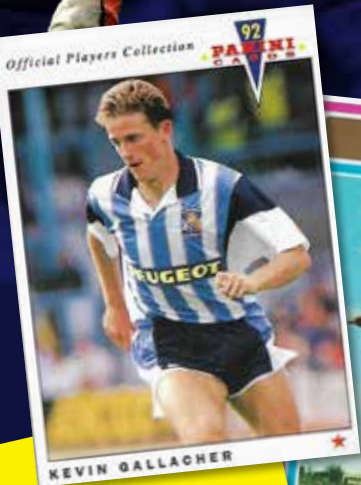


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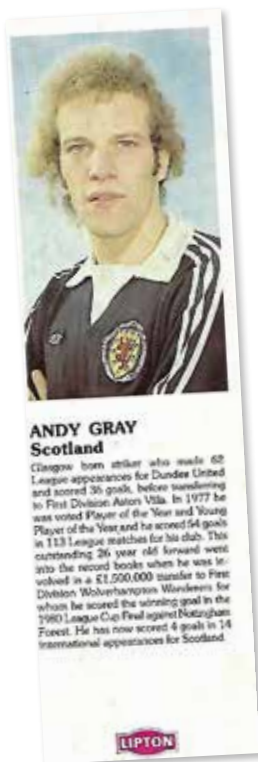
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ANDY GRAY
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Glasgow born striker who made 68 League appearances for Dundee United and scored 36 goals, before transferring to First Division Aston Villa. In 1977 he was voted Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year, and he scored 64 goals in 113 League matches for his club. This outstanding 26 year old forward went into the record books when he was involved in a £1,500,000 transfer to First Division Wolverhampton Wanderers for whom he scored the winning goal in the 1980 League Cup Final against Nottingham Forest. He has now scored 4 goals in 14 international appearances for Scotland.



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INTRODUCTION

Just when you thought it was safe again to go back inside a quality bookshop, along comes another offbeat soccer hardback (or football annual for grown-ups) from David Stuart and Robert Marshall, Scottish football writing's answer to Ernest Hemingway and Mary Shelley.

Hemingway drew much of his inspiration from living and drinking in the pulsating city of Havana in pre-Castro Cuba, and similarly David Stuart gets island inspiration writing and bevvying in the throbbing, edgy metropolis that is pre-independence Rothesay, Isle of Bute.

With the football fanzine entitled *Scotland Epistles, Bullshit and Thistles* Robert Marshall created a Frankenstein-like monster, whilst some of his Scotland away trips have also been gothic horror stories.

Anyway, hopefully you purchased and enjoyed our earlier tome from 2017 – *Scotland: Glory, Tears and Souvenirs*. *Scotland: Club, Country and Collectables* is part sequel to the aforementioned masterpiece (ahem) and part celebration of Scotland co-hosting (and participating in?) the 2020 European Football Championships.

We are two Tartan Army optimists (possibly in need of optometrists) who are continuing our sideways view of everything and anything relating to Scotland's national football teams but with an emphasis on how our clubs have contributed to the cause – not just the likes of Celtic, Rangers, Liverpool and Manchester United, but real *giants* such as Airdrie, Clyde, Motherwell, Partick Thistle and St Mirren.

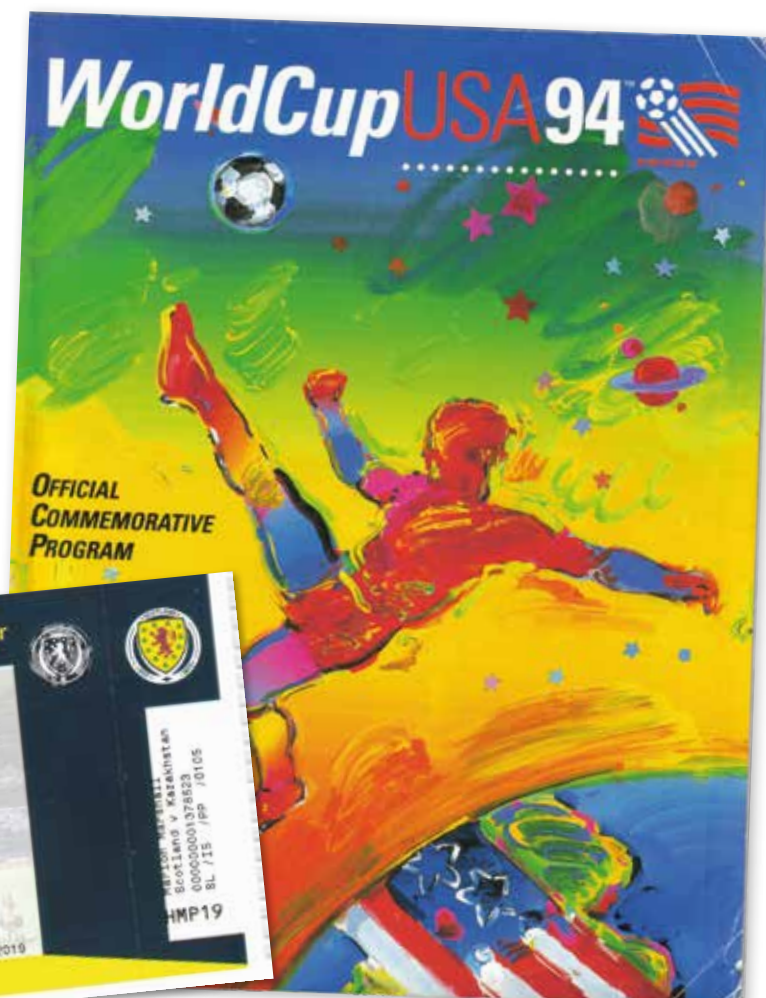
However, whilst we express our appreciation of Don Revie's Scots colony at Leeds United and the dark blues who graced Stamford Bridge over the years, we also say thanks for the mementoes – the Corinthian minifigures of Gary McAllister

and Don Hutchison, the match badges (stinking or otherwise), the Caribbean postage stamps 'deifying' Scotland World Cup squads and the replica strips which just defy belief! There's no limit to the amount of factoids, trivia and junk, sorry, precious football souvenirs, that we hold on to and want to share with you.

