



**Scottish Premier
League**

Celtic

versus

Motherwell

**CELTIC PARK
SATURDAY,
17th MARCH, 1979
Kick-off 3 p.m.**

PROGRAMME

10p

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Europe
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team's
target**



CELTIC took their Scottish Cup exit in mid-week because we let Aberdeen off the hook.

In fact, we tossed the tie to them in the opening minutes and the two goals we lost were the type of gifts that opponents are only too eager and happy to snap up. That put Celts under pressure and it was half-time before the team settled down.

We really messed up our opportunities in both games. At Aberdeen we should have had a result. The same thing could be said about the replay. The worrying thing is that the team put so much into the week-end tie and in the second half of the replay and got such scant reward.

The team collected seven cautions over the two matches. That is something I am not prepared to accept. Players can say there were contributory factors, but there is no way, to my mind, that players should lose the place willy-nilly and get booked. That sort of thing is no use to the team or the club **AND IT WILL BE BROUGHT HOME FORCIBLY TO THEM.**

Now we have to show that we are big enough and have a measure of pride sufficient to put the Cup disappointment behind us and get on with the job in hand. That means bending our energies to the serious business of lifting ourselves to the top of the Premier Division.

A European competition place must be the goal for us now and we must make our way towards it with a win against Motherwell this afternoon.

BILLY McNEILL

CELTIC



FOUNDED 1888

Directors:

Desmond White, C.A.

(Chairman)

Thomas L. Devlin

James M. Farrell,

M.A., LL.B.

Kevin Kelly

Manager:

Billy McNeill

Address:

Celtic Park,
95 Kerrydale Street,
Glasgow G40 3RE

HONOURS:

League Champions (30 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, 1977.

Cup Winners (25 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,
1904, 1907, 1908,
1911, 1912, 1914,
1923, 1925, 1927,
1931, 1933, 1937,
1951, 1954, 1965,
1967, 1969, 1971,
1972, 1974, 1975,
1977.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

