

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Saturday, 27 November, 1976**



# **Celtic v Kilmarnock**

**KICK-OFF 3 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

# CELTIC GOAL SPREE DAZED KILMARNOCK

IT'S two years since Celtic last played hosts to Kilmarnock in a league game at Celtic Park and that was before the introduction of the Premier League set-up.

Therefore the game today is the first time the two teams have met at Celtic Park since the reconstruction of the Scottish Leagues.

Indeed the day of their last encounter, September 4, 1974, was the day that Celtic unfurled their ninth successive League Championship flag over the new enclosure.

The teams on that occasion were:-

**CELTIC:** Connaghan; McGrain and McCluskey; Connelly, McNeill and Callaghan, Johnstone and Murray; Dalglish; Davidson and Wilson. Substitutes Brogan and Lennox.

**KILMARNOCK:** Stewart; Maxwell and Robertson; McCulloch, Rodman and McDicken; Cook and Fleming; Morrison; Sheed and Smith. Substitutes McSherry and Whyte.

Referee: Mr. R. B. Valentine (Dundee)

Celtic opened the scoring in the first half through Vic Davidson and that's how it stood at half-time.

Indeed the game looked like finishing with only one goal separating the teams when Celtic cut loose in the last ten minutes of the game. Goals from Jimmy Johnstone, Kenny Dalglish, Paul Wilson

and Steve Murray gave Celtic a 5-0 victory and left Kilmarnock somewhat dazed having, until the last few minutes, kept their hopes alive.

The previous league game between the two clubs in Glasgow didn't in fact take place at Celtic Park. On the occasion of that game Hampden was the venue because of the new stand construction at Celtic Park.

The game was played in the evening at Hampden on September 2, 1972 and it was the opening league fixture of the 1972-73 championship.

The team selections were as follows:-

**CELTIC:** Connaghan; McGrain and Brogan; Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly; Hood and Dalglish; Deans; Callaghan and Wilson. Substitute Lennox.

**KILMARNOCK:** Hunter; Whyte and Dickson; Gilmour, McGrory and Lee; Smith and Maxwell; Morrison; McSherry and Cook. Substitute Fleming.

Referee: Mr. A. F. J. Webster.

Within minutes Killie defender Jackie McGrory had scored an own goal to give Celtic the lead. Goals from Harry Hood (2) and Dixie Deans (2) eventually finished the match as a contest.

Certainly Jim Cook and Eddie Morrison scored to put a better look on things for Killie but before the end Bobby Murdoch converted a penalty kick to give Celtic a 6-2 victory.

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# **IBROX WAS RESULT FOR THE FANS**



BEFORE we started an important week for the club at Tynecastle last Saturday, I had a target of five Premier League points from the three-game programme concluding against Kilmarnock this afternoon.

The team had a tremendous win against Hearts and the victory over Rangers at Ibrox in mid week makes the target a distinct possibility.

We overcame setbacks at Ibrox to win through and if the team wasn't truly itself in the second half it was because the wind was carrying the ball away from the players.

The people who have been talking about a Rangers "hoodoo" will now be saying it has been broken, but frankly, I've never believed in "hoodoos".

Winning at Ibrox was one more step towards the ultimate aim of consistency in points-gathering towards the Premier League title.

However, it is no use winning at Tynecastle and Ibrox and then going off the boil. The team was well warned about that before today's kick-off against Killie.

A highly pleasing factor at Ibrox — the result apart — was the number of Celtic fans who turned up despite the problems of the bus strike. For them, as much as anybody, it was a good result.

The one sad note was the leg fracture sustained by Bobby Lennox. He'll be out for six to eight weeks, but because of his great enthusiasm and spirit he will bounce back to the team. And it will be a popular return — with his colleagues and fans.

If I hark back to the Hearts match of last week, it is because so many people have talked to me about that great show by the team — and the fans.

The support has been tremendous all season, but never better than at Tynecastle. They refused to accept that Celtic might lose, even though their team was two behind. And in the second half the players agreed with them — and how!

There have been few games that have given me so much satisfaction than the Tynecastle show and football generally cannot lose from it. Indeed, the excitement of it all can only have the effect of returning the missing fans to the terracings.

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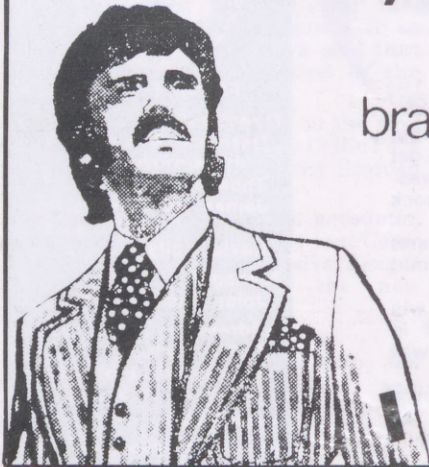
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## FERNIE: "WE NEED TOUCH OF LUCK"

THE popular former Celtic player and coach, Willie Fernie, is looking for "one or two breaks" to get his team out of the Premier League "cellar", though, realist that he is, he doesn't expect any favours from his old club this afternoon.

