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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

1921/22

RUNNERS UP

1938/39

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap
(Scotland v Wales 1891)

*includes equivalent competitions

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HEARTS	7	6	0	1	21	6	15	18
DUNFERMLINE	8	4	3	1	18	12	6	15
GREENOCK MORTON	8	4	1	3	8	11	-3	13
RAITH ROVERS	7	3	3	1	15	9	6	12
AYR UNITED	8	3	3	2	10	7	3	12
INVERNESS CT	8	3	2	3	14	11	3	11
DUNDEE	8	2	4	2	13	17	-4	10
ALLOA ATHLETIC	8	2	1	5	7	16	-9	7
ARBROATH	8	1	2	5	4	11	-7	5
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	8	1	1	6	9	22	-13	4

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

CHAMPIONSHIP

ALLOA ATHLETIC	RAITH ROVERS
DUNFERMLINE	ARBROATH
HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	AYR UNITED
GREENOCK MORTON	INVERNESS CT
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	DUNDEE

PREMIERSHIP

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

LEAGUE 1

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

SCOTTISH CUP

FIRST ROUND DRAW

ALBION ROVERS v BUCKIE THISTLE
BERWICK RANGERS v STIRLING ALBION
BONNYRIGG ROSE ATHLETIC v BO'NESS UNITED
BRECHIN CITY v 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
GALA FAIRYDEAN ROVERS v ANNAN ATHLETIC
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
STRANRAER v SPARTANS
TRANENT JUNIORS v EAST STIRLINGSHIRE

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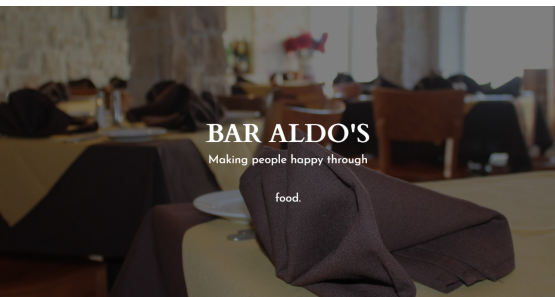
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GOALKEEPERS

Neil PARRY

08/11/1985

195 CM 95 KG



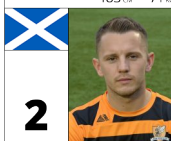
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DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 CM 71 KG

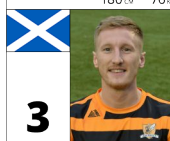


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Liam DICK

19/08/1995

180 CM 76 KG



3

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 CM 83 KG



5

MATCH

most appearances

Cawley	353
Taggart	191
Hetherington	184
Graham	173
Robertson	170

GOALS

Cawley	62
Trouten	35
Buchanan	24
Graham	12
Thomson	11

Andy WILSON

22/04/1998

190 CM 70 KG

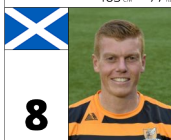


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Jon ROBERTSON

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

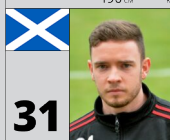


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Reece WILLISON

27/05/1999

190 CM 77 KG



31

Edin LYNCH

07/08/2000

188 CM 77 KG









25

MANAGER

PETER GRANT



MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
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	Liam BUCHANAN 27/03/1985 175 cm 70 kg   9	Alan TROUTEN 08/11/1985 173 cm 70 kg   10
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	Lee CONNELLY 18/10/1999 170 cm 58 kg   17	Robert THOMSON 28/05/1993 188 cm 83 kg   19
Ray GRANT 01/09/1996 178 cm 70 kg   22	Innes MURRAY 17/02/1998 180 cm 70 kg   23		Liam EVANS 17/11/2001 190 cm 70 kg   26	
				
				



LEWIS RUSSELL



NEWSDESK

Alloa backed up a first league win of the season at Gayfield with a fine performance against Hibernian. Unfortunately the green and white of Edinburgh fared better than their maroon counterparts and advanced to the semi-finals.

Alloa then added another fine victory against the pro-

motion playoff chasers Inverness. It was looking to be another frustrating day as Brad McKay fired past Neil Parry after just 8 minutes and controlled much of the game. After an hour of play, up stepped Innes Murray and from 30 yards lased a spectacular free-kick past the planted Mark Ridg-

ers. With the score level both teams made changes and the Inverness threat seemed to have shrunk. Twelve minutes from the end Innes Murray launched a 50 yard ball onto the path of an unmarked Thomson inside the penalty box. He took it on the volley - straight at the Inverness keeper - but

it crucially squirmed in between Ridgers hands and trundled over the line to give Alloa another pleasing three points.

