

Name	Alexander Hair	Height	5ft 6in (1929)
Date of Birth	9 March 1898	Weight	10st 7lb (1929)
Birthplace	Glasgow	Usual position	Centre forward
Date of Death	31 May 1970	Known as	Alex/Alec/Sandy/Sanny
Place of Death	Bishopbriggs		

Scottish League & Football League football

League	Date	Opponents	Venue	Score & result	Position
Debut – Partick Thistle	18 August 1923	Ayr United	Firhill Park, Glasgow Att. 15,000	3:0 won	Centre forward
Last game – Preston North End	29 March 1930	Southampton	Deepdale, Preston Att. 7,958	1:1 draw	Inside left

International, representative and other matches

For	Date	Opponents	Venue	Score & result	Position
None					

Honours

Club	Season	Honour
Strathclyde	1922/23	Glasgow Junior Football League Champions
Strathclyde	1922/23	Glasgow Junior Football League Cup Winners
Strathclyde	1922/23	Smyllum Charity Cup
Partick Thistle	1926/27	Glasgow Merchants' Charity Cup Winners
Shelbourne	1930/31	Free State League Champions
Worcester City	1932/33	Keys Cup Winners
Worcester City	1932/33	Worcestershire FA Senior Cup Winners
Worcester City	1933/34	Keys Cup Winners

Individual goal-scoring club records still held**Most goals in a game**

Club/ Competition	Date	Opponents	Venue	Score & result	Position
Shelbourne – Free State League	6 Sep 1930	W + R Jacobs	Shelbourne Park, Dublin	7:0 won – scored 6 goals – joint holder	Centre Forward
Worcester City – Birmingham & District League	7 Jan 1933	Colwyn Bay United	St George's Lane, Worcester	12:1 won – scored 6 goals – joint holder	Centre Forward

Most goals in a season

Club	Season	Achievement
Strathclyde Juniors	1922/23	96 goals in all games
Partick Thistle	1926/27	41 league goals/49 goals in all competitions
Shelbourne	1930/31	29 league goals
Colwyn Bay United	1931/32	36 league goals – a <i>Birmingham League</i> record at the time “Over 40” goals in all games – this needs to be verified.
Worcester City	1932/33	63 goals in all games
Worcester City	1933/34	50 league goals – 51 goals is given in <i>League</i> records and 50 goals in club records. The difference is a goal credited/not credited on 23 September 1933 v Hereford United
Worcester City	1933/34	64 goals in all games – in other records this is given as 65 goals. The difference is a goal credited/not credited in each of two games - 23 September 1933 v Hereford United (<i>League</i>) and 20 January 1934 v Stourbridge (<i>Worcs. FA Senior Cup</i>)

Scoring three or more goals in a match (this is incomplete)

