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1921/22

## RUNNERS UP

1938/39

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

## CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

## RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

## STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

## MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap  
(Scotland v Wales 1891)

\*includes equivalent competitions

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2020/21



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
<b>RAITH ROVERS</b>	4	3	1	0	14	3	11	10
<b>DUNFERMLINE</b>	4	3	1	0	10	4	6	10
<b>HEARTS</b>	3	3	0	0	9	3	6	9
<b>GREENOCK MORTON</b>	4	2	0	2	9	3	6	6
<b>AYR UNITED</b>	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
<b>DUNDEE</b>	4	1	2	1	7	10	-3	5
<b>INVERNESS CT</b>	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4
<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	3	0	1	2	4	8	-4	1
<b>QUEEN OF THE SOUTH</b>	4	0	1	3	6	11	-5	1
<b>ARBROATH</b>	4	0	1	3	2	8	-6	1

### WEEKENDS' FIXTURES

#### GROUP H

<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	<b>STENHOUSEMUIR</b>
<b>LIVINGSTON</b>	<b>AIRDRIEONIANS</b>

#### GROUP C

<b>BRECHIN CITY</b>	<b>KELTY HEARTS</b>
<b>PETERHEAD</b>	<b>ST JOHNSTONE</b>

#### GROUP F

<b>AYR UNITED</b>	<b>STRANRAER</b>
<b>HAMILTON ACCIES</b>	<b>ALBION ROVERS</b>

#### GROUP A

<b>COWDENBEATH</b>	<b>RAITH ROVERS</b>
<b>INVERNESS CT</b>	<b>EAST FIFE</b>

#### GROUP D

<b>ARBROATH</b>	<b>ELGIN CITY</b>
<b>ROSS COUNTY</b>	<b>STIRLING ALBION</b>

#### GROUP G

<b>PARTICK THISTLE</b>	<b>GREENOCK MORTON</b>
<b>QUEEN'S PARK</b>	<b>ST MIRREN</b>

#### GROUP B

<b>COVE RANGERS</b>	<b>FORFAR ATHLETIC</b>
<b>HIBERNIAN</b>	<b>DUNDEE</b>

#### GROUP E

<b>DUNFERMLINE</b>	<b>CLYDE</b>
<b>KILMARNOCK</b>	<b>DUMBARTON</b>



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
<b>LIVINGSTON</b>	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9
<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
<b>EDINBURGH CITY</b>	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4
<b>AIRDRIEONIANS</b>	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
<b>STENHOUSEMUIR</b>	3	0	1	2	2	8	-6	2





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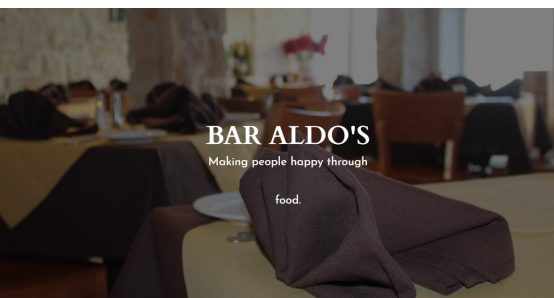
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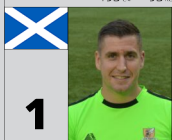


## GOALKEEPERS

**Neil  
PARRY**

08/11/1985

195 CM 95 KG



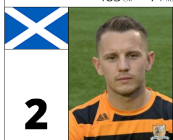
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## DEFENDERS

