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^{*}includes equivalent competitions

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP	P	w	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HEARTS -	15	12	0	3	41	17	24	36
RAITH ROVERS -	14	7	3	4	27	18	9	24
DUNFERMLINE -	15	6	6	3	24	17	7	24
DUNDEE -	13	5	5	3	24	24	0	20
AYR UNITED -	14	4	5	- 5	20	18	2	17
GREENOCK MORTON -	15	4	5	6	13	19	-6	17
INVERNESS CT	11	- 3	5	3	18	15	3	14
ARBROATH	15	3	5	7	12	19	-7	14
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	14	4	2	8	20	32	-12	- 14
ALLOA ATHLETIC	14	3	2	9	15	33	-18	- 11

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES





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Liam



MATCH most appearances

Cawley 359
Taggart 192
Hetherington 190
Graham 179
Robertson 175

Andy WILSON 22/04/1998



Jon ROBERTSON



Nicky JAMIESON



Lucas WILLIAMSON



GOALS

Cawley 64 Trouten 38 Buchanan 26 Graham 13 Thomson 11

Reece WILLISON



Jordan WRIGHT



Edin LYNCH



MANAGER

PETER GRANT







































NEWSDESK

Today we welcome Arbroath to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Dick & Ian Campbell, the players, officials and directors of Arbroath FC. Who are currently on a rich vein of form unbeaten in their last five matches, great credit to Dick Campbell and his team as the other part-time club in the league proving the point that

any team on their day in this division is capable of beating each other. Victory for "The Wasps" last Saturday against Oueen of the South was crucial and a massive three points, it is so important for any team to start collecting maximum points especially this season with less league fixtures. At the time of writing theses

programme notes it was not known if the midweek fixture against Inverness Caledonian Thistle had gone ahead with more snow & frost predicted. However we know we will have to be at our best again today if we are to collect more valuable league points against Arbroath.

Congratulations to Kevin Cawley who is now the club's longest serving player since World War 2. having now made 362 appearances. however he is now looking to achieve more club fame after his winning goal last Saturday against Queen of the South moved him to 64 goals and the club's 5th Joint Top Goalscorer closing in on - Willie Irvine

91 Goals, Jimmy Docherty 76, Peter Smith 69, Barrie Moffat 68 & Joe McCallan 64.

Young Ryan Stirling, son of Alan & Alison Stirling, Alison contacted her work colleague Scott Taggart who organised a signed Alloa Athletic top for Ryan who is a keen "Wasps" supporter, however Ryan suffers from a very rare condition and is one of only 600 people Worldwide with the condition. He overcomes obstacles everyday and hopes the team can take inspiration from him on match days: he loves Alloa Athletic and asks the team can push on for the rest of the season!



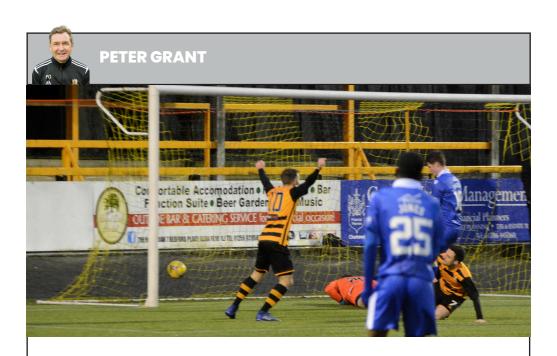
Alloa Athletic fans might be interested to know that Kevin Shannon is currently writing a book about one of our former players Tommy Hutchison. Tommy was signed for Alloa Athletic from Dundonald Bluebell on 5th March, 1966, by Alloa Athletic manager Archie

"Curly" McPherson, having began his footballing career with Auchterderran Junior High School. Tommy went on to make 84 first team appearances for "The Wasps" between 1966-68, scoring 6 goals before moving to Blackpool for a fee around £ 6,000, four years later he moved

to Coventry City for £ 140,000, gaining 17 Scottish International caps and went to the World Cup in Germany in 1974 where Scotland returned unbeaten. Later Tommy played in Hong Kong, Canada and ended his footballing career in Wales . His name comes up commonly in quiz questions as the player who scored for both sides in FA Cup Final, having scored for both Manchester City and Coventry City in 1981 final!



