

= 1967 European Cup Final =

The 1967 European Cup Final was a football match between Italian team Internazionale and Scottish team Celtic . It took place at the Estádio Nacional in Lisbon , Portugal on 25 May 1967 in front of a crowd of 45 @, @ 000 . It was the final of the 1966 ? 67 European Cup , the premier club competition in Europe . The match was Celtic 's first European final and Internazionale 's third ; they had won the tournament in two of the previous three years .

Both teams had to go through four qualifying rounds to get the final . Celtic won their first two ties comfortably , with their second two rounds being tighter . Internazionale 's first tie was very close but they won their next two by bigger margins . In the semi @-@ final Internazionale needed a replay to win the tie .

Internazionale scored after seven minutes , when Sandro Mazzola converted a penalty . Celtic equalised through Tommy Gemmell after he scored on 63 minutes . Stevie Chalmers then put Celtic in the lead after 84 minutes . The match finished 2 ? 1 to Celtic . It was said to be a victory for football because Celtic 's attacking football overcame Internazionale 's defensive @-@ style " catenaccio " which was considered to be a less attractive way to play the game . Celtic 's manager Jock Stein and the team received acclaim after the match and were given the nickname the Lisbon Lions ; considered to be the greatest side in the club 's history .

= = Route to the final = =

= = = Celtic = = =

Celtic qualified for the European Cup after winning the 1965 ? 66 Scottish First Division , their 21st title , by two points over rivals Rangers . Celtic entered at the first round where they faced Swiss side Zürich . Celtic won 2 ? 0 at home , with goals from Tommy Gemmell and Joe McBride . They then won the away leg 3 ? 0 as Stevie Chalmers scored and Gemmell got a brace . Celtic faced French side Nantes in the second round , and won the away leg 3 ? 1 . Nantes had taken the lead through Francis Magny , before McBride had equalised to level the match at 1 ? 1 . In the second half , Bobby Lennox and Bertie Auld scored to seal a victory . Celtic won the home leg by the same scoreline . Jimmy Johnstone put them in front , before Gérard Georgin equalised . Celtic again scored twice in the second half , as Chalmers and Lennox secured the victory .

Celtic faced Yugoslavia ( now Serbian ) side Vojvodina Novi Sad in the quarter @-@ finals , and lost the first leg 1 ? 0 after a goal from Milan Stani? ; this was Celtic 's only defeat of the competition . The tie looked like it was going to end in a draw after Chalmers had given Celtic a 1 @-@ 0 lead in the second leg . This would have resulted in the teams from having to go to Rotterdam for a replay . However , in the 90th minute captain Billy McNeill scored to give Celtic the victory . In the semi @-@ finals , Czechoslovakian side Dukla Prague were beaten 3 ? 1 in Glasgow , Johnstone put the hosts in front , before Stanislav ?trunc equalised . A second half brace from Willie Wallace gave Celtic the victory . The teams then drew 0 ? 0 in Prague , which meant Celtic progressed to the final .

= = = Internazionale = = =

Internazionale had won the 1965 ? 66 Serie A , their tenth title , by four points over second placed Bologna . As a result of this , they qualified for the European Cup and their first round opponents were Soviet side Torpedo Moscow . Internazionale won the first leg 1 ? 0 , thanks to an own goal by Valery Voronin before drawing 0 ? 0 in Russia . Their second round opponents were Vasas of Hungary , Internazionale won 2 ? 1 at home , with goals from Carlo Soldo and Mario Corso , while Lajos Puskás had scored for the visitors . Two goals from Sandro Mazzola gave Inter the victory in the second leg .

Internazionale beat six time champions and holders Real Madrid in the quarter @-@ finals . Internazionale won 1 ? 0 at home , through a Renato Cappellini goal . Before defeating Madrid 2 ? 0

in Spain , thanks to another goal from Cappellini , and an own goal from Ignacio Zoco . In the semi @-@ finals . Internazionale faced Bulgarian side CSKA Red Flag ( now CSKA Sofia ) . Giacinto Facchetti scored for Internazionale , as they drew 1 ? 1 at home , with Nikola Tsanev scoring for the visitors . Facchetti scored again in Bulgaria , but his goal was cancelled out by Nikolay Radlev , meaning that a play @-@ off was needed to settle the tie . The play @-@ off was supposed to be held in Graz , Austria , but CSKA were persuaded to let it be moved to Bologna in Italy , after they were offered a larger share of the gate money . The match was won 1 ? 0 by Internazionale , thanks to a goal from Cappellini , sealing their place in the final .

= = Match = =

= = = Background = = =

Internazionale had won the European Cup in two of the previous three seasons , 1964 and 1965 . Pre @-@ match talk focused on Internazionale winning a famous tripletta of European Cups and they were considered strong favourites going into the game .

