

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

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TODAY you will see two sets of players battling for the prestige of a place in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden, on May 9, but, while pride is an obvious "must" for a professional footballer, in the background, club treasurers will be rubbing their hands in anticipation of the rewards today's semi-final can bring.

For merely taking part in today's encounter, each club will receive £4,000 and that will be added to their share of the £5,500 bonus paid out between participating clubs in each of the third, fourth and fifth rounds of the competition.

But it is the winning club this afternoon who will be the real "winner" in financial terms because the climax of the tourney will be a real Klondyke for the clubs.

The ultimate winner of the competition will be richer by no less than £30,000 while the runners-up will receive £12,000 and you can rest assured that, particularly in these days of financial difficulties, these payments would be welcomed by any club.

And it is worthy of mention that all the bonus payments are coming straight out of the SFA coffers.

Last season the Scottish Cup was sponsored and, as such, all bonus payments came out of the sponsor's pocket so it is a healthy sign that the Association's payments compare favourably with the sponsor's efforts.

Of course, like last term's competition, all payments are subject to the good behaviour of players and there are pricey repercussions for any side whose stars step out of line.

Including today's matches, clubs whose players fall foul of referees will be punished by deductions to their bonus payments—10 per cent for every yellow card and 20 per cent for every red card.

The penalties for misbehaviour in the final will be even more expensive for the transgressors—£1,000 per booking and £2,000 for an ordering off—so there is certainly a case for managers instructing players to "keep the heid" in the quest for Cup glory.

GLORY? YES... AND A SILVER LINING TOO!

But it would be unfair to spend too much time pointing out the negative aspect of the bonuses because the clubs stand to gain so much, a factor which can only benefit the clubs in particular and the game as a whole.

Yet there could be even more benefits because television fees are still under negotiation and the clubs are sure to get a cut from that particular slice of the cake, ensuring another smile from the bank manager when they make their deposits.

So, while the financial aspect of the Scottish Cup will be the furthest thing from the players' minds this afternoon, there is much more than glory at stake as they battle for a place at Hampden in four weeks time.

REVENGE... THAT'S THE PLUS FOR CELTS

by

JIM BLACK

The Sun

CELTAIC have an extra weapon in their armoury for this afternoon's eagerly awaited semi-final showdown with Dundee United ... revenge.


Memories of a cold November night at Parkhead last year still hurt. For it was on such a night that Celtic suffered the humiliation of being dumped out of the League Cup by their opponents from the east.

Having completed what was expected to be the hardest part of the job at Tannadice by holding United to a 1-1 draw, the Parkhead men were taken apart in the return and ended up on the receiving end of a 4-1 aggregate defeat.

That defeat was no easier to take when United went on to recapture the trophy they had won the previous season, beating city rivals, Dundee 3-0 in the Final at Dens Park.

Now, as United strive to land what would be a remarkable Cup double by adding the Scottish Cup to their earlier triumph, Celtic have an even greater incentive to try to ruin that dream.

"If this semi-final tie needed an extra edge then United's



● The partnership of Charlie Nicholas and Frank McGarvey has proved to be a lethal one for Celtic this season and many teams have felt the effects of their shooting boots — as the combined total of around 50 goals in all matches this season illustrates. However, the partnership will be broken today because Frank McGarvey will sit out the match because of suspension and George McCluskey, who has proved his goalscoring prowess in recent weeks, seems the likely replacement.

win against us last November has given it that bit extra," says manager Billy McNeill.

"No team likes to lose, but when the defeat comes when you are only a game away from winning a trophy it is much harder to take.

"Mind you, United are a fine side with a lot of class players and I don't expect them to give us anything other than a very tough 90 minutes.

"Hopefully, it will be a classic football occasion. Certainly, all the ingredients are present for it to be a skilful, highly entertaining match."

McNeill is no stranger to Hampden on Cup semi-final day. In fact, he has been there more times as a player and manager than any other personality.

As captain of Celtic he collected seven winners medals and was a runner-up on five other occasions. In addition, he has made two trips as a manager.

"There is obviously a big difference between playing and managing. But when both managers line-up with their teams to be presented to the officials before the kick-off you still feel very much part of the occasion says the Parkhead boss.

