



**Coca-Cola Cup
quarter final**

**CELTIC
v
MOTHERWELL**


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A place in the last four of the first domestic cup competition of the season is the carrot dangling in front of us this evening.

We are all aware of the confidence to be gained by recording a win over Motherwell and making it through to the semi-finals of the Coca-Cola Cup. It appears that this competition is not as highly rated as the others we will be contesting this term. But at Celtic, we want to emerge victorious from every tournament we play.

At time of writing, it is not so easy to consider team selection for the fourth round tie with players on international duty. However, we know we will be without Morten Wieghorst, who is currently with the Denmark squad for the match against Croatia tonight.

This fact requires us to modify the team from the one that defeated Tirol Innsbruck 6-3 a fortnight ago.

It does not help continuity but we can't change it so we must get by as best we can.

Of course, we are also without Tommy Johnson, who is recovering from a hernia operation, and Darren Jackson.

We were very happy to receive news that Darren's operation was a success and we hope to have him back quicker than initially expected. He will not be rushed, though, and right now we are simply delighted that he is on the mend.

We spoke some time ago about the areas of the team that need strengthened and hope that this will be achieved meantime. There is

We'll play to win at everything

belief in the squad on the back of three victories and we must pick-up from where we left off. It is a fortnight since our UEFA Cup win over the Austrians and it is important we step up again on returning to action this evening.

The players worked hard to set up a tie with Liverpool and, though this is an exciting draw, it won't be on our minds until after the league match with Motherwell on Saturday.

Both meetings with Liverpool will be transmitted live on television which demonstrates the national interest in the matches.

It is pleasing to be involved in such glamorous games but we know that as a team we will have to be at our very best to be successful against the English side.

Every player must work within a strong framework. The more we practise with the squad the greater the understanding that is built up and we will continue to impress on the group here that the needs of the team are all important.

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Owen COYLE



Tommy COYNE



Simo VALAKARI



Mario DORNER



Eliphaz SHIVUTE

Striking



Motherwell struggled to make it through their first Coca-Cola Cup match this season, only beating Inverness Caledonian Thistle 4-1 on penalties after a tough 2-2 draw.

But in the following round they made smooth progress with a 3-0 win over Morton.

In the league, they're not been doing too badly either, and sit fourth in the table with two wins and one defeat under their belts.

A few new faces have been added to their line-up for this season as boss Alex McLeish looks to improve on last term, which saw 'Well hovering precariously at the bottom of the table.

Brought in during the summer in a double signing deal from VfB Modling were Austrians **FRANZ RESCH** and **MARIO DORNER**.

Resch has been a regular this term, and has good pedigree, having previously played for Rapid Vienna. He can take on the left-back or left-midfield role and has five caps for his country.

His countryman Dörner is a striker who has been capped at under-18, under-21 and Olympic levels, and is likely to sit on the bench this afternoon.

Keeping him out of the starting line-up will be **TOMMY COYNE** and **OWEN COYLE**.

Coyle (right) has been described as a 'goalscorer par excellence'. And that he is. He was a huge favourite at Celtic Park several years ago and has also shown his class for the

Republic of Ireland in the World Cup finals in America in 1994. He was a great loss to the Fir Park side last season when he missed out on long spells through injury. No-one can afford to take their eyes off Coyle in a game.

Partnering him is Coyle, another who started his career at Clydebank and can score at will. The Motherwell fans will forever be indebted to Coyle for his goals against Hibs and Kilmarnock last term in the relegation fight.

In the last round of the cup, he was the scorer of all three against Morton – Celtic defence be warned.

WILLIE FALCONER

was never a centre-forward until Lou Macari made him one at Celtic.

Since joining Motherwell he has reverted to

a midfield role that he is happier with.

But he still has an eye for goal and two years ago his arrival from Celtic Park saved 'Well's season, as his strikes rescued the club from the drop that looked inevitable.

He picked up a Scottish Cup medal with Celtic in 1995, which prompted Motherwell's interest in him.

