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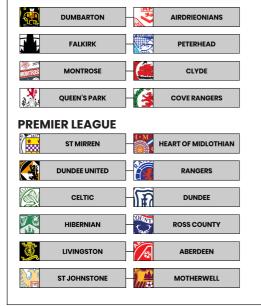
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15	PETERHEAD	1	1	0	0	- 2	0	2	- 3
7	FALKIRK	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	- 1
711	COVE RANGERS	1	0	1	0	- 1	1	0	- 1
SCOTLAN	EAST FIFE	1	0	- 1	0	- 1	1	0	- 1
	QUEEN'S PARK	1	0	1	0	- 1	1	0	- 1
	ALLOA ATHLETIC	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
	AIRDRIEONIANS	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
auta.	CLYDE	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

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MATCH most appearances

Cawley 376

209 Taggart Graham 196 Robertson 192 Parry 174

Craig **MCDOWALL**



Andy **GRAHAM**



Mark **DURNAN**



Jordan **ARMSTRONG**



GOALS

Cawley 66 Trouten 41 Graham 13 Taggart 8 Robertson 4

David **HUTTON**



Fernandy



MENDY



BARRY FERGUSON





MIDFIELDERS Kevin Jon Stefan Ben Alan **CAWLEY ROBERTSON TROUTEN SCOUGALL ARMOUR** 17/03/1989 25/04/1989 12/04/1997 08/11/1985 07/12/1992 170 см 64 кс 183 см 173 cv 70 kg 170 ∊м Mark Adam Cameron Steven Conor KING O'DONNELL BOYD **LAMONT SAMMON** 11/10/1995 29/09/2001 12/04/1997 06/11/1986 25/02/1998 188 cm 74 kg









MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon,

Welcome to Darren Young, the players and staff from East Fife. I've watched their draw against Queen's Park at the weekend and I've played against Darren's teams before and we know they're going to be well organised with good players so we expect a tough game. League 1 is tough, there's a lot of good players, a lot of good

teams and today will be

But it's a game we need to win. We got off to a bad start. I'm not going to kid on; it wasn't a good enough performance against Peterhead.

We didn't deserve anything from the game. It was disappointing. From my teams, I expect to be up for a fight and I thought we



lacked a bit of that but the good thing is we've got two training sessions before the game against East Fife and a lot we will work on.

Hopefully aswell, we'll have one or two players back. We've been missing a number through COVID and injury, so hopefully we'll have a better idea after tonight (Tuesday's) training session. I don't want to use it as an excuse but we've been missing 5

players who would have a great chance of being in the starting XI. We could include Trouts in that, as after half an hour he was feeling his hamstring. It's been stop and start for him and he's a big player for me. Kevin Cawley will be out for another 3-4 weeks. Durnan should be back but we'll need to assess his fitness, the same is goes for Robertson. Taggart will be back in the team.

We'd love to have everyone available and fighting for a place but I'm in the same position as a lot of managers. Injuries and managing them is part and parcel of the game. But again I'm not using that as an excuse. It's an opportunity on Saturday again to show how much to me that they want to be here and how much they want to play for me.

Going forward one thing is for certain. I will

get a response because last Saturday wasn't good enough. I spoke to the players in the dressing room about it. Everyone can have bad games, I get that, but, we went down too easily.

I'm sure I'll get that reaction from the boys and we can all go home happy on Saturday evening.







NEWSDESK

Welcome to today's match against East Fife, who are visitors to the Indodrill Stadium for the first time since March, 2018, to the players, management which includes Ex Alloa Athletic player Darren Young having taken up the managers role at Bayview in June, 2017, coach Tony McMinn and directors. Both sides will be looking to gain their first victory in the cinch league One this season. Last week manager

Barry Ferguson was not helped by several key players unavailable - Kevin Cawley still recovering after recent appendix operation, Scott Taggart at a family wedding, while Mark Durnan, Ion Robertson and Ben Armour all not fully fit. Alan Trouten did return to the side which marked his 100th first team appearance for the club. The manager had the previous week added goalkeeper David Hutton and defender

Fernando Mendy to the first team pool and is still on the lookout for ways to strengthen the pool of players. In recent weeks manager Barry Ferguson has given opportunities to Alloa Athletic Under 20's players Devan McColl, Ben Ramage and Reis Webster to be involved in First Team Match Day Experience. Nicky lamieson has went on loan to Stenhousemuir. while Liam Evans and Lucas Williamson went

on loan to Broomhill (Ex BSC Glasgow), sadly Lucas Williamson has since suffered a fractured jaw which will keep him out of action until the New year. 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, always support the players.

