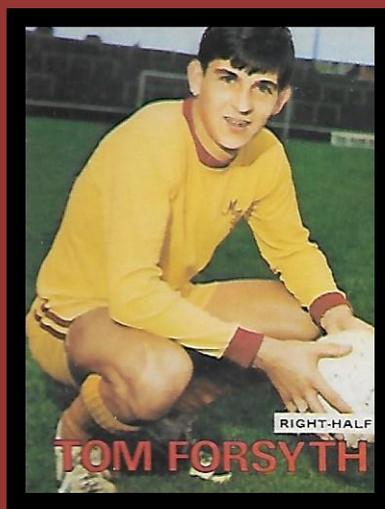


THOMAS 'TAM' FORSYTH (RIGHT HALF/INSIDE RIGHT)

MOTHERWELL FC 1967-1972





Tom Forsyth
Motherwell Football Club

MOTHERWELL KITS WORN BY TAM FORSYTH



1967-68

1968-69



1969-72

1972-73

Tam was born on 23rd January 1949 and signed in 1967 by Motherwell manager Bobby Howitt from local side Stonehouse Violet.

He made his debut on the 14th October 1967 at home to Stirling Albion in a 3-1 win as a substitute and his first full game was on 25th November away to Aberdeen in a 2-1 defeat.

In his first season Motherwell were relegated having finished 2nd bottom in 17th place 7 points above Stirling Albion.

1968-69 saw Motherwell bounce back immediately by winning the Second Division in style by a clear 11 point margin above Ayr United having lost only 2 games.

However, League Cup Section defeats to Hamilton and Montrose forced Bobby Howitt to take the gamble of fielding Tam as a forward in the home game v St Mirren on 17th August and it paid off as he netted twice in a 6-0 win for his first goals for the club. That wouldn't be the only time he would score twice in a game in a season that saw him finish as the club's second top scorer. As Motherwell experimented to find a line-up more in tune with First Division requirements, he was moved to right-half, where he soon showed that his spell as a forward had turned him into a really strong and constructive midfield player.

Tam missed only 1 league game during 1968-69 (4-1 home win over Cowdenbeath on 5th October) playing 35 times, he also played in 3 out of 6 League Cup Section games and in both Scottish Cup ties v Clyde.

His first league goal wearing claret and amber came on the 21st September 1968 away to Stenhousemuir in a 6-1 victory, McInally, Donnelly, Wark, Deans (2) were the other 'Well scorers.

He scored 13 league goals in that Championship winning team, including braces on 3 occasions, during wins of 7-0 v Berwick Rangers, 5-0 Cowdenbeath and 4-0 v Alloa , the last two in consecutive games.

In 1969-70 he scored only once but what an important goal it turned out to be. In a League Cup quarter-final v Morton at Fir Park on 24th September with 'Well losing 3-2 on aggregate (after a 3-0 defeat at Cappielow) up popped Tam to score the third and level the tie. A replay at Ibrox 6 days later saw 'Well win 1-0 thanks to a Jim 'Jumbo' Muir goal and move into a semi-final game v St Johnstone where they lost 2-0.

In 1970-71 he played in all 6 Texaco Cup ties, Stoke City (h) 1-0, (a) 1-2, Tottenham Hotspur (a) 2-3 (h) 3-1 and Hearts (a) 1-1, (h) 1-2. The games against 'Spurs were two of the finest performances by a Motherwell team since the days of the Ancell Babes. The first leg in London on 21st October

1970 saw 'Well come away with a creditable 3-2 defeat to a very strong English team. The 'Well scorers were Tom Donnelly and Jackie McNally in front of 17,350 but the second leg on the evening of 3rd November before an incredible 22,450 was up there with the greatest nights seen under the Fir Park floodlights. Tottenham scored first to lead 4-2 on aggregate but goals from three ex-Rangers players, Tom Donnelly, Brian Heron and Bobby Watson saw 'Well win 5-4.

Tam was signed by Rangers in October 1972 for a reported fee of £40,000 and went on to play over 300 games for the 'Gers and scored a winning goal in the 1973 Scottish Cup Final v Celtic. After retiring from playing he was appointed manager of Dunfermline Athletic in 1982 although under 12 months later he left East End Park to accept an offer from Tommy McLean to be his assistant at Greenock Morton in 1983.

