



# Scottish League Cup

## **CELTIC**

**versus**

## **MOTHERWELL**

**CELTIC PARK**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31, 1977**

**Kick-off 7.30 p.m.**

**PROGRAMME 10p**

# TONIGHT'S TEAMS

## CELTIC (From)

PETER LATCHFORD  
DANNY McGRAIN  
ANDY LYNCH  
ROY KAY  
PAT STANTON  
JIM CASEY  
RODDY McDONALD  
ROY AITKEN  
RONNIE GLAVIN  
PAUL WILSON  
JO EDVALDSSON  
JOE CRAIG  
TOMMY BURNS  
JOHNNY DOYLE  
BOBBY LENNOX

## MOTHERWELL (From)

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WILLIE WATSON  
JOE WARK  
STEWART McLAREN  
WILLIE McVIE  
GREGOR STEVENS  
PETER MARINELLO  
JIMMY MILLER  
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# WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GOAL TOUCH



IT is Motherwell who provide the opposition again at Celtic Park this evening. But this is a new ball game. At least it is a new competition — the League Cup.

And if the match is as competitive as the weekend affair in the Premier League I doubt if there will be a barrage of customer complaints.

Motherwell came out of the Premier encounter best, a Vic Davidson goal securing both points for the Fir Park club.

I thought manager Willie McLean's side played well together. They got behind the ball well and they deprived us of the time and space to play our normal game.

Of course things could have run more smoothly for us at the season's start. The Premier League statistics don't make cheerful reading, but these are early days yet.

Our current fault is that we're not putting away our chances. We've got to alter that . . . get more people into the opposition penalty area and be faster on the draw when they are there.

We could have done without the early season injury crop (Roy Aitken was the latest on Saturday). However, we wouldn't want to use that as a "crutch." We've got to get on with the programme that stretches out and I anticipate that one or two goals will see the whole Celtic scene perk up.

Of course, the search for players is still on. It is part of an ambitious team's duty to the fans to be continually thinking about bettering it. Celtic intensified the search last week . . . without result.

I felt the team played with greater endeavour. Now we've got to find the ever so vital scoring touch. It'll come if a little patience is exercised.

Replacements Roy Kay and Jim Casey have played their part with steadiness in these early games and the experience they've gained will be to the benefit of the club through the season.

The news on Alfie Conn after his cartilage operation is encouraging. He resumed "training" 48 hours ago . . . building up the leg muscles before he sets out on the more strenuous parts of his come-back programme.

**JOCK STEIN**

# CELTIC



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#### HONOURS:

##### League Champions (30 times)

1893, 1894, 1896,  
1898, 1905, 1906,  
1907, 1908, 1909,  
1910, 1914, 1915,  
1916, 1917, 1919,  
1922, 1926, 1936,  
1938, 1954, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1971, 1972,  
1973, 1974, 1977.

##### Cup Winners (25 times)

1892, 1899, 1900,  
1904, 1907, 1908,  
1911, 1912, 1914,  
1923, 1925, 1927,  
1931, 1933, 1937,  
1951, 1954, 1965,  
1967, 1969, 1971,  
1972, 1974, 1975,  
1977.

##### League Cup Winners (8 times)

1957, 1958, 1966,  
1967, 1968, 1969,  
1970, 1975.

##### Empire Exhibition Cup 1938

##### Coronation Cup 1953

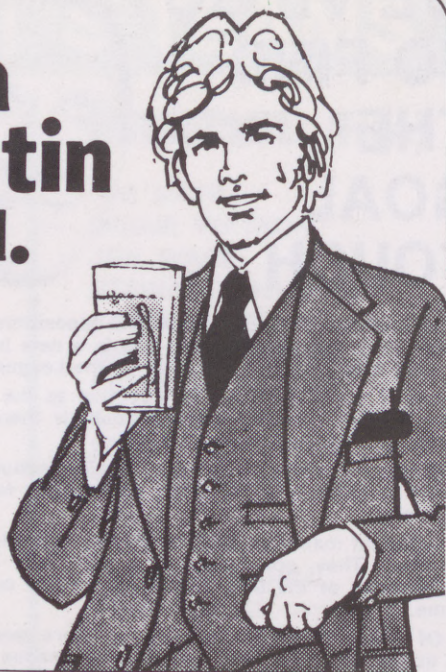
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# CELTIC PIPPED 'WELL IN THRILLING LEAGUE CUP SECTION "DECIDER"

CELTIC are hosts to Motherwell tonight in the first leg of their second round League Cup-tie in the reshaped competition.

Since the trophy was introduced to Scottish football at the start of the 1946-47 football season the tournament has been played on a sectional basis with four teams in each section and the leading side qualifying for a two leg quarter-final followed by neutral ground semi-final and final.

However, this year the competition is being run similar to the English League Cup set-up.

If recent League Cup clashes between the two sides is any criterion tonight's game should be a cracker.

When the teams last met in sectional matches Celtic won their home game by a 2—1 margin and the away fixture ended in a 2—2 draw.

