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1984/85 1988/89 1999/00 2001/02 2009/10 2012/13 2016/17

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1997/1998 2011/2012

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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

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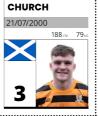


GOALKEEPERS

DEFENDERS









MATCH most appearances

Cawley 374 Taggart 204 Graham 192 Robertson 188 Parry 173

Craig MCDOWALL 24/08/1990 185 20 79 20



Andy GRAHAM 22/09/1983



Mark DURNAN

Daniel



Nicky JAMIESON



GOALS

Cawley 66 Trouten 40 Graham 13 Taggart 6 Robertson 2





Lucas WILLIAMSON

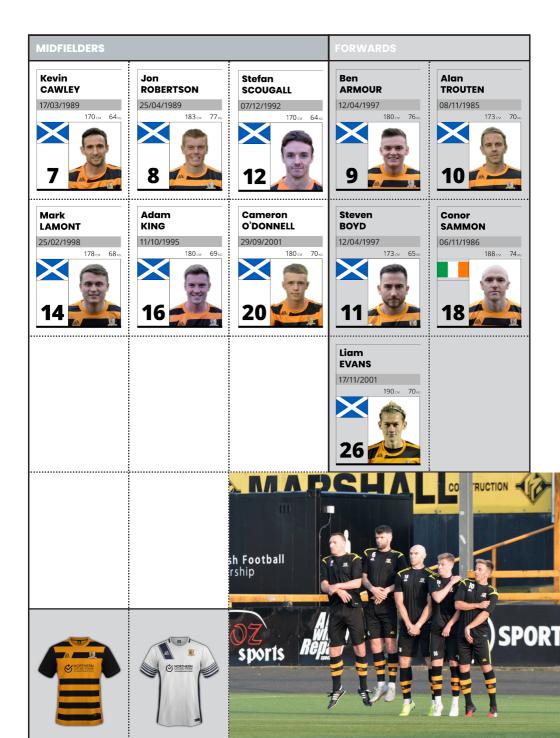


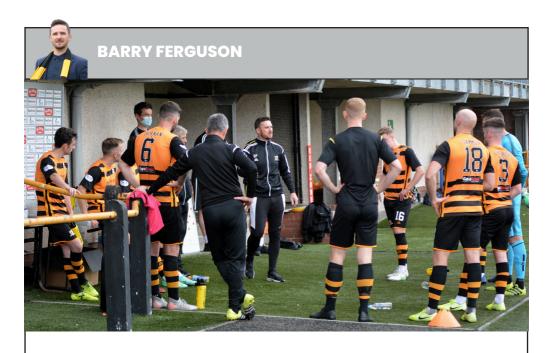
MANAGER

BARRY FERGUSON









MANAGER'S NOTES

Good Afternoon.

I want to welcome Gary Bollan and all of Cowdenbeath's players and staff to Alloa, and I want to welcome fans back to the stadium.

It's great to finally get back to some normality.

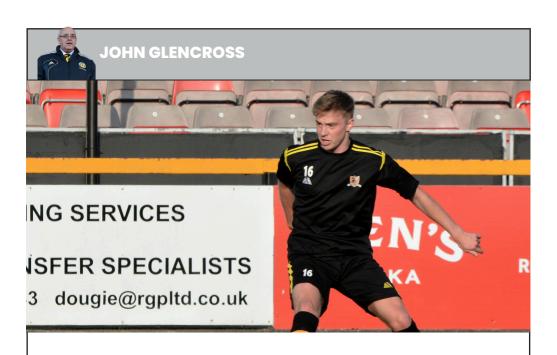
We've been working the players really hard and they're going to continue working hard. They're getting still getting used to the way I want them to play, pre-season's passed so quickly.

The competitive games start today in the League Cup. While we want to progress and win every game, it's still an opportunity to work on our fitness and style, winning League 1 is our goal this year and we want to be firing on all cylinders when the league kicks off in a

couple weeks. We'll be looking to add a couple players to the squad before then.

