

3^D OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

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LEAGUE—1st Division

WEDNESDAY, 22nd AUGUST

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CELTIC

KICK-OFF 7.15 P.M.

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Season 1962-63

ALEX McCRAE

talking . . .

TONIGHT the League Cup takes a back seat and a start is made once more on the grimmer business in search of League points—and right away we are faced with a tough nut to crack to get our first two with a visit from Celtic.

So far we have had little to shout, and plenty to worry, about, having lost all three games played to date.

Our first-half display at Aberdeen on Saturday, however, was a little more heartening even although in the end we were well beaten.

The defence were well organised and did their job, and goals ought to have come, but rarely ever looked like doing so.

Forward shortcomings, even more pronounced than last season, are already evident and must be remedied if we hope to make any headway at all.

A lot of weight is being put on our defence by ineffectiveness up front and it is not all surprising after so long, as in the second half at Aberdeen, the cracks appeared.

Last season, with the odds as much against us, we scored our first League win of the season against Celtic—a repeat tonight would be just the boost we badly need at the moment.

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RE-SIGNED.—

Last Wednesday afternoon Sammy Reid signed for Falkirk after considerable discussion—and delay.

LAST SEASON'S APPEARANCES.—

McIntosh	32	Lambie	10
Pierson	31	Lowry	7
Oliver	31	Tulloch	6
Thomson	30	Wyles	5
Whigham	30	Wilson	5
Reid	28	Harra	3
Rae	25	Peacock	3
Ormond	23	McAdam	3
Hunter	22	McCarry	2
Duchart	21	Miller	2
Murray	14	Blues	2
Milne	12	Boag	2
Innes	12		
Harrower	12		

LAST SEASON'S SCORERS.—

Duchart	9	Ormond	4
Thomson	8	Wyles	1
Oliver	7	Pierson	1
Innes	5	Harrower	1
Murray	4	Wilson	1
Reid	4		

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Will Celtic this season find the road that leads to football glory? Only Rangers can compare with Celtic in triumphant accomplishment, but since the war the Parkhead members of the "Old Firm" have fallen sadly behind in the race for major honours.

Yet the Celtic support, despite the team's comparative non-success had increased tremendously since the halcyon days when trophy-collecting was commonplace.

Now the fans are growing impatient. They want emphatic achievement. That

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means the winning of either the League Championship or the Scottish Cup, so that Celtic can get to grips with the star-studded foreign teams in one of the two major Continental Cup competitions.

It annoys them to think that while their rivals, Rangers, year after year, are engaged with the top-class teams from across the Channel their own boys in green and white are passive onlookers.

It is an exasperation to them also to think that Celtic were the first Scottish club to play on the Continent—they toured Austria and Czechoslovakia in 1904.

Then, Soccer abroad was in its infancy and the Glasgow side were pioneers of the game. Yet now they cannot qualify to meet the foreigners in these days of the Big Time.

At the start of recent seasons I have always questioned the optimism of those who have declared: "This is Celtic's year," but this time I am much happier about their prospects. I have reason to be.

They have a solid backbone in four Scotland players—goalkeeper Haffey (despite the harsh and too frequently undeserved criticism hurled at him), right-back Dunaen McKay, centre-half Billy McNeill and right-half Pat Crerand.

With these defensive stars is left-back Pat Kennedy who is just as close to international class as you can get. There are, indeed, excellent judges who say that Kennedy is as good, if not better, than his partner McKay.

Up front, the youngsters who can be called upon to form the attack, with the experienced and talented Divers as the general, are all g'fited with Soccer skill above the average, and I have a hunch that their day of accomplishment has arrived.

I predict that 1962-63 will again see Celtic as Rangers' hottest rivals in the battle for honours.

It will be no surprise to me if, after so many seasons of trial and error, Celtic next April will be celebrating their long-looked-for break through to one of the European Competitions.—Excerpt from "Football Monthly."

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How they finished last Season

DIVISION I.

	Home				Goals				Away				Goals	
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Dundee	34	13	2	2	41	23	12	3	2	39	23	54		
Rangers	34	12	3	2	43	18	10	2	5	41	13	51		
Celtic	34	12	1	4	46	16	7	6	4	35	21	46		
Dunfermline A.	34	13	3	1	46	15	6	7	4	31	31	43		
Kilmarnock	34	10	3	4	41	27	6	5	6	33	31	42		
Hearts	34	7	5	5	30	26	9	7	1	24	21	38		
Partick Thistle	34	12	5	0	36	21	4	10	3	24	34	35		
Hibernian	34	7	5	5	31	30	7	10	0	27	42	33		
Motherwell	34	7	7	3	35	34	6	8	3	30	28	32		
Dundee United	34	8	6	3	43	30	5	9	3	27	41	32		
Third Lanark	34	8	6	3	37	31	5	10	2	22	29	31		
Aberdeen	34	6	5	6	33	27	4	10	3	27	46	29		
Raith Rovers	34	5	7	5	24	29	5	10	2	27	44	27		
Falkirk	34	6	9	2	23	30	5	10	2	22	38	26		
Airdrieonians	34	7	8	2	35	33	2	10	5	22	45	25		
St. Mirren	34	7	7	3	29	29	3	12	2	23	51	25		
St. Johnstone	34	4	11	2	14	34	5	7	5	21	27	25		
Stirling Albion	34	5	9	3	22	32	1	13	3	12	44	18		

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 M'Kay (2) Kennedy (3)
 Crerand (4) M'Neill (5) Price (6)
 Chalmers (7) Gallagher (8) Hughes (9) Divers (10) Byrne (11)

Referee—
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Linesmen—
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 A. T. Wilson, Edinburgh

Adams (11) Fulton (10) Duchart (9) Reid (8) Thomson (7)
 McCarry (6) Lowry (5) Pierson (4)
 M'Intosh (3) Rae (2)
 Whigham
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