



Scottish League Cup

FOURTH ROUND—
SECOND LEG

CELTIC versus ST. MIRREN

CELTIC PARK

WEDNESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 1977

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME 10p

JOY DAY FOR JOE McBRIDE

FOLLOWING that first game thriller in the quarter final League Cup-tie with St Mirren, the Paisley team come to Celtic Park tonight for the second leg match.

That game last Wednesday night, played in the most atrocious conditions imaginable, had everything that one can expect to find in a cup-tie and players and fans alike deserved a medal for playing and spectating in such dreadful weather.

Believe it or not, St Mirren's last appearance in a League Cup match at Celtic Park was over eleven years ago and the Paisley fans won't thank us for recalling that match.

Hearts and Clyde were the other two teams in the section of the competition that season and when St Mirren came to Parkhead Celtic were the only team in the group with full points.

The team selections for the match on Saturday August 20 1966 were:—

CELTIC: Simpson; Gemmell and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark, Johnstone and McBride; Chalmers; Lennox and Auld.

ST MIRREN: Thorburn; Murray and Clark; Pinkerton, Kiernan and Wilson; Aird and Tracey; Adamson; Gemmell and Hamilton.

Referee: Mr R. A. S. Crockett (Dundee).

Celtic opened the scoring in 16 minutes when following three headed passes from McNeill to McBride to Chalmers the

ball was headed down and Bobby Lennox smacked it past keeper Thorburn. The St Mirren goalkeeper had performed heroics up to that point to keep the scoresheet blank but once Celtic took the lead they were hungry for more goals. So hungry indeed that by half-time they had taken their tally to four and Joe McBride had helped himself to a hat-trick.

The first of Joe's goals came when he smacked home a shot from ten yards the chance having been created by Jimmy Johnstone. His second was from the penalty spot after Johnstone had been brought down and his third was a tap in job after Johnstone and Murdoch had created the chance.

Just one minute after the start of the second half Joe McBride scored a gem of a goal. He took a through ball from Bobby Murdoch, wrong footed an opponent and hammered a great left foot shot into the net.

Celtic stretched their lead to 7-0 when Bertie Auld shot home a Chalmers nod-down and Bobby Lennox headed home a Joe McBride cross.

Pluckily St Mirren stuck to their task and got some consolation when Frank Tracey scored two goals in four minutes.

Following this short break in the proceedings Celtic came back again and Steve Chalmers crashed home a great shot from a Bobby Lennox pass to finish the scoring at 8-2 for Celtic.

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