Enjoy the game Barry Ferguson





NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for a new season and one where we can thankfully have the return of football supporters, albeit in limited numbers due to social distancing as we still must respect the covid pandemic which has been a huge challenge in the past two seasons. We open the season with our opening fixture in the new Premier Sports Cup, new sponsors for the League Cup. We have

been drawn in Group D against Livingston whom we met last season in the tournament. Raith Rovers last met in tournament in 2016/17, today's opponents Cowdenbeath who we last met in tournament in 2003/04 and finally Brechin City who we last met in tournament back in 1975/76. The Premier Sports Cup is made up of Eight groups of five teams, three points for a win, one point for a draw, if drawn game

goes straight to penalties, one bonus point for winner of penalty shootout. The eight group winners and three best runners-up will ioin European qualifiers Rangers, Celtic, Hibernian, Aberdeen and St lohnstone, the current holders, in the last 16. The Group matches started on Saturday when todays opponents Cowdenbeath faced Raith Rovers at Central Park, while Brechin City opened against

Livingston. Tonight while we host Cowdenbeath, Raith Rovers will face Brechin City at Starks Park. Our next match will be against Livingston on Saturday at the Indodrill Stadium Kick-Off 3pm.

Barry Ferguson MBE was unveiled by the club on Thursday 27th May, 2021 as the new manager, when he laid out his vision for the club going forward. "Alloa Athletic FC is a club if you look



at their managers over the recent years - Paul Hartley, Jim Goodwin and Jack Ross, they have all progressed to full-time positions within the game, as has Peter Grant who has ioined Dunfermline Athletic. They've always had good managers who have improved in the game. Once I met the chairman. Mike Mulranev, and was shown round the facilities, I knew it was the right club for myself and at the right time in my managerial career. Welcome to the club.

In the close season Barry Ferguson has started to rebuild the his pool of players eleven players have been re-signed from last season plus ten new faces to add quality, strength and competition to the squad although he is still on the lookout to add the right player if he became available. Joining the club are :- Daniel Church (Midfield) from Celtic Youths, Jordan Armstrong (Defender) from East Kilbride, Mark Durnan (Defender) from Falkirk, Craig Howie (Defender) from Clvde. Adam King (Midfield) from Dundee United. Mark Lamont (Midfield) from Clvde, Conor Sammon (Forward) from Falkirk, Steven Boyd (Forward) & Ben Armour (Forward) both from Peterhead, while Craig McDowall (Goalkeeper) has returned to the club. The players which left the club were :- Liam Dick moved to Raith Rovers, Stevie Hetherington to Falkirk, Edin Lynch to Dumbarton, Lee Connelly to Q.O.S, Adam Brown & Robert Thomson to Stenhousemuir, Liam Buchanan to Cowdenbeath, Ray Grant to Stirling Albion, Blair Malcolm to East

Kilbride, Fraser Currid to Dunfermline Athletic.

The club was sad to announce the death of David Murray who for 25 years served the club with distinction. latterly as an Honorary Director. Some of you will remember David as the Director responsible for hospitality bookings etc. His commitment to that role ensured that the club enjoyed an excellent income stream over many years. David rarely missed the fortnightly Board Meetings and attended all away fixtures. His health deteriorated in the last few months and he passed away peacefully at home on 15th June 2021.

Soccer Club Swap Shop announced their Programme awards for Season 2020/21 in which the Alloa Athletic issue was placed Third Nationally in Scotland and First in the SPFL Championship, which is great credit to all the contributors to make sure we continued to issue in difficult circumstances last season.

The draw for the newly named SPFL Trust Trophy was made recently with Alloa Athletic given a bye in the First Round matches due to be played 10/11th August. However we were in the Second Round Draw in the North section and will meet the winners of the First Round tie between Fraserburgh and Cowdenbeath, with the Second Round tie due to be played away on either the 4/5th September, 2021.

Let's get behind the team today and enjoy returning to getting back into stadiums and appreciate just how much we have all missed the beautiful game.



