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Andy WILSON



Jon ROBERTSON



Nicky JAMIESON



Nathan GILHOOLY



GOALS

Cawley 62 Trouten 33 Buchanan 21 Graham 12 Thomson 9

Reece WILLISON



Lucas WILLIAMSON



Edin LYNCH



IANAGER

PETER GRANT







180 см 70 кб

Kevin **CAWLEY**



Stefan **SCOUGALL**



Liam



Alan **TROUTEN**



Adam **BROWN**



Blair **MALCOLM**



Cameron O'DONNELL



Lee CONNELLY



Robert **THOMSON**



Ray GRANT



Innes **MURRAY**



Liam



EVANS









JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Today we return to the Indodrill Stadium for our first "Live" Ladbrokes Championship match of the season against Dundee which has been selected for live coverage on BBC Scotland channel. The addition of live cameras along with an evening kick-off under the floodlights always adds an extra ingredient of excitement in a game both managers will be looking to put on a good show and ultimately pick up valuable championship league points. Dundee looked as if they were going to collect to back to back home victories on Saturday until Raith Rovers scored a late equaliser. We welcome Dundee FC to The Indodrill Stadium, welcoming James McPake the players, officials and directors of Dundee FC.

In our last home match against Dunfermline Athletic "The Wasps" were disappointed to lose the game in which the scoreline of 4-1 does not look good but does not give a true reflection on the day of how close this game was, indeed prior to Dunfermline going 2-1 in front Alloa looked like the most likely to score and were punished heavily for not taking their chances and giving away bad goals. The script seemed to be written for ex Wasp Kevin O'Hara coming off the bench to score

a hat-trick against his old side, there is no sentiment in sport it is all about the score on the day, the rest is history.

Alloa Athletic fans should note the change in two league fixtures, "The Wasps" were due to face Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle last Saturday 31st October, however Hearts were defeating Hibernian that day in their Scottish Cup semi-final held over from last season, the new date will be

Tuesday 24th November at Tynecastle Kick-Off 7pm. Also early in the New Year due to Championship clubs being involved in the Scottish Cup 2nd Round this season, the League match against Ayr United which was due to be played at Somerset Park on Saturday 9th January, 2021 will now be played on Tuesday 12th January at Somerset Park, Kick-Off 7pm.

This season's Scottish Cup competition has had to be revised due to the ongoing circumstances of the pandemic which have resulted in a need to condense the Competition, and a consequential necessity to adapt the format of the Competition for this Season, the Scottish FA Board has approved the revised format and Competition Rules for Season 2020/21 only.

The key changes to the Competition Rules, which have been implemented due to the condensed nature of the Competition, are as follows:

- · Entry point of clubs to the Competition and the number of ties in each round;
- · Removal of replays for all matches with the outcome of any drawn match being determined by extra time and penalties, if required:
- · The requirement to attempt to re-schedule any postponed match in the Preliminary

Rounds, Round One and Round Two, during the first midweek after the original match date.

For the 2020/21 Competition the rules regarding the number of substitutes permitted in a match will revert back to no more than three being permitted in the match, and an additional one permitted in any period of extra-time.

Infront, a Wanda Sports Group company and the exclusive international media rights partner of the Scottish Professional Football League (SPFL), has extended the global reach of SPFL competitions to more than 150 territories. The increase comes as a result of several new broadcast agreements for the 2020/21 season. Recent partnerships with broadcasters including ESPN in the USA, Match TV in Russia, Polsat in Poland and Sport1 In Germany. Austria and Switzerland pushes the reach of Scottish football to over 150 territories. The deal is the latest in a series of recent agreements following partnerships with the Nordic Entertainment Group (NENT) and belN Sport in Australia. New Zealand and South Fast Asia. All broadcasters will show matches from the Scottish Premiership, Scottish Championship, Scottish League One & Two, as well as the Betfred Cup. Neil Doncaster, chief executive of the SPFL. said: "This announcement is fantastic news for Scottish football and puts our game, our

competitions and our teams on a global stage. With SPFL competitions now available to watch in more than 150 territories across the world, more and more supporters will be able to experience the excitement and spectacle that is Scottish football. "During such a uniquely challenging time, it is testament to the strength of Scottish football's enduring popularity that there remains significant global demand for our game."

