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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

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HEARTS	26	16	6	4	59	24	35	54
RAITH ROVERS	26	12	7	7	45	32	13	43
DUNDEE	26	11	9	6	47	40	7	42
DUNFERMLINE	26	10	9	7	38	33	5	39
INVERNESS CT	26	8	11	7	34	29	5	35
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	26	9	5	12	38	49	-11	32
ARBROATH	26	7	8	11	28	34	-6	29
AYR UNITED	26	6	10	10	29	35	-6	28
GREENOCK MORTON	26	6	10	10	22	33	-11	28
ALLOA ATHLETIC	26	4	7	15	29	60	-31	19

## WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

### CHAMPIONSHIP

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

### LEAGUE 1

CLYDE	DUMBARTON
COVE RANGERS	AIRDRIEONIANS
FALKIRK	MONTROSE
PETERHEAD	FORFAR ATHLETIC

### PREMIERSHIP

DUNDEE UNITED	ROSS COUNTY
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MOTHERWELL	KILMARNOCK
ST MIRREN	HAMILTON ACCIES
RANGERS	CELTIC

### LEAGUE 2

ALBION ROVERS	BRECHIN CITY
ANNAN ATHLETIC	COWDENBEATH
EDINBURGH CITY	ELGIN CITY
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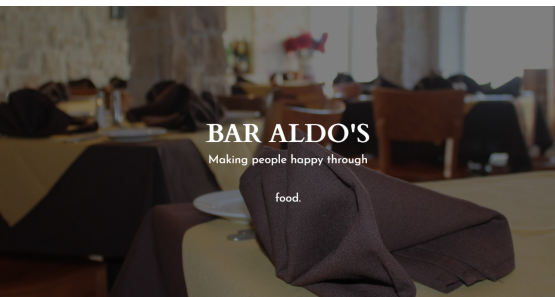
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## GOALKEEPERS

**Neil PARRY**

08/11/1985

195 CM 95 KG



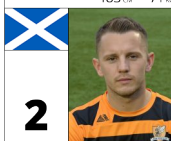
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## DEFENDERS

**Scott TAGGART**

27/12/1991

183 CM 71 KG

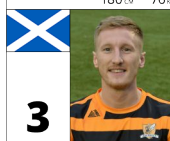


**2**

**Liam DICK**

19/08/1995

180 CM 76 KG



**3**

**Andy GRAHAM**

22/09/1983

188 CM 83 KG



**5**

## MATCH

most appearances

Cawley	374
Taggart	204
Hetherington	202
Graham	192
Robertson	188

## GOALS

Cawley	66
Trouten	40
Buchanan	27
Graham	13
Thomson	12

**Andy WILSON**

22/04/1998

190 CM 70 KG

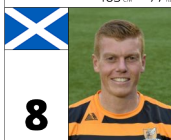


**21**

**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

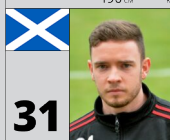


**24**

**Reece WILLISON**

27/05/1999

190 CM 77 KG

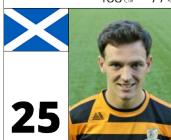


**31**

**Edin LYNCH**

07/08/2000

188 CM 77 KG



**25**

## MANAGER

**PETER GRANT**



MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS		
<div>Steven HETHERINGTON</div> <div>09/03/1993</div> <div>180 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Kevin CAWLEY</div> <div>17/03/1989</div> <div>170 cm 64 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Stefan SCOUGALL</div> <div>07/12/1992</div> <div>170 cm 64 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Liam BUCHANAN</div> <div>27/03/1985</div> <div>175 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Alan TROUTEN</div> <div>08/11/1985</div> <div>173 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	
<div>Adam BROWN</div> <div>09/06/1995</div> <div>175 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Blair MALCOLM</div> <div>03/02/1997</div> <div>180 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Cameron O'DONNELL</div> <div>29/09/2001</div> <div>180 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Innes CAMERON</div> <div>22/08/2000</div> <div>188 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Lee CONNELLY</div> <div>18/10/1999</div> <div>170 cm 58 kg</div> <div></div>	
<div>Ray GRANT</div> <div>01/09/1996</div> <div>178 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Innes MURRAY</div> <div>17/02/1998</div> <div>180 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>		<div>Robert THOMSON</div> <div>28/05/1993</div> <div>188 cm 83 kg</div> <div></div>	<div>Liam EVANS</div> <div>17/11/2001</div> <div>190 cm 70 kg</div> <div></div>	
					





**PETER GRANT**



# MANAGERS NOTES

Good evening everyone,

It goes without saying it's been a very difficult few weeks culminating in a relegation that obviously no one wanted. As manager I have to take full responsibility and subsequently that's why I informed the chairman of my intention to leave the club. It's a

decision that wasn't taken lightly, as I can honestly say with my hand on my heart, that I have enjoyed every single moment. I have a fantastic relationship with the chairman and long may that continue. Paddy has been a fantastic assistant and a great support. Alan, Stuart and Cammy have been a fantastic help and



two guys I must mention Pat and Tony who are a massive part of the support team and it couldn't work without them and their tireless work in making sure everything is in place. I have met so many wonderful people at the club and hopefully we will remain friends forevermore.

On to the most important thing the match, against Raith and Morton I was very pleased with the players performance, circumstances in both games seem to have followed us all season anyone who watched both games would surely agree, but I will leave what I think about the decisions, as I don't want a suspension!

Last but not least I would like to thank every single player who I have coached during my period here. Their attitude and commitment has been excellent and I'm proud of the messages from supporters, managers and players of other clubs who been in touch to let me know how much they have enjoyed watching us play. Obviously, it's small consolation when you get relegated but it also fills me with pride that these players deserve great credit for the way they represent Alloa Athletic Football Club.

To all supporters of this fantastic club I would like to say it's been an honour and



a privilege to represent you and I wish you nothing but success. You have been sadly missed. Managers and players pass through, names on the backs change, but the badge on the

front is what you play for. Thank you.

**ENJOY THE GAME  
AND SUPPORT THE  
PLAYERS ALWAYS**

**PETER**





KIEREN MOONEY

THE GOOD,  
THE BAD,  
& THE CRAZY OF

# PETER GRANT'S REIGN



Last Wednesday afternoon saw the news break from Alloa that manager, Peter Grant, was to step down from his duties at the end of the season following the side's relegation to League One just days before. The writing seemed to be on the wall for Grant and the news didn't really come as a surprise to too many supporters of the club. Despite Mulraney's persuasion tactics and attempts to get Grant to reconsider, his twenty-four month stint will come to an end against Dunfermline this Friday night.