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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

10th April 2021 Central Park, Cowdenbeath 3:00 pm KO

COWDENBEATH

0:1

RAITH ROVERS















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- 2 POLLOCK
- 3 THOMSON
- 4 TODD
- 5 BARR
- 6 MILLER
- 7 BUCHANAN
- 8 HUTTON
- 9 RENTON
- 10 BUCHANAN
- 11 BARR

SUBS

- 12 SWANN
- 14 CLARKE
- 15 COLLINS
- **16 EASTON**
- 17 MCGURN

SUBS

- 9 KEATINGS
- 14 MCKAY
- 17 THOMSON
- 19 MAHADY
- 25 MITCHELL
- 26 COULSON
- 27 BOW
- 29 YOUNG

STARTING XI

- 1 MACDONALD
- 2 TUMILTY
- 3 DICK
- 5 BERRA
- 6 BENEDICTUS
- 7 CONNOLLY
- 10 VAUGHAN
- 11 ZANATTA
- 13 SPENCER
- 15 TAIT
- 99 POPLATNIK

REFEREE: Gavin Duncan



SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

10th July 2021 Glebe Park, Brechin 3:00 pm KO

BRECHIN CITY

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LIVINGSTON



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11 INGLIS
12 DOCHERTY
15 JORDAN

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2	DEVLIN
11	MONTANO
14	MULLIN
17	FORREST

2	DEVLIN
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7	FORREST
0	REILLY

20	REILLY
23	HAMILTON
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STARTING XI	
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	LEVALIO

10	TEAN 12
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29	PENRICE
0	ANDEDSON

REFEREE: Kevin Clancy

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CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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

We recognise -

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

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

- promote and priotitise the saftey and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults
- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of inicdents 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 wof unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and veting procedures

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

MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN





JONATHAN MARKWELL



IT'S COMING HOME

All being well you might actually be reading this from inside the Indodrill Stadium, with this evening hopefully marking the first competitive match for 494 days where Alloa fans have been allowed back inside our sacred home. How lucky you are! It has been a long wait for supporters of all clubs getting back into what for many is their second homes, a place where there is undoubtedly a special emotional bond.

Take in that breathtaking view of the majestic Ochil Hills, gorge on the tasty scran from Joyce and Steph at the Pie Hut, buy yourself a 50:50 draw ticket and breathe in the action from (hopefully) your traditional vantage point.

For some it will be an emotional evening; perhaps you'll be returning to the Recs but without someone that was usually by your side. The

pandemic has placed burdens on us all, but perhaps just maybe being back inside the Recs is another signal for you that nature is beginning to heal just a little. So, sav hello to that familiar face that vou only nodded to for years previously, make the most of that awkward squeeze and clank through the turnstile, have a wry smile about a disputed offside call and embrace your inner self with the loudest

of ironic cheers when an opponent sends his shot onto Clackmannan Road. In addition. getting back to that pre-match routine of meeting up with friends before the game, perhaps grabbing a bite to eat or catching up over a drink or two before heading across to the Recs will be so welcome to many - put simply. the social interactions and camaraderie of going to the football is often more enjoyable

than the game itself. Maybe too Gerry's back catalogue of tunes over the tannoy from Now 44 will be that bit more tolerable after the hiatus, although that might be taking things a step too far!

For many, being back inside the ground on match-days will be far preferable than turning on the online stream. For many, the novelty of watching games via streams soon dissipated, with fatigue from watching crowd-less games and missing all the usual rituals of a match-day soon coming to the fore. Whilst last season made watching the Wasps more difficult and less enjoyable for the overwhelming majority of Alloa supporters, as a long-distance supporter I actually benefited enormously from watching the live streams. For the first time, I watched every single game of the season 'live', and did so without having to leave my living room. From a purely selfish convenience perspective, that was far preferable to the annual or biannual 800 mile round trips I've been making since 1998 and then relying on highlights or delayed versions of the full games later in the week (as good as they were/ are Lewis!).

