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1921/22

RUNNERS UP

1938/39

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1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap
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	HEARTS	24	15	5	4	56	32	24	50
	RAITH ROVERS	24	11	7	6	42	29	13	40
	DUNDEE	24	10	8	6	44	38	6	38
	INVERNESS CT	24	8	10	6	33	25	8	34
	DUNFERMLINE	24	8	9	7	31	29	2	33
	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	24	9	4	11	37	46	-9	31
	AYR UNITED	24	6	9	9	29	31	-2	27
	ARBROATH	24	6	8	10	21	30	-9	26
	GREENOCK MORTON	24	6	8	10	21	32	-11	26
	ALLOA ATHLETIC	24	4	6	14	24	47	-23	18

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

CHAMPIONSHIP

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		RAITH ROVERS
	ARBROATH		AYR UNITED
	DUNFERMLINE		QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

LEAGUE 1

	COVE RANGERS		FALKIRK
	EAST FIFE		PETERHEAD

LEAGUE 2

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

SCOTTISH CUP

	FORFAR ATHLETIC		DUNDEE UNITED		ABERDEEN		LIVINGSTON
	MOTHERWELL		GREENOCK MORTON		ST JOHNSTONE		CLYDE
	ST MIRREN		INVERNESS CT		STRANRAER		HIBERNIAN
	KILMARNOCK		MONTROSE		RANGERS		CELTIC



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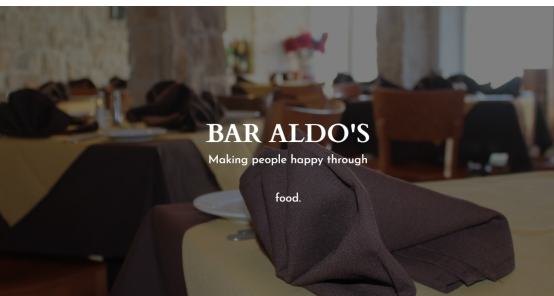
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GOALKEEPERS

Neil PARRY

08/11/1985

195 CM 95 KG



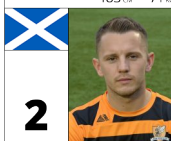
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DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 CM 71 KG

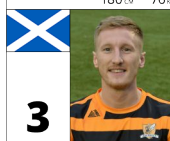


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Liam DICK

19/08/1995

180 CM 76 KG



3

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 CM 83 KG



5

MATCH

most appearances

Cawley 372
Taggart 202
Hetherington 200
Graham 190
Robertson 186

GOALS

Cawley 65
Trouten 40
Buchanan 27
Graham 13
Thomson 12

Andy WILSON

22/04/1998

190 CM 70 KG

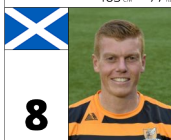


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Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989

183 CM 77 KG



8

Nicky JAMIESON

03/08/1996

190 CM 89 KG



15

Lucas WILLIAMSON

26/03/2003

168 CM 58 KG

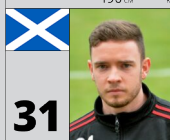


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Reece WILLISON

27/05/1999

190 CM 77 KG

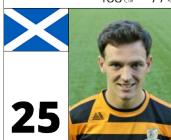


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Edin LYNCH

07/08/2000

188 CM 77 KG



25

MANAGER

PETER GRANT



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



JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

To-day we welcome Raith Rovers FC to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming manager John McGlynn, the players, officials and directors of Raith Rovers FC.

Following the announcement that HRH Prince Philip's funeral will take place on Saturday April 17 at 3.00pm, and following discussions with the Scottish FA and other stakeholders, Saturday's SPFL matches will kick off at

12 noon. The sporting world has united in tribute and continues to pay its respects to Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, following his death at the age of 99. Alloa Athletic FC will pay their respects this weekend as tribute to his lifetime. A national minute's silence will be held at 3pm for the Duke of Edinburgh, who "passed away peacefully" on Friday 9th April. Stevie Hetherington

reached his 200th first team appearance for the club when he plays against Hearts at Tynecastle in last Friday nights SPFL Championship fixture. Stevie was signed by Barry Smith at the start of season 2014/15 and is now in his seventh season with "The Wasps". Stevie is maturing with age has been a huge success for the club and a player who could perform at a higher level, still only 28 years old, this season

he has become even more important at the club after Iain Flannigan surprisingly retired at the start of this season, it is hoped Stevie.

The SPFL has announced that it is considering several issues relating to the Pyramid Play-Offs and that, as a result, it is not in a position to announce dates for Pyramid Play-Off ties this season. The SPFL understands that the Lowland League and

the Highland League have each declared 'League Champions' for Season 2020/21, with Kelty Hearts having played just 13 games; and Brora Rangers having played only three games this season.

At its meeting on 19 April, the SPFL Board will determine whether each of Kelty Hearts and Brora Rangers meet the SPFL's Membership Criteria. Only then will the SPFL be in a position to announce the position in respect of Pyramid Play-Offs this season.

