

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 3rd January, 1976



CELTIC v DUNDEE

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

KENNY'S HAT-TRICK DUMPED DUNDEE

WHEN Dundee visited Celtic Park at the beginning of September it coincided with manager Jock Stein's first visit to see the big team in action since his discharge from hospital and with the announcement of Steve Murray's retirement from football.

Happily, four months later, manager Stein's progress to full fitness continues and only last week Steve Murray played his first match in a welcome comeback to football.

The game, played on September 6, was comfortably won by Celtic with a margin of four goals to nil and the goalscorers were Bobby Lennox (3) and Jackie McNamara.

Celtic's win on that occasion put paid to the Dundee aspirations of winning three league games in succession at Celtic Park having won on their two previous visits.

However, the game we highlight today was played in October of the 1971-72 season and fewer than half of the players who took part are available for this afternoon's match.

The teams that day were:

CELTIC: Williams; Hay and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Connelly; John-

stone and Dalglish; Hood; Callaghan and Macari. Sub: Lennox.

DUNDEE: Hewitt; Wilson and Johnston; Steele Phillip and Houston; Duncan and Selway; Wallace; Scott and Lambie. Sub: Kinninmonth.

Both defences were on top for most of the first half and in fact it was the 36th minute of the game before the deadlock was broken.

Bobby Murdoch set the goal up with a perfect lob over the Dundee defence enabling Kenny Dalglish to run on to the pass and pick his spot in the net.

Celtic finished the first half with that single goal lead but with only 30 seconds of the second half played they were two up.

The deadly partnership of Lou Macari and Kenny Dalglish scythed through the Dundee defence for the latter to score his second goal of the match.

Just three minutes later Dundee got one back to cut the lead to a single goal. Evan Williams save brilliantly from Jocky Scott at the expense of a corner and from the resultant kick John Duncan rose above the defence to score with his head.

The Dundee hopes of revival were short lived, however, because minutes later Kenny Dalglish completed his hat-trick when he headed home a Bobby Murdoch cross to restore Celtic's two goal lead.

Near the end of the game Kenny Dalglish was brought down in the box but Dundee keeper Mike Hewitt brought off a tremendous save from Tommy Gemmell's spot-kick.

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I WRITE before the game with Rangers, the second Ne'erday in succession, incidentally, we've played the fixture at Ibrox.

However, no matter the outcome of the match with our old rivals, we go into this afternoon's test with Dundee at Parkhead as leaders in the race for the Premier League championship.

Despite the team reorganisation we enter 1976 in a pretty good position, the result of a splendid comeback against Hibs in Edinburgh and then victory over Ayr United.

The Easter Road game was an important one and the players rose to the occasion in great style. When the chips are down Celtic teams always seem to find that little bit extra and so it was against Hibs.

It took the club into 1976 in happy mood with 25 points from half of the scheduled 36 games. Six of the 11 points we dropped in 1975 were lost at home and that was a disappointment. However, it is a useless exercise pondering what might have been. Now we've got to make sure that we gather the maximum points in all home engagements.

Indeed, if we can capture another 25 points in the second half of the season it could be a title-winning total, though our aim all through will be to win EVERY match and make absolutely sure of the championship!

We played well against Dundee in our first Premier League fixture here in September when we won 4—0. The second meeting at Dens Park in November we lost 1—0 and deservedly lost. It was one of our worst displays of the season.

There is opportunity today for the players to redeem themselves and keep going the win-at-home policy. Dundee are a side with a lot of talented players relying on their skills rather than strength to get their results. It is hardly likely to be a physical contest and that should ensure plenty of entertainment for the fans.

A boost for the club is the return of Steve Murray. We'd hoped this would be a Christmas "present", but to have available a player of his quality and experience is welcome at any time.

It was his great affection for football and training determination that lifted him over his injury and operation hurdle and back to the game.

He'll be a wonderful asset to the player pool for he showed not a sign of rustiness in his opening reserve team test at Ayr and celebrated the return with a goal.

All in all it could be a happy New Year for Celts.

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1910, 1914, 1915,
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,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

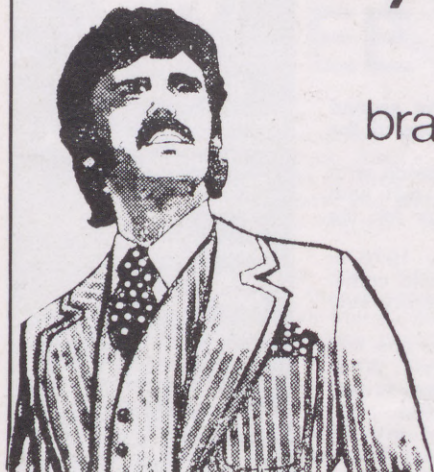
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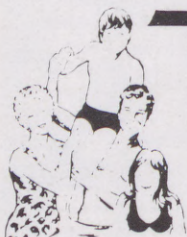
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BOBBY LENNOX, last of the Lisbon Lions, enters his 15th year with Celtic and dismissing the "veteran" tag asserts . . .