On the whole, the streaming experience

WASPTV



was a positive one from my perspective. Whilst the inevitable hiccups come to mind first, (particular lowlights being the jolty camera and the stream cutting out for two goals at Livingston, the Alan Partridge inspired commentator at Inverness and paying £18.50 for the privilege of condescending co-commentary at Hearts), overall the smooth and professional services provided by clubs in extremely trying circumstances should be applauded in full. Raith's coverage was simply outstanding, with it being exceptional in every department, barring what I was watching in the final fifteen minutes of the match obviously. Honourable mentions too to Morton, Dunfermline, Queen of the South, Dundee and Ayr, whose coverage was pretty much faultless too. Finally, a special word of praise too for Arbroath, who became a Marmite production for some Championship fans, but the overtly partisan co-comms from Fermer were simply the natural thoughts and

reactions of a dedicated and passionate supporter – nothing can be more authentic than that. As an aside, Fermer was the star of an online M&S strawberry advert last month – the legend is growing!

Whilst there were some inevitable teething issues with the Alloa production early on, these were soon smoothed out and by the end of the season the picture quality, replays and overall package was at least on a par with the rest of the division. My fellow programme contributors Kieren Mooney and Brian Roach were rightly taking plaudits for their excellent commentary, but they were quick to rightly praise the phenomenal (and often thankless) efforts of Lewis Russell in masterminding the operations behind the mics. Fingers crossed some form of streaming service can continue in the coming campaign for long-distance supporters such as me, as whilst most fans had never felt more distant from their clubs, from my own

minute of every match raised the bar, despite the ultimate outcome of the season. Instead of doing the weekly ironing whilst constantly scrolling through Twitter for updates or awaiting 30 second delayed snippets from Charlie Mann, Heather Dewar or my personal favourite Kenny Crawford on BBC Scotland's Sportsound, I could sit on my sofa and see the action for real. Despite relegation, there were some memorable moments along the way. From the spectacular individual goals from Innes Murray, Alan Trouten and Lucas Williamson, to the glorious historic triumph over Hearts and everything in-between with my cheers at the screen probably peaking at the last minute dark arts booking for Andy Graham during the satisfying 3-2 win down in Dumfries - truly marvellous viewing!

On the pitch we supporters also missed out on seeing in the flesh some players pass through the club. Most



prominently, Innes Cameron enjoyed a hugely successful personal loan spell, but never got the chance to celebrate any of his goals with the supporters. We'll all be keeping one eye on Innes' progress back at Kilmarnock, hoping that his Killie career ignites this season in the Championship. I do also wonder if supporters had been able to watch Raymond Grant's role in the team off the ball, away from the narrow view of the camera screen, some may have appreciated his efforts a little more? To top things off a move down the road means he'll

probably get to know all about some supporters views if he ever faces the Wasps in the future! We also missed the opportunity to say goodbye to some real Alloa stalwarts this past season, with double centurion Stevie Hetherington and the consistently underrated Liam Dick earning themselves deserved moves to fulltime football. Ironically, another of the departing players returns in the opposing dressing room this evening. Liam Buchanan will be fondly remembered by all Alloa supporters, spread over two spells, with it happily fitting that he appears to be bookending his long

and illustrious career with (hopefully) prolific goalscoring spells for Cowdenbeath, after tonight naturally.

Tonight of course also marks the beginning of a new era at the club. A new management team has been appointed, together with a new-look squad hoping to enjoy success in what promises to be a challenging League One division where every team will be capable of beating one another on their day. The beginning of the season always brings fresh optimism, with there being no immediate reason why Barry Ferguson's team cannot emulate the Alloa sides from the past two decades when the season ends in a '2' in winning promotion. It is undoubtedly going to be a tough challenge though, with no shortage of quality elsewhere in the division and some teams perhaps seeing the Wasps as a scalp,

having competed in the Championship for the past three seasons. A high profile managerial appointment will only add to that spotlight being focused towards Clackmannanshire at certain points in the coming months. Hopefully the blend of experienced campaigners alongside hungry youngsters can gel into a winning mix for the Wasps. These early season cup games will be likely to be seen as a continuation of pre-season warm-ups, with time to experiment and tinker before the real action begins with an away day trip to Peterhead on the final day of the month.

Returning to tonight though, there really is no place like the Recs, with its idiosyncrasies and unique charms which make it what it is. I really hope you enjoy every second of returning to the Recs – real football really is coming home.

