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HEARTS	10	8	0	2	30	13	17	24
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DUNDEE	11	5	4	2	22	20	2	19
RAITH ROVERS	9	4	3	2	21	11	10	15
GREENOCK MORTON	10	4	3	3	10	13	-3	15
AYR UNITED	11	3	4	4	16	16	0	13
INVERNESS CT	9	3	3	3	15	12	3	12
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	11	3	1	7	12	25	-13	10
ALLOA ATHLETIC	11	2	2	7	10	24	-14	8
ARBROATH	10	1	2	7	5	15	-10	5

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

THE SCOTTISH CUP 2ND RD

ALLOA ATHLETIC	COVE RANGERS	DUNDEE	EAST FIFE	BONNYRIGG ROSE	KETH	CLYDE
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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 356
- Taggart 191
- Hetherington 187
- Graham 176
- Robertson 173

GOALS

- Cawley 62
- Trouten 35
- Buchanan 26
- Graham 12
- Thomson 12

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





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

To-day we welcome Cove Rangers to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Paul Hartley, the players, officials and directors of Cove Rangers. This will be the first time the clubs will have met in the competition. The Scottish Cup is the oldest competition in Scottish Association football, and the oldest trophy in the world that teams

can still compete for. The tournament is steeped in history, and has created countless unforgettable moments throughout the years; the kind of moments that fans keep hold of and recount to friends and family at every opportunity.

The format for the 2020/21 Scottish Cup, has revised competition rules

as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The condensed competition, with fewer rounds than normal, began with the Preliminary Round One on 28 November, 2020. Key changes to the format for 2020/21 include:

- The removal of replays for all matches, with the outcome of any drawn match

being determined by extra time and penalties, if required.

- The entry point of clubs to the competition and the number of ties in each round.

- The requirement to attempt to re-schedule any postponed match in the Preliminary Rounds, Round One and Round Two, during the first midweek

after the original match date.

· The number of substitutes permitted in a match will revert back to three, with an additional one permitted in any period of extra-time.

Today we face Cove Rangers in the Scottish Cup for the very first time, the teams have only met on one previous occasion in the Betfred League Cup on 19th July, 2016 when Jack Ross's side won 4-0, in a very tight first half sponsors "Man of the Match" Greig Spence opened the scoring after 23 minutes however John Sheran's side gave a very good account of themselves with ex Wasp Mitch Megginson very dangerous. In the second half Andy

Graham scored at a corner and further goals from Jordan Kirkpatrick and Isaac Layne completed the scoring. The teams on the day were :- Alloa Athletic - 1. Neil Parry , 2. Scott Taggart 3. Calum Waters 4. Andy Graham 5. Jason Marr 6. Jim Goodwin 7. Kevin Cawley 8. Jon Robertson 9. Greig Spence 10. Jordan Kirkpatrick 11. Iain Flannigan Subs:- Lewis Wilson, Ryan Hoggan, Stevie Hetherington, Graeme Holmes, Isaac Layne, Jamie Longworth, Craig McDowall. Cove Rangers - Stuart McKenzie, Stuart Walker, Harry Milne, Eric Watson, Darryn Kelly, Stuart Duff, Connor Scully, Sam Burnett, Mitch Megginson, Jonathan Smith, Daniel Park Subs: - Stirling Smith,



Lewis Dunbar, Ryan Scott, Murray McCulloch, Kevin Buchan, John McCafferty.

Bobby Gray has held the distinction of having made the most appearances for "The Wasps" since the Second World War. Bobby played for "The Wasps" between 15th June, 1962 when Alloa manager Archie "Curly" McPherson signed him from St. Johnstone until 11th March, 1971 when David McParland signed the left-back for Partick Thistle. Bobby Gray made 359 appearances for Alloa Athletic scoring one goal v. Ross County in Scottish Cup tie on 10th February, 1966. After playing for Partick Thistle, Bobby had spells with East Stirlingshire and Sauchie Juniors and I believe still stays in

Sauchie now aged 80 year old, born 23rd July, 1940. However Kevin Cawley is set to equal that record if he plays against Cove Rangers on Saturday in the William Hill Scottish Cup, Kevin currently has made 358 appearances for "The Wasps" scoring 62 goals.

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The Wasps will be in action again in mid-week on Tuesday 12th January, 2021 when they will face Ayr United at Somerset Park.





PETER GRANT



MANAGERS NOTES

Good Afternoon Every-one

Hope you and all your families are safe and well. Last week's performance was frustrating. At 0-0 for a long period I was disappointed not to be in front and obviously when you go behind you're delighted that the boys, again, show character to fight to get something from the game. I believe it was definitely 2 points dropped and again the

goal we conceded was definitely off our own doing, as I say consistently, the small details are so important in the game and you have to be concentrated from the 1st to the last whistle in every game.

