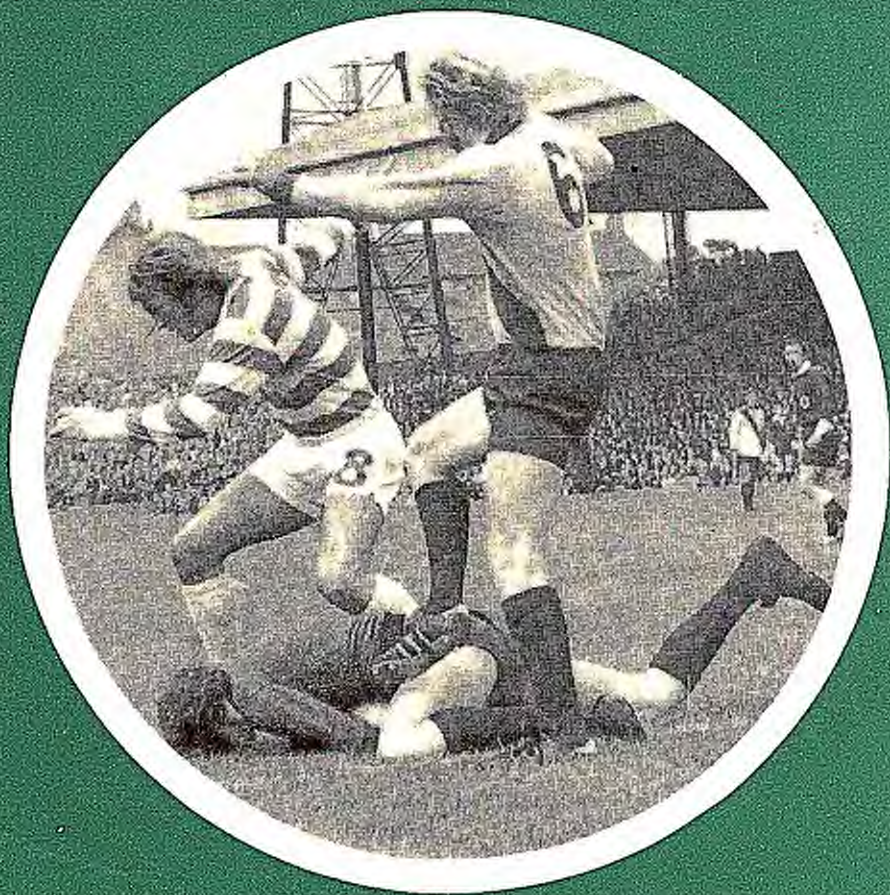


SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 15th November, 1975



CELTIC v MOTHERWELL

Kick-off 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

THE SIX-HIT CELTS SWAMPED STEELMEN

MOTHERWELL come to Celtic Park today for a top of the table league clash with Celtic and it's to be hoped that the game will live up to the high standard of recent games between the two teams.

Today we turn the clock back a few years to look at a visit from the Steelmen which resulted in a very convincing win for Celtic. Of the 24 players involved in that match only three can possibly take part in today's match — Bobby Lennox, Dixie Deans and Joe Wark — and even at that Dixie Deans changed clubs in the intervening period.

The game in question was played at Celtic Park on April 4, 1970, just three days after Celtic had recorded a 1—0 win over Leeds United in the first leg of their European Cup semi-final tie at Elland Road.

The teams were:

CELTIC: Williams; Hay and Craig; Murdoch, McNeill and Brogan; Johnstone and Connelly; Wallace, Lennox and Hughes. Macari was 12th man.

MOTHERWELL: MacRae; Wark and Heron; Forsyth, McCallum and Donnelly; Wilson and Muir; Deans, McNally and Murphy. Twelfth man: McCabe.

Celtic got off to a fantastic start with a goal after only 55 seconds play. Following a quick corner Bobby Murdoch chipped the ball to Lennox who headed the first goal before half the players on the field had touched the ball.

With the game twenty minutes old

Celtic were awarded a penalty kick and in Gemmell's absence Willie Wallace converted the spot-kick to give Celtic a 2—0 lead.

Celtic's first half scoring wasn't over, however, and in the 34th and 43rd minutes they added two further goals. The first was scored by Bobby Lennox following some great combined play involving Murdoch, Johnstone and Wallace and the second when Jimmy Johnstone picked up a poor clearance and walked the ball into the net.

Bobby Lennox completed his hat-trick with just five minutes of the second half played when he smacked home a John Hughes cut back from the bye-line.

Celtic's sixth and final goal was scored by Bobby Murdoch from a free-kick then with seven minutes left for play Dixie Deans scored Motherwell's only goal of the game from a Wilson pass.



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IT'S AN EXCITING LEAGUE NOW!



IT IS welcome to Motherwell today . . . and I know Celtic fans are anticipating a fine match.