The last few years have been the most manic the world has seen, let alone football, and to Peter Grant's credit, he has led the team through some

really troubling times well. It hasn't been the perfect spell as ultimately we have been relegated, however, his tenure at the club has had some moments to remember with exciting results, performances and players. This article will delve into his chaotic two-year spell pulling out the good, the bad and the crazy!

It was late in the day when Alloa replaced Jim Goodwin with the former Scotland assistant as he arrived just six days before the beginning of the Scottish League Cup. It was an appointment that immediately raised eyebrows with Mulraney being so accustomed to giving new, young managers their first gig. Peter Grant didn't quite fit that bill but with such

a high calibre in the game, many saw it as a coup that he was able to be lured to the Indodrill. He was now embarking on one of the most challenging jobs in the country, trying to keep a part-time team in the division of full-time teams.

One of the first things he did was bring in Kevin O'Hara to the club, someone many will consider his best signing. O'Hara always publicly praised Grant and thanked him for taking the gamble on him when many had given up on him. A player with so much raw ability had found himself out of favour at Falkirk, and East Fife, but Grant saw the potential, brought him in and brought the best out of the forward.

Fourteen goals and ten assists, which resulted in him contributing to half of the whole team's goals that season, proved to be a stroke of genius from Grant.

The season didn't start off particularly well though, and in particular, a four game losing run just before Christmas put Alloa in a precarious position. With just three wins to their name, pressure was mounting so early on in his tenure. As well as dealing with that, Grant had to firefight with injuries that seemed to be a pre-warning of something that would riddle his whole Alloa tenure. Both Neil Parry and Andy Graham had picked up injuries that pretty much ended their seasons. Losing players of this quality



who offered so much on and off the park, was a massive blow. However, again man management and transfer dealings, which he has been accused of being poor at, came to the fore. Robbie Deas grew from strength to strength at the back and Jamie MacDonald joined the club who was arguably the best keeper in the division at the time.

It all turned after Christmas for Alloa as they embarked on a seven game unbeaten run, starting off with one of Grant's most complete performances in a 3-1 victory at East End Park. After a rocky start to the season, we were finally beginning to see the fruition of this new approach to playing and Grant's style was catching the eye of many. We saw O'Hara braces against both

Arbroath and Queen of the South which would rocket us up from the bottom spot. That never-say-die attitude, which this Alloa side are known for, was coming back and most notably in a bonkers 4-4 draw at Cappielow.

This change in form hit a peak in the final game before the lockdown in Grant's finest

Alloa performance, in my opinion. More exciting talent signed by the manager, in Scott Banks and Lee Connelly, stole the show as we swept aside Jon Robertson's men 2-0 at the Recs. The ninety minutes was a joy to watch and it is so unfortunate we were not able to watch more of what was happening with that team. The league was called early,

Alloa had done enough and avoided relegation in 8th place. Although we didn't play that season to a close, that team was only going to get better and Grant's first season, in my eyes, can only be seen as a success. All of his signings worked and contributed, we played some great football towards the latter part of the season and we stayed up. Can't



ask for much more.

The pandemic gave Alloa and Peter Grant so many mitigating circumstances to try wade through and ones that no other Alloa manager has had to deal with in the past. Of course, every club was going through the same problems, but to try stretch the part-time budget to compete with full-time is hard at the best of times, throw in the financial turmoil, it was always going to be a monumental task. The board, admirably, committed to offering new terms to all the playing staff during the pandemic. An incredible gesture but one in which tied Grant's hands in terms of recruitment from the off. Adding to that O'Hara won his move back full-time which nobody grudged, however, the real tear jerker was the early retirement of Iain Flannigan, a decision no doubt affected by

Covid. Again, Peter Grant was going to have to fill two massive voids. To replace half of your goals and who I, and many, believe to be the most technical player the club has ever had, was a huge task. We saw a few signings in the summer but unlike the likes of MacDonald, most were gambles with young players coming in to challenge themselves with the step up or players who were maybe trying to shake off injury reputations. One of the factors mentioned as a cause of relegation that has been mentioned was our inability to utilise the loan market effectively. We have always relied on those one or two stars to come into the core of the team and take us to the next level, this season we haven't got that until it was too late. On the flip side though, you have to look at the circumstances. Bigger clubs were reluctant to allow players to merge

bubbles, with Celtic and Rangers having next to no players out on loan at part-time outfits making it an exceedingly difficult task.

This season started similar to the last as Alloa fans were forced to wait for the first victory of the season. It was like the buses though, you wait for so long for one and two come at once. Back to back victories against Arbroath and Inverness in December looked like the point that Alloa's fortunes would change. Unfortunately though, only two victories have followed since, both against Queen of the South, sealing our place in League One. Defensive errors and lapses of concentration have cost Alloa many points this year and not many could argue that these cost us. We have never been known to make silly, individual mistakes but this season we have found ourselves having to

score two or three goals every game to win. With such high standards that we have come to expect from this group of players, being twenty goals off our closest rival on goal difference, has killed us.

Alloa did make a last gasp surge to survive and that was aided with a slight tactical change from Grant and the arrival of Inness Cameron, who has scored five goals so far for the club. Luck wasn't on the Wasps side though as last minute own goals went past Neil Parry and wrongful red cards went to the Alloa number one. This season wasn't down to these moments of misfortune but it certainly didn't help. Despite the commitment and effort never faltering, it was just a challenge too far this season. Our slump at Gayfield and Tynecastle was the nail in the coffin for me and to recover from those was virtually impossible. However, we will always have one of the club's most historic results this season to look back on. Grant guided Alloa to our first ever victory over Hearts in the cup and again, an own goal was the difference as Hibernian narrowly knocked us out in the next round. However it ended, you can't take that day against Hearts away!

Despite the undesired ending of this season, I do not believe it was







and worked tirelessly alongside them to help prevent the outcome we have got to. Unfortunately, we got that undesired outcome and that's football for you. Peter Grant's loss will be a new manager's gain as this team is still stacked with quality capable of competing in what will be an extremely tough division next season.

What's next for Peter, I have no idea. I am sure he will find another position in the game up here quickly. A man highly regarded by many with years of experience and knowledge under his belt. For Alloa Athletic? The beginning of a new era. Peter played his own little part in a fantastic era for the club but now it is time to begin a new one. Thank you for your efforts and contribution, pity it didn't work out, however, for now ... onwards and upwards for the Wasps.

a disaster. All things considered, to fall short isn't the worst failure in the world. I would have backed Peter Grant to be part of this inevitable rebuild in the summer, as we have seen that he does have an eye for a player and plenty of contacts throughout the game. Our style of play is always complimented, it means nothing without points, however, much easier to play in a division below when you aren't punished for every mistake and have the freedom to play and take the games to teams. Dick Campbell and John McGlynn in recent weeks have dubbed us the best bottom side they've ever faced, I don't know how to feel about that. No, it's not great. However, it does give cause for optimism for next season. Grant has also done what no manager in the recent past has done to any great extent by bringing

through players from the academy, Williamson in particular. He always championed the academy and giving these boys a chance and has done so with the left-back, as well as Cammy O'Donnell and Liam Evans.