Onto today's game, I love the Scottish Cup, it was something when I was a child I used to dream about playing in when you were out on the street with your friends and that excite-





ment is still there.

We welcome a very difficult opponent in Cove who have done exceptionally well over the last few years and obviously they have a few familiar faces coming back today. I would like to welcome Paul, his staff and players and everyone from Cove. Paul had fantastic success here at the club

and I'm sure he will get a warm welcome from a few old friends who worked with him when he was here at the club.

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2nd January 2021
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 3:00pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

1:1

GREENOCK MORTON



(0:0)

SCORERS

0:1 69' Fjortoft

Thomson **83'** **1:1**



STARTING XI

- 1** PARRY
- 3** DICK
- 5** GRAHAM
- 15** JAMIESON
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 6** HETHERINGTON
- 22** GRANT
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 7** CAWLEY
- 23** MURRAY
- 9** BUCHANAN

SUBS

- 17** CONNELLY
- 18** MALCOLM
- 19** THOMSON
- 24** WILLIAMSON
- 25** LYNCH
- 26** EVANS
- 31** WILLISON

SUBS

- 7** MILLAR
- 11** OLIVER
- 18** BLUES
- 21** OMAR
- 22** EASDALE
- 24** WALLACE

STARTING XI

- 20** MCADAM
- 2** LEDGER
- 3** FJORTOFT
- 5** MCGINTY
- 8** MCALISTER
- 10** NESBITT
- 12** ORSI
- 14** SALKELD
- 16** STRAPP
- 17** LYON
- 19** COLVILLE

REFEREE: Grant Irvine

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

29th December 2020
Den's Park, Dundee
7:45 pm KO

DUNDEE

3:1

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(0:1)

SCORERS

0:1 11' Hetherington

Sow **49'** **1:1**

Fontaine **54'** **2:1**

Sow **73'** **3:1**



STARTING XI

1 HAMILTON

3 MCGHEE

4 FONTAINE

8 BYRNE

10 MCGOWAN

11 MCDAID

14 ASHCROFT

16 ELLIOT

21 SOW

23 MARSHALL

26 ADAM

SUBS

12 FERRIE

2 KERR

5 FORSTER

9 MULLEN

17 AFOLABI

19 ROBERTSON

24 ANDERSON

SUBS

17 CONNELLY

18 MALCOLM

19 THOMSON

21 WILSON

24 WILLIAMSON

25 LYNCH

26 EVANS

STARTING XI

31 WILLISON

3 DICK

5 GRAHAM

15 JAMIESON

8 ROBERTSON

22 GRANT

6 HETHERINGTON

7 CAWLEY

23 MURRAY

20 O'DONNELL

9 BUCHANAN

REFEREE: Steven Reid

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

Alloa Athletic FC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of those who engage with the club especially children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from all form of harm and actively promoting the creation of a positive, safe and supportive environment.

We recognise -

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- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

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5		Arbroath	26	10	6	10	24	26	-2	36
6		Dunfermline A...	28	10	7	11	41	36	5	37
7		Greenock Mor...	28	10	6	12	45	52	-7	36
8		Alloa Athletic	28	7	10	11	33	43	-10	31
9		Queen of the ...	28	7	7	14	28	40	-12	28
10		Partick Thistle	27	6	8	13	32	47	-15	26

ALLOA'S YEAR IN NUMBERS - 2020

2020 was a year like no other and one that few will recall with fondness. Nevertheless, the turn of the year provides me with an opportunity to continue my annual look back at Alloa statistics from the previous calendar year (for a 17th successive year for long-suffering readers of this fine publication!). One way of explaining Alloa's year is through numbers and data, as the world we live in is increasingly

awash with statistics, helping to tell us whether the things we think are actually true.

JOINT 2ND – The 8th place finish Alloa were awarded in the curtailed 2019/20 Championship table was Alloa's joint 2nd highest overall league placing in 93 SPFL seasons. Alloa's overall position of 20th in Scottish football was level with the previous 2018/19 campaign and, much further back in

time, when the Wasps finished bottom of the top tier in 1922/23. Moreover, it was only behind the overall 16th placed finish in 1982/83, the season when Alloa fantastically finished 6th in Division One under the management of first Alex Totten and then player-manager Willie Garner, after Totten moved to Falkirk mid-season.

9 WINS – There were some memora-

ble victories for the Wasps in 2020, with the Betfred Cup victory over Hearts likely to last longest in the memory. Beyond that tremendous afternoon, the two victories over Inverness Caledonian Thistle were probably most satisfying, albeit for different reasons. The March victory was full of youthful exuberance with Scott Banks and Lee Connelly in sensational form. Caley boss John Robertson was particularly

complimentary about Alloa that afternoon, perhaps influencing his own outlook in giving young hungry players starring roles in his own team this season? The December comeback win was a different story, with the trademark Alloa character shining brightly to give the Wasps some pre-Christmas cheer.

