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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

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(Scotland v Wales 1891)

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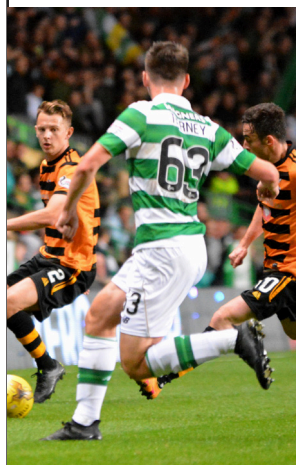
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2020/21



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HEARTS	7	6	0	1	21	6	15	18
DUNFERMLINE	7	4	2	1	15	9	6	14
RAI TH ROVERS	7	3	3	1	15	9	6	12
AYR UNITED	7	3	3	1	9	5	4	12
INVERNESS CT	7	3	2	2	13	9	4	11
GREENOCK MORTON	7	3	1	3	6	11	-5	10
DUNDEE	7	2	3	2	10	14	-4	9
ALLOA ATHLETIC	7	1	1	5	5	15	-10	4
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	7	1	1	5	9	20	-11	4
ARBROATH	7	0	2	5	2	10	-8	2

**MIDWEEK FIXTURES**

**BETFRED CUP QUARTER FINALS**

ALLOA ATHLETIC	HIBERNIAN	LIVINGSTON	ROSS COUNTY
DUNFERMLINE	ST JOHNSTONE	ST MIRREN	RANGERS



	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
LIVINGSTON	4	4	0	0	11	2	9	12	HIBERNIAN	4	4	0	0	10	3	7	12
ALLOA ATHLETIC	4	3	0	1	9	5	4	9	DUNDEE	4	3	0	1	9	4	5	9
EDINBURGH CITY	4	1	1	2	5	9	-4	4	COVE RANGERS	4	1	1	2	4	7	-3	5
AIRDRIEONIANS	4	1	0	3	3	7	-4	3	BRORA RANGERS	4	1	0	3	6	10	-4	2
STENHOUSEMUIR	4	0	1	3	4	12	-8	2	FORFAR ATHLETIC	4	0	1	3	3	8	-5	2



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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	352
Taggart	191
Hetherington	182
Graham	171
Robertson	168

### GOALS

Cawley	62
Trouten	35
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



**Kevin CAWLEY**

17/03/1989

170 cm 64 kg



**Stefan SCOUGALL**

07/12/1992

170 cm 64 kg



**Adam BROWN**

09/06/1995

175 cm 70 kg



**Blair MALCOLM**

03/02/1997

180 cm 70 kg



**Cameron O'DONNELL**

29/09/2001

180 cm 70 kg



**Ray GRANT**

01/09/1996

178 cm 70 kg



**Innes MURRAY**

17/02/1998

180 cm 70 kg

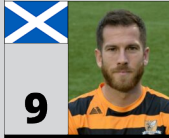


**FORWARDS**

**Liam BUCHANAN**

27/03/1985

175 cm 70 kg



**Alan TROUTEN**

08/11/1985

173 cm 70 kg



**Lee CONNELLY**

18/10/1999

170 cm 58 kg



**Robert THOMSON**

28/05/1993

188 cm 83 kg



**Liam EVANS**

17/11/2001

190 cm 70 kg







## NEWSDESK

Despite it being a historic achievement for Alloa to be meeting Hibernian in tonight's League Cup Quarter final by far the biggest news we've had this week is the illness of John Glencross, the longstanding programme editor. John's currently recovering at Larbert Hospital and everyone at Alloa

Athletic wishes him a speedy recovery.

Tonight Alloa meet Jack Ross' Hibernian. The visitors are flying high finishing Saturday temporarily, in second place in the Premiership and are looking to avoid being the third Edinburgh side dumped out by Alloa in this season's Betfred Cup. It marks the

first time Alloa have appeared on broadcaster Premier Sports who picked tonight's game as one of their two live quarter finals.

On Sunday 11th December the Scottish Cup First Round was drawn in full. Alloa Athletic will enter into the competition in the next round and could meet any of

the winners of these ties on the 9th January.

Alloa's fixture vs Ayr United has moved to the 12th January to accommodate the second round fixture.

Tonight's visitors, Hibs, enter the competition at the Third round Stage due to be played on the weekend of the 30th January.

The Wasps' come into tonight's game after securing their first win of the Championship campaign against Arbroath. Stefan Scougall's 78th minute effort squeezed its way under Arbroath goalie Derek Gaston and Alloa shut out the Lichties to not only climb above the hosts but climb out of the drop zone entirely after Queen of the South's goal difference tanked in a 6-1 defeat at Hearts.

Hibernian, meanwhile, sit two points behind Celtic in the Premiership. While the Hibeas have played two games more than the Hoops, they leapfrogged the

Glasgow side in style with an emphatic 4-0 win over Hamilton on Saturday.

The Wasp that never was, Martin Boyle fired in a penalty to open the scoring. Christian Doidge and then Paul McGinn put the result beyond doubt with goals before and after halftime. Kevin Nisbet, who's no stranger to Alloa having turned out for Dunfermline last season, completed a fine day out for the Edinburgh side.

