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It happened again. For the sixth time in nine years, Airdrie fell to Celtic in the Scottish Cup.

Last Saturday at Parkhead the home side won convincingly in the end although there was, on occasion, ample evidence that Airdrie might have caused an upset.

For a twenty minute spell in the second half, Airdrie looked perfectly capable of making the 3-1 on favourites for the tie a bookie's paradise. But that was that. In the final ten minutes, Celtic notched another two goals to win easily in the end, although it was not a performance which particularly delighted the 30,000 Parkhead faithful present. Indeed, seldom have a Celtic following been so quiet . . . especially with their side winning.

Nevertheless, the 32,460 gate, resulting in takings of over £4,000 was a favourable compliment to both sides, even if the game did not measure up to the expectations of the fans.

But by one of these queer coincidences, the sides have another chance to make the critics of last week's cup-tie eat their words.

This afternoon at Broomfield, Airdrie meet Celtic in the League, and a couple of points for the Broomfielders from this match would be very much welcomed. Not that they are likely to get much change from eleven Celtic players who will be all out to prove that what they did last week, they can repeat today.

We would warn them, however, that no two matches are alike. What happened last Saturday is gone. Today's league encounter is all that matters

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Dunfermline	23	11	4	8	43	22	30
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Partick Th.	24	10	11	3	37	38	23
St Johnstone	24	9	10	5	42	47	23
Motherwell	25	7	9	9	42	46	23
Aberdeen	23	8	10	5	39	41	21
St. Mirren	24	10	13	1	32	53	21
Falkirk	24	7	12	5	37	63	19
Airdrie	23	7	12	4	35	73	18
Hibernian	24	6	13	5	38	48	17
Third Lanark	24	5	14	5	25	49	15
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For Airdrie it is of vital importance. Still fighting against the threat of relegation, the Broomfield boys—last week's result expected—have been returning regular good performances. This afternoon they will be all-out to collect another two points and—at the same time—gain revenge for that recent cup defeat.

They need all the points they can get, especially with the next few weeks bringing together games of tremendous importance to the club.

After today's game against Celtic, Airdrie travel next week to Ibrox to meet league challengers Rangers. Then the scheduled programme states that Dundee will visit Broomfield. Owing, however, to the Dens Park men being on cup business, that match will have to be redated. The next week the Waysiders will be at Brockville Park, Falkirk, before starting the last run home in this season's league campaign.

All four, including today's game must be considered in the "difficult" category. It has been proved, however, in the last two months that the gulf between various sections of the two leagues in Scotland is not nearly so wide as was, at one time, thought. Now most clubs can consider themselves in with a chance no matter the opposition. Thus Airdrie should approach the

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next few weeks with as much confidence as they can muster.

Today's game will probably be much more exciting than last Saturday's. Regardless, Broomfield is almost certainly assured of a fairly large attendance, one which will automatically give the match an atmosphere so often lacking.

The two points collected by Airdrie at Perth on Wednesday do much to relieve the relegation tension. While they will help Airdrie to move up the table a bit to a more comfortable position in the table, they are not the complete solution to the problem as a stiff programme lies ahead from which four or five points still have

to be gathered to make absolutely certain. We have seen before how two or three defeats in a row can drop a team into the depths like a plummet. So it is up to the team to go out to win on every possible occasion.

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