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Celtic v. Motherwell

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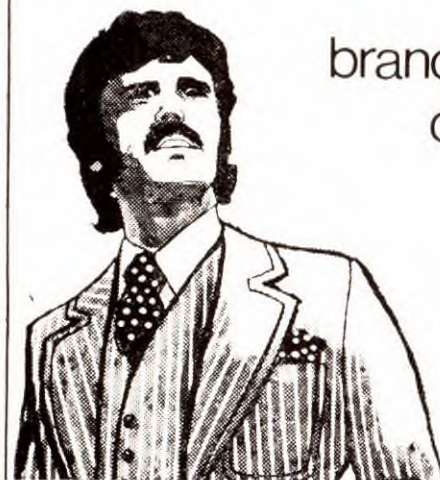
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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JOCK STEIN says...

In the ten days since my last programme article we have played two games, winning one of them well and losing the other carelessly.

The first, our New Year's Day game at Celtic Park against Clyde, was won by five goals to one and the score hardly reflects the superiority we had in the game.

One unfortunate aspect of this game was the injury received by George Connelly which prevented him from playing in the Old Firm game at Ibrox last Saturday. George has been playing very steadily since he came back into the side and his composure would have been a great asset at Ibrox.

Our defeat at the hands of Rangers was a bit of a nightmare mainly due to carelessness in defence and unbelievably bad finishing up front.

After losing a bad goal in the early minutes of the game we gradually pieced our game together and gained the ascendancy in all departments of the game except scoring goals. We made and scorned four gilt-edged scoring chances and finished the first half playing into a gale trailing by 1-0.

Then with the wind at our backs at the start of the second half we were taking the game to Rangers when we were caught napping in defence and lost another goal.

We contrived to miss another couple of simple chances before losing a third careless goal towards the end of the game.

Very few Celtic players produced anything like their best form but I was very pleased with Paul Wilson, who created enough problems in the Rangers defence for us to have won the game.

Before leaving the Old Firm



match I would like to pay tribute to the general conduct of the Celtic supporters at Ibrox. They did nothing to which anyone could have taken exception and left the ground in good voice in spite of our disappointing performance.

Today we entertain Motherwell in the league and we must recapture our goal-scoring touch straight away. The Fir Park side have not been enjoying the best of form recently but they scored five goals in beating Ayr United last week and we will treat them with respect. Goals as well as points will be vital during the remainder of our league programme.

Spectators are requested to avoid undue haste in and around the ground and especially when leaving at the end of the match. They are also requested to cooperate with police and stewards in the interests of safety.

TEAMS AND OFFICIAL

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League Champions (29 times)

1893, 1894, 1896,
1898, 1905, 1906,
1907, 1908, 1909,
1910, 1914, 1915,
1916, 1917, 1919,
1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Scottish League Cup Winners (8 times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1974/75.

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CELTIC HONOURS

MOTHERWELL

Referee:
GORDON
(Parton-Tay)

Umpires:
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(Roslin)
EVENSON
(Aisley)

(from)
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WARK
WATSON (R.)
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Scottish Cup Winners (23 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974.

European Cup 1967.

Coronation Cup 1953.

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938.

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TODAY'S VISITORS

Games between Celtic and Motherwell generally produce entertainment of the highest order and plenty of goals.

In fact in the last couple of seasons in particular games between the two teams have attracted lots of neutral enthusiasts because they are invariably guaranteed a first-class game.

If today's game even comes close to the standard of recent encounters then the crowd will be treated to a highly entertaining match.

Looking back at previous League meetings at Celtic Park we find one played on October 24th 1959 and none of the players on either side is still on the playing staff of his club.

The teams on that occasion were:

Celtic—Fallon, McKay and Mochan, Smith, Evans and Peacock, Chalmers and Jackson, Colrain, Divers and Auld.

Motherwell—Weir (H.), Forrest and McCallum, Aitken, Martis and McCann, Hunter and Reid (S.), St. John, Quinn and Weir (A.).

Motherwell's very capable team, which contained a diminutive forward line was a match for the best in Scottish football at that time but they couldn't find the answers to the questions posed by Celtic in that game.

Bertie Auld was the Celt in form and it was he who engineered the move for John Divers to score

Celtic's opening goal after only five minutes' play.

Ten minutes later and it was Auld again creating the opening for Mike Jackson to score a second goal for the rampant Celts.

In the 34th minute Bertie took a hand in the goalscoring act when he shot home a John Colrain pass to give Celtic a 3-0 interval lead.

John Colrain scored with a great shot in the 62nd minute and Ian St. John got one back for Motherwell before John Divers scored a fifth for Celtic to complete the scoring.

Another meeting at Parkhead on October 24th, 1967, was won 4-2 by Celtic and only two of the home team—Billy McNeill and Bobby Lennox—are still with the club, although Dixie Deans has moved from Fir Park to Celtic Park since then.

The two sides that day 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.

Celtic's scorers were Lennox, Chalmers, Wallace, and McNeill, and Campbell scored both Motherwell goals.



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