The opening Premier League fixture at Fir Park was a great game with the points shared at 1—1. I said then we didn't lose a point to Motherwell, rather we had won a point from Motherwell.

I also gave it as my opinion that manager Willie McLean's team were going to be a force to be reckoned with in the new competition. So it is proving. Motherwell's league position is the result of a lot of hard work by manager and players, backed by a progressive and ambitious board.

Motherwell have been a credit to the Scottish game over the years and the current side deserved to go to the table top last week-end.

They've blended experience with youthful verve in expert fashion, and opponents will have to be at the top of their form to get the better of this Fir Park squad.

The Premier League is bringing fan excitement all right. Certainly no side can go into a match now with the comfortable feeling that two points WILL BE WON.

At Dens Park last week Celtic were lucky not to lose by more than one-nothing. And then when it looked as if we'd salvage a point we lost a goal we shouldn't have lost. Nevertheless, it was a game we didn't deserve to win. We had too many players who didn't strike it at the same time. In fact we had only one or two good players on the day.

However, you get games like that and there is no panic at Parkhead about it. One pleasing feature about the Dundee match was our support. Normally they travel about 5,000 strong. This time it was closer to 10,000. And even though the team didn't shape up well their acceptance of the situation was praiseworthy and highly encouraging.

The team will repay this encouragement through the season I'm sure. Really the Celtic team is still in the process of re-shaping, but unlike other teams we don't want to step out of things while rebuilding goes on. We owe it to the fans to try and keep the success run going, though it isn't always easy.

We like to win, but the Parkhead philosophy isn't that the result is the all-important thing. The manner of performance must loom large. Our showing against Boavista entertained, I'm sure, and I hope that we catch the same rhythm and create as many goal chances against Motherwell today. With this proviso — that we stick a few more of them away!

SEAN FALLON

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1922, 1926, 1936,
1938, 1954, 1966,
1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974.

Cup Winners (24 times)

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

League Cup Winners (8 times)

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1967, 1968, 1969,
1970, 1975.

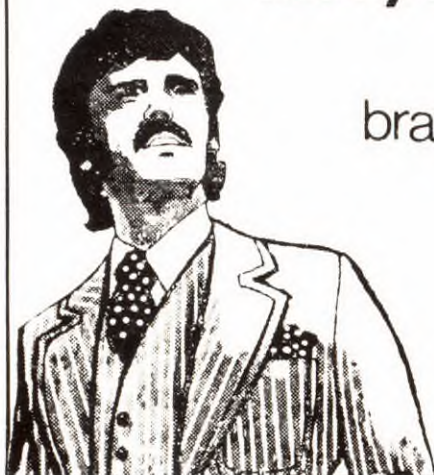
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— MOTHERWELL BOSS

MOTHERWELL manager Willie McLean had reservations about the Premier League set-up BEFORE it got under way.

They are still with him. Even though he has steered his squad to the top of the table and forced the bookmakers to cut back on the odds they initially offered against Motherwell being first winners of the new competition.

"I still don't think 10 teams is enough for the Premier League," says manager McLean. "And if this was to be an experimental year there should not have been relegation."

He continues: "Without relegation there would have been no excuse not to attack in every game."

In the present circumstances the Fir Park boss feels that the fans probably want results more than attacking football and he cites Dundee's experiences this season.

"If you get results by attacking and looking good that's fine. But the first priority for the fans is the result.

"You can be the best team in the world but if you are not winning you won't get the fans coming out to watch you."

Manager McLean makes the point that the fans get recognition and satisfaction through a team's results.

"The support can make the dulllest game sound good afterwards — as long as their side has won. If the team is beaten after a great game they find it hard to talk about it," he comments.

Motherwell's results — and play — are pleasing the fans. Gates have gone



Willie McLean

up by around 2,000 on average but the club requires 9,000-10,000 at home games to break even.

Today's visit to Parkhead is undertaken with confidence. "I wouldn't say this was just another game, but we've got experienced players like Joe Wark and Bobby Watson who have been at Celtic Park lots of times and they won't be overawed."

He recognises that Motherwell will "have to play to its best to get a result" and adds: "They've been to Parkhead before and had success."

Continued success is the name of the game for Motherwell. The new players recruited in the close-season "have done a good job for the club," he says.

Motherwell and Willie McLean have played their part in giving the Premier League its ever-changing and exciting appearance. His reservations about the new set-up don't spill over into their training stints and match play.

TODAY'S VISITORS

'Well aim for the title

MOTHERWELL, having tasted the heady heights of the Premier League leadership, have one aim . . . to be there when the whistle is blown to end the Scottish season!

Motherwell have taken up the challenge with tremendous enthusiasm and under the management of Willie McLean they are playing a not inconsiderable part in giving the Scottish scene a refreshing look through the super-competitive Premier League.

Motherwell made the elite ten with nothing to spare, but once in they've made their impact . . . despite setbacks, like their defeat by Fulham in a cliff-hanger of a semi-final in the Anglo-Scottish Cup.