Like before, we have done our utmost to make sure that the contents are factually correct – however, if you do spot any errors, we apologise and ask that you don't tell the publishers – a quiet word in our ear (or a bit of friendly stick on Facebook) will suffice.

So please enjoy, cherish and preserve this latest literary love affair with the 'Great Underachievers' and thank you for your support.

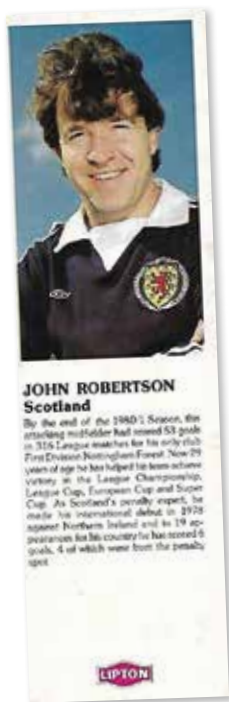
David and Robert





Danny McGrain challenges Brazilian full-back, Rivelino during a friendly defeat at Hampden Park, 30 June 1973





KEY FEATURES

- An overview of football clubs [big and small, Scottish and English] which gives a flavour of the player contributions they have made to Scotland's international adventures
- An offbeat glance at Scotland's ongoing quest to win a major competition – or even qualify for one! Euro 2020 beckons
- A humorous look at a whole plethora of associated aspects of Scottish international football from statistical overviews, schadenfreude and weltschmerz to football collectables, personal experiences and nostalgic memories of a couple of supporters who actually enjoy suffering for the cause
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ABERDEEN

From the late 1970s through to the 90s it seemed as though every Scotland side had to have at least a couple of Aberdeen players involved. It hadn't always been thus although some of those early players did make their mark, not necessarily in caps and goals but in other unique ways.

Founded in 1903 it would only be five years before winger William Lennie was picked for Scotland for British Championship games versus Wales and Ireland in 1908, scoring the winner in the former. Donald Colman would be capped four times between 1911 and 1913 but he is better known for being the man responsible for the concept of the 'dugout'. As Aberdeen coach he was quite innovative in studying players' feet and their movement. To study this further during actual matches he devised the dugout – a sheltered area beneath pitch level in order to view this more clearly. The dugout has come a long

way since. Incidentally, Donald's great-granddaughter Rachel Corsie has captained the Scotland women's football team in recent years.

Another winger, Alex Jackson, was capped three times as an Aberdeen player in the mid-1920s but would win a further 14 as a Chelsea player and indeed would be one of the 'Wembley Wizards' of 1928. Alex Cheyne, capped in 1929/30, is credited as the man who is responsible for the 'Hampden Roar', when with the annual fixture against England in 1929 tied at 0–0 and Scotland down to ten men, the crowd began to urge the home side on to victory with the noise gradually getting louder and louder. Cheyne would score direct from a corner kick (a speciality of his) in the 89th minute to give Scotland victory and indeed the British Championship, and so the 'Roar' was born; however, there are other claims as to the origin of this sporting phenomenon. Alex won five caps in total netting



Alex Jackson



four goals. Also of note prior to World War II would be Benny Yorston – although capped only the once, against Ireland in 1931, he would be followed in that by his nephew Harry who would be capped once, versus Wales, in 1954.

The post-war years of the late 1940s and 50s would be a great, footballing boom time in Scotland, for not only would we see some of the biggest crowds ever to amass at football stadiums but also a variety of league champions, including Rangers, Celtic, Hibs, Hearts and Aberdeen.

Aberdeen would clinch the title in season 1954/55 and several players from the side would play for the national team, including Graham Leggat who would go on to forge a career in England with Fulham. Then there is the unfortunate Fred Martin. Goalkeeper Fred would travel to the World Cup finals in Switzerland in 1954, which started off with a narrow 1–0 defeat to Austria. However, Martin, like the rest of the Scotland side, was a bit shell-shocked to lose seven goals to defending champions Uruguay in their next and final game. Ten months later and he would be equally shocked to lose seven once more but to England this time at Wembley in a 7–2 British Championship mauling.

Also capped around this time were Paddy Buckley, Archie Glen and George Mulhall. Then there's my favourite, George Hamilton. George did travel to Switzerland for the World Cup but was never used; however, he is my favourite for having the audacity to score a hat-trick against Belgium (a team Scotland regularly fail against), as the Scots were 5–0 runaway winners in a friendly in the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, in 1951.



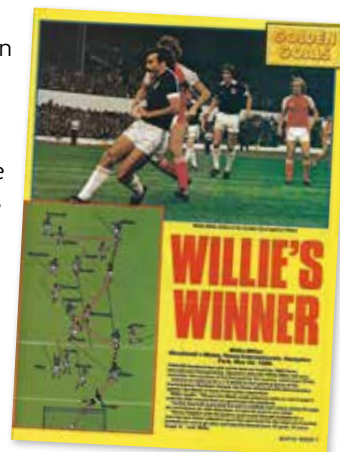
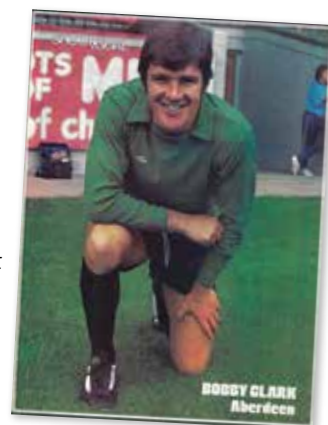
The 1960s and early 70s would see some more 'bit players', in the likes of Jim Forrest, Jimmy Smith and Davie Robb, being capped. However, Bobby Clark would gain his first cap in 1967 (against Wales in a British Championship/Euro qualifier double-header) and would stand between the sticks for 17 games in total. The 1974 World Cup finals would, however, only see ex-Aberdeen skipper Martin Buchan called up to the squad. Buchan gained the first two of his 34 caps at Pittodrie with the rest coming at Manchester United.

