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SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

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**versus**

**CELTIC**

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Kick-off 3 p.m.

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STEWART	—	<b>1</b>	—	LATCHFORD
MAXWELL	—	<b>2</b>	—	McGRAIN
ROBERTSON	—	<b>3</b>	—	LYNCH
MURDOCH	—	<b>4</b>	—	STANTON
CLARKE	—	<b>5</b>	—	McDONALD
WELSH	—	<b>6</b>	—	AITKEN
PROVAN	—	<b>7</b>	—	DOYLE
McCULLOCH I.	—	<b>8</b>	—	GLAVIN
FALLIS	—	<b>9</b>	—	CRAIG
McDICKEN	—	<b>10</b>	—	DALGLEISH
SMITH	—	<b>11</b>	—	WILSON

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### TODAY'S OFFICIALS

Referee: G.B. SMITH, Edinburgh

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## OUR VISITORS

## CELTIC

### *CELTIC BACK AT THE TOP*

It's hardly surprising to see Celtic, our opponents this afternoon, back in their old familiar position, perched prettily at the top of the Premier League.

For Celtic have surged into the form which made them Britain's most formidable representatives in Europe.

They play aggressive soccer, with the accent on sparkling attack, and they have a good run of success.

The two Celts who stand out above the rest are Danny McGrain, undoubtedly the best full-back in Europe today, and Kenny Dalglish, whose brilliant touches make him a world class player.

Celtic, however, always put the accent on team work and there are no weaknesses in a side gaining in confidence with every game.

They spice hard graft with adventure and perhaps young Roy Aitken sums up the Celtic attitude. This Ayrshire lad is strong but, like the late Duncan Edwards, of Manchester United, he has great talent and is undoubtedly going to be one of the great mid-field players.

Celtic have strengthened their resources with the transfer of Johnny Doyle, from Ayr United, and so well are they playing that stars of the magnitude of Iceland's Jo Edvaldsson and Pat McCluskey can't find a place at the moment.

In sharp form is Joe Craig, formerly of Partick Thistle, and Pat Stanton, one of manager Jock Stein's shrewdest signings, has made a tremendous difference to the Parkhead defence, in which Roddy MacDonald has now begun to dominate.

STATISTICS

KILLIE CENTRE

VITAL

# Ian Fallis



1978	LEAGUE CUP	A	F	A
Aug 14	Abertree	A	0	3
Aug 18	Abertree	H	3	1
Aug 21	Stirling Albion	H	1	1
Aug 28	Stirling Albion	A	1	1
Aug 30	Stirling Albion	A	1	1
Sept 7	Abertree	H	1	1
LEAGUE				
Sept 4	Highland	H	1	1
Sept 11	Highland	A	1	1
Sept 18	Abertree	A	1	1
Sept 25	Highland	A	1	1
Oct 2	Highland	A	1	1
Oct 20	Highland	A	1	1
Oct 18	Highland	A	1	1
Oct 23	Highland	A	1	1
Oct 30	Highland	A	1	1
Nov 8	Highland	A	1	1
Nov 15	Highland	A	1	1
Nov 22	Highland	A	1	1
Nov 29	Highland	A	1	1
Dec 6	Highland	A	1	1
Dec 13	Highland	A	1	1
Dec 20	Highland	A	1	1
Dec 27	Highland	A	1	1
Jan 3	Highland	A	1	1
Jan 10	Highland	A	1	1
Jan 17	Highland	A	1	1
Jan 24	Highland	A	1	1
Jan 31	Highland	A	1	1
Feb 7	Highland	A	1	1
Feb 14	Highland	A	1	1
Feb 21	Highland	A	1	1
Feb 28	Highland	A	1	1
Mar 6	Highland	A	1	1
Mar 13	Highland	A	1	1
Mar 20	Highland	A	1	1
Mar 27	Highland	A	1	1
Apr 3	Highland	A	1	1
Apr 10	Highland	A	1	1
Apr 17	Highland	A	1	1
Apr 24	Highland	A	1	1
Apr 30	Highland	A	1	1

