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1921/22

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1938/39

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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)

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
DUNFERMLINE	5	4	1	0	12	5	7	13
HEARTS	5	4	0	1	13	5	8	12
RAI TH ROVERS	5	3	1	1	14	5	9	10
AYR UNITED	5	2	2	1	7	5	2	8
INVERNESS CT	5	2	1	2	8	7	1	7
GREENOCK MORTON	5	2	1	2	4	8	-4	7
DUNDEE	5	1	2	2	7	12	-5	5
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	5	1	1	3	6	11	-5	4
ARBROATH	5	0	2	3	2	8	-6	2
ALLOA ATHLETIC	5	0	1	4	4	13	-9	1

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

CHAMPIONSHIP

ALLOA ATHLETIC	AYR UNITED	DUNDEE	ARBROATH
GREENOCK MORTON	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	RAI TH ROVERS	DUNFERMLINE

PREMIERSHIP

HAMILTON ACCIES	KILMARNOCK
LIVINGSTON	DUNDEE UNITED
MOTHERWELL	HIBERNIAN
ST MIRREN	ABERDEEN
ROSS COUNTY	RANGERS
CELTIC	ST JOHNSTONE

LEAGUE 1

CLYDE	FORFAR ATHLETIC
COVE RANGERS	MONTROSE
EAST FIFE	AIRDRIEONIANS
FALKIRK	PETERHEAD
PARTICK THISTLE	DUMBARTON

LEAGUE 2

COWDENBEATH	QUEEN'S PARK
EDINBURGH CITY	ALBION ROVERS
ELGIN CITY	ANNAN ATHLETIC
STENHOUSEMUIR	BRECHIN CITY
STIRLING ALBION	STRANRAER



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GOALKEEPERS

Neil PARRY

08/11/1985

195 cm 95 kg



1

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	351
Taggart	189
Hetherington	180
Graham	169
Robertson	166

GOALS

Cawley	62
Trouten	36
Buchanan	24
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

Lucas WILLIAMSON

26/03/2003

168 cm 58 kg



24

Reece WILLISON

27/05/1999

190 cm 77 kg



31

Edin LYNCH

07/08/2000

188 cm 77 kg



25

MANAGER

PETER GRANT



MIDFIELDERS

Steven HETHERINGTON
09/03/1993
180 cm 70 kg



6 

Kevin CAWLEY
17/03/1989
170 cm 64 kg

7 

Stefan SCOUGALL
07/12/1992
170 cm 64 kg

12 

Adam BROWN
09/06/1995
175 cm 70 kg

14 

Blair MALCOLM
03/02/1997
180 cm 70 kg

18 

Cameron O'DONNELL
29/09/2001
180 cm 70 kg

20 



Ray GRANT
01/09/1996
178 cm 70 kg



22 


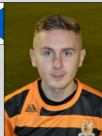
Innes MURRAY
17/02/1998
180 cm 70 kg

23 

FORWARDS


Liam BUCHANAN
27/03/1985
175 cm 70 kg

9 

Alan TROUTEN
08/11/1985
173 cm 70 kg

10 

Lee CONNELLY
18/10/1999
170 cm 58 kg

17 

Robert THOMSON
28/05/1993
188 cm 83 kg

19 

Liam EVANS
17/11/2001
190 cm 70 kg

26 



JOHN GLENCROSS



BETFRED CUP QUARTER FINALS



ALLOA ATHLETIC v HIBERNIAN
TUESDAY DEC 15TH - 8.00PM LIVE



ST. MIRREN v RANGERS
WEDNESDAY DEC 16TH - 8.00PM LIVE



PREMIER SPORTS

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NEWSDESK

The club made history by defeating Hearts for the first time in a competitive match in 131 years, with a richly deserved win. Earlier in midweek Kevin Cawley made his 350th appearance for "The Wasps" at Tynecastle also against Hearts, making him only the third player since the Second World

War to have made over 350 appearances for the club. Bobby Gray who played between (1962-1971) still has the most with 359 appearances, Andy Campbell who played between (1968-1977) 351 appearances and Kevin Cawley now moves to 351 after last Saturday. Goal-keeper Neil Parry

also celebrated his 150th appearance for the club last Saturday against Hearts, apart from a double save early in the match which was so important Neil had a relatively quiet day in notching up his 42nd clean sheet in his Alloa Athletic career. Alan Trouten is certainly the man for the Betfred Cup

being the all time Top Goalscorer in Betfred Cup Group stage matches with 16 goals, his winning goal last week now takes him onto 17 goals and made sure Alloa Athletic reached the Quarter Final stages of the League Cup for their sixth time in their history, the previous seasons the club reached the

quarter-final stages were:- 1948/49, 1950/51, 1965/66, 1983/84 and most recently in 2016/17.

Today we return to league business and the Ladbrokes Championship match against Ayr United who had a fantastic 2-0 victory over Dundee in their last league match which lifted them to fourth in the table. Striker Michael Moffat made history scoring his 100th goal for the club, his 3rd goal this season.