And now there's new boy **ELIPHAS SHIVUTE** competing for a place as well. The Namibian player comes from a huge family – ten brothers and two sisters – and is only the second Namibian player ever to gain a contract in Europe. (For the record the other is Razandora Tjikuzo who is with Hertha Berlin in Germany.)

He had trial spells at other Scottish clubs but opted for



out for glory

All's Well up front for Alex

Motherwell because he recognised boss McLeish from watching Scottish football as a kid!

Motherwell seem well covered front, but the one area that caused them problems during the close season was that of the goalkeeper.

SCOTT HOWIE left the club after all sorts of disputes and Motherwell now only have **STEVIE WOODS** on their books.

Woods joined Motherwell in 1994 and managed to keep Howie out of the team on many occasions, now making the position his own.

In front of Woods will be a mix of youth and experience in defence. Youngster **GREIG DENHAM** was knocking on the first team door over the last couple of seasons and finally got in this term, even netting his first goal for the club in a pre-season friendly against Carlisle United.



has good distribution and is real scrapper.

Beside him is the vastly experienced **BRIAN MARTIN** (pictured left).

Martin's impressive defending for Motherwell saw him earn a call-up to the Scotland squad in 1995, and is clearly the man everyone in the Fir Park defence looks to for guidance.

Full-back **EDDIE MAY** is a very experienced player, having been on the books of Dundee United, Hibs, Falkirk and Brentford.

He is capable of playing in a number of positions and is a solid professional.

Born in Edinburgh, like May, is midfielder **MICKEY WEIR** who must have thanked 'Well boss McLeish a million times for bringing him from Hibs last year. The tricky winger spent 15 years at Easter Road, but latterly could hardly get a sniff of the first team.

He's been reborn at Fir Park and netted a vital goal for them in the last match of last term against Dunfermline which was a nerve jangling affair.

STEVEN WOODS (Goalkeeper)

Age 27

Signed from Preston North End in August 1994

IAIN ROSS (Defender)

Age 23

Signed from Bathgate Thistle in August 1993

GREIG DENHAM (Defender)

Age 20

Signed from Cumbernauld United in August 1993

BRIAN MARTIN (Defender)

Age 34

Signed from St Mirren in December 1991

JOHN PHILLIBEN (Defender)

Age 33

Signed from Doncaster Rovers in September 1986

FRANZ RESCH (Defender)

Age 28

Signed from VfB Modling in July 1997

EDDIE MAY (Defender/Midfield)

Age 34

Signed from Falkirk in February 1995

MICKEY WEIR (Midfield)

Age 31

Signed from Hibernian in August 1996

STEPHEN MCMILLAN (Midfield)

Age 26

Signed from Troon Juniors in August 1993

SIMO VALAKARI (Midfield)

Age 24

Signed in February 1997

BILLY DAVIES (Midfield)

Age 33

Signed from Dunfermline in March 1994

TOMMY COYNE (Forward)

Age 34

Signed from Tranmere Rovers in November 1993

OWEN COYLE (Forward)

Age 31

Signed from Dundee United in January 1997

WILLIE FALCONER (Forward/Midfielder)

Age 31

Signed from Celtic in January 1996

ELIPHAS SHIVUTE (Forward)

Age 22

Signed from Eleven Arrows FC (Namibia) in September 1997

MARIO DORNER (Forward)

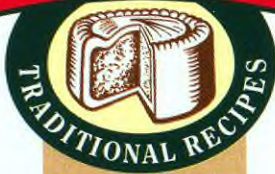
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But mascot for the night Stacey Scott was hyper before the action began on the field.

Stacey's enthusiasm affected everyone when she made herself known before the game, and she reached fever point when she led the team out before the kick-off.

But the biggest thrill of the night for Stacey was when she got to meet her all-time idol, as she explained; "Paul McStay has

MEET THE MASCOT

always been my favourite and I was wearing his badge on my shirt, and when I got to meet him I was really pleased."

Paul popped in to watch the game, and made Stacey's night, as well as her dad's!

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