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# ALBION ROVERS MATCH PROGRAMME

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## SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP – QUARTER FINAL – FIRST LEG

### ALBION ROVERS v GLASGOW CELTIC

Good evening, one and all, and welcome to Cliftonhill, home of "The Rovers". We bid a very warm welcome to our illustrious visitors tonight, Celtic, their directors, manager, players, officials and supporters. For Rovers this is a 'glamour' match, for Celtic are one of World Football's biggest names and by their exploits at home and abroad have done much to raise the stature of Scotland's football name among the nations of the globe.

I think it is true to say that Celtic are going thro' a transition period with the result they have found Scotland's honours eluding them these past couple of seasons. By Celtic's own high standards they have lacked the consistency of their recent past, but their record is still the envy of all other clubs in Scotland bar, perhaps, the other half of the "Old Firm".

We bid a special Rovers welcome to Celtic boss Jock Stein, who started his road to 'paradise' with Albion Rovers over thirty years ago. At one point last year it seemed as though the Stein genius was going to be lost to Scottish Football as Jock was seriously injured in a road accident. Happily 'The Big Man' has made a splendid recovery and is now back in the Parkhead 'hot seat'.

The teams and match officials for tonight's game are:

#### ALBION ROVERS

1. George Thomson
2. Dennis McConville
3. Davie Main
4. Ray Franchetti
5. Duncan Shields
6. Ian Doherty
7. Tommy Sermanni
8. Willie Muldoon
9. John Brogan
10. Ian McGuigan
11. Jimmy Coughlin

Subs (from) Jim Doherty, Davie McCue,

Kenny Wilson, Phil McGovern,

Brian Holbrook, Donny McLean.

#### GLASGOW CELTIC

1. Peter Latchford
2. Danny McGrain
3. Andy Lynch
4. Pat McCluskey
5. Roddy MacDonald
6. Johannes Edvaldson
7. John Doyle
8. Ronnie Glavin
9. Paul Wilson
10. Kenny Dalglish
11. Bobby Lennox

Subs From - Burns, Aitken

Ritchie, McCluskey.

#### Referee:

The Rovers team will be along the regular lines with Ian Doherty returning to his place as sweeper, and it is expected Davie Main will move to right back. The Rovers players know that to have any chance at all they must do well on their own park, and while we acknowledge Celtic as one of Scotland's top clubs, they are not unbeatable. I believe that if Rovers play as well as they did in the two games against Airdrie then it is not impossible to get a good result tonight.

The second leg of tonight's match will be played at Celtic Park on Wednesday 6th October, with a 7.30 p.m. start.

This is the first of three consecutive home matches for Rovers. On Saturday we entertain Brechin City and next Wednesday play Forfar Athletic. We will be publishing a "double-header" programme for these games with all the team details for both matches in a single programme.

As tonight's game will have the biggest crowd at Cliftonhill in many years, a ground many spectators will be unfamiliar with, we would ask you to be most careful whilst entering or leaving and to obey instructions of Police or stewards. Remember — A little care gets you there!

Well, let us hope that tonight will be a memorable occasion for Albion Rovers, and that we get our fair share of the 'breaks' which are so much part and parcel of our game. We thank you all for your support here tonight and wish you a safe journey home.

Yours in Sport,  
T. Grant Cullen  
(Programme Editor)

**Footnote** — On Friday Celtic swooped into the transfer market to sign big bustling striker Joe Craig from fellow Glasgow club, Partick Thistle. Joe will be unavailable against Rovers as he is "Cup-tied". He will, however, be an integral part in the Celtic Premier League challenge.

## FOCUS ON THE TEAMS

### ALBION ROVERS F.C.

Founded 1881

Ground: Cliftonhill Park.

