

The great day is here. The Hampden backcloth is coloured by Scottish Cup hopes. An encouraging roar greets the teams. First - Proud Celtic, (~~making~~ ~~making~~ making their 25th Final appearance.

And ^{the} pride of the North-East - Aberdeen - beaten finalists last year.

All eyes on the centre circle - and Mitchell wins the toss for Aberdeen.

~~And~~ For 130,000 fans, the game is on. Fallon of Celtic sets the ball rolling - and for the Glasgow side - Victory will truly crown their 66th birthday season.

Aberdeen are the first to attack. A promising move; but it comes to nothing - Celtic clear their lines.

Early Celtic endeavour comes from a lone raider. ~~He~~ He presses home the attack and has Aberdeen defenders falling about him; but no score.

Another dangerous sortie by the North Eastern side. Playing the kind of football that defeated such sides as Hibs, Hearts and Rangers on ~~their~~ the way to their second successive final.

Aberdeen again - and playing in his first final - Joe O'Neill makes the best effort of a goalless first half.

Back to the fray. Aberdeen kick off. And there's one the Referee couldn't help seeing. A kick for Aberdeen...

Here's the kick - a nice one. ~~It's dangerous~~ - But no - Celtic get it away.

And back they come. A lightning raid - a shot at goal - just wide!

With seven minutes of the half gone - bad luck hits Aberdeen. Young diverts a shot from Mochan past his keeper.

Celtic one-up and the hopes of that double loom large over ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Glasgow.

But Aberdeen are hitting back. And less than two minutes later, comes the goal of the match. Buckley scores in great style.

~~the~~ Aberdeen one - Celtic one - with the crowd all set for an exciting ~~second~~ battle for mastery. **DOWN**

And twenty minutes later, Fallon puts Celtic ahead - after a weaving run by Fernie.

The remaining minutes seemed hours for Celtic fans. Aberdeen mounting ^{battling} attack after attack - ~~six~~ for that equaliser. And though the Celtic defence is nodding - they're never caught napping.

The Glasgow side hold out - the cup is ~~there~~ theirs....

Cup continued

pay tribute to who were

~~And~~ In the happy flush of victory, they ~~remember~~ Aberdeen f experiencing again, the bitter disappointment of final defeat...

~~Then the triumphant climb~~ ^{So -} Up the "Stairway to Fame" - For the ~~Seventeenth~~ seventeenth time - the ~~"Scottish Cup"~~ ^{Scottish Cup} will grace the Parkhead Boardroom...

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The President of the Scottish F.A., Mr Swann presents the trophy to Jock Stein - a wonderful skipper... To their consistent record in winning the League championship, Celtic have added the ability to rise to the occasion. - ~~and so lift the cup~~

So WELL DONE - CELTIC! CHAMPIONS IN CUP AND LEAGUE.

~~And consolation for Aberdeen - beaten~~ ~~at Hampden for the second year~~ running - runners-up medals and the hope of Scottish fans that next year will bring final triumph.

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