



SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CELTIC

versus

ABERDEEN

CELTIC PARK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1976

KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

SPOT ON LENNOX

WAS THE HERO

CELTIC and Aberdeen break new ground today with a Premier League fixture on a Sunday afternoon. All the indications point to a large crowd attending the game, and everyone will be looking for yet another all-action thriller between the two teams.

Looking back over previous games between the clubs, we find one that was played on March 3, 1973. On that occasion Steve Murray was playing against his old mates in a league match at Celtic Park for the first time. Sadly in the short time that has elapsed since then, Steve has been forced out of football by a foot injury.

The teams on that occasion were—

CELTIC: Hunter; McGrain and Quinn; Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Dalglish; Deans; Hood and Lennox. Substitute: P. McCluskey.

ABERDEEN: Clark; Williamson and Hermiston; Murray, Young and Willoughby; Varga and Graham; Forrest; Jarvie and Purdie. Substitute: Smith.

Referee: Mr A. McKenzie (Falkirk).

As Celtic took the game to Aberdeen at the start of the game, it was obvious that the Dons were going to play a defensive role with just the occasional attack.

Steve Murray and Willie Young, together with the two full-backs, were performing

heroics in the Aberdeen penalty area, and anything that got past them was being confidently mopped up by Bobby Clark in goal.

Celtic looked to be going into the lead when a Jimmy Johnstone shot beat the goalkeeper, but Willie Young stopped the ball with his hand and Celtic were awarded a penalty kick.

A nervous hush pervaded the ground then for the simple reason that Celtic, believe it or not, had missed their last FIVE penalty kicks.

Bobby Lennox, the man whose broken leg keeps him out of today's match, was entrusted with the kick and the wee man made no mistake from the spot. That was one goal that was greeted with a strange mixture of joy and relief.

The only other goal of the game was scored by Kenny Dalglish, who had a simple scoring task after a piece of inspired play by Danny McGrain.

As the Aberdeen defence came out to lay an offside trap, Danny brilliantly read the situation and took off on a solo run that took him beyond the Dons' defensive wall.

With Bobby Clark advancing to retrieve the situation, Danny simply rolled the ball to Kenny Dalglish who had followed up and Kenny stroked the ball home for a 2-0 win and two very valuable points.

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For now we must be on our toes all the time from here on in to fulfil our ambition to have the championship flag unfurled at Parkhead at the start of next season.

Playing against Celtic is motivation enough for clubs to raise their game. Celtic at the top of the table increases opposition resolve to defeat us.

That we recognise. Leaders are there to be shot at, but I have not the slightest objection to having the Celtic team in that position.

What we have to avoid in every game is the slightest trace of carelessness. In this taut Premier League a moment of indecision can make the difference between winning and losing.

I've heard people say they don't like their team to be topping the table at this time of the year. Well, I don't think it is a bad thing, and I am sure every Celtic fan will agree. I don't mind Celtic leading the league at any time.

The current side is improving. And it will get better. The blend looks to be coming right.

Today we have an unchanged side against the challenge of Aberdeen. One looks for a first-rate game against Ally McLeod's squad and a different result from our last meeting.

Celtic didn't have Pat Stanton or Joe Craig available in the 120-minute League Cup final, which might have gone either way, but finished 2-1 in favour of Aberdeen, who can call on Jim Shirra for this fixture.

The result was the same in our Premier fixture at Pittodrie in October. However, these events are in the past. It is today's action which counts, and we're keen to stay in the lead. True, we'll have to play to our best form to return a victory, but the way the side is developing makes me hopeful about the outcome.

Playing this fixture on a Sunday could be considered experimental. It will provide a lot of useful pointers if and when further Sunday games might be considered. Certainly a number of football people in Scotland will be watching the public reaction to it.

I hope everyone here today enjoys the play and the atmosphere, and that the result gives Celtic fans some extra Christmas cheer.

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1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971
1972, 1974, 1975.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,
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1970, 1975.

