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To say we are disappointed at recent results is an understatement. However, today we have a great opportunity to bounce back with the game against on-form Celtic.

It's a test of character for everybody concerned with the club and it must be emphasised that with the return of key players after injury, and urged on by yourselves, we can mount a challenge on the teams above us.

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EASTER ROAD

The best part of the trip to Easter Road was the meal in Tenellis before the game. Expectations were high among the 'Well fans after their devastating demolition of the 'Dons on the previous Saturday but they were quickly brought down to earth when the game got underway.

From our unaccustomed viewpoint from behind the goals in the new Hibs stand which by the way, is a credit to the Directors of Hibs (I particularly like the attention which has been paid to adequate leg-room) we witnessed a catalogue of bad luck allied to an unacceptable level of laxity which saw our team going in at half-time trailing by three goals

The first was a total fluke with Darren Jackson accidentally deflecting a shot which was going wildly past the post into the opposite side of the goals with Scott Howie stranded.

Andy Roddie lunged into a rash tackle on Kevin McAllister and Darren Jackson scored from the spot.

Motherwell went flat out to reduce the leeway only to be caught out by a big 'blooter' up the park which was latched onto by Keith Wright, who slotted the ball past Scott Howie for their third goal.

The second half got underway with Alex Burns replacing the injured Dougie Arnott. John Hendry was brought on for Tommy Coyne and quickly got into the scoresheet with a touch over from close in.

'Toastie' was fouled in the box and a confident Billy Davies grabbed the ball to take the penalty.

At this point we witnessed the worst example of 'gamesmanship' which I have seen in a long time. Everyone knows that any delay at a penalty increases the pressure on the penalty taker and Hibs

certainly worked hard at this aspect of the game.

First of all, Tweed, required treatment which he duly received but the Referee insisted on a stretcher being brought on to carry him off. It would appear that the stretcher bearers were on their tea break because it seemed like an eternity before the Ambulancemen at the far end of the ground eventually struggled onto the park. Tweed was carried off and a sub took his place. Billy spotted the ball but NO! the substitute boards were clapped and the Referee again held up proceedings to allow a second sub for Hibs. All this took between 4 and 5 minutes. Billy Davies stepped up and to his credit he hammered in a hard shot. Leighton dived to his right and brought off a remarkable save.

Motherwell continued to press forward and not unexpectedly Hibs hit us on the break and O'Neill fired home an unstoppable shot to make the scoreline 4-1. In the closing minutes John Hendry (left) was again on the spot to touch the ball home after Leighton failed to hold a Brian Martin header to take the final scoreline to 4-2.

Paul Lambert had yet another good game and without doubt he has been our most consistent performer this season.

Our fluctuating form must present the Management team with real problems. Just when they think that they have sorted things out - the graph takes another dip and they are back to square one.

Fortunately the team is in good hands and Alex and Andy will sort things out once and for all and the whole experience of fluctuating form will then be behind them and having come through this spell they will be all the better for the experience ... The Best is still to come!!!



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WILLIE BARCLAY

Fifty years ago in 1945 Willie Barclay signed for Motherwell from Larkhall Thistle.

Willie was a talented outside-left and he made his debut in the first game of the season, 1945/46, at Ibrox in direct opposition to the legendary George Young. Among others on the park that day were Gerry Dawson, Willie Woodburn, Willie Waddell, Jock Shaw and Alex Venters for Rangers and Andy Paton, Baldy Shaw, and Jimmy Watson for Motherwell.

What a debut it was for Willie Barclay with Motherwell humbling the mighty Rangers team by 3-0 in front of a crowd of over 80,000.

Willie always states that his happiest time in football was his five year spell at Fir Park with the above 'Well players before being transferred to Bury in 1950. He came back from down south two years later and signed for Clyde before moving on to Third Lanark in 1955.

When he hung up his boots (his right one was still brand new) - Willie became

a scout for Motherwell and worked with Peter Keachie. They were responsible for bringing players such as Joe Wark, Keith McCrae, Willie Pettigrew, Jumbo Muir and Johnny Goldthorpe to Fir Park.

Willie will always be regarded as one of the old school of left wingers and the Motherwell FC Former Players Cub were delighted to mark the 50th Anniversary of his signing for Motherwell Football Club at their recent Annual Sportsman's Dinner.

Position: Outside Left

Motherwell debut: 11th August 1945:

A. v Rangers (W 3-0): Johnstone, Ross, Shaw; Miller, Paton, Russell; McGowan, Watson, Gibson, Gillan and Barclay (Watson, 2, Gibson)

First Motherwell Goal: A.

v Morton (13 Aug 1945)

W 2-1
League Career details:
45/46 28 (8) 46/47 31 (6)
47/48 18 (0) 48/49 10 (0)



