



MOTHERWELL



v. CELTIC

WEDNESDAY
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Scottish 1st Division
Championships—1981-82, 1984-85.
Scottish League Championship,
Division One—1931-32.
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Scottish Cup Winners—1952;
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Two—1953-54, 1968-69.
Scottish Summer Cup
Winners—1944, 1965.
Scottish Second XI Cup
Winners—1943, 1950, 1957.

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**"THE TEAM
FOUGHT
BACK WELL
ON
SATURDAY"**



—Tommy Talking

This evening we welcome the Premier League Champions Celtic and we look forward to another exciting encounter.

This game with Celtic will obviously be a difficult one. We had four close encounters with Celtic last season but we failed to take any points from them.

This is something which we must improve upon in the coming season—starting tonight.

Saturdays result was one which gives us a mixture of Satisfaction and disappointment.

The disappointing aspect was the number of chances which we failed to capitalise on after creating them.

The satisfying point was the way in which we fought back after going a goal down and the urgency which we showed in our play to fight for the equaliser and then go on to try and get the winner.

TONIGHTS MASCOTS

MOTHERWELL—Leslie Breen. Age 13. A pupil at Taylor High School. Leslie lives in Cleland.

CELTIC—Keith Laikowski. Age 7. A pupil of St. Bernadetts Primary. Keith lives in Motherwell.



FIR PARK NOTICE BOARD

GREAT TO BE BACK

Despite a close season which was saturated with World Cup football it is great to get back to the normal routine of League football.

The World Cup was very disappointing, especially in the early stages with the emphasis on defence rather than on entertaining attack.

Scotland were probably the most negative team of all and at the end of the day we didn't really deserve to qualify for the later rounds. Five in midfield and one up front could hardly be termed exciting and adventurous and we simply got our Just Reward!

It is hoped that Scottish teams attempt to emulate the Danes, Russians or Argentinians who provided the best entertainment of the Tournament. "Wee Diego", was different class and he proved conclusively that the coaching manuals simply do not legislate for ability of this calibre and have yet to come up with a way of counteracting it—THANK GOODNESS!



A REALISTIC LOOK AHEAD

What kind of season can Motherwell look forward to? The general opinion is that it wouldn't be difficult to improve on last season's performance but to be fair, we lost two key players after the opening League game—namely Mauchlen and McAllister and the team never really got back on the rails again.

The away performances at times verged on the pathetic and yet they took a draw at Aberdeen showing that in actual fact they had the ability to take on any team... a series of odd goal defeats interspersed with the occasional draw in their away games saw them finishing the season as the only team in the U.K. who had failed to secure at least one single victory throughout the whole season.

Fortunately they played with more fire in their bellies in front of their home crowd and they turned in some notable performances at Fir Park.

The close season has been a very busy time for Tommy McLean who has been having some useful forays into the transfer market. New boys, Stephen Kirk and Paul Smith were purchased from East Fife and Raith Rovers with Raymond Blair and Andy Harrow departing the scene as make-weights in the deals. We wish Raymond and Andy well with their new teams and

Andy will be teaming up once again with Frank Connor at Kirkcaldy.

Both Kirk and Smith arrived as proven goalscorers, albeit at a lower level and it is to be hopeful that they can add punch from the midfield area. This was sadly lacking last season. Paul Smith of course can also play up front and he has scored in some of our warm-up games.

Two other newcomers are also midfield players—Gary Fraser and Gordon Mair so there will be plenty of competition for places in this area this season.

Looking ahead, it will be without doubt a dour struggle to avoid the drop to football oblivion because that is exactly what relegation would mean, because in the following season there is only one team promoted from the First Division.

Having said that, there is no reason why Motherwell can't take a leaf out of Hearts book. It is all about having the right attitude—Hearts proved this last season and brought countless thousands of spectators back to football with their positive attacking play. Given a few breaks early in the season—anything is possible. Hopefully, some of our players will have benefited from last season's experience and this will stand them in good stead in the campaign ahead.

