

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
Saturday, 30 October, 1976



Celtic v Motherwell

KICK-OFF 3 p.m.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME 10p

KENNY IS DANGER MAN TO 'WELL

MOTHERWELL are the visitors to Celtic Park for this afternoon's Premier League match and if the clashes last season are anything to go by we should have a good game in store.

The first of last season's encounters was at Fir Park in September and a Vic Davidson goal for 'Well neutralised a Kenny Dalglish goal to give each club a single point.

Two months later the Fir Parkers went one better at Celtic Park when two goals from Willie Pettigrew secured both points for Motherwell.

In January of this year when the teams had their third Premier League encounter Celtic travelled to Fir Park and wreaked a heavy defeat to get their revenge.

Two goals from Dixie Deans and a single from Kenny, against a solitary counter from ex-Celt Vic Davidson, gave Celtic a convincing victory.

However on the fourth and final match of last seasons meetings Celtic really took Motherwell to task for their early season success.

Celtic's team of Latchford; McGrain and Lynch; McCluskey, Aitken and Edvaldsson; Deans and McNamara; McDonald; Dalglish and Lennox took Motherwell apart and Dalglish 2, Deans and Lennox were the scorers in Celtic's 4-0 win.

Going back a little further we find another thrilling clash between the two teams at Celtic Park during the 1973-74 season.

Ian St. John was the Motherwell manager at that time and he had injected a new determination into the team.

The match in question was played three years ago on October 6, 1973 and in that short time both teams have changed quite dramatically. The line-ups were: Celtic: Hunter; McGrain and Brogan; Murray, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Dalglish; Deans; Callaghan and Wilson. Subs: V. Davidson and McCluskey.

Motherwell: McCrae; Miller and Wark; Watson, Muir and Goodwin; McCabe and Graham; Goldthorp; McClymont and Martin. Sbus: Lawson and Muir.

Referee Mr R. Marshall (Clydebank).

The game was an even one with chances created and missed at both ends. Then just when it look that Well could escape with a point Paul Wilson and Dixie Deans scored to alter the complexion of things and Celts emerged as worthy winners.

Motherwell haven't been distinguishing themselves in the league so far this season and to date they haven't won a game away from home. Celtic will be all out to ensure that the Fir Park duck isn't broken at their expense.

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WHO SAID 13 WAS UNLUCKY!



RECORDS are made to be broken, but surpassing the League Cup feat of Celtic is going to take some doing. Well, at least 14 years now that we've won our way into the final of the competition for the 13th successive season.

That's consistency with a capital C. It is only when you look back down the long list of 137 successive ties that the magnitude of the effort really strikes home.

All of them held their own appeal and now we look forward to the most important of all . . . the final of 1976.

And let me say that I am not concerned about it being our 13th in a row. The players on the field will decide things not numerology and the stress that is put on it by some people for good luck or ill luck.

It was a hard game with Hearts to reach this year's final. Again we had to make team changes, but everything worked out pretty well.

Hearts got the first score, but Kenny Dalglish, who thumped in his 100th League goal against Aberdeen on Saturday, dumped them a bit with a quick equaliser just before the break.

We had command in the later stages. Indeed, Peter Latchford in goal had little to do in the second half. Kenny Dalglish got the winner from the penalty spot and despite all the hard luck stories Celtic were the team that deserved to win. We created the goal-scoring chances.

Now it is Motherwell this afternoon at Parkhead in the Premier League. No problem about motivating the players for this one. That goes for both sides.

The Fir Park men struck top form against Rangers last week and they are clearly keen to complete an Old Firm double.

Celtic, however, will have to watch out and not be as careless as we were against Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

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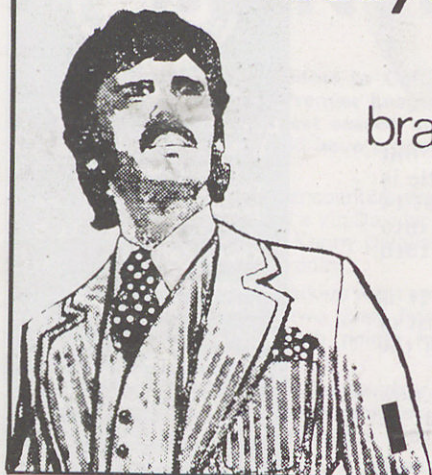
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TODAY'S VISITORS

WE DON'T WANT THE ITALIAN PATTERN

MOTHERWELL were an entertaining squad in the opening Premier League season. Just over a year ago their progressive and enthusiastic manager Willie McLean had carried them to the top of the table.

That momentum wasn't sustained, but while the club had to be content with fourth place in the new set-up they received deserved praise for giving the competition a lot of its edge and excitement.

Mark you, Willie McLean wasn't bounding with joy about the Premier League when it was projected, but was keen to give it every chance.

He still has reservations. He says: "The major thing I have against it is the price of failure. You lose two clubs out of 10... a 20 per cent failure rate.

