

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 27th March, 1976



Celtic v Motherwell

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

MOTHERWELL PRODUCED SOME FANTASTIC GAMES

IN RECENT seasons, clashes between Celtic and Motherwell have produced some fantastic matches and a few shock reversals as far as Celtic are concerned.

Indeed, in the last two league clashes between the two at Celtic Park, the Fir Park men have come out twice with full points.

The game we recall today, however, had a better outcome for Celtic fans for two reasons.

Firstly, the home team recorded a convincing victory, and secondly, Willie Wallace made an impressive debut in his first match for Celtic.

More than 40,000 fans turned up to see the match, and the signing of 'Wispy' was responsible for the interest of more than a few of that number.

The teams on that occasion, December 10, 1966, were—

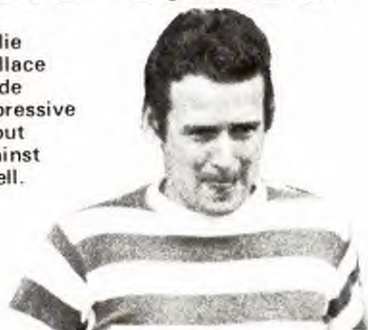
Celtic: Simpson; Gemmell and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Johnstone and Wallace; Chalmers; Lennox and Auld. Twelfth man: Cattanach.

Motherwell: McCloy; Whiteford and R. McCallum; W. McCallum, Martis and Campbell; Lindsay and Cairney; Deans; Murray and Hunter. Twelfth man: Moffat.

Only Bobby Lennox and Dixie Deans (albeit with a change of club) have any chance of taking part in today's proceedings—depending on fitness.

In spite of a few near misses, it took Celtic half-an-hour to find the way past the Motherwell defence.

Willie Wallace made impressive debut against 'Well.



The goal came when McCloy failed to hold a Bertie Auld shot and Steve Chalmers was lying handy to crack the ball into the net.

Steve Chalmers scored the second goal 11 minutes later when, after a great Bobby Lennox shot came back off a post, he was on hand to do the needful.

Bobby Murdoch shot Celtic into a 3-0 lead with a crashing 30-yarder, and then in the 79th minute, Murray reduced the leeway for 'Well.

With about 15 minutes remaining for play, Steve Chalmers got a fourth goal to complete his hat-trick, and although George Lindsay got a late consolation goal for the Lanarkshire team, the destination of the points was never really in doubt.

Although Willie Wallace didn't get his name on the score-sheet, he showed enough to suggest that he would make his mark 'goalwise' in many, many matches to come.

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DON'T TALK to me about the luck of the Irish. Sure, I've had a run of luck since the season started . . . but it is a heck of a job finding the pieces of good fortune along a pretty rocky road!

Look at things recently. The flu outbreak . . . with consequent match postponements. The European travel . . . and the bitter disappointment of defeat made even sharper by the Roddy McDonald goal that was disallowed.

And on top of injuries to Dixie Deans and Ronnie Glavin . . . the hurt suffered by recently-signed Johnny Doyle in his league side debut at Dundee.

However, Celtic isn't the type of club to sit down and moan about life when it is hard. That's when we are up and doing and showing character. It has always been like that during my time at Parkhead and that's how it is today.

The players have been magnificent during this testing time. I like to think I gave 100 per cent when I was in a green-and-white shirt. But, my goodness, how the present playing staff has met the problems and difficulties. They've given everything in effort and loyalty to the club.

They didn't let their heads droop for an instant after losing in East Germany, and how they responded to the challenge of the Dens Park match after the wearying travel!

The finest tribute to their fitness and spirit was that Dundee looked the more tired side at the finish of a game deservedly won by a Kenny Dalglish goal, for it was Celtic who were the more positive side all through. We kept looking and working for goals.

It was a performance in keeping with the traditions of the club, and it maintained the fine away record we've compiled this season in the Premier League.

The club is still top of the table, despite the problems, and the fans can play a not inconsiderable part in keeping them there.

I'd like **EVERY SINGLE SUPPORTER TO GET BEHIND THE TEAM IN EVERY MATCH RIGHT TO THE END OF THE SEASON.** The fans have done a great back-up job already, but the testing championship run-in is here now . . . and the team can do with every piece of encouragement.

They deserve it for their recent efforts in spite of all the difficulties. I know how terracing songs and chants can renew tiring muscles and sinews. The current crop of players appreciate them every bit as much, and are ready to respond.

SO BACK THEM ALL THE WAY TO ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP SUCCESS.

SEAN FALLON.

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24 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.

League Cup Winners (8 times)

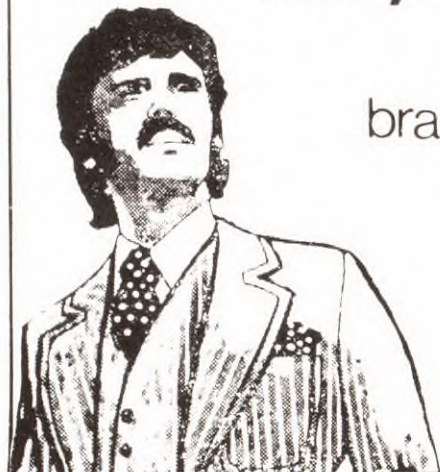
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This relaxed figure is not how opposition defences see him. On match days Willie Pettigrew, the striker with the built-in goal sense, is a sharp, all-action hard-to-handle player. Top scorer in Scotland last term, the Motherwell man heads the list again with a total of 27 goals to date.

TODAY'S VISITORS

'WELL AIM FOR EUROPEAN PLACE

TWO clubs have beaten Celtic at Parkhead in the Premier League campaign . . . Aberdeen and today's visitors, Motherwell.

