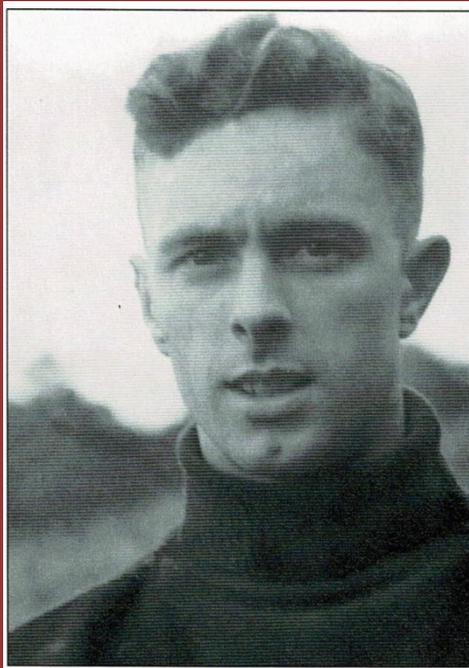


HASTIE WEIR (GOAL KEEPER)

MOTHERWELL FC 1954/55 – 1964/65



Hastie Weir



MOTHERWELL KIT 1954 - 1957

During his 4 years with 'The Spiders' of Queens Park, where he replaced Ronnie Simpson as keeper, Hastie won 4 Scotland caps as an amateur. He arrived at Fir Park on 4th August 1954 having been signed by the legendary manager George Stevenson as a replacement for long serving John Johnston and to fight for a place alongside ex-Forth Wanderers James (Jimmy) McIntyre who had been at Fir park since 1953.

Hastie was born on 24th October 1930 in Whitburn and when joining Motherwell he was listed in the club handbook as being 5' 11" and weighing 11 ½ stone.

Ten days after arriving at Fir Park on 14th August 1954 he made his debut away to St Mirren in the first game in the League Cup Division 'A' section. The game finished 4-4 with Motherwell scorers being Jackie Hunter, Willie Redpath and a double by Wilson Humphries.

By the 23rd October 1954 Motherwell reached the League Cup Final at Hampden against Hearts, unfortunately not the outcome that Hastie or the 'Well fans wanted, Hearts won 4-2 with Willie Redpath and Alex Bain scoring for 'Well. Motherwell team; Weir, Kilmarnock, McSeveney; Cox, Paton, Redpath; Hunter, Aitken, Bain, Humphries, Archibald Williams.

In November 1954 he injured his hand in saving a Willie Ormond shot playing Hibs at Easter Road, the injury wasn't diagnosed immediately (broken carpals bone) and after a period of physiotherapy which is said to have made the injury worse he was ruled out till April '55 by which time the threat of relegation was hanging over the team. It wasn't a great first season for Hastie as the team struggled in Division 'A', only winning 9 games and conceding 62 goals to finish on 22 points and second bottom of a 16 team league, 16 points above a poor Stirling Albion. Thankfully on 17 June 1955 the Scottish League voted to reconstruct the league by increasing the number of teams to 18 with Airdrie and Dunfermline moving up, so relegation was avoided.

He played from the start of the season up to and including a 2-2 draw at home to Celtic on 22nd November, thereafter his place was taken by Jimmy McIntyre for the remainder of the season with the exception of an away 4-1 defeat to Aberdeen on 8th January 1955. During that first season Hastie

played in 12 league games, 10 League Cup game & the 3 Scottish Cup away to Forres Mechanics 4-3, Third Lanark 3-1 then a 4-1 loss to Airdrie in front of 25,000.

In season 1955-56 he played in all 34 league games, 9 of 11 League Cup games and a solitary Scottish Cup 1-0 home loss to his old club Queens Park. In 1956-57 again he played in all 34 league games, 6 of 6 league Cup games and 2 Scottish Cup games. During that season he lost 7 goals in two away games, against Hearts 7-1 on 17th December 1954 and Hibs 7-0 on 28th January 1955. Supposedly after the Hibs game Bobby Ancell locked the team in the dressing room and individually tongue-lashed each player, with the verbal onslaught unrepeatabe. Hastie regularly played until February 1962.

Incredibly Hastie never played as full-time member of the squad and aged 31 his employers asked him to take up an engineering appointment in Ranchi, India. After 2 years in India he returned to Scotland in March 1964 and as he had been on the retained list at Fir Park he began training regularly again with the club. He never regained the keeper spot and was signed by Partick Thistle later in 1964 where he played only twice.

