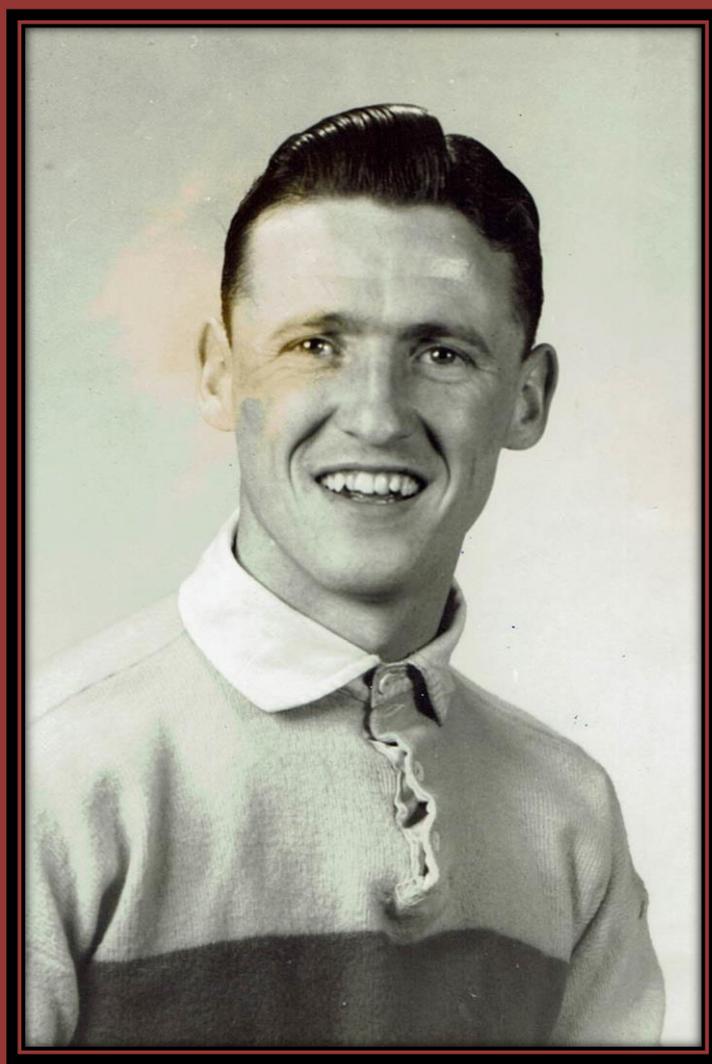


ANDREW 'ANDY' BEST WEIR (OUTSIDE LEFT)

MOTHERWELL FC 1957/58 – 1967/68



MOTHERWELL KITS WORN BY ANDY DURING HIS TIME AT FIR PARK



1957/58



1958/59



1959/60 (home socks)



1959/60 (away socks)



1959/60 (home socks)



Seasons 1960-62



1961/62

1962/63

Seasons 1963-66



Seasons 1966-68

Andrew Best Weir was born on the 21st May 1937 in Paisley and was signed from Arthurlie Juniors for the sum of £200 by legendary Motherwell manager

Robert 'Bobby' Ancell. His arrival in October 1957 would be the start of an illustrious 10 year career whilst wearing claret & amber.

His debut in claret and amber is thought to have been in a reserve game at Fir Park on Christmas Day 1957 alongside another future club legend John Martis who was also making his debut.

Andy's debut game for the first team was unfortunately in a 4-1 derby defeat to Airdrie at Broomfield on 1st January 1958 . His first goal came 24 hours later, yes two games in 24 hours! He scored at Fir Park in a 3-1 win over Hibernian, Ian St John and Archie Kerr were the other scorers.

He played in the 'Well team that lost 3-2 to Clyde in a Scottish Cup semi-final on 5th April 1958.

In his first season of 1957/58 he played in 17 of 34 League games scoring twice and played in all 6 Scottish Cup games scoring on 4 occasions. Motherwell finished 8th out of 18 teams in League Division 1.

The following season 1958-59, was when he made his mark on the 'Well fans. He played in all 34 League games, scoring 10 goals, played in 5 out of 6 League Cup games scoring twice, Andy played in both Scottish Cup games scoring twice including one in the 7-2 victory over Airdrie on 31st January 1959. He also hit the net twice in the Lanarkshire Cup. The club played a few floodlight friendlies during the late 50's and on 20th October 1958 Andy scored two in a 7-0 friendly win over Leeds United and then on 10th November a single in the 2-1 victory over Swedish side Djurgardens. (As of 2019 a programme from the Leeds game is worth £150-200).

He scored a hat-trick on 18th April 1959 in a 5-0 win away to Queen of the South, Sammy Reid scored the other two.