Totally understand why he has taken a step back and allowed for a fresh approach, it does feel the beginning of a new era for the Wasps. Looking back on the

reign as a whole, it has had some glorious moments, like the cup success and performances last season, as well as some real low points, such as Tynecastle and relegation. We've had the crazy in the world of football and from the manager himself. One thing that can't be questioned is the man's passion and commitment to the football club. He kicked every single ball with those players







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**GREENOCK MORTON**

**1:1**

**ALLOA ATHLETIC**



(1:1)

SCORERS

**1:0** 49' Cameron

Fjortoft **55'** **1:1**



## STARTING XI

**20** MCADAM

**2** LEDGER

**3** FJORTOFT

**4** MCLEAN

**5** MCGINTY

**6** JACOBS

**8** MGINN

**9** MUIRHEAD

**10** NESBITT

**12** ORSI

**16** STRAPP

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**17** LYON

**10** NESBITT

**22** EASDALE

**27** HYNES

**28** MCGRATTAN

## SUBS

**31** WILLISON

**9** BUCHANAN

**12** SCOUGALL

**14** BROWN

**17** CONNELLY

**19** THOMSON

**23** MURRAY

## STARTING XI

**1** PARRY

**2** TAGGART

**5** GRAHAM

**6** HETHERINGTON

**7** CAWLEY

**8** ROBERTSON

**10** TROUTEN

**11** CAMERON

**15** JAMIESON

**22** GRANT

**24** WILLIAMSON

**REFEREE:** Euan Anderson

# SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

17<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa  
12:00 pm KO

**ALLOA ATHLETIC**

**1:2**

**RAITH ROVERS**



**(1:0)**

## SCORERS

Cawley **23'** **1:0**

**1:1** **56'** Ugwu

**1:2** **61'** Tait



## STARTING XI

- 1** PARRY
- 2** TAGGART
- 3** DICK
- 5** GRAHAM
- 6** HETHERINGTON
- 7** CAWLEY
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 22** GRANT
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 10** TROUTEN
- 11** CAMERON

## SUBS

- 31** WILLISON
- 9** BUCHANAN
- 15** JAMIESON
- 17** CONNELLY
- 19** THOMSON
- 23** MURRAY
- 24** WILLIAMSON

## SUBS

- 17** THOMSON
- 3** MACDONALD
- 5** MENDY
- 9** DUKU
- 11** ABRAHAM
- 16** SMITH
- 22** COONEY

## STARTING XI

- 1** MACDONALD
- 2** TUMILTY
- 4** DAVIDSON
- 6** BENEDICTUS
- 7** ARMSTRONG
- 13** SPENCER
- 26** KING
- 8** HENDRY
- 21** KENNEDY
- 18** TAIT
- 23** UGWU

**REFEREE:** Greg Aitken



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## THE LAST HURRAH

This evening brings the curtain down on Alloa's latest three-season stay in the Championship. Whilst a return to the third tier is naturally disappointing, it would be remiss of me not to recall that Alloa have been a Championship side in six of the past eight seasons and that in itself is a splendid achievement. In the past quarter of a century the Wasps have now been promoted six times and relegated on

five occasions, which means relegation is not a new experience for many Alloa supporters. It simply comes with the territory and, just like the hoops on the Wasps shirts, I've learnt to take the good times (gold) with the bad (black). For me, this latest relegation doesn't feel as painful as some of the others, with there being a number of mitigating factors involved. Furthermore, during our latest Championship sojourn

there have been some golden memories along the way, such as the numerous victories over Dundee United, the four successive wins towards the conclusion of what became Jim Goodwin's final games in charge, the sequence of 1 defeat in 10 games which preserved Alloa's status last season and some spectacular individual goals this season.

As an overly superstitious supporter, I always

had a nagging feeling that the Wasps would struggle this season – in recent decades when the year ends in a 'one' Alloa get relegated. It happened in 2001 under Terry Christie from the First Division. Ironically our fate was effectively sealed with a cruel 1-2 home defeat to Raith, just like this season, albeit a fortnight ago Alloa were only reduced to ten men, rather than the nine men we finished

with two decades ago. The sight of Neil Parry, Liam Dick and Jon Robertson remonstrating with the referee brings back memories of Gareth Evans, Stevie Thomson and Hamish French doing the exact same thing 20 years ago. The expressions of red-carded Evans and Parry are mysteriously identical! In 2011 the Wasps unforgivably nose-dived during the second half of the season, sleep-walking into relegation to the basement league for the first time in thirteen years – that, for me, remains Alloa's most painful relegation in recent times, albeit it did spearhead the Hartley revolution so perhaps it was a blessing in a disguise. That unfortunate sequence has now continued with the relegation of 2021. On the other side of that particular statistic, it is just as relevant to note that in the past two decades when the year has finished in a 'two', the Wasps have won promotion. As such, in trying to put a positive spin on matters, hopefully that is an omen for next season.

Returning to the present day, I have no qualms with relegation, where ultimately a combination of not being clinical enough in front of goal and some decidedly suboptimal defending meant this season was simply



History repeating itself 20 years apart – red card misery for Alloa in 2-1 home defeats to Raith

a step too far. When combined with the various Covid challenges (including: the decision to re-sign all players being an honourable act but perhaps hamstringing Peter Grant in the transfer market; the separation of players and the camaraderie associated with that perhaps being felt more by part-time players in a largely full-time league), the loan market not bearing as much fruit as previous campaigns and injuries to key players within an ageing squad, it has all combined to equate to things going against the Wasps. Many of these reasons have already been well documented on line, with Kieren Mooney's blog being particularly well informed.

For what it is worth, I think there have been a couple of other reasons too, so far not mentioned. First, the defensive line at times has in my mind been playing too deep, perhaps being too conscious of being susceptible to pacy strikers running in behind. This has resulted in

larger than normal gaps between the defence and midfield and the midfield and attack, making it too simple for teams to find space and play through the Wasps. The deep defensive line also impacts on Alloa's attacking play, meaning the Alloa frontmen were often too isolated when attacking.

Another reason in my opinion has been that Alloa players this season have tended to seek to win free-kicks too easily, which subconsciously or not means referees have the perception that the Wasps go down looking for fouls and that has the opposite effect – meaning the bar for Alloa actually winning free-kicks is that little bit higher, as the referee (again subconsciously no doubt) has to think that bit harder as to whether it is a genuine foul. Sometimes bona fide fouls against the Wasps, especially later in games, haven't been given and it has directly resulted in countless goals then being conceded. My personal view is that had the Wasps

not been so keen to win fouls (whilst fully acknowledging it is part of the game), especially early in matches, then the officials may have been more sympathetic to Alloa's plight.

