

SCOTTISH CUP
Sunday, 27th February, 1977



Celtic v Ayr United

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

AYR AT PARKHEAD FOR FIRST TIME IN SCOTTISH

CELTIC'S Scottish Cup-tie with Ayr United today is only the third meeting of the two clubs in the trophy and the first ever at Celtic Park.

The last two meetings took place at Somerset Park in Ayr, and on both occasions Celtic emerged victorious.

TEAMS

In their first-ever Scottish Cup-tie with Ayr United on February 3, 1934, a packed crowd in excess of 23,000 watched the following teams line up in opposition—

AYR UNITED: Hepburn; Fleming and Ure; McCall, Currie and Holland; Robertson and Taylor; McGibbon; Brae and Rodger.

CELTIC: Kennaway; Hogg and McGonagle; Dawson, McStay and Hughes; Napier and Thomson; McGrory; F. O'Donnell and H. O'Donnell.

Referee: Mr W. Bell (Motherwell).

In one of Celtic's first raids, Jimmy McGrory hit woodwork with a header, but in just six minutes, Robertson shot Ayr into the lead. Just before half-time Celts were awarded a penalty kick and McGonagle equalised. Four minutes after the interval Taylor put Ayr ahead for a second time, but goals by the O'Donnell brothers gave Celtic a 3-2 victory.

One newspaper match verdict read — "A rousing first half saw Ayr decidedly the more effective lot, even keeping in view that Napier was more or less a passenger on the wing. The whole play pulsated with thrills and the

greatest was when the referee seemed to make a mistake in granting Celts a penalty."

Over twenty years passed before the two teams met again at the same venue, and if the Celtic winning margin was greater, they took a long time to establish it.

The teams on Saturday, February 18, 1956 were—

AYR UNITED: Round; Leckie and Thomson; Strickland, Gallagher and Haugh; Japp and McMillan; Price; Stevenson and Beattie.

CELTIC: Beattie; Haughney and Fallon; Boden, Evans and Peacock; Collins and Smith; McAlindon; Tully and Mochan.

Referee: Mr J. A. Bissett (Edinburgh).

ADVANTAGE

Although Celtic attacked for most of the first half, they had only one goal to show for it against their Second Division opponents. This came just before the interval, when Bobby Collins took advantage of indecision in the Ayr defence to dash between two defenders to score.

Celtic were awarded a penalty in the second half, but Mike Haughney blasted the ball against the bar and Ayr breathed again.

Despite Celtic's continued pressure, the game looked certain to end with only one goal separating the teams. Then, in the final minute of the game, Celtic scored twice. Bobby Collins scored his second goal in the 89th minute, and with virtually the last kick of the game Neil Mochan made the final score 3-0.

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THE PRIORITY at Parkhead since the season got under way has been the Premier League title. Finishing the season as champions of Scotland looks reasonably bright at this point but, for goodness sake, don't let anyone take this for granted.

That applies to fans as well as members of the team. We've got 14 fixtures to fulfil yet, and every one will throw up its own problems. The opposition always seems to pull out something special for us, no matter their position in the table.

It might be imagined that this is something the club should be used to. It is, but it also calls for great effort from the players to overcome it week by week. Particularly, as happened at Somerset Park recently, when we didn't strike our rhythm from the start and found ourselves with a battle on our hands.

We've managed to come through 'crises' of this kind and take full points. It is an excellent quality to have in a team, and so long as we have this knack of winning when we are not firing on all cylinders, the capture of the championship is definitely 'on'.

However, no-one is being allowed to sit back in the 'cushion' of our current points lead. That could be fatal. The attitude at Parkhead is unchanged. Every match has to be won.

The tensions that are experienced in the domestic competition are all part of the conditioning of players for another tilt at Europe next season. For it is reasonable to suppose that we will be taking on Continental opposition then, though I do not specify in which competition. Not yet anyway.

And our match with Inter Milan on May 24 (to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the European Cup success) will give the players further insight into the type of opposition they will have to face next term.