# VITAL · 1976 - 77 · STATISTICS

1976	LEAGUE CUP	F.	A		F.	A.			
Aug. 14	Aberdeen .....	A	0	2	Mar. 19	Motherwell.....	A		
Aug. 18	Ayr United.....	H	2	0	Mar. 26	Hangers.....	H		
Aug. 21	St. Mirren.....	H	1	1	April 2	Aberdeen.....	H		
Aug. 25	Ayr United.....	A	1	3	April 9	Celtic.....	A		
Aug. 28	St. Mirren.....	A	0	1	April 13	Ayr United.....	A		
Sept. 1	Aberdeen.....	H	2	1	April 16	Heart of Midlothian	H		
	LEAGUE				April 20	Partick Thistle.....	H		
Sept. 4	Motherwell.....	H	1	1	April 23	Hibernian.....	A		
Sept. 11	Rangers.....	A	0	0	April 30	Dundee United.....	H		
Sept. 18	Aberdeen.....	A	0	2		RESERVE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP			
Sept. 25	Celtic.....	H	0	4	Sept. 4	Motherwell.....	A	1	1
Oct. 2	Heart of Midlothian..	A	2	2	Sept. 11	Dundee.....	A	1	2
Oct. 26	Hibernian.....	H	1	1	Sept. 18	Aberdeen.....	H	0	2
Oct. 16	Dundee United.....	A	0	3	Sept. 25	Celtic.....	A	2	6
Oct. 23	Partick Thistle.....	A	1	2	Oct. 2	Hearts.....	H	1	4
Oct. 30	Ayr United.....	H	6	1	Oct. 9	Hibernian.....	A		
Nov. 6	Motherwell.....	A	4	5	Oct. 16	Dundee United.....	H	3	2
Nov. 13	Rangers.....	H	0	4	Oct. 23	Partick Thistle.....	H	1	1
Nov. 20	Aberdeen.....	H	1	2	Oct. 30	Ayr United.....	A	1	0
Nov. 27	Celtic.....	A	1	2	Nov. 6	Queen's Park.....	H	3	0
Dec. 4	Heart of Midlothian..	H		P	Nov. 13	Rangers.....	A	0	7
Dec. 11	Hibernian.....	A		P	Nov. 20	Raith Rovers.....	A	3	1
Dec. 18	Dundee United.....	H	1	0	Nov. 27	Clydebank.....	H	0	1
Dec. 25	Partick Thistle.....	H	0	0	Dec. 4	St. Mirren.....	A		P
1977					Dec. 18	Queen of the South..	A		P
Jan. 1	Ayr United.....	A	1	3	Dec. 25	Airdrie.....	A	1	2
Jan. 3	Motherwell.....	H	2	2	Dec. 30	Dumbarton.....	H		P
Jan. 8	Rangers.....	A	0	3	Jan. 8	Motherwell.....	H	1	3
Jan. 15	Aberdeen.....	A			Jan. 15	Dundee.....	H		
Jan. 22	Celtic.....	H			Jan. 22	Aberdeen.....	A		
Jan. 29	Scottish Cup 3rd Rnd -				Jan. 29	Celtic.....	H		
Feb. 5	Heart of Midlothian..	A			Feb. 5	Hibernian.....	H		
Feb. 12	Hibernian.....	H			Feb. 12	Hearts.....	A		
Feb. 19	Dundee United.....	A			Feb. 19	Queen of the South..	H		
Feb. 26	Scottish Cup 4th Rnd -				Feb. 26	Partick Thistle.....	A		
Mar. 5	Partick Thistle.....	A			Mar. 5	Ayr United.....	H		
Mar. 12	Ayr United.....	H			Mar. 12	Queen's Park.....	A		
					Mar. 19	Rangers.....	H		
					Mar. 26	Raith Rovers.....	H		
					April 2	Clydebank.....	A		
					April 9	St. Mirren.....	H		
					April 16	Airdrie.....	H		
					April 23	Dumbarton.....	A		
					April 30	Dundee United.....	A		

## A FEW OF THE CELTIC STARS



## some pen portraits.....

**PETER LATCHFORD** Signed for Celtic in the summer of 1975, having guested for the club earlier in the year, He had previously played all his senior football with West Bromwich Albion. His brother Dave is a keeper with Birmingham and Bob is a forward with Everton.

**DANNY McGRAIN** Stepped up from Maryhill Juniors in 1960 and served his apprenticeship in reserve football before breaking through to the first team. His consistency and continually improving form of the last couple of seasons has made him an automatic choice for the Scottish Squad.

