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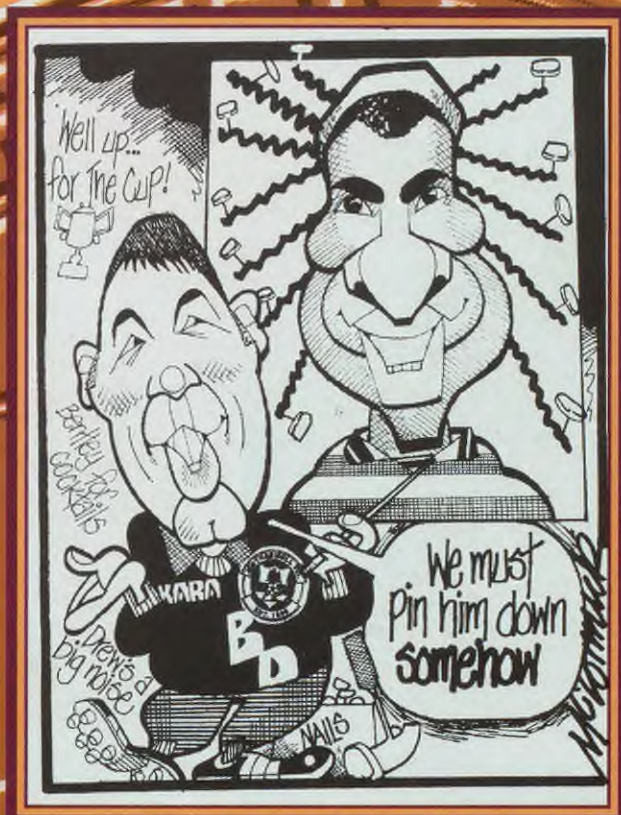
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This evening we welcome Celtic to Fir Park. Traditionally this is always one of the highlights of the season and Dr. Venglos must be enjoying his team's current form.

In our match against Stirling Albion last week we found that John Philliben made things very difficult for us. This was no less than we expected although we eventually secured the result that we wanted. It was great to see all our old mates again and they got a good reception from the fans.

The match this evening will be a very hard fought affair and having beaten Rangers in the League at Fir Park we look forward to taking full points from the other half of the 'Old Firm'. Once again we will be welcoming some former Motherwell players back to Fir Park and Tam Boyd, Phil O'Donnell and my buddy, Paul Lambert will be sure to get a good reception.

By the way, I taught Paul all he knows!

Enjoy the game ...

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IT'S ST JOHNSTONE IN THE QUARTER FINALS

IF WE ARE to reach the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup for the first time since 1991 then we will have to defeat St Johnstone to do so. The draw for the Tennent's Scottish Cup quarter finals has paired us with the Perth club and it seems likely that the game will be televised live by BBC Scotland.

Meetings between Motherwell and St Johnstone in the Scottish Cup are not all that common. However, we would settle for a repeat of the 1961/62 clash when we defeated the Saints 4-0 here at Fir Park. A crowd of 10,620 turned up that day and they saw goals by Bobby Roberts, Willie Hunter (2) and Bobby Young seal a memorable win. It is interesting to note that we also met Stirling Albion in that year's competition and only went out at the semi-final stage when we ran up against Rangers.

In season 1964/65 we were up against the Perth Saints again and once more Fir Park was the venue. This time the game was much closer with Joe McBride scoring the

game's only goal. Interestingly only 6,200 turned up.

The run of meetings continued in 1969/70 when home advantage once again lay with Motherwell. And once again we made the most of the Fir Park surrounds. This time it was a 2-1 win, with goals by Dixie Deans and Jackie McNally scoring before a healthier attendance of 8,834.

Tennent's Scottish Cup Quarter Final draw

Ties to be played on 6/7 March

Motherwell	v	St Johnstone
Ayr United	v	Clydebank or Dundee United
Morton	v	Celtic
Rangers	v	Falkirk

THE REVEREND REMEMBERS

IN THE PREVIOUS two programmes I have reminisced about happy Motherwell cup ties of the past. As we entertain Celtic tonight, let me give you a sad memory – one of the saddest ever for this Motherwell supporter.

When, in 1931, Motherwell competed in their first ever Scottish Cup Final, I was a very small boy. Their opponents were the mighty Glasgow Celtic, cup winners supreme, but Motherwell had a fine team and hopes were high in the town. Very young though I was, I was already a passionate fan and desperately wanted to accompany my father to the match. But he decreed that I was much too young to attend such a big game. So, while he and most of Motherwell's able-bodied males went of to Hampden Park, I was left at home.

This was, of course, long before the broadcasting coverage we are used to now. But a customer-friendly newsagent nearby undertook to keep in touch by telephone with the match and to post up the score on his window at regular intervals. In consequence, I was one of a sizeable knot of people – children, women and old men – who gathered before his window at kick off time on a fine but cold April afternoon.

When the notice of Motherwell 0 Celtic 0 was replaced by one which said, Motherwell 1 Celtic 0, the sun seemed suddenly brighter and the day warmer. When that notice gave way in turn for one which said Motherwell 2 Celtic 0, my heart for one was singing. Surely our heroes could not fail now to bring home the Cup for the first time ever. For me there would be an extra bonus. A family friend had promised that if Motherwell won, she would buy me a pair of football boots, my very first.

It seemed absolutely certain that the Cup would be won and the boots would be mine when Motherwell still led by 2-0 with less than fifteen minutes to play. Even

when a Celtic goal was intimated a few minutes before the end, we scarcely had any time to feel any anxiety before a notice appeared in the window to declare, "Final Score: Motherwell 2 Celtic 1".

We were all ecstatic, but while we were still dancing and singing round the window, our joy was brought to a drastic end. We watched in unbelieving horror as the newsagent's assistant replaced the victory notice with one that said, "Corrected Result: Motherwell 2 Celtic 2". What had happened was that in the closing seconds of the match, with hundreds of Motherwell supporters already on their way home to prepare for the celebrations, disaster struck. Allan Craig, the Motherwell centre-half, although quite unchallenged, headed a harmless cross into his own net in a totally unnecessary attempt to put the ball out for a corner and finish the game.

I can still feel the anguish that was engulfing me as I crawled miserably homewards. On the way home I met my kind friend of the football boots promise. "Cheer up," she said. "I'll give you the boots anyway." In my misery and on the verge of tears, I whispered, "I'm not caring about the boots. We've lost the Cup." And we had. Celtic won the replay 4-2.

It was 1952 before Motherwell finally won the Cup. At the post-match celebration that night in Robb's Restaurant, I was seated across the table from that same Allan Craig. I will never forget him leaning over to me and saying in a voice breaking with emotion, "I've waited twenty one years for this day. I tell you that I'll be able to sleep better tonight."

The Motherwell team, by the way, was: McClory; Johnman, Hunter; Wales, Craig, Telfer; Murdoch, McMenemy, McFadyen, Stevenson, Ferrier.



