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versus

CELTIC

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weeks, namely Aberdeen and Dunfermline. Two points today could see us back in the Hot Ten again.

But it is not enough to be aiming for the top ten, we must make sure we are staying there. It is so tight that one bad result and you are well down the ladder again.

Naturally I am delighted the way our players are going about their job. A lot of encouragement from the terracing and the stand would further stimulate them.

Big John Nelson continues to make recovery from his injury. We wish him a speedy return to the game.

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MORTON AND CELTIC

Moments of Football History

This afternoon's match with Celtic is our 93rd league meeting with the Glasgow club. The first one took place at Cappielow on 18th August, 1900 when Morton played their very first match in the First Division. The attendance at that match was 8,000 and the admission charge was 6d for adults (for the benefit of the very young that is just 2½ pence). Morton opened their new pavilion at the south-east corner of the ground at a ceremony carried out by the Provost of Greenock prior to the kick-off.

The Provost in fact worked about as hard as the players that day for he also made a speech in recognition of the club's election to the First Division, and hoisted the Western League Championship flag won by Morton in the previous season. Provost Black then trotted out onto the park and kicked-off, passing the ball to one of the Celtic players. This move proved to be decisive for Celtic won by 3 goals to 2.

Despite this immediate setback, Morton went on to finish the season fourth top in First Division — a position we would gladly settle for this present term.

FIRST PENALTY

Morton and Celtic created a bit of Scottish Football history in an earlier fixture played on 4th August 1891 at Cappielow, before either club had joined the Scottish Football League. On that occasion the referee enforced a new rule by awarding to Morton the first penalty kick in Scottish Football.

The kick was taken by Douglas Dick who in the invariable words of every budding football scribe "made no mistake from the spot." An equally infallible Celt took a second penalty award later in the game.

FIRST CUP MEETING

The first Scottish Cup Tie (or ties as it turned out to be) took place in

season 1906-07. 14,000 fans at Cappielow witnessed a no-scoring draw highlighted by the brilliant display of Morton goalkeeper "Sojer" Robertson. 25,000 turned out for the replay at Celtic Park. McMenemy put Celts ahead and Galbraith scored Morton's equaliser before the interval. There was no more scoring and so the Clubs had to meet for a third time (too bad away goals didn't count double).

In customary accommodating manner Morton agreed to a Celtic Park venue for the third encounter. This time McMenemy and Hay counted for Celts against a Morton goal by Lindsay. The winning goal came just two minutes from time. Share of a further 35,000 admission fees doubtless gave Morton some consolation and the Morton players each received a £5 bonus in appreciation of their efforts.

SEMI-FINALS

The two Clubs have twice contested a semi-final tie in the Scottish Cup. In 1948-49 Morton won 1-0 at Ibrox Stadium after extra time and in 1968-69 Celtic won 4-1 at Hampden.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Morton and Celtic have contested many memorable games and Morton can look back with pride on their very creditable share of victories over the City club. One other match took its place in the record books. That was in April 1922 when a Cappielow record attendance of 23,500 saw one of the best ever matches between the clubs result in a one each draw. Celtic's point on that last Saturday of the season won them the Championship.

The match is recalled also as the occasion of the Cappielow Riot, Greenock's most infamous football occasion, about which no more should be written here.



Older fans of both Morton and Celtic will recognise this Cappielow forward line of the mid forties. On the left of the picture are Johnny Crum and Johnny Divers, both internationalists and both former Celts. On the other wing are Morton's international duo, Billy Steel and Johnny Kelly.