A spokesman for the SPFL said: "Given that there are a number of uncertainties, including whether League 2 clubs will play 22 or 18 games this season, we are not in a position to announce dates for Pyramid Play-Off ties this season. Whilst we understand that this lack of certainty



will be disappointing to supporters of Brora Rangers and Kelty Hearts, it is important that we are entirely fair to all clubs, including the SPFL club that finishes bottom of League 2 this season. Our approach has always been to apply the Rules that have been agreed by all member clubs, as well as the Pyramid Play-Off Rules agreed between

the SPFL, the Scottish FA, the Lowland League and the Highland League, and we will do so again this season."

Despite living in Lincoln, David Gregory has been a supporter of Alloa Athletic all of his adult life and has attended matches when possible. He celebrates his 60th birthday today 17th April and hopes for

a double celebration with a victory over Raith Rovers today.

Lucas Williamson's wonder goal vs Ayr United was voted as the runner up in the SPFL's March Goal of the Month competition with 13% of the vote. Hopefully, many more to come in an Alloa shirt.





PETER GRANT



MANAGERS NOTES

Good afternoon everyone,

Hope you and all your loved ones are safe and well. It's been a very difficult few weeks results wise to say the least and obviously everyone is bitterly disappointed. I thought the we deserved much more than we got at Arbroath and in the 1st half against

Hearts we had arguably the better chances. Even going in at the break 2-0 I genuinely believed we could get at least a point, but unfortunately when we lost the 3rd, I felt we let ourselves down badly with some horrible decisions. We go into today's game knowing what we have to do, we are playing against a team in



Raith Rovers who I believe have been the best in the division this season and we will have to be at our best. I have great belief in this group of players I know they are capable of top quality performances I know how much they are hurting and how desperate they are to win games of football, but they also know nothing is a given and you have to earn it.

I would like to welcome John and Paul and all Raith Rovers staff and players and congratulate them on there performances this season, hopefully we can show everyone how good a team we are and get the positive result we all want.

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

PETER





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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

9th April 2021
Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh
7:45 pm KO

HEARTS

6:0

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(2:0)

SCORERS

Boyce **26'** **1:0**

Boyce **32'** **2:0**

Henderson **51'** **3:0**

Boyce **53'** **4:0**

McEneff **71'** **5:0**

Walker **88'** **6:0**



STARTING XI

- 1 GORDON**
- 2 SMITH**
- 4 SOUTTAR**
- 5 HARING**
- 9 GNANDUILLET**
- 10 BOYCE**
- 12 LOGAN**
- 16 HALLIDAY**
- 18 MCENEFF**
- 26 HALKETT**
- 31 HENDERSON**

SUBS

- 13 STEWART**
- 7 WALKER**
- 14 NAISMITH**
- 17 MACKAY-STEVEN**
- 19 IRVING**
- 24 FREAR**
- 28 POPESCU**

SUBS

- 31 WILLISON**
- 9 BUCHANAN**
- 12 SCOUGALL**
- 15 JAMIESON**
- 17 CONNELLY**
- 19 THOMSON**
- 23 MURRAY**

STARTING XI

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

REFEREE: Steven Maclean

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd April 2021
Gayfield Park, Arbroath
3:00 pm KO

ARBROATH

2:1

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(0:0)

SCORERS

J.Hamilton **59'** **1:0**

1:1 **64'** Trouten

Gold **83'** **2:1**



STARTING XI

- 1** GASTON
- 2** THOMSON
- 3** HAMILTON
- 4** LITTLE
- 5** O'BRIEN
- 7** GOLD
- 17** LOW
- 18** WILLIAMSON
- 19** HAMILTON
- 14** DOOLAN
- 16** MOORE

SUBS

- 6** WHATLEY
- 8** MCKENNA
- 9** HILSON
- 12** STEWART
- 22** PIGNATIELLO
- 28** CRAIGEN
- 21** GALLACHER

SUBS

- 31** WILLISON
- 9** BUCHANAN
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 15** JAMIESON
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- 19** THOMSON
- 23** MURRAY

STARTING XI

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- 22** GRANT
- 24** WILLIAMSON

REFEREE: Greg Aitken

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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

We recognise -

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- 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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- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of incidents of concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and that is dealt with confidentially;
- prevent the employment or engagement of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting procedures

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HETHERINGTON REACHES 200 GAMES

Clackmannanshire, together with Fife, is said to be the birthplace of Scottish whisky, with Kennetpans Distillery the largest distillery in the country in the 18th century, Alloa being the birthplace of John Jameson (the founder of Jameson Irish Whiskey), the vast Carsebridge and Cambus Distilleries, and to this day Diageo having an extensive footprint in the Wee County. Whisky gets better with age and the

same can be said of the Alloa career of Stevie Hetherington, who last week made his landmark 200th appearance for the Wasps. Having been a fringe player in his early days at the club, Hetherington has matured into a fine midfielder who is now an essential ingredient in this Alloa team. To mark this milestone appearance it is only fitting to delve into Stevie's Alloa career, with the end of his seventh season

with the club now fast approaching.