Congratulations to Alloa Athletic defender Nicky Jamieson making only his second start of the season he was included in the SPFL Team of the week last Saturday.

BETFRED CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Tuesday 15th December, 2020

Alloa Athletic v. Hibernian
(Live Premier Sports 8pm)

Dunfermline v. St. Johnstone
(7.45pm)

Wednesday 16th December, 2020
St. Mirren v. Rangers (Live on Premier Sports 8pm)

Livingston v. Ross County
(7.45pm)

Alloa Athletic & Ayr United fans should note the change in date 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.

WASPS 2000 DRAW - 28TH NOVEMBER, 2020 WEEK 48

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£ 25 L.LALLAN
£ 25 I.POLLOCK

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In the week of so many tributes to the passing of

Diego Maradona it would be remiss to not recall the occasion when he first graced the pitch at Hampden Park on 2nd June, 1979 when I was one of the 61,918 fans who witnessed his greatness. Argentina had only just won the World Cup in 1978 defeating Holland 3-1 in the final and I can remember saying I was glad Mario Kempes was not in the team at Hampden which might give us a chance. The Scotland team on the day - Alan Rough, George Burley, Iain Munro, Dave Narey, Paul Hegarty, Alan Hansen, Frank McGarvey,

John Wark, Kenny Dalglish, Asa Hartford & Arthur Graham, George Wood replaced Alan Rough at half-time and Frankie Gray replaced Asa Hartford with 25 minutes left. Maradona ran riot and Scotland were lucky to be only 3-0 behind, Luque scoring after 33 & 60 minutes before Maradona scored a fantastic goal past George Wood, Arthur Graham scored a consolation goal for the Scots with 5 minutes left, but all the headlines were about a certain Diego Maradona RIP. Undoubtedly the best player I have ever witnessed on a football pitch.

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E. WALKER
Secretary



MANAGERS NOTES

Good afternoon everyone,

It sure has been an interesting period since my last programme notes! We have played Hearts twice in that period with mixed results. In the league game away from home, we let ourselves down in a 20 minute period where we lost 3 poor goals but on the plus

side we didn't capitulate and I thought we played very well in the 2nd half. So going into the cup tie at home all we reiterated to the players was to maintain that level of performance and defend better as a group and to a man they most certainly did! They showed real courage and determination along with the ability they





have to get a result they richly deserved but that's in the past now and we have to show that resilience consistently. We know our bread and butter is always the league so we have to get results to match 80% of our performances starting today against a very

tough opponent.

I would like to welcome Mark who has done a terrific job and all his staff and players of Ayr United.

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PETER GRANT





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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

28th November 2020
Almondvale Stadium, Livingston
3:00pm KO

LIVINGSTON

4:0

AYR UNITED



(4:0)

SCORERS

Chalmers (og)	6'	1:0
Fitzwater	10'	2:0
Fitzwater	12'	3:0
Forrest	44'	4:0



STARTING XI

- 32** STRYJEK
- 2** DEVLIN
- 27** GUTHRIE
- 5** FITZWATER
- 33** LAWSON
- 6** BARTLEY
- 10** SIBBALD
- 14** MULLIN
- 8** PITTMAN
- 11** FORREST
- 15** POPLATNIK

SUBS

- 3** BROWN
- 9** EMMANUEL-THOMAS
- 12** SERRANO
- 17** ROBINSON
- 21** MCMILLAN
- 22** TIFFONEY
- 25** AMBROSE
- 29** TAYLOR-SINCLAIR
- 40** MALEY

SUBS

- 4** MUIRHEAD
- 9** ANDERSON
- 19** ZANATTA
- 20** HEWITT
- 21** HARE-REID
- 22** MCKENZIE
- 27** KERR
- 31** SMITH

STARTING XI

- 1** SINHALO
- 2** HOUSTON
- 5** ROSCOE
- 30** BAIRD
- 3** READING
- 8** MILLER
- 11** MCCOWAN
- 6** MURDOCH
- 18** CHALMERS
- 15** CAMERON
- 7** MOFFAT

REFEREE: David Munro



SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

28th November 2020
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa
3:00 pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

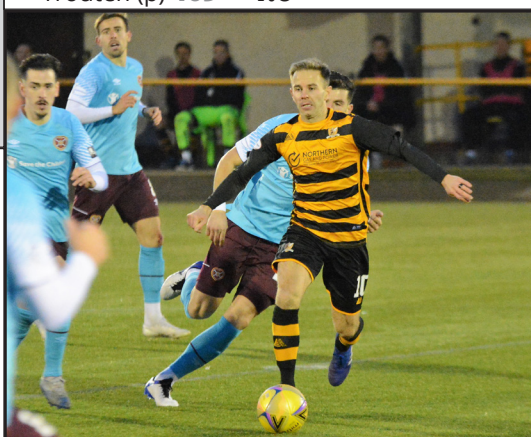
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HEARTS

(0:0)