Realistically, most of 'Well fans would settle for finishing in any position between 6th and 10th plus a good run in the Skol Cup and Scottish Cup and who knows we might even "do a Hearts"...



THE CLARET AND AMBER CLUB

It was a very far sighted decision which Tommy McLean took when he brought Bobby Jenks onto his staff as Youth Development Officer and Chief Scout.

Bobby has already had a great impact and the Claret and Amber Club, although still in its early stages, is flourishing. It is open to youngsters from 6-14 and at £2.50 to join. There is a long list of advantages in joining and they will be stationed initially in 'a safe area' in the North Enclosure in front of the grandstand I have no doubt that they will lend tremendous vocal support to their team.

Membership forms are available from the Fir Park office and these have been snapped up avidly by the newest generation of 'Well fans...



Be all you can be.



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SCOTTISH HEALTH EDUCATION GROUP

An excellent three year-Advertising Package has been taken up by the Scottish Health Education Group at Fir Park.

This is the first time that they have committed themselves so heavily in this field and it will further enhance the growing reputation that Motherwell are building for Family entertainment.

From every quarter, fans will be made aware of health messages and the dangers of smoking will be prominently underlined. The absence of alcohol-related adverts will further emphasise the good health message.

This package will mean £45,000 over a three year period and when this is taken in conjunction with our major sponsorship 5 year deal with IAN SKELLY, it is not hard to see that commercially, Motherwell are building on a sound foundation.



NEW PROGRAMME

Season 1986/87 is our Centenary Season and we have contracted with Thomson Litho of East Kilbride to produce our programme.

The Managing Director of Thomson Litho is of course Matt Thomson who played full-back at Motherwell for 10 season and indeed he was Club Captain for 5 of those seasons.

He played during the era of the famous Ancell Babes and he is anxious to ensure that 'Well fans are able to purchase a programme of the highest calibre.

The fans are welcomed to get involved and if there are any features which you would like us to cover then drop a note to the Programme Editor, 41 Fir Park Street, Motherwell.

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St. Mirren game.

THE REDS ARE COMING

The date of the long awaited Centenary Match at Fir Park with the mighty Liverpool has still to be finalised at the time of going to Press. But already tickets for the Centre Stand are completely sold out. There are still Wing Stand tickets as well as Ground and Enclosure tickets available but they are going fast. It would seem that there are football fans from all over Scotland who want to see 'King Kenny' and the tremendous galaxy of Liverpool stars such as Bruce Grobelaar, Ian Rush, Stevie Nicol, Alan Hansen etc., etc. in action.

There are coach loads coming from Inverness, Dumfries, Edinburgh, Dundee not to mention the whole Strathclyde Region.

Tickets at £5.00 for the Stand; £3.50 for the enclosure and £3.00 for the ground can be obtained from the main office. Postal applications are also being accepted—remember the S.A.E.

This Centenary Match will be one of the most memorable occasions ever at Fir Park and certainly not one to be missed!



'KING KENNY' is coming. Kenny Dalglish, the pride of Liverpool and Scotland.



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ACTION REPLAY

LOOKING BACK

In this our Centenary Year we feel that it is fitting to cast an eye back on some of the great players of the past.

It was some 30 years ago that the Association of Motherwell Supporters Clubs instituted their 'Player of the Year' award. This has been a feature and focal point for the Association ever since.

ANDY PATON—1956

It was only fitting that the first recipient of this trophy was the one and only ANDY PATON.

Everyone who was privileged to have seen Andy Paton playing will agree that he set a standard of the highest quality. For a Centre Half he had an uncanny degree of ball control, his distribution was immaculate, he was exceptionally strong in the air and one of the hardest tacklers I have ever seen.

He played in the days when a Centre half simply did not need the cover of a Sweeper, and there is little doubt that he would have won many more caps than he did if he had played for one of the more favoured clubs.

He never needed 'coaching' or 'instructions from the dug-out' because he was the complete footballer and literally in a class of his own.

Player of the Season 1955-56



Andy Paton



Graeme Forbes comes close to scoring in the 1985 semi-final.

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