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Scottish League Championship—1932	Scottish League Cup—1951
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Scottish Cup—1952	Lord Provost's Cup—1952
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HAIL, HAIL, THE CELTS ARE HERE,

WHAT a wind-up to the season is the visit of Celtic to Fir Park this afternoon—the last Scottish League game in 1965-66. At the time of writing Celts have still to meet Dunfermline Athletic and Rangers had to play Clyde, so it wasn't known whether today's game is a real league decider. But whatever happens, we can be assured of a near-capacity crowd to see what is usually one of the best games of the season when Motherwell and Celts are in opposition.

The return to Parkhead of Jock Stein as manager, was probably one of the best "signings" made by the Celtic Board. His experience, enthusiasm and tactical brilliance have welded the Parkhead "bhoys" into the brightest and most successful Celtic side for many years. Their football ability took them to the semi-final of the European Cup-winners Cup, to be narrowly defeated by Liverpool, and also to the Scottish Cup final, where they lost to Rangers by the only goal of the game. And their league performances too, have been outstanding, with a very free scoring forward line which has netted over 100 goals, and a tight defence which has conceded very few. Yes, they have been a credit to Scotland, and we welcome them this afternoon.

Of course, Motherwell has quite an interest in Celtic's side, for Tommy Gemmell is a local lad and quite a few of their staff, including Billy McNeill, played their school football with Our Lady's High. Probably greater interest, of course, from Motherwell's viewpoint, is former Fir Park favourite and Player of the Year, Joe McBride. Going to Parkhead just before the start of this season from Fir Park, he has been a great "buy." Joe, who equalled Ian St. John's goal record at Fir Park, has had a prolific season with

Celts and has already netted over 40 goals in League, League Cup and Scottish Cup. He has been off with an injury—as has John Hughes—but home fans are hoping to see them both play in a full-strength team.

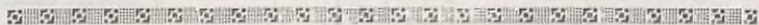
Its a long time since Motherwell managed a victory over Celts—in fact it's a long time since they met at Fir Park, for their last league game at Motherwell was the first match in that competition last season—on 19th August—when Celts won by 3-1.

SCHOOLS GAMES AT FIR PARK.

WITH today seeing the end of top class football for the season, Fir Park, as usual will house quite a number of schools' cup finals, and on Monday night the first of these will be played. Wishaw Central meet John Ogilvie, Hamilton, in the Cameronian Shield final (for under 13's) with a 6-15 kick-off. This is followed at 7-30 by the Keith Cup Final (under 18), in which Lanark Grammar meet Coatbridge St. Pats.

The following Monday (16th May), other two finals will be played off. In the Watt Cup (under 14), Holy Cross meet St. Aidan's, while Dalziel High and Wishaw High fight it out in the McGowan Cup (under 18). Again kick-off times are 6-15 and 7-30.

There will be the usual enthusiastic school support, and some good football is assured.



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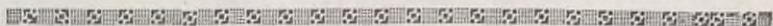
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FINAL SCORE—

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CELTIC ... 0 1

CELTIC

- SIMPSON 3*
2 CRAIG 4*
3 GEMMELL 3*
4 MURDOCH 2*
5 McNEIL 4*
6 CLARK 4*
7 JOHNSTONE 2*
8 McBRIDE 3*
9 CHALMERS 2*
10 LENNOX 3*
11 AULD 3*

Any late changes will be announced over the Loud Speaker.

FIR PARK CLUB.

PLANS are well ahead for the new Fir Park Club and applications for membership will now be accepted. Forms of application may be obtained from Fir Park; J. McKillop, Windmillhill Street; J. Conway, Merry Street; A. St. John, The Loaning; Sports Shop, Main Street, Wishaw; or "Motherwell Times" Ltd., Hope Street. These should be filled in and returned before 20th May. Membership fees are:—£1 per person; 30/- per couple.

Work is commencing right away on the alterations necessary and it is hoped to have the official opening by the end of June. When completed there will be seating accommodation for 350 and it is hoped to run functions like cabaret shows, dances and other forms of an entertainment and social nature.

The officials appointed so far are:—President: James Hepburn; Vice-President: William Sheridan; Secretary: Ian Livingstone; Treasurer: Hamilton Currie; Member of Executive: William Prentice. The clubmaster is James Freel.

As membership is limited, it is suggested that those wishing to join should make early application.

'WELL'S "FREES."

MOTHERWELL have given free transfers to five of their staff, and missing from Fir Park next season will be experienced players Bert Howieson and John McLaughlin, both of whom have only been on the books for a season. In addition, "frees" were given to Bellshill winger Tommy Coakley, who on his two seasons at Fir Park has been in the big team for quite a few spells; local lad Charlie Pithie, who came from Morton to Fir Park; and Amateur "cap" ex-Dalziel High player, Douglas Hope. None of these lads should have difficulty in getting fixed up.

Signing-on time, of course, presents problems to the manager, and the success of fellows like Ian St. John in England, unsettles quite a few who want to make more out of the game—and who can blame them? The return to his best form of Willie Hunter would give Manager Howitt some difficulty, for already Willie has expressed his desire for a change. While it's great to see Willie recapture his form, it's difficult to imagine him in anything but claret and amber. But already he is being tipped for an early move. And others may want to follow his example.

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It's a pity in a way, for it must be a bit frustrating for a manager to build up his team so far, then when they reach peak form, to see it fall apart. However, it's all in the game.

Manager Howitt has quite a likely bunch of clever and keen lads on his books, who, with a little experience, could bring back the crowds and collect the points, and anyway, there's never been good which can't be bettered!

MEMS.

CELTIC look in good position for a few seasons now, for not only has their first team been among the honours, but their Reserve side has also been capturing the trophies. Motherwell Reserves, of course, know this, for Celts defeated them in the final of the Second Eleven Cup just a week or so ago. They have also won the Reserve League Championship—and could collect even more silverware.

WHILE near neighbours Hamilton Acas. return to the Second Division after only one year in the top league, there will still be two Lanarkshire teams in the First Division. The high scoring Airdrieonians—they have netted over 100 goals in the Second Division games—finished runners-up to Ayr United and thus gained promotion, so we're still sure of a Lanarkshire Ne'erday "derby."

MANAGER Bobby Howitt would be sorry to see his old team, Morton, relegated after a spell in the First Division. The go-ahead and enterprising Morton management are determined that they will be back again next season.

WILLIE Hunter was back in a Scottish jersey again, when he played on the right wing for the Scottish Select side which played Leicester in Alec Dowdalls benefit match at Leicester. The result was a 1-1 draw, and Willie showed quite a lot of his old skill.

THE Reserves completed their fixtures last Saturday with a good 4-1 victory over Dundee at Dens Park. After a sticky start to the season, they settled down and though they finished in the bottom half of the table, showed quite a lot of promise and football ability. They are probably the youngest Reserve side at Fir Park for many a day, and credit is due to their enthusiastic coach, Willie McSeveney, for their improvement.

LAATEST news is that Joe McBride and John Hughes are very doubtful for today, and if they are unable to play, home fans will be very disappointed—as will the players themselves.

PAT Delaney missed the Dundee game through injury, his place being taken by young "Dixie" Deans. Pat is recovering and hopes to be fit for the game today, where his strength could be an asset.

MOTHERWELL haven't anybody in among the top league goal scorers this season, but in the latter half young Cairney showed his ability to snap chances, and things could be different next season.

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