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It is indeed a pleasure to have this opportunity once again to welcome all fans attending tonight's second CIS Insurance Cup Semi-Final tie between Motherwell and Celtic at The National Stadium, Hampden Park.

As you will note elsewhere in this Programme, this is only the second occasion that Motherwell and Celtic have met at this stage of the competition. However, if tonight's tie is as exciting as their last Semi-Final encounter when the match finished 2-2 after extra-time and Celtic ultimately won 5-4 on Kicks from the Penalty Mark, then we should be in store for another special Hampden midweek occasion.

There are a couple of interesting parallels to draw from previous meetings between Motherwell and Celtic in this competition. The clubs first met in the League Cup back in season 1950/51 at the Quarter Final stage with the Fir Park club winning 4-2 on aggregate before going on to win the trophy by defeating Hibernian 3-0 here at Hampden in the Final in what to date, has proved to be the Lanarkshire club's only trophy success in this competition. The last occasion that both clubs met in this competition was in season 1997/98 when the Parkhead club recorded a 1-0 victory, also at the Quarter Final stage. The Bhoys also went on to win the trophy defeating Dundee United coincidentally enough, by the same 3-0 scoreline in the Final at Ibrox to end a 15 year trophy drought in this competition.

The respective managers, Terry Butcher and Gordon Strachan, enjoyed successful careers at both domestic and international level. The Motherwell boss won his first trophy after coming to Scotland in this particular competition when he skippered Rangers to a 2-1 victory, ironically enough, over Celtic back in season 1986/87. Although Gordon did not gain any winners' medals from this competition, he played in the Aberdeen team that reached two successive Cup Finals in seasons 1978/79 and 1979/80. However, he more than made up for these disappointments by playing in the Aberdeen team that won various League Championships and Scottish Cups during the early 80s and, of course, played in the Dons' team that defeated the mighty Real Madrid in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final in season 1982/83. The stage is therefore set for an exciting and intriguing Semi-Final tie here tonight.

On behalf of The Scottish Football League, I would like to take this opportunity in thanking our sponsors, CIS Insurance, for the important part that they play in promoting this competition. They are extremely willing and enthusiastic sponsors and I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of the officials and representatives of CIS Insurance and their invited guests attending and trust that they enjoy tonight's tie.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff at The National Stadium, Hampden Park, for their assistance during the past few weeks. Their co-operation in helping The Scottish Football League organise tonight's Semi-Final is once again very much appreciated.

ENJOY THE MATCH!

JOHN SMITH
President, The Scottish Football League.

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THE CIS INSURANCE CUP

SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to extend a warm welcome to supporters of both teams to tonight's CIS Insurance Cup semi-final match between Motherwell and Celtic.

This season the CIS Insurance Cup has already delivered all the usual excitement and unpredictability of a knockout tournament and we are looking forward to yet more great matches as the competition unfolds. I am in no doubt that both of tonight's semi-final teams will be equally determined to secure a place in the Final to be played at Hampden Park on Sunday 19 March.

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Returning to tonight, I hope you enjoy the match and I would like to wish both teams and their supporters the best of luck.

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Executive Director, Marketing, Co-operative Financial Services

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Road to the SEMIS



Tonight's CIS Insurance Cup Semi-Final between Motherwell and Celtic will be the 16th time that these clubs have met in this competition. The League Cup has been played in various formats since its inception in season 1946/47 and since then, Motherwell and Celtic have played against each other in sectional ties, two legged knock-out matches and, similar to tonight's meeting, straight one-off matches played to a finish. In total, the Fir Park club have been victorious on three previous occasions, the Hoops have recorded ten victories with two matches having been drawn.

Motherwell and Celtic have only met at this stage of the competition on one previous occasion and that was back in season 1986/87 when the clubs could not be separated after 120 minutes of pulsating action. After 90 minutes, the tie was level at two goals apiece and despite various chances for both clubs, no further goals were scored after a further thirty minutes of extra-time.

Then, the real drama took place with Celtic ultimately winning 5-4 in a penalty shoot-out after Motherwell defender John Philliben missed his kick and it was left to Celtic midfielder Tommy Burns, who

ironically enough, will be in the Celtic technical area tonight, to score the decisive winning kick from the penalty mark.