By 1978, things were beginning to change. Ally MacLeod had taken over the reins of the Scotland national side and Alex Ferguson took up his vacated seat at Aberdeen. MacLeod would take three Dons players on the Argentina adventure: veteran goalkeeper Bobby Clark, striker Joe Harper and full-back Stuart Kennedy. Kennedy would play in two of the matches in Argentina and somewhat controversially, Joe Harper would come on in the 73rd minute of the match versus Iran (as a replacement for Kenny Dalglish) whilst all of Scotland was screaming for in-form striker Derek Johnstone to be brought on.

The Fergie era would see Aberdeen become the dominant side in Scotland and 1980 would have them not only win the league title for the first time in 25 years but also see the debuts of future Scotland mainstays in Alex McLeish and Gordon Strachan, as well as Steve Archibald. Willie Miller would also cement

his place in the side too that year. In fact *Shoot!* magazine was able to publish a photo that year of the Aberdeen team in Scotland colours, such was their presence in the full and youth Scotland sides.

McLeish would represent Scotland more times in the 1980s than any other player, playing in 66 matches, with fellow central defender Miller following closely on 62 and





Willie Miller



then goalie Jim Leighton with 44. Aberdeen players past and present would be key to Scotland qualifying for, and appearing at, the Spain 82 and Mexico 86 World Cup finals with Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson in charge at the latter in a caretaker capacity. Miller and McLeish would also captain their country on a number of occasions whilst Wee Gordon (Strachan) and Big Eck (twice) would go on to manage Scotland in the 21st century.

Aberdeen would win the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1983 versus Real Madrid in the Swedish city of Gothenburg. Of the starting 11 that night only John McMaster would not receive international recognition. It is perhaps surprising that the scorer of the winning goal, substitute John Hewitt, would never be capped at full level and would only win six caps for the Under-21 side. Dons fans will, of course, also point out the 'criminally ignored' winger Peter Weir who would only gain two of his six Scotland caps at Pittodrie.

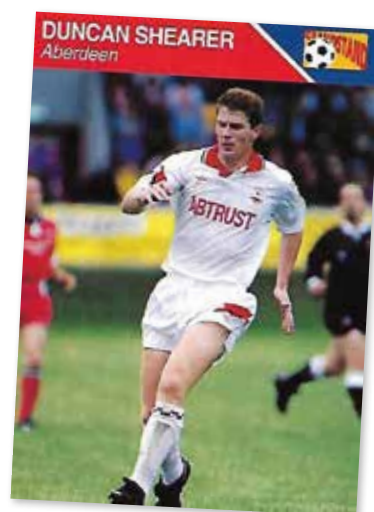
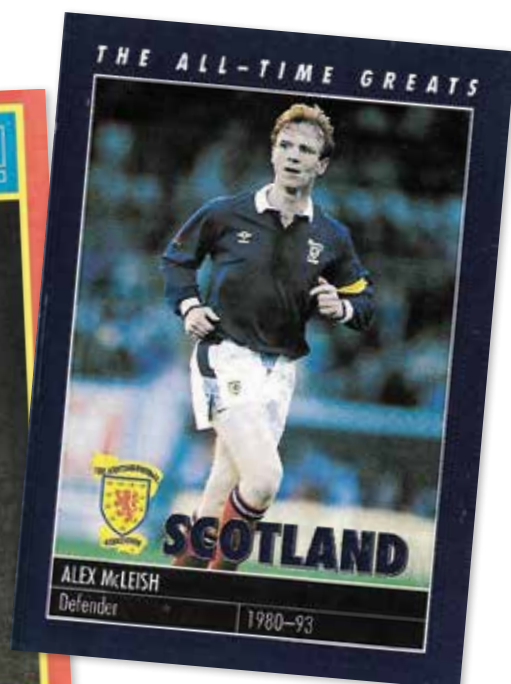
As we head into the 90s, Ferguson, Strachan and Leighton had long moved on to English football. Willie Miller was injured against Norway on the night Scotland qualified for the 1990 World Cup finals and would retire within a year on a total of 65 caps. McLeish (who appeared at Italia 90) would also drop out (on 77 caps) but there would be one Dons player who succeeded in becoming a regular Scotland player in the early 90s. Right-back Stewart McKimmie would debut in 1989 but make his mark in March 1990 as he scored the only goal versus reigning world champions Argentina in a friendly at Hampden. McKimmie would make appearances at Italia 90 and Euros 92 and 96, amassing a total of 40 caps. Strachan's total, incidentally, was 50 caps and five goals.

Overall, Aberdeen players would come and go from the side in this period, with players such as Scott Booth and Duncan Shearer scoring some vital goals on our way to Euro 96, and indeed Booth would play at the finals but neither would really be seen as first-choice players. Eoin Jess was a forward that stood out in the early 90s but sadly injury and

inconsistent runs in the Scotland side meant his potential was never fully reached.

Billy Dodds would make his first forays into the Scotland side as an Aberdeen player for the 1998 World Cup qualifiers but would win more caps with both Dundee United and then Rangers. The 1998 World Cup squad would see Derek Whyte, then with Aberdeen, as a non-playing member, but one of the heroes of the 80s had returned to Pittodrie and indeed the Scotland side: Jim Leighton. Jim had won caps at Manchester United and Hibernian before returning to Aberdeen where he would win his last ten caps, reaching a total of 91, and he currently sits as Scotland's second-most capped player ever.

The early part of the 21st century were not great years for Aberdeen and subsequently very few Dons were picked for the national side. The recent resurgence under manager Derek McInnes, however, has seen some players emerge on to the international scene, in particular defender Scott McKenna (his debut versus Costa 'Bloody' Rica in March 2018) and maybe if their good form continues, we will see more.