Date	Playing for	Playing against	Venue	Competition	Result	For	Against	Alex Hair
12-Jan-24	Partick Thistle	Dunkeld and Birnam	Home	Scottish Cup 1st Round	Won	11	0	6
06-Sep-30	Shelbourne	W + R Jacobs	Home	Free State League	Won	7	0	6
07-Jan-33	Worcester City	Colwyn Bay United	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	12	1	6
14-May-27	Partick Thistle	Rangers	Neutral	Glasgow Merchants Charity Cup	Won	6	3	5
06-Oct-28	Partick Thistle	Hamilton Academical	Home	Scottish Football League - Division 1	Won	8	0	5
24-Mar-34	Worcester City	Oakengates Town	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	8	1	5
02-Oct-26	Partick Thistle	Hibernian	Home	Scottish Football League - Division 1	Won	5	1	4
23-Oct-26	Partick Thistle	Dunfermline Athletic	Home	Scottish Football League - Division 1	Won	5	1	4
22-Sep-28	Partick Thistle	St Johnstone	Home	Scottish Football League - Division 1	Won	6	2	4
02-Jan-32	Colwyn Bay United	Burton Town	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	4	2	4
04-Mar-33	Worcester City	Wrexham Reserves	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	6	1	4
19-May-23	Strathclyde Juniors	Pollok	Neutral	Glasgow Junior Football League Cup Final	Won	3	0	3
17-Aug-25	Partick Thistle	Hibernian	Away	William McGinnigle Benefit	Won	6	4	3
18-Sep-26	Partick Thistle	Kilmarnock	Home	Scottish Football League - Division 1	Won	5	0	3
02-Apr-27	Partick Thistle	St Johnstone	Home	Scottish Football League - Division 1	Won	3	1	3
17-Nov-28	Preston North End	Clapham Orient	Home	Football League - Division 2	Won	5	2	3
23-Aug-30	Shelbourne	Bray Unknowns	Home	Free State League	Won	5	0	3
15-Nov-30	Shelbourne	Bray Unknowns	Home	Free State League	Won	3	2	3
22-Nov-30	Shelbourne	St Jame's Gate	Neutral	Leinster Cup Semi Final	Won	4	1	3
27-Aug-32	Worcester City	Burton Town	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	3	1	3
03-Sep-32	Worcester City	Stourbridge	Away	FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round	Won	4	2	3
08-Oct-32	Worcester City	Oakengates Town	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	10	0	3
15-Oct-32	Worcester City	Stafford Rangers	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	5	1	3
29-Oct-32	Worcester City	Hednesford Town	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	7	2	3
26-Dec-32	Worcester City	Kidderminster Harriers	Away	Birmingham & District League	Won	6	2	3
29-Apr-33	Worcester City	Wellington Town	Home	Birmingham & District League	Won	6	1	3
30-Sep-33	Worcester City	Stourbridge	Home	FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round	Won	6	0	3
03-Mar-34	Worcester City	Shrewsbury Town	Away	Birmingham & District League	Won	3	0	3

Position as club all-time top scorer

Club	Seasons	Achievement
Partick Thistle	1923-28	=10 th all-time top scorer 97 competitive goals
Worcester City	1932-34	4 th all-time top scorer 127 goals in all games

Club career as a player

Club	Date signed	Season	League/Division	Final Post.	Apps	Goals
Clydebank Juniors	nk	1921/22	Glasgow Junior Football League	13 th /18	nk	nk
Strathclyde *	nk	1922/23	Glasgow Junior Football League Division 1	1 st /20	nk	96**
Partick Thistle	28 May 1923	1923/24	Scottish Football League Division 1	8 th /20	29	16
Partick Thistle		1924/25	Scottish Football League Division 1	7 th /20	6	2
Queen of the South ^l	13 Nov 1924	1924/25	Scottish Football League Division 3	2 nd /16	19	19
Partick Thistle	27 Apr 1925	1925/26	Scottish Football League Division 1	14 th /20	1	1
Third Lanark ^l	14 Oct 1925	1925/26	Scottish Football League Division 2	6 th /20	5	2
Alloa Athletic ^l	8 Jan 1926	1925/26	Scottish Football League Division 2	16 th /20	15	17
Bo'ness ^l	nk	1925/26	Scottish Football League Division 2	8 th /20	nk	Nk
Partick Thistle	28 Apr 1926	1926/27	Scottish Football League Division 1	11 th /20	36	41
Partick Thistle		1927/28	Scottish Football League Division 1	6 th /20	11	6
Partick Thistle		1928/29	Scottish Football League Division 1	6 th /20	7	12
Preston North End	25 Oct 1928	1928/29	Football League Division 2	13 th /22	31	19
Preston North End		1929/30	Football League Division 2	16 th /22	14	3
Preston North End	Apr 1930	1929/30	Placed on the Open to Transfer List at a fee of £1,000			
<i>Shelbourne</i>	<i>Jun 1930</i>	<i>1930/31</i>	<i>Free State League</i>	<i>1st/12</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Colwyn Bay United</i>	<i>Jun 1931</i>	<i>1931/32</i>	<i>Birmingham & District League</i>	<i>6th/18</i>	<i>34***</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Worcester City</i> ^{p/m}	<i>Jun 1932</i>	<i>1932/33</i>	<i>Birmingham & District League</i>	<i>2nd/18</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Worcester City</i> ^{p/m}		<i>1933/34</i>	<i>Birmingham & District League</i>	<i>2nd/20</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>50****</i>
Preston North End	May 1934	1933/34	Given a free transfer			
Burton Town	May 1934	1934/35	Birmingham & District League	7 th /19	?	?
Shirley Town ^m	May 1935	1935/36	Birmingham Combination	11 th /19	-	-

Notes

^a This has not been verified

^l Loan

^{p/m} Player/Manager

^m Manager – unsure if he also played

* there is a source that states he signed for Strathclyde Juniors at 14 years of age and was their youngest-ever signing. However, this is not included as the exact details cannot be verified.

