

**Scottish Premier
League**

**CELTIC
versus
MOTHERWELL**

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1977
Kick-off 3.00 p.m.**

PROGRAMME 10p

CELTS DIMMED TITLE CHALLENGE OF 'WELL

MOTHERWELL are the visitors in the Premier League today and as it happens they come back on Wednesday night for the first leg of the second round League Cup tie.

Next Saturday Fir Park is the venue of the second leg of the cup-tie so players, officials and supporters will be seeing plenty of each other over the next few days.

Returning, however, to this afternoon's game the crowd should be in for an entertaining match if last season's league meetings can be used as a yardstick. In last term's games both clubs remained undefeated on their own ground.

Celtic recorded a 2-0 victory and then a 2-2 draw at Parkhead and the Fir Park encounters ended in a same score draw and a 3-0 win for 'Well.

In the first clash at Celtic Park on October 30 last year, Motherwell arrived having soundly beaten Rangers and looking like mounting a strong challenge for the championship.

The game attracted a 31,000 crowd. Lanarkshire hopes were dashed in the game because Motherwell never looked like taking control at any stage.

Celtic's tactics were clear and they took the game to Motherwell right from the start. Despite Celtic's outfield superiority however, the first half ended without a goal being scored.

In the 58th minute Paul Wilson slipped a

great ball in the path of Kenny Dalglish who smashed a great shot into the back of the net.

Seven minutes later and Kenny Dalglish struck again with a low drive from a pass set-up by Joe Craig.

Celtic continued to cause panic in the 'Well defence but in spite of their constant attacks no further goals were scored, the teams on that occasion were:-

CELTIC: Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; Stanton, McDonald and Aitken; Doyle and Glavin, Craig; Dalglish and Wilson. Subs: Edvaldsson and G. McCluskey.

MOTHERWELL: Rennie; McAdam and Wark; Millar, McVie and Stevens; Marinello and Pettigrew; Graham; Davidson and Kennedy. Subs: McLaren and O'Rourke.

Referee: Mr J. W. Patterson (Bothwell).

When Motherwell returned to Celtic Park on Wednesday March 16 the situation in the Premier League had changed dramatically. Celtic looked to be heading for the Premier League title and the Fir Park side were tied close to a few other teams dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Although Celtic led twice in the game through a penalty goal from Ronnie Glavin and a Johannes Edvaldsson counter, Motherwell fought back and equalised through Vic Davidson and Bobby Graham.

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HERE we go on a testing three-games-in-eight-days stint against Motherwell who are clearly determined to make up for a disappointing season in 1976-77.

I doubt if any club wants such a concentration of matches against the same opponents. All, I'm sure, would want a variety of opposition each week.

It is the title race which is the important one today with a couple of points at stake. We eye them a trifle greedily and we'd like to have them in our possession when the referee blows for time.

True we could have made a much more inspiring start in defence of the championship. The fact is that some players haven't struck anything like their true form and that's a trifle disappointing after the optimism that was generated during the close-season tour. One thing that can be discounted is that players are feeling some after effects of the trip.

It is true we've had some injury upsets but such things have to be met and overcome by a club with ambition. Celtic fans have an important part to play in ensuring that Celtic reach their goals.

Even though things haven't gone well for us we've had an excellent backing from the fans. I ask for a continuation of this support but LEAVE THE FIELD TO THE PLAYERS.

The presence of fans there during a game doesn't do anything for the image or prestige of the club and we are rather proud of the Celtic record.

The team appreciates the big green and white brigade at matches home and away. And players can be "lifted" by the support. It has been seen often enough in the past. Let it continue . . . FROM OUTSIDE THE PLAYING AREA.

You don't do them or the club any favours coming on to a pitch.

A report in a Sunday newspaper prompts a PS on the Kenny Dalglish transfer. I can assure Celtic supporters everything was done to try and ensure that the player would play here this season and that at all times the interests of Celtic supporters was a first consideration. The player indicated strongly that he did not intend to start the new season as a player with Celtic.

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1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 times)

