

They Died in the Conflict during Season 1914-1915

John Atkinson, born at Cambuslang on 5 December 1884, was an outside-left who made four appearances for Queen's Park in season 1904/05, but it was with Hamilton Academical that he spent most of his career. In 97 league matches, Atkinson scored 27 goals. He made one appearance for Celtic on 22 April 1909, and scored two goals as Celtic thrashed Morton 5-1. It was a kind gesture by Accies to loan him to Celtic, as the usual Celtic outside-left, David Hamilton, had been injured in the match between the two sides the previous day. Celtic had a fixture backlog and play eight times in 11 days! Partick Thistle took him for a month or so in March 1910, and thereafter he qualified as a Doctor and practiced in County Durham until the outbreak of war. He then travelled abroad, working in Madagascar. Tragically on 26 November 1914, at the age of 30, he drowned in an accident off the west coast of Africa.

George Huntly Badenoch, born at Castle Douglas on 8 April 1882, started out at Douglas Wanderers but was soon a signed player for Hearts in 1901, although he did not feature in the first team. Glossop in Derbyshire was his next stop, whom he joined in October 1901. In two seasons he accumulated 28 appearances, scoring four goals. A spell at Watford was followed by a season with Tottenham Hotspur in the Southern League where he managed only one appearance. Herbert Chapman signed Badenoch for Northampton Town in May 1907, and it was a relatively successful move as they won the Southern League. In total Badenoch played 47 matches for Northampton Town, scoring a solitary goal. His football career came to an end afterwards with a knee injury. George Badenoch and his wife left for Canada in January 1910 and did not return until just before the outbreak of World War One. Having joined up with a Canadian Regiment, Badenoch was killed in action on 15 June 1915 at Givenchy.

James Bryce, born at Glasgow, joined Queen's Park in August 1907. He had four seasons at Hampden making 21 appearances for the first team. His name is on the Hampden Park Memorial which was unveiled in 1922. He died on 21 July 1915 and is commemorated on the Helles Memorial.

Archibald Cunningham, born at Lasswade in 1880, played as a goalkeeper in 30 league matches for Leith Athletic between 1900-1903. After a spell with Broxburn Shamrock he left for Ireland and played with Glentoran before returning to Lasswade, Midlothian and getting employment at the Woolmet Pits of the Niddrie Coal Company. He was unmarried, enlisted in the Highland Light Infantry in September 1914, and was killed in action, about 36 years old, on 18 March 1915.

William P Eadie, born at Dunblane, was a goalkeeper connected to Queen's Park between 1902-1907, where he played in a total of 12 league matches. He was loaned to St Mirren for one league match in 1906/07, and had one season at Partick Thistle in season 1908/09, making five appearances. Eventually joining the 10th Battalion of the Canadian Infantry, he was killed in action on 23 April 1915, and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. He served under the name of Prince.

John Frail, born at Burntisland, Fife, he started off with Lochgelly United before St Bernard's signed him in March 1912. He made six appearances at outside-right for St Bernard's, scoring one goal. After becoming a Private in the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), he was killed in action on 9 May 1915.

Andrew Hamilton, born in Aberdeen, joined Aberdeen in May 1905. He made one first team appearance at centre-forward for Aberdeen during season 1905/06. After signing up with the 4th Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, he was killed in action on 20 July 1915.

James Hastie, born in Edrom, Berwickshire, had five seasons with Selkirk, followed by a year in England at Stockport County. By the time of his enlistment he was plying his trade in Edinburgh with St Bernard's. He played in one league match for them in season 1914/15 and also played in a trial match for Rangers. The 22 year old was employed at the Electrical Power Station in Edinburgh before joining the Gordon Highlanders, and was killed in action on 14 December 1914.