SCORERS

Trouten (p) 109' 1:0



STARTING XI

- 1** PARRY
- 3** DICK
- 2** TAGGART
- 5** GRAHAM
- 15** JAMIESON
- 6** HETHERINGTON
- 22** GRANT
- 7** CAWLEY
- 10** TROUTEN
- 23** MURRAY
- 9** BUCHANAN

SUBS

- 31** WILLISON
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 14** BROWN
- 17** CONNELLY
- 18** MALCOLM
- 19** THOMSON
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 24** WILLIAMSON
- 25** LYNCH

SUBS

- 13** STEWART
- 11** ROBERTS
- 14** NAISMITH
- 15** WIGHTON
- 19** IRVING
- 25** BRANDON
- 31** HENDERSON
- 36** MCGILL

STARTING XI

- 1** GORDON
- 2** SMITH
- 3** WHITE
- 5** HARING
- 6** BERRA
- 7** WALKER
- 8** LEE
- 10** BOYCE
- 16** HALLIDAY
- 21** KINGSLEY
- 28** POPESCU

REFEREE: Gavin Duncan

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 -

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- 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

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- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
- 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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ALLOA ATHLETIC FC



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I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER.

Connelly's delicately clipped back post cross was intelligently caressed across the face of goal by Cawley and there was an onrushing Scougall, who couldn't miss to tap home Alloa's first competitive behind closed doors goal at the Indodrill Stadium. 410 miles away, watching on my laptop, I clenched my left fist and let out

the tiniest 'YES' as the Wasps took the lead against Edinburgh City in the Betfred Cup. However, in all honesty my goal celebration was a little muted and in no way compensated for being there. But then, as the Alloa players congratulated Scougall on his maiden goal for the club, a reassuringly familiar tune raised my spirits

no end:

Yes, competitive football, not as we knew and loved it, was back at the Recs after a 221 day hiatus. In that time unimaginable change had occurred in everybody's way of life, so to hear The A-Team theme tune ring out around the ground to celebrate the Alloa goal, albeit

from the realms of my own home, was comforting in the extreme. With no crowd and no commentary on the live stream, I really got to appreciate every bar of that wonderful theme tune, from the 1980/1990s American action-adventure television series, which has resonated around the Recs after Alloa goals since

2005.

I must admit that I'm a big fan of the Alloa goal celebration music, although most of the time I don't even notice it, as instead I'm caught in that joyous moment of celebrating an Alloa goal. Games now being played behind closed doors means goal music has become more noticeable, and as a concept it divides opinions amongst supporters. On the one hand there are the football purists, who see it as a further indicator of the Americanisation of the world, which dilutes the quintessential sound of football: that roar of fans celebrating a goal. Others, like myself, are more relaxed about the concept as just another

means of adding to the match-day experience (there are of course far more important matters to get exorcised about). After all, who cannot enjoy the Hampden roar being supplemented with Bits & Pieces?

Games without fans has undoubtedly brought the goal celebration music back into focus though. Some fail to acknowledge the relevance, while others consider it essential in maintaining a 'life goes on' mentality of normality during a time which is anything but normal. Most clubs in Scotland are continuing with it, for better or worse. However, the most amusing instance I've seen/heard since lockdown was south



of the border when Wigan were 7-0 up at half-time versus Hull in July, with each goal accompanied by the quite hideous electro trumpets of 'This Girl' by Kungs vs Cookin' on 3 Burners. For Hull fans to hear that seven times in 45 minutes must have been as excruciating as losing the goals themselves.

I'll make a bold call here and suggest that Alloa are top of the Championship league table when it comes to goal celebration music. The combination of originality and quality shines through for me. BBC Scotland commentator Alisdair Lamont was certainly distracted by it when Dundee came to town last month, musing whether

Robert Thomson's nickname was Mr T after opening the scoring! But where was the A-Team music for Cawley's equaliser versus Dunfermline and the comeback versus Stenhousemuir? It was much missed by me at least! I've been listening carefully to the moments after a goal is scored in the Championship this season, and in my mind the A-Team theme eclipses all others.

Dunfermline's long standing anthem of Dave Clark Five's 'Glad all over' is generally well received, with its longevity and tradition being at the heart of its popular appeal for Pars supporters. However, it's marked down in my book by being more



synonymous with Crystal Palace (who have been using it since the 1960s) and commonly being used elsewhere too – no originality Pars! Hearts have gone all out on the music front this season, with the season opener versus Dundee including fake crowd noise and two separate soundtracks when they pinged six past Dundee. The first and last goals that night were accompanied by The Beatles 'Hey Jude' (not for me, as that should

be copyrighted for exclusive use by Cardiff City's Bluebirds), while the other goals were celebrated with the club mix of Pjanoo by Eric Prydz (better, but still not great for me). Hearts are also marked down for having separate celebratory tunes, leaving me with lots of unanswered questions (perhaps I'm thinking about this too much) – who decides which one to play? Is it a criteria based selection e.g. Hey Jude for goals inside the box and the big guns of Prydz when a long-range

screamer or penalty is scored (which appeared to be the criteria that night)? Do certain players have particular songs? The uncertainty as to which song is played wouldn't sit well with me if I were a Jam Tarts supporter!