Capacity: 10,000 (580 seats)

Record Attendance: 27,381 (v Rangers, Scottish Cup, 2nd Round, 1936)

Record Victory: 10-0 (v Brechin City) 1937-38

Record Defeat: 1-9 (v Motherwell) 1936-37

Most League Goals: 101 (Division 2, 1929-30)

Most League Points: 54 (Division 2, 1929-30)

League Scoring Record: 41 - Jim Renwick (Division 1) 1932-33

Capped Player: Jock White (v Wales, 19

#### SCOTTISH CUP

Runners-up: 1920 v Kilmarnock (2-3) Scorers: Watson and Hillhouse

Rovers Record in the League Cup 1976-77:

Berwick 1 v Albion Rovers 1 (Coughlin)

Albion Rovers 1 v Forfar Athletic 0  
(Coughlin)

Albion Rovers 0 v Meadowbank 0

Stenhousemuir 1 v Albion Rovers 3 (Shields, Sermanni, Coughlin)

Brechin City 0 v Albion Rovers 2 (Brogan, Muldoon)

Airdrieonians 3 v Albion Rovers 2 (Shields, McGuigan)

Albion Rovers 3 v Airdrieonians 1  
(Brogan 3)

Rovers qualified to meet Celtic on a 5-4 aggregate.

The Albion Rovers player pool 1976-77:

**GEORGE THOMSON** - Goalkeeper signed during the close season from Morton. Prior to his spell at Cappielow he was with Blantyre Vics

**DENNIS McCONVILLE** - Attack minded full back signed in 1974 from Glasgow Perthshire. Dennis is 5'8" tall, weighs 10sts. 11lbs. and his other occupation is as a decorator.

**DAVIE MAIN** - Stylish defender signed in 1974 from Motherwell. Formerly a Scottish schoolboy 'Cap', Davie has played in almost every outfield position for Rovers. He is 5'9" tall, weighs 10sts. 6lbs. and works as a telephone engineer.

**RAY FRANCHETTI** - Another versatile player, Ray has turned out for Rovers as a striker, 'sweeper', and now in midfield. Started his career as a junior with Baillieston and spent a season with Celtic. He moved to Airdrie for a couple of years and joined Rovers in 1975. Ray is 5'9" tall, weighs 11sts. 4lbs. and works in the family fish restaurant business.

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**DUNCAN SHIELDS** — Rovers popular skipper who has been at Cliftonhill since 1974. He has played previously with Maryhill Juniors, Stranraer and Workington. He was included in the 'B' international squad which played a Highland League Select at Elgin last year. Duncan, a diesel engine mechanic, dominates our defence with his 6'1", 12sts. frame.

**IAN DOHERTY** — Supporters 'Player of the Year' last season, Ian has been one of our most consistent players since signing from Lanark United in 1974. Ian's work has taken him to England this season but he commutes up to play in our League Cup ties as 'sweeper'. He is 5'10" tall and weighs 11sts.

**TOMMY SERMANNI** — 'Player of the Year' 1974-75, Tommy has rarely missed a game since signing from Cumbernauld United in 1973. Equally at home in attack or midfield, schoolteacher Tommy is 5'8" tall and weighs 10sts.

**WILLIE MULDOON** — Powerful attacking midfielder player, Willie was called up from Bellshill Athletic in 1975. Prior to his spell with the Brandon Park club, he was with Hibs but a broken leg hindered his progress there. Willie stands 5'10" and weighs 10sts. 10lbs.

**JOHN BROGAN** — Rovers longest serving player signed from Blantyre Celtic in 1973 and has held a place in either attack or midfield ever since. Rovers hero in the second leg against Airdrie, John scored a 'hat-trick' in perhaps the best game of his career. John, who works as a driver, is 5'8" tall and weighs 10sts. 4lbs.

**IAN McGUIGAN** — The big 'polis'. A clever ball working midfielder player with a powerful right foot shot — scored with a 30-yard 'free' against Airdrie. Ian was signed last year, from Blantyre Vics and is 6'0" tall and 11½sts. in weight. He works in the Fingerprint Department of the Glasgow Police.

**JIMMY COUGHLIN** — 'Jinky' to the fans. A very tricky wing man whose play has been likened to former Celtic star Jimmy Johnstone. Jimmy joined Rovers from Arthurlie in 1973 and he has been an important part of our set-up ever since. Missed most of last season due to illness but is now fit and back to his brilliant best. Jimmy, who works as a draughtsman, is 5'6½" tall and 10sts. 11lbs.

