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**Scottish League Cup Winners:** 1950  
**Runners-up:** 1954  
**Scottish Summer Cup Winners:**  
1944, 1965  
**Scottish Second XI Cup Winners:**  
1949, 1951, 1957  
**Scottish Reserve League Cup Winners:**  
1988  
**Scottish Southern League Cup**  
**Runners-up:** 1945

# The Manager Says

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**IT SEEMS SO LONG** since our last league game, which ended in a very satisfactory performance and of course result away at Aberdeen. I did not however, feel that we got the credit we deserved. The main topic was on how bad the 'Dons were. Anyway what matters most is that we carry on the good work of the Pittodrie game as we entertain Celtic today. They have shown definite signs that they are improving under Wim Jansen's direction.

Celtic have very formidable players in their line up and it is a great incentive for our team to show that they cannot only compete with the best but put one over on them.

Your support was much appreciated at Aberdeen. More of the same please !!



## Inside your programme ...

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to Simo Valakari who was in the starting line-up for Finland in their recent defeat of Switzerland in their World Cup section.

## The Mascots are

**Neil Leslie** - Neil lives in Rosebank and attends St. Patrick's Primary. He is 9 years old and his favourite player is Simo Valakari.  
**Alan Davidson** - Alan lives in Shotts and attends Stane Primary. He is 8 years old and his favourite player is Stephen McMillan.

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# CAN YOU KICK IT?





# Fir Park News & Views . . .

## MOTHERWELL v CELTIC

### Scenesetter

Today brings the 73rd Premier meeting between Motherwell and Celtic. To date we have won 15 of the 72 fixtures.

Season	H	A	A	A
1975/76	D 1-1	L 1-3	W 2-0	L 0-4
1976/77	W 3-0	D 2-2	L 0-2	D 2-2
1977/78	L 2-3	W 2-1	W 1-0	W 1-0
1978/79	L 1-5	L 3-4	W 2-1	L 1-2
1982/83	L 0-7	W 2-1	L 1-3	L 0-3
1983/84	L 0-3	D 2-2	L 0-4	L 2-4
1985/86	L 1-2	L 0-2	L 1-2	L 2-3
1986/87	L 0-4	D 1-1	L 1-3	L 1-3
1987/88	L 0-2	L 0-1	L 1-4	L 0-1
1988/89	L 1-3	D 2-2	L 1-3	W 2-1
1989/90	D 0-0	D 1-1	D 1-1	W 1-0
1990/91	W 2-0	D 1-1	L 1-2	W 2-1
1991/92	L 0-2	D 0-0	D 2-2	L 1-4
1992/93	L 1-3	W 2-0	D 1-1	D 1-1
1993/94	D 2-2	W 2-1	L 0-2	W 1-0
1994/95	D 1-1	W 1-0	D 2-2	D 1-1
1995/96	L 0-2	D 0-0	D 1-1	L 0-1
1996/97	W 2-1	L 0-1	L 0-1	L 0-5

### ON THE MOVE

The summer transfer trail saw a host of ex-Well players move clubs. It's always interesting to chart players' progress once they leave Motherwell and a number of 'Well fans like to keep track on former Fir Parkers and follow their careers closely.

First up is **Crawford Baptie** who spent a couple of seasons at Fir Park in the 1980s. Baptie has joined Clyde from our local rivals Hamilton Accies. Utility player **Jim Gardner** has left Welsh side Cardiff City to sign for Exeter. **Paul "Smudger" Smith** (right) who spent 3 seasons with 'Well in the late eighties has moved from Ayr United to Berwick. Smith has been with a host of sides since leaving Motherwell to join Dunfermline in 1989 and was substituted in Berwick's 7-0 defeat in the Coca-Coal Cup against Celtic. Arriving at Somerset Park is goalkeeper **Kevin McKeown**, Kevin played a couple of times for the Steelmen under Tommy McLean before signing for Irish side Crusaders. Kevin had a very successful time across the water, even being included in a Scotland B Squad, and last year helped Crusaders to the Irish Championship. **Ally Graham** who played little more than a handful of games for 'Well in 1993 has joined Partick Thistle after an unsuccessful spell at Falkirk. **Fraser Wishart**, who was released at the end of last season by 'Well has signed for Clydebank and scored on his debut for the Bankies recently. Fraser had originally signed a 1 month deal with First Division Airdrie before Clydebank stepped in to net him just days into his short term contract.



## MOTOROLA

### 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.

After two matches the following points have been awarded.

Stevie Woods	.....	4
Tommy Coyne	.....	3
Mickey Weir	.....	3
Brian Martin	.....	2
Owen Coyle	.....	2
Simo Valakari	.....	1

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**YES YOU CAN.**





1. Who is the former Motherwell player in the picture above?
2. Which English side play at Bramall Lane?
3. Who netted twice for Motherwell in the 1991 Scottish Cup semi v Celtic?
4. Who is the manager of Cowdenbeath?
5. The Honest Men is the nickname of which Scottish side?
6. Who is Kenny Dalglish's assistant manager at Newcastle?
7. Which defender did Manchester Utd sign from Blackburn Rovers this year?
8. Who is the manager of Premiership new boys Barnsley?
9. Which U-21 midfielder did Roy Aitken tempt from St Mirren recently?
10. Who scored Scotland's goal in their 2-1 defeat in Gothenburg this year?