Dundee meanwhile celebrated their winning goal versus Morton in October with a rendition of 'Levels' by Avicii. Again, that choice gets marked down as Avicii tunes are so common in grounds. Raith also joined the party in November when

they used the same five second melody to celebrate each of their five goals versus Morton. Unfortunately, the tune cut-off before I could even distinguish what it was – a shame! Finally, Queen of the South have gone for a left-field choice this season, with a South American commentary inspired shout GOOOAALLLL' for a full ten seconds, followed by a collection of thumping beats. I'd suggest that it might actually put Stephen Dobbie off scoring, as I doubt he'd want



<p>to listen to that too many times! In all seriousness, credit to Queens trying something a bit different, but I'd question how long it lasts when the Dumfries natives are allowed back into Palmerston! Sadly, the rest of the Championship teams appear to be choosing not to participate in goal celebration music, meaning all you presently hear are the high pitched screams of players, echo ridden claps from substitutes and directors and the obligatory 'GET SWITCHED ON' shout from a coaching team member! So, whilst being wholeheartedly biased, Alloa are top of the league for me.</p> <p>I must also confess that the A-Team theme tune really resonates with me personally. I fondly remember as a young child tuning in on a Saturday night whilst munching on my beans on toast. I still have a toy car version of the famous black A-Team van which is now in my own children's toy box, while B.A. Baracus was the epitome of cool for</p>	<p>me as an impressive 6 year old. I also clearly recall dancing around the living room in harmony with the music for the end credits, jumping off the sofa in a silhouette (similar to a Cristiano Ronaldo goal celebration these days) to vividly mimic the producer typing feverishly, then ripping a page from his typewriter and flinging it in the air, morphing into the "C" logo of the Cannell production company. As such, when the Wasps belatedly joined the goal celebration music back in 2005 I was delighted with the A-Team choice. I recall at the time that fans were very much split about the concept and the choice of tune, but over the years it has for me just become another established element of a trip to the Recs. At the time the club took suggestions from supporters and discussed it with the players, who had the final say. I can only speculate who ultimately decided on the A-Team tune - was it bass guitarist striker Graeme Brown or perhaps maverick entertainer</p>	<p>Jose Quitongo? But what a fine choice it was!</p> <p>I think the A-Team theme tune also hits the sweet spot of all the essential ingredients you'd want in a goal celebration song. It is immediately recognisable (if you are of certain age at least) and annoyingly catchy, isn't a generic tune you hear elsewhere (Tom Hark der der der der anyone, The Fratellis Chelsea Dagger or the White Stripes Seven Nation Army you hear ad nauseam in mainland Europe?), is somewhat jovial and occasionally annoys away supporters. Whenever Alloa left-back Callum Crane's goal versus Ayr from April 2018 goes viral online (thanks to the critical analysis from a vociferous Ayr supporter) there are always comments about the A-Team music being the <i>pièce de résistance</i> in the overall comedy value of the clip.</p> <p>There have also been times when the Wasps have gone ahead in a game, only to then concede two quick goals. In such scenarios away</p>	<p>fans are only too happy to joyfully sing the A-Team theme tune back at the Alloa supporters. One Cowdenbeath supporter fondly recalled on the Pie and Bovril forum doing just that in February 2008, only for Brown Ferguson's penalty and a last-minute winner from Andy Scott leaving the Blue Brazilian supporter crestfallen at his premature banterous singing! For me, the A-Team theme tune getting into the head of opposition fans (I've read more than once "If I hear that A-Team song one more time..." from Dundee United supporters) is simply delicious to read after an Alloa victory!</p> <p>All in all, the biggest compliment I can pay the A-Team theme tune is that whenever I occasionally hear it away from football, it immediately jolts my brain to memories of glorious goals scored at the Recs over the years. For that reason alone, I hope to be hearing it for many years to come, and after</p>
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APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	5 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	5 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	3 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	5 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
GILHOOLY	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
LYNCH	DEF	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
HETHERINGTON	MID	4 (0)	0	3 (2)	1	7 (2)	1
ROBERTSON	MID	5 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (0)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	0 (4)	0	2 (2)	1	2 (6)	1
BROWN	MID	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
MALCOLM	MID	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
GRANT	MID	5 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	9 (1)	0
MURRAY	MID	2 (1)	0	4 (0)	0	6 (1)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	5 (0)	1	3 (1)	0	8 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	5 (0)	1	1 (3)	3	6 (3)	4
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (4)	0	4 (1)	3	4 (5)	3
TROUTEN	FWD	5 (0)	2	3 (1)	2	8 (1)	4
CONNELLY	FWD	2 (2)	0	1 (2)	0	3 (4)	0
EVANS	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0



ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
117 (0)	0	33 (0)	0	150 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
148 (0)	6	41 (0)	1	189 (0)	7
57 (0)	1	20 (0)	0	77 (0)	1
131 (0)	11	37 (1)	1	168 (1)	12
0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
117 (30)	5	25 (8)	1	142 (38)	6
106 (22)	2	35 (3)	2	141 (25)	4
0 (4)	0	2 (2)	1	2 (6)	1
13 (16)	3	12 (4)	0	25 (20)	3
10 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	12 (1)	0
1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0	2 (5)	0
5 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	9 (1)	0
2 (1)	0	4 (0)	0	6 (1)	0
251 (37)	52	55 (7)	10	306 (44)	62
19 (22)	6	3 (7)	4	22 (29)	10
44 (20)	16	19 (4)	8	63 (24)	24
56 (5)	21	18 (3)	15	74 (8)	36
3 (5)	1	1 (3)	0	4 (8)	1
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0



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A FAN'S VIEW

For a supporter working in Edinburgh (albeit virtually at the moment), this week has been absolutely terrific following last weekend's upset win over Hearts. Particularly when I was derided by some of them in a fairly patronising manner after their teams 3-0 victory over Alloa in the league a few days

prior. Following victories over Rangers, Hibs and Dundee United in a fairly recent era of the clubs history, Alloa added another large scalp to that list. The last ten years have been filled with some incredible moments which we really should not take for granted. This latest instalment was probably

Peter Grant's finest hour as manager of the club to date.

Alloa came into this tie as virtual no hopers after being comprehensively beaten by their opponents at Tyne-castle the previous Tuesday. You never write off this Alloa team, but Hearts did show real quality that night and the

tie looked a real uphill task. The main glimmer of hope I possessed was that in a football double header, identical results are rarely the outcome of the two games. Alloa were dealt a blow prior to kick off. Jon Robertson was unable to take his place in the starting 11 following a hamstring injury picked up at

Tynecastle late in the match. Robbo is a terrific performer for the club and always a big miss- although it allowed Scott Taggart the opportunity for a somewhat rare outing in his natural right back position.

The visitors fired some early warning shots when Olly Lee was clean through on goal- but Parry rushed out well to initially block his shot and Boyce's effort from the rebound. It was a fairly ominous beginning, but in hindsight Parry's toughest work of the afternoon. The opening half to be honest was a fairly dull encounter with any chances only speculative efforts. After Tuesday night's game, just what we needed. As the game progressed you could see the confidence growing amongst the Alloa players- breathing new life into weary legs. With 20 minutes remaining Alloa created the best chance of the game- Liam Buchanan's flashing header was saved brilliantly by Craig Gordon.

Alloa persistently asked questions of the Hearts backline. They surrendered lots of possession, but always provided a threat in their spells with the ball.

As Robbie Neilson threw on substitute after substitute it was equal parts alarming and hugely impressive that Peter Grant held firm and changed no personnel until the first period of extra time. Neilson used his full quota of 5 substitutes to Alloa's 2. But the introduction of subs Lee Connelly and particularly Robert Thomson proved pivotal to the outcome.

As the game moved into period when I tend to begin showing nerves- where it's evident Alloa have put so much into a game and how cruel it would be to end up empty handed. Hearts always have that quality in their locker to create an opportunity to break the deadlock. But as the clock ticked down I was strangely calm. I really did fancy us to nick it, whether it be in the



90 minutes, extra time or indeed a shootout if required. Thomson had made a real impact in extra time- a real physical presence and a threat that the tiring Hearts backline were clearly not relishing. Scott Taggart's lay-off with 10 minutes of additional time remaining allowed him some space in the penalty area, before he stumbled to the floor after clashing with Hearts Jamie Walker. Was it a penalty? Very difficult to ascertain from the stream. And to be honest, after the decision Dundee were given a few weeks ago at the same end of the ground I'm not particularly concerned if it was or wasn't. Trouten was never missing from the spot- despite the magnitude of the moment and even

when facing a keeper as accomplished as Craig Gordon. Based on what they had put into the game- Alloa merited their lead. A Hearts onslaught was anticipated- my immediate thought after the goal was that a penalty shootout would now be the worst case scenario. But the bombardment never really arrived- Alloa seeing the tie out with no real heart stopping moments of fear and prevailing for a famous win.

There were no failures amongst the 13 Alloa players who played a part in the game- in terms of effort, workrate, character and craft. But in terms of singling out individuals, I actually thought our best performers were relatively new acquisitions.

Nicky Jamieson was a late addition at centre half. Jamieson had a bit of a baptism of fire in his previous game against Stenhousemuir- but coming into that established unit of Taggart, Graham, Dick and Parry- he was an absolute rock all game. Composed and solid, along with Graham I don't think the centre half pairing lost a thing in the air. Jamieson would have probably received my vote for Alloa's best player on the day, but Ray Grant wasn't far behind. He kept possession well all day as well

as regularly starting passages of play for the hosts. But most importantly he covered the whole pitch, plugging gaps and closing space. Hearts lack of actual openings on goal across the 120 minutes was largely down to the stifling and pressing of Grant, who was absolutely outstanding.