By the end of his Fir Park career in season 1964-65 he had made 193 appearances for Motherwell.

In the 1980's it was reported that whilst working in Bangkok he suffered severe injuries after an explosion which required several skin grafts.

Hastie died in 1999.

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HAMPDEN PARK
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 23rd, 1954

1954 League Cup Final Programme

HEARTS

WILLIAM DUFF—Goalkeeper. 5 ft. 11 in., 12 st. 6 lb. Turned from half-back to goal when Juvenile Slatford Athletic goalkeeper failed to turn up one day. From there to Easthouses Lily and then Hearts in 1932. A dependable keeper who has developed a good understanding with his back.

ROBERT PARKER—Right back. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 3 lb. Formerly with Partick Thistle and was involved in the transfer deal when James Walker left Tynecastle for Firhill in 1947. Has revealed the qualities demanded of a team captain.

JOHN ADIE—Left back. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 6 lb. Was signed from Windygates in 1947. A strong, resolute tackler, who kicks with judgment and intelligence.

DAVID MACKAY—Right-half. 5 ft. 7 in., 10 st. 11 lb. Signed from Hutchison Vale in 1933, he quickly developed into one of the most artistic and thoughtful middlemen in the country. Like all natural footballers, was ready to alter his original position of left-half to the other end of the line without his brilliance being dimmed. His low, measured passes to his colleagues immediately in front and the exploitation of the cross-field pass stamp him as a young man with a particularly bright future.

FRED GLIDDEN—Centre-half. 5 ft. 10 in., 11 st. 3 lb. Became a Tynecastle player in 1946 when he was found with Newtongrange Star. Has shown commendable consistency in the pivotal berth this season. Cool and commanding in an emergency and spreads the play with knowledge and sagacity.

JOHN CUMMING—Left-half. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. 11 lb. From Carlisle Rovers. Can create an opportunity which, if he doesn't exploit himself, generally sees that his colleagues get the chance to do so. Was signed as an inside-left, appeared on several occasions at outside-left, but has now settled down at left-half.

JAMES SOUNESS—Outside right. Was a Hibernian player before going to Tynecastle. A cautious alert winger who can exploit a goal-scoring opening. Is a Scottish International cricketer.

ALFIE CONN—Inside-right. 5 ft. 7 in., 10 st. Was a centre-half at school, but has developed as a clever inside forward. Was honoured in 1949 by the Scottish League for whom he took part in a narrow victory against the Irish League at Belfast. A Prestonspar boy.

WILLIAM BAULD—Centre-forward. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. Signed from Musselburgh in 1946. On taking over at centre-forward he soon proved himself one of the most efficient centre-forwards in the country. Scored a hat-trick against the Irish League at Ibrox five seasons ago and also "capped" against England at Hampden. Played against the Irish League in 1950 and 1952 and the English League in 1946.

JAMES WARDHAUGH—Inside-left. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 6 lb. Born near Berwick-on-Tweed. Has had honours when a schoolboy. Holds the ball to advantage and gives a nice low pass. Was inside-left against Eire League at Parkhead in 1951 and against the Irish League in 1952 and this season.

JOHN URQUHART—Outside-left. 5 ft. 7 in., 11 st. 8 lb. Went to Tynecastle from Kirkcaldy O.E. as an inside-left in 1944. Strong and adventurous. Can cut in and take a goal on his own. Partnered Wardhaugh in the Irish League game at Windsor Park, Belfast, last month.

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HEARTS

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		DUFF			
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MACKAY 4		GLIDDEN 5		CUMMING 6	
SOUNESS 7	CONN 8	BAULD 9	WARDHAUGH 10	URQUHART 11	
Referee—Jack Mowat, Burnside			Linesmen—J. Rutherford, Glasgow D. Kyle, Glasgow		
WILLIAMS 11	HUMPHRIES 10	BAIN 9	AITKEN 8	HUNTER 7	
REDPATH 6 (PEN)		PATON 5		COX 4	
SHAW or McSEVENEY 3		KILMARNOCK 2			
		WEIR 1			

MOTHERWELL 2

MOTHERWELL

HASTIE WEIR—Goalkeeper. 5 ft. 11 in., 11 st. 7 lb. Turned professional from Queen's Park during the close season. An agile, safe-clutching keeper who worthily earned Amateur representative honours. A Glasgow lad.

