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1921/22

RUNNERS UP

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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)

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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

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

CHAMPIONSHIP

ALLOA ATHLETIC	INVERNESS CT	ARBROATH	AYR UNITED
DUNDEE	DUNFERMLINE	GREENOCK MORTON	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

PREMIERSHIP

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

LEAGUE 1

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

LEAGUE 2

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

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

CELTIC	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
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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 183
- Graham 172
- Robertson 169

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



LEWIS RUSSELL



NEWSDESK

On Tuesday night Alloa again stepped up to meet seemingly superior opposition in the Betfred Cup Quarter Final tie with Hibernian. Despite the high-flying Hi-bees lofty position in the Premiership there was little to choose between the sides in the opening exchanges.

Alloa took the

lead through an inexplicable mixup at the back for Hibernian. Hanlon and Porteous getting tied up as Cawley's effort rebounded of Marciano only to hit Hanlon and send the Wasps into the lead.

Just half-an-hour from a potential Hampden semi-final Hibernian equalised almost against the

run of play from a corner and a scrappy exchange inside the 6 yard box. Doidge would fire it up off the underside of the bar to dent the Alloa hopes.

Substitute Mallan curled in a beautiful cross with 8 minutes remaining. While Doidge had a free header - the attempt required a fortuitous deflection

of Nicky Jamieson's face to bounce into the bottom corner past Parry. Alloa would push for a late equaliser but despite some shaky Hibs defending and one very awkward clearance from Marciano ending up flying inches above the bar Alloa's hopes of a historic victory were dashed.

It's been a familiar story to many of the games this season where the performance has merited a result but it's cruelly been snatched away.

Today Alloa's focus will return to the league where Inverness visit. League points have so far been hard to come by, but with the confidence gained from the manner Alloa contained and hurt Hibernian hopefully by five o'clock that will translate to points and ease the precarious looking league position.

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.

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ALBION ROVERS v BUCKIE THISTLE
 BERWICK RANGERS v STIRLING ALBION
 BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC v COLDSTREAM OR
 BO'NESS UNITED
 BRECHIN CITY v GLASGOW UNIVERSITY OR
 LINLITHGOW ROSE
 CAMELON v BRORA RANGERS
 COWDENBEATH v WICK ACADEMY OR
 MUSSELBURGH ATHLETIC
 DUNDONALD BLUEBELL v QUEEN'S PARK
 EDINBURGH CITY v CALEDONIAN BRAVES
 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
 NAIRN COUNTY v BROXBURN ATHLETIC
 ROTHES v FRASERBURGH
 STENHOUSEMUIR v PRESTON ATHLETIC OR
 HAWICK ROYAL ALBERT UNITED
 STRANRAER v SPARTANS
 TRANENT JUNIORS v EAST STIRLINGSHIRE

ORIGINAL MOMENTS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.





PETER GRANT



MANAGERS NOTES

Good Afternoon
Everyone,

I must start by wishing everyone a Wonderful Christmas and hopefully a happy and healthy one.

Results wise, it has been a mixed bag of results

but performance wise - I have been very pleased. We have had to utilise the squad through unforeseen injuries and I have been delighted with the attitude of all the players. Against Ayr we lost from our point of





view, poor goals and we went to Arbroath and in my opinion we got a result we thoroughly deserved. We had Hibs in the Cup - I thought the players were magnificent and after the

game you could see the disappointment in the group, we were so close and I think it shows the players level and expectations and this was against a premier league team who so far

have been excellent this season.

Onto today we welcome John all his staff and players and also a special welcome to Robbie Deas who was excellent for us last

season. Inverness have a really good group of players and you can see that with the strength of their bench.

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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

12th December 2020
 Gayfield Park, Arbroath
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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
- 11** LINN
- 9** HILSON
- 14** DOOLAN
- 28** CRAIGEN

SUBS

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

SUBS

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

STARTING XI

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

REFEREE: Peter Stuart



SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP QTR FINAL

15th December 2020
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa
8:00 pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

1:2

HIBERNIAN



(1:0)

SCORERS

Hanlon (OG) **34'** **1:0**

1:1 **62'** Doidge

1:2 **83'** Jamieson (OG)



STARTING XI

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

SUBS

- 31** WILLISON
- 25** LYNCH
- 19** THOMSON
- 26** EVANS
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 18** MALCOLM

SUBS

- 33** BARNES
- 2** GRAY
- 7** MAGENNIS
- 14** MALLAN
- 22** MCGINN
- 24** MCGREGOR
- 25** DOIG
- 43** BRADLEY

STARTING XI

- 1** MARCIANO
- 4** HANLON
- 5** PORTEOUS
- 6** MCGINN
- 8** WRIGHT
- 9** DOIDGE
- 10** BOYLE
- 11** NEWELL
- 16** STEVENSON
- 19** GULLAN
- 20** HALLBERG

REFEREE: David Munro

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.

