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JOCK STEIN says...

Motherwell, fresh from their two very good wins against Coventry City in the Texaco Cup, are today's visitors at Celtic Park; and with the Fir Park side making an impact on the game at present, this encounter has all the ingredients of an excellent match.

Indeed, with Motherwell returning to Celtic Park on Wednesday night for the second leg of our League Cup-tie we have the prospect of two outstanding games in four days.

Our defeat by St. Johnstone at Perth last Saturday was a great disappointment. Having got off to the best possible start with a Dixie Deans goal after some great leading-up play, we allowed the Perth side to get back on level terms within a couple of minutes.

SQUANDERED

During the remainder of the first half we set-up and squandered several very good scoring opportunities which would have put the match outcome beyond doubt. Some of our players who had played in the game against Czechoslovakia in mid-week showed some reaction at Perth but we were looking for something extra from some of our other players. It didn't turn out that way, however, and I have no intention of detracting from St. Johnstone the credit they deserve for a fine win.

The League championship at the moment is wide open with several clubs emerging as contenders and if this makes for a more competitive league, it is a good thing for the game. Having said that, it is only fair to say that the greater competition will only serve to strengthen our determination to retain our hold on the championship title.

Today's visitors have made a good



start to the championship campaign. Their 4-0 win against Dundee United last Saturday gave an indication of new manager Ian St. John's intentions of sparking off a revival of Motherwell's fortunes.

With only two points separating the first eight teams in the league, today's results will have an important bearing on the table with four of the other leading teams playing each other in today's programme.

TOP LEAGUE POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hearts	5	3	2	0	14	7	8
Motherwell	5	2	3	0	9	3	7
Celtic	4	3	0	1	10	4	6
Dunfermline	5	2	2	1	9	5	6
Aberdeen	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Ayr Utd.	5	2	2	1	8	7	6
Hibernian	4	3	0	1	9	8	6
Dundee Utd.	4	3	0	1	5	5	6

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS MOTHERWELL VISITS

Motherwell's visit to Celtic Park today, their first under new Manager Ian St. John, is the first of two visits in four days to Parkhead. The one on Wednesday, of course, is the second leg of the League Cup second round tie in which Celtic lead by two goals to one.

Celtic Park in recent years has been anything but a happy hunting ground for the Fir Park team.

Indeed, the Lanarkshire team have failed to win a league game there for 26 years. The last occasion in which Motherwell recorded a victory was on the 27th September 1947 when they won 2-1.

In the intervening period however, the teams have produced some wonderful matches and generally speaking clashes between the teams have always had the emphasis on good football.

One match that produced all that is good in football was played at Celtic Park on January 2nd 1959. This game had been scheduled for Dec. 6th 1958, but with Celtic leading by 2-0 through goals by Divers and Auld bad weather forced the game to be abandoned.

CRACKER

When the game was "replayed" on the second day of the New Year, it produced a cracker of a contest. The Celtic team that day was :—

Beattie; Mackay and Kennedy, Smith, Evans and Peacock; Higgins and Jackson; Colrain, Divers and Auld.

Celtic dominated the first half of the game and a McSevney own goal and a Divers shot gave them a

comfortable two goal lead at the interval. Shortly after the second half began Pat Quinn scored from the penalty spot but minutes later John Colrain restored Celtic's two goal advantage.

Celtic seemed to be coasting to victory when Motherwell snatched two goals in the last five minutes to finish with a 3-3 draw.

Almost eight years later the two teams met at Celtic Park on the day that Willie Wallace played his first match in the Celtic colours and 40,000 were there to see the former Hearts forward make his debut.

The teams on that occasion were:
Celtic—Simpson; Gemmell and O'Neill; Murdoch, McNeill and Clark; Johnstone and Wallace; Chalmers, Lennox and Auld. 12th man Cattanach.

Motherwell—McCloy; Whiteford and R. McCallum, W. McCallum, Martis and Campbell; Lindsay and Cairney; Deans, Murray and Hunter 12th man Moffat.

Although the fans were hoping for some goalscoring fireworks from Willie Wallace it was that great Celtic servant Steve Chalmers that hogged the limelight with a hat-trick in Celtic's 4-2 win.