The draw for the newly named SPFL Trust Tro-

phy was made recently with Alloa Athletic given a bve 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.

Scotland Women's National Team fixtures at the national stadium are now on sale, with the SWNT set to play all their home FIFA Women's World Cup qualification campaign matches at the national stadium for the first time. New SWNT Head Coach Pedro Martinez Losa will lead his team out at Hampden for the first time on 21 September when they play Faroe Islands. Tickets start are priced at £10 for adults, £5 for concessions and are free for Scotland Supporters Club members.

Tickets for the remaining home Scotland Men's National Team FIFA World Cup Oualifiers went on general sale on Thursday 5 August at 10am. Adult tickets for the Scotland Men's matches this autumn will begin from £20 for non members. **Scotland Supporters** Club members can already purchase their tickets. After playing at Hampden in front of

a reduced number of fans during EURO 2020, Steve Clarke's side will return to the national stadium on 4 September to face Moldova, before welcoming Israel in October and Denmark in November.

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2:0

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(1:0) scorers McLean 8' 1:0

Payne **63' 2:0**









	NG XI	

- 1 LONG
- 2 MULLIGAN
- 3 CONROY
- 4 MCDONALD
- 12 MCCARTHY
- 6 FERRY
- 7 RITCHIE
- 8 BROWN
- 6 DKCWII
- 9 MCLEAN
- 10 CAMERON
- 14 PAYNE

SUBS

- 27 WILSON
- 99 LYLE
- 18 BROWN
- 15 STRACHAN
- 16 KESSON
- 19 MUSHANU

SUBS

- 21 MCDOWALL
- 20 O'DONNELL
- 14 LAMONT
- **25** WEBSTER

STARTING XI

- 31 HUTTON
- 4 HOWIE
- 23 MENDY
- 5 GRAHAM
- 17 ARMSTRONG
- 16 KING
- 12 SCOUGALL
- 11 BOYD
- 10 TROUTEN
- 3 CHURCH
- 18 SAMMON

REFEREE: Steven Reid



31st July 2021 Bayview Stadium, Methil 3:00pm KO

EAST FIFE

1:1

QUEEN'S PARK













ST	ARTING XI
1	GALLACHER
3	HIGGINS
5	DUNLOP
8	SLATTERY
12	MERCER
7	DENHOLM
18	NEWTON
6	MCMANUS
14	WATT
15	BROWN
10	CMITH

SUBS
4 MURDOCH
11 DOW
16 WALLS
17 STEELE
19 ANDERSON

20 CUNNINGHAM

SUBS
7 LONGRIDGE
8 LYON
9 MCHUGH
12 FERRIE

STARTING XI

1 MUIR

24 DOYLE

6 MORRISON

19 FOX

2 ROBSON

21 GILLESPIE

2 DAVIDSON

14 MOORE

16 BROWN

18 BIGGAR

23 MURRAY

REFEREE: Chris Fordyce

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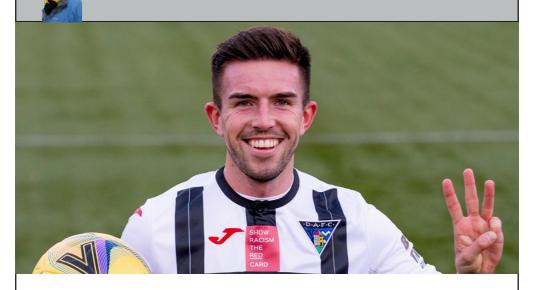
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MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN







THE FULL TIME PLAYER PATHWAY

The close season saw the Wasps lose the services of a couple of key players to full-time clubs. Both Liam Dick and Stevie Hetherington swapped part-time football in Clackmannanshire to the dream of many to become full-time professional players. In doing so they walked a well-trodden road, as since the turn of the millennium Alloa have become a direct pathway into the fulltime game for no fewer

than twenty-six players.