"And the pressures are such that it is beginning to affect players' performances. What we don't want to happen is to have an Italian League mentality developing.

"Remember how it was with them a few years ago when draws abounded every week in their League competition. Up until last week there had been a heck of a lot of draws in our Premier League. It is an indication of how things might develop here if we are not careful".

Motherwell's outlook is clearly stated by their boss. "We are trying to create a situation for attractive, attacking football — not defensive, negative football. The customers wouldn't want that... and that goes for managers".

The manner in which the customers

are heading through the Fir Park turnstiles is satisfactory (though like very club they would like to see even more).

A good travelling support is building and the victory over Rangers last week has brought the enthusiasm in the steel town the heights of last term.

Motherwell, like Celtic, says manager McLean is trying to get a side thoroughly blended and into a settled formation for the long campaign.

"Putting together the same team week after week isn't something we've been able to do because of injury, but against Rangers the blend was a lot better".

So he comes to Parkhead this afternoon with much the same set-up knowing it will be "a very good competitive match for both sides at their best going forward".



VIC DAVIDSON

These then are the men manager McLean will select from for today's test with the Celts:

Goalkeeper STUART RENNIE who has proved to be a fine last line since joining from Falkirk four seasons ago.

The versatile COLIN McADAM, PETER MILLAR and JOE WARK are filling the full back posts capably and consistently.

Former Clyde man WILLIE McVIE and the up and coming GREGOR STEVENS form a central defence that is strong and resolute.

In the midfield there's PETER MILLAR, ex-Celt VIC DAVIDSON who was a stand-out against Rangers, young IAN KENNEDY and STEWART McLAREN on which to rely.

In the striking force is BOBBY GRAHAM, whose perceptive play makes 'Well tick, goalscorer extraordinary WILLIE PETTIGREW whose name is associated with English clubs every week), and PETER MARINELLO (like Graham) who brings a wealth of

English League experience to the Scottish scene.

Also in the Fir Park pool are seasoned players like ex-Celt HARRY HOOD, JIM O'ROURKE and WILLIE WATSON.



JIM O'ROURKE

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 ROY AITKEN
 JOHNNY DOYLE
 RONNIE GLAVIN
 JOE CRAIG
 KENNY DALGLISH
 PAUL WILSON
 TOMMY BURNS
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MOTHERWELL (from)

STUART RENNIE
 PETER MILLAR
 JOE WARK
 STEWART McLAREN
 WILLIE McVIE
 GREGOR STEVENS
 PETER MARINELLO
 JIM O'ROURKE
 BOBBY GRAHAM
 VIC DAVIDSON
 IAN KENNEDY
 COLIN McADAM
 WILLIE PETTIGREW

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| C | KILMARNOCK AYR UNITED | G | HAMILTON AIRDRIE | K | STMIRREN MORTON | O | MIDDLESBROUGH LEICESTER |
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SIDELINES

SPECIAL CHEER

DON'T forget to give a special cheer this afternoon for skipper Kenny Dalglish who struck home his 100th League goal against Aberdeen last Saturday. With two Cup goals in mid-week, the Celtic skipper has recaptured his scoring touch. He usually displays it against Motherwell. In 12 League games against the men from Fir Park he has run up nine goals.

WELCOME GUEST

BERTIE PEACOCK, the well-remembered Parkhead wing half of the fifties, was a surprise — and warmly welcomed — visitor to the Celtic party at Seamill this week. He joined up with former team-mates, manager Jock Stein and trainer Neilly Mochan, in a bout of reminiscing. Bertie also took in the League Cup semi-final at Hampden against Hearts and returned to Ireland pleased with what he saw of the Celts of the seventies.

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BY HARRY! IT'S A GOAL AGAINST 'WELL



Harry Hood is now a Motherwell player, but here he is in Celtic colours cracking in a goal against the Fir Parkers at Parkhead.

"PREMIER" SEASON FIXTURES

PRE-SEASON

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|---|---|
| 1975 | | | |
| JULY | | | |
| 30—Inverness Thistle | (A) | 6 | 0 |
| AUGUST | | | |
| 2—Ross County | (A) | 4 | 0 |
| 7—PENAROL | (H) | 3 | 0 |

GLASGOW CUP (1975-76 final)

| | | | |
|------------|-----|---|---|
| AUGUST | | | |
| 10—RANGERS | (H) | 1 | 3 |

LEAGUE CUP

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|---|---|
| AUGUST | | | |
| 14—Dundee United | (A) | 1 | 0 |
| 18—DUMBARTON | (H) | 3 | 0 |
| 21—Arbroath | (A) | 5 | 0 |
| 25—Dumbarton | (A) | 3 | 3 |
| 28—ARBROATH | (H) | 2 | 1 |

SEPTEMBER

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|---|---|
| 1—DUNDEE UNITED | (H) | 1 | 1 |
| 22—Albion Rovers | (A) | 1 | 0 |