Both clubs will be looking for lucky omens from their first and last meetings in this competition. Back in season 1950/51, Motherwell won 4-2 on aggregate in the Quarter Finals and went on to defeat Hibernian 3-0 in the Final in what has, to date, been the Lanarkshire club's only League Cup trophy success. The clubs last met back in season 1997/98 when a solitary strike by Henrik Larsson, in what was his first season at Parkhead, gave Celtic a 1-0 Quarter Final victory. Celtic then went on to win the trophy defeating Dundee United by a similar 3-0 scoreline.

SECOND ROUND

Tuesday, 23rd August, 2005

MOTHERWELL 2

S. McDonald, J. Hamilton

HAMILTON ACADEMICAL 1

G. Jones

Motherwell: C. Meldrum, A. Smith, S. Hammell, B. Kerr, S. Fagan, (R. Foran), A. McCormack, (D. Keogh), S. McDonald, P. Quinn, R. Donnelly, P. O'Donnell, J. Hamilton

Substitutes not used: D. Clarkson, M. Fitzpatrick, G. Smith
Hamilton Academical: D. McEwan, J. Robertson, S. Hodge, S. Thomson, M. McLaughlin, A. Neil, B. Ferguson, M. Wilson, G. Jones, (S. Tunbridge), L. Hardy, B. Carrigan, (J. McArthur)

Substitutes not used: D. Anderson, P. McLeod, R. Jellema

Referee: Michael McCurry

Attendance: 4,619

It required a controversial last minute winner by Jim Hamilton to secure a victory for last season's beaten finalists against their Lanarkshire rivals. The match had been delayed for almost ten minutes and it was Accies who looked by far the most dangerous during the early exchanges and indeed, the First

Division club squandered a couple of excellent opportunities within the first 25 minutes.

However, Accies eventually punished their SPL counterparts and took a deserved lead. Brian Carrigan flighted in a perfect free-kick and Graeme Jones steered his header beyond the outstretched arm of 'keeper Colin Meldrum. At that stage, a shock looked on the cards as Hamilton had dominated proceedings but Motherwell responded and equalised five minutes before half-time when Scott McDonald blasted home a penalty kick after Phil



Jim Hamilton (left) scores the winner for Motherwell in the dying minutes of the game



O'Donnell had been pushed in the box by Alex O'Neil.

In a bad tempered tie, Accies' Lee Hardy was red carded with just over twenty minutes remaining but it looked as though the tie was heading for extra-time before Jim Hamilton scored in the last minute although Accies' players insisted that the ball had not cleared the line.

Goal hero Hamilton said: "My goal was debatable but I'll take it though because no-one was looking forward to extra-time."



Celtic's Maciej Zurawski scores an equaliser against Falkirk to take the game into extra time

THIRD ROUND

Tuesday, 20th September, 2005

ST. MIRREN 0

MOTHERWELL 2 (AET)

D. Clarkson, D. Smith

St. Mirren: C. Smith, D. Van Zanten, K. Broadfoot, A. Millen, (M. Corcoran), K. McGowne, J. Potter, H. Murray, S. Lappin, (C. Adam), J. Sutton, B. Mehmet, (S. Kean), A. Reid

Substitutes not used: I. Maxwell, C. Hinchliffe

Motherwell: G. Smith, P. Quinn, (B. McLean), S. Hammell, B. Kerr, S. Craigan, D. Clarkson, S. McDonald, S. Fagan, R. Foran, (D. Keogh), A. Smith, (D. Smith), W. Kinniburgh

Substitutes not used: K. Connolly, C. Meldrum

Referee: Iain Brines

Attendance: 4,192

It took extra-time for Motherwell to overcome their gallant First Division opponents at Love Street. Indeed, Gus MacPherson's team took all of the plaudits and were left to rue a number of missed opportunities. Indeed, Saints almost won the tie in the final minute of normal time but Charlie Adam's scorching free-kick cannoned back off the crossbar.

However, seven minutes into extra-time, 'Well broke the deadlock when David Clarkson squeezed the ball home from close range after Stephen Craigan's header from Steven Hammell's corner had crashed back off the crossbar. Then, five minutes later, 16-year-old Darren Smith, who twelve months previously had been a season ticket holder at Fir Park, scored the decisive second. Scott McDonald set the youngster through on goal and he slotted the ball past the advancing Chris Smith in the Saints' goal.