WILLIAM KILMARNOCK—Right back. Born Irvine, 5 ft. 7 in., 10 st. 7 lb. War-time honour against England at Wembley, 1944. Graduated from Boys' Brigade football to Irvine Meadow noted Ayrshire Junior combine. Played against Eire League at Ibrox, 1948-49. Scored equalising goal against East Fife in the semi-final.

ARCHIE SHAW—Left back. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. 8 lb. Played against the Irish League in Belfast, 1948-49 after having to withdraw from the League side against the Eire League. Strong, powerful kicking defender.

W. McSEVENEY—Left-back. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. A product of Wishaw Juniors he joined Dumbarton Athletic in 1948 and was transferred to Motherwell in March this year. Willie is a versatile player and can play in any position.

CHARLES COX—Right-half. 5 ft. 9 in., 10 st. Transferred along with Tommy Sloan from Hearts in 1951. Learned the rudiments as a Dumbarton Academy boy and captained their team that won the League Shield. Graduated to the Junior Yorker Athletic and after a season with them joined Hearts in 1944. A good all-round athlete. Plays tennis and cricket and swims a bit.

ANDREW PATON—Centre-half. Born Dredhorn. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. Son of a once famous St. Mirren forward. Took the Fir Park ticket in 1942 from Kello Rovers. Scotland's pivot in Victory Internationals against Wales and Ireland.

WILLIAM REDPATH—Left-half. Born Stoneycroft. 5 ft. 8 in., 11 st. Out of the renowned Falkemmet Junior side, he went to Fir Park as an inside forward, season 1944-46. Now recognised as one of Scotland's cleverest half-backs. His honours—England 1951, 1952, Wales 1949, Ireland 1949, 1952, English League 1948 and 1951 and Irish League 1949, 1950 and 1951. Austria, France, Denmark, Belgium 1951.

JOHN HUNTER—Outside right. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 6 lb. Fast and alive to an opening a less nimble-minded forward would let slip. Was signed from Tranent Juniors in 1948.

CHARLES AITKEN—Inside-right. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. 10 lb. Was secured from Armliston Rangers in 1949 and has won his first team place by his intelligent plying and enthusiasm. Effective in getting to the ball in the air.

ALIC BAIN—Centre-forward. 5 ft. 9 in., 11 st. Was signed by Manager George Stevenson from Armliston Rangers this year. Eighteen years of age and Edinburgh born, he is now living and working in Motherwell as a house-painter. Made his first team debut against Queen of the South at Fir Park on September 18 and scored one of Motherwell's two goals. In his first Reserve game for them, he netted seven goals. Got winning goal against East Fife in the semi-final.

WILSON HUMPHRIES—Inside-left. 5 ft. 10 in., 12 st. A real Motherwell lad, being born in the town. Wilson has, by his enthusiasm and courage, shown himself worthy of the faith reposed in him by the Lanarkshire club. Strong on the run and knows how to finish. Was originally at outside-right.

ARCHIE WILLIAMS—Outside-left. 5 ft. 8 in., 10 st. Was taken from Hearts in 1952 and has given many impressive displays when taking over from the elusive, nimble-footed Johnny Aitkenhead.

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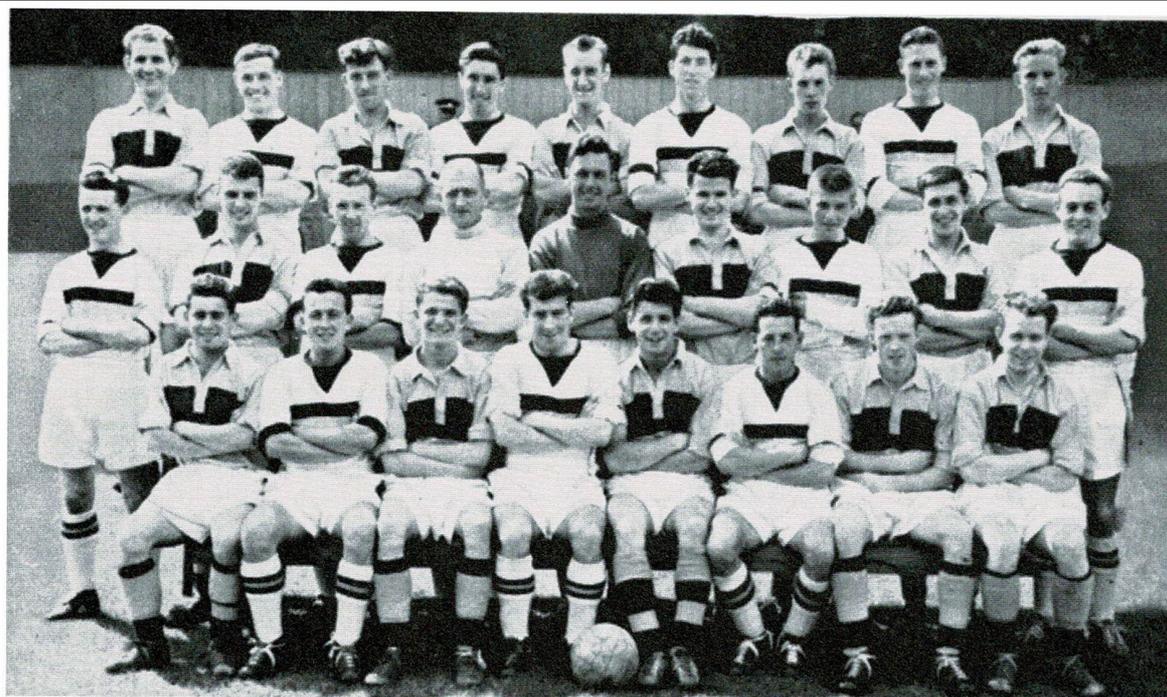
1956-57 Season

