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SCOTTISH

Cup Semi-Final



KICK-OFF
3 P.M.

CELTIC v. AIRDRIEONIANS
HAMPDEN PARK, APRIL 1, 1961

Introducing the Celtic Players



FRANK HAFLEY

FRANK HAFLEY—Goalkeeper. 6 ft., 12 st. 2 lb. From Maryhill Harp in 1958, this personality goalkeeper evidently enjoys every minute of a game. Possesses splendid hands and a sharp eye. Has given more than one brilliant exhibition this season. Saved a penalty-kick taken by Alec Wright in the League match against Partick Thistle, at Firhill, on March 18.

DUNCAN MacKAY—Right-back. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 1 lb. From Maryhill Harp in 1955, this young man took over the berth held by many illustrious backs, among them being Alec McNair, one of soccer's immortals. Worthily gained International recognition. A fast, thoughtful purveyor who likes to advance behind his half-back, and, when the occasion allows of it, crosses into the opponents' half of the field.

JAMES KENNEDY—Left-back. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 3 lb. Arrived at Parkhead from Duntocher Hibs in 1955, and on taking over the berth from Neil Mochan, now with Dundee United as a forward, quickly gained the position as his own. A fast-moving back, alert to any menace and clever in sealing a defensive flaw by his pace in recovery and shrewd sense of marking a winger. Is having his best season.

PATRICK CRERAND—Right-half. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. 7 lb. Another from the prolific Celtic nursery, Duntocher Hibs. He became a Senior in 1957, and after a spell in the Reserves, where he was groomed for the first team, took over at right-half this season, and has retained the place. A strong, forceful middle-man who carries a vicious shot, while he has gained distinction by the accuracy of his far-flung pass.

WILLIAM McNEILL—Centre-half. 6 ft. 1 in., 11 st. 2 lb. Arrived at Parkhead from Blantyre Victoria in 1957, as a centre-half, and occupied that position with conspicuous success during the absence of Bobby Evans through injury. He then went to right-back, but when Evans was transferred to Chelsea, McNeil was his automatic successor, and has fully justified the confidence of his sponsors. Is already an experienced Internationalist, and it is safe to say many more honours will come his way.

JOHN CLARK—Left-half. Has been in the side since Bertie Peacock was injured. Became the hero of Parkhead when he scored the goal against Hibernian in the extra time of their replayed tie at Easter Road. Apart from that bit of history-making, Clark has proved himself a young man with a particularly bright future.

MIGHTY MEN IN DEFENCE



DUNCAN MacKAY



WILLIAM McNEILL

He has retained the first-team berth by his consistency and competence. Almost invariably, the loss of a team captain is a serious blow to any side, but so well has Clark comforted himself that Peacock's absence hasn't upset the vital rhythm of the side, and this is paramount in any Cup-seeking team.

CHARLES GALLAGHER—Outside-right. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 10 lb. From Yoker Athletic as an inside-forward in 1958, it was evident Manager McGrory had found another player of exceptional ability. There were fears that his lack of physical power during his development would retard his chances of making the first team. It was, therefore, a wise move in fielding him at outside-right. A gifted footballer, artistic and sagacious.

STEVE CHALMERS—Inside-right. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 12 lb. Came to Celtic from Ashfield in 1959 as an inside-forward, but appeared in the Parkhead line-up in more than one position. Has become one of the game's finest opportunists. Quick to exploit an opening by his alertness and pace. Scored the vital equalising goal against Hibernian in the last round tie at Parkhead.

JOHN HUGHES—Centre-forward. 6 ft. 2 in., 12 st. 4 lb. This 17-year-old leader, signed from Shotts Bon Accord, looks to have a roseate future. He is a clever ball player, and his perfect balance makes him appear, despite his bulk, to be ever on his toes, eager and assured.

WILLIAM FERNIE—Inside-left. It was a happy thought bringing this brilliant ball-player back from Middlesbrough this season, for he has shown he retains his gossamer touch and mastery in control. Rightly gained International honours, having played against England 1957, Ireland 1955, '57, Wales 1955, '57, '58, English League 1953, '54, '57, '59, Finland 1954, Austria and Uruguay 1954, Yugoslavia 1957, Switzerland 1958, Paraguay 1958.