His performances for the 'Well caught the attention of the Scotland International selectors and he was given his first full Scotland cap against West Germany on the 5th May 1959 at Hampden in front of an amazing crowd of 103,415. Scotland won 3-2 and Andy scored in the 7th minute to make it 2-0 to Scotland. Alongside him in that game were fellow 'Well teammates, Ian St John and Bert McCann both making their Scotland debuts.

In the 23rd minute Andy supplied the cross from a corner kick that allowed Graham Leggat of Fulham to score for Scotland to make it 3-1. The Scotland team was: Farm; Caldow, Leggat; Dave Mackay, Collins, Evans; St John, White, Duncan Mackay, Bert McCann and Andy.

Motherwell finished a credible 3rd in the league, 4 points behind runners-up Hearts and 6 behind Champions Rangers.

In season 1959-60 Andy played in 18 out of 34 league games, scoring 6 goals, he played in all 8 League Cup games and 2 out of 4 Scottish Cup games scoring once.

He played in a floodlit friendly v Flamengo of Brazil on 26th April 1960 when 'Well won 9-2, scorers were Willie Hunter (2), Ian St John (6) and Pat Quinn (1). In that Flamengo side that night was a player named Gerson de Oliveira Nunes who was later commonly known as Gerson and played in the brilliant Brazilian World Cup winning team of 1970.

He also played in two other friendly victories, on 30th March 1960 v Gothenburg of Sweden, 2-1 and on 13th April 1960 v Athletic Bilbao of Spain 3-2. The team finished in 5th place in League Division 1.

Andy played for the Scotland Under 23's in a 4-4 draw at Ibrox v England on 3rd March 1960 in front of 25,000. The team was; Blacklaw (Burnley), Mackay (Celtic), Riddell (St Mirren), Gabriel (Everton), Martis (Motherwell), Higgins (Hearts), Hunter (Motherwell), Cousins (Dundee), St John (Motherwell), Law (Huddersfield) & Andy.

He made the last of his 6 full appearances for Scotland away to Turkey on 8th June 1960 in a 4-2 defeat before 22,500 in the Ankara 19 Mayıs Stadium.

Season 1960-61 saw Andy play in 23 out of 34 League games, scoring 10 goals matching his highest goal tally whilst wearing claret & amber. He played in all 6 League cup games and 2 of 4 Scottish Cup games, scoring once.

In a game v Third Lanark on 18th February 1961 Andy was stretchered off after a head clash with an opponent, the seriousness of the injury became apparent when at one point it was disclosed that he had only 24 hours to live. He had cracked a bone in his head and contracted meningitis and lay in a

coma critically ill for several days. Many thought his playing days were over, with some even fearing he would die. The loss of Andy in and around Fir Park cast a huge cloud over the club. So much so that it was reported that Ian St John who was looking for a transfer put his request on hold until Andy recovered. After months in hospital he returned to Fir Park minus his hearing in one ear. That game on the 18th was his last until the home League game v Partick Thistle on the 23rd August 1961.

On 1st March 1961 'Well beat Rangers 5-2 at Ibrox in a Scottish Cup replay, after a 2-2 draw at Fir Park on the 25th Feb. Before the kick-off as the 'Well team went on to the park captain Willie McSeveney turned to his teammates and said "let's do this for Andy". Well they certainly did. Here is a quote from Willie about that night "I turned to the dug out to check how long was left and they told me that there were 5 minutes left. I turned to Bert McCann and let him know and he shouted back that he wished there were 5 hours as it was just one of those great nights!" Can you imagine what the score would've been had Andy been terrorising the Rangers defenders?

Season 1961-62 Andy only played in 13 of 34 League games, scoring 2 goals and played in 4 of 8 League Cup games.

In the 6 seasons between 1962-63 & 1967-68 he played in 95 League games, scoring 11 goals, and in 24 League Cup games and 11 Scottish Cup games scoring twice in the Scottish Cup.

He played his last full game for Motherwell during 1967-68 season on the 23rd September 1967 at home to Dunfermline in a 1-1. He was a substitute on 30th September 1967 away to Dundee in a 2-1 defeat.

He was forced to retire in January 1968 after a back injury added to the many others he had suffered.

Andy rarely lost his temper on the field but 'Well fans recall one hilarious incident at Ibrox when in a moment of rashness he clashed with Rangers Bobby Shearer. A quick left hook was out of character for Andy but it resulted in him being chased up the wing by an angry Shearer.

Unfortunately Andy died on the 11th May 1992, 10 days before his 55th birthday having suffered from ill health for many years after leaving Fir Park.

In 1992 Motherwell FC Vice-Presidents Club had a testimonial year culminating in a sportsman's dinner held in the Motherwell Civic Centre where a reportedly substantial cheque was given with much thanks to a club great and more importantly a thorough gentleman. Andy died within a week of this event.

He was part of a forward line that Ian St John described in his autobiography as "five little wizard boys all in a row", they were Sammy Reid, Pat Quinn, Andy Weir, Ian St John and Willie Hunter.

He was considered by his fellow Ancell Babe teammates as the pick of the bunch.