WASPS 2000 DRAW
WEEK 5
£ 100 K MCADAM
£ 50 D GILLOT
£ 25 G MURRAY
£ 25 F GORDON
£ 25 C HUNTER
JANUARY WINNER
£275 H CARMICHAEL



MANAGERS NOTES

Good Afternoon Everyone

I would like to welcome Dick, lan and all the players from Arbroath. They come here on the back of a fantastic run of results. We always know we have to be at our best in every game to have a chance of winning.

I was delighted with the way the boys responded to a difficult 1st half against Queen of the South, where we caused a lot of problems for ourselves in that period, but to be fair to the boys they dug deep and for me got there just rewards in the 2nd half. Performance and chances wise, I don't think anyone could argue



with that. Obviously our midweek game v Inverness was postponed due to the weather conditions and training has been very interesting in the snow but as usual the boys have shown great pride and professionalism and just got on with it, hope you all keep safe and well.

Enjoy The Game

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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

6th February 2021 Indodrill Stadium, Alloa 3:00 pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

2:1

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH



(1:1)
SCORERS

0:1 8' Jones

Graham 23' 1:1

Cawley 61' 2:1









STARTING XI	Professional Control C		STARTING XI
1 PARRY			20 FERGUSON
2 TAGGART	SUBS	SUBS	33 GIBSON
3 DICK	51 WRIGHT	31 RAE	3 MAXWELL
5 GRAHAM	25 LYNCH	2 NORTEY	5 OBILEYE
6 HETHERINGTON	8 ROBERTSON	4 BUCHANAN	19 BREEN
7 CAWLEY	19 THOMSON	17 JOSEPH	12 MCCABE
10 TROUTEN	9 BUCHANAN	18 MCKECHNIE	8 PYBUS
11 CAMERON	12 SCOUGALL	29 MEBUDE	16 EAST
15 JAMIESON	17 CONNELLY	9 GOSS	7 FITZPATRICK
22 GRANT			10 SHIELDS
23 MURRAY			25 JONES

REFEREE: Steven Reid



SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

30th January 2021 Somerset Par, Ayr 3:00 pm KO

AYR UNITED

4:1

ALLOA ATHLETIC



		(2:1)		
		SCORERS	3	
Walsh	5′	1:0		
		1:1	11' Trouten	
McCowan	30'	2:1		
Muirhead	61'	3:1		
McCowan	60'	1.1		









STARTING XI			STARTING XI
1 SINISALO			1 PARRY
4 MUIRHEAD	SUBS	SUBS	3 DICK
6 MURDOCH	21 HARE-REID	51 WRIGHT	5 GRAHAM
8 MILLER	3 READING	8 ROBERTSON	6 HETHERINGTON
9 WRIGHT	5 ROSCOE	9 BUCHANAN	7 CAWLEY
10 WALSH	7 MOFFAT	17 CONNELLY	10 TROUTEN
11 MCCOWAN	19 ZANATTA	19 THOMSON	11 CAMERON
14 SMITH	20 HEWITT	20 O'DONNELL	12 SCOUGALL
17 NDABA	22 MCKENZIE	23 MURRAY	15 JAMIESON
18 CHALMERS			22 GRANT
30 BAIRD			25 LYNCH

REFEREE: Peter Stuart

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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

We recognise -

- the welfare of the child (up to the age of 18) is paramount.
- all children regardless of age disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

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- prevent the employment or engagement wof unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and veting procedures

Alloa Athletic Football Club's policy will be widely promoted and will be reviewed on a regular basis, or in the event of changes in legislation or government guidance, or as a result of any other changes.

MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN ALLOA ATHLETIC FC







QUICK-FIRE HAT-TRICK BOYS!

Back in November Liam Buchanan scored a guick-fire hat-trick to turn what looked like it would be morale-sapping defeat against Stenhousemuir into a welcome victory. In the space of just fourteen second-half minutes the Wasps took control of the game to qualify from the group stages of the Betfred Cup and set up what would become a historic victory against Hearts and running Hibernian close in the Quarter-Finals.