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1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
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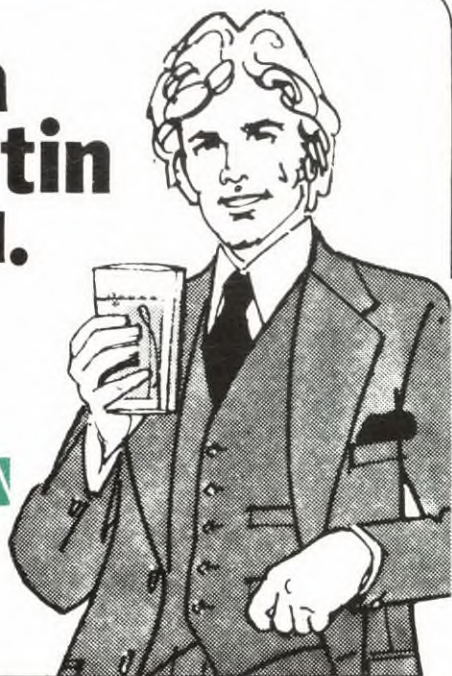
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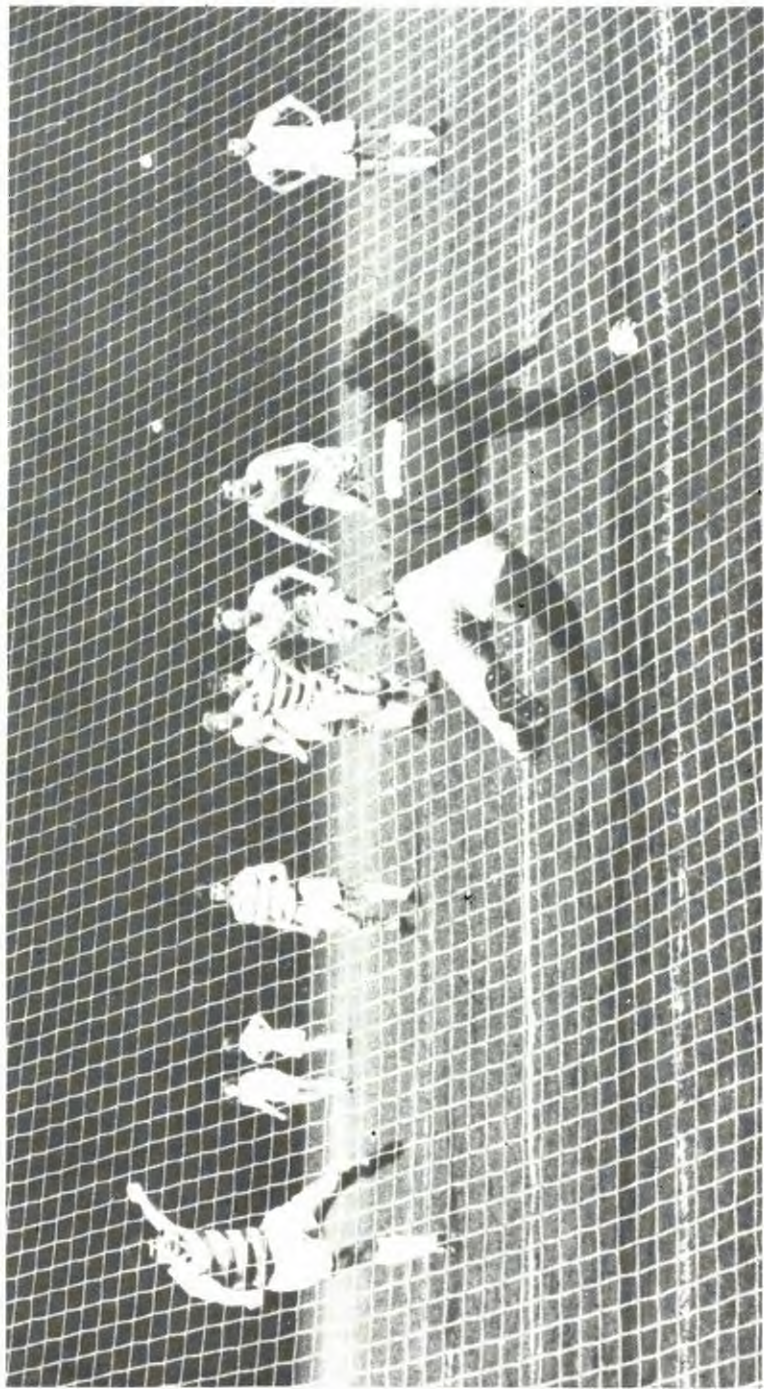


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A Ronnie Glavin penalty kick goes crisply beyond 'Well keeper Stuart Rennie in a Premier League match at Parkhead last season when the clubs shared the eight points over their four games.

TODAY'S VISITORS

'WELL HAVE GROUNDS FOR THEIR OPTIMISM

ALL clubs are optimistic about their prospects . . . at the start of a season. Motherwell, today's visitors to Parkhead in the Premier League championship, have grounds for their hopeful attitude towards 1977-78.

Last season was a disappointing one for 'Well, judged by their performances in the first year of the Premier League. The sag could be attributed to injuries and matches "lost" through weather at important points in the campaign.

This season they've avoided the slow start and manager Willie McLean says the squad is better able to cope with the Premier pressures now. The arrival of Ian Purdie gives the team a natural winger for the left flank as well as the right (Peter Marinello).

