

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, 12th February, 1977**



**Celtic v Partick Thistle**

**KICK-OFF 3 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**



# An 8-goal romp over the "Jags"

**IT'S a long time since Celtic have lined up against Partick Thistle at Celtic Park for a league match.**

Indeed today's match will be the first ever meeting of the two clubs in a Premier League match. Circumstances have combined this season to prevent the two teams playing their two games of the first half of the season. As a result the Firhill and Parkhead players are going to see a lot of each other as they proceed to play off all four league matches in the course of three months.

An added feature, if any additional ingredient is required for a Celtic match with Thistle is that ex-Celt Bertie Auld will be in the visitors dug-out and ex-Thistle boss Davie McParland will be in the home one.

However games with the Thistle never require any 'extras' and this encounter will not be an exception to the rule.

These games also invariably produce plenty of goals and indeed the last time the Firhill team played a league game at Celtic Park (March 1, 1975) they lost by the odd goal in five.

The game we recall today however produced even more goals and ended in a runaway victory for the Celts.

This was how the teams lined up at Celtic Park on December 27, 1969.

Celtic: Williams; Craig and Hay; Murdoch,

McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Hood; Wallace; Auld and Hughes. Twelfth man: Lennox.

Partick Thistle: Ritchie, Campbell and Holt; Johnston, McKinnon and Hansen; Rae and Smith; Bone; Flanagan and Duncan. Twelfth man Gray.

John Hughes opened the scoring for Celtic after 17 minutes when he blasted a terrific shot past Billy Ritchie. Ten minutes later from a Hughes pass Bertie Auld added a second goal and just on the half-time whistle Billy McNeill got into the scoring act to give Celtic a 3-0 interval lead.

Just seven minutes after the break Willie Wallace scored Celtic's fourth goal from a Harry Hood pass.

After sixty minutes play John Hughes scored his own second and Celtic's fifth goal and four minutes later George Smith scored for Thistle.

Celtic's sixth goal was scored by Willie Wallace from the penalty spot. This was a very significant goal for Willie because it was his 100th goal for the Parkhead club.

In the 81st minute John Hughes scored number seven to complete his hat-trick.

With only five minutes remaining to play Bertie Auld added to the Thistle discomfiture when he added the eighth and final goal for Celtic. Only Bobby Lennox who substituted for Harry Hood during the second half, is still on the Celtic playing staff.

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# Tops — But the prizes have yet to be won



**WELL, we're at the top of the Premier Division. And happy to be there with the "cushion" of points and games in hand against our challengers, Aberdeen and Rangers.**

But this isn't the time to sit back and feel the job has been done. This is the time for even greater concentration and effort from players — and the staff, including myself.

No prizes have been won yet. We've just entered the second half of the keen Premier League title race and a lot can happen in the next 16 games. And we've just come through one round of the Scottish Cup so far.

However the BIG ONE is the championship. Oh it would be nice to pick up the "Scottish", too, but the title is the road to the highest level in European next season . . . and we believe our support deserves the best. They've been magnificent all through and they have been in our thinking as we look ahead.

The team hasn't been sitting back in recent games and that's pleased the fans. Fourteen goals in three matches is good going. But the most pleasant part of the scoring is that it has been spread around the team.

Joe Craig it is true has hit home five of them, but the two that came from Jo Edvaldsson were valuable ones, too. The big fellow has done a good job coming in for Roddy McDonald and opening the scoring for us in his two games has been a great encouragement to him.

We've been getting off to the best possible starts in the last three matches . . . that is getting the first goal and putting the pressure on the opposition. For a game or two before that we were having to come from behind and that's how we want to be placed in any match.

Today manager Bertie Auld has his Partick Thistle squad at Parkhead and while we know a bit about all the other clubs in the division this is the first on-field "examination" we've had from the Jags this term.

Our two fixtures in the first half of the campaign were postponed so we will be seeing a lot of each other in the run-in to the title. Of course, they are not completely "unknown" and what we've learned about them this term from various observations means they'll be regarded as high class opponents.

We're hopeful that Joe Craig will be fit again to line up against his old mates and Roddy McDonald has made progress from his injury.

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1922, 1926, 1936,  
1938, 1954, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1971, 1972,  
1973, 1974.