AIRDRIE

The first player ever to be capped for Airdrie also happened to be one of the founders of the club that formed in 1878 as the Excelsior Football Club. The change to Airdrieonians would come in 1881 but it would take goalkeeper James Connor another five years to win his one and only cap in 1886 in a 7–2 British Championship victory against Ireland in Belfast. However, James Connor does have a unique place in Scottish football history as the first Scottish goalkeeper to face a penalty kick. James McLuggage of Royal Albert would be the scorer of the first goal as Airdrie lost 2–0 that day on 6 June 1891.

The Scott brothers, inside-left Robert and left-back Matthew, were both given solitary caps four years apart, with Robert gaining his in 1894 versus Ireland and Matthew in 1898 against Wales. James Reid was Scotland's top league goalscorer in seasons 1912/13 and 1913/14 and as such was capped in 1914 against Wales. His next cap would come six years later after the end of World War I. James would win three caps altogether with his last coming in 1924, a 2–0 win against Ireland at Celtic Park.

However, in the early 1920s, Airdrie became a side to be reckoned with. They were runners-up for the Scottish title four seasons in a row with a very prolific forward duo of Willie Russell and the great Hughie Gallacher. Major trophy

success would come with the 1925 Scottish Cup win against Hibernian with Russell hitting both goals in the 2–0 victory. Of Airdrie's starting XI, six would win Scotland caps. James Reid we have, of course, mentioned and others such as Bob Bennie, Jock MacDougall and indeed Willie Russell would win a handful of caps between them.

Hughie Gallacher started at Queen of the South before moving to Airdrie in 1921. He would hit an amazing 90 goals in 111 league games with the Broomfield club. He would also be capped for Scotland on five occasions whilst with Airdrie, netting five goals in total. Hughie (a 1928 'Wembley Wizard') would go on to play for Newcastle United and Chelsea among others and he currently sits third on Scotland's all-time goalscoring list with 24 goals (against England, Northern Ireland, Wales and France) in 20 games. Hughie would sadly take his own life in May 1957 at the age of 57.

Also playing in the 1925 cup final victory aged 18 was Bob McPhail. Bob would go on to be a legend with Glasgow Rangers but would win his first Scotland cap as an Airdrie player versus England in 1927. Bob would win 17 caps in total, scoring seven goals including two against England in the 3–1 win at Hampden in 1937 in front of 149,547.

Defender Jimmy Crapnell, 5ft 5in tall, would join the 'Diamonds', as they were known for their unique red and white strip, in 1926 and would play with some of the cup-winning side. However, with Gallacher and Russell both having moved south, Airdrie began



Hughie Gallacher, the great Scottish centre-forward



to drop down the league table and indeed would never hit the heady heights of the early 20s again. Crapnell, though, would go on to win nine Scotland caps from 1929 to 1933, captaining the side on four occasions and is the club's most capped player.

The immediate post-war period would see a couple of players capped. Frank Brennan would gain the first of his eight caps in 1946 (in what was seen as a 'Victory International' versus Switzerland at Hampden) with Airdrie before moving on to Newcastle United where he would also collect FA Cup winners' medals in 1951 and 52.

Bobby Flavell would also win a couple of caps in 1947 and would hit a brace in a 6–0 victory away to Luxembourg. Bobby's career was halted on two occasions, first by the advent of the Second World War, but in June 1949 he left Hearts to join Millonarios of the Colombian League. The Colombian League was attracting a number of players from around the world at the time but was flouting international laws and was suspended by FIFA in 1951. Flavell returned to Scotland and was heavily fined by the SFA and banned from playing for over six months before signing for Dundee.

1948 would see the arrival of club legend 'The Wee Prime Minister' Ian McMillan. Inside-forward McMillan would play 249 league games in his first spell with Airdrie, scoring a remarkable 109 goals. Ian's first cap came at age 21 and would be against England at Hampden in the 2–1 defeat of 1952. Fortune favoured him more in his second match as Scotland walloped the USA 6–0 at home, with McMillan netting a double.

Although included in the 22-man World Cup finals squad of 1954, the SFA would only travel to Switzerland with 13 players and so McMillan would be among those left at home on 'standby' as such. His fifth and final cap as an Airdrie player would be in the 1956 1–1 draw with England at Hampden. Teammate Hugh Baird would make his only Scotland appearance versus Austria at Hampden a few weeks later.

As for Ian, he would move to Rangers in 1958 but in his successful six years with



the Ibrox club he would only add one more cap, in a World Cup qualifier versus Czechoslovakia in May 1961. The Scots would lose 4–0 in Bratislava and Ian along with a few others would not return to the side again.

Among the others was goalkeeper Lawrie Leslie who was making his fifth Scotland appearance. Lawrie had started out at Hibs but moved to Airdrie in 1959. He played in the first two matches of the 1960/61 Home Internationals but due to injury was unable to face England in April 1961. Sadly, one Frank Haffey took his place and the rest is history or indeed misery if you're Scottish. Lawrie would move to West Ham United in 1961 and would play for a number of English clubs before hanging up his boots in 1969.

The 1970s would see a revival of sorts for Airdrie as they produced a fine footballing side, with the likes of Drew Jarvie and Drew Busby among others, under the management of Ian McMillan. Jarvie gained international recognition winning three caps in 1971 under manager Bobby Brown, including a sub appearance at Wembley that year.

Jarvie would be the last player capped for the club known as Airdrieonians as they would cease to exist in 2002 and although there is a team which rose from the ashes of the defunct club, it is a pale shadow of what went before. Interestingly enough, Ian McMillan holds the position of Honorary President connecting the 'old' to the 'new'.