ALLOA ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB









APPEARANCES

		LEAGUE		CU	JP	TOTAL		
	POS	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	
PARRY	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
MCDOWALL	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
TAGGART	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
CHURCH	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
HOWIE	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
DURNAN	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
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ARMSTRONG	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	- 0	
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	- 0 -	
SCOUGALL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	- 0 -	
LAMONT	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
KING	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
CAWLEY	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
ARMOUR	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
TROUTEN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	- 0	
BOYD	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
SAMMON	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
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A FAN'S VIEW

After a long wait, we are finally back inside the ground tonight to watch 11 men in black and gold take to the field for the first time in 16 months. It won't quite be the normality of standing behind the goals tonight, but hopefully the remaining restrictions we have in place will be short term. But regardless of this, it's a massive step in the direction of the promised land.

Last season I was privileged enough to be in the ground for a huge chunk of the season doing the co commentary on the live streams. and it was something I really enjoyed. I got to work closely with Lewis and Kieren and had great fun with them. as well as getting an insight into the volume of work needed to put on that live stream on a fortnightly basis. It wasn't the same though by any stretch of the imagination. As we know, matchday experience involves so much more than the 90 minutes. Escaping the stresses of the working week, meeting up with

friends pre match, chatting to lots of people during the game and at half time- all of these aspects have been missing for seemingly an eternity. I've been tinged with a sadness if I'm around the town at around 1pm on a Saturday- the regular time for meeting up for a beer in the Station Bar, having a laugh and preparing for the game that lies ahead. And that's before we even consider away games- the wild trips around the country in a clapped up minibus with fellow headcases.

I think it's fair to say the last 16 months have been taxing.

Probably given the campaign Alloa had last season, to say much of it was a struggle as a football fan probably comes as no surprise. However, even watching games as a neutral I've found the vast majority of the pandemic viewing dreadful. That initial run in May 2020 when they completed the Champions League and Europa League was probably the only stage where I found it enjoyable. Viewing the



games which contained elements of rivalry amongst the clubs took on a farcical nature. Leeds vs Manchester United at Elland Roadthe ground would have been a cauldron in normal circumstances after Leeds being out of the top league for so long. Liverpool vs Manchester United at Anfield, United's first trip there since their rivals finally captured the title. Imagine the atmosphere in a "normal" circumstance. And in Scotland, the Old Firm derby- I'm sure Rangers fans didn't mind all that much given the typical outcome, but utterly ridiculous in an empty stadium.

Much closer to home it affected Alloa too. Imagine Alan Trouten scoring that extra time penalty to put Hearts out of the League Cup in front of a packed Hearts support behind the railway end goal, and the jubilation up the other end. I also particularly felt it when I was in the ground for

the quarter final vs Hibs. A last 8 tie, live on TVand as the teams came out it had all the feel of a Monday night reserve game. Alloa were a goal up a half time too- the stadium would have been on fire.

The Euros at least have offered a great distraction after last season's ending. It was great for the national team to be at the tournament, and obviously to take in the games. But it was memorable for me catching up with friends and doing something "normal" again. It was certainly a diluted experience though due to the restrictions. And at Wembley they were all rendered rather pointless when they bottlenecked around 8,000 fans up Wembley Way after the match for 45 minutes to get on the tube.

Whether the outcome of the campaign would have been altered or not, internally there is no doubt the pandemic adversely affected the

players last season. Although I take on board it was the same for all teams, the strength of our team in recent seasons has been built on unity. Training in groups of 3 and 4s, and not travelling together would have probably hit Alloa a bit harder- particularly on top of being only one of two part-time clubs in the Championship. Our form has always been better away from home too, where the crowds tended to be bigger. The players always stood tall in the face of adversity, and also relished the larger away supports at Alloa too- where we tended to perform well

in the games against the bigger clubs. Hopefully tonight is the first huge step back to normality.

Tonight we face Cowdenbeath, fresh from their clash with their Fife counterparts Raith Rovers on Saturday. There was a period around a decade ago where Alloa seemed to face Cowden every second week, and of course both were part time "rivals" in the Championship in the not too distant past. Indeed. Cowdens last visit here was the relegation shootout of May 2015. Alloa won that encounter to relegate Cowdenbeath that day, and they subsequently dropped into the bottom tier soon after. A little hint of danger which Alloa will heed for the pending League One campaign. It's good to be reacquainted tonight, as the matches between the clubs were always highly contested games. Enjoy tonight's match, and more importantly relish being back in the stadium tonight.







