

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME



SCOTTISH CUP



SEMI-FINAL
HAMPDEN PARK,
MARCH 27, 1954
KICK-OFF - - 3 p.m.



CELTIC
v
MOTHERWELL

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Celtic and Motherwell Renew

It was way back in 1914 that Celtic and Motherwell had their first clash in the Scottish Cup, and they have been bumping into each other regularly ever since. As you will see from a list elsewhere in this programme, they have met eleven times altogether.

The Celtic tally of successes has been a bit overwhelming, for they have won nine of the ties.

With sixteen wins, Celtic are record holders of the Scottish Cup, while Motherwell have one triumph to show from five finals.

That was two years ago, when they defeated Dundee by four goals to nil.

25th FINAL

To-day Celtic will be playing for the distinction of competing in their 25th Final.

Their last Cup success was in 1951 when they defeated Motherwell in the Final by a John McPhail goal and thereupon sailed away to America on tour.

It was a different sort of story for Motherwell after they had beaten Dundee. They proceeded, for some mysterious reason, to lose their place in the top Division of the League and to-day they are at Hampden as a Division B club.

May we say how glad we are to notice how close they are to promotion.

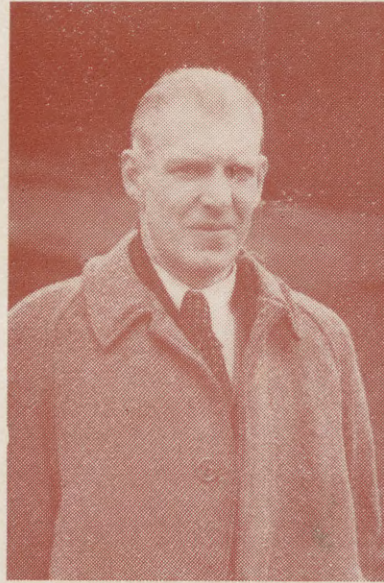
Next season they will be back in the Division they adorned for so long.

EAST FIFE'S EXAMPLE

It is not often a lower League club gets so far in the Cup. East Fife, from the Second Division, got to the Final before the war and won the Cup, and now, sixteen years later, Motherwell have shown that the top League fellows are not so important after all!

It is to Motherwell's credit, too, that, in reaching the Semi-final to-day, they defeated three Division A clubs—St. Mirren, Raith Rovers and Partick Thistle.

The game has never understood how Motherwell ever came to be relegated. We rather think the Motherwell folks themselves have ceased trying to find the answer.



Mr. ROBERT KELLY, J.P.,
Chairman, Celtic F.C.



Mr. JAMES McGRORY,
Manager, Celtic F.C.

We would point out that Jackie Hunter at centre forward and Jim Forrest at inside right are the two Motherwell players who did not play in the Final of 1952.

A REMINDER

As for the 1951 Final between Celtic and Motherwell, perhaps you would

like to be reminded of the teams and note how few changes there have been:

Celtic—Hunter; Fallon and Rollo; Evans, Boden and Baillie; Weir and Collins; McPhail; Peacock and Tully.

Motherwell—Johnstone; Kilmarnock and Shaw; McLeod, Paton and Redpath; Humphries and Forrest; Kelly; Watson and Aitkenhead.

Of course, it is the 1931 Celtic and Motherwell Scottish Cup Final that has the chief place in the football story books. Over and over again the tale has been told of how, with his team leading by two goals to one and with only a few minutes left for play, Alan



M. HAUGHNEY



N. MOCHAN



R. PEACOCK