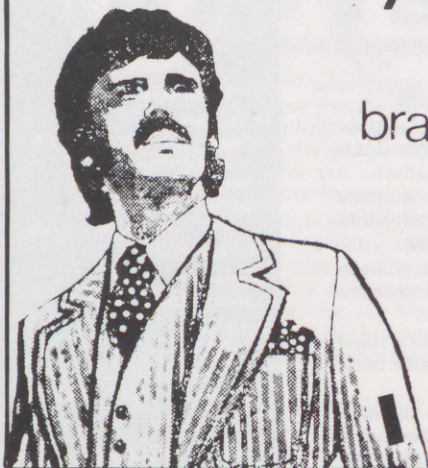
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JOE HARPER (above) is Scotland's leading marksman. Joe the scoring machine is how the Aberdeen fans talk about the sharp-as-a-tack striker whose business has been goals since he tasted the excitement of senior football as a 15-year-old with Morton.

He's demonstrated his goal-getting ability with Huddersfield, Aberdeen, Everton, Hibernian . . . and returning to Pittodrie ("The place where I feel happiest") he's banging in more scores than ever to the delight of the Pittodrie support, with whom he has a great rapport.

His record with Aberdeen is outstanding. During his first spell with the club he made 185 first team appearances (three as substitute) in all types of games . . . and scored 131 goals. In this second spell with the Dons, he's had 29 appearances and grabbed 24 scores . . . an impressive all-in total of 155 goals in 214 games.

Well over £400,000 has changed hands in the Harper transfer deals, and it cost Aberdeen £50,000 to bring him North from Hibernian.

He's clearly a man to be watched today, but he's not the only scoring threat from the Dons. Drew Jarvie, Dave Robb and Arthur Graham have won vital goals for the club . . . as Celtic well remember from the League Cup final.



ARTHUR GRAHAM



DAVIE ROBB



DREW JARVIE

TODAY'S VISITORS

ALLY HAS MADE GOOD HIS WORDS

ABERDEEN BOSS Ally McLeod can give with words. But it has to be recognised, too, that behind the words he can produce the football goods as well.

A week may be a long time in politics, and judged by that standard, Ally took years and years to organise Aberdeen. But, set against football's time factor, he's accomplished the task in quick-time.

Since reaching Pittodrie just over a year ago, he has transformed the scene. Towards the end of last season when the Dons were having a struggle, he was looking ahead to the current season and promising success.

Expending in excess of £100,000 he's recruited STEWART KENNEDY (Falkirk), DOMINIC SULLIVAN (Clyde), JOE HARPER (Hibernian) and JIM SHIRRA (Falkirk) . . . and with the presence of the Scottish League Cup in the Aberdeen trophy room, has justified his judgement and ensured the Dons a place in Europe next season.

An incalculable factor in the Cup success and the present Premier League challenge is the vibrant personality of McLeod who was forecasting last season the Premier League title would come to Pittodrie "in time".

He is bending his considerable energy and talents to make "in time" this season. The Dons have had their last three Premier League

fixtures postponed . . . against Rangers, Motherwell and Partick Thistle,

To avoid "ring-rustiness", manager McLeod has had them playing in Blackburn, and this week the first team was on duty in a Reserve League game at Dundee.

His first team pool provides plenty of cover and he comes to Parkhead this afternoon with his usual confidence. However, he points out that isn't what Ally McLeod says will happen, but what the players make happen on the field.



ALLY McLEOD

They've done pretty well under the planning and direction of the Pittodrie boss so far, and the camp has a buoyancy that makes them a threat to the best.

These, then, are the players from whom manager McLeod will select for today's contest:

BOBBY CLARK has played over 500 games for the club, and the goalkeeper's 17 full caps make him the most honoured player in Aberdeen's history.

At full-back he can call upon **STEWART KENNEDY**, **CHIC McLELLAND** and **BILLY WILLIAMSON**. Kennedy was a £40,000 purchase from Falkirk in the close season and has already proved a bargain buy.