**Scott  
TAGGART**

27/12/1991

183 CM 71 KG

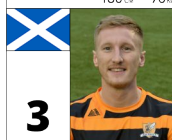


**2**

**Liam  
DICK**

19/08/1995

180 CM 76 KG



**3**

**Andy  
GRAHAM**

22/09/1983

188 CM 83 KG



**5**

## MATCH

most appearances

Cawley	348
Taggart	186
Hetherington	176
Graham	165
Robertson	164

## GOALS

Cawley	62
Trouten	35
Buchanan	21
Graham	12
Thomson	10

**Andy  
WILSON**

22/04/1998

190 CM 70 KG



**21**

**Jon  
ROBERTSON**

25/04/1989

183 CM 77 KG



**8**

**Nicky  
JAMIESON**

03/08/1996

190 CM 89 KG



**15**

**Nathan  
GILHOOLY**

07/08/2001

180 CM 70 KG

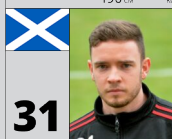


**16**

**Reece  
WILLISON**

27/05/1999

190 CM 77 KG



**31**

**Lucas  
WILLIAMSON**

26/03/2003

168 CM 58 KG



**24**

**Edin  
LYNCH**

07/08/2000

188 CM 77 KG



**25**

## MANAGER

**PETER GRANT**



MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
<b>Steven HETHERINGTON</b> 09/03/1993 180 cm 70 kg  	<b>Kevin CAWLEY</b> 17/03/1989 170 cm 64 kg  	<b>Stefan SCOUGALL</b> 07/12/1992 170 cm 64 kg  	<b>Liam BUCHANAN</b> 27/03/1985 175 cm 70 kg  	<b>Alan TROUTEN</b> 08/11/1985 173 cm 70 kg  
<b>Adam BROWN</b> 09/06/1995 175 cm 70 kg  	<b>Blair MALCOLM</b> 03/02/1997 180 cm 70 kg  	<b>Cameron O'DONNELL</b> 29/09/2001 180 cm 70 kg  	<b>Lee CONNELLY</b> 18/10/1999 170 cm 58 kg  	<b>Robert THOMSON</b> 28/05/1993 188 cm 83 kg  
<b>Ray GRANT</b> 01/09/1996 178 cm 70 kg  	<b>Innes MURRAY</b> 17/02/1998 180 cm 70 kg  		<b>Liam EVANS</b> 17/11/2001 190 cm 70 kg  	
				
				





## NEWSDESK

Today we return to the Betfred Cup at the Indodrill Stadium as we face local neighbours Stenhousemuir for the first competitive match between the sides since November, 2017. We welcome Davie Irons, the players, officials and directors of Stenhousemuir FC who will be disappointed in their 4-0 defeat to Livingston on Tuesday evening which means they cannot now qualify for the next round of this season's

tournament. Alloa Athletic however still have everything to play for knowing victory and three points would give them a strong chance of progressing to the next round. Greig Spence will always be adored by the Alloa Athletic fans and regarded in the greatest esteem regardless of which club he is currently playing his football. Greig moved to today's opponents Stenhousemuir in January, 2020 and is currently in a rich

vein of form so he will need to be watched this afternoon. Greig welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium.

In our last home match against Dundee "The Wasps" were disappointed to draw the game 3-3 after going 3-1 ahead in the second half. However there were some great performances on the park and the return of skipper Andy Graham for his first competitive

start since December, 2019. The game live on BBC Scotland served up a six goal thriller for the fans watching on the TV, however such was the decent of the fog in the second half at times it was difficult to see all the action. Today we will again have to be at our best to defeat Stenhousemuir and give us an opportunity to progress in the competition.

Alan Trouten had two

reasons to celebrate last week, firstly his two goals against Dundee on the Friday night which helped him claim his place in the SPFL Team of the week, along with the fact himself and goalkeeper Neil Parry both celebrated their 35th birthday on Saturday 7th November.

Congratulations to Stevie Crawford of Dunfermline Athletic, who won the SPFL Championship "Manager of the Month" for October, along with his club captain Euan Murray who was also named SPFL Championship "Player of the Month".

Alloa Athletic fans should note the change in two league fixtures, "The Wasps" were due to face Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle on 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 Somer-

set 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. The draws for the First Round Preliminary Draw, along with the Second Round Preliminary Draw were made at Hampden on Tuesday 10th November. Stenhousemuir enter the competition at the First Round stage on 26th December, 2020, while Alloa Athletic enter at the Second Round stage on 9th January, 2021.

### **WASPS 2000 DRAW - 7TH NOVEMBER, 2020**

£ 100 J. Vekic  
£ 50 M. Carmichael  
£ 25 J. Penman  
£ 25 M. Ross  
£ 25 S Bassett





# MANAGERS NOTES

Good Afternoon  
Everyone

Welcome to today's League cup tie against Stenhousemuir. I would also like to welcome Davie his staff and players. Stenny have started the season very well so we know it's going to be a very difficult game

today and that we will have to perform at our best.

Last Friday's match against Dundee was again frustrating. Once more, I was pleased with a lot of the performance but yet again we shot ourselves in the foot through some sloppy deci-



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sions. If we want to achieve the results to go with the performance we have to cut out basic errors. I could never question the attitude and commitment of this group of players

but as the saying goes you have to have fire in your stomach and ice in your brain in the heat of a game.

Enjoy the game and let's finish the section with a victory.

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## SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

10<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Ochilview Park, Stenhousemuir  
7:30pm KO

**STENHOUSEMUIR**

**0:4**

**LIVINGSTON**



**(0:3)**

### SCORERS

**0:1 1'** Forrest

**0:2 8'** Forrest

**0:3 30'** Poplatnik

**0:4 65'** Taylor-Sinclair



### STARTING XI

**1 MARTIN**

**2 TIFFONEY**

**19 MUNRO**

**24 MCQUEEN**

**16 YEATS**

**6 BLAIR**

**7 TAPPING**

**20 FAIRLEY**

**3 BROWN**

**18 GRAHAM**

**25 MCGUIGAN**

### SUBS

**17 ERSKINE**

**8 HALLERAN**

**9 GRIGOR**

**11 SPENCE**

**12 BIABI**

**14 WATTERS**

**21 HODGE**

### SUBS

**3 BROWN**

**6 BARTLEY**

**10 SIBBALD**

**17 ROBINSON**

**27 GUTHRIE**

**29 TAYLOR-SINCLAIR**

**39 PIGNATIELLO**

### STARTING XI

**40 MALEY**

**21 MCMILLAN**

**25 AMBROSE**

**5 FITZWATER**

**2 DEVLIN**

**11 FORREST**

**15 POPLATNIK**

**18 HOLT**

**14 MULLIN**

**8 PITTMAN**

**9 EMMANUEL-THOMAS**

**REFEREE:** Colin Steven



# SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa  
7:45pm KO

**ALLOA ATHLETIC**

**3:3**

**DUNDEE**



(1:1)