A hospitality box located within the South Stand at Fir Park is named the Andy Weir Suite in his honour.

Andy played in 285 games for Motherwell including League, League Cup and Scottish Cup whilst scoring at least 61 goals. Add Lanarkshire Cup and friendlies he appeared in claret & amber over 300 times.

This is only a brief summary of his career whilst wearing claret & amber but it can be clearly seen that he is one of the clubs legends and a classy footballer admired and respected by many who saw him. He will long be remembered as one of THE ANCELL BABES.

26th
November — *A. Paton* – the Manager reported that this player entered hospital for removal of cartilage. Letter of thanks from Secretary of Arthurlie Juniors for cheque for £200 received for the transfer of A. Weir to our club.

Confirmation of the transfer fee paid to Arthurlie for Andy

Andrew Weir, the outside left signed from Arthurlie about nine weeks ago, created some surprise by appearing at Fir Park last Saturday, just newly demobbed. He will be available immediately, as he was called up from his junior club when he signed for Motherwell.

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FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

On SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1957 - Kick-off 3 p.m.

First mention in a home programme v Aberdeen 14 Dec 1957

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George Rankin, in an attack against Raith Rovers. He scored the vital second goal which brought two points to Airdrie.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION 1

MOTHERWELL

versus

HIBERNIAN

FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

On THURSDAY, 2nd JANUARY, 1958

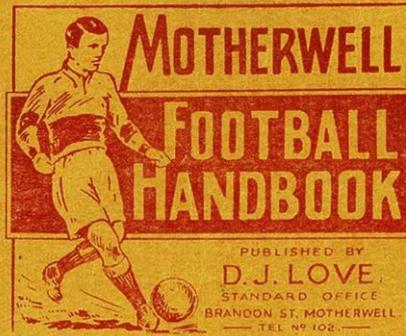
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Programme for his first goal, 'Well won 3-1

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McSeveney	...	34	Forrest	...	10
Weir (A.)	...	34	Gardiner	...	5
Aitken	...	33	Wylie	...	3
McCann	...	33	Strachan	...	3
Hunter	...	32	McCallum	...	3
Weir (H.)	...	31	Cowie	...	3
Quinn	...	31	Reid (W.)	...	2
Martis	...	30	Stewart	...	1
St. John	...	30	Stenhouse	...	1
Reid (S.)	...	27	Roberts	...	1
Brown	...	13	McPhee	...	1
Holton	...	13			

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MOTHERWELL

versus

CELTIC

FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

On SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1958 Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

Programme for the first time his name appears in a team line-up

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

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Linesmen—
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W. R. LEGGATT, Clydebank

<p>MOTHERWELL</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>WEIR, H.</p> <p>2 McSEVENEY</p> <p>3 HOLTON</p> <p>4 AITKEN</p> <p>5 MARTIS</p> <p>6 McCANN</p> <p>7 KERR</p> <p>8 QUINN</p> <p>9 GARDINER</p> <p>10 McPHEE</p> <p>11 WEIR, A.</p>	 <p>FINAL SCORE—</p> <p>MOTHERWELL</p> <p>CELTIC</p>	<p>CELTIC</p> <hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>BEATTIE</p> <p>2 DONNELLY</p> <p>3 FALLON</p> <p>4 SMITH</p> <p>5 EVANS</p> <p>6 PEACOCK</p> <p>7 COLLINS</p> <p>8 RYAN</p> <p>9 BYRNE</p> <p>10 WILSON</p> <p>11 MOCHAN</p>
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SCOTTISH CUP—SECOND ROUND

MOTHERWELL

versus

PARTICK THISTLE

FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

On SATURDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1958

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Programme for his first Scottish Cup game, ended 2-2, 'Well won the replay
4-0 on 19 Feb 1958, Andy scored 2

'WELL HONOURED!



Andy Weir

The fine football of the Fir Park side did not escape the notice of the Selectors, and never in the history of the club have so many players been honoured by their country as in season 1959-60. Most of the honours came to Ian St. John, Bert McCann and Andy Weir, and all three figured in the big 'national against England at Hampden. Ian added eight "caps" to his total and in addition played in the Under Twenty-three sides against Belgium, England and the Scottish 2nd Division. He also played for the Scottish League against Scotland.

Bert McCann was honoured on five occasions last season and probably would have added other three tour games to his

total had not his final Arts examination deprived him of the opportunity.

Andy Weir, too, has gained favour with the Selectors and played in all three tour games in addition to the matches against England and Poland. Andy also played in the Under Twenty-three team against Wales, England and Belgium.

The displays of young Willie Hunter in his tour games at the end of the season delighted those who saw them, and it could be that Willie will be well among the honours again in the new season. He played in the Under Twenty-three team against Wales, England, Belgium and the Scottish 2nd Division in addition to the tour matches.