One surprising feature of the Scottish football season so far has been the frequency of quick-fire hat-tricks. One would have thought that Buchanan's fourteen minute effort would have been difficult to emulate, but it turns out that it Liam wouldn't even get on a medal podium, with three other trebles having been achieved in under ten minutes

already this season. The quickest came in-between Christmas and New Year, when Steven Naismith remarkably hit a treble in the space of six first half minutes for Hearts against Arbroath. who we welcome to Clackmannanshire this afternoon. Having made a good start at Tynecastle the Red Lichties were undone by a Naismith tap-in, a possibly offside (according to Dick Campbell) header and a harshly

awarded penalty (one of those close-range handball calls going against ex-Wasp Colin Hamilton). That six minute purple patch from Naismith saw him score more goals than he has managed in the rest of the season combined (two goals in seventeen matches), but scoring a six-minute hat-trick will be a memorable moment in Naismith's illustrious career.

Second on the list of

quick-fire hat-tricks this season is Bonnyrigg's Lee Currie, who wrote himself into Scottish Cup history by scoring an eight minute hattrick of penalties to knock out Max Christie's Bo'ness United, It's not often that you score a hat-trick, let alone a penalty treble in the space of just eight minutes!That earned Bonnyrigg a trip to Dens Park, where Currie and company almost pulled off a gigantic cup upset. A 94th minute equaliser saved the Dees blushes to take the game to extra-time, where former Berwick midfielder Currie incredibly scored his second penalty of the game to put the Lowland League team back in front, only for Dundee to recover with two goals in the

PLAYER	матсн	TIMING	TOTAL TIME
STEVEN NAISMITH	Hearts 3 Arbroath 1 (Championship)	30, 33, 36 (pen)	6
LEE CURRIE	Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic 5 Bo'ness United 2	55 (pen), 59	8
LEE CORRIE	(Scottish Cup)	(pen), 63 (pen)	٥
LIAM HENDERSON	Edinburgh City 5 Albion Rovers 2	7, 10, 16	9
LIAM BUCHANAN	Alloa 4 Stenhousemuir 2 (Betfred Cup)	64, 70 (pen), 78	14
SCOTT AGNEW	East Fife 5 Tranent Juniors 1 (Scottish Cup)	40 (pen), 55, 58	18
KEVIN O'HARA	Alloa 1 Dunfermline 4	67, 77, 90 (pen)	23

second-half of extra-time to fortuitously see them through. The only quick-fire hat-trick not involving the help of a penalty comes from Edinburgh City defender Liam Henderson, who converted three setpiece deliveries from Craig Thomson to score an unlikely early hat-trick versus Albion Rovers in early December.

Then comes Buchanan's fourteen minute glut of goals for the Wasps. It was a perfect hat-trick of sorts from Alloa's experienced frontman, as a back-post header from a corner reduced the 0-2 deficit against Stenhousemuir, before a calmly taken right-footed penalty drew Alloa level. Knowing the Wasps had to win to have any chance of qualifying for the knock-out stages of the Betfred Cup, Buchanan's welcome hat-trick goal was bizarre in the extreme as the ball rebounded from his back and somehow trickled into the net to earn

Liam's first hat-trick for over four years since his Livingston days. Most importantly it put Alloa on course for a place in the next round of the cup, when a quarter of an hour earlier it looked as if the Wasps were meekly crashing out of the cup.

The final two quickest hat-tricks in Scottish football so far this season have an Alloa connection too, with both being scored by former Wasps players. Scott Agnew enjoyed



two spells with the Wasps early in his career, but over a decade later he's still going strong and a Scottish Cup hat-trick against Tranent luniors underlined his evergreen quality. Finally, few Alloa fans will forget Kevin O'Hara's first senior hattrick, albeit not for fond reasons, O'Hara, Alloa's Player of the Year last season, emerged from the substitutes bench to turn the early season encounter against Dunfermline in the Pars' favour with a sublime hat-trick on his first return to Alloa. It was some cameo from Kevin, although there have been five quicker hat-tricks already this season!