*Back row : Gilchrist, Holton, H Weir, Aitken, Cowie, Forrest.
Front row : Hunter, McCann, Gardiner, McPhee, S Reid.*

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.*





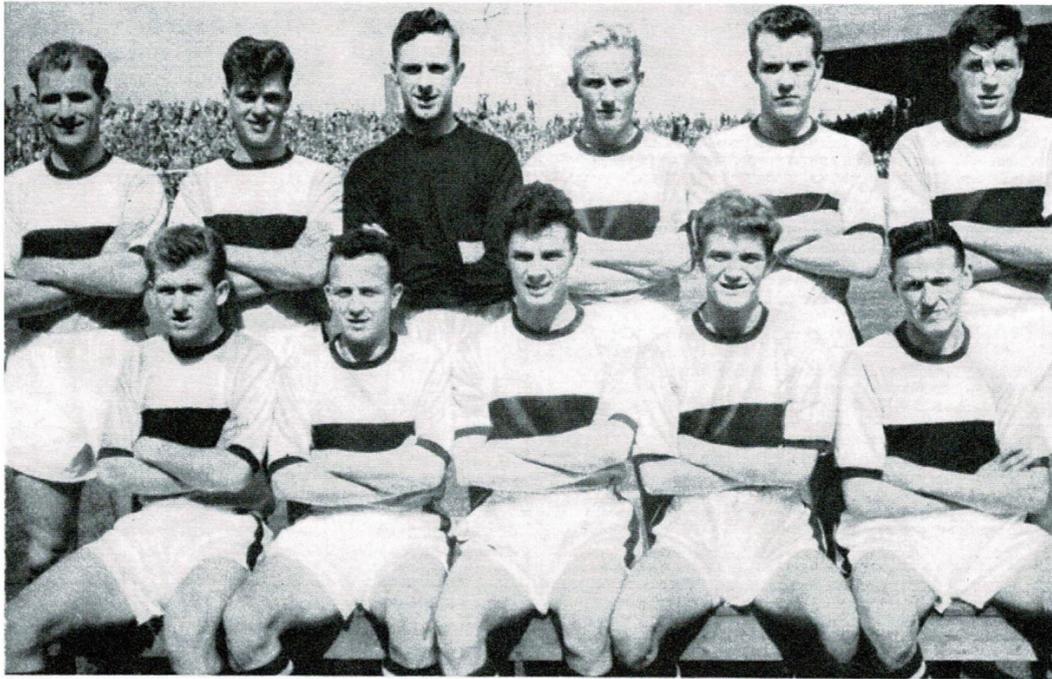
1958-59 Season

*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*

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*





1960-61 Season

*Back: McSeveney, Strachan, H.Weir, Aitken, Martis, Roberts
Front: Young, Quinn, McCann, Hunter, A.Weir*

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.*



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No. 20 H. WEIR, Motherwell F.C.

PERSONALITY PLAYER.



