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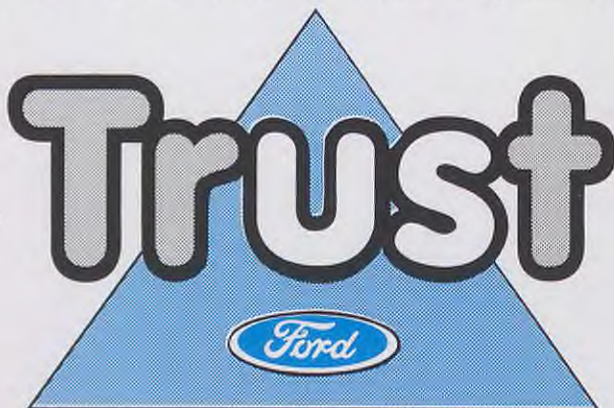
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GREAT CREDIT TO THE PLAYERS

It is good after all the disruptions of late with postponed matches that we are still well in contention in the league.

We have come through difficult away matches at Hibs, Hearts, Dundee, Kilmarnock and Partick with credit. Celtic at Fir Park was our only home match (although we were due to meet Raith here on Tuesday the 25th) and in winning that match we took 8 points from a possible 12 which is a great credit to the players.

It has been very pleasing during that period to see Tommy Coyne settle in so well and start scoring goals which will help his confidence.

We have also seen the departure of Davie Cooper to Clydebank. In his time at Fir Park he became an idol of the fans and was a joy to behold when he was on his game. It would have been selfish of us to restrict him from getting regular first team football after his great service to our club so he goes with our best wishes.

Also departed from Fir Park is our Dutch player Elroy Kromheer who has returned to his old club Volendam. Unfortunately Elroy found it very difficult to settle in Scottish Football and I am sure he will get himself up and running again, after all he came to us as a Dutch Under 21 player.

One of the more pleasing aspects of all these changes is that George Burley has returned to Fir Park. He will fill the role vacated by Davie Cooper on our coaching staff, as both a player and a coach to the youths.

Today we welcome everyone connected with Celtic Football Club to Fir Park for what is in everyone's eyes the tie of the round.

Anyone who was at the last league encounter will be anxious to be here today as it will be played in the true tradition of two hungry and determined teams doing their utmost to ensure their team is in the draw for the next round of the Cup.



TODAY'S MASCOTS

FRASER IRVING— *Fraser lives in Holytown and is 6-years-old. He has two favourite players — Dougie Arnott and Sieb Dykstra.*

CALUM PHILLIP — *Calum lives in Motherwell and attends Ladywell Primary. He is 9-years-old and his favourite player is Sieb Dykstra.*



HOW MUCH DO YOU COUGH UP FOR CIGARETTES

QUITE A SEASON

Motherwell are currently enjoying their finest season since the war. With only six defeats in the 26 League matches played to date, the team has shown that they are a match for any other team in the Premier League. Only Rangers have won as many games and at the time of writing the Ibrox team have actually played two games more than Motherwell who are currently three points off the top of the League with two games in hand.

One thing is certain — the media will not put Motherwell under any pressure because the vast majority of the press simply cannot see beyond Rangers — their sycophantic outpourings away back in August pointed to the fact that the League would be won by Christmas by Rangers and also that it was time for the Ibrox team to seek new horizons and join a new European Superleague. The League, they said, would be boring this season and if it had been left to them - they would have handed the flag to Walter Smith's team there and then! — HOW WRONG THEY ALL WERE.

The 1993/94 contest has turned out to be the closest contest for years both at the top and at the bottom. Motherwell who really got their act together in December 1992 have, since then, been the in-form team in the Premier League.

