# ROBERT 'BOBBY' MCCALLUM (FULL BACK) MOTHERWELL FC 1957/58 – 1967/68

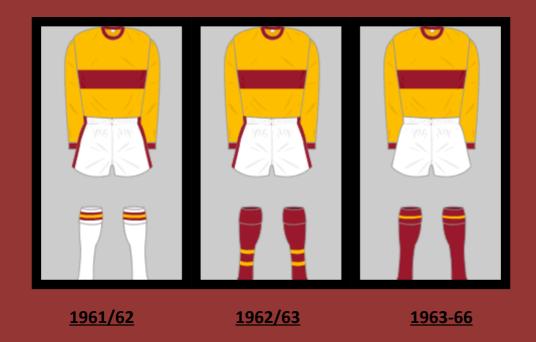




#### **MOTHERWELL KITS WORN BY BOBBY**



<u>1960-62</u>









**A & BC GUM CARD 1968** 

Bobby was a Motherwell born lad whose career started with Boys Brigade football then works football where he played for Motherwell Bridge Works. He attracted the attention of Bellshill Athletic but only played a few games for them before Mr Bobby Ancell signed him in 1958 and according to the 1958/59 club hand book he was 5' 9" and 11st when he arrived at Fir Park. By

this time he had already been capped by the Scottish Association of Boys Clubs.

He made his debut on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1959 away to Celtic in a 3-3 draw, Quinn (2) & St John were 'Well scorers that day. His first game at Fir Park was 5<sup>th</sup> September 1959 v Airdrie in a 4-1 'Well win, again Quinn (3) & St John were the scorers. His first goal was in a 2-1 home win v Stirling Albion on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1959. Guess who scored the other 'Well goal? Yes, Ian St John.

Bizarrely it wasn't until the 27<sup>th</sup> January 1962 v St Johnstone in a Scottish Cup tie that his name appeared in a Motherwell lineup in the home matchday programme!

In 1962/63 he was named Motherwell Supporters Clubs 'Player Of The Year' pipping keeper Alan Wyllie. At a ceremony attended by former winners, Charlie Aitken, Andy Paton & Bert McCann he was given a trophy and a gold watch by the Association.

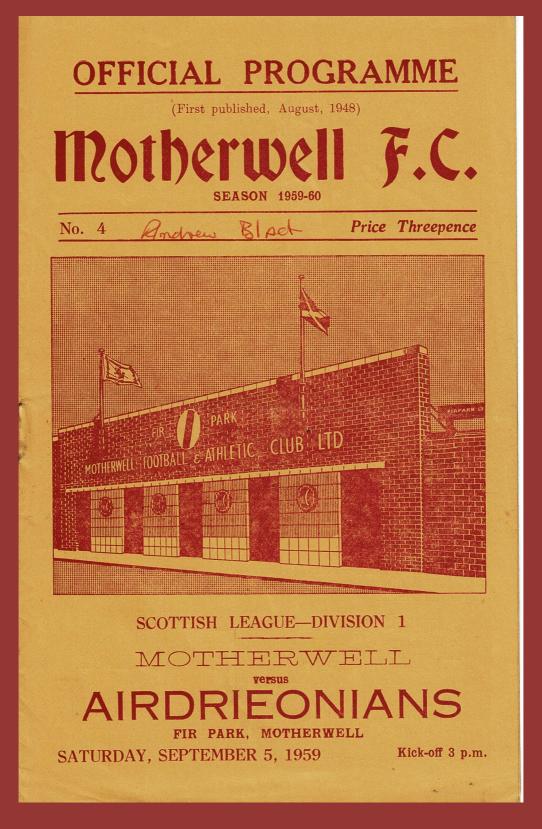
He played in 4 Summer Cup games at the end of Season 1963/64 wearing number 3. Games against Kilmarnock (a) on 2 May 1964 drew 2-2 (Lindsay & King og), Airdrie (h) on 6 May lost 2-1 (McBride), Queen of the South (h) on 9 May won 2-0 (McBride 2), Kilmarnock (h) on 13 May lost 4-1 (Weir pen) and Airdrie (a) on 16 May won 2-1 (Coakley, Carlyle).

He also played in the 1963/64 Lanarkshire Cup Final in a 3-0 loss to Airdrie. 'Well team was; Wylie, Delaney, R. McCallum, W. McCallum, Murray, Blair, Russell, Thomson, McBride, Gallacher.

