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### HEARTS' HONOURS

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1894 - 95, 1896 - 97,  
1957 - 58, 1959 - 60.

Scottish League Cup  
Winners:  
1954 - 55, 1958 - 59,  
1959 - 60, 1962 - 63.

Cover Picture—  
ERIC CARRUTHERS

*Editorial*

## British Cup Is Exciting

There has seldom been such universal approval for the introduction of something new in football than for the proposed British Cup which will get under way mid-way through next season. It has been hailed as a real shot-in-the-arm for the game in Scotland.

This optimism for the competition is fully justified, and officials, players and supporters alike can look forward to a very attractive extra in the 1970 - 71 season.

It is certainly going to take away a great deal of interest which at the moment is focused on European competitions. A competitive clash with a leading English club holds out much more likelihood of financial reward than for European ties which are so often played against unknown foreign clubs.

As the question of sponsorship is also involved the innovation is indeed a dramatic one. Properly handled a sponsored competition would without doubt be a very acceptable proposition for the clubs lucky enough to be included.

Most other top sports throughout the world are backed by sponsors to varying degrees and it appears to be a most satisfactory arrangement. There is no reason why football too cannot come to terms with such a set-up.

From the playing point of view it is an exciting prospect that lies ahead. Taking part in competition with clubs from England

## Prospect

should be good for our game and will test fully the capabilities of our clubs to measure up to whether we are on a par with clubs from south of the border.

The possibilities of the British Cup should certainly whet the appetites of the supporters who will have the opportunity to see some of the English League's big clubs and leading players in cup-tie football.

Celtic, today's visitors, are due to set the stage for coming Scotland - England rivalry when they meet Leeds United in the semi-final of the European Cup at Elland Road on Wednesday.

Celtic are here today requiring one point to clinch the League championship, but Hearts are just as determined to gain the double over the Glasgow club.



DAVIE LAING

### CALLING ALL FANS

It is hoped to establish a letters' column in this programme so I will be only too pleased to hear from supporters who want to give their news, air their views, or put forward constructive criticism. Correspondence should be addressed to Davie Laing, Programme Editor, Heart of Midlothian F.C., Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh, 11.

### MAN IN THE MIDDLE... Archie Webster

After five years as a goalkeeper in the junior grade with Rutherglen Glencairn, Kilsyth Rangers and Polkemmet, Archie Webster switched to refereeing and he is now in his ninth season as a top official.

He played senior trials with Stenhousemuir and at one time was booked for a trial with Hearts but complication with forms held it back and he never got another chance.

He had two years on the F.I.F.A. list covering the 1966 World Cup and he spent six weeks in Brazil along with Willie Syme and Tom Wharton during which he was in charge of a number of games. He has been in charge of England and Wales at Under-23 and full international level and has also been in charge of other countries in internationals.

Married, with a daughter aged 19 and a son (12), he lives at Carronshore, Falkirk, he is in business as a grocer, confectioner and tobacconist.

# MAROON'S MAIL . . .

## MORE COVER

11 Frogston Gardens,  
Edinburgh.

Now that you have social clubs for certain supporters could something not be done for the loyal fan on the terracing, like me?

I think some money could be spent towards this by providing, for example, a shop for the sale of club badges, etc. And although I realise it would cost a lot of money couldn't the Tynecastle School end of the ground be covered to give us more protection in wet weather?

This would surely attract people to the games who are deterred because of rain.

Yours,

NEIL GRAHAM (15).

*\* As you may have read in previous "Maroon's Journal" letters' pages we would like to have a shop at the ground and the matter is being looked into. Covering the end of the terracing is another thing however and cost alone puts it out of the question.*

## KEEP IT LOW

62 Craigmount Avenue North,  
Edinburgh, 12.

Having witnessed a dozen first-team games since Christmas I must protest at the persistent

high-ball approach the team is currently pursuing.

Our best displays were achieved by keeping the ball on the deck and by several players moving off the ball. Our exit from the Scottish with 80 per cent. of the game (twenty-five corners) when almost every move ended with a high ball to the forwards is evidence of wrong tactics.

There has now developed a failure to shoot whenever in the penalty area—come on Hearts, shoot on sight.

By the way, I was glad to see Eric Carruthers getting an outing, but to exclude Donald Ford is somewhat puzzling.

Yours,

JIM RIGBY.

*\* No one is more concerned about the lack of goals than the players themselves. They do plenty of shooting-practice at training so there seems to be no real reason why they should fail so often in a game. Let's hope the three goals at Kirkcaldy herald a change.*

## ATTACKING PLAY

Napier Road,  
Glenrothes, Fife.