Linked to this, as a slight aside, it will come as no surprise that Stevie Hetherington has conceded the second most fouls of any player in the league this season (54 in total according to MSN stats, only behind Declan McManus of Dunfermline, who we welcome back to the Recs this evening, who leads the way having committed 55 fouls this season!). An honourable (!) mention to Ray Grant too, who is 3rd on the list having conceded 42 fouls. It is however somewhat more staggering that Hetherington is in-fact the most fouled player in the division too, having been the victim of 69 fouls against him. That's right folks, somehow Stevie has been the receiving end of more fouls than he has dished out himself – his reputation as a combative midfielder



is turned on its head! The 69 fouls Stevie has suffered against him is significantly more than the second most fouled player in the Championship this season, Raith's Daniel Armstrong, who in comparison has only been fouled 49 times. Unsurprisingly the top ten fouled players this season also feature two other Wasps, with Kevin Cawley 5th (fouled 47 times) and Alan Trouten 8th (fouled 35 times), pointing back to my original point that perhaps Alloa players seek fouls too often?

Finally, in a completely anecdotal sense, perhaps Alloa have been harmed by not having supporters in the ground more than some other teams. Although the Wasps fan-base isn't the largest in number, the frequent references by Alloa players in interviews to the loyalty of the support and there being a genuine

long-established bond between players and supporters cannot be underestimated. In a strange way, perhaps the more sparse nature of the Alloa terraces (in comparison with the bigger supports enjoyed by other clubs at this level) back in the pre-Covid world meant all the Alloa players could more clearly see what it meant to the fan-base, spurring them on to eke out those extra ounces of effort which are the difference between a loss and a draw, or a draw and a win. Without fans being in attendance, there has undoubtedly been a greater disconnect between the fan-base and the players – it's sad that any players only at the club this season will never hear the words of encouragement from John Tanner and company!

At the same time, I think the Wasps away form may have suffered because of the lack of

opposition supporters too. In the Championship Alloa had become well versed in silencing the home support early in away games, with that breeding a sense of restlessness on the terraces which often translated onto the pitch for any fragile home side. Without fans, perhaps the home side have been calmer in fighting back against early Alloa goals. The come-from-behind wins by Dundee and Raith over the Wasps could have turned out differently had there been home fans there barracking their teams for being behind to Alloa for long spells. A case could also be made for Alloa achieving better results away at Morton (on both occasions), Dunfermline and Inverness had home fans been at the grounds to witness and react to proceedings on the pitch.

Like several other supporters, my feelings are that this hasn't been a season of complete failure. The margins between success and defeat in football are narrow, the Wasps haven't regularly been outclassed and, put simply, sometimes luck just hasn't been on our side (as it perhaps was during that run of four successive wins a couple of seasons ago under Jim Goodwin).

The coming weeks will be likely to see a number of changes at the club, with it perfectly

reasonable to anticipate that some loyal servants may choose that the time is right to move on. To those players leaving I can only thank them for their superhuman efforts and some of the special memories they created whilst with the Wasps. To those undecided on whether to stay or go, hopefully they will reflect on the loyalty shown by the club to them a year ago by offering them new deals, while knowing the stability around the club is seldom found at other clubs, especially in these difficult times. The recent publication of Alloa's yearly accounts (up to the end of May 2020) saw the Wasps generate a small profit, although the small print was arguably more illuminating to me, with it reassuringly being stated that the board will provide financial support if required to enable the club to meet its financial obligations for the foreseeable future. That simply might not be the case at some other clubs.

Peter Grant has, of course, already announced his decision to leave the club after tonight. I have nothing but respect for Grant seeking to raise the aspirations of the club. Normally when the Wasps are in the second tier, a manager's sole objective and outlook is survival, and achieving that by any means possible. Peter took a differ-





can't wait for the team to hopefully reconnect with the supporters next season, an underappreciated cog which has been missing this season. I take some solace that in three of the other four relegation occasions we have arguably started the following season with a stronger squad despite being in a lower division and have twice bounced back immediately with promotion at the first attempt. Undoubtedly though, League One will be extremely challenging next season. It is a transitional league, where underachieving full-time clubs meet ambitious

clubs on the way up, with the financial clout to rise higher. Together with other well-run part-time clubs, it means it will be an unpredictable and fascinating battle next season. It may take the Wasps one, five or fifty years to return to the Championship, but I for one do not think our days of jumping around the divisions like a game of snakes and ladders are over. To coin a well-used phrase in recent weeks, we will take our medicine and come July/August return with all the early season enthusiasm dreaming of promotion back to the crazy world of the Championship.

ent approach, always looking up rather than down, seeking to raise the bar and doing so with a brand of football which has won plaudits from many outside the club. Perhaps there was a bit of naivety in that approach, with football ultimately being a results driven business, but I have no issues

with the fresh way Grant went about things, with the Wasps just coming up short on this occasion. It happens and I would have personally been happy with Peter continuing in his role next season. Alas, that's not to be and I wish Peter nothing but the best in the future.

Looking forward, I





# APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	22 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	28 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	4 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (2)	0
TAGGART	DEF	20 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	24 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	23 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	29 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	24 (0)	1	4 (1)	0	28 (1)	1
JAMIESON	DEF	9 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	13 (2)	0
LYNCH	DEF	4 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
GILHOOLY	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON	DEF	8 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	9 (0)	1
HETHERINGTON	MID	24 (0)	1	5 (2)	1	29 (2)	2
ROBERTSON	MID	24 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	29 (1)	0
GRANT	MID	23 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	28 (1)	0
MALCOLM	MID	0 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (2)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	24 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	29 (1)	0
BROWN	MID	2 (5)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (5)	0
MURRAY	MID	11 (4)	2	4 (1)	0	15 (5)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	7 (8)	1	3 (3)	1	10 (11)	2
O'DONNELL	MID	3 (2)	0	2 (2)	1	5 (4)	1
TROUTEN	FWD	19 (1)	5	5 (1)	3	24 (2)	8
BUCHANAN	FWD	6 (13)	3	6 (1)	3	12 (14)	6
THOMSON	FWD	6 (10)	3	1 (5)	3	7 (15)	6
CONNELLY	FWD	7 (4)	1	2 (2)	0	9 (6)	1
EVANS	FWD	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0
CAMERON	FWD	14 (0)	6	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	6
CAWLEY	FWD	26 (0)	5	5 (1)	0	31 (1)	5





ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
137 (0)	0	35 (0)	0	172 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
4 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (2)	0
163 (0)	6	41 (0)	1	204 (0)	7
75 (0)	1	22 (0)	0	97 (0)	1
152 (0)	12	39 (1)	1	191 (1)	13
9 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	13 (2)	0
4 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
8 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	9 (0)	1
137 (30)	6	27 (8)	1	164 (38)	7
125 (23)	2	37 (3)	2	162 (26)	4
23 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	28 (1)	0
10 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	12 (3)	0
125 (23)	2	37 (3)	2	162 (26)	4
13 (21)	3	12 (4)	0	25 (25)	3
11 (4)	2	4 (1)	0	15 (5)	2
7 (8)	1	3 (3)	1	10 (11)	2
4 (4)	0	2 (4)	1	6 (8)	1
70 (6)	24	20 (3)	16	90 (9)	40
50 (29)	19	21 (4)	8	71 (33)	27
16 (32)	8	3 (9)	4	19 (41)	12
8 (7)	2	2 (3)	0	10 (10)	2
0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0
14 (0)	6	0 (0)	0	14 (0)	6
272 (37)	56	58 (7)	10	330 (44)	66



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# A FAN'S VIEW

Tonight we round off the season with a relatively meaningless fixture against Dunfermline. With the Pars guaranteed a place in the promotion playoff Quarterfinals following their win over Arbroath last week, it remains to be seen whether they rest up key players or opt for a bit of momentum. Whichever option they decide, the match is sure to have something of a low key feel to it.

For Alloa of course, it was a very sad end to the season with

relegation confirmed a fortnight ago and the announced departure of Peter Grant. The Raith Rovers game pretty much summed up Alloa's season as a whole. For the first 50 or so minutes Alloa more than matched the visitors, and led through a great strike from Kevin Cawley. Then a defensive error from Scot Taggart, excellent up to that point, led to Raith striker Ugwu being clean through on goal. He was brought down by Parry and a penalty was awarded.

The decision was correct, but the spot kick was delayed by loud Alloa appeals. Apparently in the build up, the linesman informed the referee that the jockeying on Taggart was an infringement, which the referee ignored. To further compound matters, Parry was fairly inexplicably red carded. The referee ruled that the big keeper deliberately halted Ugwu with no attempt to play the ball. This was later rightly downgraded to yellow on appeal, but that obviously didn't matter

at the time. Raith scored from the spot then took the lead through Tait moments later with Alloa still reeling from the double blow of the penalty and sending off. As expected, the team went down fighting- but actually had enough chances to win the game. Innes Cameron and Alan Trouten came close as Alloa's 10 men pinned Rovers back, but it wasn't to be.

Peter Grant's departure wasn't a huge surprise based on the outcome of this season. There were many





for the future, and thank him for his efforts at the club.

Moving on to summer and the managerial vacancy, recent history tells us that it's very difficult to gauge and predict who the chairman will hire next. But his record of recruitment in this area is first class, and that reputation ensures the club will receive no shortage of excellent candidates. Should Andy Graham be interested, he would probably be first choice amongst the fans. A hugely popular figure and great leader, he would receive the backing of the players and ensure his influence- such a huge part of the last 5 years successes- remains at the club. There are other candidates from League One clubs such as Darren Young, Stewart Petrie and Ian Murray who have also impressed at various stages of their managerial careers. But there are sure to be some left field candidates, and the chairman rarely utilises the merry go round managerial market.

There's no doubt that the squad needs freshened up, with the average age of the squad reduced. But there are many I would like to see remain at the club. On an individual level, Kevin Cawley has had a great season and is part of the club's recent foundations. And the likes of Stevie Hetherington, Scott Taggart and Liam Dick are simply the best part time options in the country in their respective positions. It remains to be seen if Arbroath can avoid the relegation play-off spot tonight, but if they do I wouldn't be surprised in the slightest to see Dick Campbell sniffing around some of Alloa's top players. Alan Trouten is now in his mid 30s, but I think he could easily slot into a deeper, more Flannigan-esque role at the heart of our midfield. That instinctive eye for goal will never evaporate, so he still has a huge amount to offer and I would love to see him stay on.

It's sure to be an eventful and exciting summer at the club, so let's enjoy it.

mitigating circumstances to this campaign and it's a challenge no other manager has had to face in the club's history. He has never really worked in ideal circumstances. He arrived last season following Jim Goodwin's late departure, and had to assess the squad and add to it as the season progressed. But his recruitment was really good, bringing in Kevin O'Hara in particular who was a revelation. He also had to face long term injuries to key men such as Alan Trouten, Neil Parry and Andy Graham. Nevertheless, Alloa were on a great run at the turn of 2020 and but for the pandemic, being close to emulating the clubs best ever league finish in 1982/83 wasn't beyond the realms of possibility. There were some memorable moments along the way. Beating Dundee United at home live on TV when Alloa played them off the park. The perfect away performance over

the Christmas period against today's opponents Dunfermline, winning 3-1. And perhaps the most dominant and pleasing performance Alloa have produced in many seasons against Inverness in the last game before the pandemic struck. And also this season, the League Cup run to the Quarter Final stages eliminating Hearts on the way.

This season the squad unity has suffered due to the restrictions, but our main issues have been the huge void left by the playmaker Iain Flannigan and conceding far too many goals. Like many others, I would have been fine had the manager stayed on. His recruitment has far more hits than misses. Perhaps though it's better that a new manager gets some time and patience, rather than pressure mounting right away if we didn't get off to a flier next season. Nevertheless, the manager's tenure wasn't a failure by any means- I wish him well







ANDREW COCKBURN



# ON THE 30TH APRIL

## 1997

Sorry to have hijacked this column, (*Editor -John Glencross*) but 30th April, 1997 is a day I'll never forget, due to the fact my daughter Maria was born, twenty four years ago to-day, and ten days later she was at her first Alloa Athletic game against Inverness CT at Recreation Park which we won 1-0 thanks to a David Pew goal and she has been coming ever since, although she says I now owe her another birthday due to the fact we are again watching football and not out celebrating her birthday - what a great

present a victory for "The Wasps" would be for her tonight.

## 1994

The Scottish League was to be re-structured into a new format of four divisions each with ten teams in time for the 1994-95 season, and this meant a change to the usual promotion/relegation rules in 1993-94. Asides from this, Rangers stayed on course for a sixth successive Premier Division title, despite being held 1-1 at home by arch rivals Celtic. Second-placed Motherwell were just four points behind after a 1-0 home

win over relegation-threatened Kilmarnock, Aberdeen stayed third despite being held 1-1 at home by the doomed Dundee, while Celtic remained fourth. At the bottom, the battle was on to avoid joining Dundee and Raith in the First Division. And the third relegation spot was occupied by Kilmarnock, while fourth-bottom St. Johnstone remained in peril when they were held 0-0 at neighbouring Dundee United. The battle for the sole promotion spot in the First Division was now a straight fight between Dunfermline and Falkirk.