The outstanding newcomer to Fir Park this season is undoubtedly Hastie Weir, whose pleasing personality has already made him a popular favourite with his new colleagues. The signing by Well of the ex-Amateur Q.P. International player caused not a little commotion among leading clubs both in England and in Scotland. At one time it looked as if Hastie would settle for Tynecastle, Motherwell won the day, however, and Manager George Stevenson was able to pack his grip for breezy Blackpool and enjoy a well-earned holiday in the full knowledge that he had reversed the old nursery legend by inducing the "Spider" to enter the Fir Park "parlour."

Hastie is a native of Whitburn—where Motherwell got another well-known and very popular soccer personality in the late

Dr Tom Gilchrist—and started his football career with Shottskirk Youth Club, migrating later to Holytown United and Baillieston before joining Queen's Park. During his five years at Hampden he has made splendid progress and on four recent occasions has been honoured with Amateur "caps"—against England, 1952 1954; Ireland, 1954; Wales, 1954.

Well's new keeper makes the fourth Q.P. player to find his way to Fir Park—the other "Spiders" being John Bonomy, Hutton Bremner and Johnny Aitkenhead.

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"A" AND "B" FINANCE COMPARED.

The comparable figures in Division A and B, as revealed in the club's balance sheet are somewhat illuminating. On the income side, "seasons" brought in £2,219 19s 1d in 1953 as against £1,916 19s 7d for 1954; stand drawings, £1,499 17s 6d as against £886 0s 1d; home gates, £19,953 1s 13d, compared to £15,335 8s 6d; away gates, £22,502 2s 5d as against £12,664 16s 11d.

On the expenditure side, players' wages, bonuses and expenses were £19,876 11s 5d in 1953, while the outlay for 1954 amounted to £15,662 15s 5d; uniform, boots, balls, etc., cost £2839 18s 1d as against £178 9s 4d for the past season. The total assets of the club now stand at £39,429 1s 9d, as against £39,048 18s 7d for the previous year.

THE NEW SEASON.

The opening of the new season has been eagerly awaited by the home faithful, who so loyally stood by the club last season in their heroic fight for re-entry into the higher grade. The directors of the club, highly appreciative of that fine gesture, are preparing the erection of a covered enclosure capable of accommodating 8,000 to 10,000 spectators, while a tea bar will be in full operation for the opening of the season. The ground has also been tidied and more floodlighting for evening training has been introduced.

The playing strength was also added to near the close of last season in the signing of several very promising young players. For the opening of the new season, however, the booking of Q.P. star

Hastie Weir and a trio of clever youngsters in centre half W. Mason (Linlithgow Rose), outside right Alex. Harper (Douglas Water Thistle) and centre forward Alex. Bain (Cockenzie Star) has been hailed with considerable enthusiasm. To date 'Well's playing strength stands at 23—including outside forward Robert Hunter, now on national service.

With this fine blending of experienced campaigners and up and coming youngsters, the new season opens under excellent all round conditions—reflected in the increased and very gratifying demand for "seasons." The ball is set a-rolling on August 14, when Paisley is visited under League Cup auspices. The "buddies" will be anxious to atone for that last season's Scottish Cup defeat and a real pipe opener should be staged. The first home game is also of the bright and breezy variety, when Kilmarnock are due at Fir Park four days later (Wednesday, 18th August).

The "wee team" have first lease of the home pitch, when they open their Division C Scottish League programme with Kilmarnock. This should give home fans an indication of the playing abilities of the bevy of new recruits to don the claret and amber colours for the first time. So it's on the with the game—the game's the thing!

RESERVE DOINGS.

The Reserve side, while not living up to early expectations, had a fairly good season. They finished mid-way in Division "C" (S.W. Section) League table, scoring 26 points—two less than the previous year's total—while in the 2nd XI Cup competition they started off in great style by

MOTHERWELL'S SIGNED PLAYERS.

Season 1954-55.