Liam Dick began his career in a full-time setting at Falkirk, before dropping down into the part-time game to play regular football with first Stranraer, briefly with Dumbarton and then for the previous three seasons at Alloa. In the space of five seasons after permanently leaving the Bairns, Dick amassed over 180 appearances, putting in the hard yards between

the ages of 20-25 in his development. That perseverance paid off in the end, with his Alloa form in the past two seasons in particular being a largely unheralded model of consistency, culminating in his move back to the full-time game. During Liam's first season with the Wasps I often felt he was playing with a handbrake on at leftback, with him rarely having licence to push forward in the same

manner as Scott Taggart at right-back did under Jim Goodwin.

However, I think
Peter Grant's tactical approach really benefited
Liam, with him having
far more freedom to get
up and down the leftside of the pitch, showcasing his undisputed
athleticism. Pushing his
full-backs high was a key
component of Grant's
initial tactical approach,
with Liam becoming a
well-utilised out-ball and

being a vital cog in the Wasps play. In time, the lung-busting forward runs were toned down a little more. but it certainly made Liam's performances more eye-catching to casual observers. Dick's defensive qualities also improved considerably during his time with the Wasps, with his spring to attack aerial duels and careful marshalling of tricky wingers meaning he was seldom beaten in one-on-one duels. The switch to a three man defence at times last season also saw Dicko play as a left-sided central defender, which he did with minimum fuss and allowed some of those marauding forward runs into space to be seen again. As such, it was no surprise to me to see Liam be snapped up by a fulltime club, with a move to Raith being on paper a shrewd move by both player and club. Dick fell just short of making a century of appearances for the Wasps (98), with him waiting to what turned out to be his final appearance to score, surprisingly, just his second goal for the club - the match-winning strike in the end-ofseason dead rubber versus Dunfermline. I have no doubts that Liam will prove to be a solid and dependable signing for John McGlynn at Raith and no Alloa fan could begrudge him a full-time

move which kept him in the Championship.

Stevie Hetherington's move to full-time football at the age of 28 was more of a surprise to me than Dick's move. Having spent seven seasons with the Wasps the midfielder felt like part of the furniture at Alloa. with both the player and club having a mutual respect and admiration for one another. However, Alloa's relegation and this summer possibly being Hetherington's last big opportunity to move back into the full-time game probably swung Stevie's decision to make the move away from the Recs. After a nomadic start to his career, it took time for Hetherington to establish himself in the Alloa team, with it being his third manager (lack Ross) that finally gave him an extended run in the side. In the past four seasons, Hetherington became a mainstay of the Wasps midfield, with his all-action displays being vital in Alloa's promotion and continued presence in the Championship. I hoped having made his landmark 200th appearance late last season and evidently being so content in his surroundings would sway Stevie in staying with the Wasps, but he has made a brave move to switch Alloa for Falkirk. The lure of fulltime football on a twovear deal with Stevie in his prime years probably meant it was an offer he



couldn't refuse. I wish Stevie nothing but the best and am already looking forward to heartily cheering when he picks up an inevitable booking against the Wasps this season – if it is unjustified like half his yellow cards for Alloa were, all the better!

The summer departures of Alloa plavers to full-time clubs is not a new phenomenon and actually reflects well on the club itself. With the Wasps towards the upper end of part-time clubs in the country it is inevitable that some players will seek to use the club as a springboard for better things, just like Alloa managers in the past decade have too. I personally have no qualms with this, as to get a move to full-time football the player must have impressed sufficiently to earn that stepup. Hence, Alloa get the on-pitch benefits of ambitious players working hard to attract full-time suitors, with the players themselves having the platform of competing at a good level to help them on their journey.

The well-known fact that Alloa seldom stand in the way of a player wishing to make the step-up (again, just like Mike Mulraney's expectation that his managers will only be around for a couple of seasons at most before moving up the footballing foodchain) means everyone is clear that the Wasps act like a stepping-stone from time to time, just like 99% of football clubs throughout the world.

The clarity of Alloa being a fine 'shop window' for ambitious players undoubtedly helps attract players to the club in the first instance too. My standpoint is that every player joining Alloa under the age of 25 should have aspirations of utilising Alloa as a route into full-time football. My firm view is that if they don't have that ambition they are unlikely to prosper at the club. This applies equally to players making either a step down or the step up the footballing pyramid when joining Alloa. For those making the step down, perhaps having left a full-time



setting as a youngster, it is very much the case of seeking to take one step back to take two steps forward in the future. For those making the step up to join the Wasps, a gradual rise gaining valuable experience along the way is often more fruitful than a single big jump through the leagues.