** this is an “all games” total

*** this needs to be verified

**** 51 goals is given in League records and 50 goals in club records. The difference is a goal credited/not credited in the match on 23 September 1933 v Hereford United. League records and Birmingham newspaper reports say he scored a hat-trick but both Worcester City and Hereford United records list that he only scored two goals and the third goal was scored by Alex King.

Club career as a manager

Season	League	Club	Pos.	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1932/3	Birmingham & District League	Worcester City	2 nd /18	34	21	3	10	108	52	45
1933/4	Birmingham & District League	Worcester City	2 nd /20	38	24	3	11	118	62	51
1935/6	Birmingham Combination	Shirley Town	11 th /19	36	14	4	18	86	94	32

Season-by-season goals scored for each Scottish League and Football League club, where known, each other club

Partick Thistle

Season	Scottish League		Scottish Cup		Glasgow Charity Cup		Glasgow Cup		Stirling Charity Cup		Friendlies		All matches	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
1923/24	29	16	7	7	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	40	24
1924/25	6	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	3
1925/26	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	3	5	5
1926/27	36	41	5	1	3	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	46	49
1927/28	11	6	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	13	7
1928/29	7	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	12
Totals	90	78	12	8	8	10	5	1	2	-	4	3	121	100

Preston North End

Season	Football League		FA Cup	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
1928/29	31	19	1	-
1929/30	14	3	-	-
	45	22	1	-

All matches	
Apps.	Goals
32	19
14	3
46	22

Worcester City

Season	Birmingham League		FA Cup		Worcs. FA Senior Cup		Friendlies	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
1932/33	32	49	3	4	3	5	3	5
1933/34	37	50	4	6	4	4	2	4
	69	99	7	10	7	9	5	9

All matches	
Apps.	Goals
41	63
47	64
88	127

Notes:

Worcester City FC 1932/33 Season – some records show the “Friendlies” total goals as 6 but I believe that it may be overstated by one goal.

Worcester City FC 1933/34 Season - in other records the “All matches” total is given as 63 goals. The difference is a goal credited/not credited in each of two games – 23 September 1933 v Hereford United (League) and 20 January 1934 v Stourbridge (Worcs. FA Senior Cup). I believe the correct total is 64 goals. League records credit him with three goals against Hereford United but he only scored two goals – see note under “Club career as a player”. In the cup match

against Stourbridge he is credited with one goal. However, I believe the source of the score and goal scorers was a half-time report. He scored another goal in the second-half to make a total of two goals in a 5:1 win.

Trophies won



Free State League champions trophy

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Glasgow Junior Football League

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Glasgow Junior Football League Cup
The cup had been presented by the Evening News



Glasgow Merchants' Charity Cup

This cup was first competed for in 1877 and the competition was organised by the Glasgow Charity Cup Committee that invited clubs from in and around Glasgow to take part. It was traditionally played for at the end of the season and the committee distributed the takings to local charities. The cup was last played for in 1966 and is now on display at the Scottish Football Museum, Hampden Park, Glasgow.

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The Worcestershire Football Association Senior Cup

The cup was first played for in the 1893/94 season. At Alex Hair's time the competition was between WFA member clubs who played in the Birmingham League or Birmingham Combination. In addition Football League clubs (Aston Villa, Birmingham, West Bromwich Albion and Walsall) who had reserve/colts team in these leagues also took part. The cup is still competed for today.

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The Keys Cup

The cup was donated by Harry Keys, a director/chairman of West Bromwich Albion, to the Birmingham & District League in 1904. It was to be presented to the highest placed club each season that was not a reserve/colts team of a Football League club. Today it is presented to the runners-up in the Premier Division of the West Midlands (Regional) League as the Birmingham & District League was re-named in 1962.

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Smyllum Cup

In 1922/23 this was a competition between 16 Glasgow clubs in aid of Smyllum Park Orphanage, Lanark