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## THE CELTIC BOSS SPEAKS OUT

‘ MOTHERWELL visit Celtic Park in a better frame of mind than perhaps they have been in recent occasions.

Only a major miracle for Hamilton Accies will prevent Motherwell being safely among the top ten come next season. And while they still occupy a lowly position the shackles are off as far as they are concerned and they can settle down and play uninhibited football. Such circumstances can easily spawn a shock and that's why my players have been told that nothing less than 100 per cent effort and concentration will be needed if we are to take full points from this match.

On paper this may look like one of our less taxing fixtures in what has turned out to be a vitally important run-in for us. But that would be the wrong attitude to take.

In our position we must view each match as being of equal importance. We cannot afford to drop any points whatsoever and that's why Motherwell will be afforded the same respect and preparation as the Dundee Uniteds and Rangers of this world.

In saying this I've been impressed with the players' attitude in recent games.

They are aware of their responsibilities and the need for a 100 per cent record from now on and they have responded well. We have won our last three league matches fairly comfortably including a potentially very difficult one against Hibs at Easter Road. And a win this afternoon will do more to put pressure on the two teams above us, either one of whom must lose ground as they meet at Tannadice today.

Added to this we still have a healthy interest in this season's Scottish Cup. Our home draw against Clydebank gives us plenty to look forward to. Obviously we fancy our chances in this match and also our chances of retaining the Scottish Cup too. ’

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Derek Whyte  
Mick McCarthy  
Peter Grant  
Joe Miller  
Paul McStay  
Andy Walker  
Mark McGhee  
Tommy Burns  
Billy Stark  
Owen Archdeacon

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(Edinburgh)

### Linesmen:

Mr G. R. Alison  
(Dumfries)

Mr R. Mullen  
(Kirkcaldy)

## MOTHERWELL



Alistair Maxwell  
Fraser Wishart  
Tommy Boyd  
Craig Paterson  
Tom McAdam  
Chris McCart  
Martin McBride  
Colin O'Neill  
Steve Cowan  
Steve Kirk  
Paul Kinnaird  
John Gahagan  
Stevie Boyce

### HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

Dundee Utd v Rangers  
Hamilton v Aberdeen  
Hearts v Dundee  
St Mirren v Hibs  
Airdrie v Forfar  
Clydebank v QOS  
Dunfermline v St Johnstone  
Kilmarnock v Clyde  
Meadowbank v Raith  
Morton v Falkirk  
Partick v Ayr United

**TAKE CARE:** We urge all spectators to exercise the utmost care while leaving the ground at the end of the match. We also wish you all a safe and pleasant journey home.

### FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline.....	26	16	5	5	49	27	37
Airdrie.....	26	13	8	5	48	26	34
Clydebank.....	26	12	9	5	56	37	33
Falkirk.....	25	14	4	7	43	26	32
St Johnstone.....	25	12	7	6	38	24	31
Morton.....	25	12	4	9	32	32	28
Forfar.....	26	8	9	9	36	36	25
Meadowbank.....	26	8	7	11	26	33	23
Raith Rovers.....	26	8	7	11	28	37	23
Ayr United.....	26	8	7	11	39	51	23
Kilmarnock.....	25	8	6	11	28	42	22
Clyde.....	26	5	10	11	28	39	20
Partick Th.....	25	6	5	14	33	45	17
Queen of S.....	25	2	6	17	27	56	10

### B & Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE

PREMIER



DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers.....	25	17	3	5	41	19	37
Dundee Utd.....	25	13	9	3	35	12	35
Celtic.....	25	15	2	8	53	33	32
Aberdeen.....	25	10	12	3	32	22	32
Hibernian.....	25	10	7	8	26	23	27
St Mirren.....	25	9	6	10	27	34	24
Hearts.....	25	5	10	10	24	28	20
Dundee.....	25	5	9	11	22	30	19
Motherwell.....	25	4	8	13	22	34	16
Hamilton.....	25	3	2	20	13	58	8

### SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Albion R.....	24	15	4	5	43	27	34
Brechin.....	24	10	9	5	39	30	29
Queens Park.....	24	8	12	4	31	22	28
Stranraer.....	24	10	7	7	38	32	27
Stirling A.....	25	10	7	8	40	37	27
Cowdenbeath.....	24	9	9	6	31	34	27
Alloa.....	25	8	10	7	36	35	26
Arbroath.....	25	8	9	8	36	32	25
East Fife.....	25	7	11	7	36	34	25
East Stirling.....	25	8	8	9	39	42	24
Montrose.....	25	8	6	11	31	33	22
Stenhousemuir.....	25	6	7	12	29	38	19
Dumbarton.....	24	5	7	12	26	38	17
Berwick.....	25	4	6	15	28	49	14



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# AROUND THE LEAGUE

ONCE again more than half the Celtic first team were involved in important international matches in midweek.

But for Celtic captain Roy Aitken and centre half Mick McCarthy that particular midweek will not easily be forgotten.

Roy, as usual, captained Scotland and was one of the stars in an otherwise derisory international display by the national team. This was Roy's 43rd cap. Mick McCarthy meanwhile was captaining the Republic of Ireland as they drew 0-0 with France. This was by way of a birthday present for Mick who celebrated his thirtieth birthday.

But Jack Charlton's magnanimity has created a little piece of sporting history which is unlikely ever to be repeated.

For they are the only two Celts ever to be made captain of their country in the same week.

Celtic have come in for a great deal of criticism for some of their displays this season and justly so. But to suggest the side is in need of a major overhaul is nonsense. A look at Celtic's first team squad above that every one of Celtic's first team squad as been capped at some level for thier country. And of them only Joe Miller, Peter Grant, Lex Baillie and Billy Stark have

not one full caps: each having represented Scotland at under 21 level.