It is interesting that Barry Ferguson's recruitment over the summer includes a broad mix of players making the step up, or a step down to potentially move forward again in the future. In the majority of instances younger players have been brought to the club, with the age profile of the overwhelming majority of new players being 25 and under (Daniel Church 21, Craig Howie 25, Ben Armour 23. Steven Boyd 24. Mark Lamont 23, Adam King 25 and Jordan Armstrong 22). That points to a deliberate attempt to bring hungry players into the club with a point to prove, to join and complement the established core of a squad already in place.

Any of the new players listed above can take inspiration from Dick and Hetherington, knowing that if they excel with the Wasps then it will greatly improve their full-time football ambitions. The larger sample size of Alloa's full-time graduates from the past two decades. it is evident that there are examples of players using Alloa as a stepping stone or as rehabilitation on their way back up.

Those who were plucked from the lower levels and then utilised the Wasps as a stepping stone include Martin Cameron (scouted from the Edinburgh Sunday leagues and in under three years providing Alloa with a six figure transfer fee), Brown Ferguson (signed from East Stirlingshire) and Daryll Meggatt (signed from Queen's Park). In the past decade the most frequent route has been from being released by top division youth set-ups, to join Alloa and then make the step back up to the full-time game. Scott Bain and Calum Waters are the most

high-profile examples of this pathway, with both having clocked up top tier appearances since graduating from Alloa, with Bain going even further by picking up silverware with Celtic and earning three international caps to date.

There are also a couple of other routes from Alloa to full-time football from this list of examples. There are two Alloa youth team graduates, in the form of Jamie Stevenson's fairytale move to Spain in 2002 and Greig Spence's equally exciting move to Celtic in 2009. Perhaps a couple of the current crop of young Wasps out on loan may prosper on their returns to Alloa and join this category in the future? There is also

a group of those players who only joined the club on short-term deals in-between full-time gigs (Allan McManus, Scott Walker, Kevin Moon, Calum Elliot and Scott

Gallacher in particular). Furthermore, although the majority of these players were still in the early years of their careers, Ben Gordon moving to fulltime football a couple of months in advance of his 30th birthday and Liam Buchanan returning to the full-time game at the age of 30 in 2015 (and subsequently having four more fruitful seasons as a professional) illustrates that age is no barrier to quality.

Whichever route they take, it is evident that Alloa can be a fruitful stepping-stone in many players careers. If any of Alloa's new crop of young signings require any extra motivation for the season ahead, seeking to emulate Dick or Hetherington in gaining a move to full-time football should surely spur them on in the months ahead.

Season	Full-time export & destination
1999/2000	Martin Cameron (Bristol Rovers)
2001/2	Allan McManus (released & joined Airdrieonians)
2002/3	Jamie Stevenson (Real Mallorca)
2003/4	Scott Walker (released & joined Hartlepool)
2004/5	Brown Ferguson (Hamilton)
2005/6	Jamie Stevenson (Morton)
2006/7	Kieran McAnespie (Morton)
2009/10	Greig Spence (Celtic)
2012/3	Jonathan Tiffoney (Limerick), Calum Elliot & Kevin Moon (Raith)
2013/4	Scott Bain (Dundee)
2014/5	Ben Gordon & Liam Buchanan (Livingston), Daryll Meggatt (Dundee), Ryan McCord (Raith)
2015/6	Michael Doyle (St Johnstone), Andy McNeil (released & joined Morton), Scott Gallacher (St Mirren)
2016/7	Jordan Kirkpatrick (St Mirren), Greig Spence (Raith), Calum Waters (Kilmarnock)
2019/20	Kevin O'Hara (Dunfermline)
2020/21	Liam Dick (Raith) Stevie Hetherington (Falkirk) Fraser Currid (Dunfermline)

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		LEA	GUE	CI	JP	тот	'AL
	POS	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL -	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
MCDOWALL	GOAL	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0 -
HUTTON	GOAL	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	1	4 (0)	1 -
CHURCH	DEF	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0 -
HOWIE	DEF	1 (0)	o	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	1 (0)	o	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
DURNAN	DEF	0 (0)	o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
JAMIESON**	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 -
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	o	1 (2)	0	2 (2)	0
MENDY	DEF	1 (0)	o	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON**	DEF	0 (0)	o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0 -
SCOUGALL	MID	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0 -
LAMONT	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 -
KING	MID	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 -
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (1)	0
WCCOLL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
ARMOUR	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0
TROUTEN	FWD	1 (0)	0	0 (1)	1	1 (1)	1
WEBSTER	FWD -	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
EVANS**	FWD -	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
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THE AWAY SUPPORTERS GUIDE TO LEAGUE 1

Although relegation this past season was a real setback, it does provide the opportunity (future pandemic restriction dependant of course) to visit some away grounds we haven't frequented in a while, and others we might have never attended. Here's a reminder of what's in store for the travelling fans, with part 2 to follow in the next edition....