78 - After his heroics versus Partick Thistle in January, Jamie MacDonald had made more saves (78) than any other keeper in the SPFL at that stage of the season (ahead of Kilmarnock's Branescu [73] and Dumbarton's Brennan [71] saves). I would probably go as far as saying that MacDonald's performance in repelling Thistle that afternoon was arguably the finest individual



performance by any Alloa player in 2020. That said, Neil Parry (on his comeback from injury at Dundee), Scott Banks (versus ICT) and Kevin Cawley (sublime against Hibernian) would also be worthy candidates for that particular accolade.

3 X 2 - Kevin O'Hara's three successive braces in January were nothing short of sensational. Not

only did they help Alloa gain crucial league victories against Arbroath and Queen of the South (the other came in the cup defeat to Inverness), but from a personal perspective helped raise Kevin's profile. Those goals no doubt helped O'Hara negotiate an unheard of (in these times) 3 year full-time deal at Dunfermline, which was richly deserved. Every ambitious young player

who drops down to part-time Alloa should be aiming to use the club as a springboard to return to the full-time game, with the Wasps reaping the benefits in the process. O'Hara's 7 goals in 2020 for Alloa made him the Wasps top scorer, just ahead of Trouten, Thomson (both 6) and Buchanan (5). For completeness, Alloa's other goalscorers in 2020 were: Cawley, Scouggall



& Hetherington (all 2) Brown, Flannigan, Deas, Connelly, own goal and Murray (all 1 each).

66 YEARS – Alloa's proud 66 year unbeaten home league record versus Dundee United continued with the goalless draw under the romantic floodlights of the Recs on Valentine's Day night. The run of results reads in full: DWD-DWWDWWD. I may have manipulated that stat a little, given that sequence only amounts to 10 games, with none played in the 58 years the teams were in different leagues (1960 – 2018), but despite the Terrors vast resources in the past few seasons you would have surely expected them to be able to beat the Wasps at least once in the

four Clackmannanshire based meetings in the past couple of seasons? Of course they weren't able to thanks to some heroic Alloa performances, so in my mind that should be celebrated fully!

12 – In the middle of February Alloa (alongside Arbroath) were the form team in the Championship, with 12 points gained from a possible 18. That form lifted the Wasps off the bottom of the table at just the right time, with Peter Grant being awarded the January Manager of the Month award in recognition of the Wasps upturn in form.

7 LEAGUE GAME UNBEATEN RUN – The post-Christmas surge was actually Alloa's longest unbeaten run in the

second tier since 1973, back when there were only two divisions! Alloa traditionally find the second tier more challenging, with the previous 7-game unbeaten streak taking place 503 second tier games ago!

0 – Alloa achieved a first ever league clean sheet versus Dundee in the goalless draw at Dens Park in March – after 98 years of trying! Again, my stat is a little manipulated, as it was only the 16th league meeting between the teams. Alas, it helped to emphasise Neil Parry's fabulous shut-out on his return after 6 months out injured.

14 POINTS in the third quarter of the 2019/20 season – This was Alloa's joint second best points tally from any second

tier quarter of a season (in the four division format). To put this into perspective, that's out of 27 such quarters, which I'll need to refer to as thirds this season due to its shortened nature!

400 – Paddy Connolly passed the 400 game mark in the dugout, in the last game of the 2019/2020 season. Whilst at times the Manager's office has felt a bit like a revolving door, the presence of Assistant Manager Connolly on the touchline has been reassuring. Later in 2021 Connolly will celebrate a decade at the club, with us all welcoming his first manager Paul Hartley back to the Recs this afternoon.

7 – The number of seasons in a row Alan



Trouten has scored in his first competitive game of the campaign. This year it only took 14 minutes for Trouts to get onto the score-sheet, with a typically composed finish from the spot away at Airdrie. Trouten is also still the all-time top goalscorer in the Betfred Cup group stages (introduced in 2016), with his 16 goals keeping him ahead of even Stephen Dobbie (14) and Michael Moffat (12).

1 HAT-TRICK – Liam Buchanan scored his first Alloa hat-trick in the Betfred Cup comeback win versus Stenhousemuir. It was also a perfect hat-trick of sorts, with a header, right foot and ricochet off his back finishes! It was the first treble by any Alloa player for over 2 ½ years, emulating Ross Stewart's quick-fire hat-trick versus Arbroath in March 2018.