SCORERS

Thomson **31** **1:0**

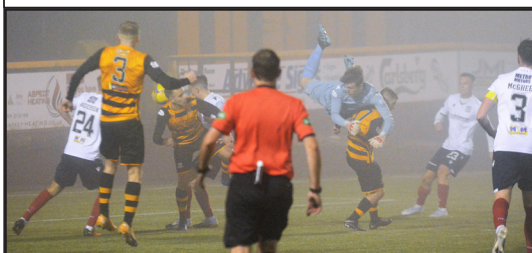
**1:1** **47'** McDaid

Trouten **51'** **2:1**

Trouten **62'** **3:1**

**3:2** **76'** Kerr

**3:3** **82'** Adam



## STARTING XI

<b>31</b>	<b>WILLISON</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>ROBERTSON</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>TAGGART</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>GRAHAM</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>DICK</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>HETHERINGTON</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>GRANT</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>CAWLEY</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>TROUTEN</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>BROWN</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>THOMSON</b>

## SUBS

<b>21</b>	<b>WILSON</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>BUCHANAN</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>SCOUGALL</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>CONNELLY</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>MALCOLM</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>MURRAY</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>LYNCH</b>

## SUBS

<b>1</b>	<b>HAMILTON</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>ROBERTSON</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>WILKIE</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>SOW</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>ANDERSON</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>STRACHAN</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>HAMILTON</b>

## STARTING XI

<b>12</b>	<b>FERRIE</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>KERR</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>MCGHEE</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>BYRNE</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>MULLEN</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>MCGOWAN</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>MCDALD</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>ELLIOT</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>AFOLABI</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>MARSHALL</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>ADAM</b>

**REFEREE:** Alan Muir

# 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:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults
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- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of incidents 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 of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting procedures

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# STATS OF THE 2019–20 SEASON

It's a little bit odd being in the middle of November and playing a Betfred Cup group stage game – instead of a balmy July evening, a dank November afternoon can be expected. In a similar vein, in the early season games of previous seasons I typically look back at the statistics surrounding Alloa's previous season. As

such, join me on an imaginary journey of going back to July, the warm glow of sunshine is on your neck, the Ochils are glistering (and no hint of snow or even the fog witnessed last week versus Dundee) as I reflect on some of the best statistics from Alloa's curtailed 2019/20 season.

## 2ND HALF OF THE SEASON SPECIALISTS

Despite the second half of the season being prematurely ended after 10 of the 18 regular games had been played, Alloa had still managed to repeat recent history by collecting more points in that time than the first half of the sea-

son. The 17 points collected in those 10 games eclipsed the 14 points gained up-to Christmas from 18 games. This was nothing new for Alloa though, as it was the sixth successive season that the Wasps were more successful in the second part of the campaign, and 15th time in the past two decades. Put simply, Alloa are the



second half of the season specialists.

**JOINT 2ND HIGHEST  
OVERALL LEAGUE  
PLACING IN 93 SEA-  
SONS**

Alloa's 8th place finish in the table resulted in an overall 20th place finish in Scottish football during the 2019/20 season. That ranks as Alloa's joint second highest overall league placing since joining the Scottish Football League in 1921. Although it was considerable behind the 6th place finish in Division One back in 1982/3 (which equated to 16th place in the country), it repeated the 8th place Championship finishes in 2013/4 and 2018/9, as well as the 20th position Alloa limped to in our only full season in the top tier back in 1922/3. Given the exceptional form of the Wasps in the months before the premature curtailment of the season I can only speculate that Peter Grant's Alloa side may have risen further in the table had the games continued. It was also only the 5th time from 12 attempts that the Wasps avoid-



ed the drop from the second tier (in the days since three and four leagues were introduced), meaning I consider that the Wasps should now be classed as an established Championship club, rather than merely 'being up in the Championship'. As such, despite the end of the season understandably feeling hollow, the Alloa team of 2019/20 should be rightly applauded as one of the best performing in the club's history.

**7 GAME UNBEATEN  
LEAGUE RECORD**

The 7 match unbeaten league run from Christmas until

the end of February was Alloa's longest unbeaten stretch in the second tier since 1973; an astonishing 503 second tier games ago for the Wasps. It was therefore no surprise that Alloa were at points the form team in the Championship (last six games) at various points during that time.

**GOALS GALORE ON  
THE ROAD**

For the second successive season, the Wasps scored significantly more league goals in away games. Alloa's swift counter-attacks perhaps help explain why 21 goals were

scored on the road, compared with just 12 in the home league games played during 2019/20. The proportions were actually greater the previous season, when the Wasps scored double the number of goals on their travels (26) than at home (13). Despite scoring more goals in away games, Alloa still collected more points in home matches than away in both previous seasons, albeit only marginally (16 home points in 19/20, compared with 15 in away games; 20 home points in 18/19, compared with 19 in away games).