WASPS 2000 DRAW -31ST OCTOBER, 2020

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PETER GRANT



MANAGERS NOTES

Good evening everyone,

Welcome, however you are watching the game. Hopefully in the not to distant future it will be in the stadium where supporters of every club deserve to be.

We go into the game on the back of a disappointing result against Dunfermline.

Up to about 65 minutes I was disappointed that we weren't in front or go on to get 3 points but it just shows at any level you have to concentrate.

To say we were disappointed would be an understatement to how the game ended as it took away many things we did well but as have said





many times we are in the business to entertain and win.

I would like to welcome James and all his staff and players.

Dundee have shown their ambition by the quality they have added to the quality they already had. We know every game we play we are more than a match for anyone but our concentration level has to be at it's maximum.

Enjoy the game and keep safe.

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Alloa manager Hugh McCann gave a debut to Martin Feenie and Jim Butter in goal, while Scott Henry was also included in midfield and Ian Black lead the attack, Barrie Moffat was only on the bench while Mungo McCallum did not feature.

Dundee faced the railway end and attacked strongly from the kick-off, the pressure on the home defence was unrelenting. The visitors went ahead on 26 minutes, when Scott Henry pulled down Gordon McLeod, Billy Dodds making it 1-0 from the spot. Worse was to follow when three minutes later Jim Butter fouled Keith Wright and Billy Dodds scored his second penalty of the evening. Alloa were glad to get to half-time only two goals down. In the second half it was Alloa who opened the strongest and John Irvine and Scott Henry had shots well saved by Tom Carson, however in 51 minutes they suffered another set back when Stevie Campbell's cross caught Jim Butter off his line and Dundee went 3-0 ahead. A minute later Davie Wilcox bulleted home to open Alloa's account. Alloa captain Willie Newbigging was also now getting involved, but too much so thought the referee and Willie went in the book. With Alloa now in full control they were caught out with a classic counter attack and Keith Wright gave Dundee a 4-1 lead which was cruel to "The Wasps". Alloa came back again and John Irvine made it 4-3. Dundee were now on the back foot and hanging on. The equaliser was on the cards and the home support was totally behind their team. With only three minutes left Rab Shannon scored a rare goal for the visitors in a goal mouth scramble, the ball could have ended anywhere, it decided the issue Dundee now 5-3 ahead but they were relieved, and even in defeat the Alloa heads were high.



STARTING XI

1 CARSON

2 FRAIL

3 SHANNON

4 HOLT

5 JAMIESON

6 BAIN

7 D. CAMPBELL

8 MCLEOD

9 WRIGHT

10 DODDS
11 S. CAMPBELL

STARTING XI

1 BUTTER

2 NEWBIGGING

3 R. LEE

4 WILCOX

5 MCCULLOCH

6 D. LEE

7 GRANT

8 FEENIE

9 BLACK

10 IRVINE

SUBS

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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

24th October 2020 Indodrill Stadium, Alloa 3:00pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

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DUNFERMLINE



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Cawley 45' 1:1	
1:2	67' O'Hara
1:3	77′ OʻHara









STARTING XI			STARTING XI
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3 DICK			2 COMRIE
25 LYNCH			3 EDWARDS
2 TAGGART	SUBS	SUBS	5 MURRAY
8 ROBERTSON	21 WILSON	20 GILL	10 MCMANUS
23 MURRAY	5 GRAHAM	7 O'HARA	11 DOW
22 GRANT	9 BUCHANAN	8 TURNER	15 WILSON
7 CAWLEY	12 SCOUGALL	14 MCCANN	16 WHITTAKER
10 TROUTEN	14 BROWN	19 FENTON	21 MURRAY
17 CONNELLY	18 MALCOLM	22 MAYO	23 THOMAS
19 THOMSON	20 O'DONNELL	24 MCINROY	44 WATSON

REFEREE: Don Robertson

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

Alloa Athletic FC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of those who engage with the club especially children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from all form of harm and actively promoting the creation of a positive, safe and supportive environment.