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ELGIN CITY v CIVIL SERVICE STROLLERS

HADDINGTON ATHLETIC v FORMARTINE UNITED OR

TURRIFF UNITED

HUNTLY v CUMBERNAULD COLTS

KEITH v HILL OF BEATH HAWTHORN

KELTY HEARTS v JEANFIELD SWIFTS

LOTHIAN THISTLE HUTCHISON VALE v BANKS O'DEE

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PETER GRANT



# MANAGERS NOTES

Good Evening  
Everyone

We at Alloa are delighted to be welcoming Hibernian to this Betfred Quarter Final. We are really looking forward to pitting our wits against a team who so

far have been outstanding in both league and cup. We know the challenge that lies head but as we say all the time we fear no one but respect everyone.

We come into the game on the







back of a very good all round performance against a very difficult Arbroath side. I thought we were deserving winners on the day and obviously delighted to pick up the win.

It would be remiss of me not to welcome Jack his staff and all the players. Jack did a fantastic job here at Alloa and it set him on the way to the fantastic management career he's had

so far and will continue to have.

Enjoy the game

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## SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

12<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
 Gayfield Park, Arbroath  
 3:00pm KO

**ARBROATH**

**0:1**

**ALLOA ATHLETIC**



(0:0)

SCORERS

**0:1 78'** Scougall



### STARTING XI

- 1** GASTON
- 2** THOMSON
- 3** HAMILTON
- 4** LITTLE
- 5** O'BRIEN
- 6** WHATLEY
- 7** GOLD
- 28** CRAIGEN
- 9** HILSON
- 14** DOOLAN
- 11** LINN

### SUBS

- 8** MCKENNA
- 10** SWANKIE
- 12** STEWART
- 15** DONNELLY
- 16** RUTH
- 17** SMITH
- 21** GALLACHER

### SUBS

- 31** WILLISON
- 14** BROWN
- 25** LYNCH
- 19** THOMSON
- 17** CONNELLY
- 18** MALCOLM
- 23** MURRAY

### STARTING XI

- 1** PARRY
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 2** TAGGART
- 5** GRAHAM
- 15** JAMIESON
- 3** DICK
- 7** CAWLEY
- 10** TROUTEN
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 6** HETHERINGTON
- 9** BUCHANAN

**REFEREE:** Peter Stuart



# SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP

12<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
 New Douglas Park, Hamilton  
 3:00 pm KO

## HAMILTON

# 0:4

## HIBERNIAN



(0:2)

### SCORERS

**0:1** 10' Boyle (P)

**0:2** 39' Doidge

**0:3** 65' McGinn

**0:4** 68' Nisbet



### STARTING XI

<b>23</b>	FULTON
<b>27</b>	HODSON
<b>4</b>	STIRLING
<b>16</b>	A. MARTIN
<b>5</b>	EASTON
<b>3</b>	MCMANN
<b>34</b>	CALLACHAN
<b>8</b>	S. MARTIN
<b>14</b>	TRAFFORD
<b>32</b>	SMITH
<b>20</b>	MOYO

### SUBS

<b>6</b>	HAMILTON
<b>15</b>	HUGHES
<b>17</b>	STANGER
<b>18</b>	MIMNAUGH
<b>19</b>	WINTER
<b>21</b>	MUNRO
<b>22</b>	GOURLAY
<b>24</b>	THOMAS
<b>36</b>	OWULABI

### SUBS

<b>2</b>	GRAY
<b>7</b>	MAGENNIS
<b>14</b>	MALLAN
<b>19</b>	GULLAN
<b>22</b>	MCGINN
<b>24</b>	MCGREGOR
<b>25</b>	DOIG
<b>33</b>	BARNES
<b>43</b>	BRADLEY

### STARTING XI

<b>1</b>	MARCIANO
<b>16</b>	STEVENSON
<b>4</b>	HANLON
<b>5</b>	PORTEOUS
<b>6</b>	MCGINN
<b>8</b>	WRIGHT
<b>11</b>	NEWELL
<b>20</b>	HALLBERG
<b>10</b>	BOYLE
<b>9</b>	DOIDGE
<b>15</b>	NISBET

**REFEREE:** Kevin Clancy

# 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
- 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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## **ALLOA'S LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINALS**

Tonight Alloa play a last eight League Cup tie for just the fifth time in our history. Never before have the Wasps progressed to the final four, so if the players need any more motivation today, becoming history makers will surely be a huge incentive. Five members of this Alloa side, however, are no strangers to playing in a League Cup Quarter-Final, with Neil Parry, Scott Taggart, Andy Graham, Jon

Robertson and Kevin Cawley all survivors of Alloa's previous last eight encounter in 2016. The Wasps manager four years ago will also be involved this evening too, albeit Jack Ross will be plotting Alloa's downfall this time around. Naturally everyone welcomes the hugely popular Jack back to the Recs. It is therefore fitting to recall Alloa's most recent quarter-final run, before delving into the history books

to reveal that Hibernian are something of a nemesis to Alloa when it comes to quarter-finals.

