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THE whole of Scottish football was saddened by the sudden tragic death of Davie Cooper and the most amazing thing is that it has brought Celtic supporters together.

Davie's funeral was attended by 10,000 Rangers supporters and was a very emotional and dignified occasion.

The Rangers' supporters deserve credit for this and I know that the Celtic support will show equal respect during today's minute silence.

What can I say about the support we received in our two games against Kilmarnock at Hampden and Rugby Park?

If there was ever an illustration of just exactly what the Celtic support means to this club then that was witnessed in those games - especially the cup tie.

I fully realise the frustrating times Celtic supporters have had in recent years and it is my job to turn that around by bringing quality players to the club.

And the kind of support we were given in the cup tie will attract exactly the type of footballer we are looking for.

The reaction and backing from the supporters to every single facet of the club has been amazing - by that I also mean season tickets and the share issue.

But their response in the quarter-final against Kilmarnock was surely the icing on the cake.

The fans know they have got to lift the players and I'm sure the punters in the stand that night could see the men on the field responding to their prompting.

The players will ALWAYS react to that type of support as the cheers from the stands can lift them a lot more than I ever could.

The arrival of Motherwell is another game of course, but we will be looking for the same vocal support from the stands as the men from Fir Park will come here in good spirit.

Like us, they have a European place in their sights and that makes this clash a certain six-pointer.

But that isn't our only incentive for picking up three points from the meeting...

I feel that we haven't done ourselves justice in our games against Motherwell this season and I know that the players know that as well. I'm hopeful we will put

that right today.

‘The reaction of the fans has been absolutely amazing

Of course that cup victory over Kilmarnock means we are through to the semi-finals of the Tennents Scottish Cup and I'm looking forward to meeting Hibernian in that one this Friday.

It is a big game for everyone involved and we will be going into it without any fears.

I'm sure the supporters will roar us on all the way at Ibrox as we are only one game away from a national final.



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STEVE WOODS



EDDIE MAY



MIODRAG KRIVOKAPIC



JOHN PHILLIBEN



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PAUL LAMBERT



JAMIE DOLAN



TOMMY COYNE



DOUGIE ARNOTT



BILLY DAVIES



ANDY RODDIE



ALEX BURNS



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MOTHERWELL are today's visitors and Celtic couldn't ask for a tougher game. This is a match that really counts as both sides chase that vital Euro place. To use an old cliché - this is a real six pointer.

Listed below are the players who are going to make life difficult for the Bhoys this afternoon.



★ TOP STOPPER ...
Brian Martin has had a new lease of life since moving from St Mirren to Motherwell and is now a regular in the Scotland set-up.

STEVE WOODS was plucked from the relative obscurity of the English Third Division and thrown into the Premier League inferno.

Anyone who was surprised by the move and questioned the young keeper's ability have had to eat their words this season as Woods goes steadily from one great performance to another.

His form this season has been rewarded with inclusion in the Scottish squad for this week's vital clash in Russia. Although he didn't play he is definitely one for the future.

EDDIE MAY came to Fir Park after a good spell at Falkirk. Very underrated he has the ability to make things happen and create moves from deep inside his own half. Sure to become a firm favourite with the Motherwell faithful.

MIODRAG KRIVOKAPIC is a player who always gives 100 per cent to the cause. Motherwell's gain was definitely Dundee United's loss when Mio made the move from Tayside to Lanarkshire. An uncompromising centre-half he is happy to keep control at the back and allow others around him to go for glory.

JOHN PHILLIBEN is one of a host of Motherwell players who are so underrated it is frightening. Has been at Motherwell when life was not so rosy and relegation threatened. Now however he is revelling in his role in a successful team. Another player who gives absolutely everything and a very hard worker.

CHRIS McCART is one of the most competent centre-halves in the country. Always appears graceful and untroubled and keeps his head when all around are losing theirs'. (*A bit of Rudyard Kipling there - Ed!*) Has been unfortunate not to have been involved in the national set-up more often but a combination of tough competition for places and injuries have cut his Scottish appearances.

BRIAN MARTIN was an average defender at St Mirren but has been immense since moving to the 'Well. So much so that he has been a regular member of recent Scotland squads. Has found a level of consistency that often sees him picking up man-of-the-match awards. A true professional.

PAUL LAMBERT is, coincidentally, another player who was heading nowhere fast at St Mirren and has played positively since moving to Motherwell. The type of player who deserves to be playing in the Premier Division. Very skillful and able to release his strikers with telling passes.

JAMIE DOLAN is, yet again, one of Motherwell's many underrated players. Hard-working and tough tackling he never stops for the



+ TODAY'S VISITORS +

Alex's army are out to secure vital Euro spot

★ **GOAL MAN ...**
Dougie Arnott has consistently scored important goals for Motherwell and is one of the country's most potent strikers. He has developed a great partnership with Tommy Coyne.

full 90 minutes. He is arguably one of the side's most important players as he is the metal in the midfield.

Every Celtic fan knows all about **TOMMY COYNE** and there is little to say about him that hasn't been said already. He is coming back from injury now and hopes to recapture his early season form which saw his name constantly flashing on the scoreboards and is one of the main factors in the resurgence of this Motherwell side.