We recognise -

- the welfare of the child (up to the age of 18) is paramount.
- all children regardless of age disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

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- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of inicdents of concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and that is dealt with confidentially;
- prevent the employment or engagement wof unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and veting procedures

Alloa Athletic Football Club's policy will be widely promoted and will be reviewed on a regular basis, or in the event of changes in legislation or government guidance, or as a result of any other changes.

MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN ALLOA ATHLETIC FC



JONATHAN MARKWELL



5 REASONS TO ADMIRE THE WASPS SINCE LOCKDOWN

In these unprecedented times football can sometimes seem trivial and unimportant. However, from afar, there have been numerous steps taken by Alloa Athletic Football Club on and off the pitch since March which I've admired. In a time when you are re-evaluating all facets of your normal life, it is not an underestimation to say that my unwavering support for the Wasps has only grown in the days and months since the premature curtailment of the 2019/20 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of those reasons have gone under the radar, so here's my list of five reasons why I've admired the Wasps since lockdown.

1. COMMITMENT TO THE PLAYERS

The club were quick to reassure the players from the outset that they'd all be offered new contracts for the 2020/2021 season, whenever that was scheduled to start. This contrasted sharply with the approach taken by other clubs, and

understandably so given that each club had to respond to their own individual circumstances. From purely an Alloa perspective however, that was a first-class response from the club in my opinion. In a time of uncertainty, the peace of mind the players must have gained would have been appreciated, with the prospect

of potentially being released and needing to find a new club a source of anxiety for so many other players. Speaking to the Alloa Advertiser's lack Haugh after re-signing, numerous players sung the praises of the clubs approach. Stevie Hetherington explained "Before the pandemic started the club made us all aware they were going to be in a position to offer us to stay on... it just reiterates again what [Chairman] Mike [Mulraney] is like in looking after the players" That viewpoint was shared by Neil Parry and Kevin Cawley, with Andy Graham going further by stating he'll forever be indebted to the club for offering him a new deal after his injury. Those sorts of comments reiterate my thoughts that there is a close-knit and genuinely likeable squad of players at Alloa who will go the extra mile for the club, which can only bode well for the season ahead.



2. NOT GETTING PUBLICLY INVOLVED IN RELEASING CLUB STATEMENTS

I was personally delighted to see that Alloa made no public statements concerning the hullabaloo surrounding the finish of the 2019/20 season. Unlike so many other clubs, including many of which had no real reason to become so actively/publicly involved in my opinion, there were no club statements from Alloa, Sometimes less is more and keeping a dignified silence is best in

an era when clubs appear compelled to update supporters on every iota of detail and 'maintaining a presence' on a daily basis. Although the perceived lack of information from the club sometimes causes frustration for some supporters, the club are clear and consistent with the approach, to their credit in my view.

3.SHARING FACIL-ITIES WITH DUN-FERMLINE

Allowing Dunfermline training facilities at the Indodrill Stadium during the week and the option of hosting matches if it is necessary at any time this season was an innovative move by the club. First and foremost, it was the right thing to do in the circumstances. It also demonstrates that strong working relationships do exist in the game, when general opinion would suggest otherwise. I'd also speculate in a more light hearted manner that there might be some further welcome spin-offs for the Wasps from this arrangement:

a) Income gener-

ation from the Pars for regular use of the pitch.

b) Perfect for Peter Grant scouting the opposition - there'll be no need for Leeds' Marcelo Bielsa style spying tactics on the Pars through bushes; instead Peter Grant can happily watch on from the stand of his own home ground, or record the action on the newly installed camera to watch back at his leisure!

c) Some may say

it'll be more difficult to earn points off the Pars this season, as they'll be training on the pitch far more than the Alloa players themselves; but in my mind it will just make taking points off them even more satisfying!

Returning to a more serious note, it is also pertinent to record that a similar offer was made to Stirling Albion had it been needed, with @forthbank_news acknowledging it was a huge comfort to know their neigh-

bours were there to help if required.