Pat Quinn was honoured against the League of Ireland and the Irish League, and it could be that in the Selectors' quest for footballers, more honours will come Pat's way.

Competition is keen for the centre half position in Scotland, but John Martis' name has cropped up on several occasions, indicative of the fact that they know of John's ability. He was in the Under Twenty-three team against England, and more honours are almost sure to come.

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John Martis



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GREAT RECOVERY OF ANDY WEIR.



When Andy Weir was carried off on a stretcher after a head injury during the Third Lanark game at Cathkin, little did the fans know how serious would be the result. For Andy developed meningitis, and his life hung 'in the balance' for several weeks.

Gradually Andy improved and gained strength, and it is wonderful indeed to know that he is back almost to his old self again and "rarin' to go" in the new season. He had been doing some light training for some weeks (in addition to playing golf!), but has now received the "all clear" and is on full-time training.

Andy is a great favourite with team mates and spectators alike, and it is hoped that he will be back in his usual place on the left wing for Motherwell—and for Scotland—this season.

IMPORTANT DATES.

INTERNATIONALS.

Oct. 7—Ireland v. Scotland.
Nov. 8—Scotland v. Wales.
Apr. 14—Scotland v. England.

LEAGUE INTERNATIONALS.

Sept. 6—League of Ireland v. Scottish League.
Oct. 4—Scottish League v. Irish League.
Mar. 24—English League v. Scottish League.

UNDER TWENTY-THREE 'NATIONALS.

Dec. 6—Scotland v. Wales.
Feb. 28—Scotland v. England.

WORLD CUP.

Sept. 26—Scotland v. Czechoslovakia.

SCOTTISH CUP.

This season the Scottish Cup ties commence much earlier than usual, with a longer period between each round. Dates are as follows:—

First Round—December 9.
Second Round—January 27.
Third Round—February 17.
Fourth Round—March 10.
Semi-finals—March 31.
Final—April 21.

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The Fir Park lads have again been lifting the prizes at the various five-a-sides competitions. They defeated Rangers in the final at the Lanarkshire Police Sports, and again took first place at the Motherwell and Wishaw Burgh Police Sports, defeating Partick Thistle in the final after disposing of Celtic in the semi-final. They also won the "fives" at Falkirk. The team was R. McCallum, Ramsay, Quinn, Hunter and Roberts.



Pat Delaney missed the games in France in May—he was signing a life contract with an Irish colleen at the time. A few weeks later Alan Wyllie was married also—to an Edinburgh girl (that benefit would come in handy!). To both couples we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.



Andy Weir was gradually gaining his former form at the end of the season, having made a fine recovery from his illness the year previous. Misfortune befell him again, however, and he had an operation for the removal of a cartilage. He is back in training and making good progress, and his many admirers would like to see a fully fit Andy back in his old position on the left wing.



The transfer of stars to Italy gave some clubs a great financial boost. Manchester City showed a record profit of £42,838, due to Denis Law's transfer to Torino. Aston Villa, too, showed a big

profit, mainly by reason of the transfer of Gerry Hitchens to Inter-Milan at a fee of around £80,000. Their profit was £49,238. West Bromwich Albion, without such sizeable fees, made a profit of £4,628.



In Scotland the trend was a drop in gate receipts, and Celtic's profit of £9,071 was £1,394 down on the previous year. Exception was Hearts, whose policy of playing brighter football paid off at the turnstiles, if not on the field, for their gate drawings were up by more than £3,000 on 1960-61. The balance sheet shows a profit of over £4,000, which is a drop of £7,000 on the previous year. This was due to less revenue from transfer fees. Motherwell's balance of £28,507 19s 2d was, of course, mainly from the transfer of Ian St. John, for their gates dropped considerably from season 1960-61.



With no fixture on the last day of the season (they had played it off earlier on), Motherwell and Celtic played a challenge match for their under twenty-threes at Celtic Park. After a very good and entertaining game, the score stood at two goals apiece. A decision was made by a series of penalty kicks. Motherwell scored in four to Celtic's three and were awarded the prizes of travelling clocks.



Manager Ancell has a good capture in young Ramsay, a wing half, from North Motherwell Athletic, who has been train-

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It has been stated that last season there were 500,000 fans missing from Scottish football matches, and that in two years the total has dropped by 1,000,000. Main cause, of course, was the bad weather and the end of the season rush of fixtures. Surely a few Saturdays at the fire watch-the wrestling (preserve us!) didn't make them realise the comfort they were missing. Could be, of course, that with so many glamour games, the fans are getting a bit "choosy."



In the past few years Motherwell have built up a reputation as five-a-side specialists, and this year proved no exception. They repeated last year's success in the Lanarkshire Police Sports by winning without losing a goal. They won the annual competition at Musselburgh again and also took top prizes at the fives at the Press Charities tournament at Powderhall, Edinburgh—both in the same week. They finished by again winning the Falkirk tournament against a strong field. The successful team—R. McCallum, Roberts, McBride, Weir and Lindsay.