Bobbys final game in claret & amber would appear to have been on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1967 v Dunfermline at Fir Park in a 1-1 draw.

Bobby played in approximately 225 games and scored 14 goals in his 9 years at Fir Park. His only Scotland representative honour was in a Scottish League v League of Ireland 6-0 win at Celtic Park on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1966. In the same Scotland side was Motherwell keeper Peter McCloy and ex-'Well centre forward Joe McBride.

This is only a brief summary of his career whilst wearing claret & amber but he'll long be remembered as a member of THE ANCELL BABES.



PROGRAMME FOR BOBBY'S SENIOR DEBUT IN A HOME GAME

## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

(First published, August, 1948)

## Motherwell F.C.

**SEASON 1959-60** 

No. 9

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

MOTHERWELL

versus

## STIRLING ALBION

FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1959

Kick-off 3 p.m.

PROGRAMME FOR BOBBY'S FIRST GOAL AT FIR PARK

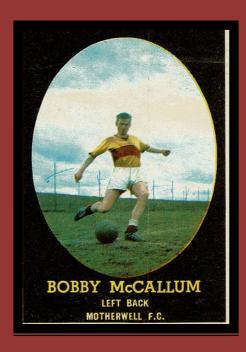
#### 'WELL'S LATEST RECRUIT.



Robert McCallum

Motherwell's latest recruit, Bobby McCallum, full back from Bellshill Athletic, is no stranger at Fir Park, where he has played with the up-and-coming youngsters who have the privilege of disporting themselves on the Fir Park turf of an evening. He migrated from B.B. football to works football, where he played for the Motherwell Bridge Works side. He attracted the attention of Bellshill Athletic, but only played a few games for them when Manager Ancell booked him for the 'Well. Born in Motherwell, he stands 5 ft. 9 ins, and scales 11 stones. Bobby has already won honours and was capped by the Scottish Association of Boys' Clubs.

#### MFC CLUB HANDBOOK 1958-59



**A & BC GUM CARD 1963** 

#### "PLAYER OF THE YEAR."



Bobby McCallum

The Association of Motherwell Football Supporters' Clubs chose Bobby McCallum as "The Player of the Year" for 1962-63. This was a popular choice, for Bobby is the most improved player on the club's books—though he just pipped 'keeper Alan Wyllie for the honour. Bobby was presented with the trophy at the annual function of the Association, and former holders in Charlie Aitken, Andy Paton and Bobby Roberts were also present. In addition to the trophy, he was presented with a gold wristlet watch by the Association.

A Motherwell laddie, Bobby played in the local schools' and B.B. teams, and was with Bellshill Athletic when Manager

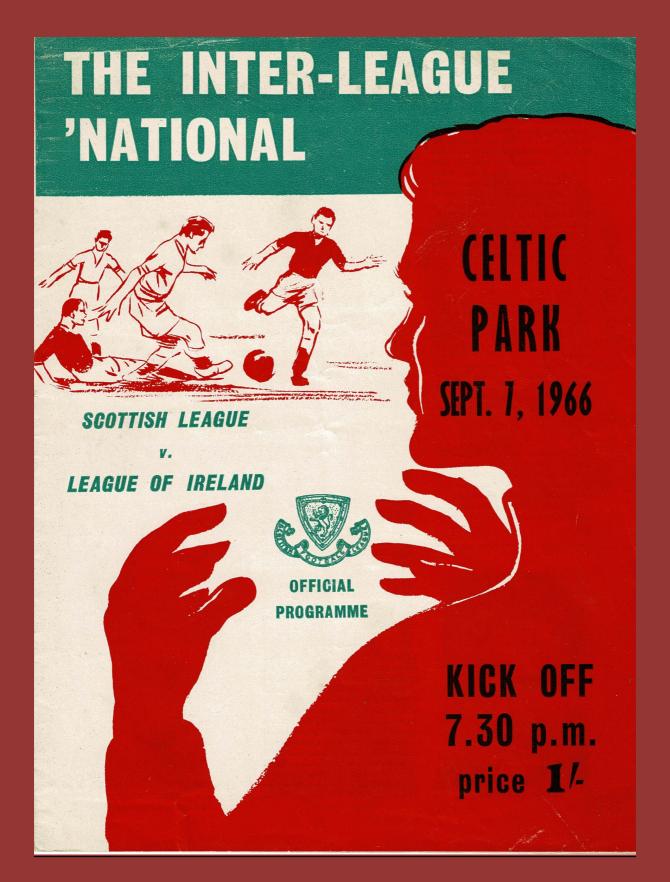
#### MFC CLUB HANDBOOK 1963-64 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Ancell signed him as a full back in 1958. During his first few seasons he was fielded at full back, half back and in the forward line, mostly with the Reserves, though he did have a few games in the first team.