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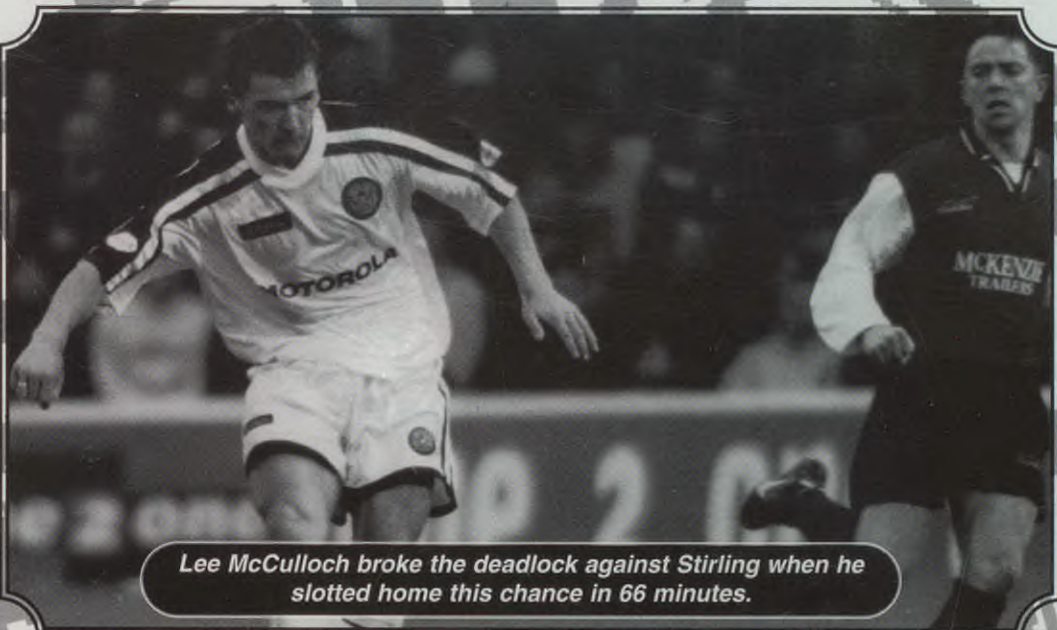
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Lee McCulloch broke the deadlock against Stirling when he slotted home this chance in 66 minutes.



Andy Goram made two key saves to halt the progress of a lively Stirling attack.

We moved into the Scottish Cup Quarter Finals by beating Stirling Albion 2-0 here last weekend. Mind you Stirling, superbly marshalled by ex-'Well defenders John Philliben and Brian Martin, made life difficult. Man of the match was Sean Teale and no one could dispute that verdict. The big man was immense.

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Pat Nevin

This afternoon our chief executive Pat Nevin falls under the spotlight.

You started your senior career with Clyde. Tell us a little about how you came to join them?

I was playing boys club football with Gartcosh United at the time. One particular game was apparently against Clyde Reserves. At the end of the game Craig Brown invited me to join Clyde. It turned out that the game was not against Clyde reserves, as I thought, but against the Clyde first team. At the time I was studying and harboured no great desire to be a professional footballer.

After a couple of years with Clyde you went to Chelsea. Did you have any reservations about that move?

I was studying for a degree whilst I was at Clyde and when the chance came along to join Chelsea I thought, "Why not? Let's see what it's like for a couple of years". However, I travelled south to join Chelsea with the view that it would be a sabbatical from college, and I fully intended at that time to complete my studies.

Tell us a little about your time at Chelsea

I had a good rapport with the fans there, I think they liked my work rate and commitment. During my stay there, which lasted five years, I missed very few games. I played alongside people like Kerry Dixon, Davie Speedie, Doug Rougvie and worked with good managers like John Neil and John Hollins.

In my first year at Stamford Bridge we won the old Second Division. On a personal level I was selected to play at Wembley for the English League against the Rest of the World in the FA Centenary match and was up against the likes of

Maradona and Platini. At that stage of my life London was a fantastically good place to live. But I was single then: now that I am married and have a family I don't think it would suit me nearly so well.

From the bright lights of West London you upped sticks and moved to Merseyside. You had a spell at Tranmere, did that go well?

Very much so. I had the chance to join Galatasaray in Turkey, and West Ham were also reported to be interested in me, but I spent a time on loan with Tranmere and really enjoyed it. We had an excellent team at Tranmere with people like John Aldridge and a couple of youngsters called Brannan and Thomas! Three times we came very close to promotion only to be foiled in the play-offs.

Looking back I suppose that was Tranmere's window of opportunity and it never quite worked out. A lot of players left after the third close call and if you look at the Premiership today a good few ex-Tranmere players are there - people like Vickers, Nolan and Rogers. We were getting crowds of upwards of 12,000 at Tranmere, had a great stadium, and although small by English standards achieved quite a lot.

How does your international career look on reflection?

I played for Scotland at Youth, Under 21, B and full international level. I scored 5 goals for the full team and that is one of the most pleasing aspects of my career. I was disappointed to miss out on the World Cup finals and I played in the Swedish European Championship finals with a broken ankle. On reflection I have the impression that I would play in the game before a big tournament and the game immediately after it, but not make the tournament itself.

Before coming to Motherwell you had a stint with Kilmarnock, was that a happy time?

Yes. I was desperate, and I mean desperate, to come home. Killie gave me that chance. I came back when I was 34. Had I come back when I was 27 or 28 and at my peak I could have done a really good job. However, I had made it known I wanted to come home but nothing happened.

It was unfortunate that when I left Rugby Park there was a degree of unpleasantness about things but I feel nothing but respect and gratitude to everyone at Kilmarnock.

Are you enjoying your new role at Fir Park?

I was excited by the prospect of coming to Motherwell and taking up the position of chief executive. John and I certainly have a vision as to where the club should go in the future. We have a lot to do and will take stock a few years down the line.

I love the job and I think the fact that I genuinely like football players is a big help. On a personal level I hope to really do something special at Motherwell.



Pat Nevin

PAT NEVIN FACTFILE

Born: Glasgow, 6-9-63
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 11st 9lbs

Honours: Capped by Scotland at Youth, Under 21, B, and full international level. 28 Scotland caps, 5 goals. Capped by English Football League.

Second Division Championship winner with Chelsea, Scottish Second Division Championship winner with Clyde.

Previous Clubs: Clyde, Chelsea, Everton, Tranmere, Rovers, Kilmarnock

Pat has played over 600 games in the English and Scottish leagues and his goal haul is over 100.



