

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, 17th April, 1976**



**Celtic v Aberdeen**

Kick-off 3 p.m.

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

# 5-GOAL HUGHES DIMMED THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

BEFORE Aberdeen's last visit in the Premier League (December 13, 1975) the Celtic View, observing that "It may be tempting fate" went on to record that the Dons hadn't taken a point from Parkhead for four years.

Just in case anybody has forgotten . . . Aberdeen won 2-0 that afternoon with goals from Drew Jarvie and Arthur Graham. Tempting fate, forsooth!

The Dons have mounted stern challenge to Celts at times, and not so long ago either there was a spell when the men of Pittodrie seemed to have the Indian sign on the Parkhead squad.

That was between October, 1969 and August, 1972, at a time when Celts were in the full flood of success, and their fans were anticipating they'd win everything in sight — no matter the opposition.

In October, 1969, when Celts won a league match 3-2 at Pittodrie and a Drybrough Cup semi-final in August, 1972 (with Celts again winning by 3-2) the teams met seven times, AND ABERDEEN DIDN'T LOSE ONE OF THE ENCOUNTERS.

Two were Cup finals, the Scottish of 1970 (Aberdeen 3, Celtic 1) and the Drybrough (Aberdeen 2, Celtic 1). In the five Scottish League fixtures Dons finished ahead in two, and three were drawn (1-1 each time).

It was a magnificent run by the Northern side, and while Celts eventually broke it, the threat from Aberdeen has always been a serious one. Twice (1971 and 1972) they

were runners-up to Celts in the championship.

The 1970 Scottish Cup final brought refereeing decisions which raised a lot of controversy at the time. The initial one was over a penalty for Aberdeen which Joe Harper struck coolly to give his side the lead.

Celtic never moved into their flowing style and the Dons, breaking quickly and astutely from strong defensive stations, got a second through McKay with eight minutes of play remaining. Bobby Lennox pulled one back, but McKay restored the Pittodrie club's two-goal margin to take the Cup in a final in which physique was more often in evidence than finesse.

These were the teams at Hampden:

**Aberdeen:** Clark; Boel and Murray; Hermiston, McMillan and Buchan; McKay and Robb; Forrest; Harper and Graham.

**Celtic:** Williams; Hay and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Wallace; Connolly; Lennox and Hughes.

Aberdeen still have Clark, Robb and Graham in their ranks today, but Celtic's only survivor is the evergreen Bobby Lennox.

Today's fixture probably recollects for many Celtic fans the scoring feat of John Hughes in January, 1965. Celtic won 8-0, and the big winger, wearing baseball boots, strode sure-footed over the icy pitch (and past Aberdeen defenders) to rattle in five of the goals.

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THE DEFEAT at Tannadice was a grave disappointment for everyone at Celtic Park. I am sure it mirrored itself on the countenances of the Parkhead party after Dundee United had won through by 3-2, a result which knocked us off top place in the Premier Division.

Yet to wallow in a mood of doom and gloom and self pity would be foolish. Of course, no football side likes to lose. It is perhaps because we experience it less often than others that it is harder to accept.

Nevertheless, there must be a realistic approach to the position. Regret about this or that situation in the Tannadice game won't alter the fact that United got both points.

## WORK HARDER

What Celtic have to do now . . . is work much harder to ensure that EVERY GAME FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE SEASON BRINGS FULL POINTS.

That's the target and, if achieved, IT WOULD BRING THE FIRST PREMIER DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP TO PARKHEAD.

It has been a title race of nip and tuck all season, and decision could well not be reached until the last kick of the campaign.

It is an exciting prospect for the fans, but it can be a trifle wearing on the nerve ends of those closely involved in the title tilt.

However, Celtic have long experience of crunch situations to draw upon, and I am certain that the players will respond to this latest challenge with the spirit and character with which the club is so generously endowed.

## MAGNIFICENT FANS

We don't look to a slip-up elsewhere easing our situation. We've got to do the job ourselves, and that means winning all along the line to the end of the campaign with the available resources.

The fans who travelled to Dundee were magnificent in the way they backed the team. I thank them for this support and ask them to maintain it in the final phase of the Premier Division series.

Your enthusiasm and zest can be vital in the run-in for a championship success that would let Celtic play again in the major European competition . . . that for club champions.