## EXPERIMENT

But it's the season before that, when the clubs met in a second round tie, we are focussing our attention. (That was the season an experiment of two qualifiers from each section was tried).

The first leg of the tie was played at Fir Park on September 12, 1973 and a terrific match it turned out too. The teams were:

**MOTHERWELL:** McCrae; Millar and Wark; Watson, J. Muir and Goodwin; Campbell and Graham; Goldthorp; McCabe and McClymont. Subs: Martin and Lawson.

**CELTIC:** Hunter; McGrain and Brogan; Murray, McNeill and Connelly; Johnstone and Hood; Dalglish; Hay and Lennox. Subs: Calaghan and Wilson.

Referee: Mr E. Thomson (Edinburgh).

Celtic opened the scoring through a great Harry Hood goal from a chance created by Jimmy Johnstone after 21

minutes of exciting end to end play that thrilled the big crowd.

Then, just when it looked like staying that way until the interval, Celtic added a second just seconds before the break.

## FIRST GOAL

Jimmy Johnstone started the move with a pass to Harry Hood who in turn pushed the ball in front of Steve Murray to score his first goal for Celtic.

Motherwell struck back just minutes after the interval through John Goldthorp.

The 'Well striker fastened on to a long clearance from his goalkeeper and outstripped the Celtic defence to score an opportunist goal.

Celtic were shocked in the second leg when Motherwell came to Celtic Park on Wednesday, October 10 and won 1—0 to win a play-off match.

In the deciding match on Monday, October 29 the teams produced a thrilling match before Celtic eventually came out on top by a narrow 3—2 margin. Celtic's scorers were Steve Murray, Dixie Deans and Jimmy Johnstone and McClymont and Graham were the Motherwell marksmen.

## THE RECORD

The full record of previous meetings between the teams is:

1950-51: Celtic 1, Motherwell 4. Motherwell 0, Celtic 1. (This was the first time Celtic had won through to the quarter-final of the competition).

1965-66: Celtic 1, Motherwell 0. Motherwell 2, Celtic 3.

1973-74: Motherwell 1, Celtic 2. Celtic 0, Motherwell 1. Celtic 3, Motherwell 2 (decider).

1974-75: Celtic 2, Motherwell 1. Motherwell 2, Celtic 2.

# TONIGHT'S VISITORS



JIMMY MILLER



STEWART McLAREN



PETER MARINELLO



COLIN McADAM

# CELTIC GO FOR 14th FINAL IN A ROW!

CELTIC, who can proudly point to a record-making nine Scottish League championships in a row have also carved out for themselves in the League Cup competition a run of success that assuredly will remain unequalled for a long, long time.

They've played in EVERY ROUND of the tourney for the last 13 years!

The marathon, unbroken run, started at Firhill when they had a no-scoring draw with Partick Thistle in the first of the sectional ties on August 8, 1964.

Tonight's game with Motherwell represents Celtic's 140th TIE IN A ROW, a figure which includes five "deciding" matches at section, quarter-final and semi-final level.

A few matches were lost on the way, but it was the last stage that proved a bit of a hoodoo to the Parkhead squad.

For of the 13 finals in a row they've contested . . . seven have been lost to Rangers (three times), Partick Thistle, Hibernian, Dundee, and last season, Aberdeen.

The six victories have come against Rangers (twice), Hibernian (twice), Dundee and St. Johnstone.

Despite the final hoodoo the run from August 8, 1964, to August 31, 1977, represents CONSISTENCY of the highest order. And of course it represents a lot of cash as well. Almost ONE MILLION spectators have watched 13 finals at Hampden.

Now Celts aim to make it 14 finals in a row . . . despite the uncertain start to the season. Tonight, indeed, the League Cup atmosphere in which they revel could set them into their play consistency groove again.

## HALF-TIME SCORES

<b>A</b>	ABERDEEN COWDENBEATH		<b>G</b>	QUEEN OF SOUTH BRECHIN	
<b>B</b>	CLYDEBANK STRANRAER		<b>H</b>	KILMARNOCK ST. MIRREN	
<b>C</b>	DUMBARTON HAMILTON		<b>I</b>	MORTON FALKIRK	
<b>D</b>	DUNDEE BÉRWICK		<b>J</b>	PARTICK THISTLE DUNDEE UNITED	
<b>E</b>	EAST STIRLING STIRLING ALBION		<b>K</b>	RAITH ROVERS ARBROATH	
<b>F</b>	FORFAR MEADOWBANK		<b>L</b>		

# MOTHERWELL F.C.



These are the Motherwell players who have made a bright start to the new Scottish season and soon will tackle English opposition in the Anglo-Scottish Cup quarter-finals:

Back row (left to right): Willie McKenzie (trainer), Willie Pettigrew, Jim O'Rourke, Ian Purdie, Gregor Stevens, Willie McVie, Ally Hunter, Colin McAdam, Peter Miller, Jimmy Lindsay, Ian Kennedy, Peter Marinello.

Front row (left to right): Jim Ross, Bobby Martin, Willie McLean (manager), Jimmy Miller, Willie Watson, Joe Wark, Vic Davidson, Stewart McLaren, John Hagart (coach), Ian Clinging, Steve Mungall.