**JIM DOHERTY** — Very useful player for Rovers, Jim has turned out in defence, midfield and even as centre forward. A very enthusiastic type of player, he was signed last year from Cumnock Juniors and he has also played with Ayr United. Jim, brother of sweeper Ian, is 5'8" tall, weighs 11sts.

**PHIL McGOVERN** — One of Rovers most experienced players, Phil started his career at Cliftonhill and has since played with Newcastle, Ayr, Kilmarnock and Clydebank. Rejoined Rovers in August and has appeared regularly as substitute.

**DAVIE McCUE** — Tenacious full back signed in 1975 from Broxburn Athletic, Davie is 5'7½" tall and 10sts. 8lbs. Has been in and out of the team this season but is nevertheless a valuable asset to Rovers squad.

**DONNIE McLEAN** — Striker signed last February from Stenhousemuir but has failed to command a place this season. Scored nine goals for Rovers last year and is a popular figure with the fans. Donnie, a student at Strathclyde University, is 5'10" tall and weighs 10sts. 10lbs.

**BRIAN HOLBROOK** — Sweeper signed last season from junior cracks Lanark United, Brian has yet to play in a competitive match for Rovers as he sustained an injury while playing for Lanark and he is only now regaining full fitness. Nevertheless an important asset to our squad, he is 5'9" and weighs 10sts. 8lbs.

**KENNY WILSON** — The latest addition to Rovers squad is eighteen year old Kenny from Clydebank side Belhaven Athletic. He is being groomed for a first team place and will be launched into the hurly-burly when Sammy Goodwin thinks he's ready. Rovers are banking on this lad for the future.

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Capacity: 70,000

Record Attendance: 92,000 (v Rangers, Div. 1, 1938)

Record Victory: 11-0 (v Dundee, 1893)

Record Defeat: 0-8 (v Motherwell, 1936-37)

Most League Points: 67 (Division 2, 1915-16, 1921-22)

Most League Goals: 111 (Division 1, 1966-67)

League Scoring Record: 50 (Jimmy McGrory, Division 1, 1935-36)

Record League Aggregate: 397 (Jimmy McGrory, 1922-1938)

Most League Appearances: 378 (Jimmy McGrory, 1922-1938)

Most Capped Player: 45 (48 in all) Bobby Evans — Scotland



Celtic, having played in innumerable domestic cup finals, hold the distinction of being the only British football club to appear in two European Cup Finals, in 1967 and 1970.

#### 1966-67

Prelim. Round	— Beat F.C. Zurich	5-0 (H. 2-0; A. 3-0)
1st Round	— Beat Nantes	6-2 (A. 3-1; H. 3-1)
Quarter Final	— Beat Vojvodina	2-1 (A. 0-1; H. 2-0)
Semi-Final	— Beat Dukla Prague	3-1 (H. 3-1; A. 0-0)
Final	— Beat Inter Milan	2-1 in Lisbon

#### 1969-70

First Round	— Beat F.C. Basle	2-0 (A. 0-0; H. 2-0)
Second Round	— Beat Benfica	3-3 (H. 3-0; A. 0-3) (Won on toss of coin)
Quarter Final	— Beat Fiorentina	3-1 (H. 3-1; A. 0-1)
Semi-Final	— Beat Leeds Utd.	3-1 (A. 1-0; H. 2-1)
Final	— Lost to Feyenoord	1-2 in Milan



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It was in 1888 that the Celtic Football and Athletic Club were formed, with a principal aim to provide soup kitchens for the poor of Glasgow's East End.

From these modest stirrings grew a great club and fine traditions. Even in an age of commercialism they have strived each season to pay more to charity than to the directors, and if Roman Catholic causes have been prominent among the beneficiaries, they have not enjoyed a monopoly. Towards the end of 1970-71, for instance, £10,000 went to Queen's Park, residents at Hampden.