This afternoon it is our domestic Cup tourney that calls for attention. While we had the League as priority, we didn't forget about the League Cup and the 'Scottish'.

We lost out narrowly to Aberdeen in yet another League Cup final this season, but the Scottish Cup is still there to be won. We'll be going all out against Ayr United to make it to the next stage. It would be nice to have the Scottish Cup as a companion piece for the League Championship.

JOCK STEIN.

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1916, 1917, 1919,
1922, 1926, 1936,
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,
1934, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971
1972, 1974, 1975.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

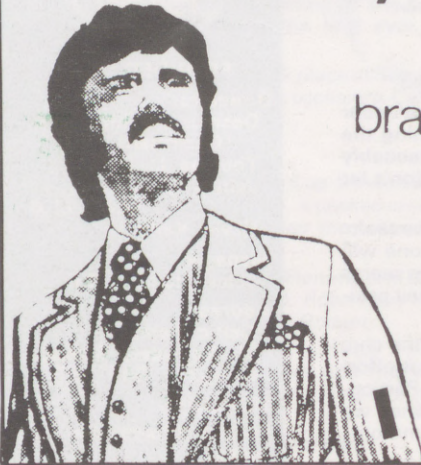
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A MEETING OF THE LONG-SERVICE MEN



It's Ayr United full-back John Murphy (centre) the club's longest-serving player, holding off Celtic's sprightly veteran Bobby Lennox, back in training after a leg break.

TODAY'S VISITORS

THE AYR FORMULA — LET'S ATTACK

IT HAS BEEN SAID many times by managers of clubs visiting Celtic Park: "We will be playing an attacking game."

It is a 'promise' that hasn't always been fulfilled, though in fairness to some of the team bosses, their players haven't had much opportunity to attack against the pressuring play of Celts.

Ayr United, today's visitors to Parkhead, have the threat of relegation looming over them, but their always cheerful boss Alex Stuart says they'll be approaching the Scottish Cup-tie with quite positive ideas.

"We weren't thinking about our Premier League position in the build-up to this afternoon's game. This is a different ball game — a Cup-tie. We're coming to make it a very exciting game for the fans. We're not interested in travelling to Celtic Park looking for a draw. We don't want extra games because of our Premier League position."

He promises his team "will have a real go in this tie. I'm not a believer in trying to play for a draw in any game. Even more so in a Cup-tie. We'll be playing to win."

Alex Stuart is quite definite about how to tackle Celtic. "You've got to go at them. It is absolutely no use a team going to Parkhead, sitting back in defence and letting Celtic bring the game to them.

"With that sort of attitude you



ALEX STUART

have no chance of winning. The more you can take the game to Jock Stein's squad, the more chance you have of success."

Ayr United did take the game to Celts in their Somerset Park meeting last week, and Jock Stein admitted afterwards they had had a bit of a battle on their hands.

Celts are ready for another one, for the Cup provides Ayr with a bit of 'relief' from the tensions of their Premier League struggle.

Alex Stuart has had his problems throughout this week with injuries. Goalkeeper HUGH SPROAT was hurt in the Somerset match with Celts, and their longest-serving

player, full-back JOHN MURPHY, has also been under treatment.

They've had injury set-backs in their league campaign as well, losing the experienced ALEX McINESPIE just when his cool expertise was most required.

One 'new' name in the Ayr United pool — ALEX INGRAM. Business commitments have prevented Alex turning out for some time.

However, Ayr have got themselves a tall, dangerous striking force in the former Aberdeen player WALKER McCALL and DAN MASTERTON. They've fitted in splendid style, and grabbed the goals against Celts in the recent league match.

Manager Stuart, who gives not the slightest hint of depression about the club's league position, has his men well primed to be positive players this afternoon in the Cup-tie. "It is a one-off affair. It is there to be won, not to be an exer-

cise in negative football. If the fans have to be brought back to the terraces, teams must go forward. You don't win just spoiling the play of the opposition."

It is a refreshing outlook, and one which deserves success, though Celtic fans will settle for that success coming to Ayr United in their battle for Premier League survival.



