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Jock Stein's Page

THIS IS OUR LAST LEAGUE GAME of the season at home, so it is appropriate that we play it as Scottish League champions. I cannot think of a more fitting occasion, for it will give our supporters who were not present at Tynecastle last Saturday an opportunity to pay the team their tribute.

After the setback in midweek against Aberdeen, a game that we had merely to draw to be certain of the championship, I was glad that the title became ours without argument when we took the point from Hearts that we needed. We have quite enough ahead of us in the way of commitments.

The players who have won the 1969-70 championship — especially those who have played a part in our previous league title successes—have done a wonderful job for our famous club. As many of you will remember, I set out five years ago with two main intentions—to bring, if I could, consistency to Celtic's performances and to give our supporters quality of football as well as results. We can say that those two objectives have been reached.

The first division championship has only twice before been won five times. Rangers had the honour between 1927 and 1931, and the renowned Celtic players of the very early 1900's won the flag six years in succession — from 1905 to 1910 inclusive.

I am convinced that our present team's achievement is greater than those to which I have referred. One thing at least is certain—in the older days a club going for the league title



had no European commitments to worry about.

So I would like to go on record with my congratulations and thanks to the players and to thank also our supporters for the great encouragement they have given throughout the season.

DON'T WRITE OFF LEEDS !

Celtic gave a magnificent display in the first game of the European Cup semi-final. But let's not be over confident about the second game at Hampden. Leeds, a very fine side, have yet to be knocked out. Remember also the sportsmanship of everyone at Leeds and make sure we repay the compliment.

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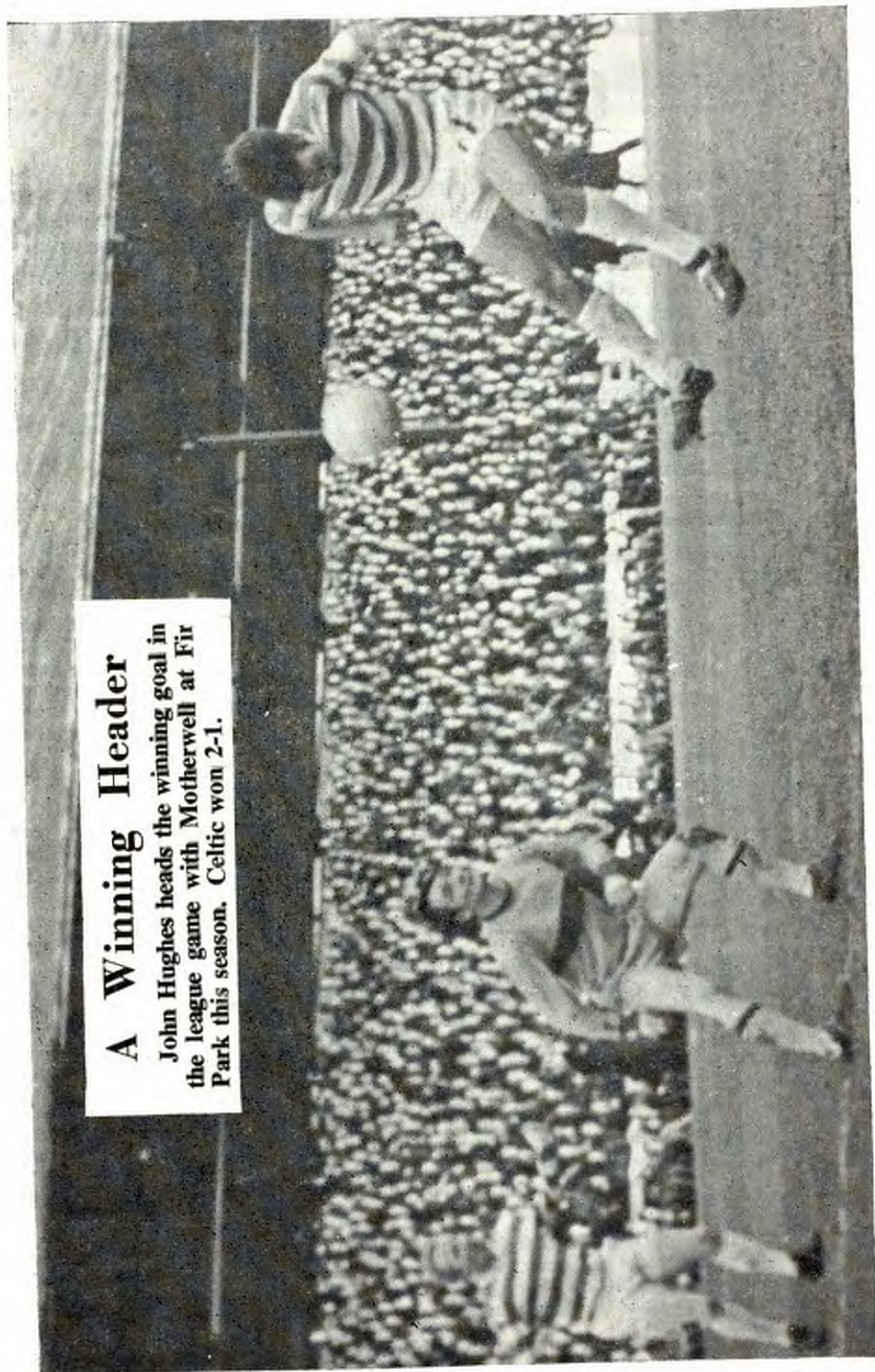
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A Winning Header

John Hughes heads the winning goal in the league game with Motherwell at Fir Park this season. Celtic won 2-1.