There was a hint of irony in that donation. It emphasized how dramatically the balance of power has swung in Scotland since the late 19th century. For when Celtic were born, Queen's Park were 20 years old and had established a massive dominance, winning the Scottish Cup eight times. The only amateur club in British senior football, they have long since forfeited their position. Celtic, on the other hand, have long since confirmed their early status.

Celtic began their official life in top gear, winning their first match 5-2 against Rangers. It was a fine start (Rangers had been going for 15 years) and in 1889 Celtic captured more attention by reaching the cup final, losing 2-1 to Third Lanark. Again the contrast: Third Lanark, of illustrious beginnings, went out of existence in 1967, one more victim of the dominance of Glasgow by Celtic and Rangers.

Jock Stein is only the fourth Celtic manager since 1888. The first was Willie Maley, a hard, brusque man who tended to regard a difference of opinion as a personal insult. He had played in Celtic's first match, and guided the club for over 50 years from their inception.

Maley was followed by former centre-half Jimmy McStay, who kept the seat warm until 1945 and the appointment of Jimmy McGrory, the greatest goalscorer in Scottish history. McGrory had little success as manager, but he remained for 20 years before becoming public relations officer on the arrival of Stein.

Continuity and service have also been apparent in the boardroom. James Kelly, first captain of the club, became a director and then chairman, and on his death was succeeded by his son Robert, who was knighted in 1969.

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Pioneers such as Maley and Kelly were adventurous, far-sighted men. On Christmas Day 1893, their club played Clyde under electric lights; they experimented with a plan to protect their pitch from frost, and that before the turn of the century; and appreciating the potential growth of the professional game, they burst into the 20th century with a 90,000 capacity ground.

After a fruitful infancy — four League titles and three Cup wins — Celtic established a remarkable record, winning nine consecutive League honours between 1966 and 1974.

From a host of internationals — including defenders McNair and Hay and forwards Bennett and Somers — two men stood out: Jimmy McMenemy, the Napoleonic tactician, and Jimmy 'Iron Man' Quinn, a headache for so many defences either at centre-forward or on the wing.

Now supporting McMenemy was a player of even greater skill. In 1911 Maley had chosen a 'seven-stone weakling' to play in a friendly at Dumfries on a muddy, heavy pitch. The Celtic directors, justifiably, were puzzled at his choice. How could a 5ft 7in, 17-year-old survive in professional football on a perfect ground, never mind a mud-patch? But the teenager's name was Patsy Gallagher, the 'Mighty Atom' who, we are assured by many respected football men (including Sir Robert Kelly), was one of the greatest inside-forwards of all time.

But despite the generalship of Gallagher (until he went to Falkirk in 1926) and the prolific goalscoring of McGrory, who between 1923 and 1938 scored 397 goals in 378 League games for Celtic, the club were forced to take a back-seat to Bill Struth's Rangers for the inter-war period. In the League they managed only five titles to their rivals' 15. The Cup provided some solace, with both sides winning six times.

In the late 1930s Celtic began to regain lost ground. In 1936, helped by a record 50 goals from McGrory (including eight in one game against Dunfermline), they won their first League championship for ten years, finishing five points clear of Rangers. The following season they lifted the Cup, and in 1938, their jubilee year, they won the League and the Exhibition Trophy, involving Everton, Sunderland, Chelsea, Brentford, Hearts, Rangers and Aberdeen.

Another British Tournament, the Coronation Cup of 1953 — with a distinguished entry of Arsenal, Manchester United, Spurs, Newcastle, Rangers, Hibernian and Aberdeen — was the turning point.

Celtic were captained to that victory by Jock Stein. After seven unspectacular seasons with Albion Rovers, he had left for non-League football in Wales in 1949. Two years later, as he returned to Scotland to sort out a burglary on his house there, he was asked to go to Parkhead, initially to captain the reserves.

In 1953-54, flanked by Bobby Evans and Bertie Peacock, he led Celtic to the 'double', their first for 40 years. But the next League honour was not to come until 1966, when Stein was manager. Hearts and Rangers dominated the late 1950s and early 1960s, and in the ten years from the 'double' Celtic's only outstanding achievement was a 7-1 win in the 1957-58 League Cup final — against Rangers.