Coronation Cup 1953

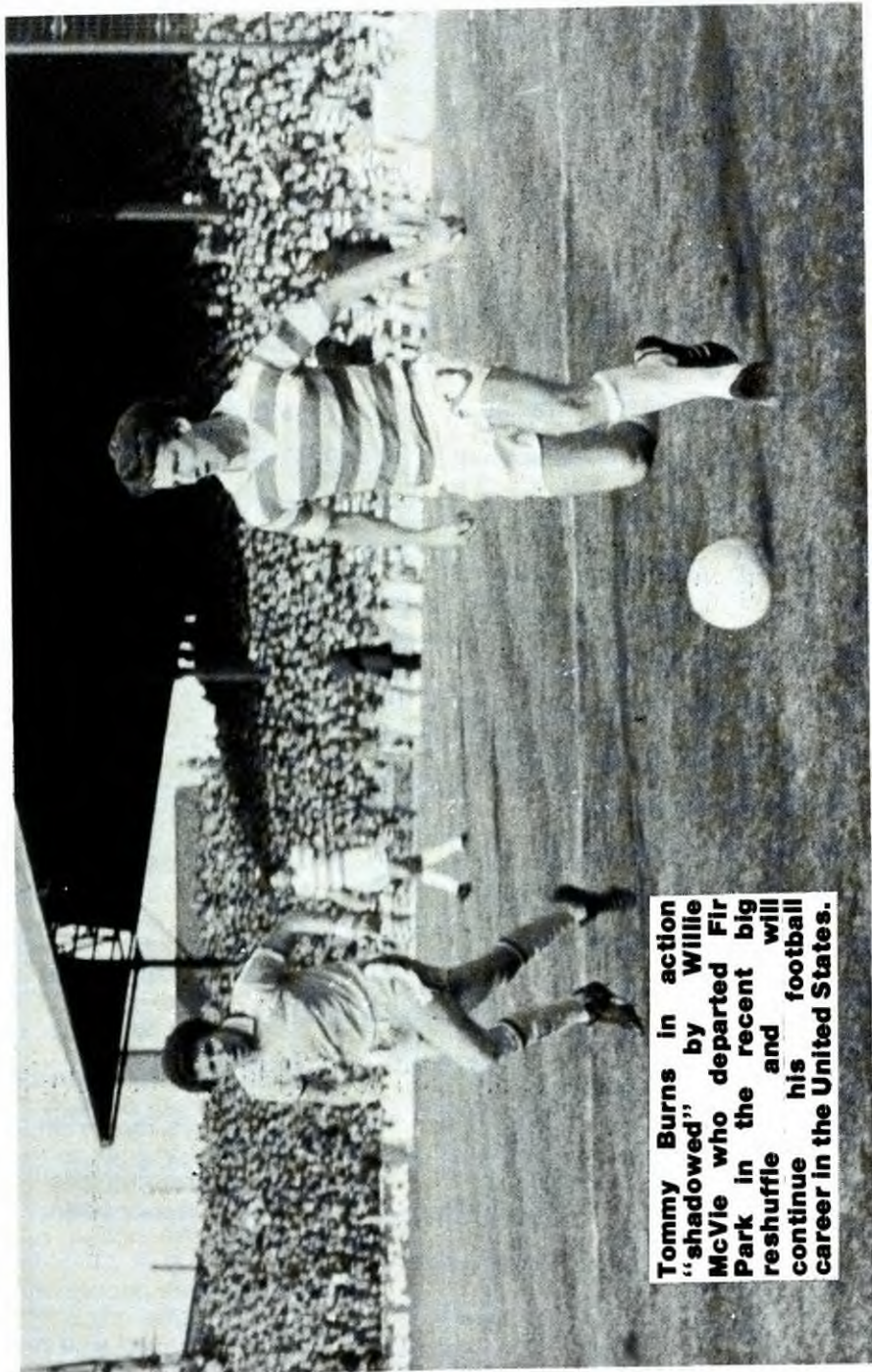
European Cup 1967



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Tommy Burns in action "shadowed" by Willie McVie who departed Fir Park in the recent big reshuffle and will continue his football career in the United States.

OUR VISITORS

Ally's building future 'Well

THERE will be unfamiliar figures for Celtic fans — maybe some Motherwell supporters, too — in the opposition line-up this afternoon.

Scottish football reeled slightly a week or so ago when manager Ally McLeod put an entire (in figures) Fir Park team up for transfer plus one or two "frees".

And he followed that by drafting into the red-hot action of the Premier League "unknowns" from the reserves to replace regulars.

Whatever else football folk thought about the massive switch they had to recognise that it was an action of boldness and bravery.

The move hasn't taken Motherwell off the foot of the table and the teenager replacements have found life in the faster Premier League just a trifle too hectic for them.

So why did Ally McLeod go for broke? He answers with his usual candour.

"I decided to build a Motherwell team for the future. One had to look at the situation realistically. And it didn't take long to see that unless there was a miracle Motherwell would be relegated".



ALLY MacLEOD . . . the Motherwell manager who shook Scottish football with sweeping team alterations in a bid to build a Fir Park squad for the future.

He decided that the team on the field wasn't good enough to come back with to the Premier League "so I had to look to the future and play the young lads".

Manager MacLeod is perfectly well aware that his action has come under fire.

"I know there are people who feel I shouldn't have made this move. But I am the man who has to be concerned about the

Motherwell Football Club and the future of the club.

"In my view it was necessary to rebuild as fast as possible and preferably with players wanting to play for Motherwell.

"I could have waited until the end of the season and noted how we could strengthen the pool for next term.

"I could have left the youngsters to play away in the Reserve League, but I felt it was better to have them in the Premier League. It isn't very often you can experiment in the major division and it will stand them in good stead in time, I'm sure.

"It won't be easy affecting the change-over. I see it as a hard task. It might take two or three years. Again it might take one. Certainly I'll be giving it my best

shot".

