

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 5th February, 1977



Celtic v Hibernian

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Pat Stanton scores opener for Hibs

WHEN HIBERNIAN last played at Celtic Park it was a nostalgic occasion for Pat Stanton and Jackie McNamara. Following their transfer exchange they lined up against each other for their new clubs, and at the end, honours were even in a 1-1 draw.

In the few short months that have passed since then, Pat Stanton has become a very valuable part of the Celtic set-up. Meanwhile, Jackie McNamara has been plagued with misfortune, the last instalment of which resulted in a cartilage operation. I'm sure Celtic and Hibs fans will wish Jackie a speedy recovery and a return to the Hibs side in the near future.

However, it's the previous game at Celtic Park on January 29, 1972, we look at today.

CHANGED TEAMS

Just to remind you of the teams and to illustrate at the same time how much they have changed in such a short time, the line-ups were as follows—

CELTIC: Williams; Craig and Brogan; Hay, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Dalglish; Deans; Lennox and Hood. Substitute: Callaghan.

HIBERNIAN: Herriott; Brownlie and Schaedler; Stanton, Black and Blackley; Edwards and Hamilton; Gordon; Cropley and Duncan. Substitute: Hazel

Pat Stanton put Hibs ahead after 23 minutes when he scored from an Alan Gordon cross.

Referee: Mr R. C. Greenlees, Lochgelly.

Although Gordon seemed to be marginally offside when he got the ball, the match officials didn't think so and the goal stood.

Hibs were playing very well during the first half and Stanton, Cropley and Edwards were dictating proceedings from the middle of the park.

Unluckily for Hibs, Edwards took a knock and failed to appear for the second half.

TOOK CONTROL

Celtic stepped up their own game and slowly but surely took control of the game.

Just nine minutes after the resumption Celtic got the equaliser.

Davie Hay made the goal and the cross was squeezed home by Harry Hood.

Then after about half-an-hour of the second half, Celtic's almost constant pressure paid off, and they took the lead.

This time Jim Craig was the architect of the goal, and it was Dixie Deans who put the finishing touch to the full-back's leading-up work and cross.

That was the way the game ended, although Arthur Duncan put the ball in the net for Hibs in injury time, but the goal was disallowed by the referee when he spotted his linesman with an upraised flag.

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Parkhead defensive record first rate



NOW THAT we've got over the Scottish Cup hurdle (and it was quite a formidable fence that Airdrie presented) it is back to Premier League business and the hunt for points to keep Celts at the top of the table.

Hibs took one point away with them from our October match at Parkhead. This time we aim to keep both, because a club as ambitious as we are to take the championship, must win the home encounters.

We are in a good position right now. There's only one way to stay there . . . see off all opponents, though that's easier said than done in this sharply competitive set-up.

We don't expect it to be easy against Hibs. They'll 'lift' their game for this one. I saw them play Hearts at Tynecastle last week, and Ally McLeod's return made a difference to the Easter Road men.

Hibs have quality players . . . fellows like John Brownlie, John Blackley and Alex Edwards. The league table says they haven't been scoring many goals. But the statistics also show they are a side who don't surrender many goals either.

Of course, it should be remembered that Celts, in addition to having the best scoring figures in the league, also have a first-rate defensive record — 17 goals lost in 17 games.

The manner in which centre-half Roddy McDonald sure-footed his way through games on recent difficult grounds was relished by the fans. His authority has been marked, and I felt he was the most assured player in the Scottish Cup-tie at Broomfield.

Our next tie in the 'Scottish' is against Ayr United at Parkhead, and this is one game we see as suitable for a Sunday. We have earmarked Sunday, February 27 as the date. **JOCK STEIN**

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1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

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1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975.

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1970, 1975.