Bobby Collins was the inspiration of the side, but Stein's career had already been ended by injury. In 1956 he became club coach, in charge of the reserve and youth sides, and Pat Crerand and McNeill were among the players he recruited. He started his managerial apprenticeship in March 1960 with relegation-bound Dunfermline — who won their first seven games under him to reach safety — and the following year they secured the Cup for the first time, beating Celtic in the final. After moving to Hibs, and transforming a struggling side into championship contenders, he was appointed manager at Parkhead on 9 March 1965.

Through most of Scottish football Stein is called, simply, 'The Big Man'. His intimates call him John. Acquaintances who are not friends call him Jock. Perhaps the first of the three fits him best.

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In 1966-67 Celtic were unstoppable. In the League they lost only two games (both to Dundee United, 3-2) and scored 111 goals in 34 matches; in the Cup they removed Arbroath 4-0, Elgin City 7-0, Queen's Park 5-3 and Clyde 2-0 in a replay to reach the final, where two goals from Willie Wallace gave them victory over Aberdeen; in the League Cup final they beat Rangers 1-0; and they added the Glasgow Cup with 4-0 wins over Rangers, Partick and Queen's Park.

The climax came in the European Champion Clubs Cup. Stein always stressed the full name, in attitude if not in words. 'This is the one that matters,' he would say, 'This is the big one. This is only for the best, for champions.'

The quarter-final was the first real test. Vojvodina took advantage of a mistake to gain a 1-0 lead in Yugoslavia, and after Chalmers had accepted a 'gift' to level in the second leg, Celtic squeezed home only with a last-minute header from McNeill.

They thus became the sixth British club to reach the semi-finals, and had to beat Dukla of Czechoslovakia to succeed where the rest had all failed. After Johnstone and Wallace (2) had given them a 3-1 lead, the Scots were rarely troubled by a curiously negative side a week later in Prague.

The eleven players who performed in the Czech capital were together for the first time as a European unit. Five days later they were to win the Scottish Cup and exactly a month later they were to triumph in Lisbon.

## The Celtic players 1976-77:

**PETER LATCHFORD** — Height 6'0", Weight 12sts. Came to Parkhead on loan from West Brom. He signed for the Celts in the summer of 1975. A firm favourite with the fans, he is playing brilliantly this season.

**DANNY McGRAIN** — Height 5'9", Weight 10sts. 12lbs. Signed from Maryhill Juniors in 1963, he is now recognised as one of the best full-backs in the world. Won many honours with both club and country.

**ANDY LYNCH** — Height 5'10", Weight 10sts. 12lbs. Andy joined Celtic from Hearts in 1973. He was then converted from winger to full-back with remarkable success. Won a Scottish Cup Medal in 1975.

**PAT McCLUSKEY** — Height 5'9", Weight 11sts. 3lbs. Product of Maryhill Juniors who joined Celtic in 1969. Paddy is full of "patter" and is always ready with a dressing room joke, but on the field he is a hard, uncompromising player who commands respect. Married last year and now lives in Airdrie.

**RODDY McDONALD** — Height 6'1", Weight 12sts. 6lbs. Came to Parkhead from Brora Rangers in 1972. Roddy is a young centre half who will get better as he gains experience. Tremendous in the air, he is always a danger at corners and free-kicks.

**ROY AITKEN** — Height 5'11", Weight 11sts. A product of Celtic Boys Club, he still attends school in Saltcoats. He played regularly for the first eleven at the end of last season. Strong in the tackle and powerful in the air, Roy is definitely one for the future.

**JOHANNES EDVALDSSON** — Height 6'1", Weight 12sts. 8lbs. As captain of Iceland he is an experienced player at International level. Having played previously for Valur in Iceland and Holback in Denmark, he signed for Celtic during the summer of 1975. At home in both defence and midfield.