I was a bit puzzled by Hearts manager Robbie Neilson's post match comments. Ignoring the penalty award, I just couldn't understand his view that Hearts murdered Alloa all game and just couldn't score. Yes, they had posses-

sion- but the early stages aside, it was as comfortable an afternoon for Parry as he's experienced in a long time. Craig Gordon produced the best save of the game, and in terms of chances created it was fairly even between the two teams. Alloa now move on to face Hibs in the quarter finals. I was looking for St Johnstone in the draw, as its been over 15 years since our last encounter with them. However we can take big solace in the fact that we are at home once again. Having already conquered Edinburgh City and

Hearts this season, it's a chance to claim the capital as our own before marching onto a Hampden semi-final. And if we adopt the 4,000 capacity limit in Scotland, we will still have enough tickets for everyone on a 50/50 allocation split. Great days lie ahead potentially.

It's a return to normality today, with Ayr United the visitors on league duty. And whilst it's only natural we bask in the glory of last week's cup exploits- the league is our prime focus.

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In The Premier Division, there was no positional change amongst the top group, though leaders Celtic did extend their advantage to six points, thanks to a 2-0 home win v Dundee. In the day's top clash at Tannadice, second-placed Dundee United were held 0-0 by fifth-placed Aberdeen, 0-0 was

also the outcome at Easter Road in the meeting between lowly Hibs and fourth-placed Rangers, while Dundee remained in sixth place. In the "basement battle" at Douglas Park, rock-bottom Hamilton Accies were held 0-0 by fellow strugglers Clydebank, thus The Accies remained eight points adrift of third-bot-

tom Hibs, while The Bankies still occupied second-bottom spot.

Dunfermline retained leadership of The First Division thanks to a 2-0 home win v Forfar, while second-placed Dunbarton were triumphant by the same scoreline at struggling Partick. Morton remained third after a 3-2 home success v Clyde, while fourth-

placed East Fife were also victorious on home soil, by 2-1 v Kilmarnock. At Palmerston, fifth-placed Queen Of The South faced an Airdrie side lying one place below them, but a 1-0 for The Diamonds saw them exchange places with their hosts. In a bottom-of-the-table clash at Glebe Park, Brechin entertained their fellow strug-



glers and near-neighbours Montrose. And in spite of The Gable Endies running 3-2 winners, they remained in bottom spot, but narrowed the gap on their second-bottom hosts to four points, while Partick's defeat kept them in third-bottom position.

In the first round of The Scottish Cup, Alloa made the long journey to the far North, for a clash v Highland League outfit Inverness Caledonian, The Wasps lining up as follows: Lowrie, Thomson, Haggart, Donaldson, Dall, Wilkie, Smith, Love, Sorbie, Murray, Nelson (Cole). And things looked bleak

for Alloa at the break, when the home side led by 2-0, thanks to goals from Hercher & Gibson, but second-half efforts from Gus Smith & Martin Nelson earned The Wasps "a second bite at the cherry". Elsewhere, another Highland League outfit, Peterhead, provided a surprise with a 1-0 home v The Second Division's bottom club East Stirling, while Ayr accounted for another non-league side, Annan, by 3-1 at Somerset Park, Sludden (2) & a Williamson OG The Honest Men's scorers. In two all-Second Division clashes, Albion Rovers overcame Arbroath at Cliftonhill

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by 2-1, Stirling Albion were 3-0 home winners v Cowdenbeath, while the Forres Mechanics v Berwick tie was cancelled.

South of the border, there was no positional change at the top of The First Division, where leaders Arsenal remained three points clear, thanks to a 3-1 home win v London rivals QPR. Second-placed Nottingham Forest defeated struggling Manchester City 2-0 at The City Ground, while Everton were now third, thanks to a 4-0 win v Norwich at Goodison. At the

other end of the table, Manchester City's defeat kept them in bottom spot, Chelsea, 0-4 losers v London neighbours Wimbledon, still occupied second-bottom position, while Leicester, beaten 0-1 at Midlands rivals Coventry, were now third from bottom. Second Division leaders Oldham were 3-0 home winners v Shrewsbury, second-placed Portsmouth defeated Crystal Palace 2-0 at Fratton Park, while Plymouth remained third, in spite of a 0-1 defeat at Stoke.



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Runners-up 2001-02

This afternoon we welcome Ayr United to the Indodrill as both teams get back to league action in December. It was a weekend of mixed fortunes for the sides last week with the Wasps historically booking their place in the Quarter Finals of the Betfred Cup, whilst the Honest Men crashed out away to Livingston with a heavy defeat. However, Ayr have started strongly in the league and currently sit in the promotion play-off spot where they will

hope to be come May. Their last league outing saw them secure a massive 2-0 victory over Dundee and that couple with a win against Queen of the South, as well as draws, sees them sit pretty in fourth. After a turbulent end to last season they missed out on a chance to compete in the play-offs, however, with a solid start and shortened season, they must remain the aim.