1990-91 SEASON A RETROSPECTIVE

Alloa's First Division campaign of 1989-90 had ended in great disappointment, when adjustment to the higher level had again proved to be a bridge too far, the result being an immediate return "downstairs". But with The Wasps having recovered fairly quickly from previous demotions, they were perhaps no doubt hopeful of another immediate promotion, and indeed, the early indications seemed

promising, when four wins from the first five league games saw them in second place by mid-September. Unfortunately, there then followed an eightgame winless league run, which saw them slip down to tenth place in The Second Division by the end of October. Matters improved slightly during the winter months, so that by the end of lanuary. promotion was still a mathematical possibility at least. However, The

Wasps were never able to discover any real consistency in the final few months, and thev thus ended in a rather disappointing final placing of ninth. And to compound matters, their fierce local rivals Stirling Albion were runaway Second Division Champions, though Alloa did delay The Bino's title celebrations slightly, after a rather surprise 2-1 win at Annfield in late March. There was also little consolation in the cups, with Dundee

United perhaps not too surprisingly proving to be too strong in The Skol Cup, while the Scottish Cup adventure too was short-lived, when Highland League outfit Ross County embarrassed The Wasps 3-1 at Recreation Park, in a first round replay. And it was a similar tale in the B&Q Centenary Cup, for after having pulled off a splendid 3-0 home win v First Division Forfar in the first round. Dundee. also of The First Division, won a thriller by



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5-3 in the second round. to thus end any further Alloa interest.

HOME **AWAY**

Albion Rovers 1-0/1-2 1-3 Arbroath 2-1/2-2 1-1 **Berwick Rangers** 5-0/1-1 0-1Cowdenbeath 1-2 1-1/0-1 Dumbarton

0-1/2-10-0 East Fife 3-6 2-2/3-1 East Stirling 0-0/6-1 0-1 Montrose 1-0/1-0 4-2 Oueen Of The South 4-1 3-1/0-0 Oueen's Park 1-1 0-1/1-3 Stenhousemuir 1-0/1-1 0-1 Stirling Albion 0-1 0-2/2-1Stranraer

SCOTTISH CUP

0-1

First round Ross County (away) 1-1 First round replay Ross County (home) 1-3

0-2/0-0

SKOL CUP

First round Dundee United (home) 0-3

B&Q CENTENARY CUP

First round Forfar Athletic (home) 3-0

Second round Dundee (home) 3-5

GOALSCORERS 1990-91

SECOND DIVISION:

Irvine 11. Moffat 7. Newbigging 5 (2 pens), Black 4, Gibson 4, Grant 3, Henry 3, Smith 3, Wilcox 3, McEntegart 2, Ormond 2, Ramsay 2, McCallum 1. McCulloch

SCOTTISH CUP:

Irvine 1, Newbigging 1 (pen)

B&Q Centenary Cup:

Irvine 2, Moffat 2, McCallum 1, Wilcox 1



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FINAL SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION TABLE 1990-91

Pos.		PI	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts
1	Stirling Albion	39	20	14	5	62	24	54
2	Montrose	39	20	6	13	54	34	46
3	Cowdenbeath	39	18	9	12	64	50	45
4	Stenhousemuir	39	16	12	11	56	42	44
5	Queen's Park	39	17	8	14	48	42	42
6	Stranraer	39	18	4	17	61	60	40
7	Dumbarton	39	15	10	14	49	49	40
8	Berwick Rangers	39	15	10	14	51	57	40
9	Alloa Athletic	39	13	11	15	51	46	37
10	East Fife	39	14	9	16	57	65	37
11	Albion Rovers	39	11	13	15	48	63	35
12	Queen Of The South	39	9	12	18	46	62	30
13	East Stirling	39	9	11	19	36	71	29
14	Arbroath	39	8	11	20	41	59	27



