









A Welcome to Kiev Dynamo . .

By JACK DOHERTY, Chairman of Coleraine F.C.

It is with the ulmost pleasure that I welcome Kiev Dynamo players and officials to Northern Ireland and, more especially, to the Borough of Coleraine. To-night our slub, a small one in the context of world soccer, makes history for we act as hosts to the first ever team from the U.S.S.R. to compete in the European Cup Winners' tournament,

There are many who say that professional football in this age knows no sentiment but that, I can assure you, is far from correct. For instance, the gesture of Kiev in switching the venue for the first game is one which we at Coleraine appreciate to the full. It has meant that we will be ensured of at least breaking even on this venture whereas to have travelled first to Kiev would have, perhaps, resulted in a financial loss.

From the moment the draw was announced in Zurich last July we have experienced the utmost co-operation in every respect not only from Kiev but from the U.S.S.R. Federation. Indeed, it has been a pleasure to conduct negotiations with them.

This match—and our visit on September 8 for the return—means much more than just a mere clash of two teams. Here we are provided with an opportunity to foster friendly relationships between our two countries; to get to know more about each other in an atmosphere of sporting spirit.

I would like also to say a special thank you to the people of Coleraine; to our loyal supporters for their backing and encouragement not only in this game but throughout the past year, the most memorable in our h istory; and to our manager Bertie and the players for putting Coleraine on the map. They have written an imperishable part of our soccer history.

Finally, let me extend the hand of friendship to our Soviet guests. May they enjoy their sojourn in this part of the United Kingdom and return to their homeland with happy memories of the match and the town and people of Coleraine.



KIEV-team with a record

By MALCOLM BRODIE

(Sports Editor of the "Belfast Telegraph" and "Ireland's Saturday Night")

"What !" gasped Coleraine manager, Bertie Peacock, when I telephoned him in the middle of July.

"No kidding, you will be travelling to Russia !" I said. He was astonished for only a few hours earlier when I was discussing the prospects with him he remarked : "Maybe you'll see having to go to Russia !" And so it turned out.

To Coleraine, competing for the first time in the Cup Winners tournament, the draw was a body blow. Not because of the opposition but the fact that they would have to travel to Kiev for the first game. The Soviet soccer bosses, however, brought joy to Coleraine hearts when they agreed to switch the venue of the first match from Kiev to the Showgrounds.



VICTOR A. MASLOV Chief Manager, Kiev Dynamo

It was a decision which saved Coleraine from a financial predicament. A decision which set the pattern for a friendship which will be climaxed by to-night's game and the return visit to the U.S.S.R. next week. The true spirit of sport has been evident since the teams were paired in that European Cup draw.

Kiev Dynamo! Few, if any in Northern Ireland had ever heard of the club. To most of us Kiev was merely the name of a city in the faraway Ukraine which had to bear the brunt of Nazi oppression during the Second World War. Kiev survived that holocaust and so, too, did Dynamo.

The club—the colours are white with pale blue stripes with a D on the jerseys—was formed in 1927 and it has developed into one of the most powerful in Russia with many of its players representing their country down through the years.

Landmark in its history was in 1936 when they finished second in the championship. That was the year they also entered their cup competition known as the "All Union Soccer Cup," a trophy familiar to millions of U.S.S.R. citizens.

The Moscow sides Spartak, Dynamo and TSSKA have dominated this. Kiev did well in the early years; occasionally they reached the quarter-finals and then in 1954 they won the cup for the first time, defeating Yervevan Spartak 2-1 in the final.

And so to last year. Their performances were supreme as they triumphed in round after round until the final in which their opponents were "Wings of the Soviet of Kuibishey. They had a one-nil success and, according to a Kiev journalist colleague they "played a phenomenal game; linked well together and demonstrated their cohesion and high standard of football."

It was a win which qualified Kiev for the European Cup Winners Cup—the first occasion that the U.S.S.R. Football Federation have submitted an entry for this.