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### Old Firm kick-off

DON'T forget, the September 10 all-ticket match with Rangers at Ibrox has a ONE O'CLOCK KICK-OFF. The crowd has been limited to 63,000.

### Premier appearances

- 3—Latchford, McGrain, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Glavin, Aitken, Craig, Burns.
- 2—Kay.
- 1—Lynch, Stanton, Wilson, Lennox, Casey, Conn.

### Premier League Table

Aberdeen .....	3	2	0	1	6	2	5
Hibernian .....	3	2	0	1	4	0	5
Motherwell ....	3	2	0	1	4	0	5
Dundee Utd. ....	3	1	0	2	2	1	4
St. Mirren ....	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Ayr Utd. ....	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Rangers .....	3	1	2	0	5	5	2
Celtic .....	3	0	2	1	1	3	1
Clydebank ....	3	0	2	1	2	6	1
Partick Thistle	3	0	2	1	2	9	1



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## RESERVES by JOHN CLARK



# FATHER HELPED OUT WHEN SON WAS HURT

THE Celtic reserves drew 1—1 with Motherwell colts at Fir Park to maintain their bright start to the season. This, despite having to switch the team around a bit, after Johnny Gibson suffered a blow on the ribs.

At half-time it was decided to send him to Celtic Park for a check-up by the club doctor rather than have him wait until Sunday for an examination. Johnny's father was a spectator at Fir Park and he drove him to Parkhead for the check, a service which was much appreciated.

Celts, getting off to a good start, were ahead after 20 minutes. Motherwell levelled things before half-time. All over it was a good, hard match with both sides having chances to win it.

Occasionally the inexperience of some of the Parkhead players was seen in their positional play, but this will tighten up under instruction and practice.

Alan Sneddon, a provisional signing from Larkhall Thistle the previous week, turned out again at Fir Park. He played right back first half and in the second half was switched to left back where he did well.

Three games without defeat (two drawn) is fair enough. Of course one has to watch and not draw any false conclusions from such figures. At the same time the longer they remain undefeated the greater will be the team confidence to attempt more ambitious moves.

It takes time, of course. You simply cannot rush apprentices to journeymen status in a month or two.

### HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. How many times have Celtic appeared in the League Cup final?
2. How many times have Motherwell won the League Cup?
3. Who are the holders of the Anglo-Scottish Cup?
4. Who captained Scotland in the home internationals last season?
5. Which Scottish side plays at Glebe Park?

ANSWERS  
1. 15.  
2. Once.  
3. Notts Forest.  
4. Bruce Riech.  
5. Brechin City.



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# 'PREMIER' SEASON FIXTURES

## PREMIER LEAGUE

1977

### AUGUST

13—DUNDEE UNITED	(H)	0	0
20—Ayr United	(A)	1	2
27—MOTHERWELL	(H)	0	1

### SEPTEMBER

10—Rangers	(A)
17—Aberdeen	(A)
24—CLYDEBANK	(H)

### OCTOBER

1—HIBERNIAN	(H)
8—Partick Thistle	(A)
15—ST. MIRREN	(H)
22—Dundee United	(A)
29—AYR UNITED	(H)

### NOVEMBER

5—Motherwell	(A)
12—RANGERS	(H)
19—ABERDEEN	(H)
26—Clydebank	(A)

### DECEMBER

3—Hibernian	(A)
10—PARTICK THISTLE	(H)
17—St. Mirren	(A)
24—DUNDEE UNITED	(H)
31—Ayr United	(A)

1978

### JANUARY

2—MOTHERWELL	(H)
7—Rangers	(A)
14—Aberdeen	(A)
21—CLYDEBANK	(H)
28—Scottish Cup—3rd round	

### FEBRUARY

4—HIBERNIAN	(H)
11—Partick Thistle	(A)
18—Scottish Cup—4th round	
25—ST. MIRREN	(H)

### MARCH

4—Dundee United	(A)
11—AYR UNITED	(H)
18—Motherwell	(A)
25—RANGERS	(H)

### APRIL

1—ABERDEEN	(H)
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8—Clydebank	(A)
15—Hibernian	(A)
22—PARTICK THISTLE	(H)
29—St. Mirren	(A)

## LEAGUE CUP

—2nd round

### AUGUST

31—MOTHERWELL	(H)
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### SEPTEMBER

3—Motherwell	(A)
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### NOVEMBER

9—Quarter-final (1st leg)
16—Quarter-final (2nd leg)
30—Semi-final

### DECEMBER

10—Final
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## BIG MATCH DATES

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Sept. 7—East Germany v Scotland

### European Under-21 Championship

Sept. 7—Scotland v Switzerland  
Sept 20—Scotland v Czechoslovakia

### World Cup

Sept. 21—Scotland v Czechoslovakia  
Oct. 12—Wales v Scotland

### Home Internationals

May 13—Ireland v Scotland  
May 17—Scotland v Wales  
May 20—Scotland v England

### Scottish Cup

April 8—Semi-finals  
May 6—Final

### European Cup

May 10—Final



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