ARSENAL

This club was founded by Scotsman David Danskin in 1886 and originally called Dial Square, before changing to Royal Arsenal, then Woolwich Arsenal and finally settling on the name we know today. It was as Woolwich Arsenal that their first players were to be capped for Scotland: Bobby Templeton and Thomas Fitchie in 1905 versus Wales at Wrexham. This was Templeton's only cap as a Gunner but he would win ten others with Aston Villa, Newcastle and Kilmarnock. Fitchie was to win two more caps with Arsenal and then a final one with Queen's Park.

Alex James had won four caps with Preston North End, including the Wembley Wizards triumph of 1928, before a move to Arsenal in 1929. Well known for his long baggy shorts, Alex enjoyed the London lifestyle that football afforded him. Midfielder James was the playmaker in the Arsenal side that would win four championships and two FA Cups in the early 1930s but would only make four more appearances for the national side.

Archie Macaulay had one cap to his name, won during a brief time with Brentford in 1947, but with Arsenal he would win the First

Division championship in 1947/48 and would add to his cap tally, reaching seven in total. When he made his Scotland debut in April 1947 in a 1-1 draw with England at Wembley, starting alongside him and making his Scotland bow was Alex Forbes of Sheffield United.

Forbes would win five caps with the Blades before Arsenal came calling. Unfortunately for Macaulay, Forbes would take his place in the Arsenal side, winning the league twice and the FA Cup in 1950. Forbes is quite unique in that he also represented Scotland in ice hockey in his younger years. As for football, he gained nine caps during his time with Arsenal.

18 October 1958 was a special day in Scottish football history as it would see the debut of perhaps the finest player to ever grace the dark blue of Scotland, in Denis Law. However, there would also be three Arsenal players in the line-up that would win 3-0 at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

Tommy Docherty would be in the twilight of his career as such and had already gained 22 caps with Preston before joining Arsenal in August 1958, where he would add another two. Tommy would, of course, successfully manage Scotland for a brief period in the early 1970s.

Jackie Henderson had won five caps with Portsmouth and indeed was part of the standby squad for the World Cup finals in 1954. A move to Arsenal in October 58 saw him resurrect his international career and he



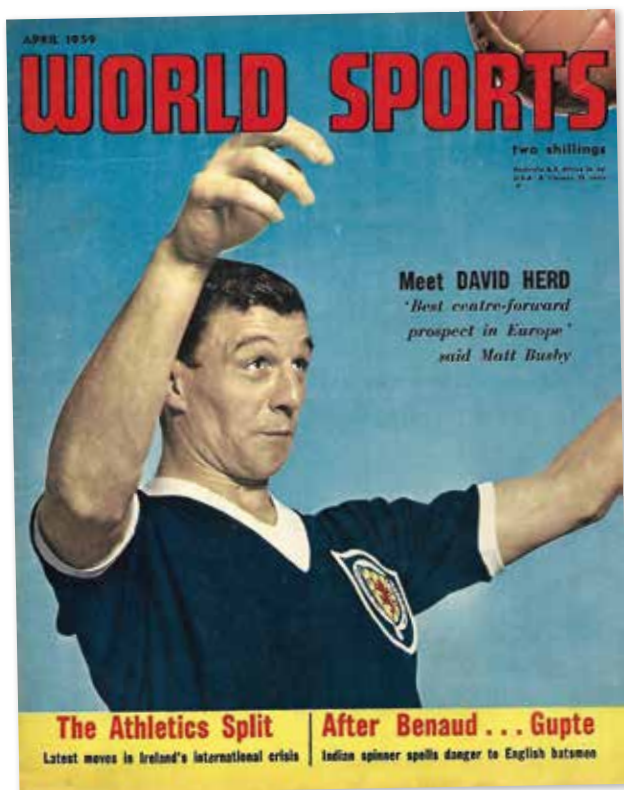
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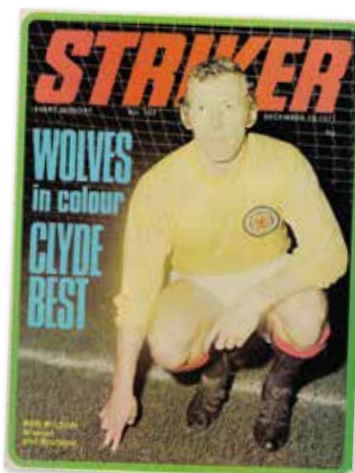
David Herd

returned to the side for a couple of matches.

The last of the Arsenal trio was David Herd. Herd had been with Arsenal since 1955 and would be from the 56/57 season the top scorer at the club, culminating in a tally of 29 in season 1960/61.

As for Scotland he would only ever be given five caps, scoring three goals. It is perhaps no coincidence that the man in charge of Scotland that day would be the major beneficiary of both Law's and Herd's greatest years: Sir Matt Busby. Busby would sign Herd in August 1961 and in 265 matches for the Old Trafford club he would hit an incredible 145 goals and yet would not be picked for Scotland during his time with Manchester United. At United Herd would win the league twice and was to hit a double in the 1963 FA Cup triumph.

Centre-half Ian Ure had been a major part of Dundee's championship-winning side of 1961/62 and moved to Arsenal in 1963, although he had won eight caps by this time, and at Highbury he was only to add another three.



Bob Wilson

Arsenal would finally win the 'double' in season 1970/71 and three players from that side would play for Scotland. Captain Frank McLintock already had three caps with Leicester City as well as a further three with Arsenal and would end that season with a total of nine. Frank said he should never have played against England at Wembley in 1971 as he was absolutely 'knackered'.

Goalkeeper Bob Wilson would be among the first to benefit from the rule change that allowed footballers to play for the country of their parents' birth and would make his Scotland debut versus Portugal in October 1971. Taking charge that night for the first time was Tommy Docherty, who also selected teammate George Graham, too. Wilson would only

make one more appearance but George would gain 11 caps altogether, scoring three goals. Of course, George would go on to manage Arsenal rather successfully.