4. THE WIDER COM-MUNITY ROLE OF THE CLUB

The Wasp Community Club were quick to offer a collection service and distribute food packs for vulnerable members of the community during lockdown. The recognisable Wasp Community Club car was out and about throughout the county to help those most in need during the challenging times.

With the help of a grant from the Corra Foundation and fresh food provided by Christine's Cottage Kitchen in Fallin over a 100 food packs were able to be delivered per week from June, with Club Development Officer Max Nicholson and other youth coaches all embracing the positive community role football clubs play in wider society, which should be applauded. Although not on the same scale as the widely



praised initiatives by Stenhousemuir, The Wasp Community Club facilitated a valuable and worthy community scheme which demonstrated the football club is actively at the centre of the local community.

5. THE CHAIRMAN'S OPENNESS WITH SUPPORTERS

I thoroughly enjoyed the Zoom call Chairman Mike Mulraney undertook with supporters in June. Being quizzed for 90 minutes is not something Mike had to do, especially whilst he was in the thick of it in his role as Scottish Football Association Vice-President. However, Mike answered every question with honesty, passion and conviction, which reassured me that Alloa's short, medium and longterm future is in safe hands. Mike also kept to his promise to make season tickets as affordable as possible, with the prices lower than any other

team in the league. Linked to that, on a personal note, being a fan from afar, having the ability to watch games 'live' for the very first time has been a tremendous addition. Obviously it has occurred because of unimaginable wider events, but from a purely selfish personal perspective it has revolutionised mv Saturdav afternoons.

So whilst the impact of Covid-19 will continue to be felt throughout society in

the coming months and years, in time the Wasps will hopefully be able to look back and be able to say that they responded in the right way by putting into place some innovative initiatives which demonstrated the wider role community clubs like Alloa play in wider society.



APPEARANCES

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WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0		
DICK	DEF	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)		0 (0)	0
GILHOOLY	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
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BROWN	MID	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
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GRANT	MID	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
MURRAY	MID	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	2 (0)	1	2 (1)	0	4 (1)	0
THOMSON	FWD	2 (0)	0	1 (2)	3	3 (2)	3
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0
TROUTEN	FWD	2 (0)	- 0	2 (1)	1	4 (1)	1
CONNELLY	FWD	2 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	3 (1)	0
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

The phrase "kick in the teeth" is probably the most apt way to describe the game against Dunfermline a fortnight ago, particularly when Alloa looked pretty good for much of the gamecertainly up to that second Dunfermline goal. The score line on paper looks a bad one-perhaps not a true reflection

of the game. But Alloa were punished for not scoring when on top, and leaking a couple of bad goals at the other end.

With Hetherington suspended after his sending off against Morton the previous week, I was hopeful we may see Stefan Scougall starting the game. Understandably perhaps, he is

still working to reach full match sharpness after no significant game time since January. A bit more patience is required before he is in contention to start and play 90 minutes every week. Innes Murray had played well in his outings against Livingston and Edinburgh City in the Betfred Cup. and he got the nod

to slot into midfieldthe only change from the previous week.

It was a slow start to the game, but Dunfermline took an early lead when Ryan Dow made a good run to catch Alloa's defence cold before slotting past Willison in the Alloa goal. Whether Dow was in an offside

position when the through ball was played is debatable. Perhaps with the benefit of VAR, Dow would have been exposed as being a fraction of a body part offside. It was a marginal call- and difficult to point any major blame at the assistant referee. But perhaps a bit of good fortune could have fallen Alloa's way in terms of his interpretation of the incident.

Alloa reacted fairly well though and equalised at a perfect momentright on the half time whistle. Innes Murrays excellent cross into the area found Cawley as



the visitors looked to squeeze their defensive line higher. Kevin Cawley may have been the smallest man on the pitch, but his looping header was a great one and Alloa were level, deservedly so on the balance of

play.