McLelland has been at Pittodrie since 1970, but had to wait four years to break through. Williamson was a free-scoring forward when signed in 1969, but has filled all

sorts of roles, and has scored many valuable goals.

Centre-half **WILLIE GARNER** was only six weeks at Pittodrie (signing from Campsie Black Watch) when he took over from Willie Young transferred to Tottenham for £125,000.

He's struck up a rich partnership with sweeper **WILLIE MILLER**, the club captain. He was a scoring forward on arrival from Eastercraigs, but moved into his present position three seasons ago.

At midfield there's **JOE SMITH**, **JIM SHIRRA**, **EDDIE THOMSON** and **DAVIE ROBB**, providing permutations of skill, strength and some scoring ability.

DOM SULLIVAN, **JOCKY SCOTT**, **JOE HARPER**, **DREW JARVIE** and **ARTHUR GRAHAM** is a combination of forward players with attack build-up expertise and sharp penetration.

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ABERDEEN

(from)

BOBBY CLARK
STEWART KENNEDY
BILLY WILLIAMSON
JOE SMITH
WILLIE GARNER
WILLIE MILLER
JIM SHIRRA
DOMINIC SULLIVAN
JOCKY SCOTT
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CHAIRMAN ON THE HOT LINE

NEXT GUEST in the Hot Line feature in the Celtic View is the club chairman, Mr Desmond White. His replies to fan queries will appear in the View of Thursday, January 6, 1977, the edition with full coverage of the Ne'erday fixtures.

ABERDEEN TAKE TO THE AIR

ABERDEEN flew down by charter plane for this afternoon's fixture at Parkhead. This is now an established practice with the Dons when playing in the West of Scotland. It ensures a return to Aberdeen in a little over two hours after a game is finished.

CUP BID BY YOUNG CELTS

CELTIC RESERVES play Ayr United in the third round of the Second XI Cup. Winning this tie takes them into the last eight and a game against Queen of the South or Rangers.

REMEMBER THE EARLY START

CELTIC'S next home game is against Rangers at Parkhead on January 3, 1977. And DON'T FORGET THE KICK-OFF IS ONE O'CLOCK.

LEAGUE PLACINGS

Does not include Hibs v Ayr United, played on Friday night.

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Celtic	13	8	2	3	29	13	19
Aberdeen	13	8	2	3	24	12	19
Dundee Utd. ..	14	9	4	1	28	20	19
Rangers	13	5	3	5	20	13	15
Motherwell ..	14	5	6	3	24	25	13
Hearts	15	3	5	7	22	25	13
Partick Th	13	4	5	4	14	20	12
Hibernian	14	1	4	9	13	17	11
Ayr Utd.	15	3	9	3	18	36	9
Kilmarnock ..	14	2	8	4	18	29	8