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JOHNNY DOYLE
RONNIE GLAVIN
JOE CRAIG
KENNY DALGLISH
PAUL WILSON
TOMMY BURNS
JOHNNY GIBSON
PAT McCLUSKEY
JOHANNES EDVALDSSON

Referee:
Mr W. ANDERSON
(East Kilbride)

Linesmen:
Mr D. D. HOPE
(Erskine)
Mr J. H. McKEE
(Prestwick)



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take care—particularly leaving
the ground after the match

AYR UNITED *(From)*

HUGH SPROAT
DAVID WELLS
DAN McDONALD
JOHN MURPHY
WILLIE KELLY
RIKKI FLEMING
JOE FILIPPI
BOBBY TAIT
JIM McSHERRY
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SIDELINES

Ayr leaders

TOP OF the scoring charts with Ayr United is Walker McCall. He has a tally of 11 goals, two more than his tall fellow striker, Danny Masterton.

Kenny stays in front

KENNY DALGLISH still heads the list of Celtic goalscorers.

A double at Somerset Park lifted his total to 22 goals.

The other Parkhead scorers:

Ronnie Glavin — 16; Joe Craig — 15; Johnny Doyle — 9; Paul Wilson — 8; Roddy McDonald — 5; Jo Edvaldsson — 4; Andy Lynch — 2; Bobby Lennox — 2; Danny McGrain — 1; George McCluskey — 1; Tom Callaghan — 1; Roy Aitken — 1; Own Goals — 2.



Here Kenny Dalglish exhibits the joy of scoring. It was his 22nd of the season, at Somerset Park.



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CELTIC WERE BIG CUP DRAW 50 YEARS AGO

THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE at today's eight Scottish Cup ties cannot be finally assessed until this evening. Still, it is a safe bet that the aggregate figure will not top the near-175,000 fans who watched the eight games on the equivalent Cup day 21 years ago.

That was the last time Celtic played Ayr United in the competition and 24,000 fans paid out £2,018 to view the Somerset Park action which saw the Celts win by 3-0. Bobby Collins (2) and Neilly Mochan got the goals, with two of them coming in the final minute.

Gates and results in the other seven ties were:

Dundee 0, Rangers 1 — 45,000 (£4,700).
Kilmarnock 2, Queen of South 2 — 24,300 (£1,899).

Airdrie 4, St Mirren 4 — 20,630 (£1,633).
Hearts 5, Stirling Albion 0 — 19,645 (£1,457).

Partick Thistle 3, Brechin City 1 — 15,872 (£1,195).

Raith Rovers 2, Queen's Park 2 — 14,986 (£1,250).

Stenhousemuir 0, Clyde 1 — 10,000 (£965).

On the same day (February 18, 1956) Charlton lost to Arsenal before 71,758 fans (£8,202) and Manchester City and Liverpool drew (0-0) in front of 70,640 fans who paid £9,453.

The only other Cup meeting between Celts and Ayr was at Somerset on February 3, 1934, when 23,651 fans forked out £899.1s.8d (excluding stand) to see Celts win 3-2 on goals from Peter McGonagle and late scores from Frank and Hugh O'Donnell.

On the same day Third Lanark and Rangers drew 27,038 (£1,126) to Cathkin, and Partick Thistle and Motherwell played at Firhill before 33,000 (£1,304).

Celtic teams at Somerset were—

1934 — Kennaway; Hogg and McGonagle; Dawson, McStay and Hughes; Napier and Thomson; McGrory; F. O'Donnell and H. O'Donnell.

1956 — Beattie; Haughney and Fallon; Boden, Evans and Peacock; Collins and Smith; McAlindon; Tully and Mochan.

Inflation must be considered when making comparison between cash takings at current Cup-ties and the somewhat meagre-looking gate returns of 20 and 50 years ago.

And in making any comparison between today's fan figures and those of yesterday, there must be consideration of changed social conditions and the competition from television and other quarters.

But the major clubs, like Celtic, still draw the fans. It is in other quarters that attendances have come down.



