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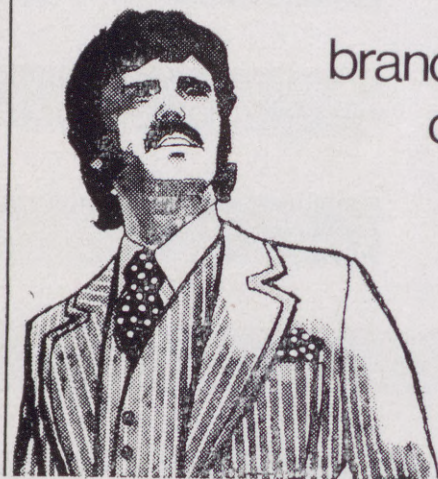
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JOCK STEIN says...

The last programme piece I wrote was for the visit of Hibs to Celtic Park two weeks ago for a league match.

Much as I was confident about the outcome of that game I didn't think for a minute that we would beat our Easter Road rivals by five goals to nil.

As everyone who saw the game will agree that score line in no way flattered us. Indeed our players showed such an appetite for that game and played with such phenomenal flair and flourish that we could have won by an even greater margin.

We followed that game with another clash with Hibs in last Saturday's League Cup final at Hampden.

The one fly in the ointment was the return of the experimental 18 yards offside rule which meant that although the same teams were facing each other again—the rules were different.

Positive

It is common knowledge now that we won the match by 6-3 and brought the League Cup back to Celtic Park for the first time since 1969-70 season.

But I would like to say here and now that these two great games were only made possible because Hibs played both matches with an open, positive approach with thoughts of winning and not just containing us.

They played their part in making last Saturday's Cup final a memorable game and I think that they came out of the game with great credit.

I think it is also worth mentioning that only nine fouls were conceded by each team last Saturday, which proves that football was what mattered with both sides.

However both of these games are behind us now and Aberdeen are the



visitors to Celtic Park today for what could prove to be a very exciting game indeed. The Pittodrie side have won their last five successive League games and they are level on points with us having played one game more.

Aberdeen's recent scoring feats, which have given them an average of just over three goals a game in their last five outings, together with Celtic's recent goal-glut should make this a really attractive game.

Our game with Partick Thistle which should have been played last Saturday will now be played at Firhill next Wednesday night.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match. They are also requested to co-operate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.