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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Celtic	13	10	1	2	36	11	22
Rangers	13	10	1	2	35	11	22
Hibernian	13	8	2	3	28	14	19
Dundee U.	12	6	2	4	27	11	16
Aberdeen	12	7	3	2	26	14	16
Dundee	13	5	5	3	15	11	13
Dunfermline ...	13	4	4	5	21	24	13
Ayr	13	5	5	3	19	25	13
St. Johnstone ...	13	4	6	3	14	19	11
Airdrie	13	5	7	1	12	20	11
Kilmarnock ...	13	3	5	5	18	30	11
Dumbarton	13	3	6	4	20	20	10
Motherwell ...	13	4	7	2	16	25	10
Morton	13	3	6	4	15	26	10
Clyde	13	3	7	3	16	23	9
Arbroath	13	4	8	1	12	21	9
Hearts	13	2	6	5	17	30	9
Partick	13	3	8	2	19	31	8

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First Team — Fixtures and Results

LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

1974	F	A	Scorers
August			
10—Dunfermline	A	1 1	Reid
14— ABERDEEN	H	3 1	McGhee, Skovdam, Hegarty
17— HEARTS	H	0 5	
21—Aberdeen	A	0 4	
24—Hearts	A	0 2	
28— DUNFERMLINE	H	1 1	Osborne

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP—1st DIVISION

August			
31—Arbroath	A	2 0	McGhee, Ritchie
September			
7— DUMBARTON	H	1 1	Osborne
14—Airdrieonians	A	1 3	McGhee
21— PARTICK THISTLE	H	3 1	Skovdam, Osborne, Nelson
28— CLYDE	H	1 0	Osborne
October			
5—Rangers	A	0 2	
12— ST JOHNSTONE	H	1 1	Osborne
19—Dundee	A	0 3	
26— MOTHERWELL	H	0 3	
November			
2—Hibernian	A	0 5	
9— KILMARNOCK	H	2 3	Reid, Taylor
16—Aberdeen	A	3 3	Skovdam, Reid, McGhee
23—Dunfermline	A	1 1	Reid
30— CELTIC	H		
December			
7—Hearts	A		
14— DUNDEE UNITED	H		
21—Ayr United	A		
28— ARBROATH	H		
1975			
January			
1—Dumbarton	A		
4— AIRDRIEONIANS	H		
11—Partick Thistle	A		
18—Clyde	A		
25— SCOTTISH CUP			
February			
1— RANGERS	H		
8—St Johnstone	A		
15— SCOTTISH CUP			
22— DUNDEE	H		
March			
1—Motherwell	A		
8— HIBERNIAN	H		
15—Kilmarnock	A		
22— ABERDEEN	H		
29— DUNFERMLINE	H		
April			
5—Celtic	A		
12— HEARTS	H		
19—Dundee United	A		
26— AYR UNITED	H		

Reserves — Fixtures and Results

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP

1974	F	A	Scorers
August			
10—DUNFERMLINE	H	0 1	
14—Aberdeen	A	1 3	Hepburn
17—Hearts	A	0 10	
21—ABERDEEN	H	0 5	
24—HEARTS	H	0 5	
28—Dunfermline	A	3 7	Taylor, Trialist, Thomson

RESERVE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

August			
31—ARBROATH	H	4 1	Taylor, Murray, Brown, Irvine
September			
7—Dumbarton	A	2 4	Taylor, Dennison
14—AIRDRIEONIANS	H	6 4	Taylor (3), Irvine, Murray, Thomson
21—Partick Thistle	A	0 2	
28—Clyde	A	2 1	Brown, o.g.
October			
5—RANGERS	H	0 1	
12—St Johnstone	A	1 0	Murray
19—DUNDEE	H	0 3	
26—Motherwell	A	1 4	Nelson
November			
2—HIBERNIAN	H	4 1	Taylor (2), Dennison, Brown
5—Kilmarnock	A	1 1	Lumsden
16—ABERDEEN	H	1 8	Hegarty
23—DUNFERMLINE	H	1 0	McCallion
30—Celtic	A		
December			
7—HEARTS	H		
14—Dundee United	A		
21—AYR UNITED	H		
28—Arbroath	A		

1975

January

1—DUMBARTON	H		
4—Airdrieonians	A		
11—PARTICK THISTLE	H		
18—CLYDE	H		
25—SCOTTISH RESERVE CUP			

February

1—Rangers	A		
8—ST JOHNSTONE	H		
15—SCOTTISH RESERVE CUP			
22—Dundee	A		

March

1—MOTHERWELL	H		
8—Hibernian	A		
15—KILMARNOCK	H		
22—Aberdeen	A		
29—Dunfermline	A		

April

5—CELTIC	H		
12—Hearts	A		
19—DUNDEE UNITED	H		
26—Ayr United	A		

Spotlight on

CELTIC

Last Saturday's point at Tynecastle placed Celtic once again top of the league table and even this early in the season they are certainly the bookies' favourites to win another championship flag.