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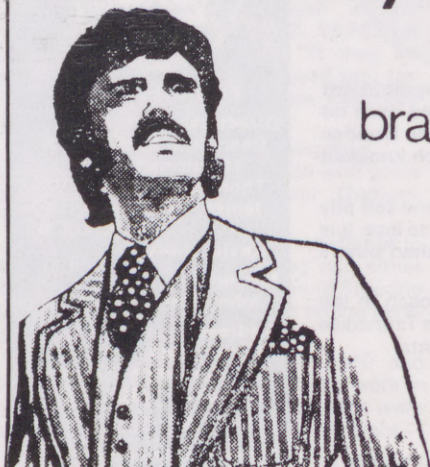
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**Aberdeen's manager, in the process of "bridging" a team gap, takes a forward look to next season and renewal of the challenge to the Old Firm in the Premier League**

## ALLY HAS STARTED "BALANCING" ACT

**WHEN** he last led his Pittodrie troops into Parkhead, the irrepressible Ally McLeod was asserting that Aberdeen weren't out of the Premier Championship race.

He doesn't make such a claim today, but it has to be recorded that four months back he wasn't saying that his team would win the title this term, though he did observe with conviction that the championship flag would fly at Pittodrie in time.

He doesn't say so, but his definition of "in time" is probably next season. His current aim is to retain Premier League status, and get a blended player pool of depth and combining experience, high grade skills and strength.

They cannot aid this season, but the signing of Joe Harper from Hibernian and Dom Sullivan from Clyde illustrates the McLeod pattern for the next campaign.

"I just want to get this season over, and get things balanced for 1976-77. We have a lot of good young players at Pittodrie, but there is a gap between them and the established men that has to be bridged. The addition of Harper and Sullivan to the pool should help in that operation."

Looking at his side's present situation, McLeod freely admits (and it is a refreshing facet of the man) that "we brought it on ourselves". He lists a "couple of careless matches" as the prime cause, but cheerfully adds: "We'll play away and hope the breaks go for us."

He is confident that he can steer his side out of trouble and engage in the Premier League next season, a set-up which he regards as "a step in the right direction, though not everyone feels it is the ideal pattern.

"A lot of people make the point that Celtic



**Ally McLeod**

and Rangers are still walking away with the league, but this is the first time in years one of them didn't walk away with it by Christmas or Ne'erday," he says.

"Just look at last week. Dundee United, near the foot, knock Celtic off the top of the table. That shows how close it all is between success and failure. And a good thing, too.

"I hear people wanting 12 or 14 clubs in the division next season. Others talk about 16. But we've got to give the present pattern a fair trial. It deserves another season at least."

# TODAY'S VISITORS

## DONS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SURVIVAL

**AFTER** switching around his player pool, Aberdeen boss Ally McLeod comes to Parkhead this afternoon with the squad he will be relying on to keep the Pittodrie club in the Premier Division next season.

It is typical of his refreshing football attitude that while safety points are still required this term, he is able, in what he described as "a difficult week for the Dons", to project his thoughts to 1976-77 and observe: "We won't be in this trouble then, that's for sure."

His approach to the current position — "We will try and play ourselves out of it—not defend our way out. We'll stay with the present pattern, and that's the positive one of trying all the time to win matches."

Aberdeen have already met Rangers and Celtic in one week this season. Then the haul was four points for the Dons. "This time I'd settle for half of that," he says.

The point secured from Ayr United at Somerset last week partially halted the Aberdeen slide into the relegation situation and gave the players much-needed momentum for the "difficult week".

Ally McLeod hopes as well that the "breaks go for us now" after experiencing upsets through injuries.

But it is his undiminished optimism about Aberdeen and football in general that upholds Pittodrie prospects of



Dave Robb

staying in the Premier Division.

The following are the players Aberdeen can call upon for this afternoon's match:

**Bobby Clark.** Gained more Scotland caps than any other Aberdeen player in the club's 70 years. It is 11 years since he joined up at Pittodrie from Queen's Park, and he has made over 400 appearances for the Dons. A qualified coach and physical education teacher, the six-footer is one of the safest and most consistent goalkeepers in the game.

**Billy Williamson.** Once a free-scoring forward in minor football, he has developed into a dandy defender since joining Aberdeen about seven years ago. He can take up a midfield role.

**Chic McLelland.** Under-studied Jim Hermiston, but

when his league side chance came in 1974, he stepped out of a long apprenticeship and proved a most capable journeyman. He's not a giant (5' 9", 10 stone), relying on the skilled approach and a keen sense of anticipation to counter attackers. Played this season for Scotland's Under-23 side in Holland.

