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Today, more than any other, you the supporters can have a crucial bearing on the outcome of a Celtic game.

The most important thing of all is that everyone stands firmly behind the team in our quest for this championship.

If that means producing a 90-minute *Wall of Sound* then I ask you to do that as we need to win this and every other match in the run-in.

Even if things are not going to plan on the pitch I urge you to get right behind the players in song...

That is when they need you the most. They will react to the noise from the stands and that will inspire them to greater things.

The last time we played against Motherwell here at Celtic Park they caused us problems and went away with a 2-0 win.

We can't afford to let something similar happen today and we realise that at this time of the season we will be in for an especially hard game.

So the players know they will really have to concentrate for the win and you can play a vital part in that aim by fully urging them on.

We have had two bad results against Rangers in the cup and league but the important thing is that we are still in this title race.

Help us stand & deliver

Those results have to be forgotten about as we entirely focus on today's match and pulling in another three points.

The one thing the Old Firm results did show is how important our 2-1 win against Kilmarnock was.

Rugby Park is one of those venues we have always experienced difficulty at but the players and supporters showed the true spirit on the night.

That is the same sort of attitude we are looking for today and everyone here who is working towards that knows what they have to do.

So again I ask, focus on that 90-minute *Wall of Sound* to deliver the points and the championship title.



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Roll of Honour

European Cup: 1967

League Champions (35 times)

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Scottish Cup Winners (30 times)

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TODAY'S VISITORS



Watching your high profile young manager walk out on the club you love to join a team apparently doomed for relegation would be a sobering experience for any football fan.

To then stand by and watch as he is replaced by a Finnish manager unheard of outwith his own country would be downright worrying.

However, for Motherwell fans, such are the facts of life – and, whisper this around Lanarkshire way, it might well be the best thing that's happened to them in some time.

New boss Harri Kampman may be best known for being a pal of Ajax superstar Jari Litmanen, but if he manages to pull off the great escape for a Motherwell team in big trouble at the time of Alex McLeish's departure for Hibernian, he will become a Fir Park folk-hero.

Since then, steady if unspectacular results, including a 2-1 win home over Rangers, have helped the Steelmen into fourth from bottom spot – some seven points above the Edinburgh side McLeish left for.

And, with both Aberdeen and Dunfermline dropping below 'Well into the play-off mire, the team from an area known for its strong survival instinct can be expected to battle for every last scrap when they come to Celtic Park today.

Ironically, at a time when Celtic really need to go for goals, it's a

STEPHEN MCGOWAN

couple of rampant Hoops fanatics they will have to watch closely at the other end.

With a combined age of 66, **TOMMY COYNE** and **OWEN COYLE** really have little right to expect to be at the forefront of a Premier Division survival battle.

However, when you score goals like those two, a green pasture like Celtic Park is always a more likely prospect than that of the back lawn.

Coyne has made a career out of tormenting Hearts wherever he plays, as in the 1-1 draw at Tynecastle recently, and he's been no slouch against Celtic either.

His goal knocked the club out of the Scottish Cup single-handedly in 1994 and he then scored twice at Fir Park in a narrow 3-2 win for the Celts in September.

With over 50 goals in his Motherwell career, he simply can't be ignored.

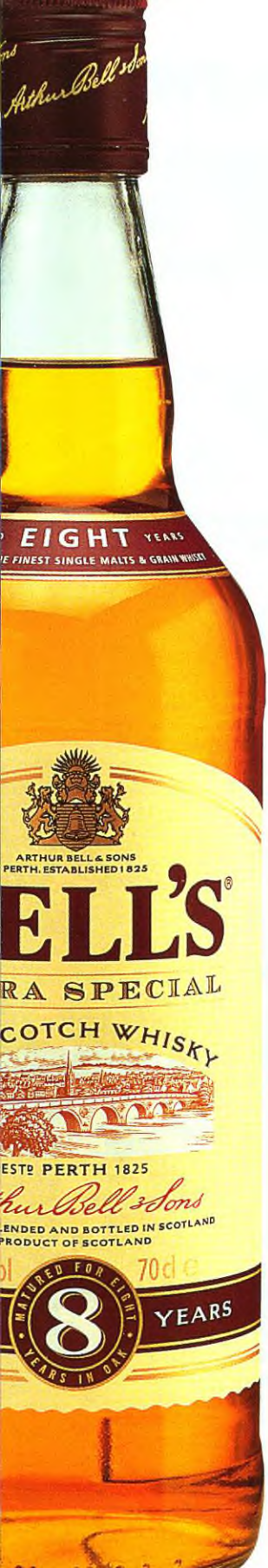
Likewise **WILLIE FALCONER**, another former Celt who was edged out as part of the club's on-field revolution. However, as his diving header against Rangers in March's 2-1 win proved, he's never afraid to go in where it hurts and he is due to return from suspension today.

As well as continuing to give the old guard its day, however, Kampman has brought in some of his own men to stave off the



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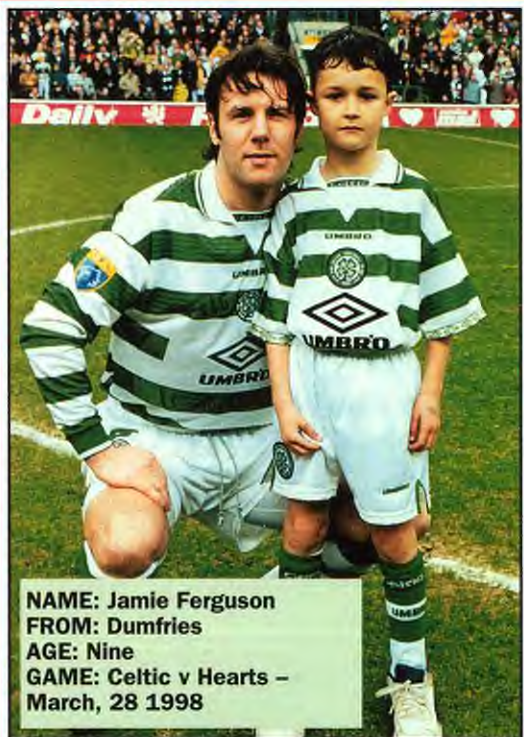
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March, 28 1998

When young Jamie Ferguson came to Celtic Park to be lucky mascot for the day, he knew exactly what to expect.

How did he know this? His big brother, Michael, was also chosen to be mascot at the Motherwell game last November and told him all about it!

Although Jamie was pleased when his big brother was chosen last year, he resigned himself to the fact that he would never be chosen as mascot because of his brother's good luck - how wrong can you be!

Jamie travelled to the match with his dad (who is becoming an old hand at this!!), and didn't mind at all that

MEET THE MASCOT

he would be missing a game with his local football team!

Despite the fact that he knew what to expect on his arrival, he was obviously delighted at the events which lay ahead, from meeting his favourite players, to getting his very own 'yellow card' from the referee.

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