The jam-up of fixtures at the end of last season proved a big loss to Motherwell and other clubs financially. Good crowd-pulling games like those with Rangers, Celtic and Hearts were crushed in at the end of the season and had only a fraction of their usual attendance. A perusal of the fixture list shows that much the same thing could happen next

season. Rangers and Celtic are scheduled for successive Saturdays in December, and again in the last two games of the season, when most of the interest could be settled.



For the first season for quite some time, Motherwell did not play any games against foreign opposition. This was mentioned at the club A.G.M. and explained by the difficulty of arranging fixtures in an already crowded programme, and also the fact that when they might have been arranged, the team was not playing at its usual standard. It is to be hoped, however, that the new season may see Motherwell once again in opposition to some of the top Continental sides.



Andy Weir is now back to his best form again after his illness and injury troubles. After missing the first ten League games, the popular wee winger came back into the side and a slight knee knock caused him to miss his only game from then till the end of the season. It seemed, however, that he wasn't going to get that goal which would give him his full confidence back again—he hit the post several times and keepers would bring off great saves from his shots! However, against Clyde and Raith Rovers, right at the end of the season, he notched two singles—and we look forward to Andy being much higher up the goal-scoring list in the new season.

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HONOURS LIST.

CHARLIE AITKEN

League of Ireland, 1959 Irish League, 1959

JOHN MARTIS

Wales, 1961

BERT McCANN

England, 1955, 1956 (Amateur)
Wales, 1955, 1956 (Amateur)
Ireland, 1955 (Amateur)
Eire, 1955 (Amateur)
England, 1960, 1961 Germany, 1959
Wales, 1960 Ireland, 1960
English League, 1960, 1961
League of Ireland, 1960, 1961
Irish League, 1960, 1961

ANDREW WEIR

Germany, 1959 Austria, 1960
England, 1960 Hungary, 1960
Poland, 1960 Turkey, 1960
Irish League, 1961

WILLIAM HUNTER

Wales, 1961 Turkey, 1960
Hungary, 1960 Irish League, 1961
League of Ireland, 1959, 1961, 1962

WILLIAM MURDOCH

Wales, 1963 (Amateur)

Under Twenty-three "caps" are not listed above. Dates given are second half of the season.

Andy's Scotland Honours



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FRANK HAFHEY
(Celtic)

FRANK HAFHEY (*Celtic*)—Goalkeeper. 6 ft., 11 st. 6 lb. Comes in for George Niven (Rangers) who was forced to call off with a back strain. Signed from Maryhill Harp in 1958, and on being entrusted with the first-team berth this season, grabbed it as securely as he does the ball. Equally effective with high and low shots, and reveals commendable anticipation.

DUNCAN MacKAY (*Celtic*)—Right-back. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 1 lb. A natural footballer, who has taken a step forward more than once to occupy the right-half berth at Parkhead. Clears with authority and splendid judgment. No undertaking is too formidable for him, and no situation too demanding. He is ready and capable of accepting any field responsibility, and carrying through his task with enthusiasm and skill.

Honours—England 1959, 60; Germany 1959.

ERIC CALDOW (*Rangers*)—Left-back. Born Cumnock. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 5 lb. Was signed from Muirkirk Juniors in July, 1952. The Ayrshire lad was groomed in the Reserve team and when the chance came to step up, accepted it with conspicuous success. A restless, eager defender who uses the ball with foresight once he has cleared his perimeter of danger. Fast to the tackle and sure in the kick.

Honours—England 1957, 59, 60; Wales 1958, 59, 60; Ireland 1958, 59; English League 1957, 58, 59, 60; League of Ireland 1958, 59; Irish League 1958, 59; Spain 1957 (twice); Switzerland 1957, 58; Germany 1957, 59; Hungary 1958; Poland 1958; Paraguay 1958; Yugoslavia 1958; France 1958.



DUNCAN MacKAY
(Celtic)



ERIC CALDOW
(Rangers)



JOHN CUMMING
(Heart of Midlothian)

JOHN CUMMING (*Heart of Midlothian*)—Right-half. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. Has shown himself a man with the aura of an International. His generalship has meant much to Hearts in their bid to add the League Championship to the Scottish League Cup. And should they succeed in their mission Cumming's shrewdness and wealth of experience will be of inestimable value in next season's European Cup.

Honours—England 1955, 60; English League 1955, 60; Irish League 1955, 58, 60; League of Ireland 1960; Poland 1955; Yugoslavia 1955; Hungary 1955.

ROBERT EVANS (*Celtic*)—Centre-half. Scotland's captain. Born Glasgow. 5 ft. 6 in., 10 st. 10 lb. Sir John Stirling Maxwell School, Thornliebank Methodist, St. Anthony's, Celtic, 1944. One of the 1949 Wembley heroes. Got all the honours in 1949 and was never on the losing side. Has fully recovered from a back ailment which threatened to cut short his illustrious career. Gave one of the greatest exhibitions of his life for the Scottish League against the English League recently.