Motherwell doubled their average gate in the Fulham tie and current exploits in the Premier League are slowly but surely winning back the fans to the Fir Park terracings.

The enthusiastic and forthright manager McLean makes no secret about his ambitions for the club, and considering he has had only about a year in the job, has made worthwhile strides towards fulfilling them.

With new signings like Colin McAdam, Willie McVie and Vic Davidson he has given the play style a change. It required hard work and concentration from players and their response is mirrored in 'Well's fine start to the Premier League season.

It is a close, keen competition in which a couple

of defeats can mean the loss of several places in the table and a couple of wins bring a squad into a challenging position for the title.

Motherwell are challenging . . . and how! They believe that the way to win matches is to go forward and seek goals . . . all the time. That spells entertainment for the fans and, they are convinced, success for the club.

Fulham paid tribute to the skill and style of Motherwell describing them as the "best team they'd met all season" when they drew 1-1 in the first leg tie in London.

Now 'Well have got over that disappointment as well as a defeat at Ayr and the goals machine with Willie Pettigrew and Johnny Graham supplying the main cutting edge, is fully tuned up again.

Motherwell fans are sure this will be their club's year. A number of good judges don't disagree with that viewpoint.

These are the players in the pool manager McLean relies upon:

STUART RENNIE: Now in his third season as the Fir Park keeper, he has proved himself a reliable and competent final link in the defensive structure. Joined from Falkirk when Keith MacRae moved to England.

PETER MILLAR: A strong player who can operate in midfield or defence. This is his fourth season with 'Well, arriving at Fir Park from Dunfermline Athletic.

Won a Scottish League honour in 1973-74.

WILLIE McVIE: A close-season signing from Clyde for a fee of around £35,000, he is a powerful player who commands the central defence beat.

STUART McLAREN: Came into the side last year at centre half and has maintained his place in the 'Well chain of defence, though in a new playing role.

JOE WARK: Skippers the side for the fourth successive season and is one of the longest serving players at Fir Park. He is, too, one of the most consistent full backs in the game and many judges rate him unlucky not to have been in a Scotland side. He has been the choice of three Motherwell managers . . . Bobby Howitt, Ian St. John and now Willie McLean. Once given a free transfer as a Junior because he "was too light", his major football ambition is to lead Motherwell to a major honour.

COLIN McADAM: Signed from Dumbarton in the close season he has fitted into the Motherwell scheme at midfield and forward. Tall and strong he is rapidly repaying the transfer fee of around £25,000.

BOBBY WATSON: One of the best-liked personalities in Scottish football, he was the supporters' club choice as "Player of the Year". Joined up from Rangers in 1970 and his experience and enthusiasm

for the game have been invaluable in Motherwell's bid for honours.

IAN TAYLOR: The former Aberdeen man is an extremely quick and skilful player with an accurate shot. Usually operates on the left wing.

JIM McILWRAITH: Earlier this season spent a month with Bury as part of an exchange deal which didn't materialise. Made a big impression with the English fans. An injury in his final game in the South kept him out of the scheme of things at Fir Park for a week or two but he's now a valuable member of the Fir Park player pool.

WILLIE PETTIGREW: Won his place in the first team in the middle of last season and rocketed to Scotland's No. 1 scorer. His 26 goals got him a place in Scotland's Under-23 squad and brought him under the scrutiny of

English clubs. They are still watching . . . and Pettigrew is still scoring!

BOBBY GRAHAM: After playing with Liverpool and Coventry City returned to Scotland and Motherwell in 1973. A talented player who can find space in the the most "crowded" of matches, he has linked with Willie Pettigrew to form one of the most successful scoring partnerships in Scotland.

VIC DAVIDSON: Signed in the close season after being released by Celtic, he can play in attack or midfield.

GREGOR STEVENS: A 20-year-old who has proved to be a most reliable defence man.

WILLIE WATSON: Another defender who has given fine service to the team. Joined in 1973 after being freed by Manchester United.



IAN TAYLOR
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'WELL HONOURS

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Scottish Cup. Winners — 1952.

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

Scottish Summer Cup. Winners — 1944, 1965.

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THE LAST EIGHT

The quarter-final draw in the European Cup-Winners' Cup tourney will take place in Zurich on January 14. The clubs to go into the ballot are: Celtic, West Ham United, Wrexham, Anderlecht (Belgium), Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany), FC Hague (Holland), Sturm Graz (Austria), Sachsenring Zwickau (East Germany).

REPLAY DATE

The abandoned Celtic-Hibernian fixture in the Premier League is to be replayed at Parkhead on December 10.

MORE PLAYERS

The number of teams belonging to the Football Association of West Germany has risen in 1975 from 103,392 to 109,124. Members of the clubs total over 3½ million!

Portugal, too, has had an increase in players affiliated to the national association. The total of 38,175 includes youths (8,461), beginners (5,699) and schoolboys (1,751).



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