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- 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

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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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FOOTBALL AND FAMILY

The summer signing of Raymond Grant was something I was hoping for and also half expecting given his father is the Wasps manager. At the time there were some raised eyebrows from lazy media commentators about the manager signing his son, and jokes from wags on social media about the imaginative Wasps scouting system. My thoughts at the time, which have been crystallised during the

first few months of Ray's Alloa career, was that it was simply a football-based decision for both parties.

In-fact, I thought that Grant would get a move to the full-time game to one of Alloa's rivals, so for him to be persuaded to move to Clackmannanshire was a coup in my eyes.

From a distance I thought a move for either Raymond or Peter Junior (playing full-time

with Queen's Park) was always likely as soon as Peter Grant became the Wasps boss. It's either consciously or unconsciously natural for a father to be surrounded by his son(s) in his team, as he knows exactly the type and character of player they are and how they would help improve the team. I have no qualms with it, but it is an easy connection for the media to pick up on and a target for opposition fans too. In-

evitably all players have to prove themselves that little bit more when their dad is the boss.

Ray himself dispelled any doubts by resoundingly telling the Alloa Advertiser in September that the Father-son dynamic wouldn't matter "There's no issue with this team and no one has batted an eyelid. No one cares. He's the manager, I am the player, and I am treated the same as everyone else.

He knew the reasons why I might not want to come and that if it wasn't my dad he would have been trying to get me anyway."

Peter was typically forthright when being quizzed about the signing of his son too, telling the Alloa Advertiser in late August that "His performances have deserved it and he is here on merit. When I asked him to sign, his immediate answer was no but it's because I am his dad. I asked him if he would sign if Paddy [Connolly] is manager and he said it would be a no-brainer." Ray backed up that slight reluctance by separately adding "Put it this way, if it wasn't my dad, I would have signed two or three weeks ago but it's just the things that go in and around about it.. As much as people say it doesn't matter, it's normal to think about going to play with your dad. It is different."

It is therefore clear



that both Peter and Ray have signed up with their eyes wide open, well aware that nepotism in sport has been alive and well for as long as I can remember. The favouring of those in power towards relatives or friends can be seen at all levels of the game. Nepotism in sport is often talked down, but there are some outspoken characters who are only too happy to cite it as being alive and well. Michael Chopra and Roy Keane are two such examples.

During lockdown I listened to the 'Kings of

Anglia' podcast interview with former Wasps striker Chopra, who explained that whilst he was at then Championship side Blackpool he encountered a clear example of nepotism. Chopra recalled with disdain how manager Paul Ince specifically instructed his team to build all attacks down the left side of the pitch, where Ince's son Thomas was playing his trade. Chopra spoke of his surprise at Ince Snr's clear favouring of his son, seeking to construct his team around his son in hope of helping further his sons career.

Chopra hadn't seen anything like it during his nomadic career and was far from impressed. It's probably fair to say though that Chopra's time by the seaside was far from ideal, with spats with the club and Ince Snr commonplace. Ince Snr was sacked in January 2014 (a few weeks after banishing Chopra to the reserves for a twitter rant about training) and ten days later Ince Jnr got a loan move to Premier League Crystal Palace! As a brief aside, Chopra only had good things to say about the Wasps and his hard-working part-time Alloa team-mates, with the striker now retired and living over in Indonesia working with football academies to help develop grassroots football.

Roy Keane is another who called out nepotism in football, telling 'Off the Ball' last year that Sir Alex Ferguson favoured family members during his era defining successful reign at Manchester



United.