Today Alloa face another old foe, Raith Rovers. Raith have been a breath of fresh air to the Championship with their free flowing attacking style and find themselves in the promotion

playoff places with almost a third of the season gone. Warm welcome extended to them as they make their first trip to the Indodrill since the disastrous triple header with Alloa denying Raith the title on the final day and losing both legs of the playoff-tie of 2017-18 that saw Alloa advance to the final and gain promotion to the Championship.

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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PETER GRANT



MANAGERS NOTES

Peter Grant after
Inverness

"It's obviously important to win games of football, I've always said that. I get disappointed when we play well and don't win but as I say a lot of the per-

formances have
been very good."

"I thought in the first half Inverness were the better side, there's no getting away from that, but in the second half we galvanised ourselves [and] got our-





selves a little bit better organised.

"Just before the game we were spooked a little bit with Alan [Trouten] pulling out four minutes before kick-off so we had to

adjust what we were trying to do but I thought they responded to it fantastically well in the second half and they thoroughly deserved what they got from the game."

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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

19th December 2020
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa
3:00pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

2:1

INVERNESS CT



(0:1)

SCORERS

0:1 8' McKay

Murray **61'** **1:1**

Thomson **78'** **2:1**



STARTING XI

1 PARRY

3 DICK

5 GRAHAM

6 HETHERINGTON

7 CAWLEY

8 ROBERTSON

9 BUCHANAN

10 TROUTEN

15 JAMIESON

17 CONNELLY

23 MURRAY

SUBS

31 WILLISON

18 MALCOLM

19 THOMSON

20 O'DONNELL

24 WILLIAMSON

25 LYNCH

26 EVANS

SUBS

21 MCKAY

4 WELSH

8 CARSON

10 DORAN

14 VINCENT

27 MACKAY

77 TODOROV

STARTING XI

1 RIDGERS

6 DEVINE

7 KEATINGS

11 SUTHERLAND

12 MACGREGOR

16 HARPER

17 STOREY

18 ALLARDICE

19 KENNEDY

22 MCKAY

24 DEAS

REFEREE: Steven Kirkland



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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MY PALMERSTON BLUES

Whilst the prospect of home supporters returning to the Recs hopefully isn't too far away, the chances of seeing the Wasps in the flesh on an away matchday sadly appears less likely for the foreseeable future. As a fan from afar, away games are more convenient for me as there are a select few grounds I can visit on a day-trip. In-fact, since the first of my two girls was born in 2012, I've actually seen more

Alloa away games than home matches. My last four day trips have all been to Dumfries, with Palmerston Park being my closest ground living in Reading. Hence, not being able to travel up last month to watch the Queen of the South encounter in person crystallised how much I missed my somewhat unconventional away matchday experience.

I missed my calendar reminder 12 weeks

before the game to purchase my train tickets as soon as they went on sale, remembering to split my ticket to save an extra £10. I missed a restless night's sleep before the alarm going at 5.45am to signal me sprinting into the shower with nervous energy, wired by the buzz of the prospect of seeing the Wasps. My anxiety levels are high at this point; despite already checking online that the train is on its way from

Southampton, its not until I'm in my seat on the 7.15am to Manchester Piccadilly that I can begin to relax a little.

I change trains at Birmingham New Street, often enjoying a quick walk around the vast Bullring in that strange time just before all the shops open, before boarding for a 3-hour slog to Carlisle. From there its usually a short 20 minute wait for the local stopping service to

Dumfries, with my first sign of people going to the same game as me as Queens scarves come into view at stops in Gretna Green and Annan. By 1pm I'm in Dumfries and my relief that the trains have been kind is palpable.

I missed the simple pleasure of walking by the River Nith and over the historic Devorgilla Bridge, spotting a heron or two by the weir on the way to the ground. I missed the glimpses of the floodlights, beckoning you towards the ground, and my regular whatsapp message to tell my brother Colin that 'Colin's Carpets' on Terregles Street by the ground, with its bold signage, is still alive and well. I missed checking in on the lovely mural of Palmerston legends by the ground and the trickle of locals, mostly showing their colours, all heading towards the place they call home like an army of ants.

