

PREMIER LEAGUE



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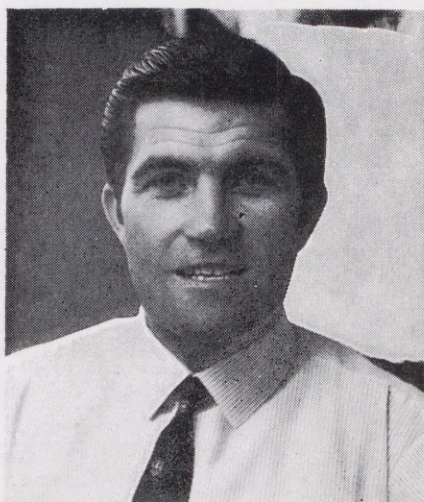
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From the Manager's Desk



Two successive defeats, at Aberdeen and Love Street, sandwiching our unexpected dismissal from the Anglo-Scottish Cup, have done little to boost our morale. Yet the players and myself are in fine fettle and eagerly anticipating the arrival of Celtic's championship winning side.

We are aware that against both the Dons and the Saints we had been in charge of affairs until penalty awards allowed both opponents back into the respective games. Had neither award been made then we know that we would have taken maximum points. It is indicative of the keen cut and thrust of the Premier league that had we these four points we would be title challengers.

Results apart, both games were real exciting encounters, and today's clash against Celtic should prove another nerve-tingler. Our football has been impressive and I know we can trouble the champions. But I am aware that we will meet a Celtic side on the ascendancy. They made the most

dismal start to any season since the war and until a fortnight ago had still to record their first league win. Now they are bracketed with ourselves on five points after wins over Clydebank and Hibernian. We too have had similar wins over both clubs so our form is running on parallel lines. And, of course, local knowledge will play a large part in the result. We know only too well the styles and techniques of both Ronnie Glavin and Joe Craig, while I operated personally, under schemes created by Jock Stein. In return the former two will have an insight into our style. The opening period of this game promises to be really intriguing but I trust that we will keep the points at Firhill.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'R. Auld'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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