Despite all the complaints about Hearts lack of goals this season we should at least be thankful that the team does not play a defensive game as so many teams do nowadays.

# Your Chance to have your Say

Hearts should be given credit for attacking so much even if we would certainly like to see the ball in the net more often. In almost every game this season Hearts have had a great deal more of the play than their opponents.

If they stick to this attitude the finishing will surely improve and then they will begin to really show their worth. If the team did not make chances then there would be a lot to worry about, but this is not the case.

So give them plenty of encouragement and the goals will come.

Yours faithfully,

G. SMITH.

*\* This is a sensible attitude to take, so here's hoping your patience is rewarded with goals beginning to come more regularly than in past games.*

## PICK JIM!

Drumbrae Drive,  
Edinburgh, 4.

Why is it that Jim Cruickshank is being passed over for the Scottish teams these days? Scotland is supposed to have a goalkeeping problem and yet the Hearts' man is probably the best in the country at the moment.

It seems strange that goalkeepers who have not been nearly so consistent and others

who have not yet fully proved themselves with their clubs should get preference.

I'm sure if Jim Cruickshank was given a real chance he would prove to be the answer for the coming big games at the end of this season. Few if any of his rivals have such a strong claim for recognition.

Yours truly,

A. KERR.

*\* Many people have the same opinion as you do and they are not all Hearts' fans. Jim rates very highly in the eyes of most football folk and maybe he will be called on again in the near future.*

## WORTH KEEPING

112 Prospecthill Circus,  
Glasgow, S.2.

Would it not be a good idea to have a special programme binder for the **Maroon's Journal** as they are well worth keeping?

Congratulations are due on the standard of match programmes which leave all other Scottish programmes trailing behind.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER STEEDMAN.

*\* This is an interesting idea and it would be helpful to know just how many programme collectors would like this suggestion to be considered.*

## CELTIC KEY MEN IN ACTION



Inside forward Bertie Auld and wing half Bobby Murdoch are two players who play a big part in the Celtic Park club's success. (Photos by courtesy of "The Scotsman")

# SPOTLIGHT ON CELTIC

Celtic are well on the way towards recording another season of tremendous success. No praise can be too high for their great performances and successes during the past five seasons under the management of former captain of the club, Jock Stein.

Jock Stein has proved himself a man for all occasions and a man who has built the club's playing staff into a unit that is the essence of efficiency in many permutations. Celtic are a team to reckon with under any circumstances.

They have already won this season's League Cup; are out on their own in the League Championship race; are due to meet Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup final; and have won their way through to the semi-final of the European Cup.

Celtic began their run of five great seasons to date in 1965-66 when they won the League, the League Cup, and also contested the final of the Scottish Cup which they lost to old rivals Rangers.

Since then it has been very much one success after another with even Rangers having to take a back seat. The peak of their achievements was in Lisbon in 1967 when they won the European Cup with a 2-1 victory over Inter-Milan.

They have now won the League Cup five times in succession and are almost certain to chalk up a similar run in the League at the end of this season. Hard to imagine that the club's five League titles before 1966 stretched over a period of 44

years, back to 1922. Then followed 1926, 1936, 1938 and 1954.

In the last six seasons Celtic have won their way into five Scottish Cup finals. They have won three and have the Aberdeen clash next month.

Established in goal after his surprise signing from Aston Villa is Evan Williams with reliable John Fallon in reserve. At full back internationals Jim Craig and Tommy Gemmill and young David Hay vie for a game.

The recognised half-back line of Bobby Murdoch, Billy McNeill and Jim Brogan is a well-balanced division with the versatile Tommy Callaghan, formerly with Dunfermline, ever ready to step in.

There is a wealth of forward power available, but one of the key men is former Hearts' player Willie Wallace. Others like Jimmy Johnstone, Bobby Lennox, Bertie Auld and George Connelly, are all internationalists, while Lou Macari and Harry Hood are other fine performers.

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**Maroonspool tickets are on sale at every home game in the stand and enclosure.**

# Pictures and Story of Heart of Midlothian

Look out for the high-gloss, colour, brochure with a history of the Hearts and pictures of players past and present which is out now. Watch your newspapers for its appearance for sale, price five shillings.

Copies of the brochure, which carries a fine action study in colour of Hearts captain and Scottish League and Under-23 international Eddie Thomson on the cover, can also be obtained from Tynecastle Park. The price will be five shillings and six pence, including postage.

Across the centre pages there is a splendid colour photograph of the Hearts' team and at the back of the brochure there is a full page with the autographs of the Hearts' playing staff which should prove a big attraction.