I missed studying the team-lines which

are always sellotaped to the door by one of the entrances to the main stand. Whilst the team-sheet is always pristine, the scars of a hundred layers of sellotape, chipping away at the paintwork are most illuminating to me. I enjoy the tradition of gawping over somebody's shoulder to see the team news and that awkward feeling of not wanting to linger too long to annoy others as they catch a glance too. Its far more authentic than scrolling through my phone to learn the team - for once my phone can have a

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QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

GK 1 Rosa
2 Scott
3 Kevin
14 David
5 Darren
6 Daniel
7 Connor
10 Gary
11 Stephen
15 Darren
17 Abdul
GK 20 Jack
8 Lewis
9 Jack
18 Callum
21 Ross
22 Ewan
25 Michael

Stewart
Mercer
Holt
Devine
Brownlie
Pybus
Murray
Oliver
Dobbie
Lyon
Osman
Leighfield
Kidd
Hamilton
Sample
Irving
Gourlay
Paton

*(CA)

*(D)

(Capt)

*(CA)

Referee
Gavin Duncan

Assistant Referee
David Roome

*(CA)

*(CA)

George King

ALLOA ATHLETIC

GK 1 Jamie
3 Liam
18 Blair
2 Scott
4 Robbie
6 Steven
9 Jon
11 Iain
17 Kevin
7 Kevin
19 Robert
GK 21 Andy
10 Liam
19 Adam
22 Ben
20 Cameron
18 Nathan
15 Lee

MacDonald

Dick

Malcolm

Taggart

Dess

Hetherington

Robertson

Flannigan (Capt)

O'Hara

Cawley

Thomson

Wilson

Buchanan

Trouten

Stirling

O'Donnell

Gilhooley

Connelly

Saturday afternoon off, I'm here to see the game for real.

I missed being the first Alloa fan through the turnstiles and watching Neil Parry and Alan Fraser as they undertake their pre-match routines, witnessed by more seagulls than fans - its the calm before the storm, but gives me a real insight into the dedication all the players put in away from those all important 90 minutes. By the time the rest of the squad make it onto the pitch for their warm up I'm thankfully not outnumbered by

stewards in the away end, meaning I am no longer the full focus of their suspicious eyes.

I missed taking what in time has superstitiously become my 'lucky' seat. It's about five rows back from the front (to get as close to the action as possible) and at the end of the row to enable easy access should any celebrations at the front of the stand be required. I missed nodding to the familiar faces you always see on Alloa away days. I missed my game of trying to work out which players had family supporting them. Some are easier to recognise than others, with Liam Dick's father instantly spotted, while others become clearer once the action begins (e.g. words of encouragement towards Jake Hastie).

I missed the sight of John Tanner very politely asking the over-zealous Palmerston stewards if he could unfurl the



supersized Wasps flag over empty nearby seats and subsequently struggling somewhat to tie it down whilst battling against the inevitable breeze. I missed the noise and atmosphere created by the young Alloa supporters, full of over-exuberance and a hint of rebellion with their unwavering support for the team. I missed the sight of Brian Roach, Ryan Ritchie and company arriving without fail at 3.05pm, with my favourite instance of this ritual being in October 2018 when I was still celebrating Jake Hastie's early opener as the latecomers joined the party! On the pitch I missed Andy Graham and Scott Taggart seemingly having their own private competition of who can

execute the most Cruyff turns in their own half – not good for the blood pressure!

I really missed the awkward walk Alloa fans have to take along the front of the stand to get to the toilets and food kiosk at half-time, casually walking beyond enemy lines past home supporters and then queuing up alongside them, doing my best not to smirk too much as the locals complain how poor Queens have been yet again. Fortunately my trusty gold and black scarf can hide my delight and perhaps tones down some of the disquiet amongst the home support. I'm not one to nip out during the match itself, but watching some Alloa supporters waltzing past

a frustrated home support is another delight. Often the Alloa fans are smiling thanks to the score on the pitch, whilst simultaneously juggling a polystyrene box of chips covered in ketchup, happily distracting me from the game.

I even missed the sight of Stephen Dobbie being Stephen Dobbie. His hat-trick in the 3-3 draw in October 2018 was of the highest order, meaning that outside observers accused Alloa of criminally surrendering a 3-0 lead, but those inside the ground knew it was simply due to the brilliance of Dobbie. A class act.