The Fir Parkers, after making it into the Premier Division with a last-gasp effort, have developed splendidly under the management of Willie McLean.

While they've lost a little of their championship impetus recently, they are still a formidable company and, having given Celtic the k.o. in the Scottish Cup, are now through to a lucrative semi-final tie with Rangers after a brave performance against Hibernian.

The character of the Motherwell squad has been soundly tested in recent weeks and they've come up through a rough patch with increased confidence in their ability and much more experience to mount an even greater challenge next season.

Not that they've lost their ambition for a place in Europe next season — via the Cup or third place in the championship, the destination of which they can play a decisive part.

They've made life pretty hot for the Old Firm this term . . . and they intend to make things difficult for Celtic and Rangers right to the end of the term.

Today's game at Parkhead is a Premier "decider", for in

three previous league meetings, each side has claimed a win with the other game drawn.

Celtic, who are also recovering from a flu outbreak, which was complicated by player injuries, will require all their experience and expertise in this encounter and stay top of the league table.

Scotland's leading marksman, Willie Pettigrew, and his partner, Bobby Graham, make up a lethal striking force, and these two have been assisted in the scoring business on vial occasions by ex-Celt Vic Davidson and ex-Aberdeen man, Ian Taylor.

Manager McLean has done a first-rate job welding men from other clubs into a smart and attractive 'Well' squad. His close-season signings, Willie McVie (Clyde) and Colin McAdam (Dumbarton) have fitted in perfectly and the latest arrival, Peter Marinello, the former Hibernian man, is contributing experience he gathered during his spell in England.

It may well turn out that 1975-76 wasn't Motherwell's season when the prize list is compiled, but it is a term Fir Park fans — and every other club in Scotland — may well remember as the start of an upsurge that will keep them in the forefront for some time to come.

For today's match manager

McLean will be selecting from these players.

Stuart Rennie. In his third season as keeper at Fir Park after a spell with Falkirk. A sound journeyman who can "read" opposition attack situations well and counter them with an ease and confident competence that sometimes "hides" his great reliability.

Peter Miller. Operates in defence or midfield and is now in his fourth season at Fir Park after being at Dunfermline. A strong player, he received a Scottish League cap in 1973-74.

Joe Wark. Team captain, he played for the Scottish League against the English League in the recent Hampden encounter. His big ambition is to lead Motherwell to a major honour and he has the Scottish Cup very much in his sights for this season.

Bobby Watson. Since joining from Rangers in 1970, has played with enthusiasm and skill, and his experience has been invaluable in Motherwell's revival. A likeable personality who plays with great vigour. The Fir Park fans showed their appreciation of his contribution to the club by naming him "Player of the Year".

Willie McVie. A powerful defensive keystone, who signed from Clyde in the close season. He has met and held, the best of Scotland's scoring spearheads.

Stuart McLaren. Cam into the side last season at centre-half, and is still a main link in the Fir Park defensive chain.

Gregor Stevens. A most reliable defender who got his chance in the league team this season. Signed from Junior Baillieston. A bright future lies ahead of the 20-year-old.

Pat Gardner. A midfield player of great experience who signed from Dundee United in 1974.

Vic Davidson. Plays in the striking zone and midfield. He was another close season signing after he'd been released by Celtic.

Willie Pettigrew. It was only last season that this remarkable goalscorer secured his place in the 'Well team. Finished Scotland's No. 1 — is again heading the country's list of marksmen. Has played for the Scotland Under-23's and is bidding for the centre's job in the main

international side.

Bobby Graham. A cool and talented player whose close control and passing ability gives Motherwell a smooth and dangerous attacking edge. Returned to Motherwell in 1973 after service with Liverpool and Coventry, and his link-up with Pettigrew has brought Motherwell a lot of goals — and victories.

Ian Taylor. A skilful left-wing player who packs a power shot. Joined from Aberdeen in 1974.

Colin McAdam. Close season signing from Dumbar-ton this tall, strong player can take up a midfield or forward role.

Peter Marinello. Former Hibernian man who had a spell in England. Has given 'Well a new dimension in skilful forward play.

Willie Watson. A defender who has served the club well since joining in 1973 from Manchester United.

Mick McManus. Served his apprenticeship with Ashfield and is shaping up well in his first season



JOE WARK
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SIDELINES

Motherwell Honours

Honours list of the Motherwell club, founded in 1886, is:

Scottish League champions—1931-32.

Scottish League Cup winners—1951.

Scottish Cup winners—1952.

Scottish Summer Cup winners—1944, 1965.

Scottish Second Division champions—1953-54, 1968-69.

Testimonial

Watch out for an announcement shortly about ticket sales details for the Bobby Lennox/Jimmy Johnstone testimonial match at Parkhead on May 17.

Tommy Docherty is bringing his exciting Manchester United side to play Celts — and Old Trafford fans are convinced they'll travel north as English League champions and Cup winners!

Jimmy Johnstone will wear a green-and-white strip again on May 17, and there is a possibility of another ex-Celt joining the side as a guest, although the Parkhead side, as always, will regard it as a competitive occasion to be won.

Goals For

The goal scored by Kenny Dalglish against Dundee last weekend was his 23rd of the season, and it was the fourth Premier League game in a row in which Celtic's defence had a shut-out.

Penalty Contest

A penalty-kick contest for schoolboys will be staged at today's game. Taking part are:

J. Feeney, Craigbank Sec. (dark blue jersey); G. Curran, Lourdes Sec. (yellow); J. McBride, Lourdes Sec. (yellow, blue band); J. McPhee, Lourdes Sec. (pale blue); W. McCallum, Craigbank Sec. (red). Reserve — A. Bryden, Holyrood Sec. (green).



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