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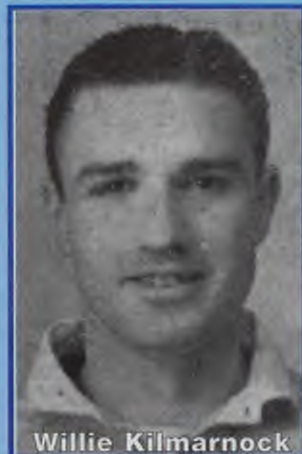


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Willie Kilmarnock

Alex Kennedy

Signed in 1982 from Craigmark Juniors, Alex was a tall midfielder who could also play up front. He was unlucky in that he joined the club at a period when our fortunes fluctuated dramatically. Part of the relegated side of 1984, he nevertheless survived to help the club bounce back with immediate promotion in 1985 and although 1986 would have brought relegation were it not for reconstruction he gradually settled. Never quite able to command an automatic first team place he joined Partick Thistle for £30,000 in 1989

Ian Kennedy

A nippy, busy, player, Ian was part of the St John era and played alongside Pettigrew, Graham and Marinello. In his seven years with the club he played almost 70 league games but his haul of only 2 goals went against him. He left on a free transfer in 1980 having failed to impose himself on first team activities.

Kerr

A centre-half who was signed on loan from Edinburgh side St. Bernards during the 1946/47 season.

He played in just 4 games and we would welcome more information on this long departed pivot.

Archie Kerr

A tricky winger, Archie came to Motherwell in 1953 having caught the eye with Camelon Juniors. He stayed for almost 7 years but in that time made only 31 outings. He scored in 3 consecutive games early in 1956. When we reached the cup semi-final in 1958 he had contributed a further three goals but by this time the Ancell Babes were forming and he was but a fringe player. He joined St Mirren in 1960.

Albert Kidd

A man whose name is forever associated with the 1986 Dundee 2, Hearts 0 result that cost the Edinburgh side the title (he scored both goals). Prior to becoming a folk-hero/villain at Dens Park he had played with Arbroath and he joined Motherwell in December 1979 along with Joe Carson. In a couple of seasons at Fir Park he scored 18 goals in 53 league matches and generally impressed. However, the move to Dundee came along and he was off to carve his name in the game more permanently.

Willie Kilmarnock

With over 600 appearances for Motherwell the place of Willie Kilmarnock in any hall of fame is assured. Here was a full-back who was a 'Herculean' figure. Solid, strong and full of commitment, Kilmarnock was the epitome of the loyal servant.

Signed from Renfrew Juniors in the fateful 39/40 season, he was to remain until the 56/57 campaign. His service to the club brought

him both Scottish and League Cup winners and losers medals, a rare achievement indeed for a provincial player! He also had the unusual distinction of playing in over 100 League Cup ties.

His great full-back partner was Archie Shaw and their names were read out with monotonous regularity at Fir Park. Kilmarnock was renowned as a dead-ball kicker and he scored a few vital goals, including one against East Fife in the League Cup semi-final of 1954. He also scored from 40 yards against Stirling Albion. How fitting that he was club captain when the Scottish Cup was won in 1952. Appropriate reward for a man who went through no fewer than 7 league campaigns as an ever-present.

Paul Kinnaird

Cut an enigmatic figure on the wing, capable of dazzling displays of dribbling one week and unbelievable inactivity the next. Tommy McLean bought him from Dundee United for £20,000 in 1988 and sold him to St Mirren for £90,000 in 1989 which was quite astonishing considering his career stats were 34 games and no goals!



Alex Kennedy



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'This fixture was subject to some contention on Friday. Dundee claimed an outbreak of flu had infested their dressing room, but the authorities rebuffed the club's appeal to have the match postponed'

... **Scotland on Sunday**

'It was the visitors who were caught cold in the third minute, when Steven Tweed defied his ailment to nod his side in front.'

... **Scotland on Sunday**

'The closest the visitors came to scoring was in 35 minutes from a free kick on the edge of the opposition box. Owen Coyle unleashed a powerful shot that deflected back off the crossbar'

... **Sunday Herald**

'For Motherwell it was a reminder that nothing can be taken for granted, no matter what the headlines might say. They had troubles of their own on Saturday, for the inspirational John Spencer was missing with a knee injury and the defender, Tony Thomas, was also ruled out'

... **The Scotsman**

MOTHERWELL v. STIRLING ALBION
Scottish Cup

'Motherwell finally breached their opponent's defence in an orthodox manner. Lee McCulloch driving in an angled shot which searched out the

bottom corner and gave the home supporters some relief'

... **The Scotsman**

'Goram had two wonderful saves. The first arrived after a swift break down the left had Alex Bone crossing to the unmarked Steven Nicholas. The 17-year-old had already burst his lungs for his team that afternoon, and could have been forgiven for falling into a heap at the mere suggestion of having to finish off this attacking sortie. Instead, in a shock of blond hair, he neatly turned inside Jamie McGowan, and fired in a shot which the advancing Goram managed to deflect away with his legs.'

... **The Scotsman**

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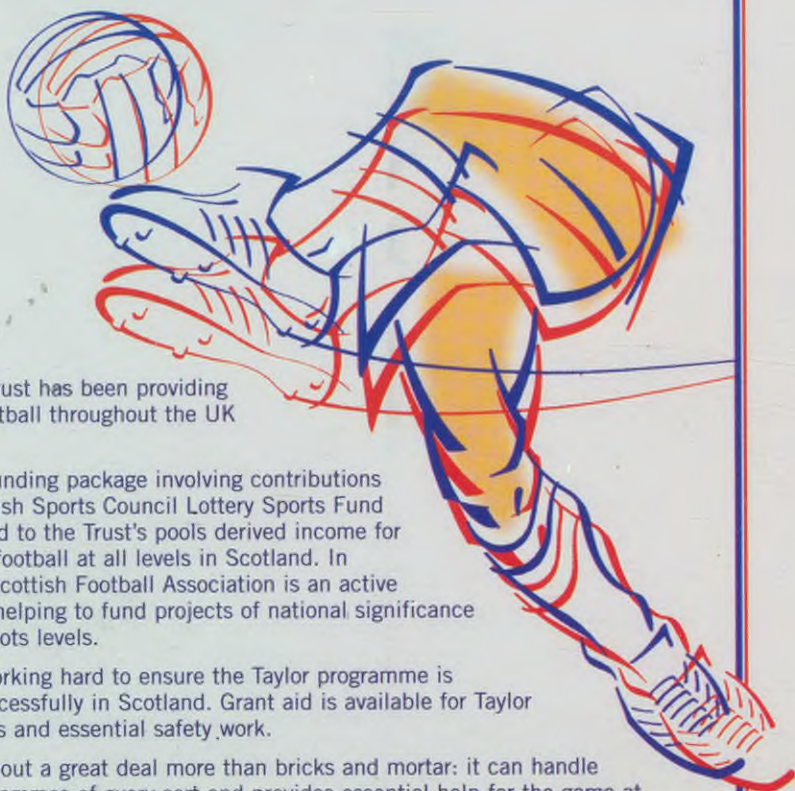
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goals for Celtic
St Johnstone finish 5th in the
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The Link



Each group of players below has a club in common. Can you remember which club they have played with?

For example:

Pat Nevin, Tony Thomas, Ged Brannan - answer Tranmere.