**ANDY LYNCH** was brought from Hearts in 1973 but failed to make an immediate impact on the left wing. Towards the end of the 1974/75 season Jock Stein introduced him to the left back position and he went on to win a Scottish Cup medal in his new role.

**PAT STANTON** was brought to Celtic Park this season in an exchange deal which took Jackie McNamara to Easter Road. Pat's vast senior experience with Hibs has made him the ideal mentor for the improving Roddy McDonald at centre half.

**RODDY McDONALD** Signed from Brora Rangers the Highland League side following a recommendation from former Celt Sammy Wilson. Played in about fifteen first team games in 1974/75 season and took over the pivot role when Billy McNeill retired.

**ROY AITKEN** Was signed on an 'S' form when he was a 14 year old and was then farmed out to the Celtic Boys' Club to further his playing experience. Has played a number of top team games for the club in 1975/76 when still at school, but is a full time player now.

**JOHNNY DOYLE** Joined Celtic from Ayr United for a fee of £90,000 at the end of the 1975/76 season and has quickly established himself in the Celtic scheme of things. Plenty of skill and speed, he normally plays in the right wing but Celtic have played him as a striker too.



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**RONNIE GLAVIN** was bought from Partick Thistle during the 1975/76 season. He took some time to settle into his new surroundings, but started to find his feet as the season progressed and scored the only goal of the Scottish Cup semi-final tie with Dundee at Hampden. Has settled into a regular team place at Parkhead.

**JOE CRAIG** was brought from Partick Thistle this season in an attempt to get someone who could put the finishing touches to the outfield play. Not only has he been scoring goals but he has been showing great skill and determination in his leading of the forward line.

**KENNY DALGLEISH** Stepped up with Celtic from Cumbernauld United in 1967 and served a long apprenticeship in the reserves in the shadows of the Lisbon Lions. However, since he became a regular in the side, he has stamped his name on the game and has won a large number of caps playing for Scotland.

**PAUL WILSON** Another player who arrived at Celtic Park after gaining football experience with Maryhill Juniors, Paul took a little longer than most to claim a regular first team jersey but in the last few seasons he has been a regular member of the first team squad.

**PAT McCLUSKEY** Another product of Maryhill Juniors before joining up with Celtic in 1969. This was followed with a year playing in Irish football on loan to Sligo Rovers before returning to Celtic Park. Has become a regular in the first team over the last few years.

**JOHN GIBSON** The former Partick Thistle, Ayr United and St. Mirren winger was a surprise addition to the Celtic Park staff at the end of 1976 after being released by St. Mirren. He was obviously signed for additional player depth after Bobby Lennox broke his leg in the League match at Ibrox.

**JOHANNES EDVALDSSON** Was signed by Celtic after a spell in Danish football. The big Icelander previously played for Valur of Reykjavic and has captained the Iceland International team many times. Outwith football he is a qualified physical training teacher.

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# VITAL · 1976 - 77 · STATISTICS

## PLAYING STAFF

	L. Cup	League	Sc. Cup	Goals Scored	Reserve L. Cup	League	Goals Scored
BAIRD, Ian.....					6	14	
CLARKE, Paul.....	6	18		1			
DIXON, Billy.....					6	11	4
DOHERTY, Jim.....		4			4	11	2
FALLIS, Ian.....	5	17		9			
FLEMING, Chris.....	1				3	10	
GRAY, Eddie.....					4	7	
HAMILTON, Ronnie.....						6	
HYNDS, David.....					6	12	
JENKINS, Jim.....					6	9	3
KELLY, Alan.....					5	11	
MAXWELL, George.....	5	17		2	1	2	
MURDOCH, Billy.....	6	18		2			
MURRAY, Willie.....					6	10	4
McCULLOCH, Alan.....		1			6	13	
McCULLOCH, Iain.....	6	13		3		1	1
McDICKEN, Derrick.....	4	17		2	2	1	
McLEAN, Stuart.....	6	15				2	
McLEAN, Alan.....		3			6	9	2
McQUEEN, Chris.....					5	10	
PROVAN, Dave.....	6	17		1			
ROBERTSON, Alan.....	6	18					
SHARP, Rikki.....	3	9			3	5	4
SHEED, Ronnie.....	6	14		1			
SMITH, Gordon.....	6	18		5			
STEWART, Jim.....	6	17					
WELSH, Frank.....	6	18		1			
WILSON, Billy.....					6	10	
WARD, Alan.....						14	

NEXT HOME  
GAME



SCOTTISH RESERVE LEAGUE

KILMARNOCK v. CELTIC

Saturday 29th January, 1977. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

## BEHIND THE SCENES

The only happy aspect about the big freeze in Scottish football is that it gives injured players a chance to become really fit.

