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# Start the year with **a cheer!**

I'D like to welcome everyone to Celtic Park on behalf of Tommy Burns and all the players, for the first home game of 1997.

And I hope that today we get off on the right foot, and get the first of many good results this year that will take us towards our aim of winning the league.

Our first footers this year are Motherwell and because of the way the fixtures are in the league, it seems like no time since we played them last.

The disappointment we felt at the defeat that day is still with us.

That in itself should give us enough motivation to go out and get three points this afternoon.

There is added motivation in the fact that Motherwell were the first team outwith Rangers to defeat us for a very long time and that was something that we took no pleasure from at all.

We didn't play anywhere near our best form that day and I think we have to show the 50,000 people today that that was merely a hiccup and not the norm for us.

However, Motherwell have been a very sticky team for us over the years.

Obviously all teams in the league raise their game against Celtic and Rangers and Motherwell seem to have been very good at doing it against us over the past few years.

# a cheer!

They have some quality players and if they are playing to their best then they will do harm to anyone.

But we have to make sure that they don't get the better of us again this afternoon. In the first game against Motherwell at Celtic Park this season it took us a long time to get the winner, which came right at the death.

That game was indicative of a lot of our matches this term where we have had a lot of the ball but missed a few chances and had to go right to the wire to get the win.

Perhaps all that will change for the better this afternoon, and we'll get the early winner.

This is our first game at Celtic Park this year and we want to start with a victory.

It is important to get the New Year off to a good start at home and the players know that and are, as everyone knows prepared to go right to the death to do just that.

So I hope everyone enjoys their first trip of the New Year to Celtic Park and goes home celebrating a victory that will lead to many more in 1997.



**"It's vital to get the New Year off to a good start"**



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**CELTIC:**

Gordon Marshall  
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Mackay, Stuart Gray,  
Paul McStay

**MOTHERWELL:**

Ian Ross, Fraser  
Wishart, Willie  
Falconer, Mitchell Van  
Der Gaag, Jani  
Lehtonen

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# New Year and new

# hope for McStay

**IT'S THAT time of year again when resolutions fill the air and people set stock for the coming 12 months.**

And Paul McStay is no different, only his wishes may be a lot more resolute than others – and in the long run they will affect thousands of people.

For the club captain only appeared for the opening three games of this season and had to endure the agony of sitting out the following months on the sidelines.

Meanwhile the team had to carry on without the classy midfielder in the most important season of the decade.

The victories still rolled in but vital points were dropped at crucial times as the support turned their eyes towards the midfield in hope.

But it wasn't only McStay that was missing, Phil O'Donnell also had to drop out for a lengthy spell due to injury and added to that was the loss of the influential John Collins who moved to Monaco in the summer.

That meant that Celtic lost three of last season's midfield in one swoop – a devastating blow for any team.

But in the closing weeks of 1996 even during the bleakness of winter, the sun began to shine for McStay and O'Donnell as they took the first tentative steps back into Tommy Burns' more immediate plans.

And McStay is in no doubt concerning his top wish for 1997 – getting back to doing the job for which he is paid for.

He said: "The one thing I want is to get back to full fitness and positively reclaim my place in the first-team.

"That is on a personal level but that obviously involves the team going on to challenge for this league title and the Scottish Cup which is due to start soon.

"I have only lifted one trophy as captain of Celtic and needless to say I don't want that to be my last – not by any manner of means.

"So I've got a lot to look forward to in 1997 and I aim to be involved as much as I can as I want to look on this as the start of my season.

"I look on it as a fresh beginning even though I've already put in a lot of hard work over the past six months.

"And I'm definitely looking forward to the rest of this season for both myself personally and the rest of the team and club as a whole.

"It's not just me that has had a hard time as I wasn't the only one who was injured during the first part of the season.

"Myself and Phil were the only long-term injuries but the team has been hit by many more players having to be dropped for vital games through knocks.

"And we have had more than our fair share of suspensions but I'm hopeful that we have seen the end of that."

