

**SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE**  
**Monday, 7th February, 1977**



# **CELTIC v HEARTS**

**KICK-OFF 7.30 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p**

# How the Parkhead scene has changed

IT'S ONLY WHEN you look back at the details of a match played a couple of seasons ago that you appreciate the sort of player transition that has been going on at Celtic Park.

For the Hearts visit this evening we had a look back to a league match between the two teams on March 2, 1974, to find that eight of Celtic's 13 players named for the match are no longer with the club.

The line-ups for the league match in question were as follows—

**CELTIC:** Hunter; McGrain and Brogan; Connelly, McDonald and Hay; Hood and Murray; Deans; Dalglish and Wilson. Substitutes: P. McCluskey and Bone.

**HEARTS:** Cruikshank; Sneddon and Kay; Jeffries, Anderson and Brown; Aird and Gibson; Ford; Stevenson and Murray. Substitutes: Prentice and Busby.

Referee: Mr J. W. Paterson (Bothwell).

## WINNING TRAIL

Celtic had played a European Cup-tie in Basle in that midweek and had suffered a 3-2 defeat (although they eventually qualified for the semi-final stage by a 6-5 aggregate) and the 32,000 crowd wanted to see them on the winning trail again.

Hearts dictated the early stages of the match and gave the Celtic defence a few uneasy moments.

Young Roddy McDonald, deputising for the

injured Billy McNeill, was in no way over-awed by the occasion and played extremely well.

However, during the time Hearts were on top, they hit the woodwork three times, although it's fair to say that Alastair Hunter's mobility was impaired by a thigh injury.

Having survived the early pressure, Celtic started taking the game to Hearts and on the half-hour mark, they opened the scoring with an excellently constructed goal. It started with a Steve Murray pass which sent Danny McGrain overlapping down the right-wing. Danny's cross wrong-footed the defence and Dixie Deans was on hand to crack the ball into the net.

## NEW SIGNING

During the second half, Celtic's new signing, Jimmy Bone, replaced Dixie Deans but, despite many goalmouth thrills at both ends no further goals were scored.

Celtic's narrow single goal victory was enough to keep them at the top of the league table with a five points advantage over Hibs and a lead of eight points over Rangers in third position.

Last season, Celtic won both Premier League matches with Hearts at Celtic Park. This season, however, when the teams played on September 18, the game finished in a 2-2 draw after Hearts had been 2-1 in front at one stage.

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