"Having said that, nothing can compensate for not playing. I am sure the same goes for all ex-players who make the step-up."

Celtic's path to this semi-final showdown has been made easier by the luck of the draw which paired them with Berwick Rangers, Stirling Albion and East Stirling.

"But," says McNeill, "that is what makes the Cup so interesting. Obviously, looking back, we were expected to win these matches, but we were well aware of what happened to Rangers when they made a similar trip to Berwick in 1967 and ended up losing 1-0.

"They say that lightning rarely strikes twice in the same place, but the smaller clubs thrive on the opportunities the Cup presents them with to write their names into the record books.

"Personally, I believe the timing of the Scottish Cup is perfect. It offers clubs without a major say in the League Championship the chance to keep their season alive and the Final itself provides a fitting end to the season."

Celtic's Cup record is enviable by any standards. Winners on 26 occasions, only arch Old Firm rivals Rangers can boast such marvellous consistency.

One of these successes was gained at the expense of United, who lost the 1974 Final 3-0 before a crowd of nearly 76,000.

So, perhaps the aspect of revenge is not all on the part of Celtic.

No one is more qualified to discuss the qualities needed for Cup glory. But the Parkhead boss admits that there is no magic formula.

Says McNeill, "Obviously, you must have a team that can play a bit for starters. Any

* DAVIE PROVAN

● Frank McGarvey and Charlie Nicholas have received a fair amount of attention from opposing defenders this season,

and with almost 50 goals to their credit that's not surprising. But even the Celtic hotshots would be the first to praise their team-mate DAVIE PROVAN, because the Parkhead winger has created many great opportunities for them this term and they have been more than thankful to snap them up. Davie has been at Parkhead for three seasons now and the £120,000 that Kilmarnock received for his transfer seems like a bargain that won't be repeated. A former players' "Player of the Year," Davie will be a key figure today.

side lacking experience and quality players can forget it.

"You must also be capable of winning matches even when you fail to hit peak form. That's where attitude and luck come into it.

"Without a positive approach on the part of players and a rub of the green the odds are stacked against you."

As Cup holders, Celtic are in no mood to relinquish their hold on the trophy. But everyone at Parkhead is well aware of the challenge they face from a Dundee United side capable of the most delightful soccer skills.

But United must prove they have the character to stand-up to the pressures associated with a Scottish Cup semi-final.

Perhaps that quality more than any other dictates that Celtic must start favourites.



MACKINLAY'S

Football Personality

INTERVIEW

BILLY McNEILL

(MANAGER, CELTIC F.C.)

In a long and illustrious playing career, you played in many Scottish Cup Finals. Which one, and for what reason, do you remember most?

No hesitation on that—the 1965 final against Dunfermline. It was my first major success with Celtic and I scored the winner. For me it was the springboard for the success which followed.

You started and finished your playing career with Celtic—were you ever tempted, or indeed did you get the opportunity to move to an English club?

I was never inclined to leave Celtic, the club I always wanted to play for. I would have loved to have played for Celtic in a British League, which I'm sure would have been a great proposition. Chances to play in England did crop up but Celtic were always my club.

As player, and now manager, you are instantly recognisable. How much does that affect your private life?

Being recognised in public is something you come to terms with. Anonymity is perhaps not fully appreciated as much as it should be, but I'm sure that people constantly in the public eye prefer it that way. Being noticed, of course, can also open many doors.

What was the greatest problem in the change over from player to manager?

Playing football is something which cannot be replaced easily, or should I say, the enjoyment derived from it. Fortunately, I made the change from player to manager reasonably easily. It is important to always have a line between yourself and the players which prevents too close a situation developing.

How much have attitudes changed among teenagers from the days when you signed for Celtic?

The bulk of youngsters coming up nowadays have been spoilt to some degree, particularly, in that so much is done for them at Boys' club level. To be honest however, I really don't see much difference. Boys with an aptitude for the game are every bit as keen.

Do you personally agree with the present set up of the Premier League. What changes would you make?

I consider a league of ten clubs is too few. Playing four matches against each other in one season is counter attractive.