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Scottish League 1 Winners* 2011-12

Scottish League 2 Winners* 2005-06

This evening we begin the 2021/22 campaign and the Barry Ferguson era with a Betfred Cup tie against League 2 side, Cowdenbeath, Both sides have been drawn in 'Group D' alongside Raith Rovers, Livingston and Brechin City. By the time Tuesday's match arrives, the visitors will have already played a game against Raith Rovers on the Saturday, whereas Alloa will begin their season against the Blue Brazil, It has been a summer of change as Gary Bollan looked to improve on his squad following a disappointing season. Despite avoiding the dreaded

play-off against Ferguson's former side, Kelty Hearts, Cowdenbeath weren't too far ahead of that pack. They finished 9th last year, a survival success in a chaotic season, however, for a club who were a Championship club not long ago, they will be looking to push further towards the promotion play-offs this coming campaign.

THE BOSS GARY BOLLAN

As mentioned, Gary Bollan will take charge at Central Park this season. The former defender had a successful playing career which peaked when he was part of the Dundee United Scottish Cup winning side in 1994 but it was nearly 20 years later that an even more successful managerial career began with Livingston in 2009. It was the perfect first season as he scooped multiple manager of the month awards, manager of the year and won the league with the Lions by 15 points. His time there ended in 2012 though and spells at Airdrie and Forfar followed in the coming years. When he ended up at Cowdenbeath, just months after his Forfar departure. he had a monumental. task to steer the club away from relegation to non-league. Bollan was unable to get them off bottom spot but they did complete the great escape by beating Cove Rangers in the play-offs.

THE CAPTAIN -CRAIG BARR

Experienced centre half, Craig Barr, is the man with the armband for tonight's opponents. Barr began his career at Gretna and will have fond memories of those days back in 2007 as they lifted the Scottish League First Division. However, after the trou-





bles he found himself let go and signed on at Queen of the South. Injuries hampered his time at Dumfries but his next move would be met with more success as he won the title with Livingston in 2013. Barr moved around every few years playing for clubs such as Ostersunds, Airdrie, Raith and Dumbarton. It was in 2019 that he signed on at Central Park and has been a fan favourite ever since. He has played an integral part in the heart of defence for the Blue Brazil, as well as chipping in the odd goal.

NEW BOY -LIAM BUCHANAN

There are a few new faces at Cowdenbeath this season but the one of most interest from an Alloa perspective is Liam Buchanan. The veteran forward began his glittered career at Central Park back in 2002 and scored over 50 goals in his 5-year stint. 14 years, many goals and lots of clubs later, it seems like the fairytale ending of a fantastic career to finish it back with Cowdenbeath. 'Buchs' will always be remembered fondly for his two spells with Alloa. The first one was mighty impressive as he bagged 17 goals in the Championship, including multiple goals at Ibrox

and a winner against his bovhood heroes, Hibernian. The second spell was positive too despite not playing as much. A hat-trick against Stenhousemuir and the sweet finish against Queen of the South being the moments to look back on. Bollan will be hoping that the addition of Buchanan will add a wealth of experience, as well as lots more goals as he partners up with another ex-Wasp, Kris Renton with both already been on target in Pre Season friendlies, Liam scoring in 1 - 1 draw v. Pollock.

ONE TO WATCH - KRIS RENTON

The man to keep an eye on is that former forward, Kris Renton. The 6"2 striker returned to

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Cowdenbeath following his season stint with Alloa in our promotion winning year in 2017. He bagged important goals that year and most will remember the dramatic winner against Forfar Athletic at the Recs. lust the 4 goals last year will surely be beaten this coming season as he has started pre-season in fine goalscoring fettle. Renton has bagged goals against Pollok FC and Dundee United as he looks to get fit and firing for the Betfred Cup games. No doubt his physicality and goal prowess will prove difficult to deal with for the Alloa defence and with a new partnership forming with Buchanan,

Andy Graham and co. will have to be warv.

