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# TOMMY BURNS



**L**AST Sunday was hard to take. The amount of Celtic fans then who turned up at Easter Road a few days later was nothing short of remarkable - their loyalty being beyond question.

This can only strengthen the resolve of everyone at the club to do the best we possibly can. We will move Heaven and Earth to get everything right and lay proper foundations at every level.

Before Wednesday's game I made a point of going among our supporters and talking to them.

I know how they're feeling and wanted them to know that everyone at the club feels the same. We're all in the same boat - we're desperate to achieve the best for Celtic Football Club.

I wanted to explain to them that we're looking to youth as the way forward for the club, and they were all very supportive.

## Terrific

And I think the players responded. They dug deep against Hibs and gave a right good Celtic performance. John Collins scored a terrific goal and we created three or four other great chances.

In Collins, Paul McStay, Tom Boyd and Brian O'Neil we've got guys who have the ability and commitment we require and they are willing to battle to get us through this difficult period.

With the addition of a few new players we could be on our way to creating a squad that will match the standards set by our supporters.

Right now it seems as if everything's conspiring against us. We deserved nothing less than a win over Hibs the other night and didn't get it. But we shall use such adversity as a spur.

Today's visitors Motherwell are undoubtedly one of the top sides in the country.

And it may be that I'll draft in a couple of the reserve players who've been doing so well.

If that's the case I implore our supporters to get right behind these youngsters.

**‘ We will  
move  
Heaven  
and Earth  
to get  
everything  
right at  
the club ’**

They cannot be held responsible for the shortcomings of the Celtic team of the past four or five years.

Our up and coming players deserve the best support our fans can offer.

They must receive every confidence and encouragement to ensure they're given the best possible platform to realise their potential.





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COMPETITION  
STANDING**



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# THE SQUADS



**GORDON MARSHALL**



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T Brown  
Edinburgh

**STEVEN WOODS**



**MIKE GALLOWAY**

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**MARK MCNALLY**



**ROB MCKINNON**



**BRIAN O'NEIL**

**Linesman:**  
T M McCurry  
Glasgow

**JOHN PHILLIBEN**



**TOM BOYD**



**BRIAN MARTIN**



**JOHN COLLINS**

**Linesman:**  
W G McKnight  
N Stewart

**CHRIS MCCART**



**PETER GRANT**

**STAND-BYS:**  
*Celtic* - Pat Bonner (GK),  
Brian McLaughlin,  
Barry Smith  
*Motherwell* - Scott Howie (GK), Paul McGrillen, Shaun McSkimming

**PAUL LAMBERT**



**PAUL McSTAY**

**JAMIE DOLAN**



**PHIL O'DONNELL**

**TOMMY COYNE**



**ANDY WALKER**

**DOUGIE ARNOTT**



**SIMON DONNELLY**



**BILLY DAVIES**



**CHARLIE NICHOLAS**

**MASCOT**  
David McIntosh  
Stirling

**STEVE KIRK**



**WILLIE FALCONER**

**ANDY RODDIE**





# + TODAY'S VISITORS +



**MOTHERWELL** come to Hampden today defending their unbeaten league run which has stretched from the second match of the season. And who better to run the rule over the Fir Park men than Motherwell old boy, Celts midfielder Phil O'Donnell.

**MY OLD SIDE** are doing very well at the moment, and a lot of people are talking about the quality of their football. After their European knock-out by Borussia Dortmund people expected them to slump, but they've done the opposite and lifted their game.

They've definitely kept up from where they left off last season and that means they will be a tough prospect today.

In goal they'll have **STEPHEN WOODS** who has done very well since joining the club.

He's very consistent and I think the signing of Scott Howie as No. 2 has spurred him and brought out his best form.

I don't know too much about **SCOTT HOWIE** as I'd left before he signed, but he must be a good hand to have been the Scotland Under-21 keeper and to get a move to a club as big as Norwich before coming back to Scotland.

**CHRIS McCART** has been outstanding for Motherwell in all

the time he's been there which must be about seven or eight years now. Last season he was really the stalwart of the defence and is a very, very good captain to have as well.

**JOHN PHILLIBEN** is another player who has been at Fir Park for a long time. He's a great communicator to have in the defence, always talking through the game. He holds the back four together extremely well.

Getting a call-up to the Scotland squad for the last match really shows **BRIAN MARTIN'S** quality. He's had two outstanding years and it's amazing he wasn't included in the squad before now. He also shows that age is no barrier in football!

**RAB SHANNON** gave us balance at the back last season when he came to the club, a good full-back who works up and down the right side of the park causing opponents problems. An excellent marker, too, whether at right back or in the centre of defence.

**PAUL LAMBERT** is very creative. Moving to Motherwell from St Mirren was a great move for him and he's done well. Creates a lot of chances and is a great playmaker, with good passing. But he's also strong and good on the ball, not easily knocked off it.

**JAMIE DOLAN** sits in the middle of the park in a holding position while the other two midfielders get the ball forward. He's a very strong player who gets in about opponents and also makes good use of the ball.

**BILLY DAVIES** has been a good asset for Motherwell since they signed him. He's the type of midfielder that is always good for a goal, indeed he scored a great one against Hibs the other week. A great striker of the ball. Likes to play it on the deck as do most of the Motherwell team.

**ROB MCKINNON** is a very good player down the left. He's been involved in the Scotland set-up which shows his quality. Great at going forward, he can strike the ball very well. He's never really had a bad spell since arriving at Fir Park.

**STEVIE KIRK** is always liable to score a few



★ **SOLID GOLD!**  
Ex-Celt  
Tommy Coyne has struck a rich vein of form for Motherwell





# + TODAY'S VISITORS +



## Big Eck's men in with a shout!

goals. A great finisher who can hit the back of the net from any angle.