ALEC BYRNE—Outside-left. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 4 lb. Was actually signed from Gourock Juniors as an outside-right, but this natural ball-player has demonstrated his skill and versatility by being able to occupy practically any position in the attack. A deceptive player, for he may appear to have drifted out of a game when he suddenly explodes into it. He demonstrated this with a wonder goal against Dunfermline Athletic in the League at Parkhead. Gathering a cross-field pass, he outwitted challenger after challenger, and then completed his electrifying run by stabbing the ball behind goalkeeper Eddie Connachan.

Men Who Battle for Airdrieonians

SCOTLAND'S 'KEEPER



LAWRIE LESLIE

LAWRIE LESLIE—Goalkeeper, 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st., 2 lb. One of Manager William Steel's best signings. Secured from Hibernian in 1959, this quick-thinking, watchful 'keeper worthily gained the confidence of the Scottish League and S.F.A. selectors. He has become acknowledged as Scotland's 'keeper. His assurance radiates from goal through to the outer defence, a telling asset in Airdrie's bid this season. Played against the English League, at Ibrox, recently.

JAMES SHANKS—Right-back, 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st., 7 lb. A local boy who certainly made good, for he went to Broomfield from Airdrie Academy in 1950 as a centre-half. It was obvious, however, that he could take over almost any position in defence, so it was no surprise when he was drafted into the left-back berth, and then to right-back, to excel first by his fluent displays of crisp, decisive challenges and clean kicking. Is a teacher of science and mathematics.

JACK KEENAN—Left-back, 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. Was discovered with Johnstone Burgh, and readily accepted Airdrie's invitation to step along to Broomfield and don the red triangle. Discloses grand anticipation and positional sense. Furthermore, he is adept in taking the ball ahead on his own and developing a thrust from deep defence. Following Airdrie's match with St. Mirren, at Love St., on March 18, he jumped into a taxi, raced off home, changed into his best suit—dashed to be married. Is a joiner to trade.

JACK STEWART—Right-half, 5 ft. 10½ in., 11 st., 6 lb. From Dundee in 1959, he quickly settled into the first team with an ease and understanding, indicative of his own confidence and the faith he has in his colleagues. Uses the ball judiciously, and is ever ready to dart through on his own and accept the responsibility of marksman.

WILLIAM JOHNSTONE—Centre-half, 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. Has taken over the berth Douglas Baillie, now with Rangers, occupied. Was a St. Mirren stalwart at left-half before moving from Love St., but the change of position did not adversely affect this young man's worth.

JOHN McNEIL—Left-half, 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. Arrived at Broomfield from Motherwell, but was in Canada for a spell. He went there after having had experience with Hibs who signed him from Blantyre Victoria. An all-action, assertive half-back, ever on the look-out for an opportunity of making a sudden and surprise burst through on his own. Nevertheless, he does not ignore his duty to



JOHN CAVEN

his forwards, supporting them with low, measured passes. Has occupied the right-half position as well as the left. As a teen-age footballer, played for Blantyre Victoria. While in Canada, he played for Polish White Eagles and then Sparta.

GEORGE RANKIN—Outside-right, 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. His play has in no way been impaired by his step to outside-right after a spell in other positions. Was with Kilsyth Rangers when discovered in 1954, as an inside-forward and since then has given yeoman service to Airdrie.

JOHN McCULLOCH—Outside-right, 5 ft. 6 in., 10 st. This all-actioned winger should delight the onlookers by his control and dribbling. There is no doubt Airdrie have in this young man a most talented manipulator. They signed him from Wishaw Juniors in 1958. Takes a chance without fuss or over-elaboration.

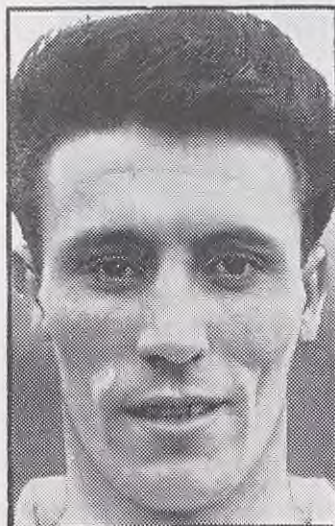
JAMES STORRIE—Inside-right, 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. Made his mark with Kilsyth Rangers, and was persuaded to go Senior in 1957. It was a wise decision, for he is claimed by his admirers as one of the most profitable inside forwards in the country. Scored one of Airdrie's two goals when Celtic were beaten in the League Championship match, at Broomfield, on October 1.