1. Owen Coyle, John Davies and Andy Smith
2. Ally McCoist, Sergei Baltacha and Harry Curran
3. Alex Mathie, David Hopkin and Derek McInnes
4. Burton O'Brien, Barry Lavety, Martin Baker
5. Pat Nevin, John Spencer, Craig Burley

Six of the Best

1. Arsenal recently offered to replay an FA Cup tie ... against which First Division side?
2. Which English club are nicknamed the Owls?
3. Mark McGraw, formerly of Morton, Hibs and Falkirk is now with which Scottish Second Division side?
4. Last week we came up against Chris Jackson of Stirling Albion. With which club did he start his senior career?
5. Ex-Well star Ally Graham was in the Stirling line up last week too. From which club did Motherwell sign him ... and to whom did we sell him?
6. Wrexham, Swansea and Cardiff are all Welsh sides playing in England, name the other Welsh side that dropped out of the league in the 1980s

GUESS WHO ?

1. I am a Scot managing a side in England
2. I played with Celtic and Cambridge before serving Bristol City and Shrewsbury
3. For three seasons I was with the Pars
4. I played for 5 seasons at Deepdale before becoming the boss



It's time for some fresh air



Motherwell Flashback

Well Remembered

IN REMEMBERING THE 1991/92 season we select the visit to Celtic Park on 20 November when 'Well still basked in the prestige of being Scottish Cup holders and held a comfortable mid-table position.

The colourful thirty two page Celtic programme had one of their favourite sons, Charlie Nicholas, on the front cover and inside manger Liam Brady was anxious to wipe out the memory of their 1-3 defeat by Hearts at Tynecastle the previous Saturday.

Of the Scottish Cup winning side 'Well had lost captain Tom Boyd in transfer to Chelsea, while Ally Maxwell and Craig Paterson had also moved on following contractual disputes with the club. Colin O'Neil was never to recover from his serious knee injury.

Four goals in the first eighteen minutes got this game off to an explosive start, with Charlie Nicholas and Dougie Arnott rivalling for individual supremacy. Celtic started at breathtaking pace and it was no surprise when Nicholas struck in only eight minutes. Joe Miller was fouled and from the free-kick Nicholas hammered the ball into the net off the defensive wall.

But the home support were stunned into silence by two amazing defensive blunders as Celtic's lead survived for only two minutes. Phil O'Donnell and Nick Cusack combined to easily split the Celtic rear-guard and Dougie Arnott surprisingly hustled the ball past Pat Bonner.

Then the keeper had a nightmare moment in the sixteenth minute, dropping the ball at Arnott's feet for a simple tap in when no danger threatened. Two minutes later however it was all square again when Nicholas skilfully converted a Tommy Coyne cross. It was all-action and Chris McCart did well to prevent a Nicholas hat trick by a superb sliding tackle.

While Celtic enjoyed most of the play 'Well did have their moments on the break. Miller shot narrowly over the 'Well bar and Coyne almost scored following a dreadful pass back by Cusack, Chris McCart popping up to clear off the line.

A major talking point was Gary Gillespie's foul on Dougie Arnott when the Celt was clearly the last defender. The referee was remarkably lenient in simply awarding a free kick.

Surprisingly the game ended at only 2-2. The teams were: Celtic: Bonner, McNally, Whyte, Grant, Galloway, Gillespie; Miller, McStay, Coyne, Nicholas and O'Neil. Subs: Creaney and Cascarino
Motherwell: Thomson, Griffin, Nijholt, Simpson, Philliben, McCart, Arnott, Martin, Cusack, O'Donnell and Cooper. Subs: Russell and Gardiner.



LEADING PREMIER SCORERS

- 26 - Larsson (Celtic), 20 - Wallace (Rangers),
- 14 - Albertz (Rangers), 13 - Jess (Aberdeen),
- 12 - Johansson (Rangers),
- Dodds (Dundee United),
- 11 - Adams (Motherwell),
- 10 - Hamilton (Hearts),
- 9 - Smith (Dunfermline), 8 - Wright (Kilmarnock), Annand (Dundee),
- Coyle (Motherwell), Brattbakk (Celtic),
- 7 - Guivarc'h (Rangers),
- 6 - Donnelly (Celtic), Kanchelskis (Rangers), McCoist (Kilmarnock),
- Van Bronckhorst (Rangers),
- 5 - Moravcik (Celtic), Adam (Hearts),

MOTOROLA - MAN OF THE MATCH POINTS TABLE

JAMIE MCGOWAN	9
GED BRANNAN	9
SHAUN TEALE	9
OWEN COYLE	8
MICHEL DOESBURG	6
IAN ROSS	5
JAN MICHELS	5
JOHN SPENCER	5
ANDY GORAM	4
MIKKO KAVEN	4
TONY THOMAS	3
STEPHEN HALLIDAY	2
SIMO VALAKARI	2
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WORLD CUP BLUNDER



It's obviously been a few weeks since we have been here due to the "Winter shutdown" introduced by the SPL and the Scottish Cup. It's also caused the papers a bit of a problem as they have had little of any substance to write, even being forced to send reporters to Florida or Spain to cover the training camps. But one of the most dangerous stories I read was the proposal by Sepp

Blatter of FIFA to hold the World Cup every two years rather than every four years as at present. There are many arguments against this for me, not least the fact that you can get too much of a good thing, and secondly as I believe this is more about egos and football politics than the game itself.

I would be happy for the World Cup to remain an event held every four years to help keep the special nature of the event. I always look forward to my four year feast of football as many of the players are never heard of in between and many of the teams are different from the last time, either in content or because they weren't there.

If it was held every two years it would be the same old faces playing each other, and as we know from bitter experience in Scotland this quickly leads to staleness. The four year period in between also helps you to forget how bad some of the games from the last one actually were and helps build up the hype and excitement. Also from a Scottish point of view think of having to go through

the agony of not qualifying for the second phase twice as many times as we do now!!

My real concern over it all is the hidden agenda behind the comments coming from UEFA and FIFA's top men. It's no secret that Sepp Blatter and Leanoard Johanssen are not best buddies. Blatter knows that if the World Cup is held every two years it strengthens FIFA's position no end as it would increase their revenue at the expense of UEFA. This would arise as UEFA would have no space in the Calendar for their own money spinning European Championships. Therefore it was no great surprise that Johanssen and UEFA immediately ridiculed the idea as unworkable. But Blatter knows that he doesn't need to rely totally on Europe to make his idea work as he can now count on Africa, Australasia and the Far East to help see it through. These are areas of the world that would relish a share of an expanded World Cup pie as they cannot generate this amount of money on their own.

Blatter has also tried to court some of the major European countries, like England and Germany, by telling them that if the competition is held twice as often they have double the chance of hosting the competition. This is possibly one of his more cynical ploys as he knows the lengths these countries are going to for the rights for World Cup 2006.

I am glad to see that for once I agree with the SFA who have come out against the proposal, and I hope that it never comes to pass as I don't believe that it will benefit football in the long term BUT will only increase the power of those at the top.

