

# **Mum's the word for Lisa – a footballing one-off**

**Footballing mum Lisa Robertson reckons she is unique among players in the Scottish women's professional league.**



Lisa Robertson and son Lucas at Celtic Park with the SWFL trophy

Just six months after giving birth to her son, Lucas, the eight times capped Scotland midfielder, 32, who started out at the Cavalry Park club near her Craigmillar home, was back on the trophy trail last weekend as a member of the Celtic team that claimed the league title with a last gasp 1-0 win over Hibs.

“I reckon getting back into the squad was the biggest challenge of my life especially as I had to have a C section when giving birth” says Lisa, adding:

“But from not being able to move or do anything initially I have shown it can be done.

“And while at the moment I think I am the only mother in the league there will hopefully be others who now don’t think they have to put motherhood off.

“That’s especially the case since 12 weeks maternity pay was introduced last September.

“So far as I know the only professional footballing mothers (in the UK) are at West Ham (2) and Everton ladies.”

Recently Lisa, who runs her own business – Refresh Decorating – moved from Edinburgh to East Kilbride and that has freed up some extra time.

But how does she balance a football career, travelling to a Glasgow club, running a business often in Edinburgh where she has clients – and motherhood?

“Don’t sleep” joked Lisa before adding:

“Squeeze everything you can out of every day. Don’t waste a minute

“Lucas was born in November and it was March before I could do

contact training but by April I was back playing again.

“It was hard but manageable and I look forward to going again next season trying to add further trophies to the league title.”