Yet Kiev have an experienced background of matches at international level. A quick look through their record makes interesting reading. They have defeated teams from Turkey, Spain, Sweden, Bulgaria, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Rumania, Brazil, France, West Germany, Holland, Iceland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Uruguay and Albania, where, of course, the Northern Ireland international side will be competing in November.

Kiev were beaten 2-1 by Tottenham Hotspur while they held Glasgow Rangers to a one-all draw. Results of matches against other British sides were : Aston Villa (lost 2-1); Everton (lost 2-0); Arensenal (drew 1-1).

This gives an indication of the strength of the opposition and the task which confronts Coleraine, on whom has fallen the honour of entertaining Kiev in this competition.

Through our national game, played universally by men of every colour, class and creed, it is Coleraine's privilege to-night to help develop friendly relations between our countries. This alone is something to be commended.

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PEACOCK ERA

By BILL IRWIN ("Newsletter")

When the Coleraine Club took the step forward into senior football almost 40 years ago air travel was very much in its infancy, and any suggestion of a European Cup-Winners' Cup was something that would have been received with a horse laugh. Since then aeronautics have made the world a small place, and, consequently, widened the field of soccer.

Great have been the strides in these, and many other, directions, and none the less progressive have been Coleraine. The first impact they made on Irish League soccer was back in 1932 when they took their first senior trophy to Coleraine —the Gold Cup.

They had to wait until 1954 before further success came their way—the City Cup—and in the meantime they got within striking range of the Irish Cup, having reached the final in 1948 and 1953, to be beaten on both occasions by Linfield, Coleraine next hit the headlines in 1959 by winning the Gold Cup for the second time, but their stock took a nosedive shortly afterwards—and at the end of the 1960-61 season they were quoted tenth in the Irish League table. The club's enterprising officials then set out on a bold policy and persuaded one who had made his name in world football to return home to the job of team rebuilding at the Showgrounds.

Thus began the Peacock era. In his first season as player-manager Coleraine could only finish ninth in the League, and the following year it was seventh place. Not a great deal of improvement, but the Peacock youth policy needed time to mature.

Two years ago there were signs of it paying dividends, but they were pipped on the post for the League title by Glentoran, who also beat them in the semi-final of the Irish Cup. The young Coleraine, however, had arrived, and Bertie's burning ambition since he joined the club was realised when the team entered the town last April with the Irish Cup.

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THIS is the Kiev Dynamo Cup-winning team, pictured after they had defeated Wings of The Soviet of Kuibischev in the Russian Cup Final 1-0 earier this year.

Kiev, Capital of the rich Ukraine province, is the third largest city in the U.S.S.R., and has a population of about 850,000. It lies about 620 miles south-west of Moscow and manufactures a great variety of goods from agricultural machinery and electric motors to radios and motor cycles as well as being one of the Soviet Union's leading centres of culture and sport, Founded in the early 1920's, Dynamo are Kiev's only major Soccer club, but the city has two "second-class" clubs and hundreds of junior and minor teams, all competing in some form of League or Cup in a season running from April to October. Dynamo come here at the end of their season and will not find the long journey so unusual as our boys will when they travel to Kiev next week. Two of the Russian First Division clubs are almost 3,000 miles apart and teams sometimes play several games on flying circuits which may extend to five weeks. Most of the Dynamo players are drawn from the Kiev junior clubs, progressing through the junior teams under coaches who are trained and developed by the parent club. Like all Russian clubs, the Soccer team form part of a sports organisation with several thousand members playing every game from basketball to table tennis, Most Kiev matches are played in the Dynamo stadium holding 35,000, but important League and Cup-ties are staged in the giant Nikita Kruschev stadium holding 75,000, which stages most of the important sporting events in the Ukrainian republic. Admission prices vary according to the fixture; dearest seats are about one rouble (10s.) and tickets for the terracing about 10 kopeks (around 1/-). Unlike other European countries where most football matches are played on Sunday, Dynamo may play their matches on any day for the fixtures are arranged by date and not according to the traditional non-working day of the week. Dynamo players receive extensive time off work to train and prepare for their games, but are still paid by their employers. The only salaried men in Soviet soccer are the full-time managers and coaches, who are paid by the sports organisation to which they belong. We welcome the Russians to-night amid the excitement which their visit has aroused, and hope that they will enjoy their short stay among us,

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Three forwards in one party of 18 players who made the trip for to-night's match. They are likely to be in the Kiev line-up at the kick-off.