'Well boss, Terry Butcher, said: "Darren got a round of applause from the rest of the players in the dressing room for scoring his first senior goal. However, his reward will be to go back to putting up the nets, cleaning the boots and washing the kit!"

Wednesday, 21st September, 2005

CELTIC 2

FALKIRK 1

M. Zurawski, J. Hartson

A. Gow

Celtic: A. Boruc, P. Telfer, M. Camara, S. Petrov, D. Balde, S. McManus, M. Zurawski, S. Nakamura, C. Sutton, (P. Lawson), S. Maloney, (A. McGeedy), C. Beattie, (J. Hartson)

Substitutes not used: A. Virgo, D. Marshall

Falkirk: M. Glennan, A. Lawrie, K. Milne, S. Thomson, T. Rodrigues, C. Ireland, S. O'Donnell, (R. McStay), A. Gow, V. Lima, R. Latapy, (C. McPherson), D. Duffy, (D. McBreen)

Substitutes not used: N. Scally, D. Hill

Referee: Kenny Clark

Attendance: 19,422

In view of Celtic's participation in Europe, they entered the competition at the Third Round stage with a tricky home tie against last season's First Division Champions, Falkirk. The match was televised live and the audience throughout the country saw the Bairns give an extremely good account of themselves by passing the ball well and showing a willingness to go forward.

After a goalless first half, Falkirk broke the deadlock in the 53rd minute. Chris Sutton lost possession just inside the Celtic half and Alan Gow raced forward and after having held off three defenders, scored with a fine left foot shot.

This spurred Celtic into attack and they were level nine minutes later when Shaun Maloney's pass gave Maciej Zurawski the opportunity to sprint clear of the Bairns' defence to slip a right foot shot past the Falkirk 'keeper. No further goals were scored during the regulation 90 minutes and the match moved into extra-time and substitute John Hartson scored the Hoops all important winner in the 94th minute. The Welshman headed in a cross from



Shunsuke Nakamura and that was enough to secure the Bhoys victory against the plucky Bairns.

Celtic boss, Gordon Strachan, commented: "John Hartson came on and did really well. The goal was typical of the way he plays."

FOURTH ROUND

Tuesday, 8th November, 2005

MOTHERWELL 1 ABERDEEN 0

B. Kerr

Motherwell: G. Smith, S. Fagan, S. Hammell, B. Kerr, S. Craigan, A. McCormack, (M. Corrigan), S. McDonald, (D. Clarkson), P. Quinn, (M. Fitzpatrick) R. Foran, B. McLean, J. Hamilton
Substitutes not used: W. Kinniburgh, C. Meldrum
Aberdeen: J. Langfield, R. Byrne, (D. Mackie), G. Dempsey, (J. Stewart), R. Anderson, A. Diamond, S. Severin, (R. Foster), J. Smith, B. Nicholson, S. Crawford, S. Muirhead, C. Clark
Substitutes not used: A. Considine, R. Esson

Referee: Douglas McDonald

Attendance: 3,989



Motherwell 'keeper Graeme Smith makes an amazing save from Jamie Smith's penalty kick rebound

A fabulous strike by Brian Kerr early in the match secured Motherwell their second successive Semi-Final appearance in The CIS Insurance Cup. In a sensational opening 10 minute spell, Motherwell 'keeper Graeme Smith also made an outstanding double penalty save to deny his namesake, Jamie, the opportunity for Aberdeen to draw level.

The match had started at breakneck speed and after only five minutes, 'Well midfielder Brian Kerr struck a ferocious 25 yard drive that gave Dons' 'keeper Jamie Langfield no chance. However, within a minute, Aberdeen were awarded a penalty after Alan McCormack fouled Smith in the penalty box. Smith picked himself up to take the penalty but his namesake in goal, Graeme, guessed correctly to block and then recovered magnificently to save the Dons' players shot from the rebound.

Although Aberdeen showed much willingness to attack, the Steelmen still looked by far the better side and the Pittodrie club's cause was not helped in the 73rd minute when Zander Diamond was red carded for a deliberate handball. With 14 minutes remaining, Scott McDonald missed a glorious opportunity to finish off the tie but somehow headed wide from only six yards out.

Motherwell boss, Terry Butcher, was delighted with his team's performance and said: "The football we played was good and that was one of the best all round performances I've had here."