**Joe Smith.** A skilful mid-field player whose easy style also carries a note of authority. Now just beyond his 21st birthday, he has been a regular with the Dons for more than three seasons, and seems set to be a key man in the Pittodrie set-up for many years.

**Eddie Thomson.** Signed from Hearts just over three years ago, he is the keystone of the main defensive structure. A sturdy player whose strength in the air and powerful tackling on the ground makes him a formidable figure for the spearheads in opposition attacks.

**Willie Miller.** Has made steady progress since joining the Dons five years ago from the Eastercraigs club in which he was a striker. Aberdeen groomed him as a defender in their Reserve team, and a couple of seasons ago got his chance in the league side as a sweeper with attacking ideas. Only 21, he has had international recognition at Youth, Under-23, Scottish League and full Scotland level. Captains the side.

**Dave Robb.** Like Bobby

Clark, arrived at Pittodrie in 1965. This followed a spell on the Chelsea ground staff. Tall and strong, he can operate with equal facility and efficiency as a midfield man or striker, and his powerful play can unzip the best organised defence lines. Recently withdrew a transfer request, and is again a regular member of the squad.

**Ian Hair.** Signed from the Junior East Kilbride, he is another of the Dons converted from a forward to a defence station. Illness cost him his full-back place after he'd made the side, but having the ability to play as a midfield man with strong attacking ideas this versatility makes him a most useful member of the Aberdeen pool.

**Drew Jarvie.** Has been a big scorer with the Dons since signing from Airdrie, and at Ayr last week popped up to grab a point which could prove most valuable in the relegation situation.

**Ian Fleming.** Joined from Kilmarnock four months ago. Strong in the air.

**Arthur Graham.** One of a dying breed in the game . . . an exciting, fast-moving winger who is a continual threat to defences. He started season 1969-70 as a Junior with Cambuslang, and finished the term as a member of Aberdeen's Scottish Cup-winning side. Has continued to give the club a high standard and consistent service.

**Jocky Scott.** The former Dundee player (he was 11 years at Dens) has found a new edge to his play at Pittodrie where the fans appreciate his skilful approach and expertise. Has linked well with Jarvie, and is the club's top scorer.

**Willie Garner.** A young man who can stand in for centre-half Eddie Thomson, and other positions in the main defence.



Ian Hair

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 BILLY WILLIAMSON  
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 IAN FLEMING  
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<b>B</b>	HIBERNIAN MOTHERWELL		<b>F</b>	ALBION ROVERS CLYDEBANK		<b>J</b>	AIRDRIE DUNFERMLINE		<b>N</b>	LIVERPOOL STOKE CITY	
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### *Don's Record*

The Aberdeen club was founded in 1903, admitted to the Scottish League the same year, and has always retained First Division status. Their only championship success came in 1954 when they finished three points ahead of Celtic in a 16-club league.

### *Ton-up for Celts*

The first goal Kenny Dalglish scored against Dundee United at Tannadice last week was the club's 100th in competitive games this season. He also had Celtic's 101st score to bring his personal contribution for the season to 28.

Other Parkhead marksmen are: 16 — Dixie Deans; 12 — Bobby Lennox, Johannes Edvaldsson; 8 — Paul Wilson; 5 — Harry Hood; 4 — Roddy McDonald, Andy Lynch; 3 — Pat McCluskey, Jacky McNamara, Tom Callaghan; 1 — Andy Ritchie, Danny McGrain, Ronnie Glavin.

### *Late Kick-off*

It is an 8 p.m. kick-off in the Premier League match with Rangers at Parkhead on Monday, April 26. At the request of the police it is all-ticket. All stand tickets have been sold. Ground tickets are priced 70p.