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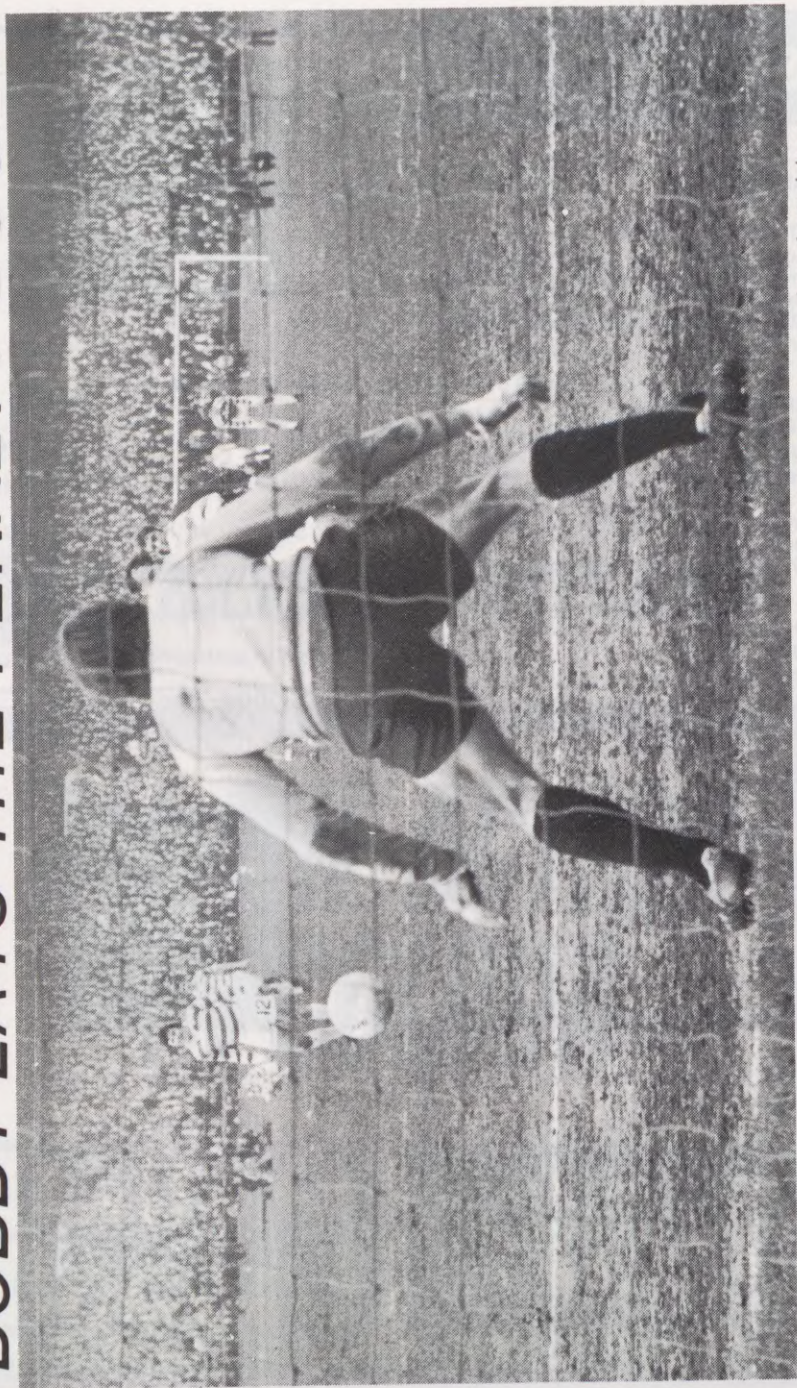
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BOBBY LAYS THE PENALTY BOGEY



This was a vital penalty kick for Celtic, having missed the five previous awards. Bobby Lennox was given the task here — and Aberdeen 'keeper Bobby Clark couldn't halt his shot. (See story on Page 2).

"PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

1975

JULY

30—Inverness Thistle (A) 6 0

AUGUST

2—Ross County (A) 4 0

7—PENAROL (H) 3 0

GLASGOW CUP (1975-76 final)

AUGUST

10—RANGERS (H) 1 3

CHALLENGE MATCH

NOVEMBER

14—Ipswich Town (H) 1 2

LEAGUE CUP

AUGUST

14—Dundee United (A) 1 0

18—DUMBARTON (H) 3 0

21—Arbroath (A) 5 0

25—Dumbarton (A) 3 3

28—ARBROATH (H) 2 1

SEPTEMBER

1—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 1 1

22—Albion Rovers (A) 1 0

OCTOBER

6—ALBION ROVERS (H) 5 0

25—HEARTS (Hampden, S. Final) 2 1

NOVEMBER

6—ABERDEEN (Hampden, Final) 1 2

UEFA CUP

SEPTEMBER

15—GKS WISLA KRAKOW ... (H) 2 2

29—GKS Wisla Krakow (A) 0 2

PREMIER LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER

4—RANGERS (H) 2 2

11—Dundee United (A) 0 1

18—HEARTS (H) 2 2

25—Kilmarnock (A) 4 0

OCTOBER

2—HIBERNIAN (H) 2 2

9—PARTICK THISTLE (H) post.