Certainly Celtic have not been as consistent as last season but I cannot recall such widespread criticism of a side which regularly consists of capped players.

In any event, they have a great opportunity to make more inroads into Rangers title lead this afternoon. In what can turn out to be one of the most crucial Saturday of the season Rangers travel to Tannadise knowing that a defeat could put the skide on their title ambitions and at the same time re-kindling Celtic's hopes provided they win against Motherwell. For with Rangers and Utd still to visit Celtic Park in successive weeks, Celts would certainly fancy their chances of making it two in a row.

The plot thickens further down the table. Hibs, St Mirren and realistically speaking, Hearts are the three genuine contenders for a UEFA Cup slot Hibs, of course, are the favourites but they may see their stiffest competition coming from Hearts. St. Mirren have been finding it difficult recently to continue their early season form. While Hearts, despite their lowly position, have one of the strongest playing squads in the country and will make this tell over the next three months. In fact I would make Hearts a good outside bet for the cup.



## DIRECTORY

**Directors** — John C. McGinn (Chairman), Kevin Kelly (Vice-Chairman), James M. Farrell MA LLB, Christopher White CA, Thomas Grant, Manager: Billy McNeill MBE, First Team Coach: Tommy Craig, Reserve Team Coach: Bobby Lennox MBE, Physiotherapist: Brian Scott, Secretaries: Desmond White & Co. Commercial Manager: John C. McGinn, Chief Scout: John Kelman.

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### Scottish Cup Winners (28 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, 1980, 1985, 1988

### League Cup Winners (8 times):

1957, 1958, 1960, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1982

### Empire Exhibition Cup: 1938

St Mungo Cup: 1951

Comorthern Cup: 1953

European Cup: 1967

**Record Victory:** 11-0 v Dundee (Division 1) October 1895

**Record Defeat:** 0-8 v Motherwell (Division 1) April 1937

**Most Individual League Goals in a Season:** 53 James McGraw (1935-36)

**Highest Aggregate Score:** James McGraw 397 (1922-1930)

**Most Capped Players:** Dony McGowan 42 (times for Scotland)



# EURO SPOTLIGHT

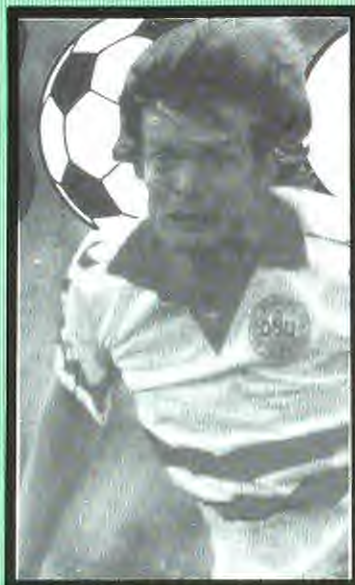
By Roddy  
Stewart

## Soren Lerby

IN September 1982 Ajax and Celtic faced each other in a Champions Cup tie in Glasgow and produced a match that rivalled any of the epic European nights witnessed at Celtic Park in the late sixties. Both sides shared four goals and the quality of football on display was exemplified by the Dutch clubs second goal. A sweeping move involving Johann Cruyff and Jesper Olsen gave Soren Lerby the opportunity to collect the ball in the penalty area and expertly chip it over the advancing Pat Bonner.

Although a familiar name in Europe his marvellous goal and overall display were the first signs of recognition throughout Britain for Soren Lerby. A typographer by trade his name has rarely been far from the headlines since then. A strong tackler and hard worker the Dane has established himself as one of the most competitive midfielders in Europe. As well as Ajax he has played for Bayern Munich, Monaco and PSV Eindhoven while a number of other major clubs have coveted his services. Within that period Lerby has also been a major influence in the resurgence of Denmark's international fortunes being capped on 66 occasions and scoring ten times.

Sixteen years ago the young Dane was beginning his professional career with the Copenhagen club Fremad Amager. Full of enthusiasm and natural ability it took him only a dozen matches as a 16 year old in the first team to convince Ajax to sign him on professional terms. In Amsterdam he gained invaluable experience playing



with the club that had been three times winners of the European Cup and in 1983 he signed for Bayern Munich for \$600,000. His first season in the Bundesliga was upset by injury but once fully fit Lerby established himself as an important player for his club. Such was his importance that in 1985 he played for Denmark in an important World Cup qualifying match against the Republic of Ireland in the afternoon and was substituted early in the second half to enable him to fly back to Germany to play a cup tie that evening for Bayern. It also says a lot for his stamina!

Prior to the end of the 85/86 season Lerby agreed to join Monaco in the French First Division but it took only a few months to make him realise that in footballing terms he had made a big mistake.



Although he had a lucrative contract it did not compensate for being out of the international mainstream. Within a year he had rectified the situation by returning to Holland to play with PSV Eindhoven.

Along with Gordon Smith and Henning Jensen Lerby became only the third player to have competed in the Champions Cup with three different clubs. The Dane managed to better the achievements of his compatriots as he won a European Cup medal last May when his club defeated Benfica on penalty kicks in Stuttgart.

Last summer Lerby announced his retirement from the Danish international side. For a decade he had been a very important figure in the Danish 'central' style of play after being at the heart of many attacks with his relentless midfield play. In the European Championships he was a shadow of himself chasing Italians, German and Spanish midfield opponents without ever quite catching them! Lerby hopes to play for another two years before retiring. Could it be that when he reflects on his career he will look back six years to a superb goal on a marvellous night of European football in Glasgow.