Most of all I missed that indescribable feeling of joy of opening the scoring; part surprise, part joy, part that

knowing feeling that we're doing it again in Dumfries! However, that feeling is topped by the unbridled joy of a late winner. That 93rd minute winner from Jordan Kirkpatrick in February 2019 was really special, happening in slow motion almost as Zanatta's cross seemed to take an age to arrive at the onrushing forehead of Kirky to flick home. What better feeling than a fairly undeserved injury time away-day winner to end a five game losing streak – simply beautiful. It was just a shame Kirky was on the opposite side of the pitch, as I was one of a few who ran straight to the edge of the stand to joyfully celebrate the winner. In January of this year it was a carbon-copy celebration from me as O'Hara



stroked home in the 81st minute to secure another dramatic win at Palmerston - glorious!

I missed meeting with John and David Glencross either before or after the games, to catch up and reflect on all things Alloa since we last met. That trip in January saw them delayed in traffic, meaning I could only say hello after the 3-2 win. The added bonus of that was it also meant being able to watch the post-match interviews. Although the setting was less than glamorous, it was certainly authentic as Peter Grant and man of the moment Kevin O'Hara gave the huddled press enough lines to fill their pages. It was in a back-room under the main stand which probably hadn't changed in the past 30 years, barring the incongruous advertising boards which sadly provide a statutory backdrop to after match interviews. That behind the scenes glimpse afforded to me further demonstrated the charm of Palmerston Park, a homely place which appears from afar to be at the centre of its community.

I missed the 1759 train from Dumfries to Carlisle after the match. I refer to it as the 'early party train', as two carriages breeze through the lowland countryside with mainly groups of teenagers dressed

up for their weekly big nights out in Carlisle (or even Newcastle). They spend the 45 minute journey chatting loudly and warming up with a bottle of wine or two. I spend the time trying my best not to people watch, instead munching my way through a supreme macaroni cheese and chip supper.

What I certainly didn't miss is the 1853 departure from Carlisle to London Euston, which after an already long day really is a never-ending journey down the country, eventually trundling into the capital at 2245. I know from experience that if I'm not asleep between Crewe and Milton Keynes something is wrong. Again, you overhear conversations between often inebriated or sleep deprived football fans from all corners of the country, some more informed than others. One lowlight I still try to block out are the continuous intoxicated chants about Mo Salah. Then there's the non-football related travellers, bemused and sometimes tutting at "these football types" as they struggle with oversized suitcases when mysteriously boarding at Wigan North Western or Warrington Bank Quay.

Having woken up I'm often bouncing off the train at Euston, fully embracing the London psyche of getting from A to B in the quickest time



possible and ignoring everything around me, successfully navigating my way through the underground towards Paddington. The underground at 11pm on a Saturday night is a bizarre place, with a mix of those who have evidently been to the theatre or out for a meal and on their way home, awkwardly juxtaposed next to twenty-somethings who are just on their way out for the night. Me happily reading my Queen of the South matchday programme seems like entirely normal behaviour in my opinion. At that time of night there are predictable scenes of carnage at Paddington, but fortunately 35 minutes later I'm disembarking in Reading and after a 5 minute taxi ride I'm back home 18 hours after beginning my day. I kiss my children

goodnight (they've had Domino's as a special treat as "Daddy has gone to the football"), inevitably wake up my lovely wife and doze off dreaming about doing it all again one day soon.

It really is true that when you're prevented from doing something you enjoy doing, you miss it all the more. Last month I was yearning for every single minutiae detail of my day-trip to Dumfries. Having never seen Alloa lose at Palmerston Park (three wins and two draws), it got me [completely irrationally] thinking that my absence somehow contributed to Alloa's insipid display that day. Hopefully it won't be too long before we can enjoy away days again.

APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	5 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	10 (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	8 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	13 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	6 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	9 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (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	7 (0)	0	4 (2)	1	11 (2)	1
ROBERTSON	MID	8 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	12 (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 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (1)	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	4 (2)	1	4 (0)	0	8 (2)	1
CAWLEY	FWD	8 (0)	1	4 (1)	0	12 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	5 (3)	2	1 (4)	3	6 (7)	5
BUCHANAN	FWD	3 (4)	0	5 (1)	3	8 (5)	3
TROUTEN	FWD	8 (0)	2	4 (1)	2	12 (1)	4
CONNELLY	FWD	3 (3)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (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
120 (0)	0	34 (0)	0	154 (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
60 (0)	1	21 (0)	0	81 (0)	1
134 (0)	11	38 (1)	1	172 (1)	12
2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (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

120 (30)	5	26 (8)	1	146 (38)	6
109 (22)	2	36 (3)	2	145 (25)	4
1 (4)	1	3 (2)	1	4 (6)	2
13 (17)	3	12 (4)	0	25 (21)	3
10 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	12 (2)	0
1 (2)	0	1 (4)	0	2 (6)	0
6 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	10 (1)	0
4 (2)	1	4 (0)	0	8 (2)	1