**RONNIE GLAVIN** — Height 5'9½", Weight 10sts. 11lbs. A powerful mid-field player, he cost Celtic £80,000 when he signed from Partick Thistle during the 1974-75 season. Now beginning to show his true form, he could yet prove to be a great bargain. A local lad who played his amateur football in this area.

**TOMMY BURNS** — Height 5'8", Weight 10sts. 9lbs. Young Burns is another product of Celtic Boys Club. This lad is on the threshold of greatness. In a few years time he could be one of Britain's leading mid-field players. With his great passing ability, he has proved a valuable asset to the Celtic first team this season.

**TOMMY CALLAGHAN** — Height 5'11", Weight 11sts. 10lbs. Eight years with the club, the former Dunfermline player is now 32 years old. He signed for Celtic in 1968, for a fee of £35,000. Recently returned from playing in America, he is out to regain a first team place.

**PAT STANTON** — Height 5'11", Weight 11sts. 6lbs. After playing with Hibernian for sixteen years, he joined Celtic two weeks ago. A truly great player, Pat's experience will be very beneficial to the young Celts. Unfortunately he is 'Cup-tied' with Hibs and is unable to play tonight.

**PAUL WILSON** — Height 5'7½", Weight 11sts. Paul signed for the Celts in 1966 from Maryhill. A fast dangerous winger, he can open up the tightest defences. He packs a good shot in either foot as Rangers found to their cost last week.]

**BOBBY LENNOX** — Height 5'6", Weight 10sts. 10lbs. The 'old man' of the team, Bobby joined Celtic from Ardeer Recreation in 1961. He is, of course, the sole survivor of that great European Cup winning team. Having scored more than 250 goals for the club, he will be remembered when he retires as one of the 'all time greats'. A great competitor.

**GEORGE McCLUSKEY** — Height 5'10½", Weight 11sts. 3lbs. Another young Celt of exceptional talent. A prolific goalscorer with the reserves, he has had his chances in the first team this season. In a few years' time he too will be a player to 'keep an eye on'. He was signed two years ago from the Celtic Boys Club.

**ANDY RITCHIE** — Height 6'1", Weight 11sts. 9lbs. Andy has played on a few occasions for the first team. A tall, powerful lad, he has a tremendous shot and for his height he is very skilful on the ground.

**JOHN DOYLE** — Height 5'6", Weight 9sts. 12lbs. A fast tricky winger, Doyle joined Celtic at the tail end of last season. Now fully fit, he is showing the form which made him a hero at Ayr. Cost the club £90,000. Won an international cap for Scotland vs. Rumania last season.

**KENNY DALGLISH** — Height 5'8½", Weight 10sts. 10lbs. Said by many to be the best player in Britain, and who are we to argue. Came to Parkhead in 1967 from Cumbernauld. A fabulous footballer, he is 'world class' in mid-field as well as in attack. Like McGrain, he has won many honours for club and country.

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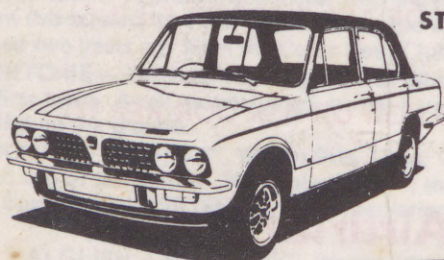
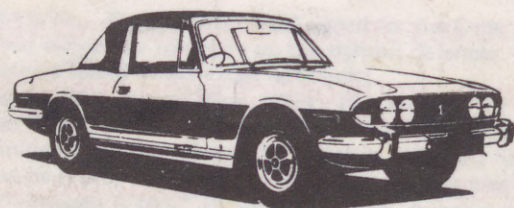
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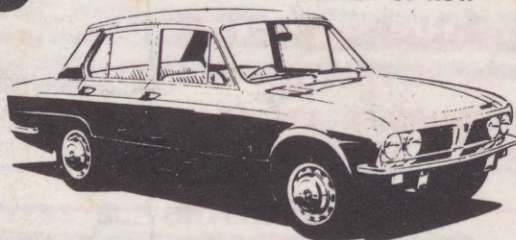
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