Honours—England 1949, 51, 54, 56, 58, 59, 60; Wales 1949, 50, 54, 56, 58, 60; Ireland 1949, 50, 52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60; English League 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60; Irish League 1949, 50, 51, 54, 56, 57, 58, 60; League of Ireland 1949, 50, 53, 56, 57, 58, 60; France 1950, 54; Switzerland 1950, 58; Portugal 1950, 55; Austria 1950, 55, 56; Sweden 1953; Norway 1954; Finland 1954; Yugoslavia 1955, 58; Hungary 1955, 58; South Africa 1956; Germany 1957; Spain 1957; Poland 1958; Paraguay 1958.

ROBERT McCANN (*Motherwell*)—Left-half. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. 7 lb. Born Dundee. Went to Motherwell in 1956 from Queen's Park. Was fielded in more than one position up front before settling into the left-half berth which he has made his own as an upshot of his free-flowing service and sureness in defence. An all-actioned, graceful middleman quick to read a situation and develop it to the benefit of his side.

Honours—Germany 1959; Ireland 1960; Wales 1960; England 1960; League of Ireland 1960; English League 1960.



BOBBY EVANS
(Celtic) who is Scotland's Captain



BERT McCANN
(Motherwell)

Player info inside Scotland v England programme

Eleven Who Tackle The Saxons To-day



IAN ST. JOHN
(Motherwell)



ANDREW WEIR
(Motherwell)

GRAHAM LEGGAT (*Fulham*)—Outside-right. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 7 lb. Born Aberdeen. From Banks o' Dee, Graham is an all-round sportsman, distinguishing himself in tennis, cricket and basketball. Has disclosed qualities that have worthily earned him his "caps." In normal circumstances, can, by his speed and skill, discomfit the most resourceful defence, while he has been a prolific marksman from the wing. Was transferred from Aberdeen to Fulham and has been fielded at outside-left in an emergency by his English club. A match-winner.

Honours—England 1956, 59, 60; Ireland 1958, 59, 60; Wales 1957, 59, 60; English League 1954, 58; Irish League 1955, 57, 58; Hungary 1958; Poland 1958; Yugoslavia 1958; Paraguay 1958; Germany 1958.

ALEC YOUNG (*Heart of Midlothian*)—Inside-right. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 7 lb. Arrived at Tynecastle in 1955 from Newtongrange Star as an inside-forward. A superb ball player who can be fielded in any forward position. It is safe to predict that many more honours await him. Led the Scotland attack against the Scottish League in the representative match at Ibrox on February 1.

Honours—England 1960; English League 1958.

IAN ST. JOHN (*Motherwell*)—Centre-forward. 5 ft. 7 in., 10 st. 4 lb. From Douglas Water Thistle to Fir Park in 1956. This dazzling young forward more than balances his deficiencies in inches by his adroitness and daring. Gave an impressive display against Germany at Hampden. Showed up well when leading the Scottish League against Scotland in the representative match at the Ibrox Stadium on February 1, even if he failed to find the net. An adept in exploiting the short, crisp pass to an advancing colleague, while his opportunism has produced several vital goals this season. Scored four goals against the Irish League at Ibrox on October 14.

Honours—Germany 1959; Ireland 1960; Wales 1960; England 1960; League of Ireland 1960; Irish League 1960; English League 1960.

DENIS LAW (*Manchester City*)—Inside-left. Was recently transferred from Huddersfield Town to Manchester City for a fee said to be £53,000. Scored both of Scotland's goals against the Scottish League under the Ibrox Stadium lights on Wednesday, February 1, and was then partnered by Andrew Weir. He gave an impeccable display of the forward arts. This restless, masterly inside-forward has the soccer greatness that excites much hope for the future of our International contests. Is acknowledged as one of the most effective inside-forwards in global football.

Honours—Wales 1959, 60; Ireland 1959, 60; England 1960.

ANDREW WEIR (*Motherwell*)—Outside-left. 5 ft. 6 in., 10 st. Born Paisley. Was discovered by Manager Bobby Ancell when with Arthurlie. Is a painter and has completed his National Service. Played for B.A.O.R. while in Germany. A fast-raiding, enterprising winger who can take a goal on his own.

Honours—Germany 1959; England 1960.



GRAHAM LEGGAT
(Fulham)



DENIS LAW
(Manchester City)



ALEC YOUNG
(Heart of Midlothian)

Player info inside Scotland v England programme



The Ancell Babes with Manager Ancell and Secretary John Hunter, with the youthful St. John behind old "Sally".