ALERT

It took Celtic thirty minutes to open the scoring. The goal came when 'keeper McCloy failed to hold a Bertie Auld shot and the ever alert Chalmers right footed the ball into the net. Celtic's second goal was engineered by Willie Wallace who

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TEAMS AND OFFICIALS

CELTIC HONOURS

Scottish League Champions (28 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.

Scottish League Cup Winners (7 times)

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

CELTIC

(from)
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McGRAIN
BROGAN
MURRAY
McNEILL
CONNELLY
JOHNSTONE
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B ARBROATH RANGERS		F FALKIRK MORTON	
C AYR UNITED ST. JOHNSTONE		G HEARTS DUNFERMLINE	
D DUNDEE UNITED CLYDE		H PARTICK THISTLE DUNDEE	

FOR TODAY'S GAME

CELTIC HONOURS

MOTHERWELL

feree:
 RSHALL
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 MILLER
 CLARK
 WATSON
 MUIR
 GOODWIN
 CAMPBELL
 GRAHAM
 GOLDTHORP
 McCABE
 McCLYMONT
 MARTIN
 LAWSON
 McCALLUM
 MUIR

Scottish Cup
Winners (22 times)
 1892, 1899, 1900,
 1904, 1907, 1908,
 1911, 1912, 1914,
 1923, 1925, 1927,
 1931, 1933, 1937,
 1951, 1954, 1965,
 1967, 1969, 1971,
 1972.

European Cup
 1967.

Coronation Cup
 1953.

Empire Exhibition
Cup
 1938.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS MOTHERWELL

VISITS (continued from page 8)

sent Bobby Lennox away with a defence splitting pass; when Bobby's shot rebounded off an upright that man Chalmers was perfectly positioned to stick the ball in the back of the net.

Bobby Murdoch scored the third with a tremendous thirty yard shot which had the 'Well goalkeeper beaten to the world.

Eleven minutes from time Murray scored for the Fir Parkers, but four minutes later it was that man Chalmers again scoring Celtic's fourth goal and completing his hat-trick in the process.

With just five minutes to go, George Lindsay scored Motherwell's

second goal and completed the scoring.

Looking at Celtic's team on that day just seven years ago, it is interesting to observe that only Billy McNeill and Jimmy Johnstone are likely to play in Celtic's team this afternoon.

Injury precludes Bobby Lennox from playing but the other nine Celts listed that day are no longer with the club.

Bearing in mind that with one exception that was Celtic's European Cup winning team of six years ago. The transformation is almost unbelievable.