**TOMMY COYNE** has been a sensation since coming back to Scotland. Good at scoring and also at linking up play and bringing others into the game as well. He's a real threat for any defence.

**ANDY RODDIE** was signed just as I was leaving, but from what I've seen of him he's got pace and can whip dangerous balls into the box which is just what you need.

**SHAUN McSKIMMING**, another player who's signed only recently, did well at Kilmarnock. He's always liable to go past people and get balls into the box, and I'm sure he'll be a success at Fir Park.

I came up through the ranks with **PAUL McGRILLEN**, who is a very aggressive forward. Dangerous in the box and a great finisher.

**ALEX BURNS** is another young player who'll do well. He's been in and out of the team in the past couple of seasons and actually scored against Celtic in his first game. He's got a lot of promise and will go far given his chance.

Then there is player/boss **ALEX McLEISH** who could figure in the defence. He played once when I was still with the club and you could see he'd been involved in plenty big occasions. He's calm on the ball, and creates confidence throughout the team. He's proved he's a great player and has all the experience anyone could ever need.

★ **SMASH-HIT!** *Dougie Arnott has proved to be a quality finisher and a constant threat to Premier League defences*



## + Lowdown + Lowdown

**STEVE WOODS**(AGE 24 )  
*Signed from Preston*  
**RAB SHANNON**(AGE 28)  
*Signed from Dunfermline*  
**RAB McKINNON**(AGE 28)  
*Signed from Hartlepool*  
**JOHN PHILLIBEN**(AGE 30)  
*Signed from Doncaster*  
**BRIAN MARTIN**(AGE 31)  
*Signed from St Mirren*  
**CHRIS McCART**(AGE 27)  
*Signed from Fir Park B.C.*  
**PAUL LAMBERT**(AGE 25)  
*Signed from St Mirren*  
**JIMMY DOLAN**(AGE 25)

*Signed from Motherwell B.C.*  
**TOMMY COYNE**(AGE 32 )  
*Signed from Tranmere*  
**DOUGIE ARNOTT**(AGE 33)  
*Signed from Pollock*  
**BILLY DAVIES**(AGE 30 )  
*Signed from Dunfermline*  
**STEVE KIRK**(AGE 31)  
*Signed from East Fife*  
**ANDY RODDIE**(AGE 23 )  
*Signed from Aberdeen*  
**SHAUN McSKIMMING**(AGE 24)  
*Signed from Kilmarnock*  
**PAUL McGRILLEN**(AGE 23)  
*Signed from Motherwell B.C.*





# Celts to get back on winning way

## The big INTERVIEW

TOM BOYD

CELTS defender Tom Boyd has frankly admitted that things just aren't good enough at Celtic Park right now.

The 29-year-old full-back reckons the disappointing league form, which, before last Wednesday's match with Hibernian, saw Celts go eight games without a win, and the devastating Coca-Cola Cup final defeat by Raith Rovers last Sunday have shown that the team are not doing their job.

And he believes that must change starting in today's match with his former club Motherwell.

He said: "Without a doubt, the season so far has been disappointing.

"We have turned in some poor performances since our first defeat by Hearts back in October - we haven't been doing all we can as individuals or collectively as a team and we need to sort that out.

"Form like we showed at the start of the season is what we have to aim for.

"The thing is, it's very difficult to say why our form has changed so much since then. The only thing I CAN say is that so many things can go wrong in football, and all those different things have gone wrong for us recently.

**"Confidence is a big thing in this game as well - it's one of the main reasons behind success and failure and perhaps our confidence isn't as it should be. We must sort that out also."**

Things may look gloomy for the men in green and white at the moment but Tom insists that sunshine could be just around the corner - his philosophy is that if they've played well this season already they MUST be able to do so again.

He said: "We know we are capable of getting results. In the first quarter of this term we were playing nice football, closing teams

### Interview: MERLE BROWN

down, and we should be able to perform in the same way again.

"I really can't make any excuses - yes, we've had injuries and that has forced a lot of positional changes during games especially, but we should have the players who can deal with that. It's not an ideal situation but it's one you must cope with.

"For example there have been times when Peter Grant has dropped back into defence in games, and he is missed in the midfield, but we have John Collins and Paul McStay still in there.

"One of our problems I think has been balance though, when Simon Donnelly has had to play wide for example and that does affect things.

"But as I've said, we should be able to cope."

Tom himself has encountered a positional change this season - but for him it's a permanent one to right-back with new signing Tosh McKinlay from Hearts stepping into his boots on the left of the pitch.

And although the Celtic star's partnership down that side with John Collins has been sacrificed to accommodate these changes, Tom has no quarrel with them at all.

**Form like the start of the season is what we aim for**

He said: "Obviously John and I had a partnership and still do for Scotland, but I have no problem moving across the pitch at all.

"You just have to adapt to who you're playing behind and form a new partnership with them regardless of who it is.

"If you're playing with a man in front of you who plays more inside then you go wide of him, if he's a natural winger you're behind him.

"It's not a difficult situation for me at all."

### Difficult

Tom's position on the park may not be difficult for him, but he knows the task of stopping his old teammates today might be.

Motherwell are flying high at the moment with only one league defeat this season and that was back on the opening day when Rangers won 2-1 at Ibrox.

Tom said: "Motherwell have started off very well again. They play good football and have a real threat up front in Tommy Coyne.

"Alex McLeish has taken over where Tommy McLean left off really.

"But it's up to us to stop their good run. We want to get back on the rails and the only way we can do that, is by starting to win again.

"I know Motherwell will raise their game because it always happens.

"Inevitably, against Rangers and Celtic most of the players support one or the other, so they want to impress.

"But this match is so important to us, we need to start winning again.

"Last season we had too many draws and that cost us, and it could again."