JIM SHARKEY—Centre-forward, 5 ft. 11 in., 11 st., 4 lb. Will be facing his former club to-day, for it was in 1957 that this rhythmic-moving forward left Parkhead for Broomfield. A natural ball-player with the flair for the unexpected, he has given Airdrie yeoman service in more than one position. Ice-cool and quick-thinking, his very presence means much to those around him.

JOHN CAVEN—Inside-left, 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. From Bellshill Athletic in 1957. Netted one of Airdrie's goals against Celtic on October 1. Fast on the draw, this nimble-footed leader keeps his line moving rhythmically with his clever service and quickness in taking the return pass.

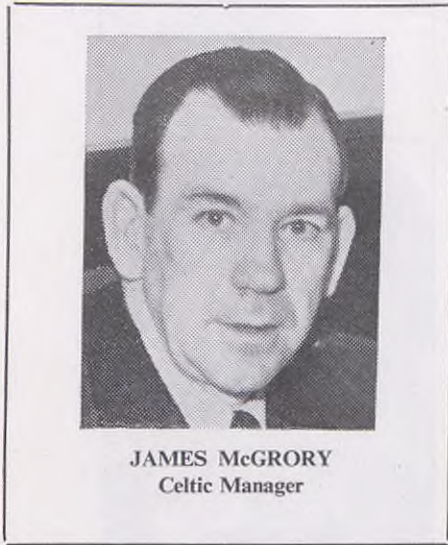
TOMMY DUNCAN—Outside-left, 5 ft. 2 in., 11 st. Emerged from Highland League football, for this wee, elusive winger, with the vicious shot was playing for Buckie Thistle when booked in 1952. He was actually spotted as a 15-year-old schoolboy from Portsoy, Banffshire. His balance, anticipation and opportunism were admired. A great favourite with the Broomfield followers. Is a physical training teacher. Netted the goal against Motherwell, at Fir Park, that took Airdrie into the semi-final. Can crack them in with both feet. Is 25, and has been 10 years at Broomfield, signing professional when he was 17.

Leads Airdrie's Attack



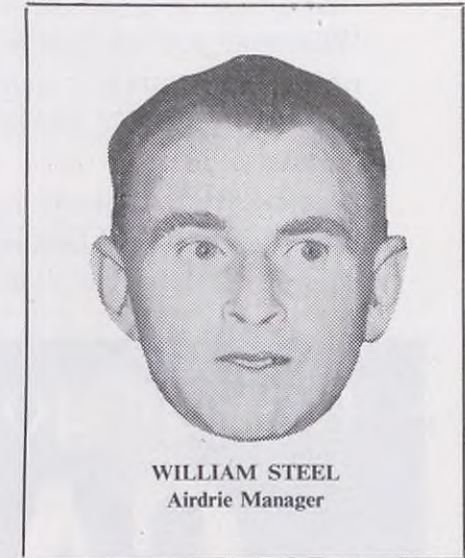
JIM SHARKEY

HOW THEY LINE-UP IN TO-DAY'S SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL AT HAMPDEN PARK



JAMES McGRORY
Celtic Manager

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WILLIAM STEEL
Airdrie Manager

IN THE EVENT OF A REPLAY

Should the teams finish level to-day after 90 minutes, there will be no extra time, the replay taking place at Hampden next Wednesday (April 5) with a 5.30 p.m. kick-off. There will be extra time in the replay—if necessary.

Half-Time Scoreboard

A	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC v. ST. MIRREN ..	H	COWDENBEATH v. BRECHIN CITY
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D	KILMARNOCK v. RANGERS	L	FORFAR ATHLETIC v. STIRLING ALBION ..
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Glory Days of Celtic and Airdrie

THE Scottish Cup cost only £50 some 84 years ago, yet it has become one of the most prized bits of silverware in football—a treasure for which some of the greatest brains in the country have schemed and planned to win. It has brought Everest effort, joy and despair.

Countless thousands have roared their elation in victory, or expressed their depth of misery in failure. It was ever thus, and this season's fight for the sacred old pot is as intense and as dramatic as ever.