The last player to be capped at Arsenal, currently, is Charlie Nicholas. Charlie was one of Scotland's brightest hopes in the early 80s and in season 1982/83 he scored 48 goals in total

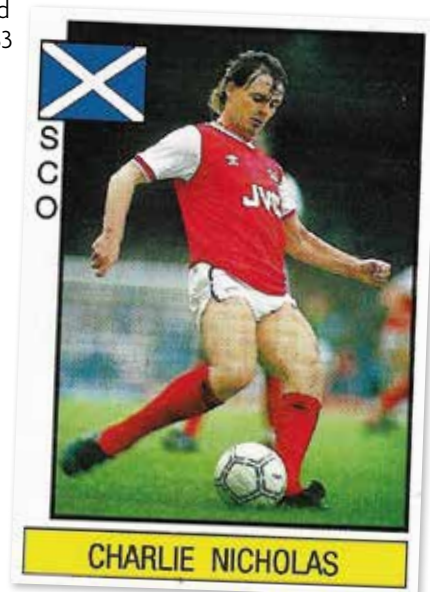
for Celtic. Although Charlie was much loved at Highbury, he never quite hit the heights it was hoped he would. He would, however, gain 13 caps for Scotland during his time there but was never really a first pick in the side and often started out on the bench. Charlie is still the only Arsenal player to represent Scotland at the World Cup, playing against Denmark and Uruguay at Mexico 86.



Ian Ure



George Graham



CHARLIE NICHOLAS

ASTON VILLA

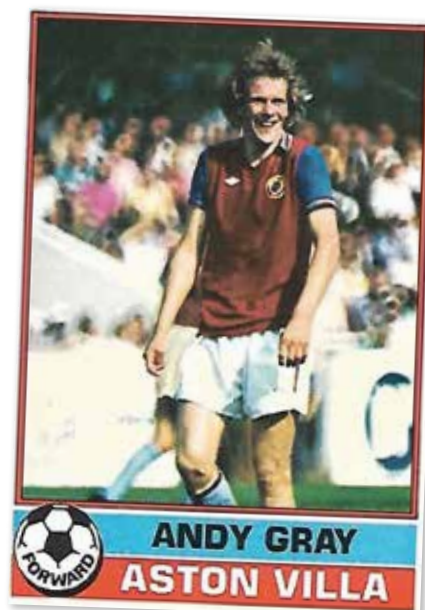
Formed in 1874, Aston Villa were one of the founding teams of the Football League in 1888. James Cowan would win five league titles and two FA Cups in a 12-year period with the club from 1890 to 1902. James was also selected for Scotland on three occasions, in successive matches versus England from 1896 to 98, captaining the side in the last match. It was not unusual for the selection committee to choose their best players for the England match and use supplementary players for the Welsh and Irish matches in that era. Thomas Niblo was to win his only cap against England in 1904.

Jimmy Gibson would move south from Partick Thistle having already won four caps at the end of season 1926/27 and would captain the Wembley Wizards in their 1928 5-1 trouncing of England. He would gain four caps overall at Villa. Incidentally his father Neilly would play alongside the aforementioned James Cowan in all three of his Scotland games.

Another player bought from Thistle was George Cummings, a hard, fearless full-back whom Stanley Matthews apparently never really got the better of. George is a Villa legend, even though his career was halted in many ways by the advent of World War II. George gained six caps at Villa, adding to his three with the Jags. Playing alongside him in six of those matches was wing-half Alex Massie. Alex had joined Villa from Hearts in December 35 and was to win the last seven of his 18 caps at Villa Park.

After George's final cap in 1939 it would be 46 years before another Villan would play for Scotland. Striker Andy Gray had moved from Dundee

United to Villa in October 1975 and a couple of months later he would make his Scotland debut versus Romania in a Euro qualifier at Hampden which ended 1-1. Despite his goalscoring exploits and indeed the PFA player awards, Andy was never really given many chances to shine for Scotland. Controversy does surround his absence from the 1978 World Cup squad, however. Ally MacLeod would only pick him once, which was in the first game after Argentina. Gray would score



in the match versus Austria that was to be MacLeod's last game in charge. However, he would not be given a run of games under Jock Stein either and only won six of his 20 caps at Villa before he moved to Wolves for a then English record transfer fee of £1.49m.



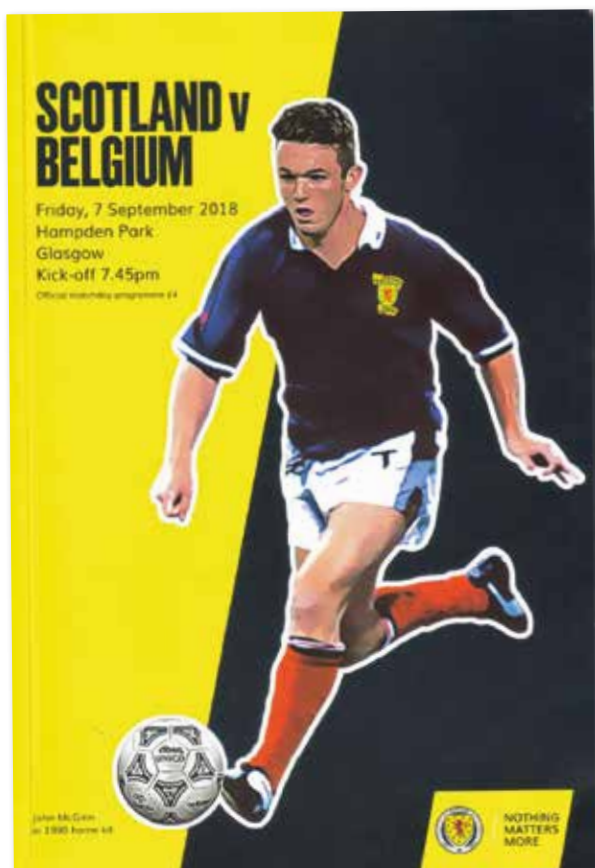
George Cummings





Aston Villa would win the 1980/81 championship and would go on to win the European Cup the following year with three Scots among their side: Des Bremner, Ken McNaught and Allan Evans. It would only be Evans who would feature in a Scotland side, however. Prior to the 82 World Cup Jock Stein was unsure which was his best central defence pairing. Options included the likes of Alan Hansen, Willie Miller, Alex McLeish, David Narey and Paul Hegarty. Evans was thrown into the mix, too, and would play in three games before the World Cup. He and Hansen were partnered up for the opening game at the finals but slack play saw New Zealand snatch two goals when Scotland were coasting and Evans was never seen in the dark blue of Scotland again. Bremner had previously won his solitary cap with Hibernian in 1976. As for McNaught, his father Willie had won five caps with Raith Rovers in the early 50s.