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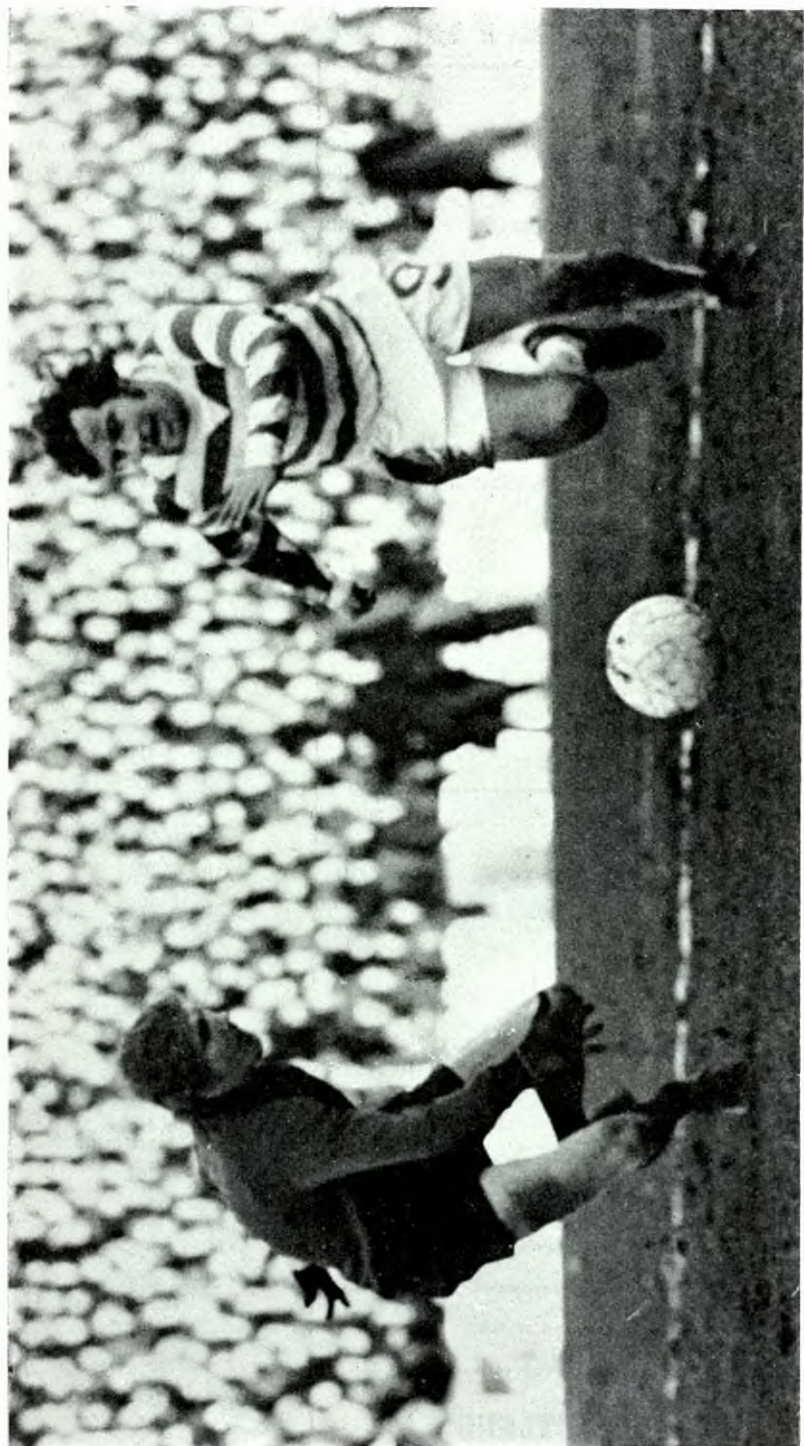
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Former team-mates Dixie Deans and Keith McCrae in a race for the ball during a Celtic game with Motherwell.

RESULTS SO FAR

FIRST TEAM

League Cup

Celtic (Lennox, Lynch)	2	Arbroath (Butler)	1
Falkirk	0	Celtic (Hay, Lennox)	2
Rangers (McNeill o.g.)	1	Celtic (Lennox, Hood)	2
Celtic (Wheatley o.g. Lennox pen.)	2	Falkirk (Somner)	1
Celtic (Lennox)	1	Rangers (McDonald, Parlane, Conn)	3
Arbroath (Yule)	1	Celtic (Dalglish, Lennox, Wilson)	3

League Cup 2nd Round (1st Leg)

Motherwell (Goldthorp)	1	Celtic (Hood, Murray)	2
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Scottish League

Dunfermline (Kinninmonth, Sinclair)	2	Celtic (Hood, Wilson Leishman o.g.)	3
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Celtic (Lennox 3, Dalglish, McGrain)	5	Clyde	0
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Rangers	0	Celtic (Johnstone)	1
St. Johnstone (Muir, Pearson)	2	Celtic (Deans)	1

Drybrough Cup

Celtic (Lennox 4, Dalglish, McLaughlin)	6	Dunfermline (Nelson)	1
Celtic (McLaughlin 2, Lennox, Lynch)	4	Dundee	0
Celtic	0	Hibernian (Gordon)	1

Challenge Matches

Celtic (Lennox, Dalglish Deans)	3	Penarol (Morena)	1
Celtic (Johnstone)	1	Sunderland (Tueart, Hughes)	2

RESERVES

League Cup

Arbroath	0	Celtic	0
Celtic	4	Falkirk	0
Celtic	1	Rangers	3
Falkirk	1	Celtic	4
Rangers	2	Celtic	0
Celtic	1	Arbroath	1

League

Celtic	0	Dunfermline	1
Celtic	1	Ayr Utd.	1
Clyde	0	Celtic	1
Celtic	2	Rangers	0

2nd XI Cup 1st Round

Q.P. Strollers	1	Celtic	5
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European Cup 1st Round (1st Leg)

TPS Turku (Andelmin)	1	Celtic (Callaghan 2, Hood, Johnstone, Connelly, Deans)	6
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European Cup 1st Round (2nd Leg)

Celtic (Deans, Johnstone 2)	3	TPS Turku	0
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