ALLOA SUPPORTER'S MINIBUS

254 (37)	52	55 (7)	10	309 (44)	62
19 (25)	7	3 (8)	4	22 (33)	11
47 (20)	16	20 (4)	8	67 (24)	24
59 (5)	21	19 (3)	15	78 (8)	36
4 (6)	1	2 (3)	0	6 (9)	1
0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0

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A FAN'S VIEW

What a difference a week can make in football! With Alloa really building on that vital win at Gayfield against Arbroath a fortnight ago. They may have exited the Betfred Cup at the quarter-final stage but they deserve all the credit from a strong performance against one of the best teams in the coun-

try. And this was followed up with a massive three points last Saturday against Inverness Caledonian Thistle.

The midweek visit of Hibs came first- Alloa's maiden voyage of being broadcast live on the Premier Sports channel. Midweek games for part time clubs facing full time

opposition is by nature usually a very tough ask- and that's before taking into account their opponents highly impressive road form this season. They pitched up at Alloa having lost to only Aberdeen and Celtic away from home this season, and having dispatched Motherwell and Hamilton Accies, 3-0

and 4-0 respectively, in their previous two away fixtures. Alloa set up with the same team that completed the match at Gayfield, with the exception of Innes Murray who was unable to play against his parent club. He was replaced by Lee Connelly in the starting 11.

Although Hibs

enjoyed a lot of possession in the first half, their main goal threat came from Paul Hanlon at set pieces. Both Gullan and Boyle also went reasonably close, but in that opening period Alloa gave as good as they got overall. With ten minutes to go before the break, they gave the visitors even more food for thought by breaking the deadlock. Stefan Scougall showed his class on the right, dropping his shoulder to deliver a searching ball into the area with Buchanan and Cawley lurking. Space opened up for Cawley, and although his shot was saved by Marciano the ball rebounded off either Cawley or Hanlon and into the net. It was difficult to ascertain which scenario occurred,

but it mattered not. Cawley deserved to get his name on the scoresheet after an outstanding individual performance in the first half.

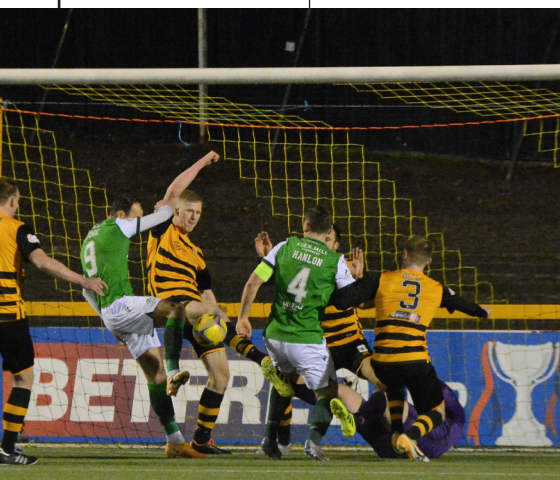
A reaction was certainly expected after the break, and I'm sure we were all strapped in awaiting a bombardment of the Alloa goalmouth in the second half. But it never really amounted to much, with Alloa comfortably holding their defensive shape and Hibs creatively struggling to find any areas of vulnerability. Jack Ross didn't allow it to fester too long, making changes before the half was 10 minutes old. Kyle Magennis and Stevie Mallan were introduced, and although it took some time these tweaks would eventually lead to an effective outcome

for Hibs. The visitors levelled the game just after the hour mark, with Christian Doidge scrambling home from close range after Hanlon's initial header on goal was blocked. A combination of Parry and Jamieson blocked a goalward Magennis shot soon after as Hibs pushed for a place in the semi finals. Such openings were still rare, but their class was understandably beginning to show. Alloa had kept Boyle close to silent for most of the evening, but he along with Mallan started to move through the gears a bit as the clock ticked down. With eight minutes remaining Mallan turned in the area to create the decisive opening- laying on a plate for Doidge. His header took a very fortunate deflection off Jamieson, who could do nothing to prevent it as the ball ended up in the net. In stoppage time Alloa almost forced another 30 minutes when substitute Cameron O'Donnell pressed Hibs keeper Marciano. His clearance cannoned off

the young Alloa midfielder and bounced inches over the bar.