In the modern game, players shift about so much sometimes that it's hard to recall who played where and when, but among the great and not so good (perhaps) in the last 20 years at Villa include Colin Calderwood



John McGinn

for his final four caps, Shaun Maloney's first spell in English football, which saw him win six caps, and Barry Bannan who began his career with the Birmingham club and gained six caps.

Right-back Alan Hutton, however, hung in there. Signed by Villa in 2011, after his first season he was dropped from the first team, spending the following years out on loan and out of favour. Scotland manager Gordon Strachan would continue to pick Hutton even though he was not playing first-team football at the time. He won 29 of his 50 Scotland caps whilst at Villa Park before he retired from the international scene in November, 2016.

Having helped Villa win promotion via the play-offs at the end of season 2018/19 John McGinn has become a firm favourite with the side and by the end of that season had added six more caps to his then total of 15.

BLACKBURN ROVERS

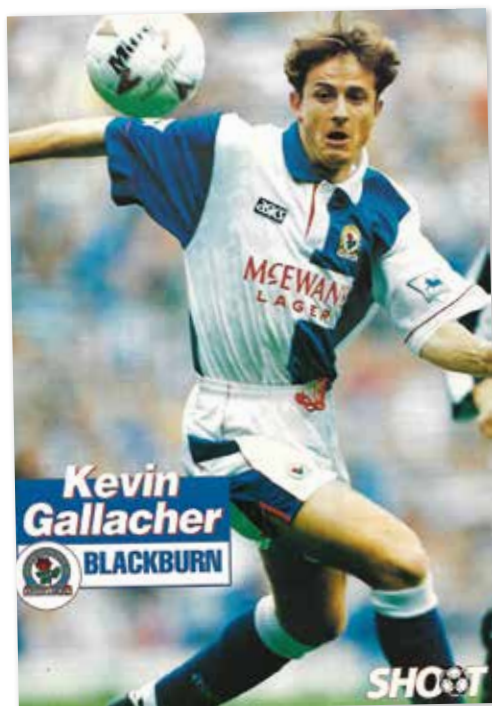
Blackburn Rovers were founded in 1875 and like Aston Villa were one of the founding members of the Football League. Scottish selectors had been reluctant to use players from the English sides for the early internationals until 4 April 1896, when four were chosen to play against England at Celtic Park, Glasgow – Tom Brandon of Blackburn Rovers, James Cowan of Aston Villa, Thomas Hyslop of Stoke City and Jack Bell of Everton. Scotland would win 2–1 with Bell hitting the second goal. It is perhaps just as well they won or Anglos might have been barred for many a year after. As for Tom, this was his only cap.

Walter Aitkenhead won just the one cap for Scotland as they ran out 4–1 winners at Windsor Park, Belfast versus Ireland in 1912. Perhaps it might have been apt for Walter to have played at Hampden as Aitkenhead Road is one of the two main thoroughfares to the national stadium. I still await someone with the name Cathcart to represent Scotland.

Jock Hutton would add three caps to the seven he gained at Aberdeen in the mid-20s at Ewood Park. He would be part of the Blackburn side that won the 1928 FA Cup. It would be almost 70 more years until Rovers would lift a major honour. That title would be the English Premier League in 1994/95 and they would have one Scot leading them off

the field and another leading the defence on it.

In October 1991, Kenny Dalglish had been lured back to football after an eight-month sabbatical by Blackburn owner Jack Walker. One of Dalglish's first signings was that of Colin Hendry. Hendry had been popular with Rovers fans in his first spell with the club in the late 80s and his return to Ewood from Manchester City was more than welcome.



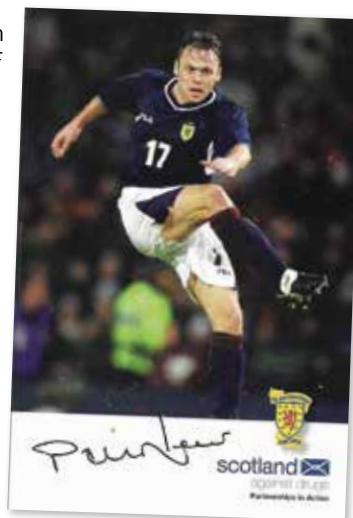
Kevin Gallacher

He would go on to play his part in Blackburn's promotion from the then Second Division to the Premier League via the play-offs and then the title-winning season of 1994/95. He would win his first Scotland cap at the age of 27 in May 1993 in Estonia. Colin would lead Scotland to the 1996 Euros and 1998 World Cup finals during his time with Rovers, earning 35 caps, before moving on to Rangers, Coventry and Bolton and a total of 51 caps. Sadly, his Scotland career would end in ignominy due to a retrospective six-game ban for elbowing a San Marino player in a World Cup qualifier in which he also netted twice.

Kevin Gallacher was signed from Coventry City in 1993 and already had 14 caps to his name. Kevin missed most of the league-winning season due to a succession of injuries and only played in the one match. He would, however, represent Scotland at the Euro 96 finals and his goals helped the side on its way to France 98, particularly his double versus Austria at Celtic Park in April 1997. Kevin gained 30 caps at Ewood Park before moving to Newcastle United where he would win another ten.