Despite those successes, former captain Keane reflected "People said [Sir Alex] had the best interests of Manchester United at heart. [Son] Darren Ferguson won a medal [Premier League Winner in 1993]. He was very lucky. [Sir Alex's] brother was the chief scout for a long time. I'm surprised his wife wasn't involved in the staff somewhere." Keane, always outspoken, went onto lament how in later years Sir Alex recalled United loan players the day after Preston had sacked his son as manager!

There are however plenty of further examples where Father and Son can co-exist with little or none of the

difficulties Chopra and Keane have highlighted. Brian and Nigel Clough at Nottingham Forest is an obvious example, with Cesare and Paolo Maldini potentially the most high-profile connection, when father Cesare managed and son Paolo captained Italy at the 1998 World Cup. There was no doubt regarding Paolo's pedigree, but even he admitted there were questions when they first combined years earlier for the u21's "The situation was embarrassing because for better or worse, there were always people willing to say that I was a favoured son. I've always tried to forget that the coach is my father. But since those early days, things have changed and people don't make

certain accusations anymore."

Scottish football is littered with father-son links, such as Dick, Iain and Ross Campbell (Forfar), Gary and Luc Bolland (Cowdenbeath), Stephen and Harry Robinson (Oldham and Motherwell) and Kenny and Dean Shiels (Kilmarnock) to name but a few. Scots managing outside their home country have also teamed up with their sons, most recently shown in detail by David and Mason Robertson through the excellent 'Real Kashmir FC' and sequel 'Return to Real Kashmir FC' BBC documentaries. Prior to that Paul and Blair Sturrock (Dundee United, Plymouth, Swindon and Southend) and Gordon and Gavin Strachan

(Coventry) were other examples.

Alloa supporters are of course no strangers to seeking a manager and son combination amongst the Wasps ranks. Two decades ago Terry and Max Christie combined during a very successful spell for the club. Given midfield anchorman Max had played under his dad at both Meadowbank and Stenhousemuir, as soon as Terry was appointed at Alloa in January 1999 it seemed inevitable to me that Max (the original owner of the famous Duffle coat) would soon be wearing the gold and black. Christie also had a reputation for having trusted lieutenants who played or coached with him at several different clubs, with Ian Little and



Graeme Armstrong being two other obvious examples. Sure enough, shortly into the 1999/2000 season Max was signed and he always had a point to prove amongst supporters given his Dad was in the dugout. Defensive midfielders are often an unappreciated bunch amongst supporters, as most of their best work is done off the ball and never catches the eye or grabs the media headlines. Therefore

Max took a fair amount of stick from some fans, although he was used to it and never shirked from showing his commitment and arguing with his Father on numerous occasions too. In Terry's autobiography 'The Head Teacher of Foot-

ball' he fondly recalls that although there was no favouritism when it came to team selection, in every other respect there was a difference "Max found it hard to cope with how his easy-going Dr Jekyll dad could become lunatic Mr Hyde on a Saturday afternoon. He would speak back to me more than others and I would pick on him more". Max won the Challenge Cup and two promotions during a successful spell with the Wasps.

I personally know all about nepotism in football having been managed by my dad in my youth, albeit the East Ipswich Cubs Football League and the Ipswich & District Sunday Football Youth League in the 1990s were slightly



lower levels of the game than the professional elite. However, the principles still apply of dealing with a perceived favouritism towards you because your old man picks the team. My Dad didn't shy away from it either, naming me captain of the 11-a-side cubs team at the age of 9, when everyone thought star striker Roger White would be given the armband. I didn't know about it prior to it being announced after the first friendly of the season, with my dad telling me I was simply the best person for the job! He told me later that there were comments in my school report about me helping encourage my classmates which confirmed his decision, albeit I'm unsure whether he read all my team-mates school reports that year! I recall there being a few raised eyebrows, playground teasing and wry smiles amongst parents at the time, but it didn't really impact me too much personally. It's true that I felt

a little uncomfortable with it in the beginning, having to console Roger that I wasn't consulted in advance, but I soon got over it! When aged 9 I shouted more than most, was taller than my team-mates and playing at centre-back meant I could get a good overview of the game. Come the end of the season a league and cup double proved my dad right I suppose. Roger meanwhile captained the school football team, which in reality was a more prestigious appointment, and that was completely fine by me!

In conclusion, it doesn't matter what level of sport you play at, if your dad is the manager there are always going to be added questions. So far Ray has answered those questions head on both in the local press and, moreover, on the pitch with his performances, meaning that any initial doubts any of the Alloa faithful had have surely already been forgotten.



APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	9 (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	5 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	5 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	8 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	1 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	4 (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	4 (2)	1	10 (2)	1
ROBERTSON	MID	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	1 (4)	1	3 (2)	1	4 (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 (2)	0	1 (2)	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	4 (1)	0	11 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	5 (2)	1	1 (4)	3	6 (6)	4
BUCHANAN	FWD	2 (4)	0	5 (1)	3	7 (5)	3
TROUTEN	FWD	7 (0)	2	4 (1)	2	11 (1)	4
CONNELLY	FWD	2 (3)	0	2 (2)	0	4 (5)	0
EVANS	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0



ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
119 (0)	0	34 (0)	0	153 (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	21 (0)	0	80 (0)	1
133 (0)	11	38 (1)	1	171 (1)	12
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253 (37)	52	55 (7)	10	308 (44)	62
19 (24)	6	3 (8)	4	22 (32)	10
46 (20)	16	20 (4)	8	66 (24)	24
58 (5)	21	19 (3)	15	77 (8)	36
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A FAN'S VIEW

The midweek Betfred Cup Quarter Final against Hibs occurred after this was written, so hopefully by the time this goes to print we will be looking forward to a Hampden semi-final after another major scalp. But at the time of writing it's more a feeling of relief after they edged Arbroath in the Championship

last Saturday, picking up a first win of the season.

It was always going to be a tough game at Gayfield, and although some did class it as a must win game, I thought it was certainly one where defeat would be a real body blow. After his solid outing against Hearts, Nicky Jamieson returned

to the back 4 after injury. Ray Grant missed out, so Jon Robertson was given a rare opportunity to start in his favoured midfield role. And Stefan Scougall made his first league start at the expense of Innes Murray. I thought Murray's omission was a bit harsh, as he was one of the better performers

the previous week against Ayr United. But Scougall is undoubtedly a class act in terms of his experience and the level to which he has played on a regular basis over the years. Seeing him in the starting lineup gave the supporters a real boost.

The first half contained few chances,

as a real war of attrition enveloped across the middle of the muddy Gayfield pitch. It was evenly matched, but Alloa were holding their own and probably looked a bit more likely to create an opening. The main talking points were probably the penalty shouts at both ends. Andy Graham was perhaps a bit physical with Doolan when the striker had his back to goal. But the offence looked to have occurred outside the box regardless. Similarly, Stefan Scougall up the other end went to ground and there looked to be some contact. In his defence, the referee let challenges like these two mentioned go unpunished all over the park, allowing the teams to go at it. So he applied reasonable con-

sistency. VAR would probably award Alloa a penalty after monitor consultation and replays in the 3 figure ballpark. But it appeared overall as if it would have been a fairly soft award had it been given.

Alloa were dealt a real blow right before the break. Seemingly unchallenged, Scott Taggart delivered an excellent ball into the area which Trouten flashed wide with a header. But the stalwart defender remained on the floor, and Alloas physio quickly signalled a substitute was needed. Taggart has been fellow Wasp contributor Jonathan Markwell's (@AlloaStats) dream over the past 4 years- amassing a record number of consecutive games and minutes on the pitch. I think he has



missed 2 games since joining over 4 years ago- both through suspension. So a Scott Taggart injury is a new experience for Alloa fans. Innes Murray was introduced and Robertson dropped back to accommodate Taggart's absence. I felt really sorry for Robbo- in his more natural position for once, and was actually one of the best players on the pitch while deployed there.

Second half was

more of the same- two evenly matched teams with sparse opportunities at each goal. Innes Murray cleared a header off the line for Alloa, whilst Scougall showed his class at the other end with a great turn in the area. His cut back found Cawley, who had almost too much time on his hands and his goalward shot was blocked. Arbroath manager Dick Campbell then did Alloa a favour by substituting Bobby Linn- who had been industrious and always looking capable of providing a spark. As the 70-minute mark ticked by, my immediate thoughts veered towards "do not lose this game now- we might not win here but do not lose". And in truth,



the game looked to be heading towards a goalless stalemate. But with 13 minutes left Alloa finally broke the deadlock. Dick's cutback found substitute Robert Thomson whose route to goal was blocked. The ball fell to Scougall who created space and shot for goal. His effort looked to be a fairly routine save for Arbroath keeper Gaston but he allowed it to squirm under his body for the winner. Although Arbroath pressed for territory in the closing stages, Alloa saw the game out with no real scares to pick up the win.