McStay took part in 38 games last term with this season's early trio taking him to the 660 mark in total. And next month he begins his 16th year as a

professional with Celtic.

However, the three games he played in at the start of the season had one thing in common – they were all away from home.

The matches, each in different competitions – Kosice (UEFA), Aberdeen (Premier) and Clyde (Coca-Cola) mean that the captain didn't experience the thrill of playing a competitive game in front of the newly upgraded stadium.

He said: "The completion of the East End of the ground means that the team have been playing to crowds of over 50,000.

"So that is something I missed out on but at the same time I was still able to savour the atmosphere created by the support.

"The atmosphere in the ground has been amazing and you can sense the excitement and hope coming from the stands.

"But I miss sampling that from the pitch and that is another thing I am looking forward to feeling during the rest of the season."

PAUL'S FIRSTS

**Date and place of birth:** 22.10.64 in Hamilton  
**Height:** 5ft 10ins. **Weight:** 11st 7lbs

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**FIRST CLUB:** Celtic

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**FIRST DAY AS A CELT:** February 1981  
– signed from Celtic Boys' Club

3

**FIRST GAME FOR CELTIC:** Scottish Cup home match against Queen of the South in a 4-0 win, January 23 1982

4

**FIRST GOAL FOR CELTIC:** Against Aberdeen at Pittodrie in his league debut and a 3-1 win, January 1982

5

**FIRST CAP:** At Hampden in a 2-0 friendly win over Uruguay, September 21, 1983.



**PAUL McSTAY**





TODAY'S VISITORS...

# Celtic steeled for revenge on Fir Park men

**LIKE many clubs around the country, Motherwell have been strapped for cash this season.**

And their plight was highlighted recently in a bid to sign Lee Powers.

The Norwich City player was available on a free transfer and despite manager Alex McLeish's efforts, Fir Park chairman John Chapman reneged on the move.

However, McLeish came out and publicly backed the chairman in spite of his desire to strengthen the Motherwell squad - there simply wasn't enough money in the coffers to finance the move.

The need is evident when you consider that just two seasons ago the Lanarkshire side finished in second place.

Last term they didn't maintain that momentum and dropped to eighth position, just two above the relegation zone.

And they have finished the first half of this season in a similar

position - something they are desperately keen to improve upon.

However, it won't be lost on anyone at Parkhead today that the last time today's teams met it was Motherwell who came out on top, recording a 2-1 home win over Celtic.

That was done

without adding to the pool - so Tommy Burns knows his team will

have their work cut out this afternoon.

And hoping to keep the Celts out at the back is **STEPHEN WOODS** who is keen to show what he can do in the absence of

regular No.1 **SCOTT HOWIE.**

Howie, was of course injured in that 2-1 win for the Fir Park side and his long-term

**JOHN PHILLIBEN, SHAUN McSKIMMING, BRIAN MARTIN, JAMIE DOLAN and MITCHELL VAN DER GAAG.**

A defensive grouping with more than a fair smattering of experience, especially with the cool heads of Martin and McCart.

Martin only missed three league matches in last year's campaign and McCart, just last month, celebrated 12 years with the club he signed for from Celtic Boys' Club in 1984.

Dolan picked up some more experience in the last meeting between today's teams - he took over from Howie in goal but it is doubtful if he will want to go through the same routine this afternoon.

The defence could also feature **EDDIE MAY** and **FRASER WISHART** but in more attack-minded mode on the flanks by pushing up to midfield and beyond.