16—Ayr United (A) 2 0

20—DUNDEE UNITED (H) 5 1

23—Aberdeen (A) 1 2

30—MOTHERWELL (H) 2 0

NOVEMBER

20—Hearts (A) 4 3

24—Rangers (A) 1 0

27—KILMARNOCK (H) 2 0

DECEMBER

4—Hibernian (A) Post.

11—Partick Thistle (A) Post.

18—AYR UNITED (H) 3 0

26—ABERDEEN (H)

1977

JANUARY

1—Motherwell (A)

3—RANGERS (H)

8—Dundee United (A)

15—HEARTS (H)

22—Kilmarnock (A)

29—Scottish Cup, third round....

FEBRUARY

5—HIBERNIAN (H)

12—PARTICK THISTLE (H)

19—Ayr United (A)

26—Scottish Cup, fourth round ...

MARCH

5—Aberdeen (A)

12—MOTHERWELL (H)

19—Rangers (A)

26—DUNDEE UNITED (H)

APRIL

2—Hearts (A)

9—KILMARNOCK (H)

13—Motherwell (A)

16—Hibernian (A)

20—ABERDEEN (H)

23—Partick Thistle (A)

30—AYR UNITED (H)



RESERVES by JOHN CLARK

**It's
great
to be
at work again!**

AFTER three weeks of snow, frost — and frustration — what a joy it was to have the boys in action last week.

And how they enjoyed having good conditions at Love Street for the league game with St Mirren.

No complaints about having the knees mud-covered. Certainly much better than having them bruised on a hard playing surface!

Training and practice games were all right during the freeze-up but how we all missed

the sharpness of the competitive scene. The players showed signs here and there of rustiness, but gradually that disappeared as the game progressed.

It finished one-all, but I thought we did enough to win. However, we were the side that missed the chances, the result of a little carelessness.

Saints raced away from one of these situations and scored. So we had a bit of a fight on then.

The team battled on well and three minutes from time got a penalty which Brian McLaughlin put away.

Roy Baines showed first-rate form in goal and during the second half we gave provisionally signed forward John Cunningham a taste of the senior game.

The general feeling after the game was one of relief that the long break had at last ended. Hopefully we can go on now to a programme uninterrupted by the weather.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. How many Celts have played in all the club's competitive games this season?
2. Who is the youngest member of the Celtic league side?
3. What was the attendance at the Celtic-Aberdeen League Cup final this season?
4. Who were the scorers at Hampden?
5. Did the final go into extra time?

ANSWERS

1. Two—Danny McGrain and Ronnie Glavin.
2. Roy Aitken.
3. 69,700.
4. Dalglish (Celtic), Jarvie, Robb (Aberdeen)
5. Yes

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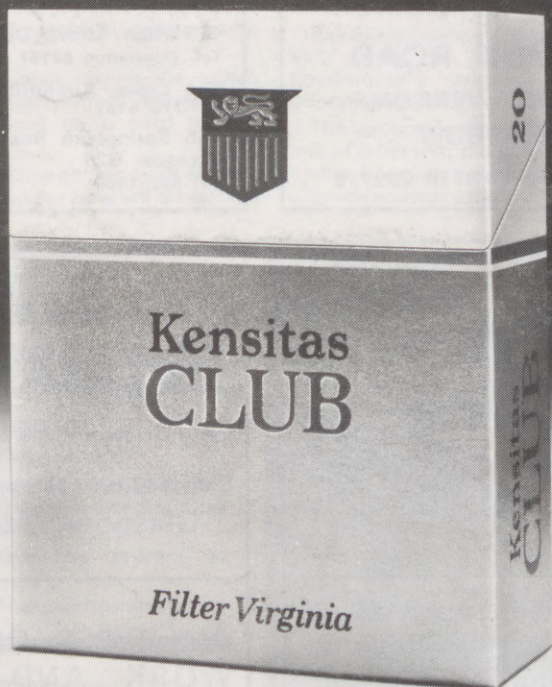
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