He became a full-timer last season, was fielded in his favourite position at left back, and has improved with every game. Only an injury late on in the season spoiled his ever-present record. Listed as the "star man" on several occasions, he has been tipped as a future internationalist. A cultured player, he prefers using the ball intelligently to the "big boot" upfield.

#### 'WELL'S LEAGUE RECORD.

		H	A
Aberdeen,	 	0-2	1-1
Airdrieonians,	 	30	4-1
Celtic,	 	0-2	0-6
Clyde,		6-2	3-2
Dundee,		2-1	2-2
Dundee United.		0-0	1-2
Dunfermline Athle		0-0	3-4
Falkirk,		4-1	2-3
Hearts,		1-3	1-2
Hibernian,		2-2	0-1
Kilmarnock,		21	1-7
Partick Thistle,		1-1	0-2
Queen of the Sout		1-2	20
Raith Rovers,		5—1	5-2
Rangers,		1-1	1-1
St. Mirren,		1-1	0-2
Third Lanark,		3-3	2-2



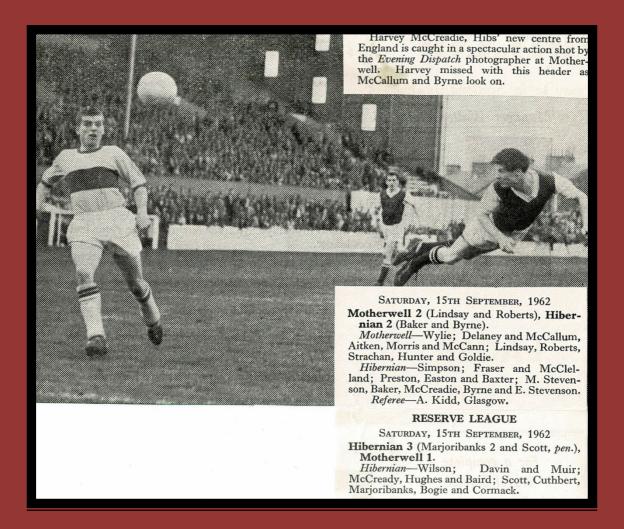
PROGRAMME FOR BOBBYS REPRESENTATIVE APPEARANCE



#### **SCOTTISH LEAGUE V LEAGUE OF IRELAND**



GEORGE LINDSAY, ANDY WEIR, BOBBY (in goal?) WILLIE HUNTER, JIMMY
ROBERTSON



**BOBBY IN ACTION v HIBS 15 SEPTEMBER 1962** 



**BOBBY IN CLARET & AMBER** 

(judging by the kit this is between 1960-62)

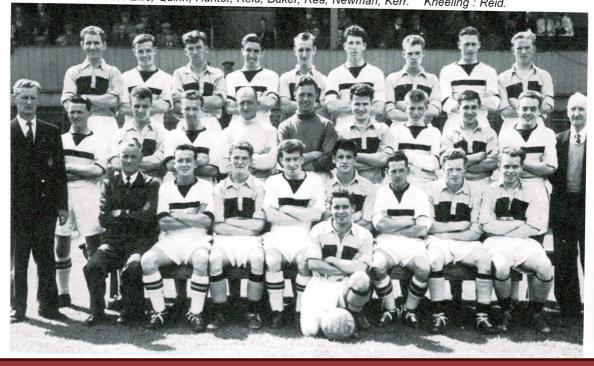


#### **MOTHERWELL SQUAD FOR SEASON 1957-58**

#### 1957-58 Season:

Back: McSeveney, Holton, McFadyen, Gardiner, Brown, Cowie, Martis, Forrest, Aitken.

Middle: B Ancell, A Weir, McCann, Campbell, Shaw, H Weir, Stenhouse, McCallum, McPhee, St John, J Hunter. Front : Ellis, Quinn, Hunter, Reid, Baker, Rea, Newman, Kerr. Kneeling : Reid.