He re-joined Motherwell from Morton as coach alongside the new manager Tommy McLean on 1st June 1984. They joined a Motherwell team who had just been relegated from the Premier League and about to start 1984-85 playing in the 1st Division.

His first game as coach was away to Kilmarnock on 11 August 1984 and he saw 'Well win 2-0 with goals by Gary McAllister & Andy Harrow. They finished as League Champions by 2 points over Clydebank (who were also promoted as runners-up), winning 21, drawing 8, losing 10, scoring 62 goals and conceding 36 goals in a 39 game season. A Scottish Cup semi-final was reached in April '85 but they lost 3-0 to Celtic after a replay.

1985-86 saw them finish 2nd bottom above Clydebank on goal difference in a 10 team division. That position would have seen them relegated but league reconstruction was being considered by top flight clubs and when it was proposed to have a one-up one-down promotion and relegation system not surprisingly Motherwell voted for that proposal. However with bad feeling amongst some clubs it was decided that no teams would be relegated at the end of 85-86 and that 2 would be promoted to increase the league to 12 teams.

1986-87 was a better season and they finished 8th of 12 teams, losing in a Scottish League Cup semi-final to Celtic, this time on penalties.

1987-88 they again finished 8th of 12 teams and yet again lost in a Scottish League Cup semi-final, this time to Rangers 3-1.

1988-89 was not a good season and the club avoided relegation by finishing 9th out of 10 teams, 13 points above Hamilton Accies.

1989-90 an improvement was made and they finished 6th out of 10 teams with the same 34 points total as Celtic and Hibernian.

1990-91 not much exciting happened this season!!! If you're younger than 28 at the time this was written in 2019 you've maybe not got a clue what it felt like to be a Motherwell fan that season. Comfortably finishing 6th in a 10 team division and 4th highest scorers in the division with 51. The league season got off to a great start with a 2-0 home win over Celtic in August and ended with a 3-0 thumping of Rangers at Fir Park in early May but the best was yet to come.

Hampden Park 18th May 1991. Possibly the greatest ever Scottish Cup Final but also one of the worst if you were a 'Well fan, the feeling when Darren Jackson hit the 3rd equaliser in the 3rd minute of injury time was horrendous but at 5.21 pm when referee David Syme blew for full time, wow wow wow!!

1991-92 the team finished 10th out of 12 teams, lost our Scottish Cup in a questionable 2-1 defeat at Ibrox. However Motherwell FC played in European football for the first time in their history v Katowice FC of Poland, the European Cup-Winners Cup. The first leg was in Poland in September 1991, 'Well lost 2-0. The second leg was on 2 October in front of 10,032 and although Well won 3-1 with goals by Steve Kirk (2) and Nick Cusack for 3-3 draw it wasn't enough and they went out on 'away goals'.

1992-93 was a bit of a battle against relegation and 'Well finished 9th out of 12 teams but only 6 points above the drop.

1993-94 the claret & amber roller-coaster ride continued as they finished a remarkable 3rd place out of 12 teams only 4 points behind the champions, Rangers and 4 ahead of Celtic.

At the end of the season after a 2-1 home defeat to Dundee Utd which effectively was the result that with 2 games left stopped 'Well winning the league, stories appeared that manager Tommy McLean was unsettled at Fir Park and that he hadn't accepted a new contract that had been on offer since the end of 1992-93. Surprisingly on 31st May 1994 he resigned as manager and a few weeks later he was appointed manager of Hearts taking Tam with him in a move many 'Well fans considered as a sideways move and it left a bad taste amongst many.

In his 10 years as coach beside Tommy McLean Tam helped the club win the Scottish Cup, play in Europe for the first time and finish 3rd in the Premier League.

Under the 'two Tams' management Motherwell played 403 league games, won 123, drew 111, lost 169, goals scored 450, conceded 528, a win percentage of 30.52%.

Of the 9 Motherwell managers who have been in charge for more than 100 league games Tommy McLeans winning percentage would put him in 7th place.

Tam was honoured at full international level on 22 occasions, making his first appearance in dark blue whilst a Fir Park favourite in an away European Championship Group 5 qualifying match to Denmark in Idraetsparken, Copenhagen on 9th June 1971, unfortunately Scotland lost 1-0 in front of 37,682. The Scotland line-up was; Bobby Clark, Billy Dickson, Tom Forsyth, Ron McKinnon, Bobby Moncur (Capt), Frank Munro, Tommy McLean, Pat Stanton, Jim Forrest, Hugh Curran, Colin Stein. Substitutes were John Scott and David Robb who replaced Tam.