The summer transfer window of 2016 was nothing short of sensational for Alloa. Newly relegated from the Championship with only a single home victory in 2015/16 (ironically versus Hibs), any reasonable observer could assume that there would be apathy and dejection around

the club. However, a bright, knowledgeable and charismatic young manager built a squad the club are still reaping the benefits of more than four-and-a-half years on. That close season was glorious, as the always dapper Jack Ross shook hands with spectacular signing after spectacular signing... the return of Cawley was quickly followed by new signings Parry, Jordan Kirkpatrick, Robertson, Jamie Longworth,



Taggart, Greig Spence (for a third spell), Calum Waters, Graham and Jim Goodwin. The new signings complemented an already strong nucleus, meaning Alloa arguably had a finer squad in League One than the previous year in the Championship.

Before the league business got underway the Wasps had the inaugural Betfred Cup group stage as an appetiser. Four wins and ten goals later no Alloa supporter could fail to be excited by the team assembled by Ross. The run began on a newly relayed 3G pitch with Highland League Cove Rangers visiting Clackmannanshire on a balmy Tuesday evening. Spence inevitably scored and he was joined on the scoresheet by what would become a trademark Graham header, a Kirkpatrick tap-in and a composed finish from Isaac Layne, as the Wasps ran riot 4-0 in the summer sun. Ross said that he



couldn't have asked for more from his players, and the 40-year-old was equally pleased with a professional 2-0 win at Montrose the following Saturday. Spence's back post finish and Layne's diving header sealed the points at Links Park, as Alloa made it fifteen games unbeaten against the Gable Endies.

Next up was the League Cup holders Ross County, but they were shocked and unceremoniously dumped out of the competition thanks to a well-merited 3-2 Alloa victory. County may have expected a

rigid defensive display from the Wasps, but Jack Ross's side was positive and pressed the holders into mistakes. Alloa were duly rewarded with goals from Kirkpatrick and Robertson, but these were cancelled out by half-time as the Premiership side rallied. The second half saw the Wasps understandably withstand mounting pressure, but Water's crisply struck low finish 18 minutes from time was a deserved winner and continued Alloa's perfect start to the season. While Staggy boss Jim McIntyre lambasted

his players efforts as embarrassing, Jack Ross described it as a fantastic evening.

The final group game saw Alloa travel to Kirkcaldy to face Gary Locke's Raith Rovers, knowing a point would win the group for the Wasps. A home win however would have seen the Championship side top the group, but the host's display was later described as tepid when a resilient Alloa side triumphed by a single goal. A spectacular through ball from Robertson was smartly finished by Spence, who certainly enjoyed scoring against one of his former sides. Afterwards Jack Ross was naturally delighted "I've said to the players in the dressing room that they should talk up what they have achieved. That is not to say we will get carried away going in to the league season, but what they have achieved in this competition has been fantastic. To go through a really tough



group with a 100 per cent record is terrific.”

Alloa's reward for the confident and attack-minded group stage victories was Wa second round home tie with Richie Foran's Inverness Caledonian Thistle. Another Premiership side was jettisoned from the cup at the Recs, thanks to Jason Marr's scrambled first-half goal. Having brushed aside Peterhead 4-0 in the opening league game the previous weekend, it meant Alloa had sensationally started the season with six successive victories. Just as important as the free-scoring nature of the play was the solid defence, with five clean sheets in that time. The shut-out versus Inverness was particularly

pleasing, with midfield pair Goodwin and Robertson setting the tone with endeavour and vigour as a whole team effort nullified Caley. My fellow programme contributor Brian Roach summed it up perfectly, reflecting “In the past couple of weeks, I've been telling others not to get carried away, but I have to admit I am now getting carried away. This team looks to have everything- style, grit, determination, balance, spirit and Jim Goodwin.” Ross was equally delighted “I'm hugely proud of the players. Over the course of the game we restricted Inverness to few clear-cut chances and that was to do with the work rate of the team. I've stressed to them that they should really enjoy it. It's 51

years since the club have been at this stage of the competition so they've put themselves in the history books in that regard.”

The last eight saw Alloa draw Brendan Rodger's Celtic away. By that time the 100% winning start to the season had ended after ten straight wins, although eleven wins from twelve games was still formidable. Ross was upbeat in previewing the daunting draw “It's difficult, a huge challenge, but not impossible. We'll approach it in that manner. We're under no illusions on how the game will pan out at times but there's no point in working as hard as we have done to get to this stage and then rolling over.” Ross' Alloa lived up to their

managers sentiment, by heroically holding Celtic for 83 minutes before late James Forrest and Moussa Dembele strikes saw Celtic progress. What I recall most from that evening was how calm and composed Alloa were; each player knew their jobs, stuck to their task and were not overawed in possession. A beautiful turn from Jordan Kirkpatrick, nutmegging Scott Brown in the process was a particular highlight for me. Neil Parry took most of the headlines with a man of the match performance, although all but a couple of the saves were ones I personally expected Neilly to make! Celtic meanwhile were profligate in front of goal, with Tom Rogic in particular continuously shooting





high and wide from dangerous positions. Many Celtic supporters were complimentary about the Wasps, later citing Alloa as their toughest opponent's during a dominant season. Ross was proud of his side, telling the Alloa Advertiser shortly after the final whistle that "My players are all hugely disappointed to come away from Celtic Park with a narrow defeat and for me that is a marker of where they are as a group this season."