Alloa were eliminated, but far from disgraced and there were so many positives to take from the performance. The defensive shape showed character and determination as always. Both Hibs goals were scrappy efforts- they didn't really manage to cut Alloa open all game. The balance in the midfield looked probably as good as it has all season- Trouten played much of the match in a deeper role, with Cawley and Scougall both showing some outstanding touches and always dangerous to the opposition. Stevie Mallan did make a difference to the game as stated- but I still thought it was a bit of a nonsense he picked up the man of the match award, when Cawley's performance was excellent from start to finish.

Despite the obvious rewards from victory in that game, the match against Inverness was probably a more



significant one. And injuries to Trouten and Scougall- two of Alloas most gifted creative players- meant going into the game with a patched up midfield. Cameron O'Donnell and Innes Murray replaced them in the starting 11. Midweek exertions had also taken their toll and Alloa understandably took a while to get going. Inverness had taken an early lead through Brad Mackay and bossed much of the opening half. After a bright Alloa start to the second half, Inverness had gradually regained control of the game

until a moment of magic near the hour mark. Innes Murray produced a free kick that Iain Flannigan would have been proud of to equalise. Inverness keeper Mark Ridgers was rooted to the spot, and suddenly the game turned in the Wasps favour. Some lovely interchange between O'Donnell and Murray opened up space for Murray to launch a ball into the Inverness penalty area. Substitute Robert Thomson connected with his volley and it squirmed through Ridgers' hands to put Alloa ahead with 14 minutes remaining.

Alloa saw it out fairly comfortably- the defence thriving in the trenches. I almost cursed it on co-commentary, because I was getting such a kick out of the concentration and communication levels of the likes of Andy Graham and Stevie Hetherington. The lack of supporters in the ground means you pick this all up watching the game unfold. Taking into account all the factors as previously stated- a tiring midweek fixture and a patched up midfield- this was a huge 3 points which put a bit of daylight between Alloa and

the foot of the table.

I obviously mentioned having an attempt at the co-commentary for the Inverness game, and thanks to everyone who posted positive feedback on my "performance". It's given me a real insight into the hard work and effort that the club make in making these streams happen- a thankless task at times. I am hoping to return again to the co-commentary as I thoroughly enjoyed it. Enjoy today's game, where hopefully Alloa's good run of form continues against a strong Raith Rovers side.

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In the Premier Division, leaders Rangers bounced back from two successive league defeats to record a 1-0 win at Hibs, who remained fifth, while second-placed Dundee United stayed close on the heels of The Gers, thanks to a 2-0 victory v Celtic at Tannadice, which was United's ninth league game without defeat.

Aberdeen retained third spot thanks to a 3-1 home win v sixth-place St. Mirren, while Celtic remained in fourth place. At the other end of the table, rock-bottom Hamilton Accies suffered yet another defeat, this time by 0-2 at fellow strugglers Hearts, while Motherwell, in spite of a 1-0 home success v another side in the doldrums, Dundee, remained one place above their Lanarkshire rivals. Dundee slipped

one place to eighth, while Hearts' success moved them up one place to seventh.

Falkirk retained leadership of The First Division, in spite of a rather shock 0-1 home reverse v struggling Partick, while Dunfermline were now second, after an emphatic 5-1 win v Ayr at East End Park. Clydebank moved up to third place, thanks to a 3-1 home win v today's visitors Raith, for whom Logan was on target,

gameless Airdrie slipped to fourth, while fifth-placed St. Johnstone were held 1-1 at hapless Queen Of The South. This was The Doonhamers fourteenth league game without success, and they remained firmly ensconced in bottom spot, while Partick, in spite of their welcome win, still just one place better off. Kilmarnock, in spite of a 1-0 home win v Meadowbank, still occupied third-bottom position, while Raith re-



mained in tenth place.

Down in The Second Division, table-toppers Albion Rovers had to settle for a narrow 1-0 home success v struggling Stenhousemuir. Stranraer were another side with their sights on The First Division, and they hosted Alloa, who were still struggling to find any sort of consistency, but who'd enjoyed a 2-0 home triumph v Dumbarton the previous week, The Wasps line-up showing one or two changes to that which had beaten The Sons: Lowrie, Robertson, Haggart, Millen, McCulloch, Gibson, Blackie (Lamont), Rogers, Lytwyn, I. Lee, Bateman (R. Lee). And things looked promising for Alloa at the break, when they led 2-0, thanks to goals from Blackie & Lytwyn, however, the home side fought back in the second period, and levelled matters up through

Lloyd & McNiven. But the point gained was not enough to prevent The Blues from dropping one place to third, they were replaced in second place by Stirling Albion, who were 1-0 home winners v East Stirling. Cowdenbeath remained fourth, despite being held 3-3 at home by bottom club Berwick, fifth-placed Queen's Park were 2-0 victors at Arbroath, while Alloa still occupied ninth place.

