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## v. CELTIC

Saturday, 13th December, 1986 3.00 p.m. Kick-off



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**"WE MUST  
CONTINUE  
TO BATTLE  
IN EVERY  
GAME"**

—Tommy Talking



Our last three games against Aberdeen, Dundee United and Falkirk have been very disappointing and we have failed to take any points from any of these games.

There is no disguising the fact that we have certain players who are going through a bad spell, and their confidence is down.

In the Aberdeen and United games we didn't put them under enough sustained pressure and the goals give-away in these games can be mainly attributed to mistakes by individual players in our team. Against Falkirk I felt a lot happier with the commitment and work rate and also felt that we were in complete control of the match for over an hour. Once again it was careless lack of discipline on our part that saw us lose another bad goal with 5 minutes to go. I was unhappy with the result but not entirely unhappy with the teams overall performance and if we continue to give that type of commitment we can pull ourselves out of bother.

Today we welcome Celtic with whom we have had interesting games over the past few seasons. They are a team with a lot of quality players in their ranks and are playing to the form that earned them the title last season. So, it will be a difficult task but if we perform as we are capable of it is not impossible to get something from this game and we must continue to battle in every game for the points are now vital to us.



## FIR PARK NOTICE BOARD

### SAME AGAIN PLEASE

A repeat performance by both teams of the Skol Cup semi-final would be most welcome by all the fans at today's game. This was one of Motherwell's better performances this season and even Celtic fans wouldn't have begrudged them another bite at the cherry. However, 5-4 on penalties was enough to see the Celtic team through to the final and dare I say it?...After our classic defeat of Rangers at Ibrox perhaps we could have done better than Celtic in the Final....

One thing is certain, this will be yet another good game today. This is one fixture which always seems to live up to its reputation for attractive football and I find it difficult to recall a poor game between these two sides. Fast, open, attacking football is the accepted hallmark of these encounters and with Celtic sitting confidently at the top of the league table, we can be entitled to expect a very hard tussle with this talented team.

### TWO OWN GOALS

Remember that game in the seventies when Celtic

scored four goals to Motherwell's one and yet they still were beaten 3-2!! That was the game in which Lynch the Celtic left-back scored two glorious own goals. I only hope that the Celtic defence is in a similar generous mood this afternoon.

### STANDARD RULES

Let's hope that this game is played under the standard laws because the last time that we played Celtic at Fir Park we found that the punishment for a home defender hitting the ball over his own bye line wasn't the customary corner kick but a penalty!!

### QUESTION TIME

A good question at quiz nights in the future will be "Give the date when a Celtic centre-forward scored twice as many goals in one game as the whole of the rest of the Premier League put together?"

The answer of course will be December 6th 1986 when Mo Johnston scored two goals and there was only one other goal scored in the other five matches which were played that afternoon.



*Celtic under pressure in the Skol Cup semi-final.*



*Be all you can be.*



# NOTICE BOARD



## A NICE TOUCH

There was a nice little ceremony after the Falkirk game last week in the Brockville Boardroom. Ian MacLeod, who had eight great years as a player at Fir Park was presented with a beautiful engraved Decanter with six matching engraved glasses, in appreciation for his long and loyal service to Motherwell.

Originally it had been the intention to make this presentation at Fir Park when the two teams met in October but unfortunately, Ian wasn't included in the Falkirk team that day due to the fact that he had just returned that morning from a business trip to the USA.

It is good to see this former 'Well favourite settling in nicely with Falkirk and he made his usual wholehearted contribution to his teams victory.

## EARLY CALL

First one on the phone to the office at Motherwell on the morning of December 4th was young Gary McGinnis of Dundee United. He was anxiously enquiring as to how Ray Farningham was after their clash of heads in the game on Wednesday evening. Pleased to report that

after missing the Falkirk match, Ray is once again 100% OK.

## TOM McADAM

One player in the 'Well team this afternoon who is really looking forward to this game with Celtic is our most recent signing, Tom McAdam. For years he starred at the heart of the Celtic defence and this will be the first time that he has faced his old team mates since coming to Fir Park.

It is a challenge which he will relish and it should add that extra little bit of spice to the action today.

## SEASONS GREETINGS

Since this will be our last home game before Xmas, the Directors, Management and Players would like to take this opportunity to extend their very best wishes to our supporters and hope that they all enjoy themselves over the festive period. Merry Xmas to football fans everywhere and to 'Well fans in particular....



*Thomson of Dundee United cuts out a cross ball.*



**Go for good health**





## ACTION REPLAY

### Player of the Year — 1974 **BOBBY GRAHAM**



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In 1974 it was the turn of Bobby Graham to receive the accolades. Brought to Fir Park by Ian St. John, Bobby Graham was one of the most astute players of his generation.

He will be best remembered for his lethal striking partnership with Willie Pettigrew but while Willie got most of the praise from the media the punters on the terracings realised exactly who was supplying Pettigrew with the ammunition.

Bobby was the perfect target man, he could receive, control and shield the ball from any angle—hold the ball to allow Pettigrew or Davidson to take up position before despatching a perfect lay-off which invariably finished up with the ball in the back of the oppositions net.

By the way, he was no slouch himself at snapping up the half chance and he scored many great goals. His happiest hunting ground was Parkhead where he always managed to make or score goals with monotonous regularity—happy days!



*Andy Walker striving to win the ball against Dundee United.*

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3. PHILLIBEN
4. KIRK
5. McADAM
6. KENNEDY
7. WALKER
8. BAPTIE
9. SMITH
10. WRIGHT
11. MAIR
12. DOYLE
14. CANDLISH



BRIAN WRIGHT—who played so well against Celtic in the Skol Cup semi-final.



JOHN PHILLIBEN and ALEX KENNEDY—who are operating well at the heart of the Motherwell defence.

## CELTIC

1. BONNER
2. GRANT
3. WHYTE
4. AITKEN
5. McGUGAN
6. O'LEARY
7. McCLAIR
8. P. McSTAY
9. JOHNSTON
10. McINALLY
11. ARCHDEACON
12. SHEPHERD
14. McGHEE

## HALF-TIME SCOREBOARD

<b>A</b>	ABERDEEN HIBERNIAN
<b>B</b>	CLYDEBANK DUNDEE UNITED
<b>C</b>	DUNDEE ST. MIRREN
<b>D</b>	HEARTS HAMILTON ACCIES
<b>E</b>	RANGERS FALKIRK
<b>F</b>	AIRDRIE BRECHIN CITY

<b>G</b>	CLYDE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
<b>H</b>	DUMBARTON DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC
<b>J</b>	FORFAR ATHLETIC PARTICK THISTLE
<b>K</b>	KILMARNOCK MORTON
<b>L</b>	MONTROSE EAST FIFE
<b>M</b>	AYR UNITED COWDENBEATH

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Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

MOTHERWELL v RANGERS  
Saturday, 3rd January, 1987  
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*(This game is ALL TICKET and they can be purchased from the Fir Park Office as from Monday, 15th December, 1986. 9.30 a.m.—4.30 p.m.)*

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