## FROM LATE GOAL TO EARLY GOAL SPECIAL- ISTS

Under Jim Goodwin in the Championship Alloa were famed for scoring late goals, with a third (13) of Alloa's goals (39) scored in the final 15 minutes of matches during 2018/9. In direct contrast, the Wasps were fast starters under Peter Grant in 2019/20, with 55% of Alloa's goals (18/33) occurring in the first 30 minutes of games, and just 4 of the 33 goals coming in the final 15 minutes. For example, the home wins against Dundee United (1-0 in Octo-

ber), Arbroath (2-0 in January) and Inverness (2-0 in March) were all achieved with early goals in the opening half hour. I must admit that this early goal phenomenon was not something I was particularly conscious of during the season itself, but it perhaps signifies Alloa played more on the front foot under Grant, not relying so much on the never-say-die mantra (and hence a panache for late goals) under Goodwin. Alloa actually scored the highest proportion (61%) of first half goals in the Championship, with only three sides (Partick, Morton and

Dunfermline) scoring more of their goals in the second half, despite an equal number of goals (182) each being scored in the first and second half of Championship games last season. It is also worthy to note that Alloa scored more league goals (33) than third placed Dundee (32).

## SHANKLAND... DOBBIE... TROUTEN.

Beyond the superhuman scoring records of Lawrence Shankland and Stephen Dobbie, who scored the most goals at Championship level during the past two seasons combined? Jordan White

at Inverness, to earn his move to Motherwell, or Kevin Nisbet to persuade Hibernian to sign him? Nicky Clark perhaps given he'd been playing in a team at the top of the league, or even regular scorer Bob McHugh? Well no, none of those deadly strikers scored more than Alloa's attacking midfielder Alan Trouten. With 19 league goals and 32 when cup competitions are included, Trouten may have been behind Shankland (63) and Dobbie (54), but he was comfortably ahead of White (26), Nisbet (23), Clark (22) and McHugh





(21). It was another successful season for Trouten, notching 13 goals despite missing over a month with injury. In-fact, Trouten's scoring rate was slightly better in 2019/20 than it was during 2018/19, in terms of goals per minutes (1 goal every 173.4 minutes in 19/20, compared with 173.9 in 18/19) and goals per appearance (1 goal every 2.23 games in 19/20, compared with 2.32 games in 18/19). After his brace versus Dundee last week Trouten's record this season is 1 goal every 2 games, or a goal every 158.6 minutes, which

exceeds his two previous seasons (albeit from a much smaller sample size). Alan was also the joint second top goalscorer in all games played at Gayfield Park last season, despite only playing two games at the home of Arbroath! Trouten's three goals in those games meant only Bobby Linn outscored Alloa's deadly finisher.

### **TAGGART EVER PRESENT (AGAIN)**

For the third time in four seasons Scott Taggart didn't miss a minute of the campaign, playing a full part in all 36 matches (and 3,240 minutes) during 2019/20. In-

fact, since joining the club in 2016 Taggart has now started 186 of the 187 games played, missing just 117 minutes of action from a possible 16,803 (equating to 99.31% of the playing time). Taggart is a model of consistency, with his 100th successive game and 200th total appearance for the Wasps fast approaching.

### **O'HARA'S BREAK-THROUGH SEASON**

It would be remiss of me not to mention that Kevin O'Hara was Alloa's top goalscorer (14) and provider (10 assists) during 2019/20, meaning the young striker was directly involved in 50% of Alloa's goals last season. Kevin's 34 starts and 2,987 minutes of football eclipsed the combined totals he'd managed in the previous 4 seasons, meaning that a 3-year full-time move was no surprise, but richly deserved for the player.

### **INVERNESS HOO-DOO ENDED**

Alloa's final match of the season ended a 19 game and 23 year wait for a

league victory over Inverness. The 2-0 victory, arguably one of the Wasps finest performances of the season, was the first since an end-of-season dead rubber 1-0 win in 1997 (David Pew headed in the winner that day), ending a sequence of results which depressingly read DLLDLLDLDDLDDL-DLD.

### **DUNFERMLINE DEFEATED**

Alloa beat the Pars on league business for the first time since 1979 last November, thanks to a rare headed winner from Kevin Cawley. Although the Wasps had of course beaten Dunfermline during that time in the play-offs and in the cup, the simple pleasure of three precious league points from the Pars had alluded Alloa for over 40 years until that win in Clackmannanshire last season.

So, hopefully those statistics highlight that last season was another pleasing one for the Wasps, despite that feeling somewhat hollow at the time given the premature end to the campaign.





# APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	1 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
GILHOOLY	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
LYNCH	DEF	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
HETHERINGTON	MID	2 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	4 (1)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	0 (2)	0	1 (2)	1	1 (4)	1
BROWN	MID	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
MALCOLM	MID	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
GRANT	MID	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
MURRAY	MID	1 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (1)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	3 (0)	1	2 (1)	0	5 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	3 (0)	1	1 (2)	3	4 (2)	4
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0
TROUTEN	FWD	3 (0)	2	2 (1)	1	5 (1)	3
CONNELLY	FWD	2 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	3 (2)	0
EVANS	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0



ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
115 (0)	0	32 (0)	0	147 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0



146 (0)	6	40 (0)	1	186 (0)	7
55 (0)	1	19 (0)	0	74 (0)	1
129 (0)	11	35 (1)	1	164 (1)	12
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0

115 (30)	5	24 (7)	0	139 (37)	5
104 (22)	2	35 (3)	2	139 (25)	4
0 (2)	0	1 (2)	1	1 (4)	1
12 (16)	3	11 (4)	0	23 (20)	3
10 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	11 (1)	0
1 (2)	0	0 (3)	0	1 (5)	0
3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (1)	0

ALLOA SUPPORTER'S MINIBUS

249 (37)	52	55 (7)	10	304 (44)	62
19 (22)	6	3 (6)	4	22 (28)	10
44 (18)	16	17 (4)	5	61 (22)	21
54 (5)	21	17 (3)	14	71 (8)	35
3 (4)	1	1 (2)	0	4 (6)	1
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0

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## A FAN'S VIEW

Although Alloa perhaps rued what might have been after a 2 goal advantage was pegged back by Dundee last week, there were plenty of positives to take from a brilliant team performance. The visitors ultimately had to rely on both a quality individual and a controversial decision to drag them to a

share of the spoils in an entertaining encounter.

Alloa manager Peter Grant was clearly looking to address the concession of uncharacteristically soft goals against Dunfermline the previous week and plug any potential gaps. He added some experience and steel into his

team for a tough nights work that lay ahead. I had heard pre-match rumours that Andy Graham would return to the starting line-up, but nevertheless it was still a huge boost to see him on that team sheet when the starting 11 news filtered through - his first start since last December. Stevie Hetherington also

returned following suspension, and Adam Brown came back into the team.

The manager's thoughts, game plan and tactics ultimately worked to great effect in the first half- as Alloa went in at half time with a richly deserved lead. After a cagey opening 20 minutes from both sides,



Alloa started to gain a foothold and put together some excellent passages of passing play. The full backs- Jon Robertson and Liam Dick- were terrific on either side. Adam Brown was another I thought was outstanding in terms of positional play, drive and delivery. As a unit the team were very effective- with Ray Grant and Brown covering the full backs when they ventured forward, squeezing space all over the pitch. It was a pin point cross from Brown which led to the opener- Thomson ghosting free at the back post to slot home. The Wasps almost doubled their lead just before the break when Thom-

son was inches away from getting onto the end of Trouten's snatched effort in the 6-yard box.

As one of the recognised main title challengers in the league this season, a response from the visitors was inevitable, so it was vital that Alloa showed the required steel and concentration for the 45 minutes which faced them. Unfortunately, that flew out of the proverbial window when Dundee were level within the initial first couple of minutes of the 2nd half. Declan McDaid chested down a loose ball 20 yards from goal and fired home a fierce shot leaving Willison with no chance. With the pendulum now swinging in the



opposite direction, it was anticipated that Dundee would use the equaliser to push on towards the three points. But Alloa struck back and almost instantly regained the lead again. A scramble in the Dundee penalty area saw Cawley's toe poke saved before Alan Trouten stabbed home the rebound from close range. It was Alloa pushing on and they

continued on the front foot, increasing their lead just after the hour thanks to great work from Stevie Hetherington. The midfielder identified and found space on the right side of the penalty area and a really good first touch opened things up for a shot. Dundee goalkeeper Ferrie didn't necessarily cover himself in glory with his efforts to divert the ball and Trouten managed to get a touch on it for his second of the game.

In the final quarter of the game Alloa slowed a bit, which was understandable as they had put a lot into the match. But the defence was marshalled superbly by Andy Graham, the 37-year-old veteran



not missing a beat-pretty miraculous after almost a year out. And this helped build Willison's confidence in goals, the young keeper having a really comfortable and composed outing throughout. He also produced a stunning stop from close range on a rare occasion where the Alloa defensive line was unlocked-tipping over Paul McGowan's neat turn and shot.

Charlie Adam was obviously ear-marked before the game as Dundee's main threat. But he wasn't enjoying his best evening up to that point in the

game. He showed his frustration when he left a bit on Ray Grant on the touchline in front of the dugouts. It was a bit naughty by the experienced midfielder, but the incident reflected how the game had gone for him. But as Alloa tired and gaps appeared, he began to show his quality more. Trouton conceded a rather soft free kick, and Adam's delivery into the area pinballed into the net to bring the visitors back into the game. I had sympathy for Willison-those balls zipped into the 6-yard area are a nightmare for

goalkeepers. It presents a real conflict of thought- focussing on the onrushing attackers getting a touch versus following the flight of the ball. Adam was exerting more influence, and with 8 minutes remaining Dundee were handed the opportunity to equalise. Adam's fierce shot rebounded off Scott Taggart in the penalty area and the referee had no hesitation pointing to the spot. I'm not sure what the referee was expecting of Taggart. He had absolutely no way of avoiding the shot, it struck his shoulder at best

and his arms were by his side in a very natural position. It was poor decision making by ref Alan Muir- even by today's farcical "modern" handball rules- and extremely harsh on Alloa. Adam took the penalty himself and was never going to miss. Without a goal net his effort may have thudded off the Ochil Hills a few miles away.

