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1944, 1965

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1949, 1951, 1957

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1988

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1945

UEFA Participation: European Cup Winners'

Cup: 1991-92

UEFA Cup: 1994-95, 1995-96



Although I felt we were a little unlucky in the Aberdeen game, we showed our darker side in losing to Kilmarnock. Conditions aside, we lost soft goals and it hurts badly to see mistakes being repeated. From my point of view I have to continue to impress upon players that they must learn from individual mistakes otherwise they will stand still in this game. Every player must be willing to listen and learn in order to improve.

On a positive note, our home form has been good of late with a tremendous win over Dunfermline. Celtic come here on the back of a good Old Firm victory and will be confident but as I have often said, the approach to a game of this sort must be a mental one as well as a physical one. The Old Firm often win games before they start because of their tradition and opposition fearing them. It is vital therefore that our players stand up to them and show that they can match them as well as they did on the last 3 occasions. Enjoy the match.

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The Mascots are

Mark Burrell

Mark lives in Carlisle and attends Crawforddyke Primary. He is 10 years old and his favourite player is Stevie Woods.

Stephen Aitchison

Stephen lives in Uddingston and attends St. John The Baptist Primary. He is 11 years old and his favourite player is Tommy Coyne

Kerry McGhie aged 9 at her 100th Motherwell game v Celtic. She is a pupil at Cleland Primary school and her favourite player is Tommy Coyne. Her first game was Motherwell v Hibs in 1991.



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Fir Park News & Views . . .



NEIL CANDLISH

Former Motherwell forward Neil Candlish (left) is still banging in the goals over in Ireland. His latest exploits saw him score the winner for Ballymena United as they chase the Smirnoff Irish Premier Division title. Another former Motherwell man was also in the news over in Ireland. Ally Mauchlen (right) turned down the chance to manage Glenavon having been

informed that the board of directors had not unanimously backed his application.



STEVIE KIRK

Good to hear that the former Well hero has been appointed manager of East Fife. Given that he started his playing career with the Methil outfit we are sure Steve will be relishing the challenge. Sadly his first game in charge saw East Fife lose 4-0 to Inverness CT. He wasn't helped by the dismissal of former Motherwell central defender Innes Ritchie.

ROY ESSÁNDOH

The Glasgow Herald noted that Albion Rovers were hoping to sign the former Motherwell striker. Apparently Roy has been playing with a side in Austria but is now a free agent.

TONY SHEPHERD

As you are probably aware our former fringe midfielder (who was once on Celtic's books) is now playing with Albion Rovers, this brings to an end a four-year spell in which Tony commuted from Lanarkshire to Northern Ireland. He turned out for Portadown, Glenavon and Cliftonville in his Irish stint.

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PLAYER of
the YEAR

Once again the popular Motorola Player of the Year competition will take place. The Motherwell Man of the Match will be awarded two points and the runner-up a single point. The player with the most points at the end of the season will win a holiday in the United States.

Last year the prize was won by Owen Coyle and he enjoyed his trip to the States immensely.

To date the following points have been awarded.

Tommy Coyne	15
Stevie Woods	14
Brian Martin	7
Owen Coyle	6
Mickey Weir	4
Billy Davies	4
Stephen McMillan	3
Kevin Christie	2
Stephen Craigan	2
John Philliben	2
Ian Ross	1
Simo Valakari	1
Eliphas Shivute	1
Rob Newman	1

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YES YOU CAN.



1. Name the ex-Motherwell player pictured above
2. Which non-league side beat Swindon Town in the FA Cup last weekend?
3. It's Dumbarton in the Cup then, but when did the Sons last play in the Premier league?
4. Who is missing in Owen Coyle's list of clubs? Dumbarton, Clydebank, Airdrie, ??????, Dundee Utd and Motherwell?
5. Who was the manager of Falkirk before Alex Totten?
6. At which ground do Stenhousemuir play?
7. Who did 'Well beat in the 3rd round of last season's Scottish Cup?
8. Who is the ex- manager of Nationwide side Bradford City?
9. Which Dutch side did Ronaldo play for?
10. In what season did Dougie Arnott first appear for Motherwell?