AIRDRIE

The Stadium- A standard SPL compliant build from the 90s, Airdrie's ground is simply too large and devoid of soul to create any real atmosphere. The only romantic aspect to the stadium is one legendary trip for Alloa supporters- the Challenge Cup Final victory over Inverness in 1999 was contested here.

Pre Match - Not a great deal out with a 20-minute walking distance from the ground. The Albert Bar on Clark Street is probably the closest one to the ground, and its reasonable enough. Nothing worth really making a

day of, so probably one for the later commute through from Alloa

Last Visit - One for the laptops due to the pandemic imprisoning all supporters-last October Alloa made the trip for a League Cup group stage match. Despite some early home pressure Alloa ran out fairly comfortable 2-0 winners, A contested early Alloa penalty was scored by Alan Trouten, with Robert Thomson sealing it midway through the 2nd half

Form (Last 5)- WDLLW

CLYDE

The Stadium - See above (Airdrie) but without the happy memory. Indeed Alloa lost in the Final of the same competition at Broadwood in 2001 - a 2-1 defeat to Airdrie. Supporters will also recoil in horror at the play-off semi-final collapse to Clyde back in 2008, leading 3-1 only to lose 5-3 in extra time

Pre Match- You'll get a reasonable pub lunch at Broadwood Farm nearby, and despite the bar facility it is more of an eatery than a



proper bar. But nothing else for miles. As per Airdrie, probably one for a 2:20pm departure from Alloa and heading straight to the game.

Last Visit- Way back in April 2012. Alloa had already been crowned 3rd Division champions and were simply seeing out the season when they arrived at Broadwood. Stevie May (who else) gave Alloa an early lead, but ex-Wasp Pat Scullion equalised just after the hour for the home side. It was understandably lacklustre Alloa performance that day. Fun fact- lason Marr played for Clyde that day, and went on to join the Wasps just 3 months later.

Form (Last 5)- DW-WWL

COVE RANGERS

The Stadium- This will be one for the stadium geeks (like myself) who now need a trip here to tick off visiting every senior ground in Scotland. The Balmoral Stadium opened in 2018 after their move from the previous Allan Park. With no previous experience to fall back on, appearance from photos and videos of the stadium give the impression of a standard small scale Scottish ground, such as Links Park etc.

Pre Match- Again, no experience, but on our last visit to Cove their social club was friendly and welcoming, with great prices. Hopefully a

similar aspect remains within the new facilities

Last Visit- No previous visits- this season will see Alloas first competitive away fixtures against Cove Rangers. Alloa did play at the old Allan Park back in 2013 in a pre-season friendly. An lain Flannigan trademark free kick and a Ryan McCord goal gave the Wasps a 2-0 win.

DUMBARTON

The Stadium-Situated at the foot of Dumbarton Castle and Dumbarton Rock, the ground certainly provides a picturesque profile from an aerial view. However, the solitary stand arrangement isn't great for generating any real atmosphere. With the home support situated at the far end of the same stand, awareness and interaction is very limited. You're also extremely exposed to the elements, and the club tend to have a number of postponements in winter months.

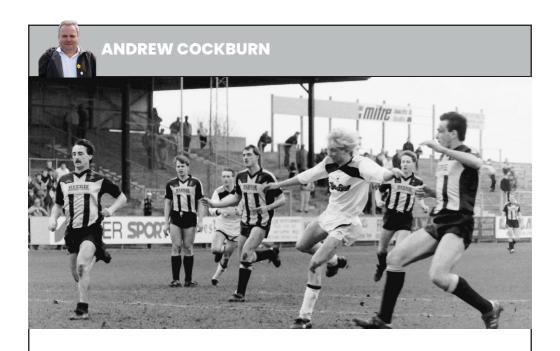
Pre Match- All town amenities are a fair distance from the ground. The most convenient (and only) option is the Bowling Club, round the corner from The Rock and around 5 minutes away.