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FOOTBALL PEOPLE in Scotland should be thankful that we have such a discerning Chief Executive as Jim Farry. South of the border they certainly seem to have their problems. Their top man and his No.2 resigned after allegedly loaning a few million pounds to try to further their England 2006 campaign with their opposite numbers in Wales. Then they got rid of Glen Hoddle simply because the media put them under pressure to sack him for some reason which seemed to have upset the whiter than white tabloid press.

Their latest faux pas however simply would not have happened in Scotland simply because we have a man at the top who knows exactly how to deal with every situation which arises in football. Yes I am referring to Mr James Farry. The only thing that worries me in stating this is the fact that the little journalist who used to write for a quality paper, James Traynor, has also been taking Jim's part recently.

I refer of course to the English Cup debacle between Arsenal and Sheffield United which the English FA agreed to be replayed within an hour or so of the match ending 2-1 in Arsenal's favour. Sheffield United were incensed that a goal was allowed to stand after their goalkeeper had kicked the ball out of play to allow a player to receive treatment. I should mention that it was one of HIS team's players and as such this is completely different from doing this to allow treatment for one of the OPPOSING players. If you do the latter then this is Fair Play and the ball SHOULD be returned. If however it is one of your own team then you are opening up a whole area which could be open to abuse by the unscrupulous.

For example imagine the scenario. Celtic are playing Rangers in a Cup Final and the scoreline is 2-1 for the Ibrox team with five minutes to go and Celtic are really putting Rangers under all sorts of pressure. The Rangers keeper gets the ball and sees one of HIS team-mates on the ground. He promptly kicks the ball out of play to allow his mate to receive treatment. Celtic return the ball to him and a minute later another Rangers player goes down and the same thing happens again as Celtic apply this new guideline and their opponents unscrupulously continue to break the rhythm of their attacks and run down the clock.

By the way please do not think that this could not happen. Just look at the number of substitu-

tions which occur in the last few minutes of a game as managers seek to interrupt the flow of the play as they hang on for a point or a victory.

The English FA have now made a big rod for their own backs. If this incident had happened in Scotland then our Jim would have stated that this matter would be discussed at a Sub-Committee meeting of the SFA on Tuesday of the following week and the whole matter would have then been deliberated at great length.

I have no doubt that the outcome would have been that the result would have been allowed to stand.

To allow a replay on the strength of an ill-considered but obviously well meaning offer by the Arsenal manager is ludicrous and as I said earlier it could not have happened here—thank goodness.

While we are on this subject, the practice of allowing referees to 'bend' the rules of our game should be stamped out forthwith. For my part I deplore the loss of the old-fashioned 'stoat up' or as it is called in the rule book 'a dropped ball'. It has become the practice for referees to 'instruct' players to hit the ball back to their opponents in a dropped-ball situation. To many this may seem quite laudable but for my part, until the laws are altered, then they should be applied. Referees are even using this new ploy to get themselves out of goal. For example at Dundee the referee gave an indirect free kick for a pass back to the Dundee keeper. He quite rightly changed his decision when his linesman drew his attention to the fact that the ball had come off the thigh of the defender and that as such it was not a pass back.

Again, quite correctly, he opted for a dropped ball but quite wrongly he instructed the Motherwell player to pass the ball back to the Dundee goalkeeper. Now show me **THAT** in the Rule Book!

The dropped ball used to be one of the highlights of any game as two players from each team 'got tore in' as soon as the ball touched the ground. Players such as Billy Bremner, Bertie Auld, John Greig and Andy Paton really relished these situations and indeed many reputations were built upon this type of scenario. I can assure you that the new sanitised version of the game isn't nearly as entertaining as it was when the above worthies were plying their trade.

By John Swinburne



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Premier League
DUNDEE ... 1, MOTHERWELL ... 0
6th February 1999

This game finally went ahead despite the flu epidemic that had been widely reported from Dens Park. As it turned out it was Motherwell who ended up with two key players missing, with Spencer and Thomas both suffering knee problems. This forced Billy Davies to make changes throughout the side.

To add to these woes we found ourselves down by one goal after only two minutes. Dundee won a corner which was swung into the edge of the six yard box by Anderson and was met powerfully by Tweed whose header was past Goram before he had a chance to react. Motherwell were then put through the mill in the first 10 minutes or so as Dundee tried to build on this lead. Thankfully most of their chances were from long range which were dealt with comfortably by Goram.

In 35 minutes saw us come close to scoring when we were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box. Coyle curled the ball towards the top right hand corner of the goal only for it to hit the bar and bounce over. It appeared that Billy Davies took the time available at half time to reorganise things and Well looked slightly better in the second half. Unfortunately despite having the bulk of possession in the second half Motherwell found it difficult to break down a determined Dundee side. Douglas was forced to make a couple of saves in the second half, firstly from Coyle with his feet and then tipping a McGowan header over from a Nevin corner.

Throughout the second half Dundee were always dangerous on the break and former Well man Coyne missed a sitter in the 64th minute, when he was left unmarked at the back post, as he mistimed his shot completely.

With only three minutes to go Dundee were reduced to 10 men when Irvine was sent off for his second bookable offence. He had earlier been booked for a hand ball, and when his high boot caught Adams in the head the ref had no option but to produce yellow then red. Unfortunately this did not help Motherwell and the game petered out to a 0-1 defeat.

Motherwell: (4-4-2) Goram, Doesburg, Craigian, Teale, McGowan, Nevin, Brannan, Valakari, Adams, McCulloch, Coyle.
Substitutions: Bacque for McCulloch in 63 minutes, Ramsay for Nevin in 89 minutes.

Scottish Cup - Fourth Round
February 13, 1999
MOTHERWELL ... 2, STIRLING ALBION ... 0

Motherwell welcomed a clutch of old boys back to Fir Park but the hospitality ended bang on 3.00pm. A 2-0 win in which Motherwell always looked the better side followed.

The goal that sent Motherwell on their way came from Lee McCulloch. The big fellow collected a pass near goal and placed a low shot past Garry Gow in the Albion goal. The goal served to relax the Motherwell support a little but we had to endure a few anxious moments before a win could be celebrated.

Andy Goram showed he has lost none of his old magic by producing two wonder saves to keep the advantage with Motherwell. His first save was from the lively Nicholls who turned inside and lashed in a shot which Goram blocked. The second save was typical Goram. Ally Graham knocked down a deep ball with his head and ace marksman Alex Bone fairly connected from six yards or so. Goram spread himself superbly and showed once again the technique that has come to intimidate the best of strikers and psyche them out when the odds are stacked in their favour.

This was a comfortable win despite the brave Stirling show.
Motherwell: Goram, Doesburg, McGowan, Teale, McMillan, Valakari, Brannan, Nevin, Spencer, Coyle, McCulloch.
Substitutes: Craigian, Adams.