I FEEL AS GOOD IN 1976 AS EVER I'VE BEEN

BOBBY LENNOX carries the years of football success with a lightness and mature dignity which masks the superb service he is still giving to Celtic in this his 15th year with the club.

His record is one which will assuredly go into the Parkhead roll of honour . . . though the flyer from Saltcoats does not even remotely contemplate such a thing. For that suggests a career conclusion . . . and Bobby Lennox is still thoroughly enjoying the high-speed touchline trips with which he has excited and delighted fans and frustrated opposition defences.

About the only current item in the football scene which he doesn't like is the adjectival "veteran" set before Bobby Lennox. "I think it's daft. O.K. I'm 32. So, what?"

It is a good question, one that Lennox answers, "Veteran might suggest that a player is over the top, but I'm the fellow who really knows. AND I FEEL AS GOOD IN 1976 AS EVER I'VE BEEN."

Like a sound professional he well understands that when he is not PLAYING as good as ever he'll not be in the Celtic side. Yet his experience and expertise is a major factor in Celtic's bid to be the first winners of the Premier League Championship as the side recovers equilibrium after the loss of several big names.

The Lennox approach to his profession has brought on occasion this tribute from manager Jock Stein. "I hope I always have eleven like him. Always on time, conscientious in his training and a loyal team man, he's the ideal pro."

Celtic's caretaker boss Sean Fallon has the same high opinion of Lennox who displays the same zest and sharp relish for a job he began in 1961 when he arrived at Parkhead as an awe-struck Junior from

Ardeer Recreation.

Dedication is a word frequently applied to sports practitioners these days, occasionally one suspects a trifle loosely. In the case of Bobby Lennox it can be applied 100 per cent.

Through the years supreme fitness has been a basic in his football philosophy. "I've always maintained a routine to aid my game . . . like being in bed by eight o'clock the night before a match." And the routine, training alone on the sands of Ayrshire or while away on summer holiday, in addition to the regular work at Parkhead, has maintained the sparkle and fast fluency in his play.

Lennox the scorer is sometimes forgotten. Like many players he doesn't maintain statistical records. "Just the other day though," he added a trifle reluctantly, "somebody told me I had scored something like 270 goals to date for the club."

The European Cup triumph in Lisbon naturally tops the list as THE highlight of the hundreds of matches he engaged in. Yet he can recollect a couple of them—and a couple of goals which he sets in the "sneaky" category.

One was against Motherwell in May, 1966, at Fir Park . . . the last league game of the season. His was the only one, it came late and IT CLINCHED THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR CELTS. It was the first of nine in a row. Two seasons later he was getting the title-clinching goal against Morton at Parkhead late in the month of April.

He has made many friendships and he maintains contact with his "wee pal" at Parkhead for so long, Jimmy Johnstone.

They were the inseparables of Celtic Park from the time they joined the club in 1961. If someone wanted wee Jimmy he was likely to be told: "Oh, he's around all right, I've just seen Bobby Lennox!"

And the last of the Lisbon Lions intends to be around for some time. He won't be roaring (it was never his trademark), but he'll be exerting all his experience and expertise for a club he has served loyally and successfully.

Happy 1976, Bobby.

TODAY'S VISITORS

DUNDEE epitomise the new Premier League. They've been an in-and-out company in terms of results.

They've beaten Celtic, had Rangers struggling and then failed against opposition they were expected to overcome.

However, their manager Davie White has refused to desert the policy of putting the accent on football skill at all times.

He aims at entertaining spectators and he doesn't see that being accomplished by negative play. It is a tightrope that requires nerve to negotiate and not every team boss cares to set out on such a course.

It was the White philosophy when managing Clyde and Rangers to put the emphasis on football all the time and he maintained this line at Dens Park.

The extent of Dundee's attacking football depends, naturally, on the opposition and the available resources. Celtic, nevertheless recognise the talent of the Dens Parkers and expect them to push players into the Park-head penalty box as often as possible.

As Celtic boss Jock Stein used to say to his men before a European tie on foreign soil: "Do all your defending inside their 18-yard line."

Against Motherwell last week Dundee showed their two football faces — a poor first half and a come-back in the second 45 minutes which almost snatched a point after being three goals down.

Dundee have the players all right and a visit to Park-head is sufficient motivation to get things strung together.

No Dens Parker enjoys the atmosphere more than

DUNDEE KEEP THE ACCENT ON SKILL



Tommy Gemmill . . . always enjoys a tilt with his old club

Tommy Gemmill, one of the Lisbon Lions who made history for Celts and Scotland by winning the European Cup.