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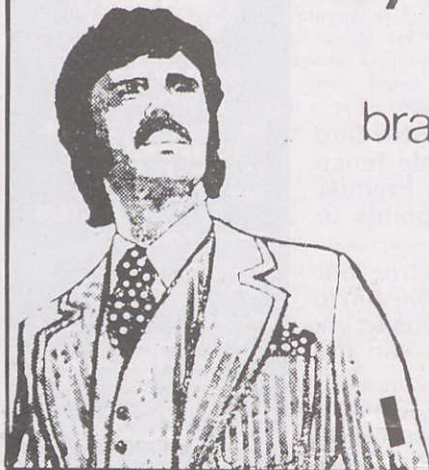
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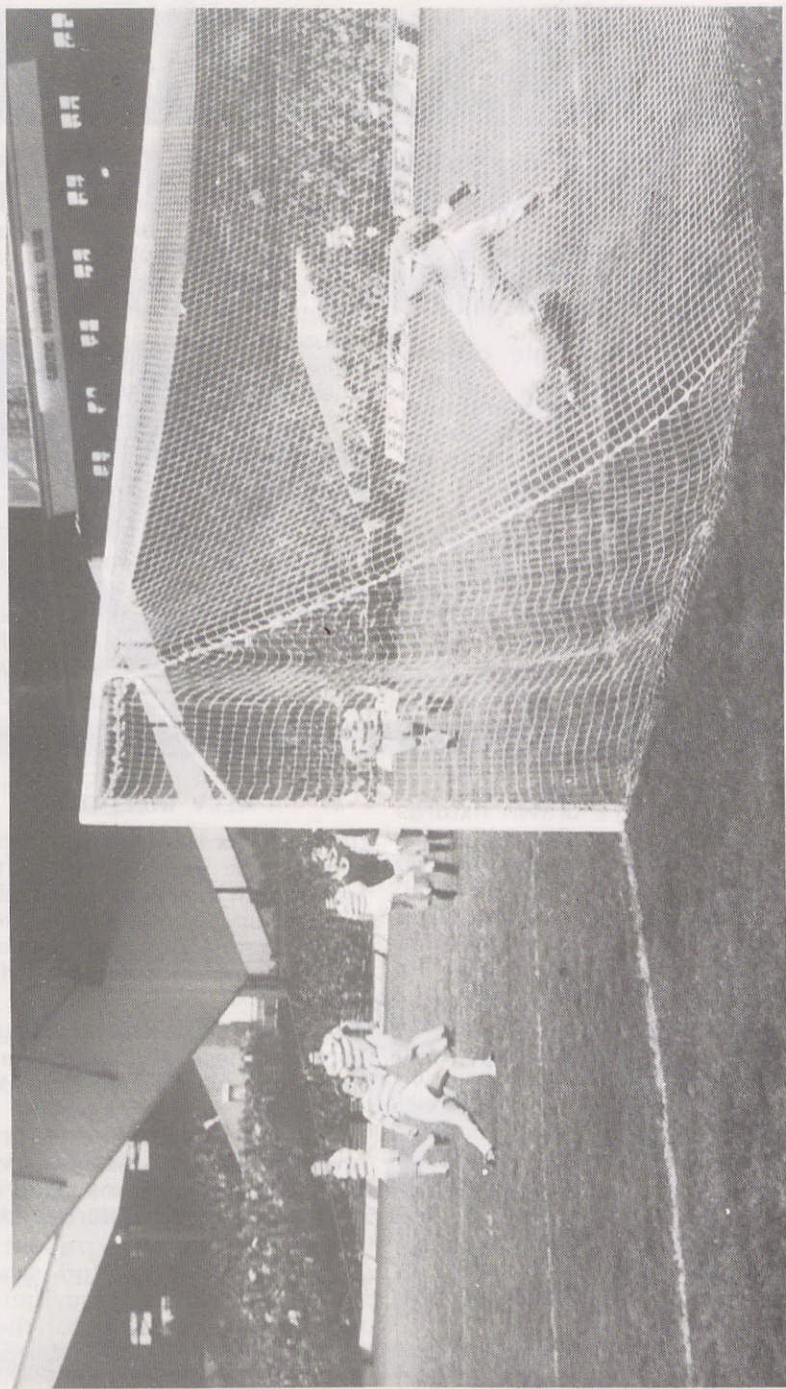


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Mike McDonald, the Hibernian keeper, goes right, but the Kenny Dalgligh penalty kick sends the ball left into the net at Parkhead for a Celtic score.

TODAY'S VISITORS

ALLY GIVES HIBS SCORING HOPE

FRIEND OF the trèble chance punter on the pools . . . that's Hibernian. It is understandable. The Easter Road side has played 19 Premier League games so far . . . and drawn 12 of them . . . six at home and six away!

It is a remarkable record, but one that Hibs are not all that happy about. A break or two in a lot of the matches should have brought full points, feels manager Eddie Turnbull, and instead of having the Edinburgh men a middle-of-the-league squad, they could have been up at the top challenging today's Parkhead opposition.