Hetherington was a Barry Smith signing back in the summer of 2014, with the then 21-year old having had a nomadic start to his career, having already clocked up spells with Rangers, Motherwell, Airdrie (loan), Celtic Nation and Crook Town. Smith's preference for a settled team meant Hetherington was largely a 'bench warmer'

during his early months at the club. However, a November injury and illness crisis saw the Hartlepool born player drafted into the starting line-up for the derby match against Falkirk and this began a sequence of five successive starts. That spell coincided with one of the most memorable matches in the club's history; the famous 3-2 comeback victory over Rangers to earn a place in the Chal-

lenge Cup final. Stevie was diligent in his left midfield role, assisting the crowning moment with an arrow-like low cross directly into Greig Spence's path for the last minute winner, with the ensuing bedlam - incredible! Shortly afterwards, Steven himself reflected, "Setting up the winner in the last minute was just the icing on the cake. I hope there's a lot more to come from me in my career but I don't think I'll ever top that night. To beat Rangers for the first time and to come from two down was beyond my wildest dreams." From that high, the immediate return of Stephen Simmonds, Graeme Holmes and Kevin Cawley to the side meant Stevie was consigned to another spell on the bench.

The arrival of new manager Danny Lennon did not appear to signal an upturn in fortunes for Hetherington, until out of the blue Lennon handed him his first start since before Christmas in the play-off final first leg away at Forfar, out of position at left-back. On what seemed like a wretched evening for the club, Dick Campbell's side taking what they considered a commanding 3-1 first leg lead, Stevie was a rare bright spot in his unfamiliar role. A substitute appearance in the glorious 3-0 second leg

win, as Alloa pulled off a great escape from relegation, clearly signalled Lennon saw something in Hetherington, earning him a new contract.

Despite being one of only a few survivors from the previous season, Hetherington was surprisingly only used sparingly by Lennon during the first half of the 2015/16 season, with a single league start. The arrival of new manager Jack Ross in December 2015 gave everyone a fresh chance but after another month of being left on the bench, Stevie looked to be heading for the exit door towards a loan move to Annan Athletic. That deal, however, fell through, with the Valentine's weekend draw with Rangers, perhaps best remembered for Jason Marr being booked for celebrating his goal with his mum, proving pivotal in Hetherington's Alloa career. Stevie added some steel to the Alloa side that afternoon which led to his first sustained run in the Alloa side until the end of the season. In that spell, he scored his first Alloa goal, in a draw with Raith, who we welcome to Clackmannanshire this afternoon, with his Alan Shearer inspired arm up goal celebration showing his obvious glee. Although the Wasps were relegated, Hetherington's late season energy was a source of optimism. The player himself credited



Ross for rebuilding his confidence and making him feel a real part of the team.

The 2016/17 season was another stop-start affair for Hetherington. The form of new signings Jim Goodwin and Jon Robertson consigned Stevie to the bench during Alloa's record-breaking start to the season while a three month injury lay-off meant Hetherington's first league start of the season didn't come until Christmas Eve. A week later, the 'Hetherington Hoodoo' finally ended as Stevie finished on a winning Alloa side in a league match he'd started at the 18th attempt after over 2 years of trying! In the second half of the season, Stevie was in and out of Jim Goodwin's side alongside Robertson and Holmes. Whilst Hetherington was putting in some eye-catching performances, a man-of-the-match award versus East Fife being one example, come the end of season play-offs he only started one of the four matches. Nevertheless,

the decision to release Holmes at the end of the season signalled Goodwin's intention to give Hetherington a key role in Alloa's second season back in League One. On signing a new deal, Hetherington reflected that the season, "...was more frustrating than disappointing in that we just weren't able to get over the line. The team we had was brilliant and the stuff we were playing was superb so it was a no-brainer to sign on again."

The 2017/18 was finally Hetherington's real breakthrough season at the club, starting just one fewer game (36) than the previous three seasons combined (37). Jim Goodwin now fully trusted Hetherington in the midfield engine room and must have looked on with admiration at some of Stevie's wholehearted performances, no doubt reminding Jim of his own playing days! Stevie's partnership with Garry Fleming gave the Wasps a rock solid presence in the centre of the pitch. Hetherington himself

managed a career high three goals during the campaign, with two coming in the space of 51 minutes on a March afternoon at Cliftonhill. Considering Stevie had only netted twice in his first 96 appearances for the club, to score a double was something special. In particular, scoring directly from an inswinging corner was the first example of Stevie's signature move! The season culminated in the midfielder being crowned Alloa's Player of the Season but it was a bittersweet end to the season for Stevie personally. In the first leg of the play-off semi final against Raith, he sustained a season-ending knee injury with his manager bemoaning his luck, "consistency wise he has been excellent, so he is a big loss to us." It meant the popular Englishman had to watch on from the sidelines wearing an oversized knee brace as the Wasps triumphed in

the final on an unforgettable afternoon at Dumbarton. The ensuing promotion celebrations saw Stevie fully involved with his role in the overall success considerable.