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Wednesday, 9th November, 2005

CELTIC 2 RANGERS 0

S. Maloney, D. Balde

Celtic: A. Boruc, P. Telfer, M. Camara, S. McManus, S. Nakamura, D. Balde, A. McGeedy, (A. Thompson), N. Lennon, S. Petrov, J. Hartson, S. Maloney
Substitutes not used: A. Virgo, S. Pearson, S. Varga, D. Marshall
Rangers: S. Klos, F. Ricksen, O. Bernard, (P. Lovenkrands), D. Prso, S. Kyrgiakos, J. Rodriguez, (J. Pierre Fanfan), S. Thompson, (F. Jeffers), A. Hutton, B. Ferguson, I. Murray, H. Namouchi
Substitutes not used: A. Rae, R. Waterreus

Referee: Kenny Clark

Attendance: 57,813





For the second season in a row, the Old Firm met at this stage of the competition and the Parkhead club gained revenge for their extra-time defeat last season. Celtic dominated throughout and won thanks to a wonder first-half strike from Shaun Maloney and a second late in the match from Bobo Balde.

Celts had a number of excellent performers on the night, particularly Neil Lennon, Stilian Petrov, Aiden McGeady and Maloney and it was the latter

who sent the large Celtic support into wild excitement in the 25th minute. Petrov played the ball forward to the little forward who moved past Julien Rodriguez before unleashing a fantastic 30 yard shot past Stefan Klos.

Celtic continued to dominate and Rangers cause was not helped after Sotiris Kyrgiakos was sent off for two yellow cards but it was not until eight minutes from time that they secured their passage into the Semi-Finals. A well worked corner involving

Lennon, Maloney and Nakamura saw the Japanese player send in a dangerous cross. Klos and Balde both challenged for the ball and when they collided, the ball trundled over the line with the big Celtic defender claiming the goal.

Gordon Strachan secured his first Old Firm victory as Celtic boss and commented: "I'm really pleased with our performance and on a personal level, it is great to get my first Old Firm victory as Celtic manager."



Barry Ferguson can only look on as Shaun Maloney unleashes an unstoppable shot

PREVIOUS LEAGUE CUP MEETINGS BETWEEN MOTHERWELL AND CELTIC

1950/51

16.09.50 Quarter Final

Celtic 1 Motherwell 4

20.09.50 Quarter Final

Motherwell 0 Celtic 1

Motherwell won 4-2 on Aggregate

1965/66

18.08.65 Sectional Match

Celtic 1 Motherwell 0

01.09.65 Sectional Match

Motherwell 2 Celtic 3

1973/74

12.09.73 Second Round

Motherwell 1 Celtic 2

10.10.73 Second Round

Celtic 0 Motherwell 1

Aggregate 2-2

29.10.73 Second Round

Replay

Celtic 3 Motherwell 2

1974/75

10.08.74 Sectional Match

Celtic 2 Motherwell 1

28.08.74 Sectional Match

Motherwell 2 Celtic 2

1977/78

31.08.77 Second Round

Celtic 0 Motherwell 0

03.09.77 Second Round

Motherwell 2 Celtic 4

Celtic won 4-2 on Aggregate

1978/79

04.10.78 Third Round

Celtic 0 Motherwell 1

11.10.78 Third Round

Motherwell 1 Celtic 4

Celtic won 4-2 on Aggregate

1986/87

23.09.86 Semi-Final

Celtic 2 Motherwell 2

Celtic won 5-4 on Kicks from the Penalty Mark

THE LAST MEETING:

Season 1997/98

FOURTH ROUND

10th September, 1997

CELTIC 1

H. Larsson

MOTHERWELL 0

Celtic: J. Gould, T. Boyd, S. Mahe, D. Hannah, M. Mackay, P. O'Donnell, H. Larsson, C. Burley, S. Donnelly, A. Thom, (T. McKinlay), R. Blinker, (J. McNamara)

Substitute not used: S. Gray

Motherwell: S. Woods, E. May, S. McMillan, (I. Ross), K. Christie, (E. Shivute), B. Martin, G. Denham, M. Weir, S. Valakari, (L. McCulloch), T. Coyne, W. Falconer, O. Coyle

Referee: Kenny Clark (Paisley)

Attendance: 35,582