South of the border, they were no games in the English league, so it was as-you-were. Norwich were still surprise leaders of The First Division, closely followed by Arsenal, Millwall, Derby, Coventry & Liverpool, while at the other end, West Ham propped up the table, with their London rivals Wimbledon, and Newcastle immediately above them. Matters were quite tight at the top of The Second Division, with just five

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This Boxing Day we welcome the Championship newcomers, Raith Rovers, to the Indodrill for this festive encounter. It has been quite a return to the second tier for the visitors as they currently sit pretty in the play-offs coming into today's game. Rovers pipped their rivals, Falkirk, to the league title last campaign as the season got cut short due to the pandemic. After a few years stuck in League One, Rovers fans would have been grateful for last season's form that

finally saw them 'Roar Back' to the Championship. Despite dropping out the Betfred Cup, there have been few slip ups for the Rovers this season. With three wins, three draws and just the solitary defeat, the most memorable moment must be their five-star performance against Morton where they hit the Ton for five with no reply.

THE BOSS - JOHN MCGLYNN

The visitors are managed by experienced boss, John McGlynn, this afternoon. McGlynn began his coaching career at the professional level with a position at Hearts. He spent ten years at the club in various roles both full and part time before moving permanently for his first managerial role at Starks Park in 2006. During that first spell as well as picking up several personal accolades,

such as PFA Manager of the Year, he also led them to a Second Division title in 2009. McGlynn made the return to Tynecastle as the main man in 2012 but was faced with a tough financial situation at the club. Despite a struggle in the league, he managed to earn a place at Hampden for the 2013 League Cup Final. A short spell as Livingston boss and a Celtic scout followed before returning to Raith Rovers in 2018 where he would repeat earlier success by winning the title.

THE CAPTAIN - KYLE BENEDICTUS

A familiar face for Alloa fans will lead out the Rovers this afternoon. Kyle Benedictus, who spent a season on loan at the club back in 2014, will have the captain's armband. The Dundee-born defender spent seven years at his boyhood club but spent two years out





created more history, adding to that his short loan spells at Queen of the South also producing memorable moments at Queen of the South. Following his departure from Rugby Park in the summer, McGlynn moved quickly to secure his services on a two-year deal.

he made the move to England for a trial with Oxford City before signing the dotted line at Chesham United. There are countless clubs on his CV from his time down South such as Hayes and Yeading, where he scored thirty three goals in thirty nine games. Since signing an one-year deal at Starks Park, he has gone onto find that form once again with eight goals in nine games. That includes a brace against Queen of the South, a goal in the derby day draw against Dunfermline and a very impressive Betfred Cup campaign. This killer instinct will **CONTINUED ON P32**

on loan at Montrose and Alloa. Benedictus was part of some truly memorable moments during his time. He started in that historic victory over Rangers and continued stalwarts performances at the back throughout the year. Benedictus continued that fine form into the play-offs that year and got on the scoresheet against both Brechin and Forfar which ultimately sealed the club's survival. Following Alloa, he signed permanently at Raith in 2015 and has been there ever since. With hundred and eighty-eight appearances at the club, including seven goals and a leading part in the league win, it has been a successful stint.

NEW BOY – JAMIE MACDONALD

One of Raith's summer signings can be classed a significant coup in the form of Jamie MacDonald. Another name familiar to the Wasps fans, MacDonald impressed last season in a loan spell at the club last season. Covering for the injured Neil Parry, the then Kilmarnock keeper came in and answered Peter Grant's S.O.S. when he came in and shored up Alloa's goalkeeping woes. MacDonald has had a glittered career in the top flight enjoying the bulk of that at Hearts where he won the Scottish Cup in 2012. The keeper has also had significant spells at Falkirk and Kilmarnock where he

ONE TO WATCH – MANNY DUKU

Another one of Raith Rovers new boy's, Manny Duku, has certainly lit up the Championship since his arrival. The Dutch-born striker began his career in his homeland before playing for a whole host of clubs. In 2015,



BY KIEREN MOONEY

certainly be a threat for the Alloa defence as he looks to break into double figures before the year out.