THE BOSS - MARK KERR

The visitors will be led by player/manager, Mark Kerr, this afternoon. The midfielder signed on a Somerset shortly after leaving Falkirk in 2019 and when Ian McCall made the switch to Patrick Thistle later that year, he was given the role of managerial duties alongside his player tasks. Kerr has had an impressive career playing for various clubs in Scotland and

branching abroad with a stint in Greece. He has two League One Titles in his locker, one with Falkirk in 2003 and more recently with Ayr in 2017. Kerr also had lengthy spells at Aberdeen and Dundee United where at the latter he reached two major cup finals, only to come home with a runners up medal.

THE CAPTAIN - JACK BAIRD

Summer signing, Jack Baird, is the man with the armband this afternoon. The ex-St Mirren player secured a move to Somerset this year following his departure from Paisley and was given the armband shortly after. The centre-back raised eyebrows last season when he spent time out on loan from St Mirren at bitter rivals, Greenock Morton, where he impressed in blue and white. Baird actually got on the scoresheet for the Ton against his current employ-





ers. That ended his six-year stint at St Mirren where he had experienced so much from promotions to delegations over his 128-appearances.

**NEW BOY –
CAMMY SMITH**

Exciting attacking midfielder, Cammy Smith, signed on at Ayr United this summer on loan from Premiership side, Dundee United. Smith has been around in career to date, starting at Aberdeen and moving onto St Mirren following that. During his time at both clubs, he spent a lot of time out on loan. However, he did manage to lift the League Cup at his time at Pittodrie during his 76 appearances and then went onto win the League in Paisley. His move to Dundee United

didn't quite work out so Smith went out to Dundalk in search of games.

Another loan switch followed when he signed for Ayr. It's been a positive start for him though combining well with his forwards and getting on the scoresheet himself twice with goals against Dundee and Greenock Morton.

**ONE TO WATCH –
MICHAEL MOFFAT**

There is one man who will need no introduction to Alloa as a goal-threat and that's Michael Moffat. The striker recently entered the record books at Somerset when he bagged his 100th goal against Dundee meaning he's oozing with confidence. After leaving

Girvan, he signed for Ayr in 2011 and scored 57 goals in his spell that ended in 2014. He signed for Dunfermline and continued his goal-scoring exploits as they stormed to the League One title in 2016. It was a fairytale return a year after that when he signed back for the Honest Men and again, won League One. This season he has shown through-



out his career with superb link-up play and an eye for goal. Moffat is the current top goalscorer at the club with three goals, as well as his two assists.

THE CONNECTION

There are a few players returning to familiar territory when they come to the Indodrill this afternoon. The first, Dario Zanatta is in his first season at Somerset after triggering a clause in his Patrick Thistle contract that would free him up to leave. Zanatta spent time out on loan at Alloa in 2018/19

and the Wasps fans were treated to great pace, trickery and fantastic goals during his year at the club. Another ex-loanee, Sam Roscoe, will return too. He spent time here in the same season and created a strong partnership with Andy Graham which earned him his full-time move to Ayr the season after. Many of the Alloa dressing room have also worn the white of the Honest Men. Andy Graham will be remembered most fondly for his winning penalty in the play-off final against Stranraer which earned

them a place in the Championship. Scott Taggart, Kevin Cawley, Liam Buchanan, Alan Trouten even going back to Paddy Connolly, all have also had short stints at Somerset.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides last met in February here at the Indodrill. That day, Ayr came out on top winning 2-0. Goals from Steven Bell and Alan Forrest, who have both since departed, saw them jump to third with that result. The other game last season saw Alloa on the losing side once again. A

brace from Ross Docherty, another one who left in the summer, was enough to see past Kevin O'Hara's fine strike that afternoon in December. Alloa's last win in the fixture came in April 2018 when Iain Flannigan and Calum Crane looked to kill off Ayr United's title hopes with a 2-1 victory for the Wasps. However, Alloa would go onto get a result the following week against Raith Rovers handing the title back to the Honest Men.

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HT QUIZ

- 1. Who scored Alloas goals in their last win over todays opponents Ayr United- a 2-1 win back in April 2018**
- 2. Which 3 countries have won the World Cup wearing their away kit in the Final**
- 3. The 2001 Scottish Cup Final is the last Final where both clubs have worn their away kit for the match. Which clubs contested this game?**
- 4. Which 3 Brazilians have won an English Premiership medal whilst playing for Manchester United?**