"We haven't had much luck", he says (though without a grim visage), "and you've got to get a rub of it now and again, whether you are at the top of the League or the foot".

He instances his hard-working centre Ian Fallis. "Now there's an unlucky player for you. I've lost count of the number of times he's hit woodwork, and one of these days things must go for him. It's not likely to get him down, of course, as most centre halves in the country know when they meet him. He's a most determined type, hard to play against and it makes up for other aspects of his play that he's working to perfect".

Fallis didn't have the best of fortune during a stirring first half against Celtic when the Parkhead club played at Rugby Park in September, returning with a 4-0 win.

Indeed, Killie haven't scored a goal against the Celts since Willie Fernie took over the management, though in fairness it has to be recorded that they haven't been involved in too many fixtures in that time.

Apart from the matter of luck, Killie do require a shade more experience. Manager Fernie doesn't argue the point. He reinforces it.

"We have been ahead early on in a number of games we've lost. Instead of holding what we had we kept taking the

game to our opponents. We should have been playing the ball around. However, these things don't come overnight. It takes a little time when you are working with the players for only two nights a week.

"That is the type of factor you have to accept when you have a part-time side, and on home gates of 4,000 it isn't possible to contemplate full-time football right now," he says.

He sees the current shape of the Scottish League set-up undergoing change with, wait for it, "CELTIC AND RANGERS BREAKING AWAY FROM THE REST TO ENTER A BRITISH LEAGUE, FOR A BRITISH LEAGUE MUST COME".

When? "Well, that's a question on which it would be difficult to put a time, but what is clear is that Celtic and Rangers subsidise the rest of the League".

Without them he sees a more highly competitive Scottish League with "teams finding their own level and not relying on the Old Firm to carry them through".

Meantime he strives to build an attractive and successful side at Rugby Park . . . to meet whatever pattern emerges in the future. Only six of the players who were with Killie when he arrived remain at Rugby Park. The transition has been achieved with promotion from Second Division to Premier League . . . and that gives satisfaction, though not a trace of complacency.

Manager Fernie is satisfied with the progress of his young players (and it is a youngish side), and, given that elusive touch of luck, that progress can be reflected in a growing points total.

# TODAY'S VISITORS

## KILMARNOCK ARE A "RISING" CLUB

**IT is just over three years since Willie Fernie took up the management of Kilmarnock. Recently someone described the Rugby Park club as a "yo-yo side".**

It ruffled slightly the normally even-tempered ex-Celt who brings Killie to Parkhead today on their first visit as a Premier side.

"Yo-yo club? How can you say that about a team that has been relegated once in the last 20 years," he observes firmly.

In point of fact Killie have been a steadily rising club since Willie Fernie arrived in 1973.

The progression from a playing career to management via a coaching role has been as smooth looking as the football (and entertainment) he supplied for Scotland and Celtic.

Of course management has had its problems (still has) but they've been tackled quietly — and successfully.

In his first term as manager the club won the Second Division flag.

A single point was all that pipped the club the next season in the First Division for a place in the top ten . . . and Premier League status. But that was accomplished last season. Hardly the record of a yo-yo outfit!

Killie had moved from full-time to part-time by the time Fernie took over and it is his judgment that the team "suffered from the change. Players had to change their life completely. It was emo-

tionally upsetting and of course there was financial change, too. I am convinced that it was a dominant factor in the relegation of the side".

Killie are well over that spell today and the Fernie football philosophy (and style) is detectable in the Ayrshire club's attitude to the game. It is probably oversimplifying things to wrap it up in one word "entertainment".

He certainly doesn't "school" his players in the Italian pattern with emphasis on the negative. He wasn't that kind of player himself and Killie do like to "defend" on the 18-yard line of the opposition as much as possible.

They've lost a wheen of goals (27 in 12 matches), but he is not unhappy about the progress of his back four players. "Paul Clarke and Frank Welsh are comparatively young fellows in experience and age and they've settled in not too badly".

He's convinced they'll form into a "first rate team" in the highly competitive Premier League where currently the club occupies the bottom place.

It isn't a subject on which the forward-looking Killie boss dwells and given a touch of luck ("We haven't had much this season", he says) it is a position they could well vacate long before the end of the championship campaign.