He'll be radiating confidence to his mates and reminding them that they did beat Celts at Dundee.

These are the men from

whom manager White will be selecting a squad in search of points to lift them up the league table:

Thomson Allan, Goalkeeper. Recalled to Scotland's player pool for the recent match with Rumania to confirm his status as one of the country's best keepers. Joined up at Dens Park from Hibernian in 1971, was capped against West Germany and was a member of Scotland's World Cup party in 1974.

Alex Caldwell. Full back. A young player who showed considerable promise in several roles before settling down to his current position.

Dave Johnston. Full back. Has scored a lot of spectacular — and valuable goals — on the overlap. A strong-going player he joined Dundee from the Aberdeen Junior ranks in 1967.

George Mackie. Defence. A versatile player who has come on well since moving

into the League side.

George Stewart. Centre half. Has been at Dens Park since 1964. A strong player who is particularly good in the air.

Tommy Gemmell. Defence. The former Celt enjoys a tilt with his old club. Joined Dundee in 1973 from Notts Forest. Was a member of Celtic's European Cup winning side and has been capped 22 times by Scotland.

Jan Phillip. Defence. A local boy, he was a £95,000 transfer to Crystal Palace in 1972. Didn't settle in the South and returned to Dens Park at a record fee for the club.

Gordon Strachan. Midfield. Has twice won the best young player of the year in Scotland award and his intelligent play has brought him a permanent place in the Dens Park League side.

Bobby Ford. Midfield. His all-action, never-give-up style has been invaluable to the club on numerous

occasions. Signed from Falkirk in 1971.

Bobby Robinson. Midfield. Another signing from Falkirk in 1971, he's won a full cap and played with Scotland's Under-23 squad.

Wilson Hoggan. Winger. A fast two-footed player who cost £34,000 when transferring from Falkirk last season.

Bobby Hutchison. Forward. A £22,000 buy from Montrose at the beginning of last season.

Gordon Wallace. Forward. A consistent performer since arriving at Dens Park from Raith Rovers in 1969. Was Scotland's leading scorer and Player of the Year in 1968.

Ian Purdie. Winger. Moved from Aberdeen to Dundee at the start of this season. Can play a midfield role.

Alan Gordon. Forward. Has played with Hearts, Dundee United and Hibs and been a consistent scorer. Good in the air.

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DUNDEE (from)

THOMSON ALLAN
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 IAN PHILLIP
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SIDELINES

DUNDEE'S HONOURS

Honours list of the Dundee club, founded in 1893, is — First Division champions: 1962. Runners-up: 1903, 1909, 1949. Scottish Cup winners: 1910. Losing finalists: 1925, 1952, 1965. Scottish League Cup winners: 1952, 1953, 1974. Losing finalists: 1968.

THREE AWAY?

After today's match Celtic have to travel to play Motherwell (next Saturday) and St. Johnstone (January 17). It could be three away games in a row depending on the Scottish Cup third round draw in which the ties are due on January 24.

The ballot will be made at the finish of today's Hearts-Rangers match at Tynecastle.

KENNY LEADS

Kenny Dalglish has tucked away 13 of the 72 goals scored by Celts in Premier League, Scottish League Cup, Glasgow Cup and European games up to last Saturday. It makes him top scorer, but he is being chased by Icelander Johannes Edvaldsson now just two behind. Dixie Deans has ten goals. Other scorers: Bobby Lennox—9; Paul Wilson—6; Harry Hood—5; Roddy McDonald, Pat McCluskey Jackie McNamara, Andy Lynch, Tommy Callaghan—3 each; Andy Ritchie, Danny McGrain, Ronnie Glavin—1 each.

FAVOURITE TEAMS

Because of his scoring feats against them in recent seasons, Dixie Deans says Hibs is the team he'd like to play against every week. Johannes Edvaldsson is likely to opt for Ayr United for he's netted five against them in two Premier League games.

SCORING SONS

Celtic's halfway total of 37 goals in the Premier League is the second best scoring record of the sides in Scottish League football. Only Dumbarton with 38 goals top them, but the Boghead club has lost 33 and are not top of their division.



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Dundee keeper Thomson Allan and Ian Phillip combine to hold off Bobby Lennox during a Celtic attack at Parkhead. Watching the outcome are (left to right): Bobby Wilson, Kenny Dalglish, Alex Caldwell and Alan Gordon.

"PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

GLASGOW CUP

AUGUST

4—Clyde (A) 2 1

LEAGUE CUP

AUGUST

9—Aberdeen (H) 1 0

13—Hearts (A) 0 2

16—Dumbarton (H) 3 1

20—Hearts (H) 3 1

23—Dumbarton (A) 8 0

27—Aberdeen (A) 2 0

SEPTEMBER

10—Stenhousemuir (A) 2 0

24—Stenhousemuir (H) 1 0

OCTOBER

13—Partick Thistle (Hampden) 1 0

25—Rangers (Hampden) 0 1

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP

SEPTEMBER

16—Valur (Iceland) (A) 2 0

OCTOBER

1—Valur (Iceland) (H) 7 0

22—Boavista (Portugal) ... (A) 0 0

NOVEMBER

5—Boavista (Portugal) ... (H) 3 1

PREMIER LEAGUE

AUGUST

30—Rangers (A) 1 2

SEPTEMBER

6—Dundee (H) 4 0

13—Motherwell (A) 1 1

20—St. Johnstone (A) 2 1

27—Dundee United (H) 2 1

OCTOBER

4—Hearts (H) 3 1

11—Aberdeen (A) 2 1

NOVEMBER

1—Rangers (H) 1 1

8—Dundee (A) 0 1

12—Ayr United (A) 7 2

15—Motherwell (H) 0 2

22—St. Johnstone (H) 3 2

29—Dundee United (A) 3 1

DECEMBER

6—Hearts (A) 1 0

10—Hibernian (H) 1 1

13—Aberdeen (H) 0 2

20—Hibernian (A) 3 1

27—Ayr United (H) 3 1

1976

JANUARY

1—Rangers (A)

3—Dundee (H)

10—Motherwell (A)

17—St. Johnstone (A)

24—Scottish Cup 3rd round

31—Dundee United (H)

FEBRUARY

7—Hearts (H)

14—Scottish Cup 4th round

21—Aberdeen (A)

28—Hibernian (H)

MARCH

6—Ayr United (A)

13—Rangers (H)

20—Dundee (A)

27—Motherwell (H)

APRIL

3—St. Johnstone (H)

10—Dundee United (A)

14—Hearts (A)

17—Aberdeen (H)

21—Hibernian (A)

24—Ayr United (H)



RESERVES by JOHN CLARK

STEVE GAVE OUT SOME LESSONS

IT was a treat to have Steve Murray out with the Reserves and it must have been an eye-opener for the young fellows to see how quickly he could pick up the threads after being out of the competitive scene for months.

Of course he is a naturally fit person who kept himself in trim and he lasted through the 90 minutes against Ayr United at Somerset without a single sign of fatigue.

It was a splendid lesson for our young fellows. So was his play. He did the simple things and they are the effective things in football.

Steve's return meant one place less for the young fellows, but then everybody

knows that the League side comes first and Steve's future is with the big team. He's going to be an invaluable member of that pool.

So everybody in the Reserve scene was pleased to help him on in the comeback that could be decisive in Celts taking the Premier championship.

Winning 2—1 at Somerset was a good result and in the first half we made more goals chances than in some recent games. However, we lost a careless score and it put the team under a bit of pressure.

It meant they had to fight and work for each other and that wasn't a bad thing. Skill the players have, but the club also as to know that they possess a bit of strength as well and the ability to come back.

It doesn't all come in a twinkling, of course. It has to be gathered in the competitive arena. The boys are doing so and in 1976 we can expect them to put things together much more consistently than in the first half of the season.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Name the latest ex-Celt to take up management in Scottish League football?
2. Who is the longest serving Celtic player?
3. Celtic have twice scored seven goals this season. Who were their opponents?
4. Who succeeded Alex Stuart as manager of Montrose?
5. Name Scotland's opponents in their World Cup qualifying section?

Answers

1. Frank Connor (Cowdenbeath)
2. Bobby Lennox
3. Valur United and Ayr
4. Kenny Cameron
5. Czechoslovakia and Wales

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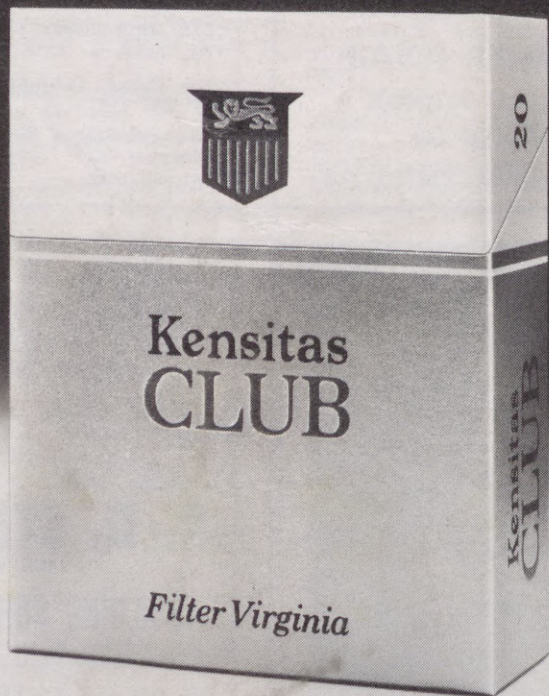
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