is shown by the fact that they went to Parkhead and came away with the points, a goal being good enough to earn them.

DOUBLE LEAGUE WIN

It was that man Chalmers again this season! Once more he scored in the Parkhead League game on March 19 when Celtic triumphed 4-1, thus completing the season's double, for they had registered a 2-0 win at Stark's Park on September 29.

Celtic and Raith Rovers were involved in a thrilling League Cup sectional duel in 1959-60. The Rovers won their home tie 2-1, but lost by a goal at Celtic Park. With magnificent pluck and perseverance, they topped their sectional league with 10 points, and it was something of an anti-climax when they were eliminated by Arbroath in the quarter-finals. Incidentally, Celtic won both League fixtures that season—3-0 at Kirkcaldy, where Chalmers recorded two of their three goals, and Mike Jackson the other, and 1-0 at home.

BLOW TO THE ROVERS

The previous season—that is, 1958-59—each claimed a League win by the same margin—3-1—the advantage of environment telling, but Celtic came out of season 1957-58 with three points. They drew at home and won at Stark's Park.

Season 1956-57 brought a golden glow of promise to Raith Rovers when they cut their way through to the Cup semi-final. The draw paired them with Falkirk, whom they were freely tipped to overcome, although just how difficult was the task was

The Two Managers



Manager JAMES McGRORY



Manager HUGH SHAW

always recognised. Anyway, they clashed at Tynecastle, and drew the first match 2-2. Back they went, and this time the Brockville brigade trounced the Rovers 2-0.

Celtic were also in the penultimate stage that season, but were thwarted of reaching another final by a non-stop, buoyant Kilmarnock. A measure of Raith's capabilities around that time is found in the fact that they could go to Parkhead in the League and draw 1-1 and win the Kirkcaldy match 3-1.

BAULKED BY HEARTS

Celtic and Raith Rovers would have met in the 1955-56 final—had not Heart of Midlothian "interfered." Raith advanced to the semi-final and found Hearts drawn against them. The first match, an absorbing affair that could have been won by either side, was drawn, but in the replay, Raith faltered, failing to disclose the rhythm and vigour that had taken them so far. Their plans were shattered by Hearts whose skill burst on the scene like exploding star shells and lifted them into the final with a 3-0 victory. There was no stopping Hearts and they took the trophy by beating Celtic 3-1.

Perhaps the greatest match ever played between Raith Rovers and Celtic was the Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden in season 1952-53. Celtic won 3-2, but the Fifers came through with almost as much credit. With three minutes to go, and the tie standing 2-2, Charlie Tully put Celts in the final with a superb goal. From outside-right the ball came flashing across, and Tully eluded the evergreen Malcolm M'Clure to go in and snatch the winner.

That tie will always be remembered for the thrilling duels between Tully and ex-Celtic Andy Young.

Raith, who have never won the Cup, have reached the final only once—in 1912-13 when Falkirk beat them 2-0 at Parkhead. Celtic, on the other hand, have captured the trophy on 17 occasions, a record.

Down the years, Celtic have shown themselves mighty Cup contenders, and you may be sure they will draw deeply now from their great tradition as they strive to get into another final.

They last won the prize when they beat Aberdeen 2-1 in the 1953-54 final. Since then, they have been in three finals, losing to Clyde, Hearts and Dunfermline.

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