In terms of where Buchanan's fourteen

PLAYER	МАТСН	TIMING	TOTAL TIME
MARTIN CAMERON	27/2/99 4-0 away at East Fife (2 nd Division)	12', 15', 23'	11
GARETH HUTCHISON	21/7/01 5-2 v Stirling (Stirlingshire Cup)	3', 10', 16'	13
LIAM BUCHANAN	14/11/20 4-2 v Stenhousemuir (Betfred Cup)	64', 70' (pen), 78'	14
STEVIE MAY	7/4/12 8-1 v Elgin (3 rd Division)	44', 47', 65', 75'	21
WILLIE IRVINE	18/7/00 4-1 v Dumbarton (Stirlingshire Cup)	54', 57', 79'	25
KEVIN MCDONALD	20/11/10 4-2 v Raith (Scottish Cup)	41', 42', 66'	25

minute treble comes in terms of quick-fire Alloa hat-tricks from the past quarter of a century (I don't have the timings of goals prior to that sorry!), Buchanan gets a bronze medal on my imaginary podium this time. Top of the list is Martin Cameron, who helped himself to his maiden Alloa hat-trick in eleven first half minutes on Alloa's first visit to East Fife's new stadium in 1999. Alloa were already 1-0 up when Cameron killed the game inside the first 23 minutes with three goals to put Alloa

into an unassailable lead, joyfully scoring past the Fifers keeper Willie McCulloch, who earlier in the season was involved in an incident which saw Mark Cowan red-carded (and in the process missing out on playing the Wasps next game at Ibrox). lust a minute ahead of Buchanan is Gareth Hutchison, who scored a hat-trick of headers in an early season mauling of Stirling Albion in the Stirlingshire Cup in 2001. Hutchison went onto score a total of nineteen goals that season as the Wasps made an

immediate return to the old First Division.

Then comes Buchanan's treble, which in Germany and Austria is known as a lupenreinar (flawless) hat-trick, as it occurred in the same half of the game and no other goals were scored in the intervening time. In the Netherlands they have their own word for it, a zuivere hat-trick, which translates as a pure hat-trick. The term 'hat-trick' itself is actually borrowed from Cricket, with bowlers who take successive wickets in three balls given a hat to





celebrate the achievement. Completing my top six is Stevie May's twenty-one minute hat-trick to clinch the Third Division league title against Elgin in April 2012 (ten minutes later May scored his fourth of the afternoon in an eventual 8-1 demolition). Willie Irvine's treble in the Stirlingshire Cup versus Dumbarton (include two rare headers from Alloa's post-WW2 top goalscorer) and Kevin McDonald's memorable hat-trick which knocked then First Division league leaders Raith out of the Scottish Cup against Allan Maitland's Second Division Wasps.

Expanding on the hat-trick topic a little, Scotland has made many vital contributions to the hat-trick genre over the years. The first ever hat-trick scored in international football

was actually by a Scot, with Vale of Leven's John McDougall hitting three in a 7-2 friendly victory over England in 1878 the same year as Alloa's formation! Meanwhile. the Guinness World Record book lists Ross County's Tommy Ross as the scorer of the fastest-ever hat-trick. Back in 1964 teenager Ross notched three in 90 seconds against Nairn County, which has not been surpassed since. Tommy sadly passed away in 2017. but it was marked by several national newspapers recalling his record-breaking feat. Most recently, A View From the Terrace star Duncan McKay coined the phrase 'hat-trick boy' on Hibs TV commentary in November 2019, after Christian Doidge completed his treble away at St Johnstone, The affectionate 'hat-trick boy phrase is becoming

increasingly well used in the football lexicon, with Spanish giants Valencia using it on Twitter to celebrate Carlos Soler's hat-trick of penalties against Real Madrid in November 2020!

Any hat-trick is special

and should be celebrated. To score a quick-fire treble however is that little bit more remarkable and, during this season like no other, there seems to be no shortage of them and long may that continue.



APPEARANCES

		LEA	GUE	CL	JP	TO	TAL
	POS	APP	GOAL	АРР	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	10 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	16 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	- 0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
WRIGHT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	8 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	13 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	19 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	12 (0)	1	4 (1)	0	16 (1)	1
JAMIESON	DEF	8 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
LYNCH	DEF	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
GILHOOLY	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON	DEF	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
HETHERINGTON	MID	13 (0)	1	5 (2)	1	18 (2)	2
ROBERTSON	MID	12 (1)		5 (0)	0	17 (1)	0
GRANT	MID	12 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	17 (1)	0
MALCOLM	MID	0 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (2)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	12 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	17 (1)	0
BROWN	MID	2 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (2)	0
MURRAY	MID	9 (2)	1	4 (1)	0	13 (3)	1
SCOUGALL	MID	3 (4)	1	3 (3)	1	6 (7)	2
O'DONNELL	MID	3 (0)	0	2 (2)	1	5 (2)	1
TROUTEN	FWD	10 (0)	3	5 (1)	3	15 (1)	6
BUCHANAN	FWD	6 (7)	2	6 (1)	3	12 (8)	5
THOMSON	FWD	6 (6)	3	1 (5)	3	7 (11)	6
CONNELLY	FWD	3 (4)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (6)	0
EVANS	FWD	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0
CAMERON	FWD	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	14 (0)	3	5 (1)	0	19 (1)	3