This was a huge 3 points for the club, and moved them from the foot of the table to 8th position above Arbroath and Queen of the South. Admittedly it wasn't a performance oozing with flair, but it was a day for character and heart for the battle- and Alloa showed that. Jamieson and Graham at the back were superb. Following on from the Hearts game, that was another terrific outing for Jamieson who looks a really decent signing. Andy doesn't look quite back to his best yet, but any gaps are filled significantly by

his nous and instinct. He didn't give Kris Doolan a sniff all game.

Finally, it's probably pertinent to give a large amount of credit to the Arbroath coverage of the game. The stream quality was good, but their selection of commentators gave it a proper feel of two guys on the terrace catching up for the week- having a bit of a laugh in between the football. They had regular breaks to look at some of the views on twitter, and made the whole thing really interactive and enjoyable.

Today sees Alloa embark on a run of 3 tricky fixtures to round off the year, starting with Inverness Caledonian Thistle today. I was impressed with them in their recent televised game a couple of weeks ago when they defeated Queen of the South comfortably. They appear to have changed a fair bit from the more direct, physical outfit they were last season. This includes of course Robbie Deas in defence, who scored in their 2-2 draw with Dundee last week. Enjoy today's game.

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In the Premier Division, leaders Aberdeen's run of eight consecutive league wins came to an end, when they were rather surprisingly held 0-0 at Pittodrie by struggling Dundee, thus The Dons lead over second-placed Celtic, 1-0 at another side in the doldrums, Hibs, was reduced slightly. Rangers remained third after a 2-0 win fifth-placed St. Mirren at Ibrox, while Dundee United retained

fourth spot, after they crushed sixth-placed Hearts 5-2 at Tannadice. At the other end of the table, hapless bottom club Morton's woes continued with a 2-4 home reverse v fellow strugglers Dumbarton, and even at this stage of proceedings, The Ton looked booked for an immediate return to The First Division. Hibs' defeat kept them in second-bottom spot, while Dundee now occupied third-bottom position.

Clydebank were the new leaders of The First Division, thanks to a 1-0 win at Hamilton Accies, The Bankies displaced Airdrie, who slipped to second, after a rather surprise 0-1 defeat at lowly St. Johnstone. Forfar retained third place, in spite of a 0-2 defeat at fifth-placed Motherwell, while Clyde remained sandwiched in between these two clubs, despite being held 1-1 at struggling Meadowbank. But this

point for Thistle was still enough to lift them one place off the bottom of the table, they were replaced by Partick, who were hammered 1-5 at Falkirk, while Kilmarnock, beaten 2-3 at Brechin, remained in third-bottom spot.

Down in the Second, leaders Alloa visited Cowdenbeath, hoping to get back to winning ways, following a 1-2 home defeat v fellow promotion challengers Stranraer, in their last



game. And The Wasps lined up at Central Park as follows: Lowrie, Kelly, Haggart, Thomson, Dall, Barr, Paterson (Cole), Martin, Shearer, Mackie (Sorbie), Lloyd. Alas, Alloa went down 1-2 again, as goals from Ward & J. A. Mitchell proved decisive for Cowden, Martin netting for The Wasps, who now dropped to third spot. Montrose took over leadership, thanks to a 2-1 win at another of the front runners, fourth-placed Stenhousemuir, while second-placed Dunfermline were held 0-0 at Queen Of The South. Fifth-placed Stranraer were gameless, while rock-bottom East Stirling's problems continued with a 1-3 home reverse v Raith.

South of the border,

First Division leaders Everton, after three games without success, returned to winning ways win an emphatic 5-0 win v Nottingham Forest at Goodison Park. Spurs stayed second thanks to a 2-1 win at Watford, third-placed Manchester United kept up their own title challenge with a 3-0 win v QPR at Old Trafford, while bottom club Stoke ended a run of ten straight defeats, with a point from a 1-1 draw at Chelsea. Blackburn were the new leaders of The Second Division, thanks to a 3-0 win at Wolves, Rovers displaced Oxford, who were gameless due to the cancellation of their game at Barnsley, while Portsmouth were now third, after a 3-2 home win v Huddersfield.