The step back up to the Championship didn't hold any concerns for Alloa's powerhouse midfielder, who never shies away from a challenge and fully embraced Jim Goodwin's siege mentality, with the Wasps competing against exclusively full-time teams. His newly formed central midfield partnership with Iain Flannigan flourished with both players complementing one another so well. Getting through a tonne of work and getting Flanny on the ball at every opportunity were core tasks for Hetherington but that perhaps masks his own technical and creative qualities. I always thought that although Flannigan ultimately 'pulled the strings' for Alloa, it was

often Stevie who played more of the progressive forward passes, with his vision and confidence to attempt killer passes being one of his best qualities. One highlight of the season was claiming both assists in the famous December victory over Dundee United, with his delivery for Andy Graham's equaliser being straight into the 'corridor of uncertainty' against a hesitant defence.

Moreover, Stevie also provided one of the most memorable moments of the season as his inswinging corner against Queen of the South caught the wind and nestled straight into the net to secure a fourth successive late season win for the Wasps. Stevie's celebration is still worthy finding on the official Alloa Athletic YouTube channel, with his disbelief at his first goal in over a year and second successive strike direct from a corner quickly followed by scenes of joy as he's mobbed by his teammates. The backdrop of the Clackmannan Road end collectively jumping for joy as the Wasps leapt from 10th to 6th in the table in the space of 8 short days was sensational! The Wasps gloriously finished the season 8th in the table on the final day of the campaign with Stevie this time able to play a key role on the pitch in its final act. It's also relevant to note that

Stevie collected a career high 14 bookings that season, including 11 in the league. Interestingly, Stevie was actually walking a disciplinary tight-rope for the final eight matches of the season, knowing that another yellow card would earn him a damaging two-match ban. It is to Hetherington's eternal credit that he made it through those crucial games without being booked, especially as Stevie's reputation with referees seems to precede him! Reflecting on the season after signing another new contract Stevie's admiration for the club was clear, "It's the best changing room I've played with. It never feels like work and you look forward to turning up for training on a Tuesday and Thursday night. It's such a well-run club and you are looked after so well."

Last season, Stevie was once again an essential member of a successful Championship campaign. He quickly adapted to Peter Grant's early season tactics, often covering the runs of the rampaging full-backs and helping build the play patiently. Particular highlights included dominant displays in the home encounters against Dundee United, snapping into challenges, never giving the United midfield a moment's peace and literally overrunning them on numerous occasions. Stevie's energy



<p>and 'dig' in the middle of the pitch really inspires those around him while his eye for a sweet long pass was increasing. Stevie also put in a man of the match performance on the opening day of the league campaign against Partick Thistle, with it being Stevie's shot which was deflected in by Alan Trouten to open the scoring (Trouts repeated the trick of stealing goals off him this season versus Dundee too!). When the season was curtailed, the Wasps were in fine form as was Hetherington himself. Over the first lockdown, Stevie told the Alloa Advertiser</p>	<p>how much he'd missed the game and thanked the club for their support in offering the team new deals at the earliest opportunity – loyalty works both ways and the mutual respect between long serving players and the club is to be admired.</p> <p>This season, with the retirement of Flannigan, Stevie has taken on extra responsibility and is now the undisputed key player in Alloa's midfield. Despite the perilous position the Wasps today find themselves in, it hasn't been due to a lack of effort on the part of the players. Stevie has turned in a number</p>	<p>of masterful individual performances during the season, most notably in the famous cup victory versus Hearts (Steven Naismith is still having nightmares about one particularly fine challenge!), in defeat against Hibernian and in the February win versus Queen of the South, even when playing in an unfamiliar left wing back position. Stevie has also contributed a couple of goals, a long-range effort against Stenhousemuir to seal progression in the Betfred Cup and finishing with the composure of a seasoned striker away at Dundee (the Shearer goal cele-</p>	<p>bration was back!). On a light hearted note, even with three games left to play, Stevie has also won the 'most bookings' competition at the club, for a 5th successive season! Hetherington has now amassed 59 bookings and 3 dismissals during his 200 games but that shouldn't mask the many more positive qualities Stevie brings to the team. After seven seasons Hetherington has shown great loyalty to the club. At the age of 28 he is now entering the prime years of his career, and I for one hope that he stays on to enjoy those with the Wasps.</p>
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APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	20 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	26 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	18 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	22 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	22 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	28 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	22 (0)	1	4 (1)	0	26 (1)	1
JAMIESON	DEF	8 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	12 (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	7 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	8 (0)	1
HETHERINGTON	MID	22 (0)	1	5 (2)	1	27 (2)	2
ROBERTSON	MID	22 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	27 (1)	0
GRANT	MID	21 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	26 (1)	0
MALCOLM	MID	0 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (2)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	22 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	27 (1)	0
BROWN	MID	2 (4)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (4)	0
MURRAY	MID	11 (4)	2	4 (1)	0	15 (5)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	6 (8)	1	3 (3)	1	9 (11)	2
O'DONNELL	MID	3 (2)	0	2 (2)	1	5 (4)	1
TROUTEN	FWD	17 (1)	5	5 (1)	3	22 (2)	8
BUCHANAN	FWD	6 (11)	3	6 (1)	3	12 (12)	6
THOMSON	FWD	6 (9)	3	1 (5)	3	7 (14)	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	12 (0)	5	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	5
CAWLEY	FWD	24 (0)	4	5 (1)	0	29 (1)	4



ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
135 (0)	0	35 (0)	0	170 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
161 (0)	6	41 (0)	1	202 (0)	7
74 (0)	1	22 (0)	0	96 (0)	1
150 (0)	12	39 (1)	1	189 (1)	13
8 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	12 (2)	0
4 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
7 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	8 (0)	1
135 (30)	6	27 (8)	1	162 (38)	7
123 (23)	2	37 (3)	2	160 (26)	4
21 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	26 (1)	0
10 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	12 (3)	0
123 (23)	2	37 (3)	2	160 (26)	4
13 (20)	3	12 (4)	0	25 (24)	3
11 (4)	2	4 (1)	0	15 (5)	2
6 (8)	1	3 (3)	1	9 (11)	2
4 (4)	0	2 (4)	1	6 (8)	1
68 (6)	24	20 (3)	16	88 (9)	40
50 (27)	19	21 (4)	8	71 (31)	27
16 (31)	8	3 (9)	4	19 (40)	12
8 (7)	2	2 (3)	0	10 (10)	2
0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0
12 (0)	5	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	5
270 (37)	55	58 (7)	10	328 (44)	65

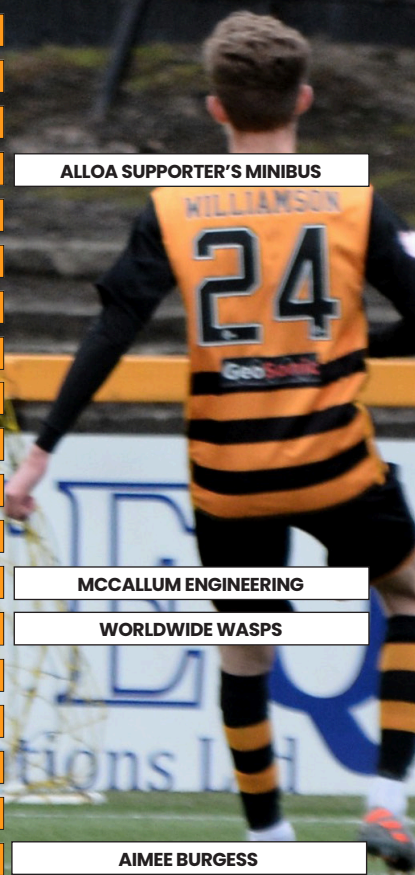


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A FAN'S VIEW

There is no escaping how tough the last couple of weeks have been from an Alloa perspective, as we stare into the precipice of relegation with a few games remaining. It's incredibly frustrating because the Tynecastle trip aside we haven't been far away in recent weeks. Against Ayr United in the previous home fixture we played some excellent stuff at times. Young Lucas Williamson's rocket to put Alloa

ahead was a truly memorable moment, and it looked like it would be enough to pick up the 3 points. However, a freak own goal led to two points dropped and we headed to Gayfield the following week to face Arbroath in a win or bust scenario.

The first half was a virtual non-event in terms of spectacle. There was a lot at stake for Arbroath as well as Alloa and it showed

in the opening period. As expected it was a midfield battle and a cagey affair. After the break, Alloa started to open up the hosts defence with Alan Trouten creating two major opportunities—one going agonisingly wide of the post. They were dealt a hammer blow when Arbroath grabbed the opener after an hour, but Alloa were quickly level after Trouten made his next chance count—stabbing

home in the penalty area. Alloa needed a win though, and in committing players forward were caught by a sucker punch with 7 minutes remaining.