Survival is probably the name of the game for Killie right now. But

it won't be a grim affair and reflected in the team's style. Not for them ten defenders and one attacker when the action starts at Parkhead.

They'll take the game to Celtic, but also pay proper respect to the defensive organisation. And if they do adopt a strictly defensive posture it will be because Celtic have mounted a siege (as they did at Tynecastle last week) and force Killie back on goalkeeper Jim Stewart.

A note of cheer for Killie is the return today of Iain McCulloch who has been absent for the last four games. Says his manager of the wing half: "He'll make a difference to us".

Offsetting this good news is the ruling out of today's match because of a virus of full back Stuart McLean.

These are the men who will be in the blue and white

colours of the Rugby Park team this afternoon:

Goalkeeper **Jim Stewart** is the latest in a longish line of Killie goalkeepers who have won international honours. A clever consistent No. 1. Full back **George Maxwell** is the longest-serving Killie player having joined them from Hurlford in 1968. His partner is **Alan Robertson**.

**Paul Clarke** and **Frank Welsh** (one of the two players signed during Fernie's managership) hold the centre of the main defence. His other signing **Billy Murdoch** (from Stenhousemuir), **Iain McCulloch** and **Ronnie Sheed** make up middle of the field group with **Dave Provan**, **Ian Fallis** and **Gordon Smith** the striking force.

Manager Fernie's views on the outcome: "The best we can hope for is a single point. Talking about winning there wouldn't be realistic".

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 ROY AITKEN  
 JOHNNY DOYLE  
 RONNIE GLAVIN  
 JOE CRAIG  
 KENNY DALGLISH  
 PAUL WILSON  
 TOMMY BURNS  
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Referee:  
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## KILMARNOCK (from)

JIM STEWART  
 GEORGE MAXWELL  
 ALAN ROBERTSON  
 BILLY MURDOCH  
 PAUL CLARKE  
 FRANK WELSH  
 DAVE PROVAN  
 IAIN McCULLOCH  
 IAN FALLIS  
 RONNIE SHEED  
 GORDON SMITH  
 DEREK McDICKEN  
 RICHARD SHARP

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## SIDELINES

### YOUNG CELTS CHOSEN

Three young Celts, John McCluskey, Tommy McGrain and Willie Temperley are in the Home Scots pool for the professional youths' match with the Anglo-Scots at Love Street, Paisley on Tuesday. In the Anglo pool is Joe McBride, the 16-year-old son of the former Celt. Young McBride is a left winger with Everton.

### PAT IS THE GUEST

Pat Stanton is the guest in the Hot Line feature in next week's 12-page Celtic View. In it he will be answering the telephone questions posed by the fans.

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### SCOTS TRAINER, TOO

Kilmarnock trainer Hugh Allan has a similar post with the Scotland team. He joined it at the same time as Willie Ormond . . . over 30 matches ago. Before that he worked with the Scotland youth and Under-23 sides and last summer St. Mirren invited him to look after their players on a West Indies tour.

### NEXT HOME GAME

Celtic's next home game is the Premier League fixture with Ayr United on December 18. Kick-off 3 p.m.