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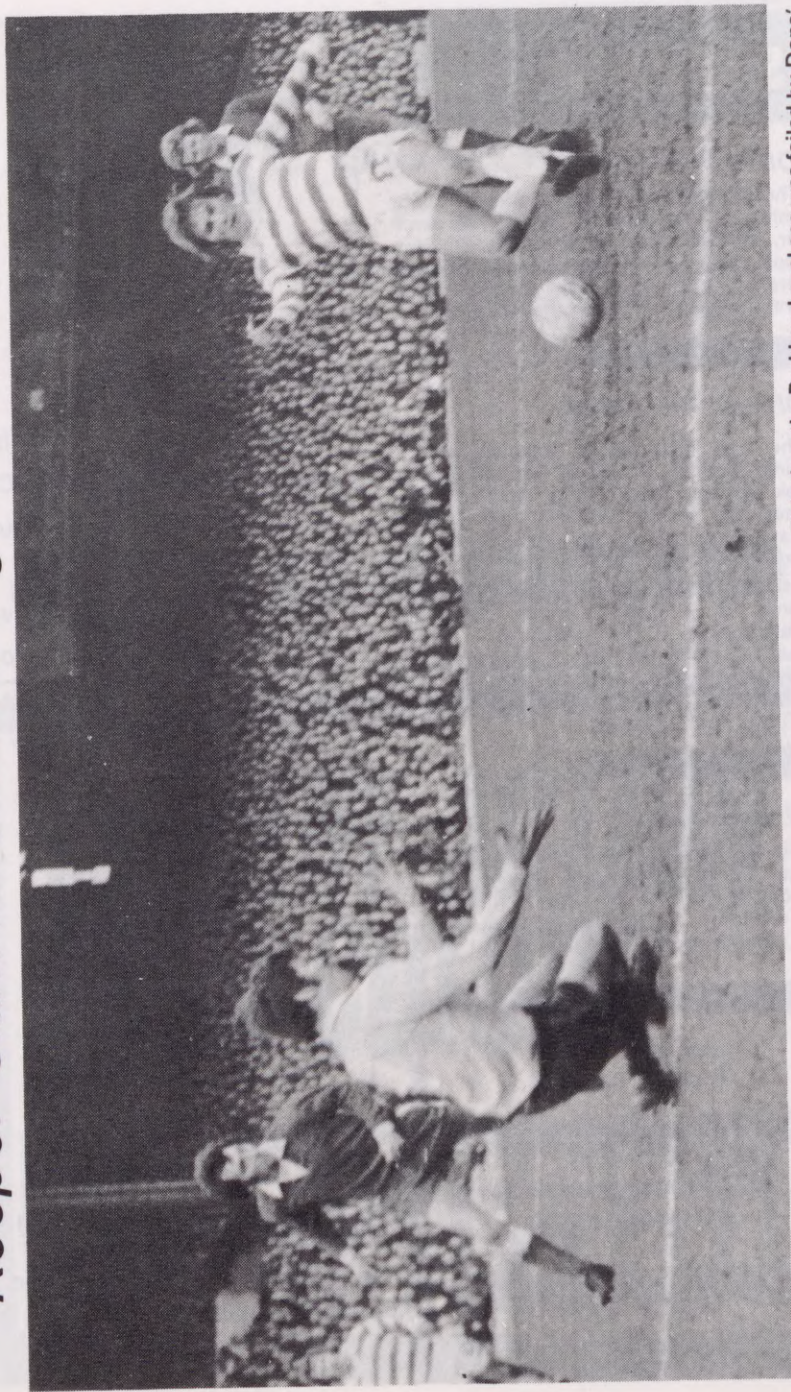
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## Keeper Clark foils Celtic's goalscoring ace



Celtic's top scorer Kenny Dalglish in full-blooded shooting action against Aberdeen. This time the Parkhead goal ace was foiled by Dons' internationalist keeper Bobby Clark who diverted the effort.

# "PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

GLASGOW CUP			NOVEMBER		
	F	A		F	A
<b>AUGUST</b>			1—RANGERS	(H)	1 1
4—Clyde	(A)	2 1	8—Dundee	(A)	0 1
<b>LEAGUE CUP</b>			12—Ayr United	(A)	7 2
<b>AUGUST</b>			15—MOTHERWELL	(H)	0 2
9—ABERDEEN	(H)	1 0	22—ST. JOHNSTONE	(H)	3 2
13—Hearts	(A)	0 2	29—Dundee United	(A)	3 1
16—DUMBARTON	(H)	3 1	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
20—HEARTS	(H)	3 1	6—Hearts	(A)	1 0
23—Dumbarton	(A)	8 0	10—HIBERNIAN	(H)	1 1
27—Aberdeen	(A)	2 0	13—ABERDEEN	(H)	0 2
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			20—Hibernian	(A)	3 1
10—Stenhousemuir	(A)	2 0	27—AYR UNITED	(H)	3 1
24—STENHOUSEMUIR	(H)	1 0	1976		
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b>JANUARY</b>		
13—Partick Thistle (Hampden)		1 0	1—Rangers	(A)	0 1
25—Rangers	(Hampden)	0 1	3—DUNDEE	(H)	3 3
<b>EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP</b>			10—Motherwell	(A)	3 1
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			17—St. Johnstone	(A)	4 3
16—Valur (Iceland)	(A)	2 0	24— <b>Scottish Cup 3rd round</b>		
<b>OCTOBER</b>			Motherwell	(A)	2 3
1—VALUR (Iceland)	(H)	7 0	31—DUNDEE UTD.	(H)	2 1
22—Boavista (Portugal)	(A)	0 0	<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			7—HEARTS	(H)	2 0
5—BOAVISTA (Portugal)	(H)	3 1	14— <b>Challenge Match</b>		
<b>MARCH</b>			LEEDS UNITED	(H)	1 3
3—SACHSENRING			21—Aberdeen	(A)	1 0
ZWICKAU	(H)	1 1	28—HIBERNIAN	(H)	4 0
<b>PREMIER LEAGUE</b>			<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>AUGUST</b>			20—Dundee	(A)	1 0
30—Rangers	(A)	1 2	27—MOTHERWELL	(H)	4 0
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			<b>APRIL</b>		
6—DUNDEE	(H)	4 0	3—ST. JOHNSTONE	(H)	1 0
13—Motherwell	(A)	1 1	10—Dundee United	(A)	2 3
20—St. Johnstone	(A)	2 1	17—ABERDEEN	(H)	
27—DUNDEE UTD.	(H)	2 1	26—RANGERS	(H)	
<b>OCTOBER</b>			<b>MAY</b>		
4—HEARTS	(H)	3 1	3—Ayr United (Prov.)	(A)	
11—Aberdeen	(A)	2 1	5—Hearts (Prov.)	(A)	