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This afternoon we welcome Inverness Caledonian Thistle to the Indodrill for this festive affair. The Wasps return to the last fixture before the shut-down as they take on the Highland outfit here at the Indodrill. John Robertson's men have their eyes firmly set on the play-offs, however face an uphill battle. Despite a strong start to the season they currently sit in 5th position, albeit just the point behind Ayr United. This new look, young side up North have certainly

caught the eye in a few performances this season. Although they dropped out the cup competitions to them, they remain the only side to beat a very impressive Raith Rovers side.

THE BOSS - JOHN ROBERTSON

John Robertson continues his tenure with Inverness today in Alloa. Robertson had a very successful playing career for club and country. The striker is most remembered for his two spells at Hearts with included countless appearances and goals, as well as a Scottish Cup triumph. He ventured into management in 2002 with his current club Inverness. During that time he would lift both the league and the challenge cup. After departing the Highlands Robertson was in charge of Hearts, Ross County, Livingston, Derry City and East Fife before returning to

where it all began in Inverness in 2017. He has enjoyed similar success to his first stint by again winning the challenge cup in 2018, however, his side narrowly missed out on promotion after falling short to Dundee United in the play-offs. Last season he earned a place to win silverware yet again, which he'll have the opportunity to do this season in the Challenge Cup final. However, the aim must be to secure a return to Scotland's top league.

THE CAPTAIN - SEAN WELSH

Following the departure of veteran, Carl Tremarco, to rivals Ross County, there will be a new man with the armband this season for the visitors. 30 year-old midfielder, Sean Welsh, was promoted to skipper in the summer after being a stand-out the last few seasons at the club. He began his





praise in the league. It was no surprise to see the subject of a bidding war when he was made available in the summer. Deas opted for Inverness, however, and since that move has continued his fine form at the beginning of his three-year deal. He was most recent on the scoresheet last time out against Dundee.

ONE TO WATCH - KAI KENNEDY

The on loan Rangers star, Kai Kennedy, has looked a real bright spark for the visitors so far this season. The 20 year-old is highly sought after rumours sparked in Septem-

ber linking him to moves with clubs such as Manchester City, Roma and Bayern Munich. The winger remained at Ibrox though and looked to further his career with his first loan move. The Scotland u-21 player completed the switch to the Highlands in October and has set the Championship alight with his trickery. That impressive and eye-catching form saw him rewarded with a fantastic finish against Queen of the South live on the television.

THE CONNECTION

There are one or two more connections between the sides to

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career at Hibernian as injuries looked set to hamper his career in the capital. Several loan spells followed before a permanent switch to Patrick Thistle in 2012, a place where he would spend the next five years. Welsh played an integral part in guiding Thistle to the 2012-13 Scottish First Division championship, which led to the Jags being promoted to the top flight for the first time in nine years. A short stint at Falkirk fell in between Thistle and his move to Inverness in 2018. Welsh grabbed his first goal for Caley against Alloa from the spot.

NEW BOY - ROBBIE DEAS

A former Wasp made a permanent

switch to Inverness in the summer. Centre back, Robbie Deas, signed for John Robertson's men after being departing boyhood club, Celtic, a few months ago. Deas came through the Parkhead ranks and impressed at youth level, most memorably scoring a spectacular goal in the Glasgow Cup Final win. Loan spells followed at Cowdenbeath where he immediately made his way into the SPFL Team of the Week. It was here at the Indodrill though where he really made a name for himself. Stalwart performances at the back last season, as well as the occasional goal such as his last-minute Morton strike, saw him earn high



BY KIEREN MOONEY

add onto the most recent one in Robbie Deas. Kevin McHattie remains in the heart of the defence for the visitors. McHattie had a loan spell at the Recs back in 2011 and made his debut alongside Stevie May. Another former Alloa-loanee, Jamie McCart, enjoyed a stint at the club too before moving to St Johnstone. Looking further into history, two notable names have pulled on both shirts. Paul Sheerin played for the Wasps before his big money move to Southampton in the early 90's.