Tam had the honour of captaining Scotland once, in a 1-0 victory friendly v Switzerland at Hampden Park on 7th April 1976. The goal scored by another 'Well great, Willie Pettigrew. The line-up was; Alan Rough, John Blackley,

Tom Forsyth, Frank Gray, Danny McGrain, Kenny Dalglish, Andy Gray, Derek Johnstone, Tom Craig, Alex McDonald, Willie Pettigrew.

His last appearance for Scotland was on 11th June 1978 v the Netherlands in a 3-2 Scotland win during the 1978 World Cup tournament in Argentina.

His complete Scotland record is; 9th June 1971 Denmark (a) 0-1, 17th October 1973 Czechoslovakia (a) 0-1, 7th April 1976 Switzerland (h) 1-0, 6th May 1976 Wales (h) 3-1, 8th May 1976 Northern Ireland (h) 3-0, 15th May 1976 England (h) 2-1, 8th September 1976 Finland (h) 6-0, 27th April 1977 Sweden (h) 3-1, 28th May 1977 Wales (a) 0-0, 1st June 1977 Northern Ireland (h) 3-0, 4th June 1977 England (a) 2-1, 15th June 1977 Chile (a) 4-2, 18th June 1977 Argentina (a) 1-1, 23rd June 1977 Brazil (a) 0-2, 21st September 1977 Czechoslovakia (h) 3-1, 12th October 1977 Wales (a) 2-0, 13th May 1978 Northern Ireland (h) 1-1, 17th May 1978 Wales (h) 1-1, 20th May 1978 England (h) 0-1, 3rd June 1978 Peru (a) 1-3, 7th June 1978 Iran (a) 1-1, 11th June 1978 Netherlands (a) 3-2.

An impressive international record of 12 wins, 5 draws and only 5 defeats out of 22 and those loses were away to Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Brazil & Peru and home to England.

He also played for the Scottish League twice.

Most Motherwell fans of a certain age will fondly remember Big Tam as a defender wearing claret and amber with pride giving 100% every minute during his 206 appearances and whilst scoring 23 times for the Mighty 'Well.

Thank you Thomas.

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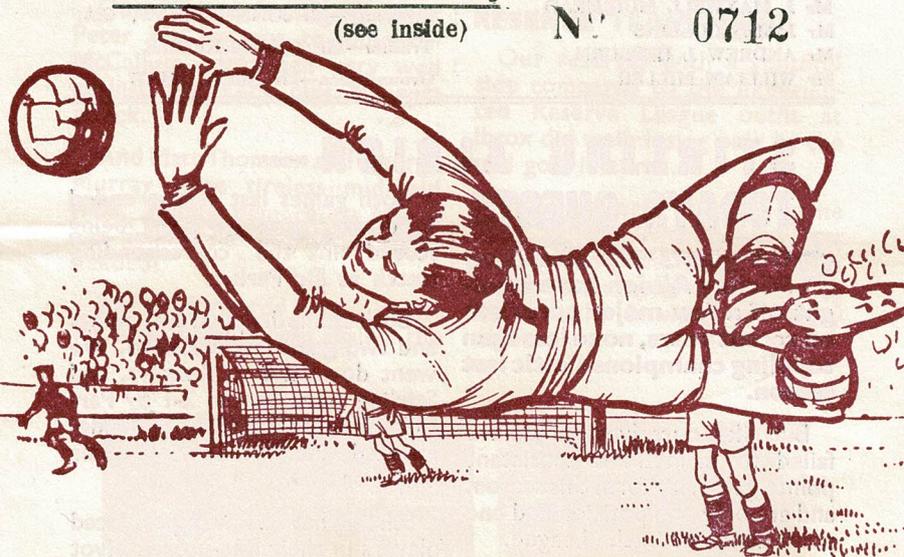
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Motherwell v Stirling Albion