THE CONNECTION

Liam Buchanan and Kris Renton's time in the black and goal has already been highlighted, and we welcome back both players warmly. They are the only two returning faces tonight, however, there is one notable name in the home dressing room playing against their former team. Ion Robertson, who has been with Alloa since 2016, returns to play the club where it all started this evening. Robbo signed for Cowdenbeath in 2008 and was made captain by the age of 22. It was a spell full of success as he led the club.

at that young age, to the Second Division title in 2012. That led him to being nominated for the PFA Scotland Second Division Plaver of the Year award. Others include Blair Malcolm, Robbie Deas, Ben Stirling, Greig Spence, Pat Scullion, Scott Gallacher, Dougie Hill, Aron Lynas & Liam Caddis

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It has been 6 years since the clubs played against each other competitively and that was under Danny Lennon's great escape in the Championship back in 2015. The sides met on the final day of the league season in a

relegation decider here at the Indodrill. Michael Chopra opened his Alloa account to make it 1-0 before half-time before goals from Ben Gordon and Liam Buchanan sealed Cowdenbeath's relegation and gave Alloa the lifeline of the play-offs as they couldn't quite catch another club in this Betfred Cup group, Livingston, Alloa had the visitor's number that year winning three out of the four matches. Interestingly, Liam Buchanan only failed to score in just one of those games.

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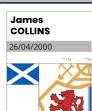
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HT QUIZ

1. ALLOA LAST FACED COWDENBEATH ON CUP DUTY AT CENTRAL PARK IN JULY 2012. WHICH COWDENBEATH STRIKER SCORED AN EARLY OPENER THAT DAY, AND PREVIOUSLY HAD A SPELL ON LOAN AT THE WASPS?

2. ALL OF SCOTLANDS 5 GOALS IN THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE COME FROM PLAYERS WITH SURNAMES PREFIXED BY "MC"- NAME ALL 5 SCORERS

3. IN THE 1958 WORLD CUP, WHICH FIRST EVER OCCUR-RENCE IN WORLD CUP HISTORY HAPPENED WHEN BRAZIL AND ENGLAND FACED EACH OTHER IN THE GROUP STAG-ES?

4. NAME THE 5 NATIONS WHO HAVE REACHED 3 OR MORE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

ANSWERS PAGE 37





	MIDFIELDERS									FORW	ARDS	
CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUGALL	LAMONT	KING	O'DONNELL	WILIAMSON		ARMOUR	BOYD	SAMMON	EVANS
7	8	10	12	14	16	20	24		9	12	18	26
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. LEWIS COULT

2. PAUL MCSTAY, BRIAN MCCLAIR, GARY MCALLISTER (ALL VS CIS 1992), ALLY MCCOIST (VS SWITZERLAND 1996) AND CALLUM MCGREGOR (VS CROATIA 2021)

3. FIRST EVER GOALLESS DRAW

4. SOVIET UNION (1960, 1964, 1972, 1988), SPAIN (1964, 1984, 2008, 2012), GERMANY (1972, 1976, 1980, 1992, 1996, 2008), FRANCE (1984, 2000, 2016), ITALY (1968, 2000, 2012)





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COWDENBEATH



	#	POS		⊕	
$\boldsymbol{\times}$	-		CAMMY GILL		
$\boldsymbol{\times}$	-		DAVID MCGURN		
$\boldsymbol{\times}$	-		CRAIG BARR		
X	-		ROSS CLARKE		
$\boldsymbol{\times}$	-		FRASER MULLEN		
$\boldsymbol{\times}$	-		ROSS POLLOCK		
+	-		HARVEY SWANN		
X	-		CRAIG THOMSON		
X	-		JAMIE TODD		
X	-		LENNON WATSON		Г
X	-		BOBBY BARR		Г
X	-		KYLE HUTTON		
X	-		KYLE MILLER		
X	-		GAVIN MORRISON		
×	-		LIAM BUCHANAN		
X	-		ROBBIE BUCHANAN		Г
\times			KRIS RENTON		
×	MA	NAG	ER GARY BOLLAN		

REFEREE: Callum Scott

ASST: Steven Traynor & Chris Newman

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24.07.21, AWAY, 15:00 RAITH ROVERS ALLOA ATHLETIC

17.07.21, HOME, 15:00 ALLOA ATHLETIC

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