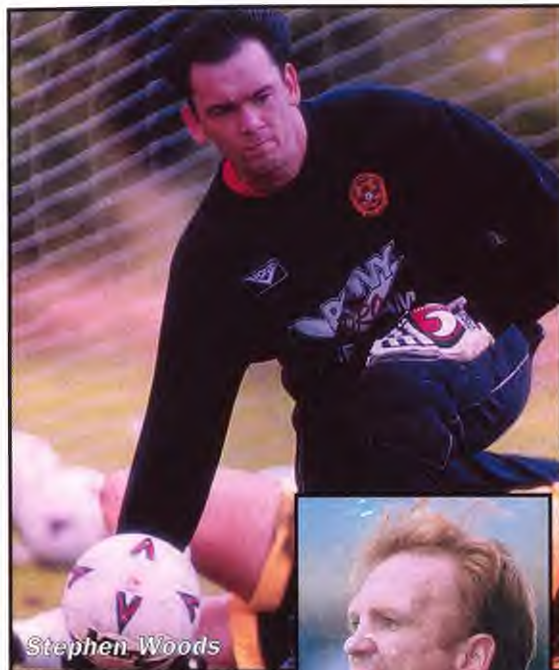
More orthodox midfielders come in the shape



convalescence with a fractured jaw could give Woods the opportunity to shine.

In front of the keeper the defence may well come from the likes of





Stephen Woods

of **BILLY DAVIES** and **STEPHEN McMILLAN** who can link up with May and Wishart as the anchor men between defence and attack.

The Fir Parkers also have other options in the midfield area with **JOHN HENRY**, **ALEX BURNS** and **IAN ROSS** all vying for contention.

These are the men that Celtic will want to shut out in their bid to feed an attack which needs no introduction to the Parkhead faithful.

For the star man is none other than **TOMMY COYNE** who graced the green and white shirts of both Celtic and the Republic of Ireland.

Coyne, pictured left, hit the heights again recently with a stylish hat-trick against Kilmarnock at Rugby Park in a timely win for Motherwell.

And one of the threesome also won



Scotsport's Goal of the Month competition but if today's game produces a similar outcome, let's hope it's at the other end with a man in the hoops gaining the

## Lowdown + Lowdown

- STEPHEN WOODS** (Goalkeeper)  
Age 26. Signed from Preston North End in July 1994
- JOHN PHILLIBEN** (Defender)  
Age 32. Signed from Doncaster Rovers in September 1986
- BRIAN MARTIN** (Defender)  
Age 33. Signed from St Mirren in November 1991
- CHRIS McCART** (Defender)  
Age 29. Signed from Motherwell Boys' Club in December 1984
- MITCHELL VAN DER GAAG** (Defender)  
Age 25. Signed from PSV Eindhoven in March 1995
- FRASER WISHART** (Midfielder)  
Age 31. Signed from Hearts in August 1986
- SHAUN McSKIMMING** (Midfielder)  
Age 26. Signed from Kilmarnock in November 1994
- JAMIE DOLAN** (Midfielder)  
Age 27. Signed from Motherwell Boys' Club in June 1987
- BILLY DAVIES** (Midfielder)  
Age 32. Signed from Dunfermline in March 1994
- STEPHEN McMILLAN** (Midfielder)  
Age 20. Signed from Troon Juniors in August 1993
- JOHN HENRY** (Midfielder)  
Age 26. Signed from Tottenham Hotspur in July 1995
- ALEX BURNS** (Midfielder)  
Age 23. Signed from Shotts Bon-Accord in August 1991
- IAN ROSS** (Midfielder)  
Age 22. Signed from Bathgate Thistle in August 1993
- TOMMY COYNE** (Forward)  
Age 34. Signed from Tranmere Rovers in November 1993
- ANDY RODDIE** (Forward)  
Age 25. Signed from Aberdeen in August 1994
- WILLIE FALCONER** (Forward)  
Age 30. Signed from Celtic in January 1996
- DOUGIE ARNOTT** (Forward)  
Age 35. Signed from Pollok Juniors in October 1986

plaudits. Another ex-Celt plying his trade up front for Motherwell is **WILLIE FALCONER** who has been fighting injury to keep a place

down in the first team. And Celtic fans won't need reminding of 'Well's other front runner **DOUGIE ARNOTT** but this time it's not because he earned a wage at Parkhead...

He didn't, Motherwell being his only senior club after singing from Pollok Juniors, but he has been their top scorer against Celtic.

So Arnett's another one to be watched by the Celtic rearguard this afternoon.

