

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 13th November, 1975



CELTIC v ABERDEEN

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

Bobby banished jinx

ABERDEEN are Celtic's visitors today in the first Premier League meeting between the two teams at Celtic Park. When the two teams met in October Celtic recorded a merited win, considering the team played most of the game with only ten men.

Turning the clock back a bit further, however, we find a game at Celtic Park which Celtic won on their route to an eighth League Championship success.

Perhaps the most significant thing in recalling that game is the number of players who have disappeared from both teams in under three years.

The teams for the league encounter of March 3, 1973, were as follows:

CELTIC — Hunter; McGrain and Quinn; Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Dalglish; Deans; Hood and Lennox. Twelfth man: McCluskey.

ABERDEEN — Clark; Williamson and Hermiston; Murray, Young and Willoughby; Varga and Graham; Forrest; Jarvie and Purdie.

Of the twelve listed by both teams, only seven players are still at Celtic Park and only five remain on the books at Pittodrie.

Aberdeen went into a defensive shell right from the start and despite non-stop Celtic pressure the Dons rearguard couldn't be pierced. Then under terrific Celtic pressure centre half Willie Young used a hand to prevent a Jimmy Johnstone shot from going into the net.

With Celtic having missed their previous five penalty awards it was a somewhat hushed crowd as Bobby Lennox

was given the task of ending the penalty bogey.

Bobby responded in expert fashion to give Celtic the opening goal they had striven so hard to register.

Aberdeen continued to defend dourly and work an offside trap which frustrated the Celtic forwards and the spectators.

It took a piece of quick thinking from Danny McGrain to beat the offside trap and produce the second and final goal in the 2—0 victory.

The right back feigned to pass the ball and then sprinted through the Aberdeen defence wall, took the ball into the Aberdeen goal area then rolled the ball into the path of Kenny Dalglish to sweep the ball into the net.

Going back further than that, to March 6, 1968 to be precise, we find a Celtic victory by four goals to one.

Bobby Lennox, the only member of the team still on Celtic's playing staff, helped himself to a hat-trick.

The teams were:

CELTIC — Simpson; Gemmell and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Lennox; Wallace; Gallagher and Hughes. Twelfth man: Hay.

ABERDEEN — Clark; Whyte and Shewan; Petersen, McMillan and Murray; Johnston and Smith; Watt; Buchan and Craig.

The Bobby Lennox hat-trick and a Billy McNeill header gave Celtic a 4—0 lead after 35 minutes, and Dave Johnston scored a late consolation goal for the Dons.

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