The Premier League title is obviously the accolade for consistency—how does the winning of the Scottish Cup compare?

The cup has its own brand of excitement. There is no finer way to finish a season than by winning the Cup at Hampden in May. I hope we do!

Going back to your schooldays—what was your guiding influence?

I suppose my schoolteacher, for one, but generally in these days, youngsters were encouraged to express themselves in their own way. But really, there was no particular guiding influence.

You were capped 29 times for Scotland. Is there an international memory which stands out?

The memory still lingers—Hampden 1962 when we beat England. And the reason—being part of the first Scottish team to beat England at Hampden in twenty-five years.

If football was to have a winter break, what months would you advocate to close down?

I think we should have a break. Speaking generally, from before Christmas until the end of February.

You've won almost every honour the game can offer—is there an ambition as yet unfulfilled?

Every season brings out new challenges. For myself, I would like to be as successful as a manager, as I was fortunate enough to be as a player.

You've played against many famous players in your day—who stands out in your memory and for what reason?

There are so many but one stands out . . . Di Stefano, the most complete and exciting player I have ever seen.



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● ROY AITKEN



THE CELTIC POOL

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| 1—Pat Bonner | 8—Mike Conroy |
| 2—Murdo MacLeod | 9—George McCluskey |
| 3—Mark Reid | 10—Tommy Burns |
| 4—Dom Sullivan | 11—Charlie Nicholas |
| 5—Tom McAdam | 12—Roddy MacDonald |
| 6—Roy Aitken | 13—John Doyle |
| 7—Davie Provan | |

TODAY'S OFFICIALS:

Referee:
G. B. SMITH (Edinburgh)
Linesmen:
D. GRAY (Kilmarnock)
(South Stand side)
J. F. DEWAR (Markinch)
(North Stand side)

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ROAD TO THE SEMI-FINAL

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| THIRD ROUND | CELTIC Berwick Rangers 0 Celtic 2 Shielfield Park |
| FOURTH ROUND | Celtic 3 Stirling Albion 0 Celtic Park |
| FIFTH ROUND | Celtic 2 East Stirlingshire 0 Celtic Park |
| THIRD ROUND | DUNDEE UNITED Brechin City 1 Dundee United 2 Glebe Park |
| FOURTH ROUND | Dundee United 1 Partick Thistle 0 Tannadice Park |
| FIFTH ROUND | Dundee United 6 Motherwell 1 Tannadice Park |



● DAVE NAREY



DUNDEE UNITED POOL

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| 1—Hamish McAlpine | 9—Billy Kirkwood |
| 2—John Holt | 10—Paul Sturrock |
| 3—Frank Kopel | 11—Davie Dodds |
| 4—Iain Phillip | 12—Derek Stark |
| 5—Paul Hegarty | 13—Ian Gibson |
| 6—Dave Narey | 14—Willie Pettigrew |
| 7—Eamonn Bannon | 15—Derek Addison |
| 8—Ralph Milne | 16—Graeme Payne |

Man in the Middle

It will be a case of "hello again" for referee George Smith this afternoon. The Edinburgh official is no stranger to Hampden. In fact, his last big-time Scottish Cup appointment just happened to be last year's Cup Final between the "Old Firm" and you certainly can't get a more prestigious appointment than that.

Mr. Smith is 37, works with the Scottish Office, and has been a referee for 21 years. He has been a Grade One official for ten years and on the FIFA list since 1978.

Next to last season's Cup Final, his other biggest appointment was probably the 1975 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final between Dynamo Kiev and Ferencvaros when he was a linesman.

IF IT'S A REPLAY

In the event of both today's Scottish Cup semi-finals ending in a draw, no extra time will be played. Instead both matches will be replayed on different dates in midweek.

Celtic will meet Dundee United at Ibrox Stadium on Wednesday, April 15, while Rangers will play Morton at Hampden Park the previous evening (April 14).

Extra time will be played in both these games if necessary.

If only one of today's matches finishes level, then the replay will take place at Hampden on Wednesday. Any midweek matches will have 8 pm kick-offs.

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY

"Afore ye go"