Twenty Questions

1-Only one player played in all Coleraine's League, City Cup, Gold Cup and Irish Cup matches. Who ? 2-What team scored five goals against their opponents in the Irish Cup yet lost ? 3-In the five World Cup matches played, only one Irish League player was capped. Who ? 4-Name the four Coleraine players who collected Inter-League honours. 5-How many provincial clubs finished in the top half of the Irish League Championship table ? 6-Can you name the two teams who scored more League goals than Coleraine ? 7-Can you name a side that conceded fewer League goals than Coleraine ? 8-How many scoreless draws were there in the Irish League ? 9-Coleraine's biggest away win last season 10-Biggest win in any I.F.A. senior competition ? 11-Who was Ulster's Footballer of the Year ? 12-Did the Reserves win more or less than half their games in the Intermediate League ? 13-Where did they finish in the League table ? 14-Who scored the goals in the Intermediate Cup Final ? 15-New names on three Senior trophies last season. Whose names and what trophies ? 16-Cliftonville won only one Irish League game. Where ? 17-Who did Derry City play in the European Cup Winners Cup ? 18-And who from where did Glentoran play in the European Cup ? 19-Who is the tallest Irish League centre-half?

20-Only one Coleraine half-back wasn't among the goals last season. Who ?

[Answers overleaf

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Coleraine Reserves team photographed immediately after winning the replayed Intermediate Cup Final against Larne.

The other VICTOR

As well as Coleraine's longest serving player, goalkeeper Victor Hunter, the 'keeper at the other end ton i g h t, has the same Christian name. Our picture is of Victor Bannikovee, the Kiev goalkeeper and one of the stars of the side. Let's hope we see him in action often to-night.

ANSWERS TO TWENTY QUESTIONS

1—Victor Hunter,
2—Linfield, who lost to Glenavon 2-3 after a 3-3 draw,
3—A, Campbell (Crusaders), 4—Campbell, McCurdy, Dunlop, Kinsella,
5—Four,
6—Derry C. and Glenavon,

- 7—No, none did, 8—Three. 9—Cliftonville 7-2 in City
- Cup, 10-Glenavon 11, Cliftonville
- 0, in Irish League. 11—Doug Wood (Derry City),
- 12—Less, 18 out of 38,
- 13-Equal fourth.
- 14-Gallagher and Gray, 15-Coleraine (Irish Cup) and
- Derry C. (League and Gold
- Cup)
- 16-The Oval v. Glentoran, 17-Steaua, Rumania,
- 18-Panathinikcs, Greece,
- 19-T. Lowry, Glenavon, 6 ft.
- 1 in
- 20-Bertie ! Ironical, isn't it !



VICTOR BANNIKOVEE (Kiev Dynamo Goalkeeper)

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This is the photograph sent to Coleraine Secretary, Willie McNabb, by the Soviet News Agency, Tass, showing the party which Kiev Dynamo were bringing here for to-night's game. They were due to fly into Aldergrove on Tuesday and the visitors' accommodation had been booked in the Northern Counties Hotel in Portrush where they would have the use of the indoor swimming pool and other amenities. During their short stay, arrangements have been made for them to do some sight-seeing of local beauty spots and to visit some local factories, Before coming here, Kiev Dynamo had had special training sessions at the Kiev Institute of Sport and had played a series of special "toughening up" matches in preparation for to-night's Cup tie.

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