Answers: 1. George Burley; 2. Sheffield Utd; 3. Dougie Arnott; 4. Sammy Conn; 5. Ayr Utd; 6. Terry McDermott; 7. Henning Berg; 8. Danny Wilson; 9. Ricky Gillies; 10. Kevin Gallacher

## THE 'WELL WORDSEARCH

N	G	I
A	Y	G
S	G	R

Can you find the flying-winger with a bit of the 'devil' in him?

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 (Italian Serie A Teams)

1. ZOALI
2. NEAR MILTIN
3. CAN VIZE
4. DAMP SOARI
5. SENT JUVU

Answer on page 29

## In Which Year?

1. Tottenham beat Burnley in the FA Cup Final
2. Brazil won the World Cup
3. Pat Quinn was our top scorer with 16 goals
4. Ipswich Town won the English Championship.

Answer on page 29

## Guess Who?

1. I have played with St Mirren and Partick Thistle
2. I have scored from the half way line this season
3. I joined Hibs in January 1997
4. I once played for Celtic in a friendly.

Answer on page 29



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16 August  
St. Johnstone H 0-1  
(Att:5036)  
5th

**A**lex McLeish warned after the Dunfermline game that one result doesn't make a season and that message was clearly brought home after St Johnstone deservedly took the points from this encounter. Motherwell had started brightly too with the side looking good. Our first scoring opportunity fell to Willie Falconer in the 15th minute when he rose to head Mickey Weir's cross. Alan Main was equal to it though and he pushed the ball over the bar.

Motherwell looked solid enough in defence with debutante Steven Craigen looking good alongside the recalled Softy but there was little happening up front with Mario Dorner, also making his league debut, looking isolated with little support coming from midfield. Half time and 'Well fans hoped for better in the second half.

Unfortunately though little changed, with St Johnstone still holding the upper hand. For spells it seemed like they were camped in the Motherwell half as the Steelmen struggled to stay on level terms. It looked like the visitors had gone ahead when Philip Scott's header seemed netbound until John Philliben rescued us with a goal line clearance. Mario Dorner had a good long range effort saved by Main as 'Well momentarily fought back. Alex McLeish tried to alter the course of the game by introducing Tommy Coyne to the proceedings though his decision to withdraw Dorner did not go down well with the home support. TC and Co. were soon to be up against it though when Saints grabbed what ultimately proved to be the winning goal in the 65th minute. A crisp four man move ended with Roddy Grant firing home from 10 yards. With Coyne upfront again Motherwell looked a bit livelier than they had been but you sensed we just weren't going to get anything from this one.

**TEAM:** Woods, May, Resch, Craigen, Philliben, McMillan, Weir, Valakari,

**SUBS:** Coyne (for Dorner), Ross (for Resch) and Davies (for McMillan).

20 August  
Morton W 3-0  
(Att:4567)

**T**HIS WAS OWEN COYLE'S night as he grabbed his first hat-trick in Motherwell colours to dispose of Morton in what was anticipated to be a very tricky tie. 'Well could have been in front after only 5 minutes when Tommy Coyne crossed for Austrian Franz Resch. Sadly the header from Franz went the wrong side of the post. The opener wasn't delayed for too long though and 'Well went in front with a quite magnificent goal. A couple of Morton defenders got into a tangle on the edge of the box and Owen Coyle took advantage. With his back to goal he turned, volleyed and watched as his effort crashed off the bar and into the net. Morton were showing very little upfront though their fans thought they had scored when a Warren Hawke header looped over the bar and landed on top of the net. Much to the amusement of the 'Well fans the embarrassed Morton support quickly sat down when they realised the ball had not in fact gone in. Five minutes from the break and Motherwell went 2-0 up. A huge kick out from Stevie Woods had the Morton defence toiling, Steve McCahill failed to cut it out and Coyle clinically sent it

two goal half time lead.

Three minutes into the second half and Oweny passed up a great chance to grab his hat-trick. With a clear sight of goal ahead of him he somehow managed to turn Eddie Mays corner wide when it seemed easier to score. As was the case throughout the whole game Motherwell were well on top and much to everyone's delight Owen managed to grab that third goal in the 62nd minute. Morton failed to clear their lines and Brian Martin picked the ball up in midfield. His pass was collected about 12 yards from goal by Coyle and he made no mistake, blasting

past David Wylie to secure his terrific treble. A mix up on the bench led to Coyle being substituted in the 68th minute and

Owen wasn't at all pleased at being removed from the action after turning in such a fine performance. The game was won now and Morton lost their discipline for a spell with defender John Anderson being red-carded for a shocking challenge on Stephen McMillan. **TEAM:** Woods, May, Resch, Christie, Martin, Denham, Weir, McMillan, Coyne, Falconer, Coyle. **SUBS:** Ross (for Weir), McCulloch (for Coyle) and Dorner (for Falconer).

**SAID COYLE:** "It's not often you score a hat-trick and usually you are taken off when you're not doing so well. It would be nice to win the prize as the cup's top scorer but the most important things is we're in the next round."

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