He returned to the Recs in 1997 before impressive performances saw him earn a full-time deal to Inverness. Another name of note is Darran Thomson. The left-back had a short spell during Tom Hendrie's second spell in the mid 2000's.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

As previously mentioned, the last game before the lockdown was this exact fixture. It was an afternoon for Alloa to cherish as Peter Grant's style of play came to full fruition with a perfect performance. Lee Connolly opened

the scoring for Alloa before brilliantly assisting Alan Trouten with a free-kick delivery giving the Wasps a 2-0 victory. The game before that was another positive result for Alloa back in February. This time up North, Iain Flannigan's penalty was cancelled out by a Jordan Whyte strike to see the teams share the spoils. Adding to those games, there were a further four games between the teams. Inverness came out on top in three of those. Most notably, here at the Indodrill in a

Scottish Cup game that ended 3-2 to the visitors. Two goals from Kevin O'Hara weren't enough as Arran Doran, Jordan Whyte and Charlie Trafford fired Caley through. The fourth of those games was another draw. Liam Buchanan opened the scoring within five minutes before Inverness went ahead with goals from Carl Tremarco and yet again, Jordan Whyte. However, all was not lost as Alan Trouten pegged Inverness back with minutes to go to earn a 2-2 draw.

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HT QUIZ

1. Which former Inverness Caley Thistle player faced his old club for Alloa last season?
2. The clubs faced each other 6 times last season- what was the aggregate score?
3. With the exception of Celtic, which other Scottish club has never been relegated nor played any campaign outside of the top tier?
4. Which Serbian coach has the world record for management appearances in international football- with a total of 273?

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GOALKEEPERS

Mark RIDGERS

09/08/1990



DEFENDERS

Wallace DUFFY

12/04/1999



Kevin MCHATTIE

15/07/1993



Lewis TOSHNEY

26/04/1992



Cammy MCKAY

09/12/1996



Danny DEVINE

07/09/1992



Cameron HARPER

10/11/2001



Harry NICOLSON

16/01/2001



Martin MACKINNON

03/05/2000



Brad MCKAY

26/03/1993



Robbie DEAS

27/02/2000



Ryan FYFFE

21/04/2001



MANAGER

JOHN ROBERTSON



MIDFIELDERS

Sean WELSH

15/03/1990



David CARSON

20/09/1995



Aaron DORAN

13/05/1991



James VINCENT

27/09/1989



Miles STOREY

04/01/1994



Scott ALLARDICE

31/03/1998



Kai KENNEDY

28/03/2002



Daniel MACKAY

19/04/2001



Lewis HYDE

15/07/2002



FORWARDS

James KEATINGS

20/01/1992



Shane SUTHERLAND

23/10/1990



Roddy MACGREGOR

21/12/2001



Nikolay TODOROV

24/08/1996



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	0-2	COOK
CHA	12.12.20	ARBROATH	A	0-1	STUART
LC	15.12.20	HIBERNIAN	H	1-2	MUNRO
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		
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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		
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DEFENDERS					
TAGGART	DICK	GRAHAM	JAMIESON	GILHOOLY	LYNCH
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120	120	120	120		
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44	90	90	90		
	90	90	1	90	



MIDFIELDERS										
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUGALL	BROWN	MALCOLM	O'DONNELL	GRANT	MURRAY	WILLIAMSON
6	7	8	10	12	14	18	20	22	23	24
90	59	90	1	82	31	59		8	59	
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FORWARDS			
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- JAMIE MACDONALD
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- ABERDEEN
- BORA MILIUTINOVIC





ALLOA ATHLETIC



INVERNESS CT

#	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	MARK RIDGERS			
	2	WALLACE DUFFY			
	3	KEVIN MCHATTIE			
	4	SEAN WELSH			
	5	LEWIS TOSHNEY			
	6	DANNY DEVINE			
	7	JAMES KEATINGS			
	8	DAVID CARSON			
	10	AARON DORAN			
	11	SHANE SUTHERLAND			
	12	RODDY MACGREGOR			
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	17	MILES STOREY			
	18	SCOTT ALLARDICE			
	19	KAI KENNEDY			
	20	HARRY NICOLSON			
	21	CAMMY MCKAY			
	22	BRAD MCKAY			
	24	ROBBIE DEAS			
	26	RYAN FYFFE			
	27	DANIEL MACKAY			
	28	LEWIS HYDE			
	31	MARTIN MCKINNON			
	77	NIKOLAY TODOROV			
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