#### Cup Winners (24 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.

#### League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1975.

#### Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

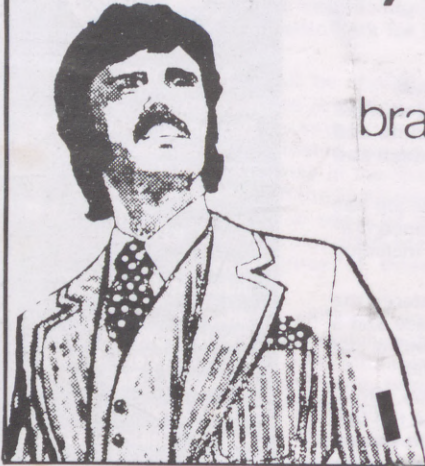
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# GOALKEEPER TACKLE "SAVES" THISTLE



All goalkeepers enjoy a bit of outfield play in training matches. Here Alan Rough shows the value of the practice with a tackle that stops Paul Wilson and "saves" Partick Thistle during a Celtic attack.



# TODAY'S VISITORS

## 'JAGS' 'SETTLING' FOR NEXT SEASON

**SMARTING** from their quick Scottish Cup exit, Partick Thistle come to Celtic Park this afternoon intent on getting some pride-salvaging points. And considering they took the "scalp" of Aberdeen in a Premier League fixture last week-end must be rated in the "dangerous" category for any side.

"Of course, we're very disappointed at going out of the Cup", says manager Bertie Auld who has to take up today's assignment without one of his regulars, Alan Hansen. The big fellow was suspended for four days at this week's meeting of the Scottish F.A. referee committee.

Standing in will be Andy Anderson, one of several players the Firhill club has recruited from Sighthill Amateurs.

Manager Auld feels he's "beginning to get what I want — a settled team. Unfortunately this Premier League doesn't allow one to experiment. You just cannot afford to bring in too many youngsters. You have to rely on experience."

"It is one of the against factors when there is a close analysis of the set-up. But it is a very competitive division and that's highly important in building a successful team."

Bertie, still fit and sharp enough to engage in Thistle's practice matches, is sure he's on the way to having a successful team for the Firhill support which he would like to see increase.

The Cup K.O. he sees as another loss . . . of at least two or three games compared with other clubs. He'd like them for the economic factor, but more importantly in the blending of a settled team.

"The signs are definitely there," he asserts. Like the positive character he is there is not even a hint that Thistle are in the slightest danger of losing Premier League status.

"We can only do that ourselves. We're

points ahead of some clubs and have games in hand on others who are above us in the table. I reckon we are at least as good if not better than at least six clubs in the division."

However, he will have Thistle on their toes through to the finish of the campaign . . . and there are high hopes that next season will see Thistle blossom into the team of Premier league challenge that their manager currently sees developing.

The "poor response" Thistle have had from the fans manager Auld believes in some measure is due to the large-scale demolition of housing in the Firhill area.

"As a Maryhill man I long for the time when the open areas around Firhill are rebuilt with a lot of people able to walk to the ground as once they did," he says. "You cannot beat local support."

With the rebuilding of homes manager Auld envisages the rebuilding of Thistle as an at-

### Premier League Latest Placings

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Celtic .....	19	13	2	4	46	20	30
Aberdeen ....	21	10	3	8	37	21	28
Rangers .....	20	10	4	6	33	19	26
Dundee Utd.	18	10	5	3	34	24	23
Hibernian ....	20	3	5	12	18	22	18
Hearts .....	22	5	9	8	32	39	18
Partick Th ....	18	5	7	6	17	24	16
Motherwell ....	18	5	8	5	29	33	15
Ayr Utd .....	21	5	12	4	26	46	14
Kilmarnock ....	21	2	13	6	22	46	10



tractive, entertaining and, more important, winning side. "I see it all on the way."

One more step on the way to team settlement comes this afternoon when he will select from the following men.

Goalkeeper ALAN ROUGH is Scotland's as well as Thistle's choice. Ahead of him at full back are George Mackie (signed from Dundee at the beginning of the season) and BRIAN WHITTAKER. Like Rough, Andy Anderson and John Marr, Whittaker reached Firhill from Sighthill, just two years ago. He got his chance last season at full back . . . and grabbed it.

The central defenders are Thistle's longest serving player JACKIE CAMPBELL (signed in 1964) and ANDY ANDERSON.