The Pars retained pole position after a 2-1 home win over bottom club Brechin, while Falkirk lagged only on goal difference after a 1-0 win at Stirling. The club's finishing in the next six places, would, along with the three relegated Premier Division club's and also Second Division champions Stranraer, form the new-look First Division. It was of course Stranraer's first-ever promotion/championship success, and they recorded a fourth straight win, 3-1 at Forfar. The club's who finished in the bottom five of the division, would, along with the five club's who



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finished behind Stranraer in the current Second Division, form the new-look Second Division. In the former group were Clyde, who remained tenth after a 1-1 draw at Ayr. The bottom eight club's in the current Second Division would form the new Third Division along with two non-League club's. Alloa were currently in the latter group after a McAnenay goal earned them a 1-1 draw at Albion Rovers, but they still had a chance of finishing amongst the candidates for a place in the new First Division. Manchester United, close to retaining the English Premiership title, did not visit Ipswich until the following day.

### 1988

Premier Division champions Celtic recorded a 1-0 win at Motherwell, while runners-up Hearts were surprised 0-1 at home by relegation-threatened St. Mirren. Rangers remained third, despite a 0-1 home defeat to an Aberdeen side one place below them. Morton and Dunfermline, both doomed for the drop, suffered home defeats to Dundee United (0-4) and Falkirk (0-1) respectively. The other relegation place seemed to rest between St. Mirren, who remained fourth-bottom despite their success and Falkirk, who were one place and one point worse off. Hamilton, already assured of the sole promotion spot in the First Division, were now crowned as champions despite a 1-3 defeat at Clydebank, due to runners-up Meadowbank's 2-4 defeat by relegation-haunted Dumbarton. The relegation battle was now a three-way fight between Dumbarton, Kilmarnock and East Fife. The Sons stayed bottom despite their success, while East

Fife remained second-bottom, but still boosted their survival chances with a 3-1 win in a crunch fixture at third-bottom Kilmarnock. Clyde meantime, remained ninth, despite a 0-1 home defeat by Forfar. Second Division champions Ayr lost for the first in two months, 0-1 at Stenhousemuir, while runners-up St. Johnstone were held 1-1 at Alloa, for whom Rutherford netted from the spot. Berwick remained rock-bottom after a 1-3 home defeat by Albion Rovers. English First Division champions Liverpool were held 1-1 at relegation-haunted Chelsea.

### 1983

The race for the Premier Division title had now developed into a three-horse race. Leaders Dundee United strengthened their own bid with an emphatic 4-0 win at struggling Morton, while Celtic boosted their own chances when they thrashed doomed Kilmarnock 5-0 at Rugby Park. Third-placed Aberdeen won 2-0 at Dundee, while they also had a game in hand over the top two. At the bottom, Morton's defeat coupled with third-bottom Motherwell's 2-0 home win over Hibs, meant that The Cappielow outfit now accompanied Kilmarnock down to the First Division. The First Division promotion battle was also still unresolved. Leaders St. Johnstone missed out on the chance to clinch promotion when they could only draw 1-1 at Airdrie, while second-placed Hearts were held 3-3 at home by relegation-haunted Dunfermline. Third-placed Clydebank remained in contention despite being held 1-1 by Hamilton, but fourth-placed Partick's hopes were more or less ended after a 1-2 defeat at Dumbarton. Bottom club Queen's Park's fate was



finally sealed after a 0-4 defeat at fellow strugglers Ayr, who nonetheless remained third bottom. Dunfermline remained second-bottom, while Clyde and Raith, who drew 3-3 at Shawfield both remained in danger, along with Hamilton. Dumbarton's win however, virtually assured their place. Alloa, having successfully consolidated on their return to the First Division, remained sixth, despite a 1-2 home defeat by Falkirk, Campbell netting Alloa's goal. In the Second Division, leaders Brechin clinched promotion for the first time ever after a 1-0

home win over neighbours Forfar. Second-placed Meadowbank also seemed certain of a first-ever elevation, despite a 0-3 home reverse to East Fife, but third-placed Arbroath's challenged more or less ended, a 3-2 home win over struggling Stranraer. Montrose remained rock-bottom after a 0-6 thrashing at Queen Of The South. Liverpool suffered a third straight defeat, 0-2 at Spurs, but as they had already clinched the English First Division championship two weeks earlier, this reverse was rather academic.



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This evening Alloa welcome Dunfermline Athletic for their final game in the Scottish Championship. Tonight will spell an end to the campaign for the Wasps, however, after victory over Arbroath last week in dramatic fashion, Dunfermline are gearing up for more games in the SPFL Premiership play-offs. The Pars started this campaign fantastically well, seeing themselves top of the league at points after resounding victories against eventual winners Hearts and the likes. However, a turn of poor form following that result mounted the pressure

on Stevie Crawford's men to maintain their place in top four with pressure coming from Inverness and Queen of the South. Following a winless run of six in the league, Dunfermline have won back-to-back games now against Queen of the South and last week against Arbroath. Their 4-3 victory over the Lichties put them four points clear of fifth with just a game to play. The Pars sit three points behind Dundee, who play Queen of the South, and would need results to go their way and a three goal swing if they were to leapfrog the Dees.

### THE BOSS - STEVIE CRAWFORD

Dunfermline legend, Stevie Crawford, remains in the charge for the Premiership hunt this evening. The striker was a popular choice for manager having won the Scottish First Division Player of the Year at the turn of the century and being part of a few squads who just missed out at Hampden in Scottish Cup finals. His managerial career started in 2009 when he took over management duties, as

well as his player status, after the resignation of David Baikle at East Fife. It was a short stint in charge at Methil as he stepped down just a year later. Since then though, Crawford has remained in the charge as assistant manager at Falkirk, Hearts and MK Dons. At the beginning of 2019, Allan Johnston left Dunfermline leaving the opportunity to return home available for the forty-seven year old. There have been lots of ups and downs since his appointment, however, he will be hoping to end this topsy-turvy season on a high with success in the upcoming play-offs.

### THE CAPTAIN - EUAN MURRAY

Centre half, Euan Murray, is the man who will lead out the Pars with the armband tonight. Murray moved over to East End Park from rivals Raith Rovers, alongside Kevin Nisbett, in June 2019. This season started in stellar fashion when he scored three goals in his opening five, making him top scorer in the league. As Dunfermline looked settled at the back thanks to his commanding





on loan. A well-known name in the Scottish game between his own reputation, as well as his brother Liam's, this is Henderson's second loan spell after a short stint at Ross County. Since coming into the team he has added a much needed new lease of life for the Pars and already has shown his class. In just seven appearances, Henderson has notched three assists for his teammates and bagged his first goal last Saturday against Arbroath.

