



**Scottish Premier  
League**

**Celtic**

**versus**

**Rangers**

**CELTIC PARK**

**MONDAY,  
21st MAY, 1979**

**Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

**PROGRAMME**

**10p**

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# Celtic players deserve this title chance



**CLEARLY there was absolutely no need for me to point out to the Celtic players the importance of tonight's match.**

Of course, we want victory in any contest with Rangers, but on this one hangs the Premier League title.

The Celtic players deserve to be in this situation where two points will let us fly the championship flag at Parkhead next season.

It is their attitude, application and strenuous efforts throughout the second half of the league campaign that has put them into this challenging position, a situation that a lot of football people couldn't envisage in December before the weather "shut-down" operations.

## TONE-UP

After a tone-up spell at Seamill everyone on the staff is keen and ready to go in this one but everyone knows, too, it is a difficult task they face. Rangers are renowned fighters like ourselves as we know from past experience. They hold the title and pride and ambition will steel them to keep it in their grip.

I know I can rely on every Celtic player to give 100 per cent in this exciting climax to our season. I know, too, I can rely on our fans to give 100 per cent as well.

They've been marvellous all year, giving their backing at important points in crucial games. This has helped the team no end. I thank them for all their efforts.

## FIRST YEAR

My aim in my first year as manager at Celtic Park was to stabilise things and get the club back into Europe. Well, we've made our European target though tonight's match could see us in the European Cup for club champions rather than the UEFA Cup.

However, I have to stress there is a lot to be done yet. My long term ambition is to restore the successful Celtic practice of signing young players, and bringing them through the reserves into the first team.

But for the immediate moment it is Rangers. Our task is clear . . . victory for the championship.

**BILLY McNEILL**

# CELTIC



FOUNDED 1888

Directors:  
Desmond White, C.A.  
(Chairman)  
Thomas L. Devlin  
James M. Farrell,  
M.A., LL.B.

Kevin Kelly

Manager:  
Billy McNeill

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Celtic Park,  
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## HONOURS:

League Champions (30  
times)

1893, 1894, 1896,  
1898, 1905, 1906,  
1907, 1908, 1909,  
1910, 1914, 1915,  
1916, 1917, 1919,  
1922, 1926, 1936,  
1938, 1954, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1971, 1972,  
1973, 1974, 1977.

Cup Winners (25  
times)

1892, 1899, 1900,  
1904, 1907, 1908,  
1911, 1912, 1914,  
1923, 1925, 1927,  
1931, 1933, 1937,  
1951, 1954, 1965,  
1967, 1969, 1971,  
1972, 1974, 1975,  
1977.

League Cup Winners (8  
times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1975.

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## OUR VISITORS

# Rangers take the strain

**THIS has been a strenuous season for Rangers . . . and the pressures are still on the club that won the three major domestic honours last term.**

Mark you, nobody at Celtic Park anticipates that their full programme at home and in Europe has left them drained and ready to be taken in tonight's crucial Old Firm tilt for the title.

Like Celtic, they are a proud club and vastly experienced. More they always seem to have the resources to meet the heaviest of demands. And they've had plenty recently.

Having won the League Cup, they are still locked with Hibernian in the final of the Scottish Cup and face three League fixtures as well including tonight's.

Like Celtic they have a first season manager in John Greig who moved from playing field straight to the job of bossing the side. He's made the switch with smoothness and shrewdness as was seen in his team's jousts with the best in Europe this season.

Injury problems — particularly that sustained by key defender Tom Forsyth — have tested him but he has met these pressures and kept the side going for the declared aim of repeating the grand slam.

Like Billy McNeill, he recog-

nises that victory must be secured tonight . . . or last season's record will have gone. His side has come through two strenuous games with Hibs in the Cup final and his task of 'lifting' his team for tonight is probably just a little more difficult than that of Billy McNeill.

Nevertheless, there are plenty of highly experienced men at Ibrox who have come through the tempering fire of many big occasions . . . players like Peter McCloy, Sandy Jardine, Alex McDonald, Tommy McLean and Derek Johnstone.

They are not likely to let the tensions of tonight's joust disturb their play or the organisation of the Ibrox team.

All of the team except young full back Ally Dawson have championship medals, but that doesn't mean they do not find adding to their collection an exciting prospect.

Celtic have a larger number of players seeking their first medals as League winners, a factor which might give their play an extra edge.

However, Rangers' record in crunch games is a formidable one. The men sent out to face Celtic helped to fashion it and they'll not be keen to spoil it.



**Danny McGrain, the Celtic skipper, wins a duel with Alex MacDonald.**

# MATCH TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

## Celtic

*(from)*

**Peter Latchford  
Danny McGrain  
Andy Lynch  
Roy Aitken  
Jo Edvaldsson  
Davie Provan  
Mike Conroy  
George McCluskey  
Vic Davidson  
Murdo MacLeod  
Tommy Burns  
Johnny Doyle  
Bobby Lennox  
Peter Mackie**

Referee:  
**Mr E. H. Pringle**  
(Edinburgh)

Linesmen:  
**Mr H. Bain**  
(Dalkeith)

**Mr A. S. McNair**  
(Lenzie)



**Spectators are  
requested to  
take care —  
Particularly leaving  
the ground  
after the match.**

## Rangers

*(from)*

**Peter McCloy  
Sandy Jardine  
Ally Dawson  
Derek Johnstone  
Alex MacDonald  
Tommy McLean  
Bobby Russell  
Derek Parlane  
Gordon Smith  
Davie Cooper  
Alex Miller  
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## SIDELINES

### Second half rush

Celtic's Premier record after the weather-created winter "holiday" has been good. Since resuming the championship series on March 3 they've taken 27 points from 34 at stake. They won 13, lost three and drew one of their 17 matches. They lost away to Hibs, Dundee United and Rangers and drew with Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

### Final View

The Celtic View will be published on Friday this week. This is the last edition for the season. Because of the extension of the Scottish season which has resulted in the View continuing for three weeks longer than was planned, there will be no summer magazine printed this year. The View will be back in August.

### PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Celtic .....	35	20	9	6	46
Dundee Utd .....	36	18	10	8	44
Rangers .....	33	17	7	9	43
Aberdeen .....	36	13	9	14	40
St. Mirren .....	36	15	15	6	36
Morton .....	36	12	12	12	36
Hibernian .....	35	11	11	13	35
Partick Th. ....	35	13	14	8	34
Hearts .....	36	8	21	7	23
Motherwell .....	36	5	24	7	17

Matches to come: Wednesday — Rangers v Partick Thistle. Friday — Hibernian v Rangers.



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