Premier League
January 30, 1999
HEARTS ... 0, MOTHERWELL ... 2

What a great end to a week! Having knocked the holders out of the Cup 6 days earlier, Spencer signing on Thursday, then an away win with a shut-out to round the week off. This was our first away win since November 1997, when we beat Celtic 2-0.

In a tousy first half Hearts were a shade lucky to reach the interval with eleven men. Salvatori was booked for his first tackle on Spencer and then followed up with more of the same moments later, but received only a warning from the ref.

The second half began with Motherwell taking the lead almost immediately. Valakari's shot from 25 yards struck Ritchie and sat nicely for Lee McCulloch to volley past McKenzie in the Hearts goal. Confidence soared through the 'Well ranks after this, and in 58 minutes a Spencer drive across goal lacked only a touch to convert it into a goal.

It was no surprise when Well did add to their lead in the 71st minute. Thomas' clearance found Spencer wide on the left inside the Hearts half, he in turn sprayed the ball to the opposite touchline to Coyle and his first time cross was turned in at the front post by Derek Adams. It was a goal of exceptional quality and all but wrapped up the points for Motherwell.

Motherwell: (4-4-2) Goram; Doesburg, Thomas, Teale, McGowan; Matthaei, Valakari, Brannan, Spencer; McCulloch, Coyle.
Substitutions: Craigian (for Doesburg), Adams (for Matthaei).

Scottish Cup - 3rd Round
MOTHERWELL ... 3, HEARTS ... 1

Motherwell fans left this game reflecting upon one of the best performances seen at Fir Park for many years as holders Hearts were swept from this season Scottish Cup. The performance was laced with magnificent passing movements, tremendous goals and an all round team spirit.

Andy Goram in goal for Motherwell for the first time, and he was called into action in the 8th minute as he was forced to tip a Lilley header over the bar. Motherwell's early domination was rewarded after 13 minutes with a superbly executed goal. Nevin took a corner on the left and rolled it towards McMillan who stepped over it to let the ball roll to Brannan just outside the box. The midfielder hit a sweet shot which went in the net behind Rousset before he had time to see it.

The Well defence had another scare just 4 minutes later when an Adam cross reached the back post where Hamilton was unmarked, but thankfully his header went wide. With five minutes to go to half time Motherwell were denied a penalty when McMillan was blatantly brought down in the box BUT the referee waved play on.

Motherwell started the second half as they finished the first, on the attack. This led to chances for McCulloch and Brannan but the former shot wide and the latter straight at Rousset. But after 56 minutes Hearts equalised, there appeared to be little danger as Adam cut in from the right, and then when he rolled the ball into Hamilton. But the big striker stroked the ball first time past a startled Goram. In 65 minutes we restored our lead, Doesburg picked the ball up at the half way line and drove at the Hearts defence, before releasing Coyle who side footed the ball past Rousset at the near post.

This lead was extended to two goals ten minutes later, again it came from a short corner on the left worked between Spencer and Coyle. Spencer's cross found its way to Thomas at the edge of the box, he turned the ball from his right onto his left and drilled an unstoppable shot past the goalie. Unbelievably this was the big man's first goal in 5 years!!

Motherwell: (4-4-2) Goram, Doesburg, Thomas, Teale, McMillan, Nevin, Brannan, Valakari, Spencer, McCulloch, Coyle.
Substitutions: Adams for Nevin in 27 minutes, Matthaei for McCulloch in 77 minutes.





Visiting

Celtic



Dr Josef Venglos hails from Slovakia having been born in the small town of Rozomberok in 1936. Although a useful player it is really as a manager that he has made his name and his portfolio is most impressive.

The feather in his cap is undoubtedly his career as boss of the Czechoslovakian national side between 1976 and 1983. Throughout that period the Czech side was not only technically gifted but adept at eking out excellent results which were out of proportion to their resources.

He moved from the international scene to club management with Sporting Lisbon and he took the green and white hooped side to 3rd place in the league. This earned him a move to Porto and he landed the championship for the Dragons. Kaula Lumpur was the next stamp on his passport before he sampled spells with Malaysia and Oman in national coaching capacities. For all his success abroad he really came to the attention of British football fans when appointed manager of Aston Villa in 1990 although sadly the Birmingham experience was not a happy one. He swapped the Bull Ring for the markets of Turkey when he joined Fenerbache and from there it was on to Slovakia as national coach.

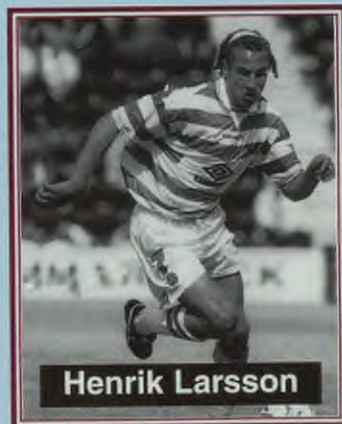
The task he was handed at Celtic would have made strong men hesitate. In taking over from the championship duo of Messrs Jansen and MacLeod he had the job of retaining the title and dealing with upheaval. Venglos has worked hard for Celtic and impressed all and sundry with his courtesy and determined manner. One thing is for sure the Celtic of the last few weeks would please the most demanding taskmaster.

Celtic Roll Call

Players	Position	D.O.B.	Previous Club
Jonathan Gould	Goalkeeper	18.07.68	Bradford City
Stephane Mahe	Defender	23.09.68	Rennes
Tom Boyd	Defender	24.11.65	Chelsea
Alan Stubbs	Defender	06.10.71	Bolton
Vidar Riseth	Defender	21.04.72	Lask Linz
Enrico Annoni	Defender	10.07.66	AS Roma
Phil O'Donnell	Midfield	25.03.72	Motherwell
Lubomir Moravcik	Midfield	22.06.65	Duisberg
Johan Mjallby	Midfield	09.02.71	AIK Stockholm
Paul Lambert	Midfield	07.08.69	B. Dortmund
Craig Burley	Midfield	24.09.71	Chelsea
Simon Donnelly	Striker	01.12.74	Celtic BC
Henrik Larsson	Striker	20.10.71	Feyenoord
Regi Blinker	Winger	04.06.69	Shef Wednesday
Mark Burchill	Striker	18.08.80	Celtic BC
Marko Viduka	Striker	09.10.75	Croatia Zagreb
Harald Brattbakk	Striker	01.02.71	Rosenborg

Celtic Scorers

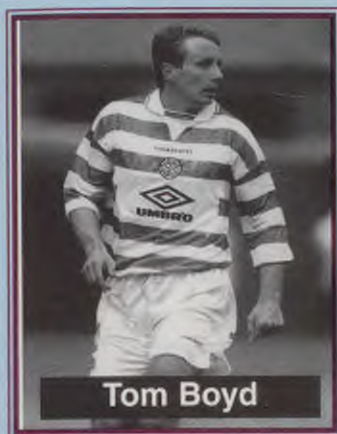
Larsson	26
Donnelly	6
Burley	5
Brattbakk	5
Burchill	4
O'Donnell	4
Moravcik	4
Mjallby	2
Stubbs	2
Lambert	1
Riseth	1
Mackay	1
Blinker	1
Own goals	2