On SATURDAY, 14th OCTOBER, 1967

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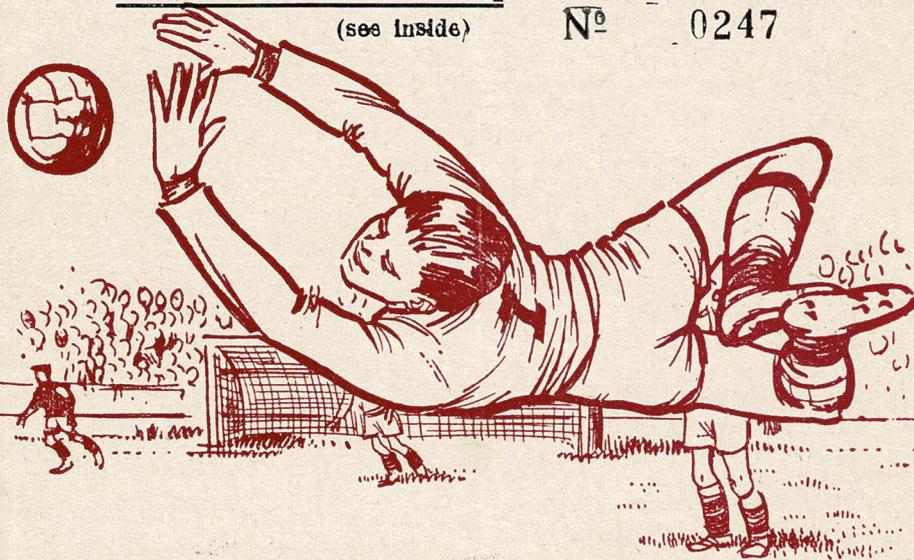
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FIR PARK, MOTHERWELL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Motherwell v St. Mirren

On SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST, 1968

KICK-OFF 3 P.M.

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PROGRAMME WHEN HE SCORED HIS FIRST GOALS FOR 'WELL

(SCORED 2 IN A 6-0 WIN)

Signings For 1970-71

Player	When Signed	Previous Club
Keith MacRae ...	1967	Lanark Grammar Sch.
Thomas Burns ...	1970	St. Mungo's Academy
David Whiteford ...	1966	Jordanhill Train. Coll.
Joseph Wark ...	1968	Irvine Victoria
William Henderson ...	1970	Jordanhill Train. Coll.
John Burns ...	1969	Bargeddie Amateurs
David Main ...	1970	Wishaw High School
William McCallum ...	1960	Douglas Water Thistle
John Muir ...	1969	Rotherham
Thomas Donnelly ...	1968	Rangers
Robert Campbell ...	1965	Morton
Thomas Forsyth ...	1967	Stonehouse Thistle
Robert Watson ...	1970	Rangers
William Hamilton ...	1966	Alva Boys' Club
James Wilson ...	1967	Aberdeen
James Murphy ...	1969	Notts County
Jack McNally ...	1967	Kilmarnock
John Deans ...	1965	Neilston Juniors
Kirkwood Lawson ...	1970	Blantyre Victoria
John Goldthorpe ...	1967	Lesmahagow Juniors
James Muir ...	1968	Irvine Victoria
Brian Heron ...	1970	Rangers
John Murray ...	1967	Dailey Amateurs
James McCabe ...	1969	Bargeddie Amateurs
Andrew Hood ...	1970	Annbank United

In addition to their senior staff, Motherwell have six promising young schoolboy players. They are attached to the club under the S.F.A.'s "S" form registration scheme. They are:—

Player	When Signed	Previous Club
William Leishman ...	1969	Dalziel High School
Thomas Duncan ...	1969	Dalziel High School
Charles Nelson ...	1969	Dalziel High School
John French ...	1969	Dalziel High School
William Mills ...	1969	Airdrie Academy
Clifton Barrowman ...	1970	Coltness High School



RANGERS' defence is in tatters as Jack McNally cracks in the first of Motherwell's two goals in their thrilling fight-back which earned them a draw in the teams' Fir Park clash. Beaten 'Gers include Dave Smith, Gerry Neef and Brian Heron.