Internazionale were very well known for using a defensive tactic , the Catenaccio , which meant that they won many matches by slim scorelines and rarely conceded . Their manager , Helenio Herrera , was the highest paid in Europe and was considered to be the catalyst of their success . By contrast Celtic were an attacking team . Before the match their manager Jock Stein said that , " Celtic will be the first team to bring the European Cup back to Britain ... we are going to attack as we have never attacked before , "

One of Celtic 's most important players , striker Joe McBride was to miss the match . He had suffered a long @-@ term knee injury and his last match of the season was on 24 December 1966 . McBride would definitely have played had he been fit . He was in such good form for Celtic that , despite missing half the season , McBride finished as the top scorer in Scotland that year with 35 goals in 26 appearances .

Both Internazionale and Celtic had been performing well domestically throughout the season . Only a few days before the final Internazionale had been on the verge of winning a historic treble but losses in their last two games knocked them out of the semi @-@ finals of the Coppa Italia and cost them the Scudetto . The European Cup was the last chance for them to redeem what had initially been such a promising season . Celtic came into the final having already won the First Division , the Scottish Cup and the Scottish League Cup as well as the Glasgow Cup earlier in the season .

= = = Summary = = =

Internazionale had the first attack of the match . With Renato Cappellini running down the wing and supplying a cross to Sandro Mazzola whose header hit Celtic goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson 's knees . Internazionale won a penalty moments later . Jim Craig fouled Cappellini in the box , and Mazzola converted to put Inter in front after only six minutes . Once they had taken the lead , Internazionale retreated back into their defensive style , which allowed Celtic to attack . However , they struggled to get through Internazionale 's defensive wall and were mainly restricted to long shots from outside the box . Bertie Auld hit the crossbar then a cross from Jimmy Johnstone was gathered up by Giuliano Sarti , who then tipped a header from the same player over the crossbar . Internazionale pulled nine men back , but Celtic kept attacking them . Tommy Gemmell 's dangerous free @-@ kick was saved by Sarti , he then speculatively attempted to lob the Inter ' keeper and hit the bar . Despite Celtic 's inability to break through their opponents defence they were in complete control of the match and Internazionale were not able to attack . Inter had not had another chance since their goal , whilst Celtic found themselves foiled time and again by outstanding goalkeeping from Sarti .

After just over an hour , Gemmell finally managed to equalise for Celtic when Craig passed to him from the right wing and he scored with a powerful 25 yard shot . The balance of play remained the same with Inter defending deeply against sustained Celtic attacking . With about five minutes

remaining , a long @-@ range shot from Bobby Murdoch was diverted by Stevie Chalmers past a wrong @-@ footed Sarti . This proved to be the winning goal .

= = = Details = = =

= = Post @-@ match = =

After the final whistle there was a pitch invasion by Celtic fans , which meant that the Celtic team could not be presented the trophy on the pitch . Some of the Celtic players also had their shirts taken by Celtic supporters . Celtic captain Billy McNeill had to be ushered around the outside of the stadium under armed guards to receive the trophy on a podium in the stand .

Internazionale 's loss in the final is considered to be the downfall of " La Grande Inter " , the greatest period of success in the club 's history . They had been one of the top teams in Europe for the previous three years , however , failed to recover from their bad season in which they lost out to Celtic as well as in their two domestic competitions . They finished the following season trophyless again and Helenio Herrera , the manager who was considered to be the catalyst of their success , then left the club .

Celtic 's attacking style play against Internazionale 's catenaccio was heralded as a win for football . Internazionale manager Helenio Herrera said that " We can have no complaints . Celtic deserved their victory . We were beaten by Celtic 's force . Although we lost , the match was a victory for sport . " while one Portuguese official said " This attacking play , this is the real meaning of football . This is the true game . " . The Portuguese newspaper , Mundo Desportivo , said " It was inevitable . Sooner or later the Inter of Herrera , the Inter of catenaccio , of negative football , of marginal victories , had to pay for their refusal to play entertaining football . "

Celtic manager Jock Stein received widespread praise following the final . Liverpool manager Bill Shankly said to him after the match , " John , you 're immortal now " . Since the match a stand has been named after him at Celtic Park . While Stein also received the Commander of the Order of the British Empire . Stein is considered by many , including Alex Ferguson , to be the greatest ever Scottish manager , with his victory in the final being one of the main reasons for this .

The Celtic team from that year has also received much recognition . They have become known as the Lisbon Lions and are widely considered the greatest team in Celtic 's history . All of Celtic 's players were born within a 30 @-@ mile radius of Glasgow . In 2000 , Celtic named a stand at Celtic Park after the Lisbon Lions . They also won the BBC Sports Personality Team of the Year Award in 1967 .