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	3 (4)	1	3 (3)	1	6 (7)	2	
	4 (2)	0	2 (4)	1	6 (6)	1	
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	50 (23)	18	21 (4)	8	71 (27)	26	
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	4 (7)	1	2 (3)	0	6 (10)	1	
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WORLDWIDE WASPS

AIMEE BURGESS



A FAN'S VIEW

Alloa will look to follow up last weekend's victory over Queen of the South with another 3 points today, although Arbroath are another form team in the league at present. Although this was written prior to the rescheduled midweek trip to Inverness, in all likelihood that game probably did not

go ahead due to adverse weather.

Alloa made 2 changes from the previous weeks defeat to Ayr United. Innes Murray came in for Stefan Scougall, but the big pre match boost saw the return of Scott Taggart to the starting 11. This was his first outing in 2 months since pulling

up injured against todays opponents Arbroath back in early December.

The delay whilst a fresh referee arrived at the ground due to apparent Covid testing mix-ups meant a rather bizarre start to the day- and it was hardly the weather to be sitting in the stand awaiting news. A revised

3:30pm kickoff was eventually confirmed. However, I assume the temporary changing facilities for the visitors contains a glowing log fire at one end of the room- Queen of the South seemed reluctant to venture into the elements once more and had to be coaxed out by one of the assistant referees. The game

finally got underway at 3:40.

Despite their delayed venture onto the pitch the visitors started on the front foot, with Connor Shields illustrating why he is currently attracting Scottish Premiership interest. The striker was deployed in a free role, switching wings and picking up positions of space to cause Alloa real problems. Queens high press was also an irritant of the Alloa backline, and it was an unenforced error which allowed Queens to break in the area through Shields. His shot was saved, but Parry was unable to get a strong enough contact on it and Jones tapped the rebound into the empty net after 8 minutes. It was a bleak start for Alloa, and things could only get better. But they equalised in the 23rd minute, somewhat against the run of play and after a strange sequence of events. From an Alloa corner, giant Queen of the South defender Ayo Obileye knocked into the back of

Andy Graham who in a "domino rally" style fell forward from the impact and downed Shields. Of course the diminutive frontman felt the brunt of the momentum of these two heavyweights and lay prone in the area. The visitors appeared completely unaware of the resultant gap and it left the Alloa captain all alone at the back post to smash home. There was a long delay as Shields required treatment, eventually recovering to play on. But he didn't last. After a challenge from lamieson he was in clear distress with an ankle injury. He may have fell

awkwardly because there was very little in Jamieson's challenge. Although we were relieved to see him depart for the afternoon, hopefully there no lasting effects and he's back in action soon. Despite being restricted to a cameo, Shields was very impressiveshowing the potential we could always see he had whilst on loan at Alloa. The stop start nature of the first half meant that the game never really got going again as the teams went in at half time. Oueens had suffered from Shields departure and threatened far less without himbut other than a few good passages of

play Alloa had yet to really build momentum in the game.

The second half showing was much more of a typical Alloa performance. where we showed real cohesion and responded brilliantly after a bit of a sluggish opening half. Alloa finally managed to get some good service to frontman Innes Cameron who was making his home debut. Cameron missed a couple of good chances, but he was very effective second half, providing a presence and threat. After being out injured for a long spell prior to joining the club, it was also good to



see him play for the full 90 minutes with no adverse effects. Ion Robertson also made a real impact after being introduced as a half time substitute for Jamieson. Taggart moved into a more central position. with Robertson deployed in his right back berth but with one foot in midfield as he frequently pushed forward. Of course it was his terrific delivery into the area which led to the winning goal on the hour mark. Finding little Kevin Cawley's head with a cross requires real precision, and he has now managed

