



FRIENDLY MATCH

CRYSTAL PALACE

Versus

PARTICK THISTLE

Saturday 26 February 1972 kick off 3.00 pm

Programme Price 2p



Photo: George Ashton

Back Row: (left to right) D McParland (Manager), J Campbell, J Hansen, D McQuade, A Rough, C Smith, H Strachan, W Ross (Physio). **Front Row:** J Gibson, A Forsyth, F Coulston, A Rae (Capt.), J Bone, R Lawrie, T Rae.



As I see it by Bert Head

As the goal was clocked at 89 minutes and 5 seconds you could really say that we cut our cloth fine when David Payne snatched our equaliser against West Ham on Saturday but most people agreed that never was a point more richly deserved.

That made it two games in a row where we have saved the day in the dying moments, but if you went along to Upton Park I am sure you will agree that we might have so easily scored in the opening five minutes rather than having to wait as long as we did. It was a fine game and David's goal moved us out of the last two places. We were hoping to get a further stab at improving our position today but as you know fixture difficulties have caused us a few problems over the last week or so.

We should have met Derby County here this afternoon but they are engaged in F.A. Cup battle with holders Arsenal. We did have a try at persuading Leicester City to fill the gap but they preferred to wait until Easter Monday.

As you may have read we were due to have met Derby instead next Wednesday, in daylight as we are forbidden to use our floodlights, but on consideration we felt that we would get a bigger audience later in the season so that has been postponed.

This could so easily have meant that for the second time in three weeks we would have had a Saturday twiddling our thumbs and that we did not want. We have a continuity of training and matches that blends well and though we did not mind the one day free we were not too keen on a second.

That is why we are so happy to welcome Scottish League First Division club Partick Thistle. We had tentatively agreed to play them on Friday but the power situation ruled that out and they have kindly stepped in to fill the gap in our fixture list.

The Scottish party flew down yesterday and I am certain you are going to see some of the best exponents of the game in that country in action. They are a very young side and six of them are under-23 internationals. Tommy Docherty, Scotland's new manager, is very keen on this branch of the game and at Partick he has lads eager to show their skills. Rough, Forsyth, Hansen, Glavin, Bone and McQuade are the sextet who have already been capped.

Three men we will have to keep an eye on are Bone (19 goals), McQuade (15) and Coulston (13). Any trio with 47 goals between them need some watching. Thistle know the route to goal and are the fourth highest scorers in their division. They are firm candidates for a place in their equivalent of our Watney Cup next season, a competition open to the four top goalscoring clubs in each of their two sections.

There are other top class players in the Thistle team, including Hugh Strachan, who is the "daddy" of them all in age and experience. Hugh joined them as a coach last season but has missed only one game in his role of sweeper.

Yes, they have individuals to attract the best of clubs, but it is through a team performance that they will go down in the history books. It was reckoned to be one of the biggest-ever upsets in Scottish soccer when they beat Celtic 4-1 to win the Scottish League Cup earlier this season.

One thing is certain. Look around the directors' box today and you will see an array of talent-spotters by the dozen. Clubs are looking more and more to Scotland for their future stars and this is an opportunity too good to miss. I personally welcome Scott Symon, their general manager who for so long controlled the affairs of Rangers, and manager Dave McParland. But there will be plenty of reminiscing between the visitors and our own Scottish lads: English could almost be a foreign language round the dressing rooms today.

◀ *Goals Galore! The four Partick Thistle goals scored against Celtic in the Scottish League Cup Final 1971-72.*

Top to Bottom: The first goal scored by Alex Rae / Bobby Lawrie puts Partick two up. The third is added by Denis McQuade / Jimmy Bone makes it four.

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Partick Thistle

Shirts: White Claret Blue
Shorts: White
Socks: Blue Claret

Shirts: Red & Yellow Hoops
Shorts: White
Socks: Red Black Yellow

Paul Hammond	1	Alan Rough
David Payne	2	John Hansen
Sam Goodwin	3	Alex Forsyth
Bobby Kellard	4	Ronnie Glavin
John McCormick	5	Robert Clark
Mel Blyth	6	Hugh Strachan
John Craven	7	Denis McQuade
Gerry Queen	8	Frank Coulston
Willie Wallace	9	Jim Bone
Tony Taylor	10	Alex Rae
Bobby Tambling	11	Bobby Lawrie
Peter Wall	12	Charlie Smith
Bob Goldthorpe	13	John Gibson
John Jackson	14	Tommy Rae

Referee: B H Daniels *Rainham Essex.*

Linesmen: D B Mahoney *Croydon*

M F Stimpson *Epsom*

This year Partick were promoted from the Second Division and have hit brilliant form under their new manager David McParland. Peak performance came in the League Cup Final at Hampden against odds on favourites, Celtic. The Jags were four goals up at half time after an incredible performance and eventually won 4-1. They already hold league victories over Rangers, St. Johnstone and Dundee United.

Best Position in League — Third 1948, 1954, 1963

Scottish Cup Winners — 1921 — *Finalists* — 1930

Scottish League Cup Winners — 1971-72 — *Finalists* — 1953-54, 1956-57, 1958-59

Division 2 Champions — 1897, 1900, 1971 — *Runners-up* — 1902

Competed in Fairs Cup — 1963-64

Scottish League Cup 1971-72 — Road to Hampden

FIRST SECTION

Partick Thistle 4	Arbroath 0	Partick Thistle 1	East Fife 1
East Fife 2	Partick Thistle 3	Arbroath 2	Partick Thistle 4
Raith Rovers 1	Partick Thistle 1	Partick Thistle 5	Raith Rovers 0

SUPPLEMENTARY ROUND

Partick Thistle 4	Alloa 1	Alloa 1	Partick Thistle 1
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QUARTER-FINAL

1st LEG		2nd LEG	
St. Johnstone 2	Partick Thistle 0	Partick Thistle 5	St. Johnstone 1

SEMI-FINAL

Falkirk 0	Partick Thistle 2
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FINAL

Partick Thistle 4	Celtic 1
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