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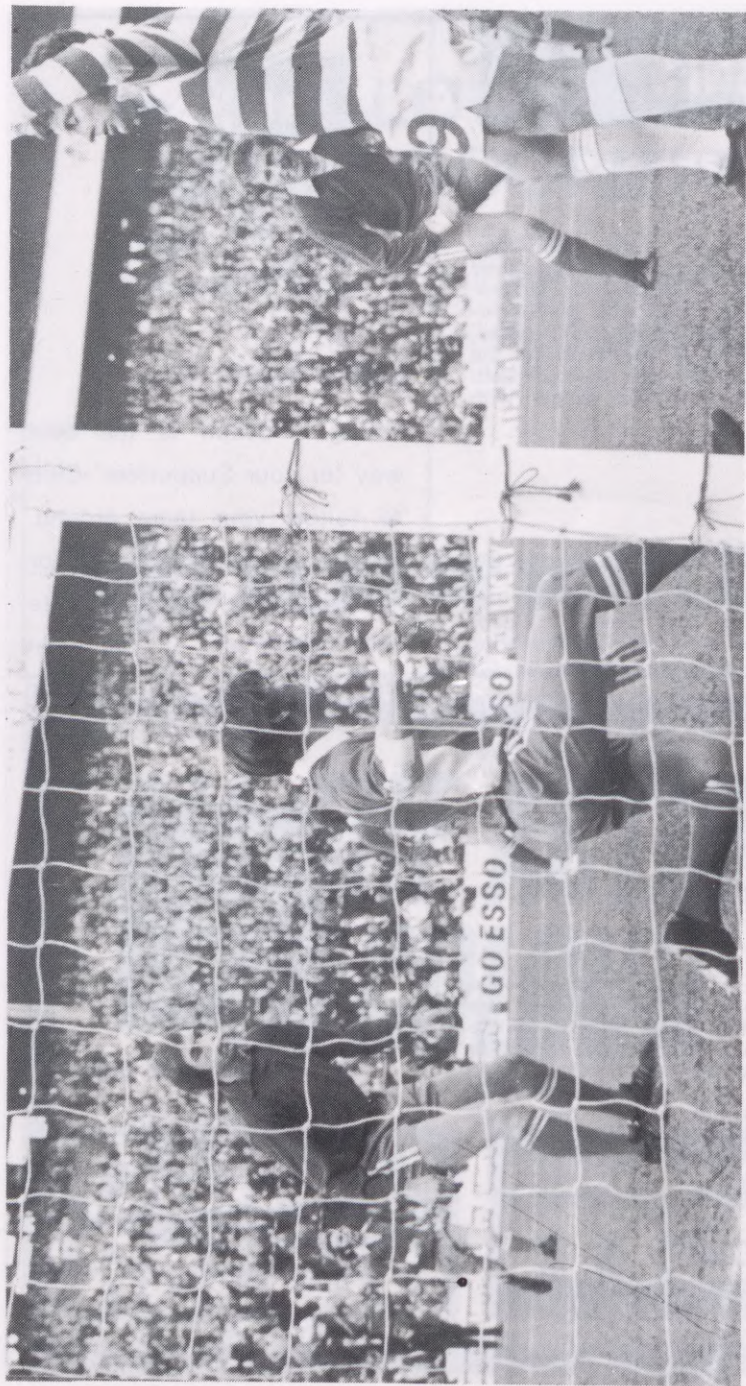
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## CELT'S SCORE — BY COURTESY OF KILLIE

Celts and Killie haven't met too often in recent seasons. This piece of action (from a 1972 Celtic "home" game at Hampden) shows the changing player scene and a Jackie McGroarty own goal, acclaimed by Dixie Deans. Keeper Alistair Hunter looks less pleased.

# "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)

DECEMBER

4—Hibernian ..... (A)

11—Partick Thistle ..... (A)

18—AYR UNITED ..... (H)

25—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)

## PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	12	7	2	3	23	12	17
Dundee U.	12	8	3	1	23	18	17
Celtic	11	6	2	3	24	12	15
Rangers	12	4	3	5	19	13	13
Motherwell	12	5	4	3	22	19	13
Hibernian	12	1	3	8	12	15	10
Hearts	11	1	3	7	18	21	9
Partick Th.	10	3	4	3	10	13	9
Ayr Utd.	12	2	7	3	14	31	7
Kilmarnock	12	1	7	4	16	27	6



## Scottish Cup time again

THE young fellows at Parkhead are beginning to wonder if we'll play again on a Saturday! It has been some time now since we had one and this weekend was blank as well.

However, everybody is settling down well in the League in which our last game was against Clydebank on Tuesday of last week! It was a good-going match from which we took a point. Indeed, it looked like two until the battling Bankies snatched a goal in the final minute.

Our next game is on Monday night at Parkhead against Partick Thistle in a Scottish Second XI Cup tie and judging from our previous encounters with the Firhill side it should be a match full of interest.

Three of our players have been chosen

in the Home Scots pool for the professional youths' match against the Anglo Scots at Paisley on Tuesday . . . Willie Temperley, Tommy McGrain (Danny's young brother) and John McCluskey (Pat's young brother).

We congratulate them on this honour and hope that it is the first step towards an international career. Two former Celtic Boys' Club are members of the Anglo-Scots pool . . . Joe McBride, the son of the former Celt, and Alan Brazil of Ipswich Town.

Goalkeeper Roy Baines has been playing in the last two or three games and after his long absence from the game is progressing every outing. Timing and confidence are returning and he's delighted to be back in the swing of things again.

Indeed, with everybody quite fit, the whole squad cheerfully faces up to the long season ahead and the spirit and morale is high. And if we keep getting results nobody will be concerned what day of the week they are obtained in!

### HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. How many former Celtic players manage Scottish senior clubs?
2. From which club did Danny McGrain join Celtic?
3. Name the Killie player whose brother was a Celtic star.
4. Unscramble these letters to find a Killie player. . . TERBSORON.
5. Name the two former Celtic players who were in Scotland's first World Cup team in 1954.

### ANSWERS

1. Four . . . Jack Stein, Willie Fernie, Bertie Auld, Eric Smith.
2. Maryhill Juniors.
3. Billy Murdoch.
4. Robertson.
5. Neilly Mochan, Willie Fernie.

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