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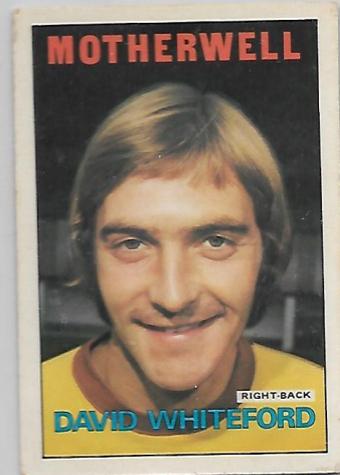
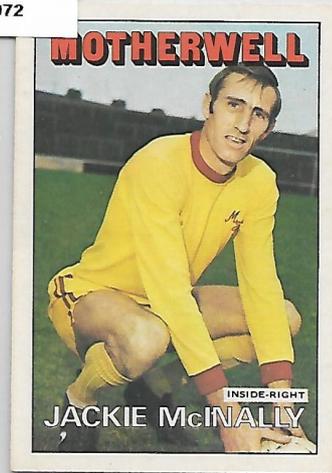
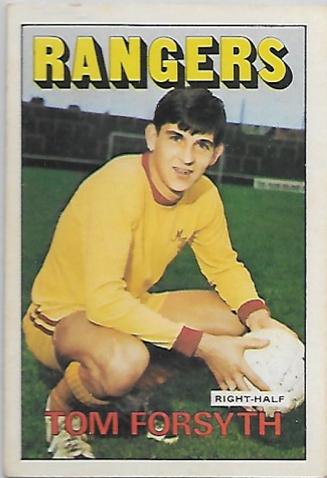
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MOTHERWELL TEAM — 1969

Back row: Left to right — J. Wark, J. Goldthorpe, D. Currie, K. MacRae, T. Forsyth, P. McCloy, W. McCallum, R. Campbell, J. Murray.

Front row: D. Whiteford, I. Wilson, T. Dannelly, J. Deane, J. McInally, J. Muir.



1970-71



1970-71



MOTHERWELL F.C. — 1971

Back row: Left to right — J. Wark, D. Whiteford, J. Goldthorpe, K. MacRae, E. Gillespie, J. McNally, W. McCallum, T. Burns, B. Watson, B. Heron, A. Martin.

Front row: W. McKenzie (trainer), B. Campbell, J. McCabe, T. Forsyth, R. Howitt (manager), K. Lawson, B. Brown, J. Deans, B. Ritchie (coach).

1971



'Well's M formation

M for Motherwell . . . and the Texaco Cup. This photograph was specially posed for Fir Park News for inclusion in this souvenir edition. Left to right the personnel are Jim Muir, Dixie Deans, Billy Campbell, Joe Wark, Kirkie Lawson, Tom Forsyth, Davie Main, John Goldthorpe, Billy Brown, Brian Heron, manager Bobby Howitt, coach Billy Ritchie, Jim McCabe, Davie Whiteford, Keith MacRae, Willie McCallum, Jackie McNally, Bobby Watson, Tom Duncan, Alex Martin, and Charlie Nelson. (Photo by C. R. McBain).

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CLARET AND AMBER PARADE

THE MEN who carry the claret and ambers for the new season pose for our photographer at the close of a highly successful "Open Day" (see pages 11-12). Back row (l to r): trainer Willie McKenzie, Tom Forsyth, John Goldthorpe, Willie McCallum, Jackie McNally, Keith MacRae, captain Bobby Watson, Kirkie Lawson and coach Billy Ritchie. Centre: Billy Brown, Joe Wark, Alex Martin, David Main, John Deans, Manager Bobby Howitt, Davie Whiteford, Jim Muir, Brian Heron and Billy Campbell. Seated: Jim McCabe, Tom Duncan and Charlie Nelson. Photo by courtesy of C. R. McBain.

1971-72 Squad photo inside programme v Hibs 14 Aug 1971



MOTHERWELL TEAM GROUP — 1972

Robby Hewitt with his team

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1972-73 Photo inside programme v Norwich City Texaco Cup 21 March 1973



