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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP.

Section 3

1970		Goals		
Aug.		For	Agst	Pts
8—Kilmarnock	A	0	1	0
12—Dundee	H	1	2	0
15—St. Mirren	H	2	2	1
19—Dundee	A	1	4	1
22—Kilmarnock	H	0	0	2
26—St. Mirren	A	2	1	4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1.

Aug.				
29—Dunfermline	H	4	1	2

Sept.

5—Morton	A	2	3	2
12—Kilmarnock	H	1	1	3
19—Airdrie	A	0	2	3
26—Clyde	H	4	0	5

Oct.

3—St. Johnstone	A	1	4	5
10—Dundee	H	0	1	5
17—Hibernian	A	0	4	5
24—Falkirk	A	0	2	5
31—St. Mirren	H	1	1	6

Nov.

7—Dundee United	A	2	4	6
14—Aberdeen	H	0	1	6
21—Rangers	H	2	1	8
28—Hearts	A	1	2	8

Dec.

		Goals		
		For	Agst	Pts
5—Motherwell	H	0	0	9
12—Cowdenbeath	A	3	1	11
19—Celtic	H			
26—Dunfermline	A			

1971

Jan.

1—Morton	H			
2—Kilmarnock	A			
9—Airdrie	H			
16—Clyde	A			
23—SCOTTISH CUP—1st Round				
30—St. Johnstone	H			

Feb.

6—Dundee	A			
13—SCOTTISH CUP—2nd Round				
20—Hibernian	H			
27—Falkirk	H			

March

6—St. Mirren	A			
13—Dundee United	H			
20—Aberdeen	A			
27—Rangers	A			

April

3—Hearts	H			
10—Motherwell	A			
17—Cowdenbeath	H			
24—Celtic	A			

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From The Manager's Desk



Last Saturday's victory at Cowdenbeath was our first away win in the league for over a year. It is important that we now continue to pick up our fair share of away points, as our present low league position is due entirely to our dismal away record.

Due to the recent "power" crisis, training has been badly interrupted and it was lucky that we have the beach so handy, as Somerset Park was closed as far as training goes, although we managed to use our dressing rooms, with electricity supplied from our own generator.

I am still checking the Ayr records to see if last Saturday's Reserve game, 12-2, was a record score for our ground. For all spectators present I am sure it was an enjoyable occasion, especially the second half, as a goal came every four minutes. The highlights of the game were the hat-tricks by our new signing James Flynn (Hurlford United), and Alex McGregor.

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Previous Encounter

This afternoon's opponents are famous throughout Europe for their European Cup exploits. Ayr fans, however, have a special admiration for Celtic because of last season's mammoth struggle in the League-Cup semi-final.

The Celtic supporters were visibly shaken as Bobby Rough put Ayr into the lead in the 30th minute. John Hughes pulled it back to level terms just before half-time. A dubious penalty gave Celtic the lead in 50 minutes and Ayr were now up against it. With an hour played, Dixie Ingram put Davie McCulloch through with only the 'keeper to beat and he did so with a great shot from an acute angle.

We were now in extra time and Celtic's strength was expected to crush Ayr's resistance. However, Bobby Rough restored our lead with a brilliant header and, although substitute Bertie Auld equalised, the glory belonged to Ayr.

In the replay Dixie gave Ayr the lead, but Celtic hit back with two goals. Then, in the final minutes, Ayr tried desperately for an equaliser, with 10 players in the Celtic penalty box. Unfortunately, the goal did not come, and Celtic were in the final, but Ayr had won everybody's respect.

Two matches as exciting as that would be hard to equal; but both sides this afternoon have the talent to produce another memorable match, we can only hope they do.

Quick Quiz

1. How many times have Celtic won the Scottish Cup ?
2. The Latics, who are they ?
3. Which team won the Scottish Cup in 1947 ?
(They have been successful recently).
4. Who are the semi-finalists of the Texaco Cup.
5. Who plays at St. Andrews ?

(Answers on page 13)

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 - (10) LENNOX
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- Sub. CONNELLY

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Previous Club: Queen's Park.

Married: Yes.

Car: Yes.

Hobbies: Cricket.

Favourite Entertainers: The Beatles.

At what other position would you like to play:

Goalkeeper.

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Members wishing to travel to Dunfermline **MUST** book their seats in the Gymnasium on Thursday between 7.00 and 8.00 p.m. All membership cards must be shown.

It is understood that a fairly large number of supporters turned up at John Street last Saturday expecting a bus to be going to Cowdenbeath. I think these fans should consider that through their selfishness by not turning up to book on Thursday night, ALL supporters were deprived of a bus to Cowdenbeath. It is also worth noting that had a bus been booked, only a small number of seats would have been available for the defaulters.

The Association wishes all members and supporters and the Club a "Happy Christmas"; the team gave you your present last week—an away win!