Both on and off the park, Motherwell have led by example. A new Fir Park has emerged and the final grandstand will be built by August 1994. On the playing side, we are fortunate to have a manager in Tommy McLean who fails to equate price with ability. The media would have fans believe that the only way to succeed is to spend, spend, spend. I could mention a whole list of players who have been purchased in recent times for sums in excess of £1 million who simply would not get a game at Fir Park. Tommy's market has been the youth scene, which has produced players such as Chris McCart, Phil O'Donnell, Alex Burns, Jim Griffin, Jamie Dolan, and Paul McGrillen plus some very astute trading at the more intelligent end of the market to produce players such as Sieb Dykstra, Billy Thomson, Stevie Kirk, Rab Shannon, Miodrag Krivokapic, Brian Martin, Rob McKinnon, John Philliben, Tommy Coyne, and Paul Lambert for a total outlay of less than £800,000. To do this — all that is needed is ability to recognise talent and the ability to recognise that a certain player will be able to adapt to a certain team pattern. This is what football management is all about.

The open cheque book does not always equate to success and to repeat a statement which I once overheard — "Tommy McLean could easily do Graeme Souness's job but could Graeme do Tommy's job?"

AS YOU WERE

For the first time ever — every league match in the Premier League finished up as a draw last Saturday. This meant that there was no change in the League positions but every club was just a single point better off.

At Firhill, Motherwell played out a 0-0 draw mainly due to the excellence of the two goalkeepers - Sieb Dykstra and Craig Nelson.

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NEW KIDS ON THE LEAGUE BLOCK



Club captain, Chris McCart pictured before our recent Celtic match with referee Dougie Hope, Celtic captain Paul McStay and mascots Steven Dunn and Stuart Johnstone.

Now that Caledonian Thistle and Ross County have entered the Scottish League fray it is interesting to reflect on the format that will prevail come next season and the years thereafter.

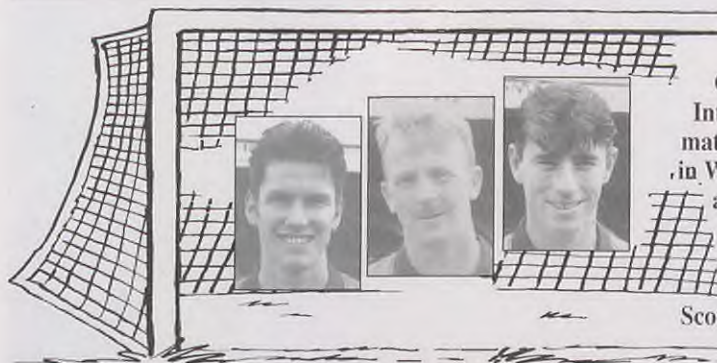
	At the conclusion of season 1993-94	Season 1994/95
Premier Division	* 3 clubs relegated to First Division * 1 club promoted from First Division	10 clubs
First Division	* 5 clubs relegated to Second Division * 1 club promoted from Second Division	10 clubs
Second Division	* 5 clubs relegated from First Division and clubs in positions 2-6 in Second Division	10 clubs
Third Division	* Remaining 8 clubs in Second Division plus Caledonian Thistle and Ross County	10 clubs

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Congratulations

Craig Brown recently named his 'B' International Squad for the forthcoming match between Wales 'B' and Scotland 'B' in Wrexham. Included in the 18 man squad are THREE Motherwell players. Chris McCart, Rob McKinnon and Phil O'Donnell are all included and are now firmly established as part of the Scotland scene. We send our best wishes to all three lads.