94 GAMES / 8,490 MINUTES – Scott Taggart's unblemished run of consecutive minutes came to an end in November when Peter Grant rested the defender against Stenhousemuir in the Betfred Cup. This was such an illuminating statistic that even the Press Association used it when previewing Alloa's Betfred Cup Quarter-Final versus Hibernian! Hopefully Taggart can return as quickly as possible from his subsequent injury

picked up versus Arbroath, to begin another long run of successive appearances.

350 / 150 – The November double header versus Hearts saw two Alloa stalwarts make landmark appearances for the club. First, Kevin Cawley became just the third post-WW2 player to make 350 Alloa appearances in the league game at Tynecastle. Days later Neil Parry played his 150th competitive game for Wasps, keeping his 42nd clean sheet in the cup victory over the Jam Tarts.

131 YEARS OF TRYING... prior to Alloa's first ever victory over Hearts (or first since 1946 if you count the 1946 Victory Cup tie). The 1-0 Betfred Cup triumph showcased Alloa's ability to compete with the biggest clubs in the country.

16 PASS MOVE to score v Hibernian. Although the actual finish was fortuitous, with the ball bouncing around like a pinball before hitting the net off Hibs captain Paul Hanlon, it came about after a 16 pass move involving 9 different Alloa players. Most pleasing, the ball did not leave the (astro) turf during that sequence of play, demonstrating the eye-catching brave football the Wasps play. Although there were more aesthetically pleasing finishes during 2020 (O'Hara's rocket v Arbroath, Cawley's turn



and finish from distance at Morton and Murray's free-kick v Inverness spring to mind) this was Alloa's goal of 2020 for me.

50 – Peter Grant celebrated his 50th game in charge of Alloa with the December comeback win versus Inverness. Grant's 34% win rate, considering it has occurred in the second-tier, compares favourably with his predecessors in the Alloa hot-seat.

25 / 26 – No Alloa player appeared in every match played in 2020, with three players missing just a single game (Cawley [24 starts, 1 sub appearance], Thomson [13 starts, 12 off the bench] & Hetherington [23 starts, 2 sub

appearances]). Cawley, Thomson and Buchanan were in the match-day squad for all 26 games, but all spent at least one game on the bench.

11 DEBUTANTS –

There were just 11 Alloa debutants in 2020, with almost half of those being loan signings (Connelly, Stirling, Wright, Banks and Murray). Pleasingly, two debutants had progressed from the Wasps youth set-up, with Evans and Williamson also being semi-regulars on the bench this season too.

So, in conclusion, it was evidently another incident packed year for Alloa. Here's to 2021 being better in all aspects of life, including many more golden memories for the Wasps.

APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	7 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	11 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	16 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	9 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	12 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	5 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (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	10 (0)	1	4 (2)	1	14 (2)	2
ROBERTSON	MID	11 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	15 (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 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (2)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	3 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	4 (2)	0
GRANT	MID	9 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	13 (1)	0
MURRAY	MID	7 (2)	1	4 (0)	0	11 (2)	1
CAWLEY	FWD	11 (0)	1	4 (1)	0	15 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	5 (6)	3	1 (4)	3	6 (10)	6
BUCHANAN	FWD	6 (4)	2	5 (1)	3	11 (5)	5
TROUTEN	FWD	8 (0)	2	4 (1)	2	12 (1)	4
CONNELLY	FWD	3 (4)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (6)	0
EVANS	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0



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APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
122 (0)	0	34 (0)	0	156 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
150 (0)	6	41 (0)	1	191 (0)	7
63 (0)	1	21 (0)	0	84 (0)	1
137 (0)	11	38 (1)	1	175 (1)	12
5 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (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
123 (30)	6	26 (8)	1	149 (38)	7
112 (22)	2	36 (3)	2	148 (25)	4
1 (4)	1	3 (2)	1	4 (6)	2
13 (17)	3	12 (4)	0	25 (21)	3
10 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	12 (3)	0
4 (2)	0	1 (4)	0	5 (6)	0
9 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	13 (1)	0
7 (2)	1	4 (0)	0	11 (2)	1
257 (37)	52	55 (7)	10	312 (44)	62
20 (28)	8	3 (8)	4	23 (36)	12
50 (20)	18	20 (4)	8	70 (24)	26
59 (5)	21	19 (3)	15	78 (8)	36
4 (7)	1	2 (3)	0	6 (10)	1
0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0



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A FAN'S VIEW

Today we take a break from the league and move towards our campaign in this season's revamped Scottish Cup tournament. We welcome Paul Hartley back to the stadium with his Cove Rangers team as the visitors. As we know, Alloa have enjoyed a hugely successful era for the past decade

or so. Two people were absolutely pivotal in setting the foundations for that- the chairman and Hartley himself. Having joined the club in his first managerial role in 2011, he built a team from scratch who played excellent, expansive passing football. The core of that team would go on to huge success, achieving

legendary status amongst the club's supporters. Hartley's current team will also be no push-overs today- this will be a very tough game. Cove are a team accustomed to winning football matches over the past few years. They have a great chance of helping their manager to repeat his Alloa achieve-

ment of winning League Two then being promoted to the Scottish Championship in successive seasons. Paul Hartley is a legend at this club and although he will be warmly welcomed, we hope he leaves disappointed today.