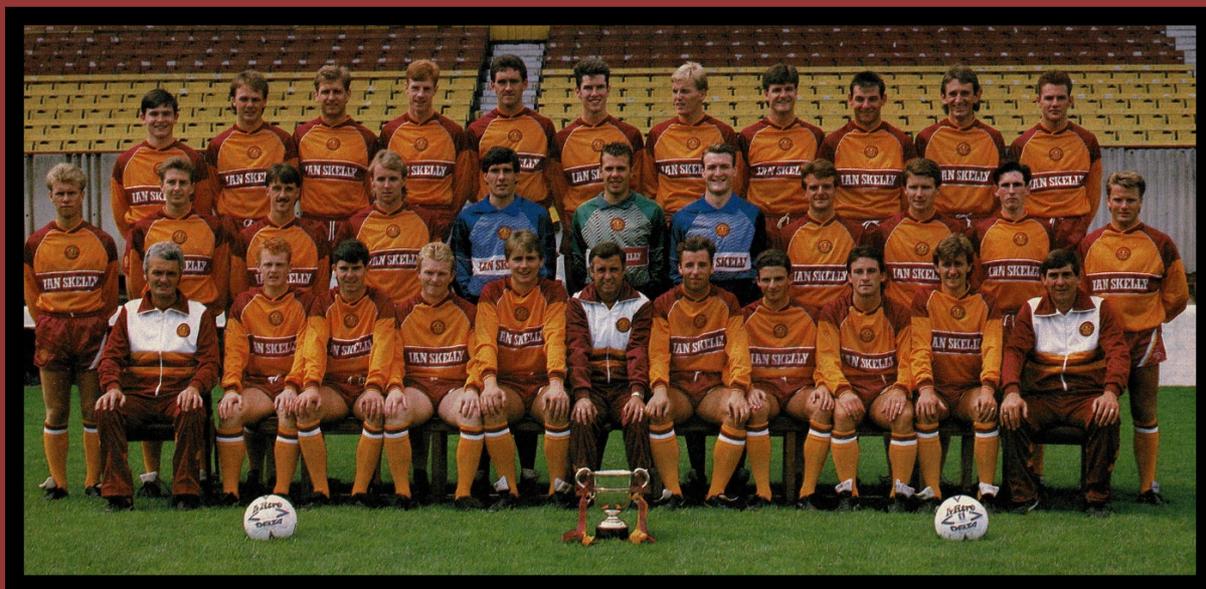
MOTHERWELL F.C. 1985/86

Back row: Left to right — Christopher McCart, Robert Clark, Alex Kennedy, Gary McAlister, Kevin McKeown, John Gardiner, Alistair Maxwell, Graeme Forbes, Ian McLeod, John McStay, Gerard Allan.

Middle row: Raymond Blair, Andrew Dornan, Jim Griffen, Thomas Boyd, Danny Diver, Jim McLean, Martin McBride, Paul McFadden, Robert Stewart, Jamie Doyle, Ronnie Findlay.

Front row: Gary McKenzie (physiotherapist), Fraser Wishart, John Gahagan, Andrew Harrow, Tom McLean (manager), Tom Forsyth (coach), Alistair Mauchlen, Andrew Walker, Derek Murray, James O'Hare, Cammy Murray (youth coach).