DOUGIE ARNOTT is small and pacy and as such is a nightmare for big defenders. The Celtic rear-guard will have to be on their game to keep him quiet. Give him a yard and he'll take a mile. At his most dangerous close in on goal when diving for a lethal cross.

Talking about lethal crosses we now come to **BILLY DAVIES**. It is his responsibility to pick out Coyne and Arnott with balls into the box and it is a job he does well. Seems to have been around for years but has found a new lease of life in this successful Fir Park team.

ALEX BURNS came into the side when Coyne was forced to sit on the sidelines injured. Took his chance to star in the side and has netted some important goals. None more so than his two strikes in the cup clash earlier this year with Falkirk. Seems unhappy however with not being a regular in the side and looks to every top team game as a chance to put himself in the shop window.

ANDY RODDIE was brought down from Aberdeen by Alex McLeish who obviously rates him very highly. Finding it difficult to break into the side however and spends most of his time on the bench.

SHAUN McSKIMMING is another player finding it hard to get a game despite being a regular at his previous club Kilmarnock.



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STEVE WOODS (Aged 25)

Signed from Preston, 1994

EDDIE MAY (Aged 27)

Signed from Falkirk, 1995

MIODRAG KRIVOKAPIC (Aged 35)

Signed from Dundee Utd, 1993

JOHN PHILLIBEN, (Aged 30)

Signed from Doncaster, 1986

CHRIS McCART (Aged 27)

Signed from Fir Park BC, 1984

BRIAN MARTIN (Aged 31)

Signed from St Mirren, 1991

PAUL LAMBERT (Aged 25)

Signed from St Mirren, 1993

JAMIE DOLAN (Aged 26)

Signed from Motherwell BC, 1987

TOMMY COYNE (Aged 32)

Signed from Tranmere, 1993

DOUGIE ARNOTT (Aged 33)

Signed from Pollok, 1986

BILLY DAVIES (Aged 30)

Signed from Dunfermline, 1994

ALEX BURNS (Aged 21)

Signed from Shotts BA, 1991

ANDY RODDIE (Aged 23)

Signed from Aberdeen, 1994





Desperate for top team action

The big INTERVIEW GARRY CARBERRY

“First team football is what I am here for”

GARRY CARBERRY has been on the fringes of the first team this season but has yet to make his competitive debut...

However, the 19-year-old midfielder isn't too upset. For he believes by simply being involved with the senior squad he's achieved more than he thought possible at the start of this term.

And despite not playing competitively for the top team Garry figured in the side at Anfield in Celts' 6-0 defeat by Liverpool in Ian Rush's testimonial clash last December - one occasion he will never forget.

He said: "Playing for the first time with the top team at Anfield was amazing. I was up against I reckon about £20 million worth of talent in front of a huge crowd and it was just incredible. The fact that we lost so badly was disappointing but it didn't really take away from the night for me.."

"Kenny Dalglish was guesting for them as well and playing against him was incredible.

Legends

"He and Ian Rush are real legends and it was great to be on the same pitch as them, it was weird going from reserve matches to that.

"The following Saturday I was going to be playing for the first team against Hearts, but that was the weekend of the really bad floods and the game was called off so I didn't get the chance.

"That was disappointing but I suppose not that bad, it'd have been a lot worse if I'd actually been stripped and ready to go on and the match had been stopped - that sort of thing is annoying!

"After that I was on the bench on Boxing Day at Aberdeen but I missed out until the end of February against Hearts.

"Obviously it is a bit frustrating that I've been that close without actually getting on for the first team. That of course is what I want - a first team chance.

"However at the start of the season I just hoped that after playing

Interview: MERLE BROWN

quite regularly with the reserves last term that I would hold my place down this year and that's really all I was hoping for.

"But even though I haven't played, just being with the first team squad has been a great help.

"All the reserves have at one time or another this term trained with the first team and that helps a lot.

"Also we've had help in the reserve matches from the experienced players who've been in there like Andy Walker and Charlie Nicholas. They always want to play good football and help us out with lots of hints and advice."

Garry has held his place down in the reserves this term making 22 starts for the second string as they bid to take the league and cup double for a second successive season.

Recently though, the central midfielder has been playing wide right. Though it is a position he considers is not his strongest - he reckons that if a first team call is to come it will be in this role.

So he is happy to stay out on the wing at the moment.

He said: "I've been playing in

what I would call my weaker position. However I feel I've been adapting to being out there and I suppose the more you play in a certain position, the more used to it you get.

"Also if I was to get a call-up to the first team it would be more than likely to be in that position than in the centre of midfield."

The reserves drew 0-0 with Hearts at Barrowfield on Monday to consolidate their position at the top of the table and Garry is delighted that they are still on course for the championship and in the final of the Reserve League Cup.

Talent

And he hopes not only to be involved from now to the end of the season - he is desperate to impress with his present contract expiring in the summer.

He said: "Of course I would like to stay at Celtic and I have from now until the end of the season to prove that I'm worth a new deal.

"It's not going to be hard to get motivated to do that though, with the league and cup double to play for.

"I think it's important that we do win it again to show everyone that there is a lot of good young talent here at the park.

"And after an initial lull in the performances when we lost the likes of Raymond McStay to Hamilton, and Stuart Gray and Brian McLaughlin to the first team, we've been playing well.

"Hopefully we'll be able to carry that on right through to the end of the term, and maybe if I play well I'll get another chance in the first team as well."