- ANSWERS
1. Rab Shannon;
 2. Stevenage Boro;
 3. 1984-85 when 'Well were in the First Division;
 4. Bolton;
 5. Eamonn Bannon;
 6. Ochilview;
 7. Partick Thistle;
 8. Chris Kamara;
 9. PSV Eindhoven;
 10. 1986-87

THE 'WELL WORDSEARCH

Can you find the name of a Scottish Football League manager hidden in the grid?

B	O	N
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T	P	A

You must always move from one letter to an adjoining square. Remember you can move in any direction, but you must use each letter only once.

Answer on page 29

'WELL ANAGRAMS

1. CILI RON FAE WELL
2. NIBLIN JOE HPHL
3. TRIM NANA BRI
4. RAGGY WO
5. I CAN STEM MLLP HEN

Answer on page 29

In Which Year?

1. Rangers beat Killie in the Scottish Cup final
2. Wolves won the FA Cup
3. Real Madrid won the European Cup at Hampden
4. It was Scotland 1, England 1 in the Home International Championship

Answer on page 29

Guess Who?

1. I played with Bankies, Saints, Dark Blues, Diamonds and Jags
2. I was a central defender
3. I scored a few against Motherwell
4. I now boss Dundee

Answer on page 29



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6th Dec: Hearts A 0-2 (Att: 12,706) 9th

HEARTS registered their 5th successive victory over Motherwell as they confirmed their status as genuine title contenders. As for 'Well it was yet another disappointing match against the Tynecastle side. It was another of those games that Motherwell never ever looked like winning, indeed we failed to get a single effort on target throughout the full ninety minutes.

However some dogged defending and a determination to keep the Jambos at bay meant that a point could well have been a possibility. That was until the referee intervened. 'Well had managed to keep things tight and handle everything Hearts could throw at them. As the first half went into injury time the home side were awarded a free-kick outside

the box. When it was swung in, Hearts defender David Weir went flying and referee George Clyde pointed to the spot. It was a decision that infuriated the travelling 'Well support. The ball had already flew past Weir before his tumble to the floor and there appeared to be minimal contact. What rankled further was that the "culprit", Kevin Christie had already been

booked meaning the young 'Well defender had to go. When the fuss died down Colin Cameron finished well and Hearts went in ahead.

The second half was all Hearts and it was perhaps a surprise that they only managed to add a single goal to their tally. They kept Motherwell hemmed in for most of the remainder of the game and scored again through Austrian Thomas Fogel in the 67th



Austrian Thomas Fogel in the 67th

minute, when he fired home from a Steve Fulton pass. Sadly Motherwell offered little in response with only a brief spell of pressure near the end worth mentioning. In the end though Hearts were well worthy of the win but who knows what might have happened had the referee taken a different view of events immediately before the interval.

TEAM: Woods, May, McMillan, Christie, Craigan, Philliben, Hendry, Ross, Coyne, McSkimming, Coyle.

SUBS: Shivute (for Coyne), Arnott (for Hendry), Denham

SAID McLEISH: "We were up against it from the moment the penalty and sending off went against us. I thought it was harsh, as Kevin has effectively been sent off for only his second challenge."

13th Dec: Dundee United H 1-0, (Att: 4,555) 8th

This was a fine afternoon as 'Well beat Dundee Utd. for the first time in the league since 1995 and moved out of the bottom two. The game saw the debut of loan signing Rob Newman from Norwich who is with the club for 3 months and he made a great first impression making the defence look its most secure for weeks. United had the better of the early stages and had a few decent opportunities, though none seriously troubled Stevie Woods. As for 'Well they battled away and had chances through Stephen McMillan who fired a free-kick just over the top and Tommy Coyne who was unlucky with an effort that flashed wide after 40 minutes. Right before half time we almost went in front in bizarre circumstances when Maurice Malpas

nodded a hopeful long ball back towards goal. Unfortunately for him it flew past the stranded Dykstra towards the empty net and only a frantic scramble back by the Dutchman stopped 'Well taking the lead. Half time came and most 'Well fans were pretty happy with the team performance and impressed with Rob Newman.