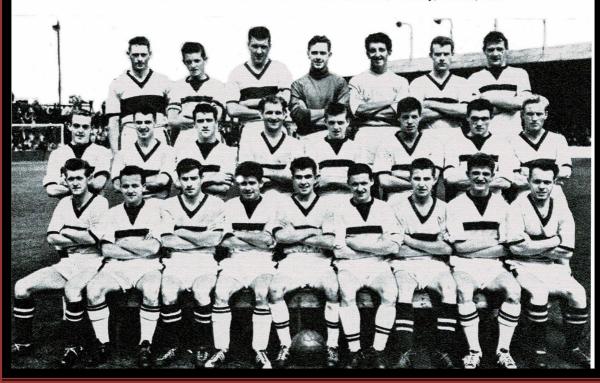


#### 1958-59 Season

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#### 1959-60 Season

Back: Forest, McCallum, Cattenach, H.Weir, Wylie, Martis, Delaney Middle: St.John, McCann, Stewart, McSeveney, McCallum, Roberts, Martin, Aitken Front: Young, Quinn, W.Reid, S.Reid, Stevenson, A.Weir, Lindsay, Hunter, Kerr





**MOTHERWELL SQUAD 1960'S** 



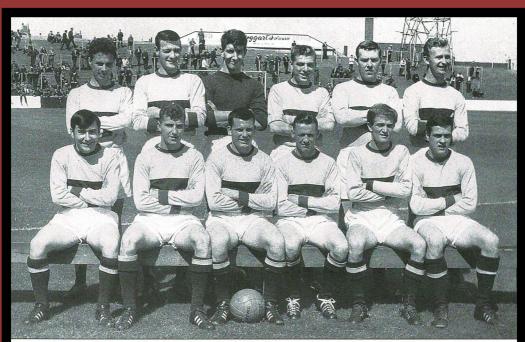
**BOBBY IN ACTION 1964 A & BC GUM CARD** 

(surname incorrectly spelt on card)



964/65 and this squad included some new players such as Joe McBride, Hastie Weir, Dougi Iope, Peter McCloy, John Moore and Tommy Coakley. Willie Gallacher and Bobby Ramse re added to the other familiar faces.

#### **MOTHERWELL SQUAD SEASON 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, Johr 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 nevels are reached the level of success and acclaim he had enjoyed at Motherwell.

#### SOME OF THE PLAYERS WHO PLAYED IN BOBBY ANCELL'S FINAL SEASON AS **'WELL MANAGER**

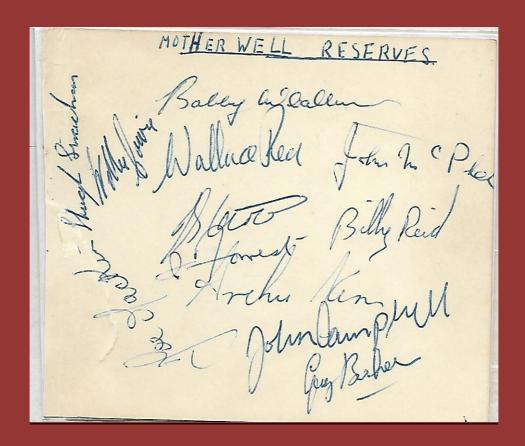


Motherwell (1965) Back row (left to right) Matt Thomson, Bobby McCallum, Alan Wyllie, Pat Delaney, John Martis, and Willie McCallum. Seated (left to right) Tommy Coakley, George Murray, Ioe McBride, Willie Hunter and George Lindsay.

**MOTHERWELL c. 1965** 

MOTHER WELL E.C. Bolly West Wiffunds Bein ba pin Robots Helan Wyllie Bassyh ballen Par Jalan Matt Thomas fee Lindson. Marts with Best Wisher Wotherall E.C. 1963-64

**AUTOGRAPHS 1963-64** 





**Looking up Brandon Street from Motherwell Cross** 



**Brandon Street with the Royal Hotel on the left** 



Manse Road with the Fir Park Ice Café c.1932



1963-64 Season

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

Front : I. Thomson, Hunter, Weir

TRIUMPHANT WINNERS OF SCOTTISH SUMMER CUP 1964-65 (not 1963-64)



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