NEIL
MOCHAN



SEAN
FALLON



JOHN
MCALINDON

"PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

1976

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 (Q-Final) .. (A) 1 0

OCTOBER

6—ALBION ROVERS (Q-F) ... (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

SCOTTISH CUP

Third Round

JANUARY

29—Airdrie (A) 1 1

FEBRUARY

2—AIRDRIE (replay) (H) 5 0

Fourth Round

27—AYR UNITED (H)

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) 1 1

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.

18—AYR UNITED (H) 3 0

26—ABERDEEN (H) 2 2

1977

JANUARY

1—Motherwell (A) post.

3—RANGERS (H) 1 0

8—Dundee United (A) 2 1

22—Kilmarnock (A) 3 1

FEBRUARY

5—HIBERNIAN (H) 4 2

7—HEARTS (H) 5 1

12—PARTICK THISTLE (H) 2 0

19—Ayr United (A) 4 2

22—Partick Thistle (A) 4 2

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

Now we're catching up on fixtures

A formidable backlog of fixtures faces the Reserves and now that the worst of the weather seems to be over (we hope) we've started to make inroads on the games that had to be postponed in the freeze-up.

This week, for instance, we have afternoon matches at Celtic Park . . . on Tuesday and Thursday against Aberdeen and Hearts respectively.

I look forward in these encounters to the team building on their two recent home wins . . . against Ayr United and Queen's Park Strollers.

The match against Ayr United was in the 2nd XI Cup competition and the victory in this one ensures a meeting in the next round with our old rivals Rangers. The tie will be played at Ibrox.

The win over Queen's Park Strollers brought a couple of League points and, as against Ayr United, the team worked very hard and very well. It was good to see them get their game together.

They played with control and concentration and pleasing too was the manner in which they finished things off. Five goals from two games might be a shade below the recent average of the big team but we were happy about the return for the effort expended.

Young John McCluskey is in hospital at present, the result of a virus. Happily he is on the mend. So, too, is his brother George who suffered a leg hurt a week or two back. We hope both of them will be in action again by the time the fixture rush reaches its peak.

Nevertheless, it is good to be back in the old routine with a regular flow of matches to give the young 'uns a chance to show their paces and keep pushing for promotion to the Premier League side.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

- 1 — How many goals have Celts scored against Ayr United this season?
- 2 — Who is Ayr United's longest-serving player?
- 3 — Who scored Inter Milan's goal when Celts beat them in the 1967 European Cup final?
- 4 — Today is the third time Celts and Ayr have met in the Scottish Cup. Who won the other two ties?
- 5 — From which club did Walker McCall join Ayr?

ANSWERS

- 1—Nine.
- 2—John Murphy.
- 3—Sandro Mazzola.
- 4—Celtic by 3-2 and 3-0.
- 5—Aberdeen.

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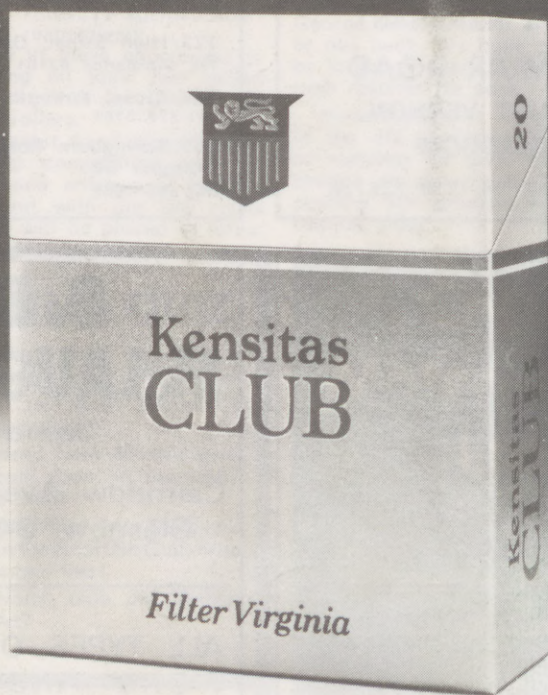
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