Whilst that Alloa run to the quarter-finals is still relatively fresh in the memory, the Wasps previous forays into the last eight of the league cup will only be able to be recalled by long-standing Alloa supporters. In-fact, tonight Alloa will host a League Cup last eight tie for the first time since 1965. Coincidentally, the last time the Wasps were at home for a knockout quarter-final encounter the opponents were Hibernian. The Hibeas ran out 2-0 winners that midweek night fifty-five years ago, with a first minute opener from Pat Quinn supplemented by a strike from former Wasps frontman Neil Martin (who I saw happily celebrating his 80th birthday in October). Back in those days league cup quarter-finals were played over two legs, with the Wasps heading

through to Easter Road a week later. Alloa faced an uphill battle against a rampant Hibs team at the time, who had already beaten Valencia 2-0 and Hearts 4-0 that month, as well as being the early season Division One league leaders. Alas, it was a step too far for Archie McPherson's Wasps (mid-table in Division Two at the time), 8-0 down at half-time and eventually losing 11-2 on the night and 13-2 on aggregate! Martin showed no mercy to his first senior club, scoring four goals (Jim Scott (4), Eric Stevenson, Pat Quinn and Joe Davis with the others) in the year he won his three Scotland caps. The excellent Hibs Historical Trust article by Tom Wright chronicled that "without exaggeration, Hibs could well have scored 20 and they even managed to miss a penalty." Luckless Adam Hodge played 266 times for Alloa during the 1960s, but it was the only time he conceded 11 in a single game!

Prior to that 1960s adventure, Alloa's only other journeys to the League Cup quarter-finals were twice in three seasons in the first five years of the competition. Furthest back in time Alloa took Dundee to a replay in 1948, drawing 1-1 at Dens before succumbing 3-1 at the Recs. Two years later Queen of the South progressed in a two-legged tie, the Wasps going down 1-0



in Dumfries before only drawing 2-2 back at the Recs in September 1950.

As well as thwarting Alloa at the quarter-final stage of the League Cup, Hibs have also knocked the Wasps out on two of the three occasions the club have made it through to the Scottish Cup Quarter-Finals. There is still YouTube footage of a narrow 1-0 win for the Hibeas at Easter Road in 1989, when a Ronnie Lowrie masterclass in the Alloa goal (earning a rare 9/10 match rating in Shoot magazine) had me writing about his heroics 428 miles away in Ipswich in my school workbook aged 6! Hibs also dispatched the promotion winning Alloa side of 1938/9 at Easter Road 3-1, with Alloa's only other last eight Scottish Cup run being ended 4-0 at

Dunfermline in 1960/61. As such, it actually turns out that on the seven occasions the Wasps have reached the last-eight in both main cup competitions,

Hibernian have ended Alloa's dreams three of those times – records are there to be broken though!

As a footnote I'll leave you with some wise words from Jack Ross, speaking as Alloa manager four years ago in the immediate aftermath of the last 16 win over Inverness (prior to the quarter-final draw):

"When the next stage of the competition comes around, it's about winning that game again, not saying 'we got to the quarter-finals'. We deserve to be at this stage of the competition and our record in the competition is fantastic. Whoever gets us at that stage will want us because we'll be the underdogs. If we continue in this vein we'll approach that game with confidence as well."

Four years on and you could reasonably expect Peter Grant giving similar messages to his Alloa team this evening, as the Wasps seek to create some more history.



# APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	8 (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	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	5 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	7 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (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	6 (0)	0	3 (2)	1	9 (2)	1
ROBERTSON	MID	7 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	10 (0)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	1 (4)	1	2 (2)	1	3 (6)	2
BROWN	MID	2 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (1)	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	6 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	10 (1)	0
MURRAY	MID	3 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (2)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	7 (0)	1	3 (1)	0	10 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	5 (2)	1	1 (3)	3	6 (5)	4
BUCHANAN	FWD	2 (4)	0	4 (1)	3	6 (5)	3
TROUTEN	FWD	7 (0)	2	3 (1)	2	10 (1)	4
CONNELLY	FWD	2 (3)	0	1 (2)	0	3 (5)	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
119 (0)	0	33 (0)	0	152 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
150 (0)	6	41 (0)	1	191 (0)	7
59 (0)	1	20 (0)	0	79 (0)	1
133 (0)	11	37 (1)	1	170 (1)	12
1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	3 (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
119 (30)	5	25 (8)	1	144 (38)	6
108 (22)	2	35 (3)	2	143 (25)	4
1 (4)	1	2 (2)	1	3 (6)	2
13 (17)	3	12 (4)	0	25 (21)	3
10 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	12 (1)	0
1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0	2 (5)	0
6 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	10 (1)	0
3 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (2)	0
253 (37)	52	55 (7)	10	308 (44)	62
19 (24)	6	3 (7)	4	22 (31)	10
46 (20)	16	19 (4)	8	65 (24)	24
58 (5)	21	18 (3)	15	76 (8)	36
3 (6)	1	1 (3)	0	4 (9)	1
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0



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# A FAN'S VIEW

It's not every day Alloa reach the last eight of a national cup competition (Challenge Cup excepted of course), although unfortunately we cannot be present in the ground to witness first hand.