Henrik Larsson



Warning: Not smoking can



Tom Boyd

Celtic's Form Guide

Premier Division	Home	Away
Dunfermline	W 5-0, W 5-0	D 2-2
Aberdeen	W 2-0	L 2-3
Dundee United	W 2-1	D 1-1
Dundee	W 6-1	D 1-1, W 3-0
Kilmarnock	D 1-1	L 0-2
Rangers	W 5-1	D 0-0, D 2-2
St Johnstone	L 0-1, W 5-0	L 1-2
Hearts	D 1-1, W 3-0	L 1-2
Motherwell	W 2-0	W 2-1
League Cup		
Airdrie	A, L 0-1	
Scottish Cup		
Airdrie	H, W 3-1	
Dunfermline	H, W 4-0	
European Cup		
St Patricks	D 0-0	W 2-0
Croatia Zagreb	W 1-0	L 0-3

Celtic Update

IN COMMON with so many clubs nowadays Celtic cast their net far and wide when it comes to recruiting new players. Hence it is not unusual for a new signing to be greeted with murmurings of "Who?" by the Scottish football public. However, clearly Dr. Josef Venglos knows his players' and has a reliable network of contacts feeding him sound information.

One of the signings of the season arrived at Parkhead when the relatively unknown Lubomir Moravcik signed on the dotted line for Celtic. A £300,000 capture from German side Duisburg, Lubomir was not a 'weel kent' face in Scotland. He certainly is now. Capped a full 11 years ago by the then Czechoslovakia there were some who doubted the ability of the 33 year old. They should not have doubted Venglos' judgement. Moravcik has lit up Parkhead with his incisive displays and subtle class. A two goal hero in the 5-1 mauling of

Rangers he has scored goals of rare quality and stamped his presence on the current Celtic team.

Marko Viduka cost 10 times the fee paid for Moravcik and has a lot to live up to. The 23 year old Australian was previously with Croatia Zagreb and was a far better known player. Alas the modern game can be fraught with technicalities and at the time of going to press Marko had yet to kick a ball in anger for the Bhoys. Nevertheless it is difficult to imagine that he will do anything other than impress when he does resume competitive action.

Celtic have a tradition of employing some of the great entertainers in Scottish football it looks a sure fire thing that their two men of the East will fall into the category with some ease.

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 Attendance: 12,103

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Sean Teale

SCOTTISH CUP HIGHLIGHTS

Sean Teale was voted Tennents man of the match last Saturday and he is pictured left receiving his prize. John Spencer returned to action after missing our game at Dundee with a knee injury.



John Spencer

Own Goals

Our second goal against Stirling Albion last Saturday was a clear own goal – our first of the season. That set us wondering who are the 'lucky' team when it comes to own goals. Surprisingly there have not been that many in the Premier League, with Celtic and Dundee both having the good fortune to receive two own goals. Motherwell along with Aberdeen, Kilmarnock and St Johnstone have benefited just once each, whilst Rangers, Dunfermline, Hearts and Dundee United have yet to enjoy the luxury of their opponents scoring an own goal. Hearts have given away three own goals ... two of them donated most kindly to the same club – Dundee!

BAIRNS HAVE EXPERIENCE

Ex Motherwell defender Chris McCart is firmly on the Hampden trail this season. He was in the squad that beat Stranraer last Saturday to book a place in the last eight. Remarkably the Falkirk Bairns have now reached the quarter final stage 5 times in the last 7 years, a truly exceptional achievement.

Also through to the last eight from the First Division are Ayr United. The draw was keenly awaited in the Davies' households on Sunday evening and much family grief was avoided when Billy Davies saw Motherwell avoid a tie with Ayr United. Billy's brother John is still firmly entrenched in the United midfield and the lads are no doubt delighted to be kept apart ... at this stage anyway!



Chris McCart

NEXT AT FIR PARK

Dunfermline come chasing league points next weekend and boy do they need them. In what is traditionally a tight league it is disastrous to be cut off at the foot of the table and that is the prospect facing the Pars if they let a few more points slip.

Sadly there will be no Bert Paton in the visitors dug-out. The likeable Fifer has relinquished his managerial reins at East End Park and his assistant Dick Campbell is the man in charge these days.

Much of Dunfermline's success in recent years has lain on the broad shoulders of Andy Smith and the Fife hit-man rarely fails to impress. His goalscoring record against Motherwell is good too, so he will have to be watched. Increasingly influential for Dunfermline is Andy Tod. The big central defender is turning into an excellent stopper and he has the additional advantage of being a useful marksman when going forward.

Dumped out of the cup by Celtic last weekend, Dunfermline are to use that old saying 'free to concentrate on the league'. It is serious business as survival this season would guarantee two years football in the Premier League with all the additional revenue that brings.



Andy Tod

Motherwell Statistics 1998/99

Players are listed in ascending numerical order. Only playing subs are listed

Date	Opponents	Res	Att	GK	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Haliday	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Michels	Doesburg	Mathae	Stirling	McCulloch	Haliday
1998																	
Aug 1	ST. JOHNSTONE	W1-0	5,686	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Haliday	McCair	McCulloch	Coyle	Doesburg	Mathae	Stirling	Doesburg	Stirling	McCulloch	Haliday
Aug 8	East Fife (LC2)	W1-0	1,488	Kaven	McGowan	Valakari	McCair	McCair	McCulloch	Doesburg	Doesburg	Mathae	Stirling	Doesburg	Stirling	McCulloch	Miller †
Aug 15	Rangers	L1-2	49,275	Woods	McGowan	Valakari †	McCair	Coyle	Michels	Doesburg	Mathae	Christie	Stirling	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller	Stirling
Aug 18	AVRIL (LC3)	L0-2	4,893	Woods	May	Denham	Haliday	McCair	Coyle	Michels	Doesburg	Christie	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Aug 22	DUNFERMLINE A	D0-0	9,868	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	Coyle	Michels †	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Aug 30	DUNDEE LTD	W1-0	11,201	Kaven	McGowan	McMillan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Sept 12	Aberdeen	D1-1	11,560	Kaven	McGowan	McMillan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Sept 19	KILMARNOCK	D0-0	9,063	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Sept 23	Hearts	L0-3	12,665	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Sept 26	Dunfermline	L0-1	5,655	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Oct 3	CELTIC	L1-2	12,103	Woods	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Oct 17	St. Johnstone	L0-5	4,062	Woods	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Oct 28	Rangers	W1-0	11,777	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Oct 31	ABERDEEN	D2-2	8,146	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Nov 7	Dunfermline	D2-2	6,616	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Nov 14	Hearts	W3-2	8,912	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Nov 21	Kilmarnock	D 0-0	10,176	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Nov 28	Celtic	L0-2	59,882	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Dec 12	Dunfermline A	D1-1	5,182	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Dec 16	DUNDEE	W2-1	4,000	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Dec 19	ST. JOHNSTONE	L1-2	5,995	Kaven	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Dec 26	DUNDEE LTD	W2-0	6,001	Woods	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
Dec 29	Aberdeen	D1-1	15,029	Woods	McMillan	McGowan	Foss	Valakari	McCair	Coyle	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Miller †	Craig
1999																	
Jan 1	KILMARNOCK	L1-2	8,532	Woods	McGowan	Valakari	Coyle	Brannan	Thomas	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg
Jan 24	HEARTS (SC 3)	W3-1	9,372	Goram	Doesburg	McMillan	Brannan	Thomas	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg
Jan 30	Hearts	W2-0	12,821	Goram	McGowan	Brannan	Valakari	Coyle	Thomas	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg
Feb 6	Dunfermline	L0-1	4,100	Goram	McGowan	Brannan	Valakari	Coyle	Thomas	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg
Feb 13	Stirling (SC 4)*	W2-0	7,244	Goram	Doesburg	McGowan	Teale	McMillan	Valakari	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg	Doesburg
Feb 21	CELTIC																
Feb 27	DUNFERMLINE A																
Mar 6	ST. JOHNSTONE (SC 5)																
Mar 13	Rangers																
Mar 20	ABERDEEN																
Apr 3	Dunfermline																
Apr 10	DUNDEE																
Apr 17	Celtic																
Apr 24	HEARTS																
May 1	Kilmarnock																
May 8	St. Johnstone																
May 15	RANGERS																
May 22	Dunfermline A																
May 29	Scottish Cup Final																

