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Queen of the South v. CELTIC

SATURDAY, 8th Feb., 1958.

Kick-off 3 p.m.

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NOW WE KNOW.

The game with Kilmarnock answered all the questions about the effect of the long mid-winter lie-off. Definitely, lack of match practice tells against a side. Instance the absence, throughout the early exchanges, of that needle-sharp quality so essential in top class football. As the match progressed, things steadily improved. Who will readily forget the climax of the closing minutes? By that time, the zip missing earlier on had returned and only woodwork allied with some desperate defensive work enabled Killie to leave Dumfries with two points which, four minutes from the final whistle, looked to be "in the bag." Yes, team changes forced by the flu germs that have been particularly active in Edinburgh and the Lothians may have made Queens' task the harder, but, no matter what eleven had turned out, four matchless weeks would still have produced a rust that had to be worked off before the machine got working smoothly again.

THE POINT IS.

Loss of another two points at home, while near-neighbours in the league table were engaged on cup business, has levelled things up a bit among the clubs immediately above Queen's Park. One result is the emergence, thus early, of interest in goal averages, since an odd decimal might decide the relegation issue. Although, to our mind, it is much too soon to be unduly concerned about what a Chancellor of the Exchequer called "these damned dots," we did some quick figuring. Of the clubs on the 16-point mark, Motherwell, with two games in hand, are tops with .848. St Mirren follow with .813 and Queens have .667. That means that if these averages were maintained, and these three, finishing equal in points were involved, Queens would drop. The real interest arises when one looks at some of the others. Just as Queens, to be safe, would have to garner a point more than both Motherwell and St Mirren, so are they so superior to East Fife (.574) and Airdrie (.573) that, again presuming the averages were maintained, either of these two would require to beat Queens'

points total. But that isn't the whole story. The worst goal average (.571) is that of Dundee, who have but a single point advantage at the moment.

CELTIC.

Since that August afternoon nearly a quarter of a century ago, when they hauled First League football at Palmerston, every visit by Celtic has been a red-letter occasion. To-day's contest with the weagers of the Parkhead green-and-white is no exception. Although their chance of league honours has faded for this season, one feature of their programme borders on the fantastic. Ten home gates to date have yielded but a single win and only a total of seven points, with thirteen goals for and fourteen against. Only Queen's Park have a worse home record. But, away from home, not a senior club in the country can match the Celtic record of ten played, ten won, twenty-nine goals scored and a bare nine conceded. Whatever be the reasons, if there are any, they defy discovery by all the laws of logic.

GALLOWAY "DERBY."

The pairing of Queens and Stranraer in the "Scottish" should pull out fans in the south-west a week to-day. The fact that the two contestants operate in different spheres means little when the knock-out principle applies. Because the venue is Palmerston and near-neighbours form the opposition, the Wigtownshire eleven will be the more eager to do well. Advance reports suggest a big exodus from Loch Ryanside, all convinced that their favourites will, at worst, live to fight a replay at Stranraer.

IN APPRECIATION.

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1957				
Sept.	7—Rangers	(a)	2	4
"	14—Queen's Park	(h)	2	1
"	21—Falkirk	(a)	1	1
"	28—Raith Rovers	(h)	1	1
Oct.	5—Queen's Park	(a)	0	3
"	12—Clyde	(h)	0	3
"	19—Raith Rovers	(a)	1	3
"	26—Airdrie	(h)	3	2
Nov.	2—Dundee	(a)	1	2
"	9—Hearts	(h)	1	4
"	16—East Fife	(h)	0	3
"	23—Motherwell	(a)	2	4
"	30—Hibernian	(h)	3	0
Dec.	7—Partick Thistle	(a)	3	4
"	14—Third Lanark	(a)	3	2
"	21—Aberdeen	(h)	1	2
"	25—Celtic	(a)	2	1
"	28—St Mirren	(a)	2	1
1958				
Jan.	1—Falkirk	(h)	2	2
"	2—Kilmarnock	(a)	0	2
"	4—Rangers	(h)	1	1
"	25—Clyde	(a)		
Feb.	1—Kilmarnock	(h)	1	2
"	8—Celtic	(h)		
"	15—Airdrie	(a)		
"	22—Dundee	(h)		
Mar.	1—Hearts	(a)		
"	8—East Fife	(a)		
"	15—Motherwell	(h)		
"	22—Hibernian	(a)		
"	29—Partick Thistle	(h)		
April	5—Third Lanark	(h)		
"	12—Aberdeen	(a)		
"	26—St Mirren	(h)		

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