It's also Alloa's first occasion being broadcast live on the Premier

Sports channel this evening. If I recall correctly, the list is as follows: Featured on BBC Alba and BBC Scotland numerous times, Sky Sports (against tonight's opponents Hibs in a Championship game a few years back), BT Sport (Betfred Cup Quarter Final against Celtic in 2016) and I think a game has

even made ESPN this season.

Former manager Jack Ross returns to the Indodrill Stadium tonight accompanied by his impressive Hibs team, who have been fairly flawless on their travels this campaign.

Jack of course enhanced his repu-

tation significantly at Alloa with that aforementioned run to the Quarter Finals in 2016- when Alloa went down fighting to Brendan Rodgers invincible Celtic team. The Park-head side needed 2 goals in the last 10 minutes from James Forrest and Moussa Dembele to progress that night. And although under



the cosh for much of the game, there is always that “what if” factor from the first half incident where Craig Gordon essentially assaulted Greig Spence with a kung fu kick- and was somehow permitted to stay on the pitch.

Such is the nature of football these days that even a relatively short run of high profile success tends to lead to bigger and better things. Jack has plied his trade now at top jobs in both England and Scotland, and was a hugely popular figure at Alloa in his short time at the club- his first managerial job. Jack was articulate, approachable and most importantly- had a truly outstanding



wardrobe within his ownership.

His training sessions were greatly enjoyed by the players, and his attention to detail was another key factor to his success. There was a podcast with Andy Graham a while back, which covered this in significant detail. After eliminating Edinburgh City in the group section

followed by Hearts in the knockout stages- Alloa have the opportunity to fully conquer the capital city with a victory tonight. Although a hugely difficult task for the Wasps, Hibs won't be relishing their visit. They've left empty handed on a couple of occasions in recent times, and I'm sure would rather be on their own Easter Road pitch tonight.

Alloa's previous fixture here ended in disappointment with a defeat to Ayr United. (A vital game against Arbroath followed at the weekend, but with so many home games over the festive period I'll leave that until the next edition). Alloa started the match brightly and in all honesty it was a fairly entertaining opening to the game overall. But I just



felt as the half wore on that the visitors were knocking on the door. They struck the wood-work with a free kick, and Parry had made a couple of decent saves to shut them out. It was by no means one sided, but Ayr were taking more of a hold of the game.

Alloa did create a decent opening which Murray just couldn't arrange his footing to find a good connection. But Ayr did indeed get their noses in front towards the end of the half with a somewhat fortu-

nate opener. The initial attack came from an Ayr counter, but Alloa managed to get bodies back into their defensive shape. However, Ayr created space for a one-two in the penalty area and the cutback rebounded off McCowans chest, crossing the line and no more.

Alloa had a penalty appeal rejected by the referee as the half time whistle approached. Murray's cross was headed by Trouten into dangerous territory. Buchanan's shot struck an Ayr defender on the

arm at point blank range. Like most, I despise the freshly implemented hand-ball rules. But the frustrating aspect for me is that Alloa were on the receiving end of a similar but more controversial award against Dundee earlier in the season. Both shouldn't be penalties for me. But if that were the case, Alloa would be two points better off this season. Alloa again started fairly well after the break. Innes Murray couldn't get on the end of a pinpoint ball into the area with the goal gaping.

But Ayr's second goal on the hour mark killed the game. It was another frustrating afternoon- an abundance of neat and tidy play, but just didn't create enough openings and spurning the ones which fell their way. Although Alloa still lie at the foot of the table with only a single point to show so far, it is nothing a few decent results over Christmas won't resolve.

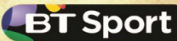
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# LOOKING BACK

## **14TH DECEMBER 1974**

In Scottish Division One, there was a change of leadership, for Celtic's emphatic 6-0 triumph at Dundee, helped by a Kenny Dalglish hat-trick, enabled them to displace fierce local rivals Rangers, 3-0 home victors v struggling Arbroath, from top spot on goal difference. The Gers thus slipped to second place, third-placed

Hibs were also triumphant on home soil, by 2-0 v Dumbarton, thanks to goals from Joe Harper and Arthur Duncan, fourth-placed Dundee United hammered lowly Morton 6-0 at Cappielow, fifth-placed Aberdeen were held 1-1 at Clyde, while Dundee remained sixth. At the other end of the table, Morton's heavy home reverse kept them in bottom spot, Dumbarton now occupied second-bot-

tom position, while Arbroath dropped one place to sixteenth.