Celtic, record Cup holders, having taken the trophy 17 times, line-up this afternoon strong favourites to enter the final. They are further comforted by the knowledge that Airdrie have never beaten them in a Scottish Cup tie. Guided to the penultimate stage by Manager James McGrory, one of the greatest Cup fighters in the history of the game, and a mighty man for Scotland, too, Celtic are not only rich in tradition, but possess a rare quality of power and enthusiasm when the stakes are highest.

Down the years, they have emerged from many a grim and uncertain duel, victorious because they have the will to win—and the skill to see it through.

THE CELTIC TRADITION

To-day, they send out against Airdrie a young side imbued with the same eagerness and zest we knew among the old timers, or perhaps we should say rather, the pioneers.

Not only as Cup campaigners, but as League Championship contenders and wearers of Scotland's International dark blue have Celtic achieved renown. They are, naturally, proud of their records, and are poised to-day to take another step towards bettering their existing one in this tournament.

They are, however, not blind to the task awaiting them against the resourceful and valiant men from Broomfield, who threw into relief their courage and craft by their Fir Park triumph in the last round.

AIRDRIE'S HERO

Some names are written big on the Airdrie scroll of fame, and none more prominently than that of lion-hearted Hughie Gallacher, dashing leader of the attack when Airdrieonians won the Scottish Cup, in 1924.

Whether playing for the 'Onians or Scotland, Hughie was the same dynamic engine packed with high propulsion.

His migration to England was a foregone conclusion. Before he got there, his reputation as a centre-forward who could go through a stone wall, was known to all who were in line for trying to stop him.

Never did a man put on his country's colours who more fervently felt the patriotic urge. Before the "Wizards of Wembley" went on to the field, in 1928, he was all on edge, restless and eager to get into action.

TEARS IN HIS EYES

England's defenders knew the danger that could come from permitting Hughie to have any scope. So, in the opening minutes, when he got a pass, and went tearing ahead, straight for goal, a defender took the safety-first course, and dashed him to the ground with such force that the thud could almost be heard on the terracing.

Tears were in his eyes, and anger in his whole being when he got to his feet, and it took the calming words of trainer Jimmy Keen to restrain him from retaliating.

Hughie did not score in that 5-1 "Wizard" win, but there was no doubt that the watchfulness bestowed on him by the England defence contributed to the flaming success of his colleagues in the forward line—Alec Jackson, Jimmy Dunn, Alec James and Alan Morton. The five goals were shared by the two Alects—Jackson 3, James 2. Except Jackson, they were a medium-sized company, but they were steeped in football technique. None acclaimed them more heartily than did the supporters of England.

Mention of Hughie Gallacher being on the nerves of English defenders recalls the 1929 match, at Hampden, when Scotland won by the only goal, with only minutes left to play.

SHOCK FOR 'KEEPER

Alec Cheyne, in sole charge of the right-wing, after Alec Jackson had been injured, took the corner kick. It was a saveable ball, but Gallacher was there waiting, and the English custodian allowed his attention to be distracted, so that, while he glued his eyes on Gallacher, the ball dropped into the net.

Airdrie defeated Hibernian to win the Cup, thirty-seven years ago. A long time to be thwarted of winning it again. But there is a new ambition, a new hope, at Broomfield this season.

Yet there are those among the older Airdrie fans who maintain the Cup-winning eleven will never be surpassed. Remember it? It read:

Ewart; Dick and McQueen; Preston, McDougall and Bennie; Reid, Russell, Gallacher, McPhail and Somerville.

THE HAMPDEN RIOT

In 1908-09, Celtic beat Airdrie 2-0 in the semi-final at Parkhead, after a 0-0 draw, also at Celtic Park. That was the year of the Hampden Park Riot, and the trophy was withheld after two Celtic-Rangers draws, 2-2 and 1-1.

The second Scottish Cup tie between them was in 1954-55, when, again in a semi-final, Celtic won 2-0 at Hampden after a 2-2 draw, but they lost 1-0 to Clyde in a dramatic re-play. Only Peacock and Fernie of the regular Celtic side of that season remain on the playing staff.

In the following season Celtic beat Airdrie 2-1 in a quarter-final tie at Parkhead and then lost the final by 3-1 to Hearts. In 1957-58 Celtic won a first-round tie 4-3 at Broomfield after having been four goals up after only 46 minutes, but went out to Clyde in the third round.