The narrow defeat at Gayfield was close to fatal. Despite Hearts recent woes it was always going to be an uphill struggle to pick up any points in the next game. But for the first 20 minutes at Tynecastle they were the better



also affected form. And the pandemic restrictions I feel have seriously affected the unity of the squad which has been so vital in the clubs achievements in recent seasons. We still have an opportunity, albeit a grain of hope, of escaping bottom position in the league. Eight points behind, with 9 points to play for, it would be a minor miracle if Alloa were to drag themselves off the bottom spot now. But regardless of the outcome, the commitment and desire of this group of players has never been in question. They have provided supporters with some brilliant performances and memories and as such deserve our backing until the last kick of the ball. The core of this team have been at this

club for around 5 years- the team Jack Ross built back in 2016. We do not know what summer will bring, and there may be some major changes in the squad. It seems every second week we have players making milestone appearances, with Stevie Hetherington closely following Scot Taggart making his 200th appearance last week. Obviously we hope some of the real key players remain at the club for another season- particularly when we haven't been able to watch them from behind the goals for a long time. Hopefully this lunchtime we show some trademark resilience after last week and produce a good performance. Enjoy the game.

side, Trouten narrowly close with two successive early chances. Liam Boyce produced a real touch of class for the opener. The second was an admittedly great run by young Euan Henderson, who was impressive all night. But the decision to penalise Neil Parry and award a penalty appeared really harsh, although I admittedly only got one look at it in real time. Boyce converted again, but Hearts had rarely been impressive in the first half and it was a lead they didn't really deserve. The second goal had evaporated some of the belief Alloa had shown, and after 2 quickfire second half Hearts goals it was a case of getting the hell out of there as quickly as possible. Despite the heavy defeat and Alloas league predicament, the trip to Tynecastle was my first away game of the season after contributing to the audio commentary on YouTube. Although empty, I still thoroughly

enjoyed watching Alloa play in such an excellent stadium as Tynecastle. Well- maybe for the first half hour or so.

There have been some mitigating circumstances this season, such as injuries have occurred to key players at crucial moments of the campaign. These injuries have not only produced absences but









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LOOKING BACK

21ST APRIL 1984

In the semi-finals of The Scottish Cup, holders Aberdeen progressed to the final thanks to a 2-0 win v Dundee at Tynecastle, The Dons opponents would be Celtic, who overcame St. Mirren by the odd goal in three at Hampden Park.

With leaders Aberdeen and second-placed Celtic on Scottish Cup duty, matters at the top of The Premier Division

were unchanged, with The Dons two points clear at the top, but with three games in hand on second-placed Celtic. Third-placed Dundee United narrowed the gap on the top two with a 3-0 win v struggling Tayside rivals St. Johnstone at Tannadice, fourth-placed Rangers were gameless, while the same was true of Hearts, who still remained in fifth place. At the other end of the table, bottom

club Motherwell were another inactive side, and now seemed all but doomed, as they trailed safety by seven points, with just five games left. St. Johnstone's defeat kept them in second-bottom spot, but they still appeared to have a chance of escaping the drop, while Dundee still occupied third-bottom place.

The First Division's top game was undoubtedly at Cappielow, where second-placed

Morton entertained leaders Dumbarton in front of a crowd of just under 4,000, and a 2-0 win for The Ton enabled them to swap places with their promotion rivals, both were to gain promotion at the end of the season. But third-placed Partick's own promotion hopes suffered a blow, when they went down 1-2 at Firhill v Kilmarnock, while "The Wasps" faced Raith Rovers at Recreation Park, and lined



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up as follows: Hunter, Martin, Haggart, Purdie, Dall, Houston, Paterson, Harris, Shearer (Cole), Thompson, Lloyd, on the day Willie Garner's Alloa side won 2-0 with goals from Davie Lloyd and Drew Paterson who managed 20 goals between them over the season, however Alloa remained anchored to the foot of the table, now seemingly all but doomed with Raith Rovers in 2nd bottom place where they remained until the end of the season.

Down in The Second, runaway Champions Forfar were held 1-1 at Stirling Albion, who were hopeful of accompanying The Loons into The First Division, and who moved up one place to third. Queen Of The South remained second, in spite of a rather surprise 0-2 home reverse v struggling Cowdenbeath, while East Fife were now fourth spot thanks to a 2-0 home win v another side in the dol-

drums, East Stirling. Berwick still occupied fifth place, despite being held 0-0 at home by another of the strugglers, Albion Rovers, who slipped to bottom spot in place of Cowdenbeath, whose win moved them up one place to thirteenth.

South of the border, it was FA Cup semi-final day, and Watford reached the final for the first time ever, thanks to a 1-0 win v Plymouth at Villa Park, while 1-0 was also the outcome at Highbury, in favour of Everton v Southampton.

In The First Division, leaders Liverpool suffered a rather surprise 0-2 defeat at relegation-haunted Stoke City, but still remained two points clear of second-placed Manchester United, who were gameless. Third-placed Nottingham Forest were held 2-2 at another side in danger of the drop, Ipswich, while bottom club Wolves now appeared virtually doomed, after a 1-2 defeat at Midlands rivals/fellow strugglers

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Coventry. Sheffield Wednesday remained three points clear at the top of The Second Division, thanks to a 1-0 win in the top-of-the-table clash at third-placed Newcastle. Second-placed Chelsea were 1-0 winners at

struggling London rivals Crystal Palace, while fourth-placed Manchester City maintained their own promotion bid with a 3-1 home success v Carlisle.