Without creating a host of chances, for the first 20 minutes of the second half I thought Alloa looked by far the better team, certainly on the front foot and there only looked

like one winner in the game. Thomson came close with a header, but Alloa had to be patient and you hoped the opportunities would accompany their good play. Dunfermline reacted by introducing Kevin O'Hara from the bench just before the 70-minute mark. You sensed Stevie Crawford's thought process- with his pace O'Hara would provide a useful out ball and take the pressure off his defence, moving the team up the pitch. But O'Hara was on the pitch less than a minute before he had the ball in the net- a bad mistake by Jon Robertson with a short header back to Willison



which saw O'Hara swoop in for the easiest of finishes. It was a disaster from an Alloa perspective-incredibly frustrating. Ex-players returning to score against their former club is inevitable in football. But ideally if this occurs, you really want them to have worked hard for it. And the striker had to do anything but in order to score on familiar territory. O'Hara's impact thereafter was absolutely no surprise- he was stretching Alloa's defence all over the place on the counter attack. And whilst his first goal was laid

on a plate, his second goal to seal the points was a touch of quality-turning Robertson before slotting home. O'Hara then rubbed an abundance of salt in the wound- first striking the post before completing his hat trick with a late penalty.

So what went wrong? In layman terms, obviously a team failing to score when on top and leaking soft goals at the back will almost exclusively be defeated in a game of football. And its hard to unearth too many positives after experiencing the final quarter of that

game. It's clear the imminent (hopefully) return of Neil Parry will make a huge difference to the team. That's not a knock on Willison- Lactually feel quite sorry for him because he hasn't really had all that much to do in his 2 games so far. Its more prominently for Parry settling that back 4 a bit. Jon Robertson has been a brilliant player for the club, and has rarely made a mistake- it was certainly his error for the second goal. I just feel that with Parry between the sticks that communication breakdown perhaps doesn't happen. In

the attacking sense there is a clamour from supporters to sign another strikerand we painfully experienced firsthand exactly what we have to replace in that area with O'Hara's devastating cameo. However, in terms of his link up play, presence and movement I thought Robert Thomson was arguably Alloa's best performer on the day. There is a gap to be filled in terms of perhaps slicker support in the final third. But with only 2 games gone in the campaign I think this will certainly improve within the team unit with more

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games under their belt. Nobody enjoys losing 4-1 at home-particularly when you add taking in the misery through a laptop screen- but I genuinely don't think there is a great deal to be alarmed about.

Unfortunately, tonight's game is another where we would normally have been looking forward to a great end to the working week. Floodlights on, TV cameras present and a good crowd in the stadium. It would also have been worthwhile to take a look at Charlie Adam at close quarters on the Alloa pitch. He is a player I have



watched and been impressed with at international level previously, but it's always good to see a quality player who has played at the top level showing what they have to offer at Recreation Park. The visitors have enjoyed the trip in recent times, as Alloa have lost the

last 4 fixtures here against Dundee. It's been over 12 years since Alloa last beat them at home - a 2-1 Challenge Cup win which was considered a major upset at the time. Dundee manager Alex Rae (allegedly) put his fist through the away dressing room door in frustration after

the match. (not allegedly- I saw the damage with my own eyes)

Enjoy tonight's game, and hopefully next time supporters can join the TV cameras when they arrive in town.



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LOOKING BACK

5TH NOVEMBER 1983

In the Premier Division, leaders Aberdeen reinforced their position, with a crushing 5-0 win at struggling St. Johnstone. Celtic moved into second spot, thanks to a 2-1 win at their out-of-sorts local rivals Rangers, The Celts displaced Dundee United, who dropped to third,

after a 0-1 defeat at their near-neighbours Dundee, for whom Mackie was on target. Meanwhile, the Edinburgh "derby" clash at Easter Road ended allsquare at 1-1, which meant that Hearts remained in fourth place, Hibs were still just one place behind, while Dundee's success moved them up to sixth. St.

Johnstone's latest reversal kept them firmly anchored to the bottom, with just four points to their credit so far, second-bottom Motherwell were held 0-0 at home by fellow struggers St. Mirren, who remained just one place above The Well.