James Hendren is standing third from the right

James Hendren, born to Irish ancestry at Lochore in Fife on 17 July 1885, began his football days with Nithsdale Wanderers and was a miner by trade. He had worked in the Ayrshire mines and, as a centre forward, played for Kilmarnock before emigrating to America. He later returned to Scotland, to Fife, where he played football for Cowdenbeath and worked in the mines. It was from Cowdenbeath he was spotted and signed for Hibernian in 1911. A strong, quick striker he was well established at Hibs, and played in the 1914 side that lost the Scottish Cup final. He enlisted as a driver in the Army Transport Corps but, as his wife had just given birth, he was allowed to delay his enlistment. Unfortunately, within a few months he died of acute pneumonia in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on 17 June 1915 in his late twenties, leaving behind a widow and two young children. Hibs requested permission from the wartime authorities to play a benefit match but this was refused, and instead a donation was made from their funds. He had been top scorer in his three full seasons at Hibernian, scoring 56 goals in 135 appearances, from his debut against Queen's Park in October 1911 until his final appearance, also against Queen's Park, in April 1915. He scored a hat-trick on his final appearance. In future years, Jimmy Hendren's great nephew, Pat Stanton, was to make a name for himself at Hibs.

Samuel Herbertson, born at Irvine, Ayrshire, about 1889, began his career with junior side Beith, and signed for Ayr United in July 1913 as a goalkeeper making 13 appearances for the first team at Somerset Park before joining the Royal Scots Fusiliers at the outbreak of war. Private Samuel Herbertson was killed in action at the Dardanelles, Gallipoli on 12 July 1915.

Robert Gardner Houston, born at Kilbarchan, Renfrewshire in 1888, started out with Kilbarchan Athletic, eventually joining Partick Thistle in January 1912. He was used as a reserve goalkeeper at Firhill, but managed eight appearances for the first team between 1912 and 1913. He played in 14 league matches for Abercorn in season 1913/14 before moving on to Johnstone (three appearances). Bobby Houston later joined the 1st Battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders and was killed in action on 9 May 1915.

Charles Jeffrey, born in Dundonald, Ayrshire, had two seasons with Paisley side, Abercorn. In season 1913/14 he played in three league matches (1 goal), and had one more outing the following season. After enlisting in the Black Watch soon after the outbreak of war, Sergeant Charles Jeffrey was killed in action on 9 May 1915. His name is on Le Touret Memorial.

Allan Lawrie, born at Aberdeen, joined Aberdeen in June 1906 as a centre-forward, playing in one first team match in season 1906/07 and then was a reserve for the next couple of seasons. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders as a Private soon after the outbreak of war and was killed in action at Flanders on 10 May 1915.

Alexander McGregor, born at Glasgow in 1893, played at centre-forward for Yoker Athletic in season 1913/14. He subsequently signed for Tottenham Hotspur in August 1914.

However, he returned to Scotland and enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders in November 1914. After a stay in Aberdeen he left for the front on 3 December 1914. He was 21 years old when he died at Ypres on 14 December 1914.

James Sharp, born at Denny, Stirlingshire, began his career with Grange Rovers before joining Falkirk in August 1913. He played at left-back in a total of five league matches in season 1913/14. Soon after the outbreak of war, he joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and was killed in action on 26 April 1915. His name is on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

William McAdam Sharp, born at Paisley around 1889, started out with Kilbirnie Ladeside and joined Clyde in April 1910. The inside-left made five appearances in the Shawfield first team, four in 1909/10 and one in 1910/11. Sharp then had short spells with St Mirren and Johnstone. While with Johnstone he made one league appearance. He enlisted in the Scots Guards and was killed in action on 8 July 1915.



William Urquhart Sutherland

William Urquhart Sutherland, born at Falkirk in 1884, was the first known footballer to die in World War One. He served with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in the South African Campaign and was a keen footballer and gym instructor for his regiment. Southend United signed him in 1908 and in three seasons with the club he had a fine goalscoring record from his position at inside-forward. In August 1911 Plymouth Argyle signed him for a fee of £100 but he spent most of his time in the reserve side. In December 1913 he moved on to Chatham but when war broke out a few months later he immediately re-enlisted with his old regiment. On 26 August 1914, just four days after the British Army first encountered the enemy, Sergeant William Sutherland was killed in action during the Battle of Le Cateau.

John Wilson, born at Blackford, Perthshire in 1889, joined Dumbarton in 1912, where he made 13 league appearances, scoring three goals. Vale of Leven took him the following season, where he made 13 appearances, scoring one goal. At the outbreak of war, he signed up with the Black Watch (Royal Highlanders), and died of wounds in Paris on 20 September 1914.