Rangers and Hibs are in hot pursuit, and it seems probable that the chase will be closer this time than in recent years.

One suspects however that Celtic are less vulnerable than their rivals; that they will slip up less often, and that the present side will continue the habit of winning the matches that really matter.

A BIASED VIEW

Yes a remarkable club are Celtic and one of which Scottish football supporters (emphasis on football) are proud.

Scottish football without the atmosphere of the big English Divisions has to play second fiddle to the game south of the border and it has been a great consolation to Scottish fans to know and to see it proved so often that Celtic can match and beat them all. Scottish fans love to cling to the nationalistic view that when it comes right down to it Scottish players are the world's best and that even the English top teams only achieve their standards by importing Scots talent. Over the past ten years or so Celtic have given the Scottish

fans some credence in this view, shockingly biased as it is.

SHATTERED DREAMS

It came therefore as something of a bump for most Scots fans when Celtic went out quietly in the 1st round of the European Cup this year to some Greek side or other. Football fans who study the world game in greater depth knew that Celtic had come against a real tough one, and that defeat was on the cards. Nevertheless we don't like to see our dreams of supremacy shattered. That and more is what Celtic and their achievements have meant to the Scottish fan. Of course they are not so



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IMPORTED TALEN;

It is well quoted that Celtic are presently going through a transition period which is another way of saying that the talent coming through from the nursery sides have been something less in ability than the European Cup winners of 1967. Celtic, traditionally not among the big spenders, have found it necessary to bolster their playing strength from other Scottish League sides and only two weeks ago they wrote a cheque for some £80,000 for Partick Thistle midfielder **Ronnie Glavin**. Other imports on the present side are goalkeeper **Ally Hunter** from Kilmarnock who since made Scotland's world cup squad. **Steve Murray** came from Aberdeen; **Dixie Deans** from Motherwell and **Tom Callaghan** from Dunfermline.

All the Celtic players are in the "star" category and pen pictures of each would say nothing that any fan worth his salt doesn't already know. If however the present team has its "super-stars" the following could doubtless be nominated:— Full back **Danny McGrain** last season considered, by those whose opinions count, as possibly the best full back in the world; a difficult title to live up to. From that pinnacle Danny

seemed to slip away but is now reported to be climbing back, **Billy McNeill**, captain and inspiration for longer than most could find possible at the level of performance Celtic require; **Kenny Dalglish** a Scotland World Cup man and a brilliant modern soccer star who will be even better; and **Jimmy Johnstone** on his game the supreme individualist, a unique talent and a world star — these are the players popular opinion would pick out.

Happily for opponents Celtic players suffer from the same condition as the rest of us; they are human, and so stars and superstars sometimes glitter not at all and average performers find they can do no wrong. Whose turn will it be today?



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DAVID HAYES	2
STEVE RITCHIE	3
JIM LUMSDEN	4
GEORGE ANDERSON	5
STAN RANKIN	6
McGHEE, ALEX	7
REID, ALEX	8
HARLEY, IAN	9
TOWNSEND, JIM	10
MURRAY, NEIL	11

Subs:

TAYLOR, RAYMOND
SKOVDAM, KENNY

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CONNAGHAN

X ALASTAIR HUNTER
DANNY McGRAIN
JIM BROGAN
STEVE MURRAY
BILLY McNEILL
PAT McCLUSKEY
KENNY DALGLISH
RONNIE GLAVIN
JOHN DEANS BONE
BOBBY LENNOX
PAUL WILSON

Subs:

JIMMY JOHNSTONE
TOM CALLAGHAN

Linesman (Stand side) — G. SUMMERS (Kilmarnock)

Referee — A. MacKENZIE (Larbert)

Linesman (Far side) — W. A. WELSH (Dumfries)