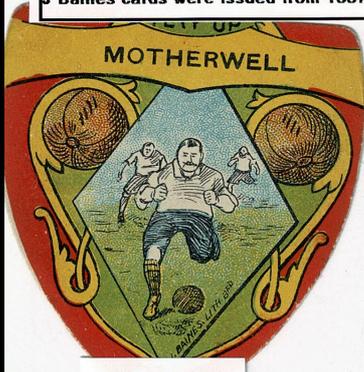
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Goalkeeper	JOHN JOHNSTON	Bo'ness	5ft 9½in	12st	1941	Armadale This.
Goalkeeper	JAMES MCINTYRE	Motherwell	5ft 9in	12st	1953	Forth Wanderers
Goalkeeper	HASTIE WEIR	Whitburn	5ft 11in	11½st	1954	Queen's Park
Right Back	WM. KILMARNOCK	Irvine	5ft 7½in	10st 7lbs	1939	Irvine Meadow
Left Back	ARCH. SHAW	Wishaw	5ft 8½in	11½st	1942	Wishaw Juniors
Left Back	JOHN BRYDEN	Motherwell	6ft	13st	1952	M'well Jrs.
Right Half	CHAS. COX	Yoker	5ft 8½in	11st	1951	Hearts
Right Half	JAMES GEDDES	Forth	5ft 10in	11½st	1952	Forth Wander.
Centre Half	ANDREW PATON	Dreghorn	5ft 10in	12st	1942	Kello Rovers
Centre Half	ROBERT BROWN	Carluke	5ft 11in	11½st	1951	Polkemmet
Centre Half	WM. MASON	Grangemouth	5ft 11in	11½st	1954	Linlithgow Rose
Left Half	WM. REDPATH	Stoneyburn	5ft 8in	11st	1946	Polkemmet
Outs. Right	THOS. SLOAN	Barrhead	5ft 8in	11st	1951	Hearts

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Outs. Right	ALEX. HARPER	N. Stevenston	5ft 7in	10st	1954	Douglas Water T.
Ins. Right	WILSON HUMPHRIES	Motherwell	5ft 9in	11½st	1945	Dalziel High S.
Ins. Right	ARCH. KERR	Falkirk	5ft 6in	10st	1953	Camelon Jun.
Ins. For.	JAMES FORREST	Bothwell	6ft	11½st	1949	Newarthill Hrts.
Ins. For.	CHARLES AITKEN	Gorebridge	5ft 9½in	11½st	1949	Arniston Ran.
Ins. For.	GEO. DAWSON	Thornliebank	5ft 7½in	10½st	1952	Rutherglen Gln.
Ins. For.	WM. MCSEVENY	Shotts	5ft 9in	11½st	1954	Dunfermline
Ins. For.	IAN MACFADYEN	Wishaw	5ft 10in	11½st	1954	Dundee United
Centre For.	JOHN HUNTER	Leith	5ft 9in	11½st	1948	Tranent Jrs.
Centre For.	ALEX. BAIN	Edinburgh	5ft 9½in	11½st	1954	Cockenzie Star
Outs. For.	*ROBERT HUNTER	Shotts	5ft 8½in	11st 3lbs	1951	Hamilton Acas.
Outs. For.	IAN WALLACE	Grangemouth	5ft 9½in	10½st	1954	Grange Rovers
Ins. Left	JOHN MCNEIL	Motherwell	5ft 8in	11st	1954	Hibs.
Outs. Left	JOHN AITKENHEAD	High Blantyre	5ft 6in	11st	1949	Hibs.
Outs. Left	ARCH. WILLIAMS	Edinburgh	5ft 7½in	10½st	1952	Hearts

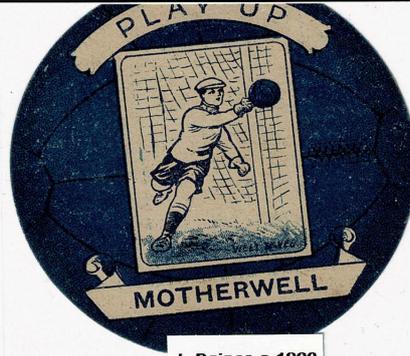
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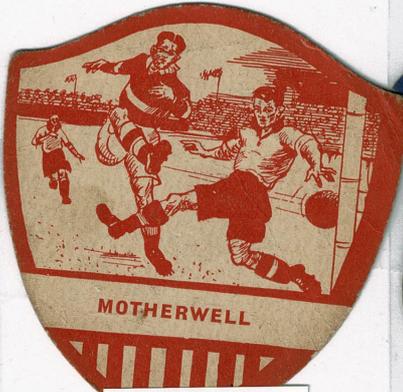
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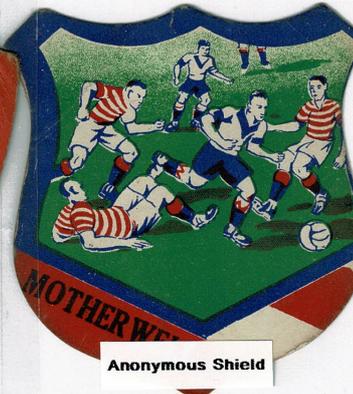
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