The past couple of weeks have presented some

difficulties for Alloa on the injury front, with Neil Parry, Scott Taggart, Alan Trouten and Stefan Scougall all affected. Parry has since returned thankfully, with a strong outing against Morton last week. The absences of Trouten and Taggart are hugely likely to be two of the first names on the managers team sheet every week. And Stefan Scougall I felt was just beginning to settle into the team- the manager had probably fine-tuned that midfield balance with Scougall at the helm and Alloa were beginning to look settled in terms of personnel and structure. But the manager has been forced to rejig many key areas with the enforced absences, which has maybe curtailed a bit of the

momentum we were starting to show. The manager has also mentioned others are playing and not training- without naming individuals specifically. With a tough fixture schedule, this is a far from ideal scenario.

Although I almost exclusively disregard any blame for results being pointed towards refereeing decisions, I did feel the midweek league match against Dundee at Dens Park 10 days ago was one where the referee didn't give Alloa too much leeway. They were on the wrong end of some critical decisions by the officials. Alloa had performed brilliantly in the opening half- showing discipline and concentration to keep their shape and frustrate the hosts. And they scored

with their only real chance of the game- Stevie Hetherington in significant nosebleed territory pressing from the centre forward position, pouncing on a defensive error and slotting an excellent finish into the net. But Dundee were much improved second half and produced a good response to going in behind at the break. But key decisions certainly swayed in their favour. For Dundee's equaliser obviously the camera angle makes it impossible to ascertain whether the ball crossed the line or not. So we have to accept that the linesman had a better view to make that call. But from our viewpoint it looked pretty doubtful that it fully crossed. With the scores level, Alloa were

then denied a huge penalty shout when Liam Buchanan was barged on the 6-yard line as he went to pull the trigger following a goalmouth scramble in the home penalty area. There's certainly a case for any opinion that Buchanan went down fairly easily- but in my opinion even more of a case that had the offence occurred up the other end of the pitch that the referee would have had no hesitation in awarding it. And to further compound the sense of injustice, striker Osman Sow looked at least a few yards offside before he notched the killer third goal.

Last week's game here against Morton was an entertaining watch. It was a feisty encounter, with both teams totally committed to win the game. It was an even affair overall, so the outcome was probably a fair one. Alloa showed great character to retrieve something from the game- Morton's opener from Fjortoft looked like it would be pivotal. But Robert Thomson again



impacted off the bench to equalise in the last 10 minutes. Results elsewhere didn't really work in Alloas favour in terms of the league table, but we have been in the Championship for long enough to accept this as the norm.

Despite the personnel struggles, a notable positive has been Cameron O'Donnell's impact in recent games. The youngster has come into the team and impressed consistently. He understandably has a bit of work to do in terms of his awareness- mainly getting to grips with

placement on the pitch to open up and space and be most effective. But for such a young player, he's technically excellent on the ball- confident, composed and without fear. He uses his strength really well and can pick out teammates in good areas of the pitch. He's really impressed me, and he's progressed to that next level of development- from that fleeting "nice to see a youngster getting a run-out from the bench" status to really staking his claim in the team and contributing in a major way to the squad.

In the transfer window this month I think it's a universal wish of the supporters that the manager looks to bring in another option in the strikers position. I think that's definitely needed, although it's certainly no slight on Liam Buchanan or Robert Thomson who are producing fine displays, and getting goals for us. And I think the way in which the manager currently utilises them maximises their effectiveness to the team. I don't believe that any player wants to be on the bench as a game starts- but Thomson is making an impact

from there most weeks. That contrast of challenge on tiring defenders is causing teams problems- and Thomsons presence, link play and work with the ball at his feet are all really good. No urgent necessities, just picking up any available options to add quality to the existing group. But for now, we look to follow up on our brilliant League Cup campaign by progressing to the next round of the Scottish Cup. Enjoy today's game.