The First Division's top clash was undoubtedly at

Firhill, where leaders Partick entertained third-placed Falkirk, in front of 5,000 onlookers, and the game ended with honours even at 2-2, which meant no positional change for either club. Kilmarnock remained second, despite also being held 2-2 in another top-of-thetable clash, at fourthplaced Morton, while



Dumbarton retained fifth spot, despite having to settle for a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Airdrie. At the other end of the table. Alloa and Clyde had not experienced the best of fortunes to date, and they met at Recreation Park. in what could be termed as an early season "four pointer", with The Wasps lining up as follows: Hunter, Thomson, Haggart, Purdie, Martin, Garner, Weir (Thompson), Houston, McComb. Munro (Lloyd), Cole. And the game ended all-square at 1-1. with Frankie Cole netting for Alloa, a certain young Stevie Masterton for "The Bully Wee", who thus remained in bottom spot, with Alloa still just one place better off, while Meadowbank, 1-3 losers at Raith, now occupied third-bottom position

Second Division, table-toppers Forfar were held for the second successive week, this time 1-1 at Station Park, by another of the promotion challengers, Stirling Albion, while 1-1 was also the

outcome in another top-of-the-table battle, at Palmerston, between Queen Of The South and Berwick. The Doonhamers remained second. Berwick slipped one place to fifth, Arbroath were now third after a 3-0 win at struggling East Stirling, while Stirling Albion dropped one place from third to fourth. Albion Rovers registered their first win of the season. 1-0 at another of the strugglers, Cowdenbeath, and this welcome result was enough to lift The Wee Rovers one place off the bottom. they were replaced by East Stirling.

South of the border. First Division leaders Manchester United missed a great chance to extend their advantage, when they were rather surprisingly beaten 1-2 by mid-table Aston Villa at Old Trafford, And this meant that second-placed Liverpool had the chance to take over at the top. when they hosted local rivals Everton in the Mersevside "derby" the following day. West Ham were now third after a 2-1 home If you require assistance in the following please contact us.

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win v Ipswich, but there was no respite for hapless bottom club Wolves, who remained winless after a 0-5 hammering at Midlands rivals Nottingham Forest. There was no positional change at the top of The Second Division, as leaders Sheffield Wednesday

maintained their four-point advantage with a 2-0 home win v Yorkshire rivals Barnsley, second-placed Newcastle defeated Fulham 3-2 at St. lames Park. while Manchester City remained third. after a 3-1 win at Shrewsbury.





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Alloa welcome lames McPake and his Dundee side for this Friday night match-up at the Indodrill. With the early termination of the 2019/20 season, the Dees were resigned to another season in the second tier without the opportunity of promotion through the play-offs. This season looks equally, if not more, tricky for them to succeed and go up automatically, however, after some high calibre signings, McPake will be confident he can

take the side back up to the Premiership. It has been a mixed bag of results for Dundee so far as they have had one win, one draw and one defeat. The defeat was in the most damaging of circumstances as they were thrashed 6-2 by title challengers on the opening day. A 1-0 win against the ten men of Morton followed and most recently, they were pegged back by Raith to earn a point. Dundee remain in a strong position for progression to the next round of the

Challenge Cup with two wins though.

THE BOSS -**JAMES MCPAKE**

36-year old James McPake begins his second full season in management as he takes charge of Dundee. The defender began his career at Livingston before stints with Coventry and Hibernian. He began his connection at Dens when he signed for the Dee as a player in 2014. The most notable moment in his playing career came with his derby day goal against Dundee United. Unforutnately for McPake his playing career was hampered by a serious knee iniury which kept him out the majority of his final years playing. At the start of 2018. McPake was appointed a coach in the academy system at the club and following the sacking of Jim McIntyre a year later he took temporary charge of the club.





Despite failing to save the club from relegation, he was entrusted with the job of bringing them back up permanently. Although last season ultimately ended in disappointment for McPake, he will be hoping with his recruitment and aid from Gordon Stratchan that he will be able to go one step further this season.

THE CAPTAIN JORDAN MCGHEE

Jordan McGhee will lead out the visitors this evening. The 22-year old started his career at Hearts and made his debut at the age of 16 against St Mirren. He put his name on the radar with his first senior goal in only his second appearance in the dying minutes to secure a win against Aberdeen. McGhee spent

some time on loan at Middlesbrough before sealing a switch to Falkirk in 2017. Following the club's relegation, McGhee signed a two-year deal with Dundee and became a key figure for the club winning Player's Player of the year. This will be the defender's first season as captain succeeding Josh Meekings.