1957-58



1958-59 Season

*Back: McSeveney, Holton, MacFadyen, Gardiner, Brown, Cowie, Martis, Forrest, Aitken
 Middle: A.Weir, McCann, Campbell, Shaw, H.Weir, Stenhouse, McCallum, McPhee, St.John
 Front: Reid, Quinn, Hunter, Reid, Baker, Rea, Newman, Kerr*

1958-59

1961-62 Season

McCann, Weir, Quinn, Hunter, Thompson, Aitken, McPhee, McCallum, Thomson, Roberts, McCallum, McSeveney, Murray, Wylie, Delaney and Martis, are only sixteen of the above squad.

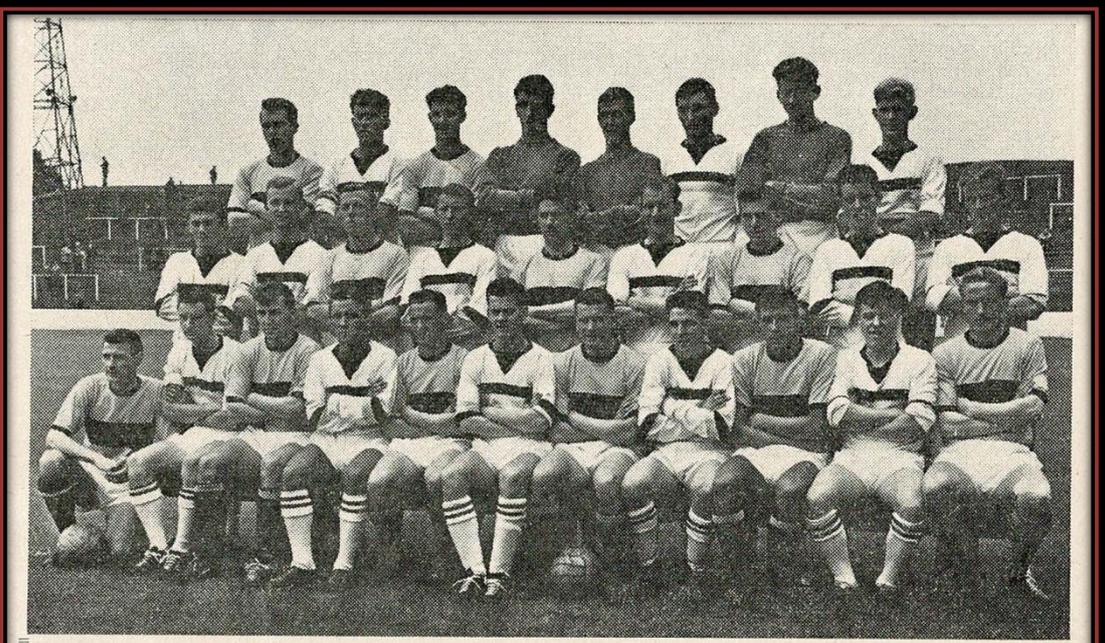


1961-62



1962-63 Season

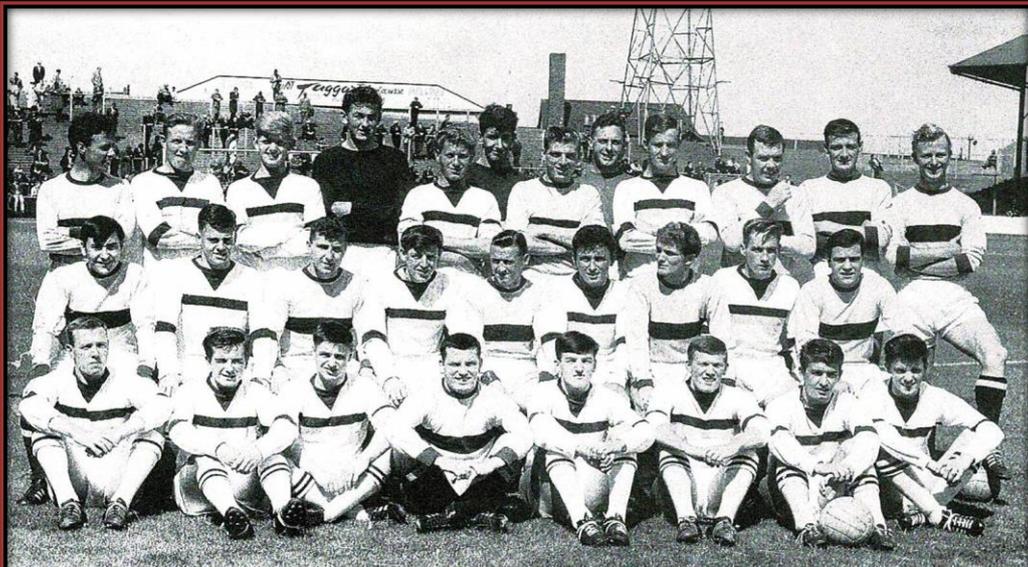
*Back: Aitken, McCallum, Delaney, Wylie, Martis, MaCann
Front: Lindsay, Quinn, Russell, Hunter, Roberts*



Motherwell on parade: Back row left to right: John Martis, Willie Wallace, Jim Lonie, Alan Wylie, Willie Murdoch, Ian Sim, Jim McCloy, David Hope. Middle: Ian Thomson, George Murray, Matt Thomson, Bobby Russell, Bert McCann, Willie McSeveney, Bobby McCallum, Billy McCallum, John Goodwin. Front: Pat Delaney, Ian Blair, George Lindsay, Jim Robertson, Andy Weir, Willie Gallacher, Joe McBride, Jim Seith, Bobby Roberts (now Leicester), Bobby Ramsey, Charlie Aitken. (M.P.I.)