## RESERVES by JOHN CLARK



### NINE-GOAL BOOST FOR THE FUTURE

WITH nine goals in their last two games, the confidence of the Reserves has been boosted considerably, and several of the players have shown that their football futures can be pretty bright.

George McCluskey, who has had a lean spell recently, broke out of it with three goals, one from 30 yards against Dundee United Reserves which positively electrified the fans. George has ability and it will show through in greater degree next season.

Robert Hannah has been doing splendid work in a midfield role for some time, and he and George are in the South of France this week playing for Scotland's Professional Youth squad in the Cannes international tournament.

With teams from Finland, Brazil, Italy, France, Iran, Mexico and Holland in the competition, the young Celts will gather invaluable experience that should advance their knowledge and sharpen their skills.

A third Parkhead player should have been in the Scotland squad, but injury caused Ben Casey to call off. However, his chance must come again, and while there is disappointment for him this time, the fact that he was selected indicates he has a bright future.

Young Brian McGrane was moved from full-back to centre-half recently because we felt he should have more involvement. It has been a successful switch. His performance in the new role have been distinctly promising.

The growing experience of the players is reflected in their sharper understanding of instructions. Against Dundee United, for instance, they weren't stringing things together during the first half. At the break, one or two changes in the play pattern were given and, hey presto, things clicked.

## HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Aberdeen signed two players last week. Who are they?
2. Who is the new European heavy-weight boxing champion?
3. Name Scotland's opponents in the qualifying section of the World Cup.
4. Who scored Scotland's goal against Switzerland in the Hampden international last week?
5. Unscramble these letters to find an Aberdeen player . . . MOSHONT.

### Answers

1. Joe Harper (Hibs), Dom Sullivan (Clyde)
2. Richard Dunn
3. Wales
4. Willie Pettigrew (Czechoslovakia)
5. Thomson

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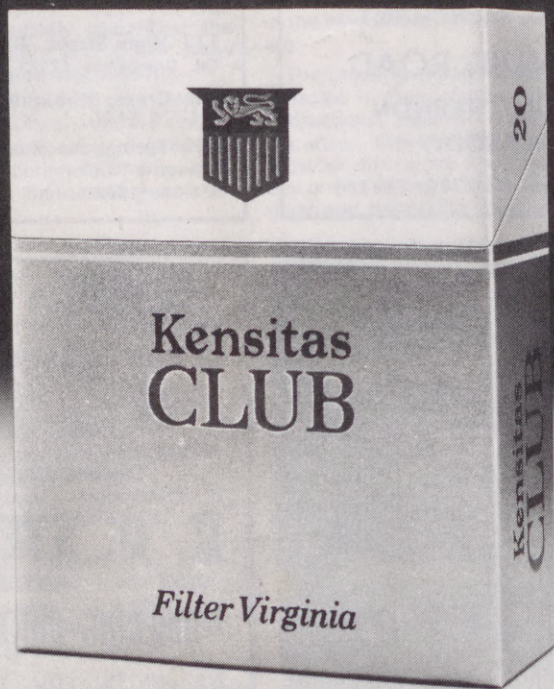
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