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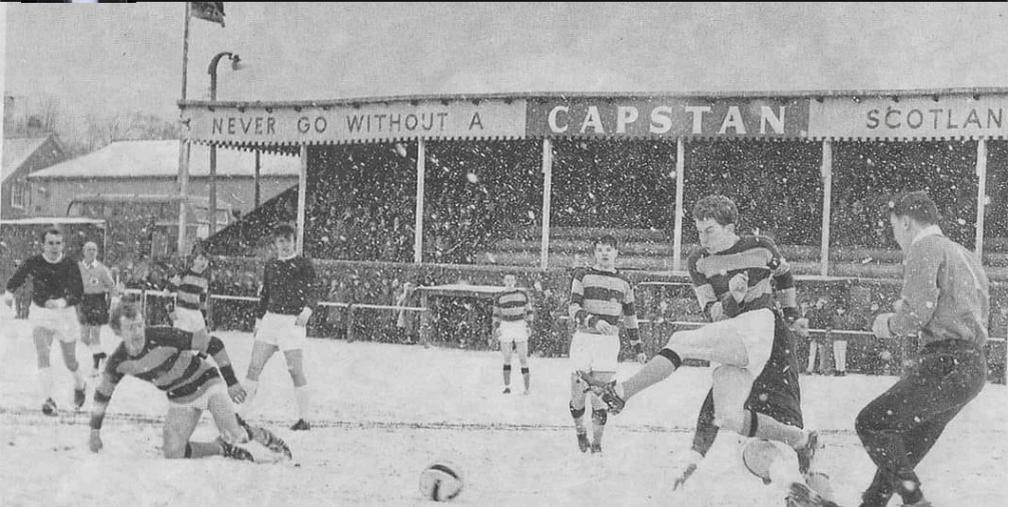
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In The Premier Division, there was no change at the top, for Aberdeen's 1-1 draw at much-improved Rangers, meant they remained four points clear of second-placed Celtic, who shared four goals and the points at struggling Motherwell. Third-placed Dundee United were 2-1 victors at their struggling Tayside neighbours St. Johnstone, Hearts remained fourth in spite

of a 1-4 reverse at lowly Dundee, while Rangers, who were now unbeaten in eight league games, after a poor start to the season, retained fifth place. At the bottom, Motherwell, in spite of their welcome point, were still now winless in twelve league games, and such they remained anchored to the foot of the table, seemingly doomed to the drop. St. Johnstone were still just one place better off than The

Well, while Dundee still occupied third-bottom spot.

First Division leaders Partick suffered a second-successive 1-2 reverse, this time at lowly Ayr, and as such The Jags lead was now down to one point over second-placed Dumbarton, who were 4-3 winners v another of the promotion challengers, Kilmarnock, in the top-of-the-table clash at Boghead. Third-placed Morton meantime,

maintained their own challenge with a 3-1 win at relegation-haunted Alloa, The Ton's goals coming from Pettigrew (2) & McNeil, Martin netting for The Wasps, who'd lined up as follows: Hunter, Harris, Martin, Purvis, Garner, Thomson, McCurdy, Haggart, Munro, Houston, Cole (Thompson). Kilmarnock remained in fourth place, in spite of their defeat, while Clydebank moved up to fifth place, thanks



to a 3-1 home win v Falkirk. In the relegation zone, Alloa's defeat kept them rooted to the bottom, seven points from safety, and with just one win in their last thirteen league games, things looked rather bleak for The Wasps. Second-bottom Raith's own problems continued with a 0-1 defeat at Airdrie, while Hamilton Accies, 1-2 losers at Clyde, dropped to third-bottom spot.

In the second round of The Scottish Cup, the performance of the day was at Palmerston, where East Fife progressed after an emphatic 5-0 win v Queen Of The South. East Stirling accounted for Fraserburgh of The Highland League by 3-1 at Firs Park, Cowdenbeath overcame Montrose by the odd goal in three at Central Park, while

Berwick & Queen's Park were also 2-1 winners, at Peterhead & Stranraer respectively. Elsewhere, Inverness Caledonian triumphed by 2-0 at fellow non-League's Gala Fairydean, the Arbroath v Stirling Albion clash ended goalless, while the Dunfermline v Forfar tie was postponed.

South of the border it was FA Cup third round day, and the biggest shock was undoubtedly at Dean Court, where Third Division strugglers Bournemouth overcame the holders Manchester United by 2-0. But there were no such problems for the previous season's runners-up Brighton, who were victorious by the same scoreline v Swansea at The Goldstone Ground. Another surprise occurred at Ayresome Park, where Second Division Middleborough knocked out fancied Arsenal by 3-2,

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though another of the favourites, Liverpool, had booked a place in the fourth round after a

comfortable 4-0 home win v Newcastle, the previous evening.



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This afternoon we welcome League One side, Cove Rangers, for the Scottish Cup second round. Following the premature termination of the leagues last season, the Gers were rightfully handed the title in their first season in the senior leagues. The highly ambitious from Aberdeen were rewarded for their vision last year as the high calibre squad romped to the league with the aid of the experienced manager, Paul Hartley. Since moving up leagues, they have been met with similar success despite being in a league with full-time teams.