East End Park to see out his contract at Tynecastle. The move caught the eye of many as Wighton had been impressing at Hearts in the first half of the season before being bombed out. His debut came against Alloa and that ninety minutes was enough proof for Andy Graham and co. to keep close tabs on him. Wighton opened his account that day with a brace as Dunfermline squeezed a 2-1 win against Peter Grant's side. Goals against Morton and Dundee quickly followed before a four game dry spell. That ended, however, last week against his former side, Arbroath, when he grabbed two goals. With that short barren spell over, confidence will be high again as he looks to go into the play-offs firing on all cylinders.

presence, coupled with his goal threat from set pieces, Murray became hot property in January as Crawford had a battle to keep hold of the skipper. The defender has been injured recently as hasn't made the squad in the team's last two victories.

#### NEW BOY - EWAN HENDERSON

After drama in the January window which saw Kyle Turner depart East End Park, Crawford moved quickly to bring in highly-rated Celtic midfielder, Ewan Henderson, to the club

#### ONE TO WATCH - CRAIG WIGHTON

The man in form for the Pars is another new boy, Craig Wighton. The Hearts striker signed a pre-contract with Crawford's men in January before shortly making a temporary loan move to

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**BY KIEREN MOONEY**



## THE CONNECTION

One returning face who will need no introduction to the Wasps faithful is Kevin O'Hara. The striker had a superb season under Peter Grant last year contributing to half of the whole team's goals with fourteen goals and ten assists. He has had another impressive season with another double figure goal haul, eleven goals so far. Those include an opening day hat-trick off the bench here at the Indodrill in a 4-1 win. Another returning face is another mid-season signing for Dunfermline. Scott Banks who gave Alloa fans a joyful but extremely short spell

last season on loan from Crystal Palace, returned to the Championship again on loan with the Pars. Since then, he has played ten times with just one assist to his name. There are also some familiar faces for the visiting fans. Liam Buchanan enjoyed a successful season at today's opponents back in 2011. He was part of the side that won the Scottish First Division and were promoted to the top flight. During his two seasons there he grabbed ten crucial goals in their promotion and survival push. Secondly, Robert Thomson joined Dunfermline following his first spell with Alloa. The striker signed in 2013 and scored

his only goal for the team in a game against Brechin, which would coincidentally be his next move. Some memorable names that have pulled on both shirts in the past are Darren Young, Stephen Simmons and Graeme Holmes.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the sides third and final match-up of the shortened season. The second game of the season saw them lock horns here at the Indodrill where a O'Hara masterclass was the difference. Ryan Dow opened the scoring for Dunfermline before being pegged back by Kevin Cawley just before

the break. However, just a minute after coming on O'Hara put the visitors back ahead before adding another ten minutes later, and then completing the hat-trick from the spot in stoppage time. The second fixture at East End Park was a lot closer as Alloa found themselves unlucky to be on the wrong end of the result. Craig Wighton opened the scoring, and his account for the club, early on in the first half before lightning struck twice with a late first half equaliser from Kevin Cawley. It wasn't to be a memorable comeback though as Wighton poked home his and his team's second to secure all three points.

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# ALAN TROUTEN

SEASON	LEAGUE	CUP	TOTAL
2018-19	33 (2)	10	9 (1) 9 42 (3) 19
2019-20	19 (3)	9	6 (1) 4 25 (4) 13
2020-21	18 (1)	5	5 (1) 3 23 (2) 8
TOTAL	70 (6)	24	20 (3) 16 90 (9) 40
Apps (Sub Apps) GOALS			

from Greig Spence and Neil Parry saved from Andy Jackson, however Trouten, Hill, Dyer and Love scored for Brechin, unfortunately in sudden death Iain Flannigan was to miss for “The Wasps” and James Dale scored to will promotion.

After leaving Glebe Park, Trouten signed for Scottish League One side Albion Rovers on 6 June 2017. By the end of the season he had scored 28 in all competitions, but Albion Rovers were relegated having finished bottom of Scottish League One, with Trouten out of contract at Rovers, he joined Alloa Athletic in the summer of 2018.

“Trouts”, made an immediate impact at Alloa Athletic scoring in both Pre Season friendlies against Montrose & Berwick Rangers and his first competitive goal v. Arbroath in the Betfred Cup which Alan has had a remarkable scoring record and is still the undisputed top scorer in the tournament Group stages since 2016 scoring 16 goals and made it 17 when he was the Alloa penalty hero earlier this season when Alloa Athletic made history by defeating Hearts for the first time in a competitive fixture when he kept his nerve

to score from the spot three minutes into the second period of extra time.

Alan Trouten was the be crowned Top Scorer in his first season with “The Wasps” and is on track to be top goalscorer again this season.

Now in his third season at Indodrill Stadium, Alan Trouten continues to be a very important player in Peter Grant’s team. Having now scored 40 goals for “The Wasps” he is the 19th top scorer at the club since the end of World War 2 and has sensationally scored in his first competitive game for the seventh successive season when he scored for “The Wasps” in 2-0 victory over Airdrie.

Alan was red carded for the first time in Alloa colours this season when he was dismissed for an off the ball incident v. Inverness CT in 1-1 draw in final minute of the game.

If Alan Trouten is included in the Alloa Athletic team in tonight’s final league game of the season v. Dunfermline Athletic it would be his 100th appearance for the club and a fitting milestone to end the season with hopefully many more still to come.

Alan Trouten was signed by Jim Goodwin at the start of Season 2018/19, however the club had previously attempted to bring the player to the Indodrill Stadium as his goalscoring exploits had attracted many admirers.

Trouten began his career with Greenock Morton back in 2003/04 but moved to Queen’s Park to gain first team football. During his time at Queen’s Park, he won the Scottish Football League Young Player of the Month award in February 2005, and was in the Spiders’ squad which eliminated SPL club Aberdeen from the 2006/07 Scottish League Cup, scoring the clinch-

ing kick in the penalty shoot-out. He then had a spell with Clyde but following relegation and financial problems he was released, he moved to Airdrie United where he again suffered relegation and the full squad was released, next move was to Ayr United on a one year deal where he had two spells with both Ayr United and Brechin City.