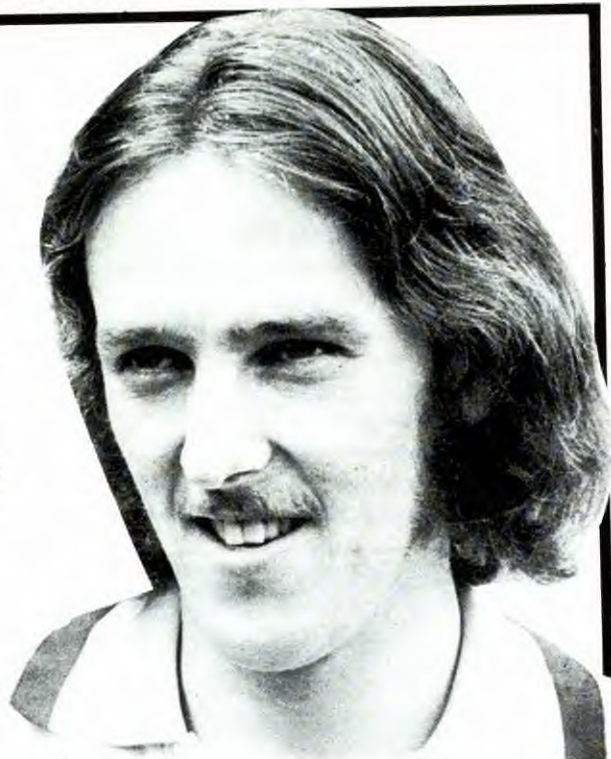
Ally didn't expect his youngsters to produce the "miracle" that would save Motherwell from the drop, but he's not unhappy about their reaction to the dive into the deep end of Scottish football.

"They played well against Partick Thistle in their first test. In fact, they looked like championship contenders that day".

However, comprehensive defeats from Dundee United, St Mirren and Morton have emphasised the "hard task" he expected to face when he took his all-change decision.

Yet if fortune follows the brave — then life will be glowing in the future for Motherwell.

**WILLIE
PETTIGREW, the
Motherwell
striker, is one of
the few regulars
to retain his place
in the big switch
round of the Fir
Park team by
manager Ally
MacLeod.**



MATCH TEAMS

CELTIC

(from)

PETER LATCHFORD
DANNY McGRAIN
ANDY LYNCH
ROY AITKEN
RODDIE McDONALD
JO EDVALDSSON
DAVIE PROVAN
MURDO MacLEOD
ALFIE CONN
TOMMY BURNS
JOHNNY DOYLE
JOE FILIPPI
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Mr E.
(E)

L

M

Mr J. E.
(E)



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B	HIBERNIAN HEARTS		F	AYR UTD HAMILTON	
C	PARTICK TH. RANGERS		G	DUMBARTON CLYDE	
D	ST MIRREN MORTON		H	DUNDEE RAITH ROVERS	

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(from)

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IAN McLEOD
IAN KENNEDY
JOE WARK
JOE SMITH
JIM DEMPSEY
STEVE MUNGALL
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CATCHING UP

Celtic begin to catch up with their backlog of postponed Premier League fixtures next week.

On Tuesday night (7.30) they travel to Tynecastle to play Hearts in the match that was held over because of Celtic's Cup-tie trip to Aberdeen.

DON'T FORGET

. . . the Premier League match with Rangers next Saturday is being played at Hampden Park and the kick-off is 1 p.m.

Premier League

Dundee Utd	24	11	7	6	36	22	29
St Mirren	23	11	5	7	30	21	27
Rangers	22	9	8	5	28	21	26
Aberdeen	23	7	10	6	35	24	24
Morton	24	8	8	8	34	35	24
Partick Ths.	22	8	7	7	23	22	23
Hibernian	23	6	10	7	25	26	22
Celtic	19	8	5	6	27	21	21
Hearts	21	6	5	10	28	41	17
Motherwell	25	3	5	16	21	54	13



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Pivot Roddie McDonald pressurises the Motherwell defence that includes Willie Watson (No. 2) and Stewart McLaren who are now with Dundee.