Last Visit- Euphoric is probably the only accurate way to describe our last visit- the Championship play off final 2nd leg in May 2018. Trailing from the opening leg to Stuart Carswells stunning strike, Alloa desperately plugged away to level the tie after an even opening half. The Sons resistance was eventually broken in stoppage time when Ross Stewart scrambled home. This handed all the extra time initiative to Alloa, and Jordan Kirkpatrick sealed promotion to the Championship with an unforgettable winner.

Form (Last 5)- WLLWL

We will leave it on that high note- part 2 will be in the next edition.





LOOKING BACK 8TH AUGUST 1992

In The Premier Division. Aberdeen led the way after a 1-0 at Falkirk, though The Dons advantage was purely on goal difference over second-placed Rangers, who were held 0-0 at Hibs. Dundee United. held 1-1 at Tannadice by Hearts, occupied third spot, Celtic, who also shared two goals and points, with Motherwell at Celtic Park lav in fourth place, while Hearts were fifth. At the other end of the table, Airdrie, despite collecting their first point of the season from a 1-1 home draw with Dundee, still propped up the table, The Diamonds local rivals Motherwell were just one place better off, while Falkirk lay in third-bottom position.

Relegated Dunfermline, no doubt seeking an instant return to The Premier Division, topped The First Division, after a 2-1 home win v Hamilton

Accies, a result which also maintained The Pars unbeaten start to the season. Kilmarnock stood in second place. after a 1-1 draw at Rugby Park v Raith, who lay one place behind in third spot. Cowdenbeath had found the going hard since their promotion at the end of the previous season, and they propped up the table, still with just one point to show for their efforts so far, after a 1-2 defeat at Stirling Albion, Hamilton Accies

occupied second-bottom spot, while the other newly-promoted side, Dumbarton, found themselves in third-bottom position, after a 0-4 hammering at St. Mirren.

Down in The Second, it was the opening round of fixtures, and the relegated Angus duo of Forfar and Montrose both made a winning start, with The Loons crushing Queen Of The South by 5-1 at Station











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Park, while The Gable Endies were 2-0 victors at East Stirling. Clyde began with a 2-0 home win v Albion Rovers. while Alloa, who'd endured an agonizing near miss in the promotion stakes the previous season, were victorious by the same scoreline v Berwick at Recreation Park, thanks to first-half goals from John McNiven & Barrie Moffat, And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Butter, Newbigging, McAvoy, Romaines, McCulloch, Campbell, Moffat, Mc-Niven, Smith (Conroy), Hendry, Sheerin. The Angus "derby" clash between Arbroath and Brechin ended goalless,

while the Queen's Park v Starrier & East Fife v Stenhousemuir both ended in 1-1 stalemates, Elliott on target for The Fifers.

South of the border. the start of the historic first-ever FA Premier League season was still a week away, and this was the date of the traditional curtain raiser. The FA Charity Shield, contested this time by League Champions Leeds, and FA Cup holder Liverpool. And Leeds emerged triumphant by 4-3 in a thrilling encounter, with Frenchman Eric Cantona netting a hat-trick.



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Scottish Cup Winners 1938 Runners up [2]

Scottish League Cup Winners [3]

Scottish Championship* Winners 2000-01

Scottish League 2* Winners [2]

This afternoon league football finally returns in front of fans at the Indodrill stadium as we welcome East Fife for today's league affair. Similar to the Wasps. it's been a slow start to the campaign for the Fife club as they went winless in the Premier Sports Cup group stages. They did however get their first point on the board on opening day against highly tipped, Queens Park. Liam Watt opened the scoring early on for the home side before they were pegged back at the start of the second half. After falling out the playoff play positions last season, the Fifers

will be looking to go one further this year and make a real push towards the Championship.

THE BOSS DARREN YOUNG

It is always nice to see the return of familiar faces and today brings that with former captain, Darren Young, leading the visitors today. Young had a successful playing career, most notably at Aberdeen and Dunfermline, before making the switch to Alloa under Paul Hartley in 2011. He was immediately appointed captain and led the team to back to back promotions, and a

survival in the Championship, which puts him down as one of the club greats. Young had a few more years playing before deciding to hang up the boots and take over at Albion Rovers where would also guide them to a League 2 title victory in 2015. Thé success didn't stop there though as he continued on an upward trajectory with Rovers' best start to a third tiered campaign the following year. Shortly after that he was appointed the boss at Bayview where he has been in charge since 2017.