GOALKEEPERS

Viljami SINISALO

11/10/2001



DEFENDERS

Jordan HOUSTON

28/01/2000



Patrick READING

29/05/1999



Aaron MUIRHEAD

30/08/1990



Ellis HARE-REID

12/01/1999



Sam ROSCOE

16/06/1998



Michael MILLER

31/12/1994



Mark MCKENZIE

17/08/2000



Jack BAIRD

07/02/1996



MANAGER

MARK KERR



MIDFIELDERS

Andy MURDOCH

30/01/1995



Tom WALSH

11/07/1996



Joe CHALMERS

03/01/1994



Michael HEWITT

23/10/2000



Liam MILLER

01/01/2002



Mark KERR

02/03/1982



Paul SMITH

30/04/2002



Luke MCCOWAN

09/12/1999



Cammy SMITH

24/08/1995



FORWARDS

Michael MOFFAT

15/02/1985



Bruce ANDERSON

23/09/1998



Innes CAMERON

22/08/2000










Dario ZANATTA

24/05/1997



KEY:

 CAPTAIN	 YELLOW CARD
 GOAL	 SECOND YELLOW
 OWN GOAL	 RED CARD
	 INELIGIBLE

	DATE	OPPOSITION		SCORE	REFEREE
LC	07.10.20	AIRDRIEONIANS	A	● 0-2	REID
LC	10.10.20	LIVINGSTON	A	● 2-1	MUIR
LC	13.10.20	EDINBURGH CITY	H	● 2-1	LOWE
CHA	17.10.20	GREENOCK MORTON	A	● 1-0	NEWLANDS
CHA	24.10.20	DUNFERMLINE	H	● 1-4	ROBERTSON
CHA	06.11.20	DUNDEE	H	● 3-3	MUIR
LC	14.11.20	STENHOUSEMUIR	H	● 4-2	IRVINE
CHA	21.11.20	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A	● 2-0	BEATON
CHA	24.11.20	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A	● 3-0	IRVINE
LC	28.12.20	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H	● 1-0	DUNCAN
CHA	05.12.20	AYR UNITED	H		
CHA	12.12.20	ARBROATH	A		
LC	15.12.20	HIBERNIAN	H		
CHA	19.12.20	INVERNESS CT	H		
CHA	26.12.20	RAITH ROVERS	H		
CHA	29.12.20	DUNDEE	A		
CHA	02.01.21	GREENOCK MORTON	H		
CHA	09.01.21	AYR UNITED	A		
CHA	16.01.21	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H		
CHA	23.01.21	INVERNESS CT	A		
CHA	06.02.21	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H		
CHA	13.02.21	ARBROATH	H		
CHA	20.02.21	DUNFERMLINE	A		
CHA	27.02.21	RAITH ROVERS	A		
CHA	06.03.21	INVERNESS CT	H		
CHA	13.03.21	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A		
CHA	20.03.21	DUNDEE	H		
CHA	27.03.21	AYR UNITED	H		
CHA	03.04.21	ARBROATH	A		
CHA	10.04.21	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A		
CHA	17.04.21	RAITH ROVERS	H		
CHA	24.04.21	GREENOCK MORTON	A		
CHA	30.04.21	DUNFERMLINE	H		

GOALKEEPERS		
PARRY	WILSON	WILLISON
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DEFENDERS					
TAGGART	DICK	GRAHAM	JAMIESON	GILHOOLY	LYNCH
2	3	5	15	16	25
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MIDFIELDERS										
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90	59	90	1	82	31	59		8	59	
90	38	90	90	29		61		90	52	
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60	90	90	90	33				90		
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1	29				1	90		29	61	90
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FORWARDS			
BUCHANAN	CONNELLY	THOMSON	EVANS
9	17	19	26
59	31	1	31
39		1	51
78	90	1	12
29	67	71	
16	63	90	
	35	1	85
3	90	9	61
29		61	
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101	21	19	

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. IAIN FLANNIGAN, CALLUM CRANE

2. BRAZIL (1958), ENGLAND (1966), SPAIN (2010).

3. CELTIC VS HIBS

4. ANDERSON, RAFAEL, FABIO



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ALLOA ATHLETIC



AYR UNITED

#	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			
	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				
	1	VILJAMI SINISALO			
	2	JORDAN HOUSTON			
	3	PATRICK READING			
	4	AARON MUIRHEAD			
	5	SAM ROSCOE			
	6	ANDY MURDOCH			
	7	MICHAEL MOFFAT			
	8	MICHAEL MILLER			
	9	BRUCE ANDERSON			
	10	TOM WALSH			
	11	LUKE MCCOWAN			
	14	CAMMY SMITH			
	15	INNES CAMERON			
	18	JOE CHALMERS			
	19	DARIO ZANATTA			
	20	MICHAEL HEWITT			
	21	ELLIS HARE-REID			
	22	MARK MCKENZIE			
	24	LIAM MILLER			
	27	MARK KERR			
	30	JACK BAIRD			
	31	PAUL SMITH			
	MANAGER MARK KERR				

REFEREE: Barry Cook

ASST: Graeme Leslie & Colin McAlpine

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

12.12.20, AWAY, 15:00

	ARBROATH		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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15.12.20, HOME, 8:00PM, PREMIER SPORTS

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		HIBERNIAN
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19.12.20, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		INVERNESS CT
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26.12.20, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		RAITH ROVERS
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29.12.20, AWAY, 19:45

	DUNDEE		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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