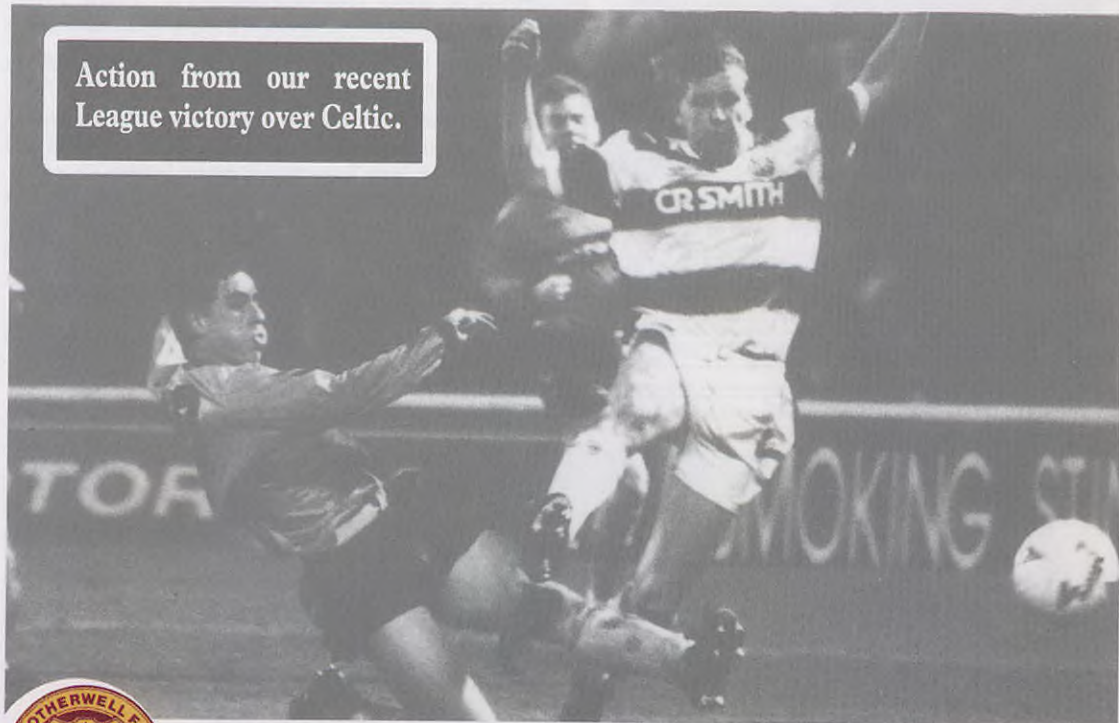
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MAN OF THE MATCH

Man of the match against Celtic was Phil O'Donnell, seen here receiving his trophy from Jim Copland, sales Manager of D.A. McMillan (left) and Mitchell Hatfield (Managing Director of Scot. Auto Trader) (right).

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FIR PARK FAN FILE

Name: Graham Barnstaple

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First ever Motherwell

Match:

Against Third Lanark at Fir Park during season 1963-64 (after serving my apprenticeship at Reserve games for two years!)

Favourite 'Well

Player: Brian Martin

Favourite 'Well Player (Past) Joe Wark.

Favourite 'Well game: Against Tottenham Hotspur, 3-1 win at Fir Park 1970-71 in Texaco Cup, plus semi-final win v Celtic in 1991.

All time Motherwell XI: McRae, Nijholt, Wark, Forsyth, McCallum, McCart, Campbell (Billy), Pettigrew, Graham, O'Donnell, Cooper. Subs: Davidson, Marinello, Kirk and Gahagan.

All Time Opposition XI: Banks (Stoke),



McGrain (Celtic), Boyd (Celtic), Blackley (Hibs), Butcher (Rangers), Dalglish (Celtic), Souness (Rangers), Strachan (Aberdeen), Cropley (Hibs), Harper (Aberdeen/Hibs), Deans (Celtic).

Best Motherwell goal for: Tom Forsyth v Falkirk at Fir Park in early 70's. A solo run from half way with an 18 yarder into the corner (it was even televised).

Best goal against: Never admit the opposition score good goals, only lucky ones.

Funniest thing seen whilst watching Motherwell: Big Stevie tackling a linesman against Hearts a couple of seasons ago.

Please keep your Fan Files coming, we are running low and have plenty of matches left to feature your selections for the above questions. (ed.)

We want to hear from YOU. If you would like to be featured in Fir Park Fan File then simply submit your answers to the above questions and pop them along to us at Fir Park. If you can include a passport photograph so much the better.

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