THE CAPTAIN -KEVIN SMITH

Veteran forward. Kevin Smith, is the skipper of today's opponents. The Edinburgh born striker began his career at Leeds United before having spells at Sunderland and Wrexham, It wasn't until he came up to Scotland though that he began to make a name for himself. Time at both Dundee clubs and successful loans at Raith Rovers opened up many new opportunities in his career. Smith enjoyed





most of his success at Queen South during his two year stint in 2011. His side won the double in his second year, scooping the league and Challenge Cup title. Since making the move to Bayview in 2014, he has become a fans favourite with just under fifty goals in his two-hundred and seventeen appearances.

NEW BOY - SCOTT GALLACHER

Following the departure of last season's man in between the sticks, Young moved quickly to bring in former Wasp, Scott Gallacher to the club. He comes in with a wealth of experience having played for top sides, such as Hearts. The last season or two have been frustrating

for Gallacher struggling to break into Arbroath's team but Alloa fans will know all too well of his capabilities. Gallacher had a short stint at the Indodrill in 2016 where he had many standout performances, most notably against his former side, Rangers. Excellent form at the club saw him move back full time with St Mirren.

ONE TO WATCH - CONNOR MCMANUS

Another familiar face for Alloa fans is today's star to watch out for. Midfield maestro, Connor McManus, made the switch back to Bayview after over a hundred impressive performances for Stranraer. This will be his second spell at the club following a loan spell three years ago. It was back in 2015 where

McManus spent a year on loan at Alloa from Celtic, where he was highly regarded as youth team captain. McManus made forty appearances for the club, scoring one goal against Queen of the South. He began his second stint at East Fife strongly with composed

performances and a goal against Elgin City.

THE CONNECTION

Two former Alloa players have already been highlighted in Scott Gallacher and Connor McManus, so we look

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BY KIEREN MOONEY



forward to welcoming them back to the club. As well as those two, as previously mentioned Darren Young will also be receiving a warm welcome back to the Indodrill. The only player in the current Alloa ranks to be playing against his former side is Craig McDowall, prior to that Liam Buchanan, Kevin O'Hara, Alan Cook, Kevin Motion, Kurtis Byrne, Mark Docherty & Scott Agnew all had spells at Bayview.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The two sides haven't met one another since we last shared a league in the 2017/18 campaign. East Fife had the

better share of those games winning three out of four of them, including the last one back at the Indodrill in March 2018, Kevin Smith had opened the scoring before Garry Fleming scored, and then was sent off for the Wasps. Chris Duggan's winner saw the Fifers win the game 2-1. Alloa's one victory that season was a resounding 4-1 triumph. PJ Crossan, Stevie Hetherington, Jain Flannigan and current skipper, Andy Graham were on the scoresheet that day.

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Sean **BROWN**



Mikey CUNNINGHAM



Ross **DAVIDSON**



Liam **NEWTON**



Lewis **ANDERSON**



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2.AND WHICH ALLOA PLAYER WAS THE LAST TO SCORE THERE IN A 2-1 DEFEAT BACK IN MARCH 2018 (CLUE- A ONE SEASON CULT HERO WHO WAS SENT OFF 6 MINUTES AFTER SCORING)





3.WHICH SCOTTISH STADIUM GETS HIS NAME FROM THE PICTISH PHRASE FOR "PLACE OF MANURE"?

4.NAME THE 8 PLAYERS WHO HAVE SCORED HAT TRICKS IN THE ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP AND SCOTTISH TOP FLIGHT

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QUIZ **ANSWERS**

- 1. BARRIE MOFFAT
- 2. GARRY FLEMING
- 3. PITTODRIE
- 4. JERMAINE DEFOE, CHRIS SUTTON, ROD WALLACE, MARK VIDUKA, STEVEN NAISMITH, TORE ANDRE FLO, TOMMY JOHN-SON, KEVIN GALLAGHER





ALLOA ATHLETIC



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ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

28.08.21, AWAY, 15:00

04.09.21, HOME, 15:00



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14.08.21, AWAY, 15:00

21.08.21, HOME, 15:00





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