THE CONNECTION

The two former Alloa players who are returning to the Indodrill have already been highlighted. Both Kyle Benedictus and Jamie MacDonald will be remembered fondly by the Alloa fans and will be welcomed back happily. This is MacDonald's first game back at the Indodrill since his injury that ended his loan spell early last season. The only

player in the Alloa ranks playing against his former side is Liam Buchanan. The veteran forward made the switch to Starks Park after winning the league with Livingston. Despite not achieving the overarching aim of promotion, Buchanan still managed to grab twenty two goals in his time at the club.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The last time these two clubs met was in most spectacular fashion as Alloa paved the way to promotion under Jim Goodwin. After

playing one another four times throughout the course of the season, including a decisive final day at Starks which ended 0-0 and ruined their title hopes, the sides would meet twice more in the semi finals. The first game under the lights of the Indodrill went perfectly to plan for the home side. Ross Stewart opened the scoring for the Wasps after capitalising on a Iain Davidson mistake, the defender's night would go from bad to worse when he was sent off later in the evening.

Iain Flannigan struck in the second half to double Alloa's lead going into the second leg. The second leg was a tense affair going into it but a wonderful free-kick from Jordan Kirkpatrick gave Alloa the lead in the game and a commanding score on aggregate. Euan Murray, now at Dunfermline, would equalise on the day for Raith but it wasn't enough as Ross Stewart rubbed salt in the wounds to win the game on the day 2-1 late on and cruise through to the final 4-1 on aggregate

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2. Which 3 Garys have over 40 caps for Scotland?
3. Which lower league club held the Scottish Cup for 7 years from 1939 to 1946 due to the outbreak of war?
4. I have over 75 caps for my country, won the league in Scotland and won domestic cup competitions in both Scotland and England. I have played for 3 English clubs but returned to play in my home country in 2020. I also have an Olympic bronze medal. Who am I?



GOALKEEPERS

**Jamie
MACDONALD**

17/04/1986



DEFENDERS

**Reghan
TUMILTY**

26/02/1997



**Kieran
MACDONALD**

21/07/1993



**Iain
DAVIDSON**

14/01/1984



**Robbie
THOMSON**

07/03/1993



**Fernandy
MENDY**

16/01/1994



**Kyle
BENEDICTUS**

07/12/1991



**Frankie
MUSONDA**

12/12/1997



**David
MCGURN**

14/09/1980



**David
MCKAY**

17/06/1998



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JOHN MCGLYNN



MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
Daniel ARMSTRONG 10/10/1997  	Regan HENDRY 21/01/1998  	Ross MATTHEWS 23/01/1996  	Manny DUKU 28/12/1992  	Lewis VAUGHAN 19/12/1995  
Brad SPENCER 16/05/1996  	Dylan TAIT 01/10/2001  	Ethan ROSS 06/03/1997  	Lars LOKOTSCH 17/05/1996  	Jack SMITH 18/02/2000  
Aaron ARNOTT 19/11/2003  	Quinn COULSON 01/09/2003  			
			Luke MAHADY 26/02/2004  	Gozie UGWU 22/04/1993  
				
				

MIDFIELDERS												
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QUIZ ANSWERS

- GREIG SPENCE, LIAM BUCHANAN
- GARY MCALLISTER, GARY CALDWELL, GARY NAYSMITH
- CLYDE
- KISUNG YUENG



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ALLOA ATHLETIC



RAITH ROVERS

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	JAMIE MACDONALD			
	2	REGHAN TUMILTY			
	3	KIERAN MACDONALD			
	4	IAIN DAVIDSON			
	5	FERNANDY MENDY			
	6	KYLE BENEDICTUS			
	7	DANIEL ARMSTRONG			
	8	REGAN HENDRY			
	9	MANNY DUKU			
	10	LEWIS VAUGHAN			
	11	LARS LOKOTSCH			
	12	ROSS MATTHEWS			
	13	BRAD SPENCER			
	14	FRANKIE MUSONDA			
	15	DAVID MCKAY			
	16	JACK SMITH			
	17	ROBBIE THOMSON			
	18	DYLAN TAIT			
	19	LUKE MAHADY			
	20	DAVID MCGURN			
	22	ETHAN ROSS			
	24	GOZIE UGWU			
	25	AARON ARNOTT			
	27	QUINN COULSON			

MANAGER JOHN MCGLYNN

REFEREE: Steven McLean

ASST: Stuart Hodge & Steven Traynor

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29.12.20, AWAY, 19:45



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02.01.21, HOME, 15:00



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GREENOCK MORTON

12.01.21, AWAY, 19:45



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16.01.21, HOME, 15:00



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