The second half was only six minutes old when Motherwell took the lead through a fine Owen Coyle goal. Shaun McSkimming picked up the ball on the half way line and fed Tommy Coyne, TC chipped the ball ahead, Oweny chested it down and fired it past Dykstra from the edge of

the area. United's strikers were having another off day as they struggled to test Stevie Woods though there were plenty of hearts in mouths when Woody mis-kicked a clearance and it rattled off Kjell Olofsson and rebounded towards goal. Lucky for us it went past the post. Tommy Coyne almost sealed it with a curled effort from the edge of the box that just went wide and 'Well had to be content with one goal. At the death we had the sight of Sieb Dykstra coming up for a corner that 'Well successfully dealt with and then bursting back down field as 'Well tried to take advantage when they regained possession. Soon the final whistle came and 'Well fans celebrated the club's first home win in the league this season. All smiles from those in claret and amber.

TEAM: Woods, May, McMillan, Newman, Martin, Philliben, Hendry, Shivute, Coyne, McSkimming, Coyle.

SUBS: Ross (for May), Weir (for Coyle) and Denham



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ROB NEWMAN

Born: 13th December, 1963 in Bradford on Avon

Height: 6ft 2in

Weight: 13st 1lb

The most recent addition to the Motherwell squad has been experienced defender Rob Newman. Rob may be a new face for fans of Scottish football but in England he was a regular in the top leagues for over a decade. The likeable big Englishman is renowned for his commitment and enthusiasm and his habit of cajoling his fellow defenders has earned him the nickname of "The Charmer".

Rob was a Bristol City apprentice having been brought up in the West Country and attracted the attention of a number of scouts as a schoolboy. Arguably it was his versatility that did the trick, for here was a player who could play almost anywhere.

He quickly established himself as a solid defender who had the happy knack of joining the attack at set-pieces and finding the net. By 1986 he was nearing 200 outings for the Robins and had won a winners' medal at Wembley. The visit to the twin towers may only have been for the Freight Rover Trophy final but the Bristol City v Bolton clash enticed 54,000 to make the trek along Wembley Way. A 3-0 win saw the silverware on its way to Ashton Gate.

Rob was only 6 appearances away from his 400th league game from Bristol City when opportunity knocked. Norwich City were in the market for a defender and Rob fitted the bill perfectly. And it's hardly surprising they fancied the look of the Newman c.v., a haul of 52 goals

was evidence of Rob's ability to fill more than one role. Norwich were quick to exploit this and Rob played in defence, midfield and as striker in his time with City.

His stint in East Anglia provided many memories. He helped Norwich reach an FA Cup semi-final and was in the City team that took Europe by storm with a superb run in the UEFA Cup. Throughout these highlights Rob could be relied upon to play anywhere. Take the 1994/95 season when he wore several numbers on his back. Indeed he wore the number 9 jersey and scored when City won the vital local derby with Ipswich Town at Portman Road. Moreover he had vital goals in City's run to the Coca-Cola Cup quarter finals.

It wasn't all sweetness and light for Rob at Carrow Road however. In 1995 there was the bitter taste of relegation as Norwich lost their top flight status (they went down with Ipswich and East Anglia has never had a team in the top league since!). In 1992 he broke his ankle at Leeds and has suffered a few nasty knocks in his time.

Rob played in all 44 league games for the Canaries last season, helping Norwich to 13th spot in what is always a very competitive First Division. It is a league crammed with "wanna be's" and clubs such as Manchester City, Wolves, Birmingham, Sheffield and Sunderland jostle for the right to join the Premiership elite; no quarter is asked or given in such an environment where millions stand to be made or lost.

With such a pedigree Rob should prove a useful addition to our squad. We look forward to his "charm" offensive.