Cove currently sit in second position just two points behind the leaders, Falkirk, and a point ahead of third. The other full-time side in that division, Partick Thistle, have not been able to match the workrate or quality of Hartley's part-time heroes as they currently sit four points behind. They come into this cup tie in fine form having won their last two games against Peterhead and away to Forfar.

THE BOSS - PAUL HARTLEY

Another cup tie has matched Alloa up with a former manager in Paul Hartley. The dynamic midfielder had a glittered playing career with the likes of Celtic, Hearts and Aberdeen. As well as twenty-five caps for Scotland, he also won every Scottish major honour with Celtic and a Scottish Cup with Hearts in 2006. Hartley decided to hang up the boots in 2011 when he took charge at the Indodrill while the club were in the bottom tier. From that day in 2011, Alloa has

been on an incredible journey which much of it has to do with the work Hartley has done. Signing a whole new squad that summer, including the likes of Cawley, Bain and May, the side strolled the league. Alloa won the title with a fourteen point margin and that season was full of mesmerizing performances, most notable the 8-1 victory over Elgin. Hartley then went onto secure back-to-back promotions when the Wasps beat Dunfermline comfortably in the Championship play-off finals. Alloa's first season back in the second tier was Hartley's last with the club as he departed following a 5-1 defeat to Dumbarton in January. However, he left the club in a strong position in the league and a core of a team that would last for many years. Dundee followed for the manager as he led them to a Championship title win on the final day in 2014. Following that, he then went onto bag a top-six finish for the club in their first season back. The only





he scooped the SPFL Top goalscorer award last season alongside Lawrence Shankland. He is already on eight in twelve for this campaign.

NEW BOY – JAMIE SEMPLE

One of Paul Hrtley's summer signings, Jamie Semple, has played a key role so far this season. The attacking winger signed on loan at Balmoral mid-way through September last year from Motherwell. Semple has been with the Fir Park side since 2014 where he also played for the Scottish FA performance school alongside that. Picking up caps at U17, U18 and U20 levels for the national side, he made his first team debut

for Motherwell in 2019 and set up the winner for David Turnbull in a 4-3 win over Dundee. This season the club decided to grant Semple the opportunity to play first team football and it has been one that he has grasped with both hands. With nine appearances in all competitions, Semple grabbed his first goal for the club in the League Cup against Brora Rangers.

ONE TO WATCH – RORY MCALLISTER

There is also another goal threat up front with Megginson this afternoon. Part-time veteran, Rory McAllister, has been in scintillating form in front of goal this season, as he has been for years. Most known for his time at Peter-

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black mark on his CV would be his year stint at Falkirk which didn't kick start in his second season. Cove Rangers trusted Hartley to be at the helm to recreate similar history to Alloa when he was appointed in 2019. Having completed the first part of the puzzle with a League Two title win, he is well on course to repeat similar feats to 2013 as his side sit comfortably in the play-off spots.

THE CAPTAIN – MITCH MEGGINSON

Cove Rangers will be led out by another familiar face for Alloa fans. Mitch Megginson will captain the visitors for this cup tie. The striker has been at the club since 2016 following his second spell with Alloa. The striker spent a loan spell at Alloa from Aberdeen in the 2012/13 season

before returning to the club for a short stint in 2016. He will also be remembered fondly by Dumbarton fans after playing every single game in a season and notching sixteen goals in his eighty-three appearances. However, Megginson has really found his feet since signing for the then Highland Champions, Cove Rangers. Following the same path as his father who played for the club twenty years ago, he signed a three year deal in 2016 to be part of the journey. The hitman has been an integral part of their recent success captaining their two promotion winning seasons and scoring one hundred and twenty-seven goals for the club in just a few more appearances than that. His goalscoring exploits were rewarded as



BY KIEREN MOONEY

head, McAllister broke all sorts of records with his goalscoring form. He scooped a few Player of the Year awards, league titles and Player of Months as Peterhead's dangerman. 2018 was probably his best year as he scored twenty-four goals in the same amount of games, making him joint top scorer with Alloa's own, Alan Trouten. Later that year, with a goal against Albion Rovers, he became the first player to reach one hundred goals since the SPFL began in 2013. In January 2020, he made the shock switch to Cove on a three-and-a-half year deal. However,

er, this season in League One he is still proving his worth at thirty-three years old. Five goals in his nine appearances, including the winner against his former employers last Saturday, stands him in good stead coming into today.