One of their 12 drawn fixtures was at Parkhead in October when they played well to take a half-time lead with a Tony Higgins goal. Kenny Dalglish got the game level with a penalty, but Hibs felt that was one of the games in which they did enough for two points.

How to get the team into a scoring rhythm has been the Easter Road problem through this term. They've scored a mere 16 goals in 19 Premier matches, and only four of them at Easter Road!

Indeed, they shot in over twice as many goals in the League Cup game at home against St Johnstone back in August. But that feast of nine has been followed by a famine for the Easter Road support.

However, there's optimism that the return of Ally McLeod will send



ALLY McLEOD

the goals-for total soaring. McLeod came back with a bang after a four-month absence, the result of a knee injury received in a friendly game against Dunipace Juniors at the opening of their new floodlights.

After an operation and a long haul back to fitness, McLeod came back last week with a hat-trick for the Reserves in a League Cup semi-final against Airdrie, and 24 hours later got the goal which dumped Hearts at Tynecastle in the postponed Ne'erday derby match.

If there is fan concern about Hibs' goal-shy forwards (and when a team is so afflicted, they get little luck in the striking zone) there is absolute confidence in the Easter Road defensive set-up.

They've only lost 18 goals in the 19 league games, six of the scores being surrendered at Easter Road. And full-back **John Brownlie** is high in the scoring list!

Most teams in the circuit find Hibs hard to beat, so well organised are they at the back where **George Stewart** and **John Blackley** make up such an effective centre barrier.

The return of **McLeod** and with **Alex Edwards** running into his best form in midfield, the blend could again be found to provide Hibs with goals that have proved so elusive.

They've got the players, and while the Premier championship is now out of their reach, a place in the UEFA Cup, plus the Scottish Cup provide incentive for a big push.

It cannot come fast enough for Easter Road fans . . . or the players who have worked hard in training to solve the goals problem, but find the touch of luck all clubs require keeps eluding them.



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KENNY DALGLISH
PAUL WILSON
PAT McCLUSKEY
JOHNNY GIBSON
TOMMY BURNS

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R. B. VALENTINE
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SIDELINES

Penalty experts

THIS AFTERNOON the Scottish Schools' official penalty kick competition begins at Parkhead. Boys from 21 Associations have already competed for places in the regional finals, and the contestants today are:

Kevin Byrne (St Aldred's High School, Paisley); John Dorrian (St Columba's High School, Clydebank); Neil Gallagher (Notre Dame High School, Greenock); and Gordon Mills (Johnstone High School).

Robinson's Barley Water sponsor the contest won last year by Mark Reid, a Celtic 'S' form youngster.

Hearts in midweek

CELTIC BEGIN to cut into their backlog of five matches when they play Hearts at Parkhead in midweek. This is the fixture which was postponed on January 15.

Congratulations

... to Roy Aitken and Tommy Burns, named in the latest Scotland Under-21 squad for the friendly with Wales at Easter Road on Wednesday.

Setback for George

GEORGE McCLUSKEY met with a setback in the Reserve game at Kilmarnock. He got a bad knock on the knee which was injured earlier in the season and is again under treatment.



