

LEAGUE CUP SEMI FINAL

PARTICK THISTLE versus CELTIC



MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 1975

HAMPDEN PARK

KICK-OFF 7.30pm

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
10p

WE'RE THE TOPS!



SMILE THAT TELLS IT ALL

IT'S ours! Partick Thistle skipper Alex Rae enjoying the happiest moment of his football career as he shows the Scottish League Cup to the waiting crowds outside Hampden Park after an historic 4-1 win over Celtic in October, 1971.

Thistle's first success in the League Cup and only their second success in a national final. In 1921 they won the Scottish Cup when they beat Rangers 1-0 at Celtic Park.



MAN IN THE DRIVING SEAT

PARTICK Thistle manager Bertie Auld, who was a player under Jock Stein at Celtic Park and a coach under Eddie Turnbull of Hibs, has used everything he has learned in the game in his year at Firhill.

The result is one of the most exciting sides in Scottish football, and the First Division side most likely to make the Premier Division next season.

Auld, who played in the great Celtic European Cup-winning side of 1967, knows that to knock out Celtic would be one of the biggest upsets of the season. He thinks his team is good enough to win, and reckons that he has more good young players in his team than any other in Scotland.



WHEN THISTLE'S FANS STOOD UP TO BE COUNTED

The Jags with the Scottish League Cup which they won from Celtic in October, 1971, in one of the most remarkable Hampden finals in modern time. The names are (back row, left to right)—manager Davie McParland, Jackie Campbell, John Hansen, Alan Rough, Alex Forsyth, Ronnie Glavin, Hugh Strachan and trainer Willie Ross. Front—Denis McQuade, Frank Coulston, Alex Rae (skipper), Jimmy Bone, Bobby Lawrie and Tommy Rae.

ON the afternoon of October 23, 1971, the Partick Thistle fans stood up to be counted in great numbers—the Scottish League Cup was theirs for the first time after a remarkable 4-1 win over Celtic at Hampden Park before 62,740 slightly unbelieving spectators.

Thistle, just eight months out of the Second Division, had brought the mighty Celtic to their knees, scoring three goals inside 28 minutes, four inside 36 minutes and leading at the interval by 4-0. Unbelievable. The second half was an anticlimax with Kenny Dalglish getting one back for Celtic.

Alex Rae had opened the scoring in ten minutes, Bobby Lawrie had scored a second in 15 minutes then Denis McQuade knocked in

a third in 28 minutes. Jimmy Bone rubbed it in with a fourth in 36 minutes. The Celtic fans just couldn't believe it.

When the dust of Thistle's great win had settled, Celtic manager Jock Stein said: "They deserved to win. It won't do the game any harm". It was Celtic's biggest defeat since their final League fixture of 1965 when they lost 5-1 to Dunfermline.

The teams were:

Partick Thistle—Rough; Hansen, Forsyth; Glavin, Campbell, Strachan; McQuade, Coulston, Bone, Rae, Lawrie.

Celtic—Williams; Hay, Gemmell; Murdoch, Connelly, Brogan; Johnstone, Dalglish, Hood, Callaghan, Macari.