Obviously it was a disappointing outcome in the sense that Alloa were ahead for long spells in the game and a 2 goal lead slipped away. Points are also vital in this shortened season,

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so Alloa may well look back on the result with regret. But there were so many positives to take from the game. The work ethic of the team on and off the ball and their work as a unit being the most prominent plusses. The strikers also delivered, with both Trouten and Thomson on the scoresheet. There wasn't a single below par performance from any of the 12 players who contributed. It was no disgrace being undone at the hands of a man who has played at the very top level of the game until recently. Alloa nullified him for long spells of the game, but quality tends to prevail, particularly against tired legs. I only

wish Adam had been brought up in Alloa and not Dundee- maybe we would have been enjoying the fruits of his labour. Dundee may not openly admit it, but when their own private moments occur James McPake would have been far happier to leave with a point than Peter Grant. And it took a highly contentious penalty award for the title contenders to do so.

Alloa have a break from the league today with the visit of Stenhousemuir in the final group game of the Betfred Cup. Alloa are in a good position to progress, but it won't be an easy afternoon by any means. Stenhousemuir are unbeaten in League



2 so far with 2 wins and 2 draws- a team accustomed to picking up positive results is always a tricky opponent. We welcome Greig Spence and Jonathan Tiffoney back to the ground too- both great former Alloa players. Tiffoney was excellent at right back, also scoring memorable goals against Dunfermline in the 2013 Championship Play Off Final and Rangers in the Championship the

following season. And along with his parents, Greig is like family to the club and the supporters. Scorer of arguably the clubs most memorable goal in its history, it's no surprise that he comes into this afternoon's game having already notched 4 league goals. Enjoy the game, and hopefully by 5pm we can look ahead to the draw for the knockout stages.







# LOOKING BACK

## 16TH NOVEMBER 1991

Matters were largely unchanged at the top of the Premier Division, where Hearts retained pole position after a 3-1 home win over Celtic, but second-placed Rangers remained only a point behind, after they crushed struggling Airdrie 4-0 at Ibrox. Celtic dropped one place

to fourth as a result of their defeat and were replaced in third spot by Aberdeen, who were victorious by 1-0 at another side in the doldrums, St. Mirren. Luckless bottom club Dunfermline's winless run now stretched to eighteen games, following a 1-2 home reversal v Hibs, and indeed both The Pars and second-bottom

St. Mirren were now starting to become detached from the rest of the Division. Airdrie remained in third-bottom spot, while St. Johnstone, despite collecting a point from a 1-1 draw at Motherwell, were still just one place better off. First Division leaders Dundee moved three points clear after an emphatic 6-2 win at

fellow challengers Partick, who dropped from second to fourth, Hamilton Accies moved second after a 4-1 home win over mid-table Raith, for whom Dalziel was on target, while Kilmarnock were now third after they too were triumphant on home soil, by 4-2 v struggling Forfar. The Loons thus remained rooted to the bot-



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tom, while the two clubs immediately above them, Stirling Albion and Meadowbank, both had to be content with a point from home draws, 0-0 v Ayr & 1-1 v Clydebank respectively. Down in the Second, leaders Dumbarton narrowly defeated Stranraer 1-0 at Boghead, while second-placed Clyde journeyed to Recreation Park to face an Alloa side hoping for a third successive home win, and who lined up as follows: Butter, Newbigging, Lee, Romaines, McCulloch, C. Campbell, Moffat (Irvine), Ramsay, Smith, Hendry, McAvoy (Wilcox). And the game turned out to be quite a thriller, with The Wasps running out winners by 4-2, thanks to goals from Willie Newbigging (pen), Shaun Smith, Keith McCulloch & Barrie Moffat, Scott & J. Thomson netting for The Bully Wee, who remained second in spite of this defeat. Third-placed Cowdenbeath shared six goals and the points against today's visitors Stenhousemuir, Alloa remained ninth in spite

of their success, while Albion Rovers' 4-2 win at fellow strugglers third-bottom Queen Of The South moved them up one place off the bottom, they were replaced by Stenhousemuir.

#### **16TH NOVEMBER 1985**

Premier Division leaders Aberdeen had to settle for a point from a 1-1 draw at struggling Motherwell, but still maintained a rather healthy three-point advantage over Celtic, who went second following a 2-0 home win over another side in the doldrums, Clydebank. The Celts displaced their fierce rivals Rangers, who dropped one place to third following a 0-3 defeat at fifth-placed Hearts, while Dundee United remained fourth after a 3-0 win v local rivals Dundee at Dens Park. There was no positional change at the bottom, where Motherwell continued to prop up the table, Clydebank were still just one place better off, while Dundee still occupied third-bottom spot. In the First, promotion-seeking Dumbarton were held 2-2 at home by lowly Montrose, but this point was enough to nudge The Sons into top spot in place of gameless Brechin, who dropped to third, while Hamilton Accies moved up to second after a 1-1 draw at another of

the strugglers, East Fife. Alloa meantime, faced a mid-table home clash with Partick, no doubt hoping for their first "double" of the season, having won 2-1 at Firhill back in September, and their line-up showed one or two changes to the side which had won 3-1 at Ayr the previous week: Lowrie, Thomp-

son, Haggart, Thomson, Dall, Doyle (Lynch), Sorbie, Barr, Murray, Donaldson, Cole. But the game was to end with honours even at 1-1, with Gary Murray netting for The Wasps, Herd for The Jags, though the result meant that Alloa still moved up one place to seventh.