that in the last 2 home games- his assist also allowing Cawley to head home against Hearts a few weeks previous. Alloa then coped fairly comfortably in their defensive shape, standing firm and making it difficult for their opponents to find any real space to manipulate. They had Neil Parry to thank though when he pulled off a terrific save with 12 minutes left-palming away Obileve's goalward header from a corner kick. Overall though Queens were significantly less threatening than the opening stages of

the game, and Alloa continued to ask questions going forward, finally getting a real foothold in the middle of the pitch. They really should have sealed the points late on when substitute Liam Buchanan did brilliantly to cut inside from the right bye-line. His cutback left the goal gaping but Cameron just couldn't find a touch to put the ball into the net. There is always a fear such a miss will prove costly, but Alloa held on for a massive 3 points. With Arbroath simultaneously winning impressively against Dunfermline, even

a draw would have been a real setback. Today's game presents another pivotal match between the divisions two parttime clubs. I think it's healthy and refreshing that there's no real rivalry or needle off the park, certainly between both sets of supporters. Although obviously in direct competition, there's a feeling from both camps that they can stay in this league- and not necessarily at the expense of one another, as was proven last season.

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LOOKING BACK

In the Premier Division, leaders Aberdeen maintained their six-point advantage with a 4-0 success at hapless Motherwell. while second-placed Celtic crushed another of the strugglers. St. Johnstone, by 5-2 at Celtic Park. Dundee United stayed third after they overcame Hibs by 2-0 at Tannadice, fourth-placed Rangers shared four goals and the points at Hearts, who remained

sixth, while St. Mirren stayed sandwiched in between these two sides in fifth place, after they crushed lowly Dundee by 4-0 at Love Street. At the bottom. Motherwell's defeat meant they'd now gone fourteen league games without success, and as such they now seemed virtually certain to take the drop. Second-bottom St. Johnstone's position also looked rather precarious, while third-bottom Dundee.

in spite of their heavy reverse, still held a five-point cushion over Tayside rivals St. Johnstone, and with two games in hand.

First Division table-toppers Partick Thistle suffered a 1-2 home reverse v local rivals Clyde, and as such their advantage was now purely on goal difference over second-placed Dumbarton, who were held 3-3 at struggling Hamilton Accies. Third-placed Morton shared two goals and the points at lowly Meadowbank Thistle, while 1-1 was also the outcome at Rugby Park, in the clash between fourth-placed Kilmarnock and fifthplaced Brechin City. In the relegation zone, bottom club Alloa, having not tasted a league victory since Boxing Day, hosted local rivals Falkirk, The Wasps line-up showing one or two changes to that held 2-2 at Clyde the



previous week: Hunter, Thompson, Haggart, Thomson, Martin, Houston, Paterson, McComb (Purdie), Lloyd, Quinn, Cole. And Alloa gained a much-needed win, by 3-1, thanks to first-half goals from Davie Lloyd (2) & Drew Paterson, which gave them a bit of hope, even though they remained in last place, with a seven-point gap to make up. Second-bottom Raith's problems continued with a 2-3 home reverse v Airdrie. while Hamilton Accies. in spite of their point, still occupied third-bottom spot.

Down in The Second. leaders Forfar Athletic suffered a surprise 1-3 defeat at struggling East Stirling, but still held a fairly comfortable fivepoint advantage over second-placed Stirling Albion, who were game less. Queen of the

South remained third, in spite of a 0-1 defeat at bottom club Montrose, today's visitors Arbroath stayed in fourth place despite being inactive, while East Fife, beaten 0-1 at Stranraer, still retained fifth spot.

South of the border, First Division leaders Liverpool retained their three-point advantage after a 2-1 home win v Arsenal, while second-placed Nottingham Forest stayed close on the heels of The Anfield Reds, thanks to a 1-0 victory at QPR. West Ham's 2-1 win at Coventry moved them up into third place, while Wolves, in spite of collecting a point from a 0-0 draw at Midlands rivals/ fellow strugglers Birmingham, still remained anchored in bottom place. Chelsea remained two points clear at the top of The Second Division, thanks to a 1-0 win