East Fife were the new leaders of Division Two, thanks to a 3-1 win at another of the front-runners, Stirling Albion, The Fifers displaced gameless Montrose, who were on Scottish Cup duty, and who slipped to second place. Third-placed Queen Of The South were another inactive side, as were fourth-placed East

Stirling, who were engaged in The Scottish Cup, while Hamilton Accies went fifth, after an emphatic 8-0 home win v hapless bottom club Meadowbank. Clydebank and Alloa meantime, had not enjoyed the best of fortunes so far in the league, and both clubs found themselves locked in mid-table prior to their meeting at Kilbowie, where Alloa lined up as follows: Anderson, Totten,



Campbell, Thomson, Miller, McGarry, Low, Wilson, Russell (Mitchell), Wilkinson, Earle. Alas, the home side emerged victorious by 4-1, thanks to Mike Larnach, Phil McGovern, Davie Cooper & ex Alloa striker Joe McCallan, Billy Earle netting The Wasps solitary strike. The Bankies thus moved up two places to tenth, while Alloa, now winless in five games, slipped one place to fourteenth.

In the first round of The Scottish Cup, Inverness Clachnacuddin enjoyed an emphatic 8-1 home win v fellow non-Leaguers Gala Fairydean, while there were also goals galore at Links Park, where Montrose hammered Selkirk 5-1. Albion Rovers also triumphed comfortably, by 4-1 at St. Cuthberts Wanderers,

local rivals Stenhousemuir and East Stirling faced a replay after a 2-2 draw at Ochilview, while the surprise of the day came at Victoria Park, where Highland League outfit Ross County surprised Division Two strugglers Brechin by 2-0.

South of the border, Everton were the new leaders of The First Division, thanks to a 1-0 win at Derby. The Toffees displaced Stoke, who dropped to third, after a 0-2 defeat at reigning Champions Leeds. Liverpool were now second, thanks to a 2-0 home win v bottom club Luton, while Manchester City slipped one place to fourth, after they were held 0-0 at West Ham. Second Division table-toppers Manchester United were rather surprisingly held 0-0 by lowly Orient at Old Trafford, thus

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their lead over second-placed Sunderland, 2-0 home victors v another of the strugglers, Millwall, was reduced to four points. Norwich retained third

spot, in spite of a 1-2 defeat at Blackpool, while WBA, despite losing 0-1 at Fulham, still remained fourth.





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This evening we welcome Premiership side, Hibernian, to the Indodrill for this year's Betfred Cup Quarter Finals. The Hibeers have reached this stage in faultless fashion after winning all their group games and knock-outs. Brora Rangers, Cove Rangers, Forfar and Dundee were brushed aside as Jack Ross's side looked set to return to Hampden. They have already had a game at Hampden this season in the Scottish Cup where they

lost out to Hearts, the team that the Wasps put out this competition. League form has also been strong for this resurgent team. At the time of writing, Hibs sit in third place with only a few points separating them from Celtic above and Aberdeen just below.

## **THE BOSS - JACK ROSS**

Jack Ross will take charge of the visitors this evening, a man who needs no introduction to the Wasps fans tuning in. Ross will be making his return to the ground where he began his managerial career back in 2015. The former defender was given the role at Alloa in what set out to be an impossible task to survive the Championship. However, he transformed the playing style of the club and despite being relegated created the groundwork for many successful years to come. After

a summer signing spree, his side went onto win their record total of the first ten consecutive games in the league and cup. He'll face this evening many of the players that he signed that summer in the form of Parry, Graham, Taggart, Robertson and Cawley. His side reached the same stage of the Betfred Cup before losing out to the invincible Celtic side.

Jack Ross' Alloa tenure was cut short when he moved to St Mirren, completing the great escape in his first season and won the league the following year. More praise came his way that earned him a move to Sunderland. In a well-documented season with the Black Cats, it was a hard-luck story down South as he lost twice at Wembley to be on the wrong side of a cup-final defeat and play-off final defeat. In November





2019, he returned to Scotland and despite interest from their city rivals, Hearts, Ross became the Hibernian manager and guided them out of a tricky situation and into a serious top three push this year.

**THE CAPTAIN - DAVID GRAY**

The visitors will be led out by skipper, David Gray, this evening. The defender began his career at Manchester United where he made one senior appearance for the club. Various loan spells followed down South before he made a permanent switch to Preston North End. Stevenage and Burton would follow for the right-back before he would

make the switch to Edinburgh. Gray signed for Hibs in 2014 and scored his first professional goal weeks later in their 3-1 win against Rangers. That wouldn't be his only goal against the Ibrox side though as he headed home the winner against them in the Scottish Cup final, earning him a place in Hibernian folklore by captaining that Scottish Cup winning side. Now dubbed 'Sir David Gray' he has become an integral part of their recent success and was rewarded with a new contract in 2019 until 2023.

**NEW BOY - STEPHEN MCGINN**

The Hibs fans are familiar with the name "McGinn." They completed

the hat-trick of the brothers when Jack Ross signed eldest, Stephen McGinn in the summer. The experienced midfielder had been at St Mirren since 2017, where it was Jack Ross who signed him. It was a triumphant return for McGinn who began his career there in 2006.