OCTOBER

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|---|---|
| 6—ALBION ROVERS | (H) | 5 | 0 |
| 25—HEARTS (Hampden) | | 2 | 1 |

UEFA CUP

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|---------------------|-----|---|---|
| SEPTEMBER | | | |
| 15—GKS WISLA KRAKOW | (H) | 2 | 2 |
| 29—GKS Wisla Krakow | (A) | 0 | 2 |

PREMIER LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|---|---|
| 4—RANGERS | (H) | 2 | 2 |
| 11—Dundee United | (A) | 0 | 1 |
| 18—HEARTS | (H) | 2 | 2 |
| 25—Kilmarnock | (A) | 4 | 0 |

OCTOBER

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|---|
| 2—HIBERNIAN | (H) | 2 | 2 |
| 9—PARTICK THISTLE | (H) | post. | |
| 16—Ayr United | (A) | 2 | 0 |
| 20—DUNDEE UNITED | (H) | 5 | 1 |
| 23—Aberdeen | (A) | 1 | 2 |
| 30—MOTHERWELL | (H) | | |

NOVEMBER

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|--|--|
| 6—Rangers | (A) | | |
| 20—Hearts | (A) | | |
| 27—KILMARNOCK | (H) | | |

DECEMBER

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|--|--|
| 4—Hibernian | (A) | | |
| 11—Partick Thistle | (A) | | |
| 18—AYR UNITED | (H) | | |
| 25—ABERDEEN | (H) | | |

1977

JANUARY

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|------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| 1—Motherwell | (A) | | |
| 3—RANGERS | (H) | | |
| 8—Dundee United | (A) | | |
| 15—HEARTS | (H) | | |
| 22—Kilmarnock | (A) | | |
| 29—Scottish Cup, third round | | | |

FEBRUARY

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| 5—HIBERNIAN | (H) | | |
| 12—PARTICK THISTLE | (H) | | |
| 19—Ayr United | (A) | | |
| 26—Scottish Cup, fourth round | | | |

MARCH

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|------------------|-----|--|--|
| 5—Aberdeen | (A) | | |
| 12—MOTHERWELL | (H) | | |
| 19—Rangers | (A) | | |
| 26—DUNDEE UNITED | (H) | | |

APRIL

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|--|--|
| 2—Hearts | (A) | | |
| 9—KILMARNOCK | (H) | | |
| 13—Motherwell | (A) | | |
| 16—Hibernian | (A) | | |
| 20—ABERDEEN | (H) | | |
| 23—Partick Thistle | (A) | | |
| 30—AYR UNITED | (H) | | |

LEAGUE PLACINGS

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Dundee United | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 9 | 12 |
| Celtic | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 9 | 9 |
| Aberdeen | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 6 | 9 |
| Rangers | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 8 |
| Hibernian | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Motherwell | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 7 |
| Partick | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Hearts | 8 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| Ayr | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 21 | 4 |
| Kilmarnock | 7 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 4 |

RESERVES by JOHN CLARK



SCHOOLBOYS COME FOR "LESSONS"

IT was grand to get back to the competitive football scene again. The match with Dumbarton (which was won by 4-1) was only the second in a fortnight.

Of course, we were putting in a lot of effort on the training ground, but a regular flow of matches is necessary to put into practice what has been worked out in the less demanding atmosphere of Barrowfield.

The break in match continuity wasn't apparent against Dumbarton where opportunity was taken to let several experienced men maintain their competitive sharpness in view of the League Cup semi-final with Hearts. Jo Edvaldsson, Pat McCluskey, and Tom Callaghan all took part.

The match saw several of the young fellows get their first full 90 minutes of play

for some time. Like Jim Casey who had been out for six weeks through injury. Peter Mackie and John McCluskey were others who got their first full match runs for a wee spell. John celebrated it with a good goal from the left wing.

All in all it was a valuable game for the club, and the younger members of the squad got some valuable experience playing alongside the more seasoned men.

Last week Parkhead was a busy spot. We had guests of the club a number of boys who had shown that little extra in football ability in schools' matches. They didn't object to "working" during their autumn holiday and the Celtic staff enjoyed being with them. Their week of "lessons" included a trip to the sports centre at Irvine and a match against Glasgow schoolboys at Strathclyde Park.

Celtic looking to the future will continue to chart their football progress. They've all agreed to train with the club every Monday evening. I'm certain that a number of them will come through and wear a green and white strip.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. From which club did Stuart Rennie join 'Well?
2. Who is the manager of the Welsh international team?
3. Which club plays at Links Park?
4. How many boxing titles are held by Joe Bugner?
5. Name the club Peter Latchford's footballing brothers play for.

ANSWERS

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2. Mike Smith
3. Montrose
4. Three. British, Commonwealth and European heavyweight titles.
5. Bob (Everton), Dave (Birmingham).

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