Available midfield men include JOHN HANSEN, BOBBY HOUSTON, ALISTAIR LOVE (signed from Newport County) and JOHN CRAIG (formerly with Chelsea and Aberdeen).

The striking zone principals are Doug Somner who scored 26 goals last term, and Jim Melrose with generous assistance from people like Craig.

With DENIS McQUADE, JOHN MARR and HARRY JOHNSTON as "cover" Thistle looked equipped to retain their Premier place.



BERTIE AULD

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# TODAY'S TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

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ANDY LYNCH  
PAT STANTON  
RODDY McDONALD  
ROY AITKEN  
JOHNNY DOYLE  
RONNIE GLAVIN  
JOE CRAIG  
KENNY DALGLISH  
PAUL WILSON

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the ground after the match

## PARTICK THISTLE (from)

ALAN ROUGH  
GEORGE MACKIE  
BRIAN WHITTAKER  
JOHN HANSEN  
JACKIE CAMPBELL  
ALAN ANDERSON  
BOBBY HOUSTON  
DOUG SOMNER  
ALISTAIR LOVE  
JIMMY MELROSE  
JOHN CRAIG

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<b>C</b>	KILMARNOCK HIBERNIAN		<b>G</b>	EAST FIFE AIRDRIE		<b>K</b>	ST JOHNSTONE ST MIRREN		<b>O</b>	NEWCASTLE MIDDLESBOROUGH	
<b>D</b>	RANGERS DUNDEE UNITED		<b>H</b>	FALKIRK ARBROATH		<b>L</b>	COVENTRY LIVERPOOL		<b>P</b>	TOTTENHAM MANCHESTER UNITED	

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## SIDELINES

### Scoring feats

League and Cup matches with Partick Thistle have brought individual scoring feats from Celtic players. Dixie Deans rattled in six in season 73/74; Bobby Lennox has gone nap against the Jags, pus a foursome and a hat-trick; Willie Wallace got a four and a three; and Steve Chalmers and John Hughes are others who have registered hat-tricks in high-scoring wins for the Parkhead side.

### Kenny still leads

Still on goals — but the ones being hit by Celts this season. Kenny Dalglish has 19 from all competitive games — 10 coming in the League Cup campaign, eight in the Premier Division matches and one in Europe.

Next is Ronnie Glavin. His tally of 14 is made up of 12 in the League (from 19 matches) plus one each in League Cup and Scottish Cup. Joe Craig has hit 9 League goals for Celts and four in the Scottish Cup.

Other goal-getters: Johnny Doyle — 9; Paul Wilson 8; Roddy McDonald 5; Jo Edvaldsson 4; Bobby Lennox 2; George McCluskey, Danny McGrain and Tom Callaghan one each.

### Six ever-presents

Six Celts have played in all 19 Premier League games — Latchford, McGrain, Stanton, Glavin, Dalglish and Doyle. Lynch has missed one. Aitken, Craig and McDonald each two and Wilson three.

Burns (6), Lennox (2), P. McCluskey (2) and Edvaldsson (1) have also been called to first team duty — 15 players in all.