NEW BOY -JONATHAN AFOLABI

Dundee have been busy in the summer transfer market with several high-profile signings. However, Ionathan Afolabi has certainly caught the eve since his arrival. The striker was born and raised in Ireland and came through the ranks at Shamrock Rovers before sealing a switch to Premier League side, Southampton.

In 2019, he made the move North of the border to sign for Celtic where he became a prominent part of their successful reserve team. 2020 saw him make the move to senior football as he made his senior debut on loan with Dunfermline. This was a successful spell for Afolabi scoring two goals in six before the early closure of the season. Another season on loan in the Championship was

on the cards for him as he sealed his move to Dens in September. It has started brightly, however, as he bagged his first goal for the club in the win over Morton.

ONE TO WATCH-CHARLIE ADAM

It will come as no surprise that the main threat for Dundee comes from veteran midfielder, Charlie Adam. The 34-year old is well known to Scottish football fans after beginning his career for Rangers in 2003. During his time at Rangers, he spent time out on loan at Ross County and St Mirren where he would win the League and Challenge Cup. Adam's career is most known for his time in England with impressive spells with Blackpool, Liverpool, Stoke and most



recently, Reading. This summer saw him return home as he signed for his bovhood club. Dundee fans will be hoping that a player with twenty-six Scotland caps and experience of winning trophies at the highest level with Liverpool will prove priceless this season. He has started in stellar fashion already grabbing a spectacular goal against Hearts, another goal against Raith as well as accomplished and controlling performances in the middle of the park.

THE CONNECTION

There have been plenty of connections between the two clubs in recent years with managers who have been in charge of both clubs, such as Paul Hartley and Barry Smith, and likewise with players such as Kyle Benedictus, Scott Bain and Daryll Meggatt. Despite these connections in the past, there are no current Dundee players returning to their former club at the Indodrill tonight. Similarly, there are no current Alloa players who have also played

for tonight's visitors.

Previous Meetings The sides faced one another just before Covid-19 called the season early. The match at Dens Park ended a goalless draw as Neil Parry returned from a season long injury to put in an inspired performance for the Wasps. Dundee comfortably won this fixture last season 3-0 back in October 2019. Former striker, Kane Hemmings, grabbed a brace along with a Sean Mackie strike for the visitors. The third match last season

between the clubs also ended in a win for the Dee. Danny Johnson opened the scoring for the home team before Liam Dick brought Alloa back level. The now skipper, Jordan McGhee, grabbed another goal for Dundee before the break to make it 2-1. Alloa had a massive chance to take a point back home to Alloa when they were awarded a penalty. Much to their frustration, however, Trouten saw his spotkick uncharacteristically saved by Jack Hamilton

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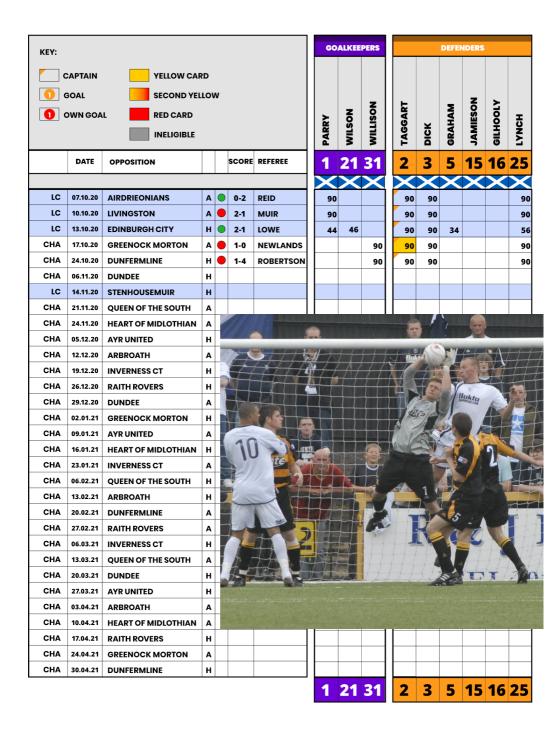


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