The second spell he played a pivotal role captaining the side to relegation survivals and promotions. However, his time at Paisley was up in the summer as he left the club when his contract expired. Jack Ross jumped at the opportunity to reunite with the midfielder though and signed him on an one-year deal in September. The signing would see Stephen link up with brother, Paul, and join him and John, in all playing for the Edinburgh side. Since joining, he has put in assured performances in the middle of the park and even got the scoresheet for the first time last weekend against Motherwell.

**ONE TO WATCH - KEVIN NISBET**

This evening's one to watch could be any of a whole host of attacking threats for the visitors, however, few have impressed more than new boy, Kevin Nisbet. The striker will be a name of note to Alloa fans who had to endure his goal-scoring exploits for Dunfermline last season where he bagged eighteen goals in total for the Pars, including strikes against Peter Grant's men. Since moving up to the Premiership, Nisbet has continued to impress with his strong link-up play, positional awareness and deadly instincts in front of goal. Nisbet has played a total of nineteen games for the club and in that time bagged himself ten goals, as well as a further impressive five assists making him an all-round threat. That form includes a stand-out performance and goal against the champions, Celtic, and a hat-trick against Livingston. Many have called for the striker to

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**BY KIEREN MOONEY**



be included in Steve Clarke's Scotland set-up which is a testament to the season he is having. However, Jack Ross will be insistent he continues to do what he's doing for his club side amidst the praise and hype being created.

### THE CONNECTION

The obvious connection between the clubs has been highlighted in the manager, Jack Ross, making his return to the Indodrill. Alloa also have a player on loan from the Hibeas in the form of Innes Murray. The midfield-

er has started several games for the club so far in his loan spell and was particularly impressive in the previous round against Hearts. There are no current other Alloa players with a connection to tonight's opponents apart from Liam Buchanan, who's made it no secret that they are his boyhood heroes despite getting on the scoresheet in a 2-1 win at the Indodrill back in 2014. Some names from the past who have played for both sides are striking duo Derek Riordan and Ross Caldwell. More recently, de-

fender, Ben Stirling, spent some time at Alloa last season on loan from Hibs.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Peter Grant wasn't long in the door before having to take his new team to the capital to play Hibs in the Betfred Cup group stages last season. Despite an encouraging display from the visitors, two second half strikes from Christian Doidge and Tom James were enough to secure a 2-0 victory for Hibs. It was a good display from Alloa, however, the afternoon was marred by the injury

for Neil Parry. The last outing for the two teams here in Alloa was much more positive for the Wasps. Jack Ross guided Alloa to their first home win of the season against his future employers back in April 2016. On loan Celtic star, Michael Duffy's, half volley thundered off the underside of the bar and crossed over the line to snatch all three points for the home side. It was a sweet day for Alloa getting their first win in thirteen and a major blow for Hibs as they looked to overtake Falkirk in the race for promotion.

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## HT QUIZ

- 1. Alloa defeated Hibs 2-1 in the Championship in August 2014 in a famous result for the Wasps. Name the 3 survivors from each team who played that day and remain at their respective clubs?**
- 2. Who is Bobby and Jack Charltons equally famous uncle?**
- 3. Which 2 Scots played in the 1986 World Cup and went on to win the English Player of the Year Award?**
- 4. Which 2 sibling pairings have played in the Premiership for Newcastle United**

ANSWERS PAGE 37



**GOALKEEPERS**

**Ofir  
MARCIANO**

07/10/1989

193 CM KG



**DEFENDERS**

**David  
GRAY**

04/09/1988

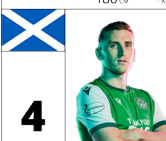
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**Paul  
HANLON**

20/01/1990

180 CM KG



**Ryan  
PORTEOUS**

25/09/1996

188 CM KG



**Dillon  
BARNES**

08/04/1996

193 CM KG



**Paul  
MCGINN**

22/10/1990

175 CM KG



**Lewis  
STEVENSON**

05/01/1988

170 CM KG



**Darren  
MCGREGOR**

07/08/1985

183 CM KG



**Josh  
DOIG**

18/05/2002

189 CM KG



**Sean  
MACKIE**

04/11/1998

173 CM KG



**MANAGER**

**JACK ROSS**





MIDFIELDERS

**Kyle  
MAGENNIS**

26/08/1998

181 cm \*KG



**Drey  
WRIGHT**

30/04/1995

175 cm \*KG



**Joe  
NEWELL**

15/03/1993

185 cm \*KG



**Alex  
GOGIC**

13/04/1994

180 cm \*KG



**Stevie  
MALLAN**

25/03/1996

180 cm \*KG



**Jamie  
MURPHY**

28/08/1989

178 cm \*KG



**Melker  
HALLBERG**

20/10/1995

180 cm \*KG



**Stephen  
MCGINN**

02/12/1988

181 cm \*KG



**Scott  
ALLAN**

28/11/1991

175 cm \*KG



**Steven  
BRADLEY**

17/03/2002

187 cm \*KG



FORWARDS

**Christian  
DOIDGE**

25/08/1992

185 cm \*KG



**Martin  
BOYLE**

25/04/1993

172 cm \*KG



**Kevin  
NISBET**

08/03/1997

180 cm \*KG










**Jamie  
GULLAN**

02/07/1999





183 cm \*KG



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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	 0-2	COOK
CHA	12.12.20	ARBROATH	A	 0-1	STUART
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