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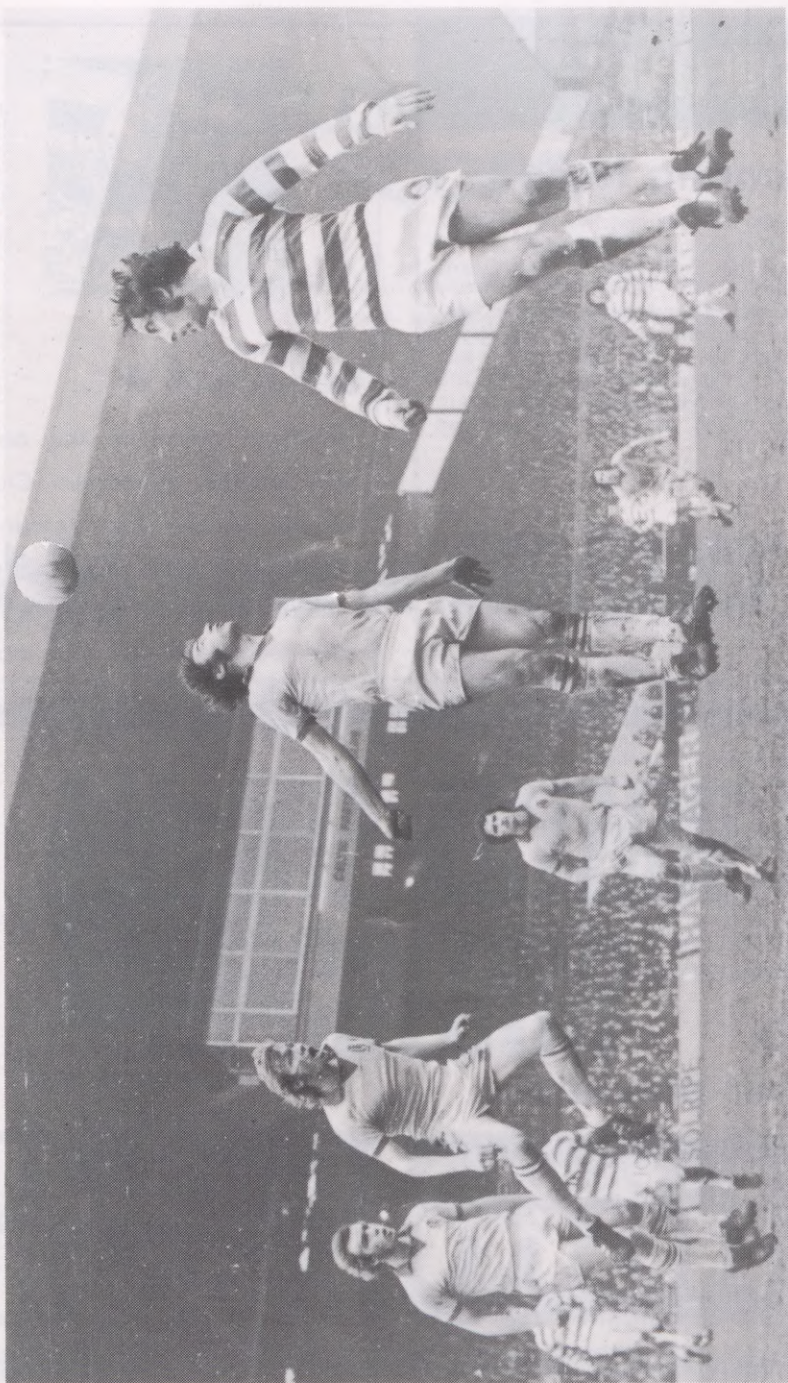
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# "PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

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

JANUARY

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

22—Kilmarnock ..... (A) 3 1

FEBRUARY

5—HIBERNIAN ..... (H) 4 2

7—HEARTS ..... (H) 5 1

12—PARTICK THISTLE ..... (H)

19—Ayr United ..... (A)

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



### We've a lot of fixtures to catch up

**HOW nice it would be to have a regular programme of reserve matches. It has been start and stop for weeks now, but hopefully a consistent pattern may emerge again with this week-end's match at Easter Road.**

To keep things ticking over when matches are scarce isn't easy, but Jo Edvaldsson got into the action last week-end with the league side when he substituted for the injured Roddy McDonald against Hibs and played the full game against Hearts on Monday.

And "didn't he do well," opening the scoring in both matches. The big fellow had a good match in the last reserve fixture at Aberdeen ... and the report said so. Just as reports record when a player doesn't play well.

I don't know if that report put Edvaldsson into the first team selection against Hibs or not, though I daresay it wouldn't do his chances any harm. However, he earned his place against Hearts on Monday with a good display.

The backlog of reserve games is a wee bit frightening to contemplate. We've played only a handful at Celtic Park in the League so far and one can envisage two-three games a week somewhere in March and April.

There is also the Second XI Cup. We're waiting to fit in a postponed tie with Ayr United. The winners play Rangers in the next stage and that's one game everyone wants to be involved in.

### HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Which European boxing title did Alan Minter win last week?
2. Who was the English-born player in Scotland's Under 21 side against Wales?
3. Who is secretary-elect of the Scottish F.A.
4. Name Partick Thistle's longest serving player.
5. Which Hearts player was transferred to Newcastle United this week?

### ANSWERS

1. Middle-weight.
2. Trevor Ross (Arsenal).
3. Ernie Walker.
4. Jackie Campbell.
5. Ralph Callaghan.

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