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This afternoon we welcome Raith Rovers to the Indodrill for the penultimate home game of the season. Raith play Queen of the South prior to travelling to Alloa but after this article was written meaning they could have further cemented their place in the play-offs. Currently the visitors sit in second place, five points ahead of Dunfermline who are just outside the play-offs. All going well for John McGlynn's men they could secure their spot in the play-offs today with two games to spare. Rovers have been a surprise package

for many after returning to the Championship as champions last year. A squad stacked with talent have caught the eye with fantastic results, such as their 5-1 hammering in the Fife Derby against Dunfermline last week. As we approach the business end of the season, they will be looking to replicate Livingston and make their way to the Premiership thanks to back-to-back promotions.

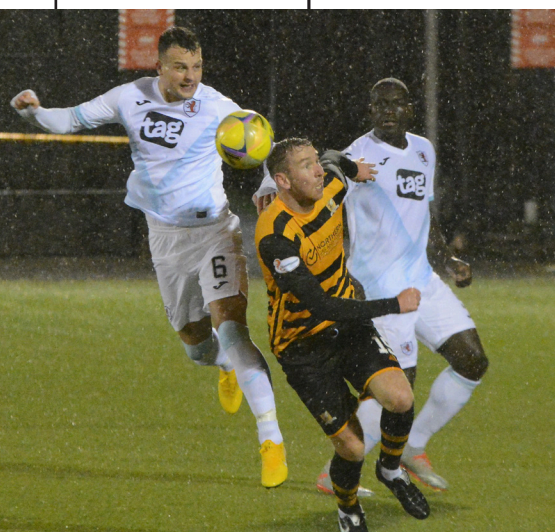
THE BOSS - JOHN MCGLYNN

Raith Rovers are led by experienced manager, John McGlynn. The midfielder had a very short stint at senior football with Berwick Rangers before dropping down to Juniors for the rest of his playing days. It was in the junior leagues he was given his first opportunities in management with Easthouses Lily and local club, Musselburgh Athletic. McGlynn was also associated with Heart of Midlothian in 1996, helping with the reserve sides. Eventually he would work his way up to the senior team and took them in his own right twice

as caretaker manager. He ended his ten-year stint at Tynecastle when he joined Raith Rovers at the end of 2006. McGlynn guided them to a Second Division title in his second season, as well as a trip to Hampden in the Scottish Cup semi-final, before moving back to Hearts six years later. That stint with Hearts was burdened with financial trouble but did enjoy European success, most notably being in charge in the tight defeat to Liverpool. Spells at Livingston and Celtic as a scout followed before he returned to Raith Rovers in 2018 and won back their Championship status.

THE CAPTAIN - KYLE BENEDICTUS

Kyle Benedictus is the man with the armband this afternoon for the visitors. A name familiar to Wasps fans after his successful stint on loan at the club in the 2014/15 season. Notable goals in the play-off success against Brechin and Forfar went a long way in surviving that year. After his loan spell at Alloa, he departed Dundee and signed for





January as he departed Inverness looking for a move closer to home in Glasgow. Raith Rovers snapped up the Rangers forward in the window and he went straight into the squad to play Hearts. It was the perfect start to his time at Starks Park as he notched two assists in their 3-2 victory over the champions. Just a week later he would open his Raith Rovers account grabbing a goal, as well as another assist, in a 3-1 win over Dundee. Kennedy is highly rated by the Ibrox side having recently signed a new deal until the summer of 2023 and has represented Scotland at every youth level, before being promoted to the under-21 squad last November. It has been a dry spell for Kennedy recently with his last

goal contribution coming against Alloa back in February in a 3-1 win. He will be looking to rediscover his early form as his side gather momentum for the final promotion push.

ONE TO WATCH - LEWIS VAUGHAN

Raith Rovers have several attacking outlets that will cause concern for Peter Grant's men, but none more so than Lewis Vaughan. The striker has been at the club since the under-14 age group and made his senior debut in 2012. Vaughan has always been associated with goals but has had the most unfortunate luck with injuries. Not many players will suffer ACL injuries in their career, however, Vaughan has suffered three separate injuries in that depart-

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Raith Rovers in 2015. Since signing on at Starks Park, Benedictus has become a fan-favourite leading the team to their League One title win last season and playing a key part in their fantastic season this year. The commanding centre-half

has played twenty-one times in the heart of defence this season, as well as bagging two goals.

NEW BOY - KAI KENNEDY

Exciting winger, Kai Kennedy, made a Championship switch in



BY KIEREN MOONEY

ment. Two have been in his right knee and one in his left, leaving him to miss several months in 2015 and twice in 2019. The 25-year old's season started in January after he got his first start since September 2019 against Hearts. The forward is beginning to look more like his old self after scoring a brace against Dunfermline and Livingston in recent weeks.