Billy McKinlay had joined from Dundee United in 1995 and like Hendry and Gallacher would appear in both finals. However, rather oddly, he would come on as a sub in the first match versus the Netherlands at Euro 96 and then similarly come on in the first match at France 98 versus Brazil and fail to make another appearance at either tournament. Billy would win 15 of his 29 caps at Blackburn.

Scots would come and go in the Blackburn side around the turn of the century with the likes of Christian Dailly, Callum Davidson, Barry Ferguson and Paul Dickov all winning caps whilst plying their trade at Ewood. More recently the likes of Jordan Rhodes, Grant Hanley and Charlie Mulgrew have all had stints at Blackburn.



Paul Dickov



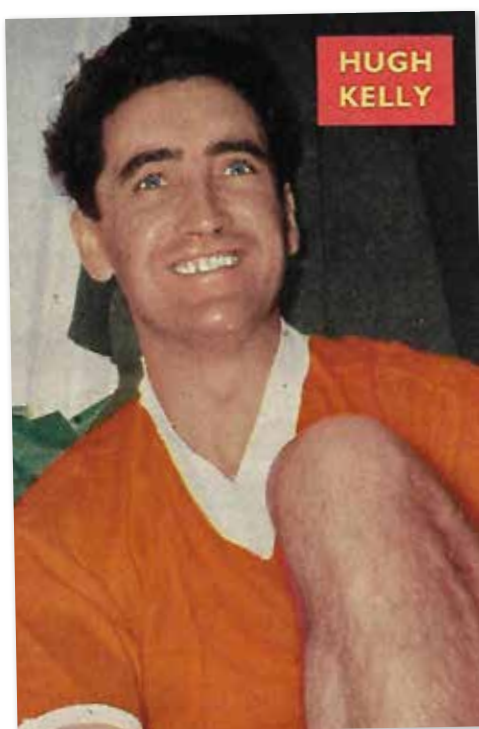
Colin Hendry

BLACKPOOL

Blackpool were formed in 1887 and it would take almost 50 years before they had a player representing Scotland. Defender Phil Watson was perhaps a strange choice for his only cap in November 1933 versus Austria at Hampden, as his club had been relegated to Division Two the previous season. Phil achieved 129 consecutive games for Blackpool from 1932/33 through to midway through 1934/35.

Alex Munro and Frank O'Donnell would play together for Scotland in a 3–1 victory over the Netherlands in Amsterdam in May 1938; both had won previous caps with Hearts and Preston respectively but these were to be their only ones with Blackpool. Munro would play in the first of three FA Cup finals that Blackpool and Stanley Matthews were involved in. The first in 1948 was lost 2–0 to Manchester United. Also in the side that day was Hugh Kelly who would win a cap in 1952 as Scotland whooped the USA 6–0 at Hampden Park.

Allan Brown had already won three caps with East Fife but would play alongside Kelly against the USA as a Blackpool player. Allan would win 14 caps in total scoring six times. He would also travel to the 1954 World Cup finals and play in both games against Austria and Uruguay. At Blackpool, Allan was unlucky to miss out on both the FA Cup defeat of 1951 and the victory in 1953 due to injury.



Goalkeeper George Farm would, however, play in both, although he did admit to being at fault for some of the goals conceded in the 1953 4–3 victory over Bolton. George was first capped versus Wales in 1953 and played seven games on the bounce; however, a 4–2 defeat to England at Hampden in April 1954 saw him lose his place to Fred Martin. George would not even make the squad of 22 for the World Cup finals in Sweden that year. It must have been a bit of a surprise five years later when he was called up for international duty once again and played in three games over the summer of 1959. After over 500 games for the Seasiders, George would move to Queen of the South whom he would go on to manage among others. In later life George would swap goalkeeping for lighthouse keeping at one point.

Although he had made his breakthrough in the Blackpool side in 1950 and played in both the 1951 and 1953 finals, Jackie Mudie did not make the Scotland team until 1956. He did make up for lost time, however, and would score nine goals in 17 matches in a two-year period. Jackie, standing at only 5ft 6in, was a bit small for a forward but like Mo Johnston for Italia 90 and Kevin Gallacher for France 98, his goals were absolutely vital in Scotland qualifying for the 1958 World Cup finals.



Jackie Mudie

Jackie scored in both victories over Switzerland and also hit a hat-trick against Spain, arguably the most important hat-trick ever by a Scotland player. Jackie played in all three games at the finals in Sweden and scored in the 3–2 defeat to Paraguay. After the World Cup the likes of Denis Law, David Herd and Ian St. John would take over the reins up front for Scotland. Jackie played with Blackpool all the way through to 1961, scoring 144 goals in 324 league games.

Blackpool would be relegated at the end of 1966/67 but on the final day of the season, a recent acquisition from Albion Rovers, Tony Green, would make his debut versus Liverpool. Tony was a left-sided attacking midfielder who was much loved at both Blackpool and Newcastle. Sadly he was out of the game by the time of his 26th birthday having suffered a knee cartilage injury in September 1972. He made six appearances for Scotland, his first four with Blackpool and the others at United. So loved was Tony by fans at Bloomfield Road and St James' Park he was inducted into the Hall of Fame at both clubs.

Charlie Adam had won a couple of caps by the time he signed on

permanently at Ian Holloway's Blackpool and he would play a major part in the Seasiders' brief revival and promotion to the top tier in 2009/10 via the play-offs, scoring with a free kick in the 3–2 Wembley win over Cardiff City. The following season he would hit many a spectacular goal but it would not be enough to halt Blackpool's slide back to the Championship. Charlie would be sold to Liverpool for £6.5m at the start of the next season.

Whilst at Bloomfield Road Charlie won a further ten caps but was unable to replicate his club form on the international stage and indeed never quite made his mark at Liverpool either. Capped around the same time at Blackpool were full-back Stephen Crainey, goalkeeper Matt Gilks and, winning his first two caps there, Matt Phillips, who in 2011 had appeared for England at the Under-20 World Cup finals in Colombia.



Tony Green