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This afternoon we welcome Stenhousemuir to the Indodrill for the final game in Betfred Cup Group H. This piece is written prior to the midweek fixtures between Stenhousemuir Vs Lingston and Airdrie Vs Edinburgh City, however, as it stands there is still plenty to play for in the group. The Warriors began this group with a draw against Edinburgh City away but grabbed the bonus point with their 4-2 penalty win. Airdrie were to beat them in the second

fixture but they still have a glimmer of hope going into this Betfred week. Their league form has been strong in Scotland's bottom tier so far sitting in third place. Impressive victories against Edinburgh City and Albion Rovers see the Ochilview side come into this game with a degree of confidence.

## **THE BOSS - DAVIE IRONS**

The visitors are managed by Glaswegian, David Irons. The 59-year old is most known in his playing

days for making over a hundred appearances for Dunfermline, as well as turning out for Ayr United, Partick Thistle and St Johnstone. He ended his playing career at Gretna where he would eventually go onto take his first managerial role with. Having played nearly a hundred games for them he was given the caretaker-manager job in 2007 and won promotion to the Premier League that year. Unfortunately, that adventure did not end well with Irons leaving just prior to the club entering administration. Spells at Morton, Threave and Carlisle were sandwiched in between his two spells at Stenhousemuir. Irons was previously at the club for two years in 2010 before leaving for personal reasons. However, he was to return last September. His side were sitting eighth prior





after that move he decided to come North of the border once again in a bid to get his career back on track. Stenhousemuir seems so far to be a real shrewd decision for Biabi after finding the form that earned his big move back in 2015. The striker has already hit three goals in the league after the opening games.

#### **ONE TO WATCH - GREIG SPENCE**

There is no doubt this number nine will need any introduction or warning as to what he is capable of. Greig Spence is the man in form for The Warriors after moving there from Arbroath last. The striker came through the youth ranks here at the Indodrill and then went onto enjoy

three different spells with the club with each one creating great memories. He was top goalscorer in Jim Goodwin's League 1 assault as the Wasps narrowly missed out on promotion and also such a key part in the club's most historic result against Rangers scoring twice. Spence still has so much love for the club and that feeling is mutual with supporters. However, he is now firing in goals for today's rivals. Spence is in fine fettle after bagging a brace last Saturday against Edinburgh City. He has also bagged goals against Stirling Albion and Albion Rovers proving he still has that killer instinct we know all too well.

#### **THE CONNECTION**

As well as the obvious one stated in

to the early end of the season last year and he will be hoping now with a full season in charge to make them more of a challenger for the promotion places.

#### **THE CAPTAIN - ANDY MUNRO**

Andy Munro will lead the opposition out this afternoon. The commanding centre half was signed for Stenny in January of 2019 for an undisclosed fee. Munro had played for Raith Rovers and Arbroath before making a real name for himself at Forfar Athletic making over sixty appearances for the club. He began his Stenhousemuir stint in the best possible fashion after a stand-out performance against Aberdeen at Pittodrie and a goal in the return fixture at Ochilview. In the summer

following his arrival, he was awarded with the captaincy due to his leadership skills and real fan favourite position he had adopted.

#### **NEW BOY - BOTTI BIABI**

A few heads were turned when Stenhousemuir secured the services of Botti Biabi as he sealed his move back up to Scotland. Fans will remember Biabi most fondly for his time at Falkirk where he excited fans in his year there. That potential was recognised by Premier club at the time, Swansea City, and he was snapped up for a reported six figure fee. Having spent most of the time in the u23's, the striker decided to embark on a few loan spells with Hamilton and Macclesfield before a move to Ebsfleet. However,





fan favourite, Greig Spence, there are also a few more familiar faces in the teams. Right-back Jonathan Tiffoney, will most likely feature for Stenny this afternoon. Tiff enjoyed a spell with the club back in 2013 and will be remembered fondly for some big goals for the club. He not only got the team off the mark against Dunfermline in the play-off final but also grabbed a goal in one of the memorable results against Rangers here. Callum Tapping has also

been impressive for The Warriors in his first season. Tapping spent a short time on loan here from Hearts before being called back early by the Tynecastle club in 2012, the same season Tiffoney helped with promotion. In the Alloa changing room, Neil Parry had a spell back in 2013 with the club. More notable though, Alloa signed Jon Robertson from The Warriors back in 2016 where he had played for a year.

#### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Last meeting in a

Scottish Cup tie back in 2017. A brace from Craig Malcolm that day put Alloa's name into the hat for the next round in a 2-1 victory for the visitors. The last game here at the Indodrill also came in 2017 where it was a late penalty from Spence that separated the sides after the teams were tied from goals from MacKin and Grant. The prior meeting at this ground was another win for Alloa in a convincing, 4-1 fashion. Again Spence would grab a goal along with Jamie Longworth. A duo

that is still with the club in Kevin Cawley and Andy Graham would complete the scoring that day. The supporters must look back to the tail end of 2016 to find the last time Stenhousemuir got something out of the match. Alloa romped in a 2-0 lead with an own-goal and a first Alloa strike from Jim Goodwin, only to be pegged back to 2-2 after Goodwin had received his marching orders. Goals from Furtado, who always posed a threat, and Shaw late on earned The Warriors a point.

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1. In which season did Greig Spence notch his highest goal tally of 26 goals for Alloa?
2. Which former Alloa striker notched a double in the last meeting between Alloa and Stenhousemuir at Ochilview in a Scottish Cup tie 3 years ago?
3. Which 4 English clubs have only spent a solitary season in the English Premiership
4. Paris Saint Germain clinched their 9th Ligue 1 Championship this year. Which French club remains ahead of them with 10 titles in their history

**ANSWERS PAGE 37**





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**Creag LITTLE**

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21/07/1999



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**Callum YEATS**

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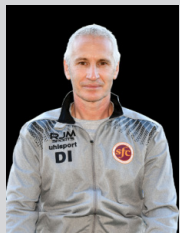
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MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
<b>Paul BROWN</b> 22/03/2001 	<b>Ryan BLAIR</b> 23/02/1996 	<b>Callum TAPPING</b> 05/06/1993 	<b>David HOPKIRK</b> 17/01/1993 	<b>Greig SPENCE</b> 06/07/1992 
<b>Thomas HALLERAN</b> 21/03/2000 	<b>Ryan WATTERS</b> 12/05/1998 	<b>Cameron GRAHAM</b> 23/02/2002 	<b>Botti BIABI</b> 08/03/1996 	<b>Tommy MUIR</b> 21/04/1997 
<b>Jack HODGE</b> 25/04/2001 	<b>Martin SHIELS</b> 22/07/1994 	<b>Mark MCGUIGAN</b> 07/11/1988 		
				
				



MIDFIELDERS											
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUALL	BROWN	MALCOLM	O'DONNELL	GRANT	MURRAY	WILLIAMSON	
6	7	8	10	12	14	18	20	22	23	24	
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FORWARDS			
BUCHANAN	CONNELLY	THOMSON	EVANS
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16	63	90	
	35	1 85	

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- 2016/17
- CRAIG MALCOLM
- SWINDON, BARNSELEY, BLACKPOOL, CARDIFF CITY
- SAINT ETIENNE



6	7	8	10	12	14	18	20	22	23	24	

9	17	19	26





# ALLOA ATHLETIC



# STENHOUSEMUIR

# POS



	1	NEIL PARRY			
	21	ANDY WILSON			
	31	REECE WILSON			
	2	SCOTT TAGGART			
	3	LIAM DICK			
	5	ANDY GRAHAM			
	6	STEVEN HETHERINGTON			
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY			
	8	JON ROBERTSON			
	9	LIAM BUCHANAN			
	10	ALAN TROUTEN			
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL			
	14	ADAM BROWN			
	16	NATHAN GILHOOLY			
	18	BLAIR MALCOLM			
	19	ROBERT THOMSON			
	20	CAMERON O'DONNELL			
	22	RAYMOND GRANT			
	23	INNES MURRAY			
	24	LUCAS WILLIAMSON			
	25	EDIN LYNCH			
	26	LIAM EVANS			
	MANAGER PETER GRANT				

# POS



	INJ	GRAEME SMITH			
	17	CALLUM ERSKINE			
	1	PADDY MARTIN			
	2	JONATHAN TIFFONEY			
	3	PAUL BROWN			
	4	CREAG LITTLE			
	5	CHRIS KANE			
	6	RYAN BLAIR			
	7	CALLUM TAPPING			
	8	THOMAS HALLERAN			
	9	JOSH GRIGOR			
	10	DAVID HOPKIRK			
	11	GREIG SPENCE			
	12	BOTTI BIABI			
	14	RYAN WATTERS			
	16	CALLUM YATES			
	18	CAMERON GRAHAM			
	19	ANDY MUNRO			
	20	JAYDEN FAIRLEY			
	21	JACK HODGE			
	22	TOMMY MUIR			
	23	MARTIN SHIELS			
	24	CHRISTOPHER MCQUEEN			
	25	MARK MCGUIGAN			
	MANAGER DAVIE IRONS				

**REFEREE:** Grant Irvine

**ASST:** Andrew McWilliam & Kevin Lindsay


## ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

21.11.20, AWAY, 15:00



QUEEN OF THE SOUTH



ALLOA ATHLETIC

24.11.20, AWAY, 19:45



HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN



ALLOA ATHLETIC

05.12.20, HOME, 15:00



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AYR UNITED

12.12.20, AWAY, 15:00



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19.12.20, HOME, 15:00



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