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MIDFIELDERS										
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUGALL	BROWN	MALCOLM	O'DONNELL	GRANT	MURRAY	WILLIAMSON
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FORWARDS			
BUCHANAN	CONNELLY	THOMSON	EVANS
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39		1	51
78	90	1	12
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## QUIZ ANSWERS

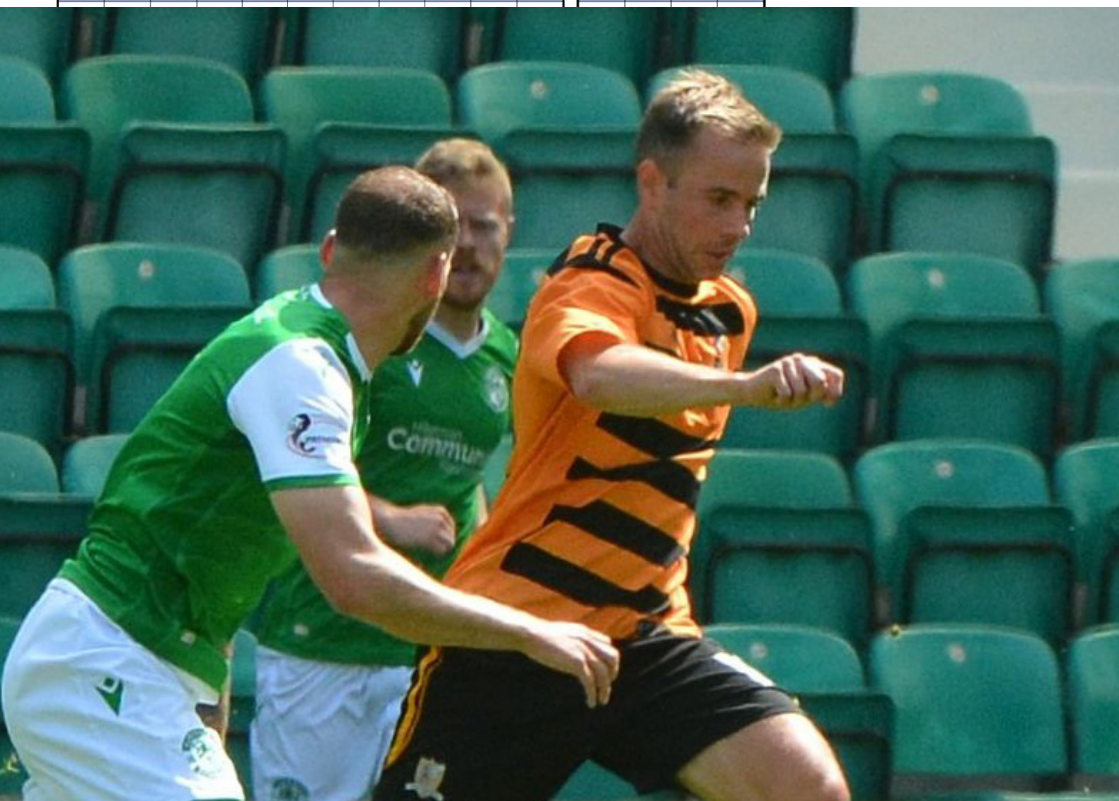
1. ALLOA- KEVIN CAWLEY, LIAM BUCHANAN, STEVEN HETHERINGTON.

HIBS- DAVID GRAY, LEWIS STEVENSON, SCOTT ALLAN

2. JACKIE MILLBURN (NEWCASTLE UNITED STRIKER)

3. STEVE NICOL, GORDON STRACHAN

4. SHOLA & SAMMY AMEGBI, SEAN & MATTHEW LONGSTAFF







# ALLOA ATHLETIC



# HIBERNIAN

#	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	OFIR MARCIANO			
	2	DAVID GRAY			
	4	PAUL HANLON			
	5	RYAN PORTEOUS			
	6	PAUL MCGINN			
	7	KYLE MAGENNIS			
	8	DREY WRIGHT			
	9	CHRISTIAN DOIDGE			
	10	MARTIN BOYLE			
	11	JOE NEWELL			
	13	ALEX GOGIC			
	14	STEVIE MALLAN			
	15	KEVIN NISBET			
	16	LEWIS STEVENSON			
	18	JAMIE MURPHY			
	19	JAMIE GULLAN			
	20	MELKER HALLBERG			
	22	STEPHEN MCGINN			
	23	SCOTT ALLAN			
	24	DARREN MCGREGOR			
	25	JOSH DOIG			
	26	SEAN MACKIE			
	30	CRAIG SAMSON			
	33	DILLON BARNES			
	43	STEVEN BRADLEY			
	MANAGER JACK ROSS				

REFEREE: David Munro

ASST: Alan Mulvanny & Graham McNeillie


## ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

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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02.01.21, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		GREENOCK MORTON
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12.01.21, AWAY, 19:45

	AYR UNITED		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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