THE CONNECTION

One of the returning faces has already been highlighted in Kyle Benedictus who spent time out on loan here six years ago. Another returning face also spent time out on loan at the Indodrill last sea-

son. Jamie MacDonald answered Alloa's S.O.S. when Neil Parry suffered a major injury set-back with his hamstring. Although just a short spell at the club, that was abruptly ended by another injury, he showed his class with extremely impressive performances between the sticks and did play a big part in the club beating the drop. The only player in the Alloa ranks playing against his former side is Liam Buchanan. The veteran forward made the switch to Starks Park after winning the league with Livingston. Despite not achieving the over-arching aim of promotion, Buchanan still managed to grab twenty two goals in his time at the club.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the third meeting of the teams this afternoon. Raith Rovers have enjoyed this fixture so far, winning both the games comfortably in the end. The Boxing Day fixture saw Rovers romp to a 5-2 victory here at the Indodrill. Goals from Manny Duku and Daniel Armstrong put the visitors two goals to the good before being pegged back by Liam Buchanan. Lars Lokotsch, who is no longer at the club, looked to kill Alloa's hopes of a comeback with a third goal five minutes from time. However, Liam Buchanan would give Alloa

another lifeline in the 89th minute with his goal from the spot to make it 3-2. A quickfire double in stoppage time from another departed player, Ethan Ross, put the game beyond all doubt, making it 5-2. The following game at Starks Park was another filled with goals. Innes Cameron opened the scoring for Alloa and put them ahead at the half-time break. However, Rovers came out flying in the second-half with goals from Iain Davidson, Regan Hendry and Jamie Gullan making it 3-1. Alan Trouten had the opportunity to pull one back with a penalty but saw his effort saved.

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2. NAME THE 2 PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED DOUBLES IN THE FIXTURES BETWEEN ALLOA AND RAITH ROVERS SO FAR THIS SEASON

3. NAME THE CURRENT REBRANDED STADIUM NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING CLUBS- ROSS COUNTY, HAMILTON ACCIES, DUNDEE?

4. NAME THE 7 SCOTSMEN WHO HAVE PLAYED FOR LIVERPOOL IN A EUROPE-AN CUP FINAL?

ANSWERS PAGE 37



GOALKEEPERS

**Jamie
MACDONALD**

17/04/1986



1

DEFENDERS

**Reghan
TUMILTY**

26/02/1997



2

**Kieran
MACDONALD**

21/07/1993



3

**Iain
DAVIDSON**

14/01/1984



4

**Robbie
THOMSON**

07/03/1993



17

**Fernandy
MENDY**

16/01/1994



5

**Kyle
BENEDICTUS**

07/12/1991



6

**Frankie
MUSONDA**

12/12/1997



14

**David
MCGURN**

14/09/1980



20

**David
MCKAY**

17/06/1998



15

**Nathan
COONEY**

21/02/2002



22

MANAGER

JOHN MCGLYNN



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

Midfielders												
Hetherington	Cawley	Robertson	Trouten	Scougall	Brown	Malcolm	O'Donnell	Grant	Murray	Williamson		
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FORWARDS				
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	90			
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 1990

2. ETHAN ROSS AND LIAM BUCHANAN

3. GLOBAL ENERGY STADIUM (ROSS COUNTY), FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH STADIUM (HAMILTON), KILMAC STADIUM (DUNDEE)

4. ANDY ROBERTSON, KENNY DALGLISH, ALAN HANSEN, STEVE NICOL, JOHN WARK, GARY GILLESPIE, GRAEME SOUNESS





ALLOA ATHLETIC



RAITH ROVERS

POS



	1	NEIL PARRY			
	21	ANDY WILSON			
	31	REECE WILSON			
	2	SCOTT TAGGART			
	3	LIAM DICK			
	5	ANDY GRAHAM			
	6	STEVEN HETHERINGTON			
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY			
	8	JON ROBERTSON			
	9	LIAM BUCHANAN			
	10	ALAN TROUTEN			
	11	INNES CAMERON			
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	26	LIAM EVANS			

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	2	REGHAN TUMILTY			
	3	KIERAN MACDONALD			
	4	IAIN DAVIDSON			
	5	FERNANDY MENDY			
	6	KYLE BENEDICTUS			
	7	DANIEL ARMSTRONG			
	8	REGAN HENDRY			
	9	MANNY DUKU			
	10	LEWIS VAUGHAN			
	11	TIMMY ABRAHAM			
	12	ROSS MATTHEWS			
	13	BRAD SPENCER			
	14	FRANKIE MUSONDA			
	15	DAVID MCKAY			
	16	JACK SMITH			
	17	ROBBIE THOMSON			
	18	DYLAN TAIT			
	19	LUKE MAHADY			
	20	DAVID MCGURN			
	21	KAI KENNEDY			
	22	NATHAN COONEY			
	23	GOZIE UGWU			
	25	AARON ARNOTT			
	26	ADAM KING			
	27	QUINN COULSON			
	32	JAMIE GULLAN			

MANAGER JOHN MCGLYNN

REFEREE: Greg Aitken

ASST: Alistair Mather & Kevin McElhinney

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