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at rock-bottom Cambridge, second-placed Sheffield Wednesday crushed Charlton 4-1 at Hillsborough,

while Manchester City remained third after a 2-1 win v Portsmouth at Maine Road





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This afternoon we welcome fellow parttime side, Arbroath, for a crunch tie at the Indodrill in the bid for safety. Prior to Alloa's midweek trip to Inverness, the visitors sit three points ahead of Peter Grant's side after going on a five game unbeaten run. During that upturn in form. they have secured two victories against Morton and most recently, Dunfermline. Following their impressive first season in the Scottish second flight last year which ended prematurely, this vear has been more of a struggle to push for the promotion play-offs. However, after some inspired signings, such as Jack Hamilton and Ben Williamson, the Lichties have seen a massive improvement in results the last month or so. Today could see them pull closer to that mid-table pack but it also offers Alloa the opportunity to draw level on points and continue to make it tight at the bottom.

THE BOSS DICK CAMPBELL

The man who needs no introduction continues to take charge and bring his side to the Indodrill this afternoon. Dick Campbell has become a household name in Scottish football with his charismatic character, as well as on the pitch successes. The now 67-year old takes charge in his 34th year of management. Beginning his career at Brechin in 1987, Campbell has gone onto manage clubs such as Dunfermline, Partick Thistle, Ross County and Forfar, Having won the play-offs with Forfar in 2010, he stayed at Stair Park for a further 5 vears before making the move over to Gayfield in 2016. Accompanied

by his brother, lan, they have enjoyed great success at Arbroath since making the move. The pair guided the side to a rampant League 2 title winning season in 2016/17 before then earning promotion to the Championship winning League 1, against full-time opposition, in 2018/19. He continued to charm the media, as well as produce high quality football, in the Championship guiding them to a very impressive 5th place.

THE CAPTAIN MARK WHATLEY

Arbroath midfielder, Mark Whatley, is the man who'll lead our opponents out this afternoon. The 26-yearold made his competitive debut against Alloa in 2007, just aged seventeen. After having stints at Raith, Tayport and Spartans, he moved to Gayfield where he has been since 2014. Whatley has been through so much in his five and a half year stint at the club. He played an integral part in both league winning campaigns captaining them in stellar fashion.





NEW BOY -BEN WILLIAMSON

Dick Campbell made the move to sign highly-rated midfielder, Ben Williamson, on loan from Rangers last month. Williamson has come through the Rangers Academy, playing a pivotal role across the age groups and most notably, a stand-out performance in their 3-2 Youth Cup

Final win against Celtic. Having just signed a new deal keeping him at the club till 2022, Williamson ventured on loan for the first time to a senior level in the Championship prior to their trip to Dumfries. He has gone on to play a full 90 minutes across his 5 appearances so far with the Lichties but really came to the fore live on the television against Dundee. A controlling

midfield appearance, against the likes of Charlie Adam, saw him earn many plaudits and win BBC Man of the Match in their 1-1 draw with the Dees.

ONE TO WATCH-JACK HAMILTON

The visitor's man in the form is another new face from the January window, Jack Hamilton. The striker spent the first half of the season with East Fife scoring 9 goals in 13 games, earning him the Player of the Month award for December. He was recalled by his parent club, Livingston, at the turn of the year and marked his return with a goal against Ross County. Despite impressive outings, it was decided by David Martindale to send the promis-

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ing striker out on loan once again, this time to the second tier. It was the perfect debut for the on-loan Lion, who notched the winner against Morton, making him the first player to score in League 1, Championship and Premiership in one season. It went from good to great as he doubled his Lichties account in his second game opening the scoring against Inverness. With 12 goals this season across the 3 clubs. Hamilton will be a threat that Alloa will be very much aware of.

THE CONNECTION

There are a few players returning to the Indodrill to face their former team. The most

recently mentioned, lack Hamilton, spent time out on loan at Alloa under Iim Goodwin's Championship survival campaign in 2019. He will be most remembered by Waspies for that winner at Cappielow, a victory part of that heroic winning streak that eventually secured Alloa's safety. Another former player returning is defender. Colin Hamilton, The left-back was signed by Danny Lennon in 2015, however, it wasn't a season to remember for Alloa. Having fallen short in the Championship. Alloa were relegated and Hamilton signed on at Gayfield, returning to the club after a 2 year break. The final player