The strikers have shown they are hungry for goals and the five ex-Celt Vic Davidson struck against Alloa in the Anglo-Scottish Cup ensures that 'Well will now be facing English opposition.

'Well had a comfortable victory against Partick Thistle at home last week and with three points from the first two matches (they drew 0-0 with Hibs on opening day), plus 11 goals in two ties with Alloa the clearly ambitious Motherwell with two Premier seasons experience behind them could prove to be re-



Motherwell's skipper and longest serving player JOE WARK.

doubtable challengers in a title race which has seen the favourites stumble in the early stages.

These then are the men manager Willie McLean looks to give Motherwell a prosperous season:

Goal. **JIM MUIR** Signed three years ago from Hurlford Juniors and

was a Fir Park free last season. Regular keeper Stuart Rennie broke a finger towards the end of the 1976-77 championship campaign. Muir resigned for the club and now manager McLean says: "He is doing very well and if he continues to play this way, Stuart Rennie is going to have a fight on his hands to win back his first team place."

STUART RENNIE. Succeeded Keith McRae when he moved to England five season back. Now is bidding to recover his place in the first team from fellow part-timer Jim Muir. Stuart was voted 'Wells' Player of the Year by the Supporters' club.

Defence. **WILLIE WATSON.** Has given the club solid service since joining from Manchester United in 1973.

WILLIE McVIE. A £35,000 buy from Clyde in 1975 his powerful centre play was missed when he had a knee operation last season.

GREGOR STEVENS. Has teamed up with McVie in the centre of the Fir Park defence, a team that opposition forwards will find hard to negotiate. Was one of the over-age players in Scotland's Under-21 team last season. Missed only two matches for the club through 1976-77.

JOE WARK. The longest serving player at Fir Park signing from Irvine Vics in 1968. One of several Motherwell key players hit by injury last season. This is his sixth year as club captain. A splendid servant and player he has been honoured once by the Scottish League though many shrewd football people feel he should have been capped many times.

Midfield. **STUART McLAREN.** Broke into the side as a centre half

and is still a vital link in the 'Well's defence plan. Joined the club when West Brom released him in 1974.

JIMMY MILLER. Signed in March from Queen of the South after a fine display in a Scottish Cup tie against Celtic at Parkhead. Made his debut for Motherwell against Celtic at Parkhead three days later and helped his club to a 2-2 draw.

PETER MILLAR. Has occupied several positions . . . principally full back and midfield last term.

STEVE MUNGALL. A product of Chapelhall YC he, too, can play in the midfield or full back.

COLIN McADAM. Played well when called into the centre of the defence last term and has also figured in midfield and attack.

Attack. **PETER MARINELLO.** A skilled winger who returned to Scotland in 1975 from Portsmouth.

WILLIE PETTIGREW. A nasal operation cost him his place in Scotland's squad for the home internationals and the South American tour. A telephone-number size signing bid by Hamburg side St Pauli for the 'Well scorer was turned down during the close season.

VIC DAVIDSON. The ex-Celt has been among the goals this season and his scoring link with Pettigrew could be a feature of the 1977-78 season.

IAN PURDIE. The latest recruit to Fir Park. Motherwell born he played his early football for Larkhall Thistle before leaving for Aberdeen. Moved to Dundee in a swop involving Jocky Scott.

Manager McLean can also call upon the highly experienced Jim O'Rourke, Ian Kennedy, high-scoring reserve Jimmy Lindsay and Harry Gray.

TODAY'S TEAMS

CELTIC (*From*)

PETER LATCHFORD
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 RODDY McDONALD
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GREGOR STEVENS
PETER MARINELLO
COLIN McADAM
JIMMY MILLER
WILLIE PETTIGREW
VIC DAVIDSON
IAN PURDIE
PETER MILLAR
STEVE MUNGALL

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Summer Cup winners 1944 and 1965.

2nd XI Cup winners 1943, 1950 and 1957.

PREMIER APPEARANCES

2 — Latchford, McGrain, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Glavin, Aitken, Burns, Craig.

1— Stanton, Kay, Wilson, Lennox, Conn.

CHANGES AT FIR PARK

Former Hearts Manager John Hagart is now the first team coach at Motherwell, one of several additions to the staff. Ex-Fir Park chairman. New directors are Mr Campbell are now in charge of the reserves and youth sides respectively.

Motherwell have a new chairman . . . Mr Neil B. Hepburn, son of a former Fir Park chairman. New directors are Mr William Dickie and Mr Iain Bonomy.

PREMIER LEAGUE TABLE

Aberdeen	2	2	0	0	6	2	4
Ayr United	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Motherwell	2	1	0	1	3	0	3
Dundee United	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Hibernian	2	1	0	1	2	0	3
Partick Thistle	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
St Mirren	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Celtic	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Clydebank	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
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