At Rugby Park there is a clean bill of health as Billy Murdoch, who took a hip knock against Rangers at Ibrox, has recovered and is ready for action again. So, of course, is skipper Ronnie Sheed, for whom Alan Robertson has been deputising as captain.

The talk of the moment is: Can the weather be beaten?

Celtic managed to play their Old Firm game with Rangers at Parkhead because they had laid down a blanket of straw and so the pitch was soft enough for the match to go on.

The trouble with straw is that it can't be used again and in weather like this the pitch simply freezes hard again.

Under-heating? Some clubs use this system. And Leicester City have a plastic overcoat. But these don't always work.

Anyhow, in these days of inflation, the cost for most clubs is out of the question.

Some people suggest artificial turf as used in America. How much? that's the rub again.

It's all right for the oil-rich Arabs who have imported strips of this surfacing from the States so that soccer supremo Jimmy Hill can have good pitches on which to try to make his young Arabs the greatest players in the world.

One strange feature is that when Hill went out East he found the players just wouldn't head the ball. Why, because the ball was always coated with sand - and that caused bad grazing.

Now that artificial grass has been put down the players are learning to head the ball.

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# FACTS and FANCIES

## *THE SLICK - OR THE HARD?*

What kind of player do you like? The flashing, darting artists like Gordon Smith and George Best - or the uncompromising professionals who are the backbone of so many teams just now?

On English television the other day, there was a flashpoint when Tommy Smith, of Liverpool, one of the most rugged, competent and resilient players of all time, criticised Duncan McKenzie, now of Everton, and said that Duncan was the sort of player he always liked to play against.

Well, McKenzie is an entertainer. But like so many great artists he has a tough time in modern football, where defences are redoubtable.

The schism is that many professionals nowadays see the game in a different way from the entertainers - and can we really join in this one?

Football needs all kinds. Football is a blend. That's what makes it still, despite all the critics, so entrancing. We need the McKenzies - but we also need the Smiths.

For soccer is a game for men. Soccer is a hard game. We wouldn't want it any other way. I love the ball workers - but real artists must have big hearts too.

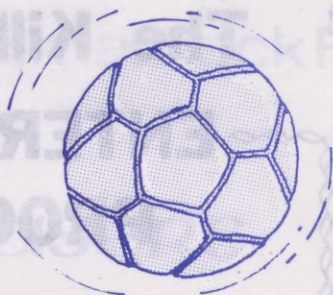
Anyhow, did you ever hear Stanley Matthews complain about over-robust tackling?

And I don't imagine even Tommy Smith would dare declare Stanley was the kind of entertaining player he'd like to play against.

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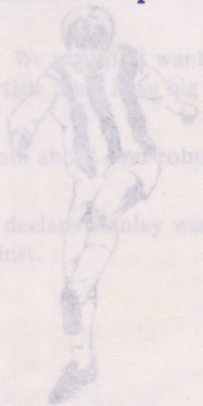
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<b>B</b>	<b>HIBS ABERDEEN</b>		<b>K</b>	<b>QUEEN OF SOUTH RAITH ROVERS</b>	
<b>C</b>	<b>MOTHERWELL AYR</b>		<b>L</b>	<b>ST. JOHNSTONE AIRDRIE</b>	
<b>D</b>	<b>RANGERS HEARTS</b>		<b>M</b>	<b>ALBION ROVERS BRECHIN</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>ARBROATH ST. MIRREN</b>		<b>N</b>	<b>ALLOA BERWICK</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>DUMBARTON HAMILTON</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>CLYDE STENHOUSEMUIR</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>EAST FIFE MORTON</b>		<b>R</b>	<b>COWDENBEATH STIRLING ALBION</b>	
<b>H</b>	<b>FALKIRK DUNDEE</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>MEADOWBANK DUNFERMLINE ATH.</b>	