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ASSOCIATION OFFICE.**

We are in the process of expanding our Souvenir and Programme service for the Somerset support.

Following the remarkable success of the sale of Newcastle United programmes and in answer to the many requests, we intend to stock English 1st Division programmes in the office. Due to the lack of space at the present time we will have to start small, but hope, in the near future, to expand this service.

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Due to lack of space we omitted "Readers Letter" page this week, but we still want your letter—address them to: "Readers Letters," 21 Cambuslea Road, Ayr.

TEAM NEWS

As you will no doubt know, Stan Quinn had to be taken off last week at Cowdenbeath with a pulled muscle, he is now doubtful for today's and next week's games.

Andy Aitken is slowly recovering from his knee operation and is now back in training.

RESERVE NEWS

The reserves in their last two home games have produced very exciting second halves. In the 2nd XI Cup match with Morton they trailed 1-0 at the end of 45 minutes, but fought back to score 4 goals in the second half and entered the third round.

Last Saturday's match against Cowdenbeath produced 14 goals, 12 of them from Ayr. Our lads led 2-1 at half-time through 2 goals from Ian Hume. Cowdenbeath's resulted from a free kick which was deflected by an Ayr defender.

The reserves then ran riot in the second half. There were hat-tricks by Jim Flynn and Alex McGregor; and Neil Hood, Brian Lannon, Jim Kinsella and Frank McAleer had one each. It was a tremendous performance by Flynn who has been called up from Hurlford United following their elimination from the Scottish Junior Cup. His spectacular heading ability and shooting power will, undoubtedly, prove an asset in the future. Alex McGregor's refreshing "shoot from anywhere" attitude gave the woodwork several resounding thumps as well as his three goals.

The reserves were due to play their reserve match against Celtic, at Parkhead, last night.

Quick Quiz Answers

1. 20 times.
2. Oldham Athletic.
3. Aberdeen.
4. Motherwell, Hearts, Derry City, Wolverhampton.
5. Birmingham City.

Today's Visitors

Celtic come to us today knowing full well that even a minor slip will do much to hinder their chances of winning yet another league championship. This great club, whose purpose for foundation was to promote charity, certainly give little away in this age on the football field. During the period in which Manager Stein has been at Celtic Park, Celtic have won the league championship five times in succession, the Scottish Cup three times, The Scottish League Cup five times in a row and the European Cup once. Indeed, even when Celtic do not win a major honour, they are usually thereabout for they are consistent in all they participate in.

The "Stein period" has also seen a fair number of acquisitions to the Parkhead staff without considerable cash outlay. Such players include Tom Callaghan, Evan Williams, Harry Hood and Willie Wallace, all of whom have shown their worth. Young talent in abundance is typified in the shape of Davie Hay, George Connelly, Lou Macari and Vic Davidson who, when blended with the "auldheids" of Tommy Gemmell, Bobby Murdoch, Billy McNeill, Jim Brogan and John Hughes, provide a formula for instant success.

However, we are not over-awed by Celtic's past glories and the best will be required of them to maintain any hopes of leaving Somerset with full points.

NEXT HOME GAMES

Scottish Reserve League

AYR UNITED RESERVES

versus

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Scottish First Division

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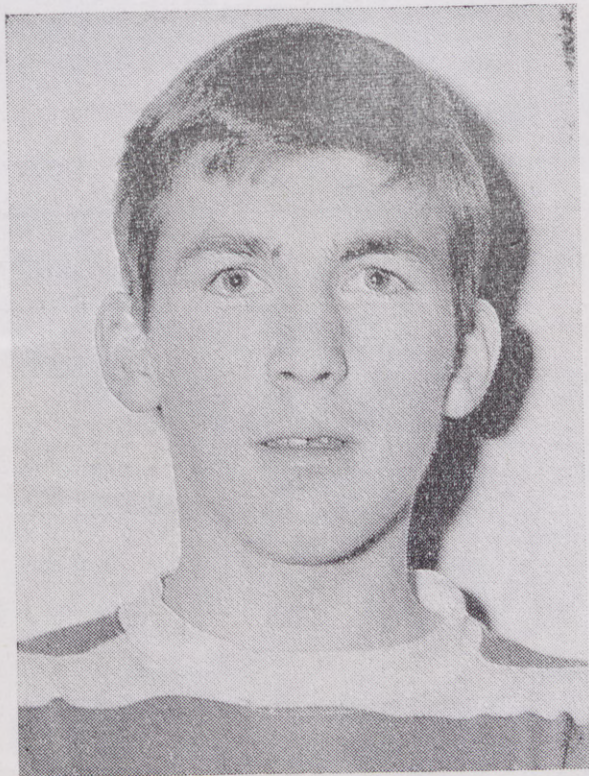
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