returning is striker, Luke Donnelly. Again, another one who spent a very short spell on loan at Alloa in League 1 in 2016. He managed just the solitary goal in his Alloa career in a win against Albion Rovers, There are currently no former Lichties in the Alloa ranks. however, notable names who have played for both clubs in the past include Greig Spence. David Crawford, Omar Kader, Ben Stirling, Thomas Grant, Alan Cook, Liam Caddis and Mitch Megginson.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the second battle of the part-timers this season with the sides already

being matched up once in Gavfield back in December, After a great battle, it was Stefan Scougall's strike that trickled past Derek Gaston to seal Alloa's first win of the season in a 1-0 victory. The sides last met at the Indodrill last January when a Kevin O'Hara quickfire double saw Alloa cruise to a 2-0 victory. The other game last season. it was Arbroath who took all 3 points. Goals from Bobby Linn and Luke Donnelly put the home side 2-0 up. Alan Trouten would pull one back before the break but it wasn't enough as Arbroath saw the game out 2-1 victors.

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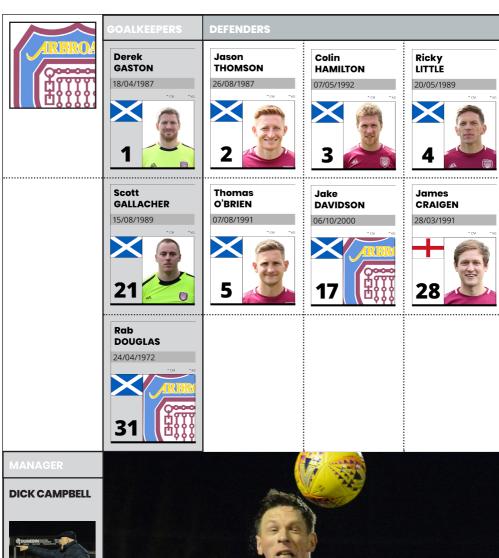
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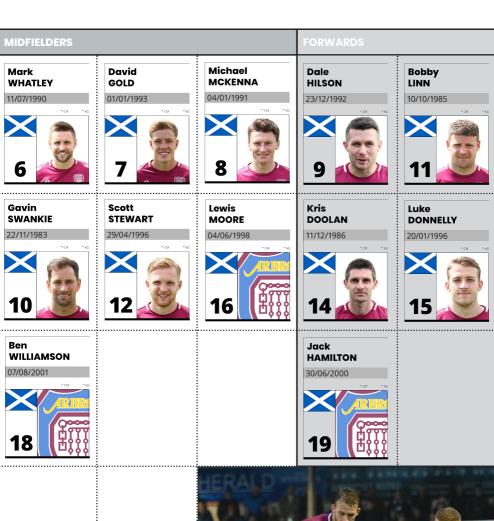








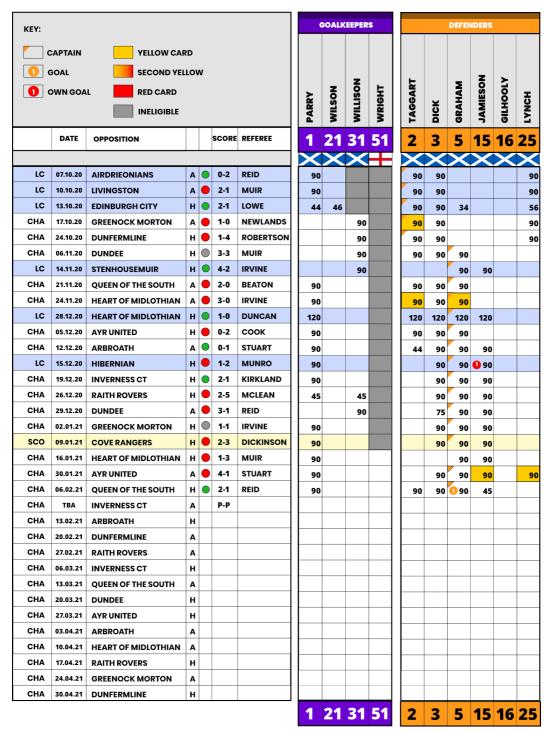




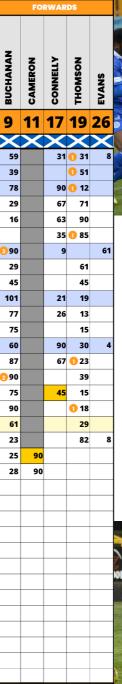








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