Indeed Alan Trouten was to win promotion with Brechin City at the end of 2016/17 against “The Wasps” when Brechin City won 5-4 on penalties in the Play-Off final 2nd leg at the Indodrill Stadium. In the penalty Shot-Out Graeme Smith saved



## GOALKEEPERS

**Owain  
FON WILLIAMS**

17/03/1987



1

## DEFENDERS

**Aaron  
COMRIE**

03/02/1997



2

**Josh  
EDWARDS**

27/05/2000



3

**Lewis  
MARTIN**

08/04/1996



4

**Cammy  
GILL**

07/04/1998



20

**Euan  
MURRAY**

20/01/1994



5

**Kyle  
MACDONALD**

01/01/2001



6

**Vytas  
GAŠPUITIS**

04/03/1994



13

**Ben  
SWINTON**

06/06/2001



30

**Steven  
WHITTAKER**

16/06/1984



16

**Lewis  
MAYO**

19/03/2000



22

**Paul  
WATSON**

20-Dec-90




















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## MANAGER

**STEVIE  
CRAWFORD**













































MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
<div>Ewan HENDERSON</div> <div>27/03/2000</div> <div></div>	<div>Ryan DOW</div> <div>07/06/1991</div> <div></div>	<div>Scott CUSICK</div> <div>08/08/2002</div> <div></div>	<div>Kevin O'HARA</div> <div>11/08/1998</div> <div></div>	<div>Craig WIGHTON</div> <div>27/07/1997</div> <div></div>
<div>Iain WILSON</div> <div>15/12/1998</div> <div></div>	<div>Paul ALLAN</div> <div>21/02/2000</div> <div></div>	<div>Fraser MURRAY</div> <div>07/05/1999</div> <div></div>	<div>Declan MCMANUS</div> <div>03/08/1994</div> <div></div>	<div>Lewis MCCANN</div> <div>07-06-2001</div> <div></div>
<div>Dom THOMAS</div> <div>14/02/1996</div> <div></div>	<div>Kerr MCINROY</div> <div>31/08/2000</div> <div></div>	<div>Scott BANKS</div> <div>26/09/2001</div> <div></div>	<div>Matthew TODD</div> <div>14/07/2001</div> <div></div>	
<div>Lucas BERRY</div> <div>23/02/2002</div> <div></div>				
				

# HT QUIZ

1. WHICH 2 CURRENT SPFL MANAGERS PREVIOUSLY MANAGED DUNFERMLINE?
2. WHICH ALLOA PLAYER SCORED IN BOTH OF ALLOA'S TRIPS TO EAST END PARK TO FACE DUNFERMLINE LAST SEASON?
3. WHO WAS THE LAST SCOTSMAN TO WIN THE SCOTTISH CUP AS MANAGER?
4. NAME THE GOALKEEPER AND THE STRIKER WHO HOLD THE JOINT RECORD FOR MOST MAJOR TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES FOR SCOTLAND WITH 9 EACH?

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KEY:						
	CAPTAIN			YELLOW CARD		
	GOAL			SECOND YELLOW		
	OWN GOAL			RED CARD		
				INELIGIBLE		
	DATE	OPPOSITION			SCORE	REFEREE
LC	07.10.20	AIRDRIEONIANIS	A		0-2	REID
LC	10.10.20	LIVINGSTON	A		2-1	MUIR
LC	13.10.20	EDINBURGH CITY	H		2-1	LOWE
CHA	17.10.20	GREENOCK MORTON	A		1-0	NEWLANDS
CHA	24.10.20	DUNFERMLINE	H		1-4	ROBERTSON
CHA	06.11.20	DUNDEE	H		3-3	MUIR
LC	14.11.20	STENHOUSEMUIR	H		4-2	IRVINE
CHA	21.11.20	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A		2-0	BEATON
CHA	24.11.20	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A		3-0	IRVINE
LC	28.12.20	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H		1-0	DUNCAN
CHA	05.12.20	AYR UNITED	H		0-2	COOK
CHA	12.12.20	ARBROATH	A		0-1	STUART
LC	15.12.20	HIBERNIAN	H		1-2	MUNRO
CHA	19.12.20	INVERNESS CT	H		2-1	KIRKLAND
CHA	26.12.20	RAITH ROVERS	H		2-5	MCLEAN
CHA	29.12.20	DUNDEE	A		3-1	REID
CHA	02.01.21	GREENOCK MORTON	H		1-1	IRVINE
SCO	09.01.21	COVE RANGERS	H		2-3	DICKINSON
CHA	16.01.21	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	H		1-3	MUIR
CHA	30.01.21	AYR UNITED	A		4-1	STUART
CHA	06.02.21	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H		2-1	REID
CHA	13.02.21	ARBROATH	H		1-1	KIRKLAND
CHA	20.02.21	DUNFERMLINE	A		2-1	REID
CHA	23.02.21	INVERNESS CT	A		2-2	IRVINE
CHA	27.02.21	RAITH ROVERS	A		3-1	KIRKLAND
CHA	06.03.21	INVERNESS CT	H		1-1	MUIR
CHA	13.03.21	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A		2-3	AITKEN
CHA	19.03.21	DUNDEE	H		0-3	IRVINE
CHA	27.03.21	AYR UNITED	H		2-2	MUIR
CHA	03.04.21	ARBROATH	A		2-1	GRAHAM
CHA	10.04.21	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	A		6-0	MCLEAN
CHA	17.04.21	RAITH ROVERS	H		1-2	AITKEN
CHA	24.04.21	GREENOCK MORTON	A		1-1	ANDERSON
CHA	30.04.21	DUNFERMLINE	H			

GOALKEEPERS			
PARRY	WILSON	WILLISON	
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DEFENDERS					
TAGGART	DICK	GRAHAM	JAMIESON	GILHOOLY	LYNCH
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\*downgraded to a yellow card retrospectively.

MIDFIELDERS													
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUGALL	BROWN	MALCOLM	O'DONNELL	GRANT	MURRAY	WILLIAMSON			
6	7	8	10	12	14	18	20	22	23	24			
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FORWARDS					
BUCHANAN	CAMERON	CONNELLY	THOMSON	EVANS	
9	11	17	19	26	
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24	90				
9	11	17	19	26	



### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. ALLAN JOHNSTON AND DICK CAMPBELL
2. ADAM BROWN
3. JOHN HUGHES (ICT 2015)
4. JIM LEIGHTON AND GORDON DURIE







# ALLOA ATHLETIC



# DUNFERMLINE

#	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		
	11	INNES CAMERON		
	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	OWAIN FON WILLIAMS		
	2	AARON COMRIE		
	3	JOSH EDWARDS		
	4	LEWIS MARTIN		
	5	EUAN MURRAY		
	6	KYLE MACDONALD		
	7	KEVIN O'HARA		
	8	EWAN HENDERSON		
	9	CRAIG WIGHTON		
	10	DECLAN MCMANUS		
	11	RYAN DOW		
	12	SCOTT CUSICK		
	13	VYTAS GASPUTIS		
	14	LEWIS MCCANN		
	15	IAIN WILSON		
	16	STEVEN WHITTAKER		
	18	PAUL ALLAN		
	20	CAMMY GILL		
	21	FRASER MURRAY		
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	24	KERR MCINROY		
	25	SCOTT BANKS		
	26	MATTY TODD		
	27	LUCAS BERRY		
	30	BEN SWINTON		
	44	PAUL WATSON		
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