#### FIRST CUP TEAM

There is a photograph of the Hearts first ever Scottish Cup winning team (1890-91) and photographs of other Tynecastle stars of the past.

Memories of the 1956 Scottish Cup triumph are brought back with photographs of the game, the trophy, and some of the players who earned the honour for the club.

Action shots from some of this season's games are also in the brochure and there is a section on the hopes for the future and photographs of some of the club's younger players at coaching sessions.

#### SOCIAL CLUBS

The Hearts Social Clubs are also spotlighted with colour photographs

and details of the project from the very start.

There is something for all age groups in the brochure which has already stirred up a great deal of interest among supporters and orders are beginning to come in to Tynecastle in increasing numbers.

So don't be left without your copy of a fine publication which is a very good buy at five shillings. The colour used certainly adds greatly to the attractiveness of the whole lay-out from front to back page.

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# PETER OLIVER IS SUPPORTERS' CLUB PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Tollcross Hearts Supporters' Club have named left back Peter Oliver as their "Player of the Year" and he will be presented with his statuette at a dinner dance in the Rosebery Suite of the social clubs on Tuesday, March 31.

Runner-up for the honour was Alan Anderson and Davie Clunie was third. This is the second season that the Tollcross members have made the award.

The first winner was club captain Eddie Thomson who will be there on March 31 to hand over the statuette to his colleague. Their wives will also be present.

Manager Johnny Harvey and Mrs Harvey and Secretary Bill Devine and his wife will also be there to see the young Fifer being paid a well-deserved tribute for his performances in the League team.

This is Peter's first season in the top grade and it is a fine achievement to have created such a good impression in so short a time.

These "Player of the Year" awards by supporters' clubs are a good thing as it brings fans and players closer together. It is one way in which the fans can show their loyalty and the players certainly get a great kick out of the honour.

## ROY BARRY

When manager Johnny Harvey was down at Coventry on Wednesday of last week for the League international between England and Scotland he took the opportunity to visit Roy Barry in hospital.

Roy, former Hearts' and Dunfermline captain, and now captain of the English First Division side Coventry City, is out of action with

a broken leg and he was delighted to see Johnny whose appearance was a complete surprise.

Johnny was able to convey to Roy the best wishes of all at Tynecastle for a complete recovery.

Johnny tells me that Roy is taking the injury blow very well and is already thinking in terms of when he will be able to get back into the game.

## ON THE MEND

Jimmy Calder, the head checker at Tynecastle is nearing full fitness after having had his ankle in plaster for nearly three months. Jimmy got the plaster off last week and he was able to travel to Kirkcaldy to see the Raith Rovers game.

He broke his ankle when he slipped on an oily patch on his garage floor. Now he is working hard on exercises to bring full strength to the joint.

## TICKET GAME!

Hearts Reserves will meet Celtic at Celtic Park on Monday when the kick-off will be 3 p.m. and the attendance could be the biggest for a long time at a reserve fixture.

Celtic will be selling tickets for their coming European Cup semi-final tie against Leeds United, but those wanting one of the precious briefs will have to go through the turnstiles first.



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  5. ALAN ANDERSON
  6. EDDIE THOMSON
  7. TOMMY TRAYNOR
  8. JIM TOWNSEND
  9. JIM IRVINE
  10. GEORGE FLEMING
  11. RENE MOLLER
- 12th Man—

Scorers .....

**TEAMS**

Referee:

A. F. J. WEBSTER  
(Falkirk)

Linesmen:

J. R. S. RENTON  
(Hill of Beath)  
Orange Flag

D. S. HUNTER  
(Dunfermline)  
Red Flag

KICK-OFF 3 P.M.

RESULT

Half-Time Full-Time

○-○ ○-○

**CELTIC**

1. EVAN WILLIAMS
  2. JIM CRAIG
  3. TOMMY GEMMELL
  4. BOBBY MURDOCH
  5. BILLY McNEILL
  6. JIM BROGAN
  7. JIMMY JOHNSTONE
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ABERDEEN

**D** DUNFERMLINE v  
DUNDEE

**E** MORTON v  
KILMARNOCK

**F** MOTHERWELL v  
PARTICK THISTLE

**G** RANGERS v  
AIRDRIE

**H** ST. JOHNSTONE v  
RAITH ROVERS

**J** ALBION ROVERS v  
QUEEN'S PARK

**K** ALLOA v  
MONTROSE

**L** BERWICK RANGERS v  
HAMILTON

**M** BRECHIN CITY v  
STENHOUSEMUIR

**N** CLYDEBANK v  
STRANRAER

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