1985-86 Squad



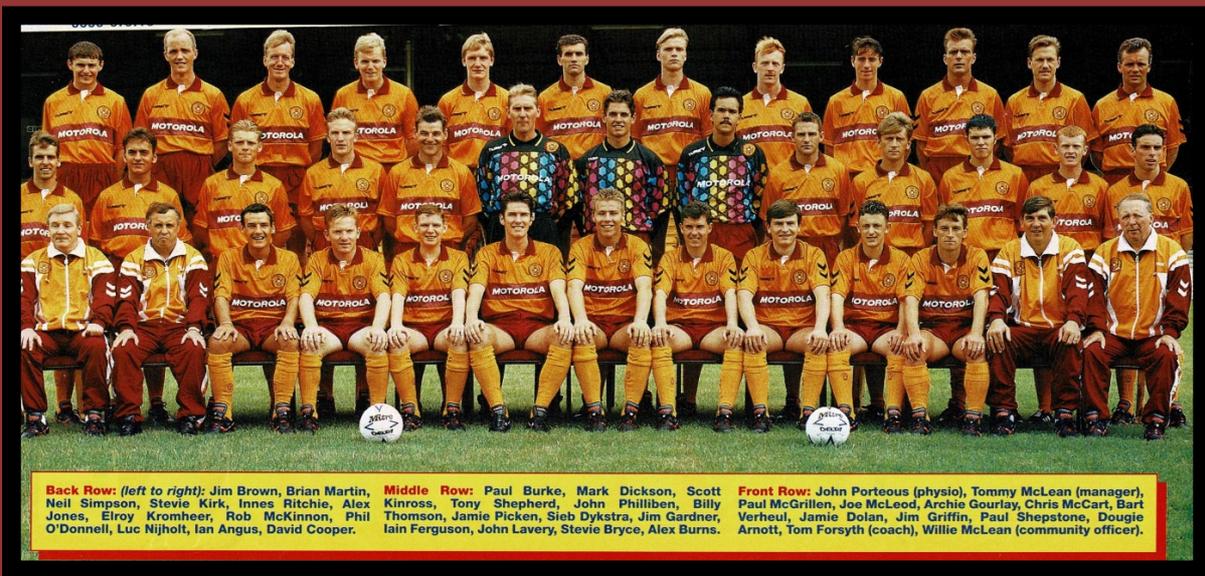
1988-89 Squad



1990-91 Scottish Cup Winners



Let the celebrations begin



Back Row: (left to right): Jim Brown, Brian Martin, Neil Simpson, Stevie Kirk, Innes Ritchie, Alex Jones, Elroy Krommheer, Rob McKinnon, Phil O'Donnell, Luc Nijhoit, Ian Angus, David Cooper. **Middle Row:** Paul Burke, Mark Dickson, Scott Kinross, Tony Shepherd, John Philliben, Billy Thomson, Jamie Picken, Sieb Dykstra, Jim Gardner, Iain Ferguson, John Lavery, Stevie Bryce, Alex Burns. **Front Row:** John Porteous (physio), Tommy McLean (manager), Paul McGrillen, Joe McLeod, Archie Gourtay, Chris McCart, Bart Verheul, Jamie Dolan, Jim Griffin, Paul Shepstano, Dougie Arnott, Tom Forsyth (coach), Willie McLean (community officer).

1992-93 Squad



BACK ROW (left to right): James Gardner, Innes Ritchie, Brian Martin, Steve Kirk, Elroy Kromheer, Alistair Graham, Miodrag Krivokapic, Ian Angus, Phillip O'Donnell, Davie Cooper (player/coach)

MIDDLE ROW: Cammy Murray (reserve coach), James Dolan, Ian Ross, Archibald Gourlay, Greig Denham, William Thomson, Sieb Dykstra, John Philliben, Robert McKinnon, Iain Ferguson, Stephen McMillan, Tom Forsyth (1st team Coach)

FRONT ROW: John Porteous (physio), Paul Ferguson, Paul Shepstone, Dougie Arnott, Alexander Burns, Tommy McLean (manager/director), Chris McCart, James Griffin, Rab Shannon, Paul McGrillen, William McLean

1993-94 Squad



Manse Road, Motherwell.

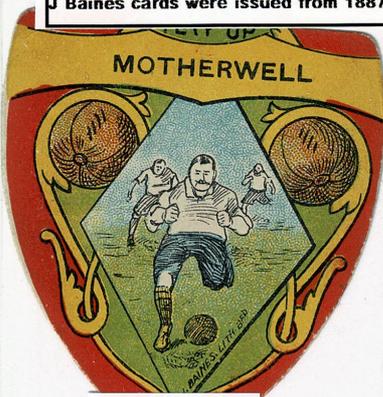
Manse Road with the Fir Park Ice Café c.1932



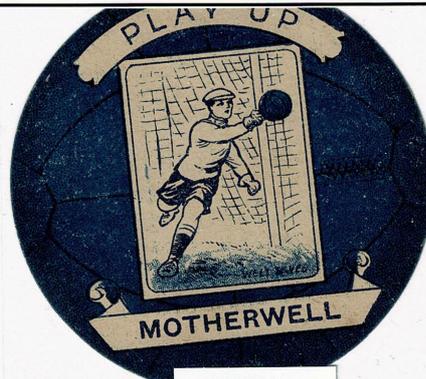
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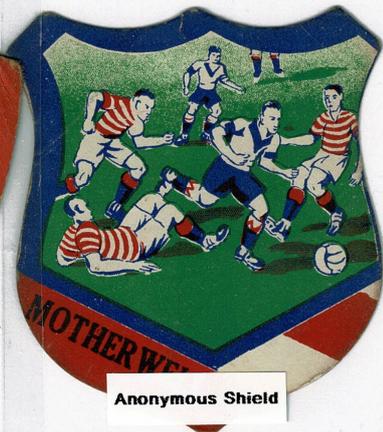
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