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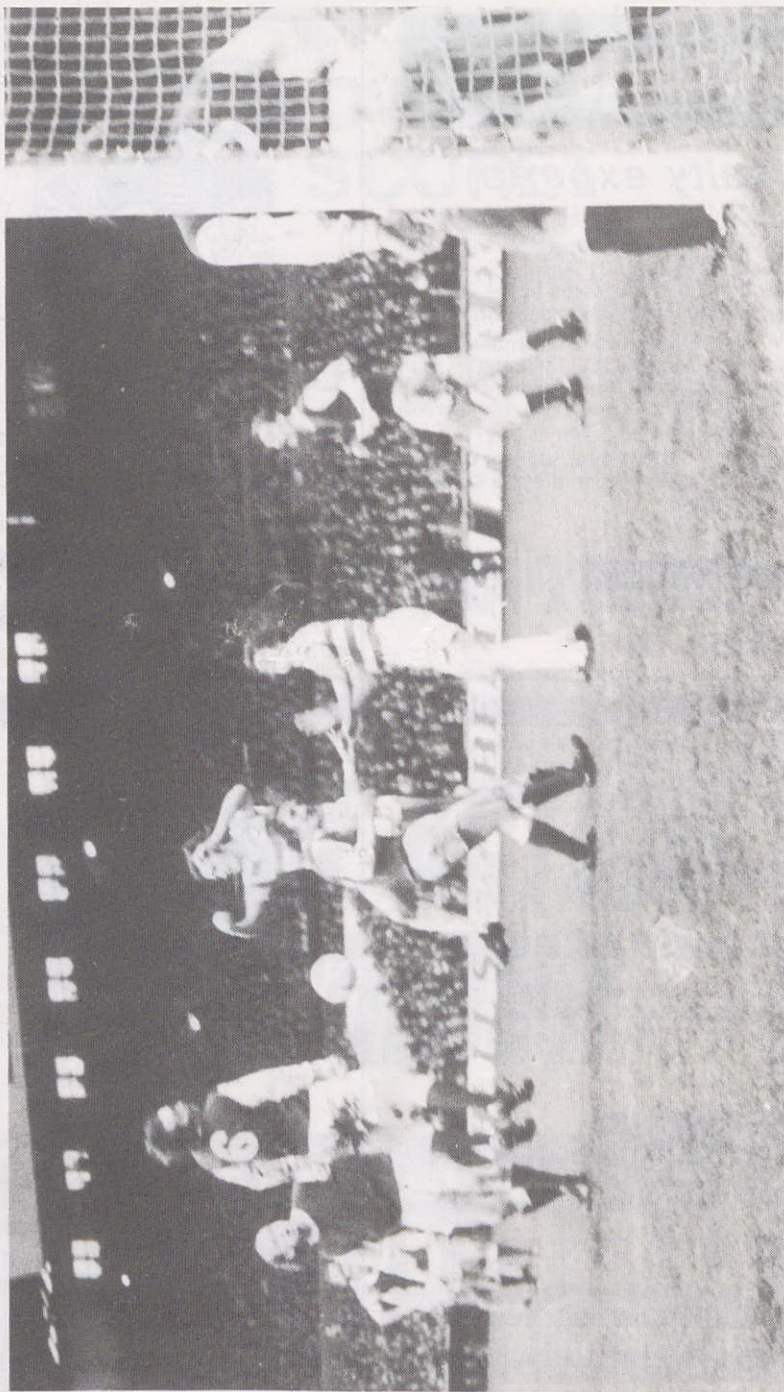
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The tall, young Celtic defence men, Roddy McDonald and Roy Aitken put Hibernian under pressure from a corner kick at Parkhead.

"PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

1976

JULY

30—Inverness Thistle (A) 6 0

AUGUST

2—Ross County (A) 4 0

7—PENAROL (H) 3 0

GLASGOW CUP (1975-76 final)

AUGUST

10—RANGERS (H) 1 3

CHALLENGE MATCH

NOVEMBER

14—IPSWICH TOWN (H) 1 2

LEAGUE CUP

AUGUST

14—Dundee United (A) 1 0

18—DUMBARTON (H) 3 0

21—Arbroath (A) 5 0

25—Dumbarton (A) 3 3

28—ARBROATH (H) 2 1

SEPTEMBER

1—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 1 1

22—Albion Rovers (Q-Final) .. (A) 1 0

OCTOBER

6—ALBION ROVERS (Q-F) ... (H) 5 0

25—HEARTS (Hampden, S-Final). 2 1

NOVEMBER

6—ABERDEEN (Hampden, Final) 1 2

UEFA CUP

SEPTEMBER

15—GKS WISLA KRAKOW ... (H) 2 2

29—GKS Wisla Krakow (A) 0 2

SCOTTISH CUP

Third Round

29—Airdrie (A) 1 1

FEBRUARY

2—AIRDRIE (replay) (H) 5 0

Fourth Round

27—AYR UNITED (H)

PREMIER LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER

4—RANGERS (H) 2 2

11—Dundee United (A) 0 1

18—HEARTS (H) 2 2

25—Kilmarnock (A) 4 0

OCTOBER

2—HIBERNIAN (H) 2 2

9—PARTICK THISTLE (H) post.