Willie Barclay

THE MOTHERWELL CARTOON





07 Oct: Raith Rovers H 0-2

Alex McLeish was spot on when he said the second half showing was the worst he had seen since coming to Fir Park. I don't think anyone would argue with that. We started out looking as if we were going to run riot and ended up looking a sorry side indeed. Rob McKinnon was the main attacking threat early on and he was beating Raith defenders 2 and 3 at a time. Rob almost got the opener after 6 minutes when he danced past a couple of defenders before Scott Thomson saved his powerful shot. It was all Motherwell, but again it was a similar story to our other home games with nearly all the pressure but nothing to show for it. A quick free kick almost caught out Rovers when Billy Davies slid the ball to Dougie Arnott, Dougie's effort lacked power and trickled behind Tommy Coyne who was lurking in the box. Only a few minutes before Raith took the lead Paul Lambert passed up a great opportunity when he had a clear sight of goal, however his volley went straight at Thomson and the chance was gone. Then very much against the run of play Rovers went ahead through an impressive drive from Jason Dair. Rather unluckily the steelmen went in a goal down. The second half fightback never materialised and it was Raith who took the initiative

and went on to give an accomplished performance. It looked as if Motherwell had completely ran out of ideas as time and time again the the ball was hopefully punted forward. The craft required to break down the Raith defence simply wasn't there. In contrast Rovers swiftly broke upfield and made 'Well look very sluggish. After a couple of chances had been scorned they went 2-0 ahead thanks to a David Sinclair cracker. He got the ball some thirty yards out and curled a fine goal past Scott Howie. Alex Burns replaced Andy Roddie but Toastie's introduction did little to alter the pattern of the game. In the end Rovers deserved their win and moved 5 points ahead of us in the Premier League. It's still relatively early in the season but the fact we are already some 9 points off our finishing position of 2nd place last season is causing concern.

MOTHERWELL LINE-UP

Howie
 May McKinnon
 Philliben, Martin, McCart
 Lambert, Davies Coyne
 Arnott Roddie
 Subs: Burns (for Roddie),
 Subs Not Used: Dolan, Hendry

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The games between Motherwell and Celtic always rate among the finest matches of any season. The rivalry between both clubs goes away back. In fact the first game ever played at Fir Park exactly 100 years ago was Motherwell v Celtic. The scoreline in 1895 was 6-1 in Celtic's favour but in recent years Motherwell have become a bit of a bogey team for Celtic.

The bhoys in green have only managed a mere 4 wins in the last 30 games and this is the team against whom Motherwell have the best record in recent years.

Dougie Arnott who is in his 9th season at Motherwell has only ONCE been on the losing side against Celtic — this record is unmatched by any other Premier League player.

Invariably the games against Celtic are highly entertaining with plenty of action and incidents and the capacity crowd always creates a tremendous atmosphere to which the players on both sides always respond.

One thing is certain, If recent form is anything to go by, the final result will be close — there have been a high percentage of score draws in recent years.

It will be great to see Tommy Boyd, Phil O'Donnell and Andy Walker back again at Fir Park and despite the abuse that an element of the 'Well fans will dish out to them — these lads will contribute more than most to this encounter today.

Yes it looks like another exciting contest!



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CELTIC

Celtic, who are the Scottish Cup holders, have set themselves up for a tilt at the Premier Division Championship this season. Manager Tommy Burns has brought Andreas Thom and Jackie McNamara to the club and his side are markedly improved for these shrewd purchases.

The Celts have begun in impressive style and their only domestic reversals to date have come from arch rivals Rangers, ironically both matches being played at the imposing new Celtic Park. The 3-2 victory over Aberdeen at Pittodrie, after trailing 2-0 was a fine example of the new resolve at Celtic and the fact that midfielder John Collins is still a Celt is a huge bonus too.

In goal Celtic have tended to rely on **Gordon Marshall**. Last term the ex-Falkirk keeper played in 16 league games but he looks set to better that total this time around. Should he be required reserve keeper **Pat Bonner** is ready to step in and with 78 Irish Republic caps he is a marvellous deputy to have.

At full back former Motherwell captain **Tom Boyd** is now well established. Similarly Tom has built upon the international career he started here at Fir Park. No Celt beat Tom's 35 league appearances last season and with 30 full international caps he is one of the most respected players at Parkhead. Left back usually bring **Tosh McKinlay** to notice. Signed from Hearts he has also seen service with Dundee. He has benefited from his move to Celtic and his pacy play has earned him a run in the international side. 19 year old **Jamie McQuilken** has also filled in at full-back.

In central defence Tony Mowbray has departed for Ipswich Town for £300,000 and

John Hughes has arrived from Falkirk. Big 'Yogi' was a cult hero at Brockville and went back there with Celtic to



score the only goal in a 1-0 win. Tall and powerful he knows how to make his presence felt

Midfield is an area in which Celtic have a plethora of talent. The career of **Paul McStay** has been well documented. A brilliant youth he has developed into a masterful internationalist with 72 caps to his name. His passing ability, drive and sheer understanding of the game make him a dangerous opponent. Backing up the craft of McStay is the guile of **John Collins** (above left). It was a great piece of business the day Celtic bought John from Hibernian. He is renowned for his free-kicks

and passes and has 25 Scotland caps. On his day John is probably the finest player in the Premier Division. Completing a marvellous quintet is **Phil O'Donnell** (left) who was a fixture here at Fir Park for several years. It is little over a year ago since Phil took the road to Glasgow in a deal which brought close on £1.7m to Fir Park.

The new boy is 21 year old **Jackie McNamara** who was



TODAY'S VISITORS

Since winning the title in 1988 Celtic have failed to finish any higher than 3rd



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