MOTHERWELL IN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

MOOTHERWELL, our visitors this afternoon in our third-last league game of the season and our final one at home, were founded in 1885 and first entered the Scottish League first division 67 years ago. They had a long unbroken run in the top league—from 1903-04 to 1952-53, at the end of which season they were relegated.

In the period 1905 to 1947 inclusive Motherwell had the distinction of being the only club to break the monopoly of Celtic and Rangers of the first division championship.

It was in season 1931-32 that the Lanarkshire club won the title, with

THE GREAT SCORING YEARS

the splendid aggregate of 66 points from 38 matches.

Five seasons earlier they had been runners-up, as they were in 1929-30, 1932-33 and 1933-34. On each occasion they were second to Rangers, whom they beat by five points in the best of these Motherwell golden years.

SCORING FEATS

In their championship-winning year Motherwell's centre-forward, Willie McFadyen, scored 52 goals in 34

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"THE CELTIC VIEW"

"The Celtic View," more popular than ever since its size was increased to eight pages is on sale every week on Wednesday—price 6d.

The Scottish Cup Final

PART of the ceremony at the Scottish Cup final is the playing of the National Anthem before the kick-off. This pleases some and displeases others.

The directors and management of Celtic Football Club have no wish to dictate to those who prefer not to join in the singing of the Anthem, but they strongly disapprove of followers of the club who in the past have refused to let others, including, be it noted, thousands of Celtic supporters, observe the ceremony in peace.

Celtic's officials are especially anxious that the occasion of the Cup final is not marred next Saturday. They would deplore any behaviour which could be considered unfair to Aberdeen, worthy finalists, who have provided most sporting opposition to Celtic in several previous finals.

Celtic strongly recommend that those who feel that they do not wish to join in the ceremony before the kick-off satisfy their conscience by remaining silent.

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EVAN WILLIAMS Says . . .

IF anyone had suggested to me five years ago that I would be playing for Celtic in 1970 I would have thought him a bit off beam. Though I have been a

Celtic supporter as long as I can remember that was the closest link I imagined I would have with the club.

In 1965 I was Third Lanark's goalkeeper. In fact the only time I played at Celtic Park before I joined Celtic this season was for Third Lanark in a league game which Celtic won 1-0 shortly after Mr. Stein had become Celtic's manager.

What a contrast there has been for me. Comparing the late lamented Third Lanark with Celtic is just not on. Mind you, I learned something of big match crowds and atmosphere during my time with Wolverhampton Wanderers. But I'm sure there's nowhere in Britain with so thrilling an atmosphere as Parkhead. I'm very happy and proud to be even a tiny part of it. I'm also indebted to everyone at Celtic Park and to our thousands of great supporters for the help they have given me. I shall continue to do my very best to repay them.



Last Celtic-Motherwell League Game

On their last league visit to Celtic Park in 1967, Motherwell were beaten 4-2. The teams on that occasion were:

CELTIC — Simpson; Craig and Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Chalmers and Lennox; Wallace; Auld and Hughes.

MOTHERWELL—McCloy; Whiteford and McKay; Murray, Martis and McCallum; Lindsay and Thomson (M); Deans; Goldthorp and Campbell.

Referee—R. Henderson (Dundee).

The scorers were: Celtic—Lennox, Chalmers, Wallace, McNeill; Motherwell—Campbell (2).

The league game at Fir Park this season was won 2-1 by Celtic, Harry Hood and John Hughes scoring for Celtic and "Dixie" Deans for Motherwell.

We wish to extend to the Motherwell directors, Manager Bobby Howitt, and players a warm welcome to Celtic Park today. However we and they fare, they can say that they are the first Scottish team to meet the 1969-70 league champions.

Motherwell in League Championship (continued from page 4)

games. In 1929-30 it was the scoring feat of their outside-left, Bob Ferrier, that took them to the runners-up place. Ferrier of the deadly left foot scored 32 goals in 37 league games—a remarkable achievement for a winger. Motherwell won the second division

championship the first season they played in it—1953-54. They finished second-bottom club in season 1954-55, but neither they nor Stirling Albion, the bottom club, were relegated, because of reconstruction of the Scottish League competitions which increased Division I from 16 to 18 clubs.

DIVISION I TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		
					For	Agst.	Pts.
Celtic	31	24	3	4	85	29	51
Rangers	32	19	5	8	65	36	44
Hibernian	31	17	6	8	59	36	40
Dundee United	31	15	6	10	56	56	36
Hearts	31	12	11	8	47	32	35
Dundee	31	14	6	11	45	39	34
Kilmarnock	30	12	7	11	56	52	31
Dunfermline Ath.	30	13	5	12	38	39	31
Aberdeen	30	12	6	12	49	41	30
Motherwell	31	10	10	11	45	43	30
St. Johnstone	30	10	8	12	45	55	28
Morton	30	9	9	12	43	50	27
Airdrieonians	30	10	7	13	54	62	27
Ayr United	30	11	4	15	34	47	26
Clyde	31	9	6	16	32	52	24
St. Mirren	31	7	8	16	34	49	22
Raith Rovers	32	5	10	17	29	62	20
Partick Thistle	30	5	6	19	38	74	16

Motherwell's best league season since the end of the Second World War was 1958-59 when they finished third, six points behind the winners, Rangers. They were fifth in 1960 and in 1961 but since then they have never been better than ninth. At the end of 1967-68 they were relegated.

Last season Motherwell won the Division II title with 64 points from 36 games, only two of which they lost. They scored 112 goals and conceded only 23.

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