16—Ayr United (A) 2 0

20—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 5 1

23—Aberdeen (A) 1 2

30—MOTHERWELL (H) 2 0

NOVEMBER

20—Hearts (A) 4 3

24—Rangers (A) 1 0

27—KILMARNOCK (H) 2 0

DECEMBER

4—Hibernian (A) post.

11—Partick Thistle (A) post.

18—AYR UNITED (H) 3 0

26—ABERDEEN (H) 2 2

1977

JANUARY

1—Motherwell (A) post.

3—RANGERS (H) 1 0

8—Dundee United (A) 2 1

15—HEARTS (H) post.

22—Kilmarnock (A) 3 1

29—Scottish Cup, third round

Airdrie (A) 1 1

FEBRUARY

5—HIBERNIAN (H)

12—PARTICK THISTLE (H)

19—Ayr United (A)

26—Scottish Cup, fourth round

MARCH

5—Aberdeen (A)

12—MOTHERWELL (H)

19—Rangers (A)

26—DUNDEE UNITED (H)

APRIL

2—Hearts (A)

9—KILMARNOCK (H)

13—Motherwell (A)

16—Hibernian (A)

20—ABERDEEN (H)

23—Partick Thistle (A)

30—AYR UNITED (H)

RESERVES by JOHN CLARK



It's back to work with a vengeance!

AFTER A weather-dictated hunger, the Reserves had a burst of football last week with matches at Dundee, Kilmarnock and Aberdeen.

At Tannadice, the Parkhead squad was faced by the might of Dundee United's first team, apart from goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine. Not surprisingly, the home side had the best of things and finished 3-0 winners, though in saying that, one must give credit to the show by the Celts, who didn't have the best of fortune around goal.

Against Kilmarnock, we got level at 3-3 after being down 3-1. Tommy Burns scored two of the goals and was our No. 1 player. Our experienced men disappointed, and this

view was shared by manager Jock Stein who watched the game.

Things were different against Aberdeen at Pittodrie. The fans got full value for money at this one, which finished 1-1, though I thought Celts played well enough to take both points.

Jo Edvaldsson got our goal, and an Athol Henderson shot looked certain to bring another, but came off a post with the Aberdeen defence comprehensively beaten.

TEN MEN

Even when down to ten men in the last 30 minutes (Pat McCluskey was ordered off) we held the initiative, but minutes from time, an Aberdeen shot-cum-cross was diverted by a Celtic defender to give the Dons a draw.

All round, it wasn't a great week by results standards, but it brought everybody back to competitive sharpness after the frustrations of recent blank match days.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

- 1—Which senior sides did Ally McLeod play for before joining Hibs?
- 2—Who scored the goals when Celts and Hibs played at Parkhead in October?
- 3—Name the boxer who defeated British featherweight champion Vernon Sollas this week?
- 4—Who is the President of the Scottish Football Association?
- 5—Unscramble these letters to find a Scottish referee . . . TOEFO

ANSWERS

- 1—St Mirren and Southampton.
- 2—Dalglish (Celtic), Higgins (Hibs).
- 3—Leslie Pickett (Wales).
- 4—Rankin Grimshaw (Raith Rovers).
- 5—Foote.

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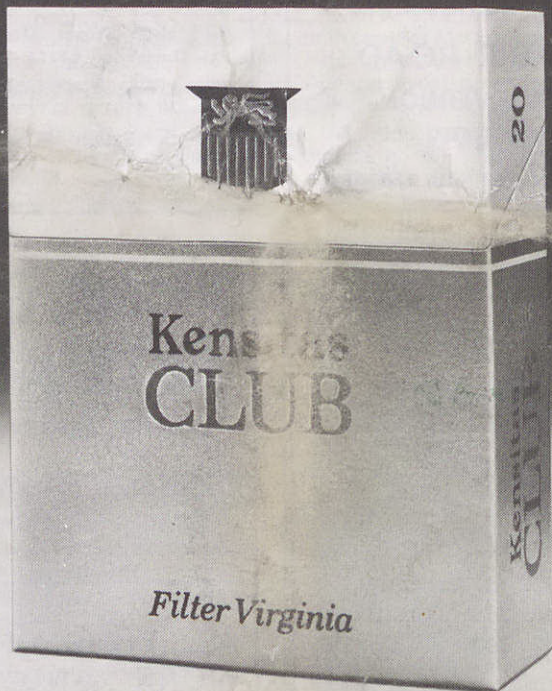
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