Next Weekend's Fixtures

PREMIER LEAGUE February 27

Celtic v Dundee United
Dundee v St Johnstone
Hearts v Aberdeen
Kilmarnock v Rangers
Motherwell v Dunfermline Ath.

First Division

Ayr United v Hibernian
Clydebank v Morton
Raith Rovers v Airdrie
St Mirren v Hamilton
Stranraer v Falkirk

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Jean King, 48 Linksvie Road,
Motherwell

Two full away kits
Lynn Murphy, 3 School Lane,
Allanton

Note: * † and ‡
Home games in capitals
Scorers in Bold
* Own goal

MOTHERWELL STATS

Premier Division

Positions as at February 9th 1999

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Rangers	24	16	5	3	50	21	29	53
2. Kilmarnock	23	11	8	4	31	14	17	41
3. Celtic	23	11	7	5	52	22	30	40
4. St. Johnstone	24	9	9	6	29	33	-4	36
5. Motherwell	24	7	8	9	23	30	-7	29
6. Aberdeen	24	7	6	11	27	40	-13	27
7. Dundee	24	7	6	11	21	36	-15	27
8. Hearts	24	6	6	12	22	34	-12	24
9. Dundee Utd.	24	5	8	11	23	29	-6	23
10. Dunfermline	24	2	13	9	18	37	-19	19

DOES NOT INCLUDE MIDWEEK MATCH

Quiz Answers

Which Ground - Ibrox Stadium (Rangers)

The Link - 1. Airdrie, 2. St Johnstone, 3. Greenock Morton, 4. St Mirren, 5. Chelsea

Guess Who - Preston North End manager Davie Moyes

Six of the Best - 1. Sheffield United, 2. Sheffield Wednesday, 3. Clyde, 4. Hibernian,

5. Bought from Ayr United, sold to Raith Rovers, 6. Newport County.

Name the Year - 1987

Motherwell Roll Call

Player	League		Cups		Gls
	Apps.	Gls.	Apps.	Gls.	
Stevie Woods 23.02.70 - Glasgow			1		
Eddie May 30.08.63 - Edinburgh	6(2)		1		
Miko Kaven 19.02.75 - Lahti	16		-		-
Jamie McGowan 05.12.70 - Morscombe	21		-		-
Kevin Christie 01.04.76 - Aberdeen	4(1)		1		
Simo Valakari 28.04.73 - Helsinki	24		3		
Brian McClair 08.12.63 - Airdrie	8(2)		-		2
Owen Coyle 14.07.67 - Paisley	24		7		3
Billy Davies 31.05.84 - Glasgow			1		
Jan Michels 08.09.70 - Deventer	7(3)		-		-
Lee McCulloch 14.05.78 - Bellshill	8(10)		2		4
Stephen McMillan 19.01.75 - Edinburgh	19	2	2		
Michel Doesburg 10.08.69 - Beverwyk	23		-		3
Rob Mattheae 20.09.66 - Dulcen	11(1)		-		1(1)
Greig Denham 05.10.76 - Glasgow			-		1(1)
Ian Ross 27.06.74 - Broxburn	8(2)		-		-
Jered Stirling 13.10.76 - Stirling	4(1)	1	-		1(1)
Steve Craigan 21.10.76 - Newtonards	1(3)		-		0(2)
Eliphas Shivute 27.09.74 - Olukonda (Namibia)	(-1)		-		-
Stephen Halliday 03.05.76 - Sunderland	2(2)		-		2
Greg Miller 01.04.76 - Glasgow	(-1)		-		0(2)
David White 09.08.79 - Edinburgh			-		-
Sean Teale 10.03.64 - Southport	21		-		3
Kai Nyyssonen 10.06.72 - Kuopio, Finland	3	1	-		1
Pat Nevin 06.09.63 - Glasgow	8(10)		-		2
Derek Adams 25.06.75 - Glasgow	6(10)	3	-		(-2)
John Spencer 11.09.70 - Glasgow	12	4	2		
Ged Brannan 15.01.72 - Liverpool	14	2	2		1
Tony Thomas 12.07.71 - Liverpool	6		-		1
Andy Goram 13.04.64 - Bury	2		-		2
Douglas Ramsay 26.04.79 - Irvine	(-1)		-		-
Herve Bacque 13.07.76 - Bordeaux	(-1)		-		-

(own goal by Stirling Albion in Scottish Cup)
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Post-war, the first club to fall victim were New Brighton, voted out in 1951, whose red and white 8 page programmes can only now be obtained by offering over £20 at auction. Clubs who came into the League after the war, such as Gillingham, Scunthorpe and Colchester (all elected in 1950) are in demand as non-league clubs with last season as non league and first season as League particularly sought after.

Gateshead and Accrington Stanley were next to fall. Both were prolific programme producers, with the former issuing brief, stark issues until they were voted out to be replaced by Peterborough United in 1960. The Posh were prolific non-league issuers, and many programmes of their pre-league era remain on the market. Accrington Stanley failed to complete 1961/62 season, and the red on white programmes they issued that season are greatly sought after.



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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee:- Kenny Clark (Paisley)

Assistant Referees:- Joe Kelly (East Kilbride), Tom Murphy (Glasgow)

NEXT MATCH AT FIR PARK

Scottish Premier League

Motherwell v Dunfermline Athletic

Saturday, February 27, 1999, Kick off 3.00pm