1963-64





1964/65 and this squad included some new players such as Joe McBride, Hastie Weir, Dougie Hope, Peter McCloy, John Moore and Tommy Coakley. Willie Gallacher and Bobby Ramsey are added to the other familiar faces.

1964-65



This is a representative of the players selected by Bobby Ancell in his final season as manager. From left to right, back row: Bert McCann, Pat Delaney, Alan Wylie, Bobby McCallum, John Martis, George Murray. Front row: Tommy Coakley, George Lindsay, Joe McBride, Andy Weir, Willie Hunter, Craig Bailey. Ancell had a brief spell at Dundee as their manager but never again reached the level of success and acclaim he had enjoyed at Motherwell.

1964-65



Motherwell's playing personnel this season — (left to right) manager Bobby Howitt: Willie McCallum: Benny Cairney: John Martis: Peter McCloy: Bobby McCallum: Bobby Campbell: George Murray and trainer Tommy McKenzie. Seated in the front row are Angus Moffat: John "Dixie" Deans: captain Matt Thomson: Willie Hunter and Andy Weir.

1966-67 Fir Park Club Brochure October 1966

Joe Wark Testimonial game 3 August 1978 v West Bromwich Albion



**Andy Weir, Matt Thomson, Andy Paton, Hastie Weir, John Martis, W
McSeveney, W McCallum, Front, John McPhee, Joe McBride, Ian St John, Joe
Wark, Billy Campbell, Billy Reid,**





1963-64 Season

*Back : Aitken, McCloy,
McCallum, McBride,
Delaney (with cup),
M. Thomson, Martis,
Murray*

*Front : I. Thomson,
Hunter, Weir*

Scottish Summer Cup Winners



Motherwell's dynamic outside-left whose career was unfortunately shortened by injury.



Andy Weir
Motherwell Football Club



Hunter, Weir, Martis and St. John—Scotland v England under 23s. The score was 4–4, Ian St. John scored one and Denis Law scored three and Jimmy Greaves scored all four for England, the game was played at Ibrox.

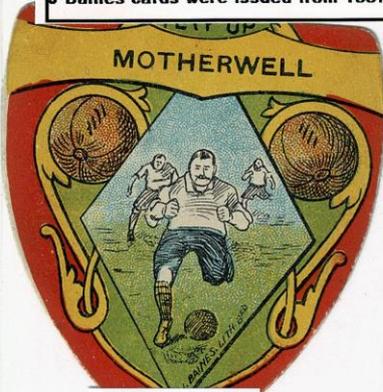
**MFC legends together for Scotland Under 23's v England on 3rd March 1960
in front of 25,000.**



George Lindsay, Andy, Bobby McCallum, Willie Hunter, Jimmy Robertson.

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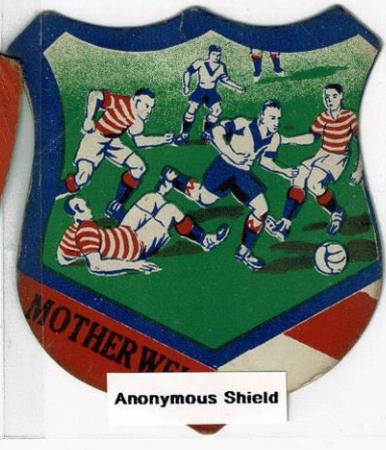
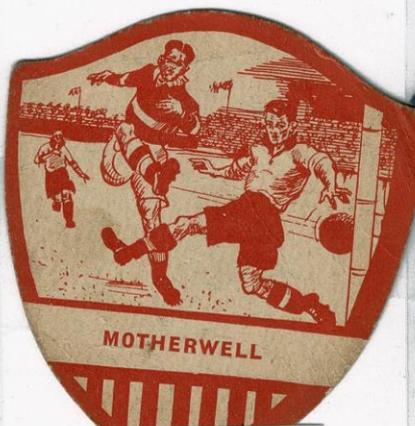
J. Baines c.1922



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City Bakeries c.1940



Anonymous Shield



Manse Road, Motherwell.

Manse Road and the Fir Park Ice Café on the left c.1932



BRANDON STREET, MOTHERWELL

Looking down Brandon Street towards Motherwell Cross



Looking up Brandon Street past Royal Hotel towards Odeon Cinema