THE CONNECTION

There aren't any other connections other than the ones previously highlighted. The manager and the captain of today's visitors will be welcome back with open arms with what they have done for this club, especially Paul who has been no stranger since leaving the club seven years ago. He

will face many of the faces he brought to the club, most notably, his former assistant manager, Paddy Connolly, who has been with Alloa through it all during and after Hartley's tenure. Only one of Paul Hartley's signings remain at the club and that's Kevin Cawley. The magician has been at the club since the very start when he was one of Hartley's first signings. Cawley has gone onto make over three-hundred appearances for the club and become an all-time great.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides have only met once in their histo-

ry and that came back in the 2016/17 League Cup group stages. Cove faced a formidable Jack Ross side that day and they were no match for his Alloa side on the day. The Wasps stormed to a comfortable 4-0 victory that day. Goals from Greig Spence, Andy Graham, Jordan Kikrpatrick and finished off by Isaac Layne gave Alloa plenty of optimism for the season. However, this afternoon will be a much sterner test for the Wasps with all that has happened in recent years to the high-flying League One side.

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2. Which central defender is the only player to have won the Scottish Cup with 3 different clubs and played in each Final- the last occasion being 2007 with Celtic?
3. Which club were the last to eliminate Alloa from the Scottish Cup whilst sitting below the Wasps in the Scottish league standings?
4. Put these 5 clubs in order based on number of Scottish Cups won- Aberdeen, Dundee, Dunfermline, Queens Park, Vale of Leven



GOALKEEPERS

Stuart MCKENZIE

06/01/1998



DEFENDERS

Harry MILNE

29/10/1996



Scott ROSS

19/04/1991



Ryan STRACHAN

01/08/1990



Balint DEMUS

29/03/2002



Daniel HIGGINS

08/04/1998



Adam LIVINGSTONE

22/02/1998



Ross GRAHAM

20/02/2001



Cammy LOGAN

28/01/2002



MANAGER

PAUL HARTLEY



MIDFIELDERS

**Connor
SCULLY**

13/10/1992



**Broque
WATSON**

05/02/1999



**Blair
YULE**

23/08/1992



**Jamie
MASSON**

05/04/1993



**Jamie
SEMPLE**

17/05/2001



**Seb
ROSS**

20/01/2000



**Connor
SMITH**

01/02/2002



**Fraser
FYVIE**

27/03/1993



FORWARDS

**Mitch
MEGGINSON**

27/07/1992



**Leighton
MCINTOSH**

11/02/1993



**Rory
MCALLISTER**

13/05/1987



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	
90	38	90	90	29		61		90	52	
45	90	90	90	1	56			45	90	
60	90	90	90	33				90		
	1	90	90	27				90	74	
90	90	90	2	90		55		90	5	
1	29					1	90	29	61	90
90	90	90	90	33	57			90		
90	72	90	90	18				90	81	
120	120		1	120				120	99	
90	90	90	90					90	64	
90	71	90	90	1	90	19			46	
90	90	90	86	67			23			
90	90	90				3	90		1	90
90	90	90					90	90	90	
1	90	90	90			15	45	90	90	
90	90	90					72	90	90	

FORWARDS				
BUCHANAN	CONNELLY	THOMSON	EVANS	
9	17	19	26	
59	31	1	31	8
39		1	51	
78	90	1	12	
29	67	71		
16	63	90		
	35	1	85	
3	90	9		61
29		61		
45		45		
101	21	19		
77	26	13		
75		15		
60	90	30		4
87	67	1	23	
2	90		39	
75	45	15		
90		1	18	



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. ST MIRREN (1987)

2. STEVEN PRESSLEY - ALSO WON WITH RANGERS (1993) AND HEARTS (2006)

3. RANGERS (2012)

4. QUEENS PARK (10), ABERDEEN (7), VALE OF LEVEN (3), DUNFERMLINE (2), DUNDEE (1)



6	7	8	10	12	14	18	20	22	23	24
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9	17	19	26
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ALLOA ATHLETIC



COVE RANGERS

#	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	STUART MCKENZIE			
	3	HARRY MILNE			
	4	CONNOR SCULLY			
	5	SCOTT ROSS			
	6	RYAN STRACHAN			
	7	BROQUE WATSON			
	8	BLAIR YULE			
	9	MITCH MEGGINSON			
	10	JAMIE MASSON			
	11	LEIGHTON MCINTOSH			
	12	DANIEL HIGGINS			
	13	RORY MCALLISTER			
	14	ADAM LIVINGSTONE			
	15	JAMIE SEMPLE			
	16	SEB ROSS			
	20	ROSS GRAHAM			
	21	BALINT DEMUS			
	22	CONNOR SMITH			
	24	FRASER FYVIE			
	25	CAMMY LOGAN			
	MANAGER PAUL HARTLEY				

REFEREE: David Dickinson

ASST: Ross MacLeod & Gordon McCabe

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12.01.21, AWAY, 19:45

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16.01.21, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
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23.01.21, AWAY, 15:00

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06.02.21, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
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13.02.21, HOME, 15:00

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