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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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WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

ALLOA ATHLETIC





QUEEN'S PARK

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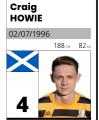
DEFENDERS



Scott **TAGGART** 27/12/1991 183 см



Daniel



MATCH most appearances

Cawley 376 211 Taggart Graham 200 Robertson 193 Parry 174





Andy

Mark **DURNAN** 28/11/1992



Jordan

GOALS

Cawley 66 Trouten 41 Graham 13 Taggart 8 Robertson 4









BARRY FERGUSON





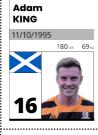
MIDFIELDERS Kevin **CAWLEY** 17/03/1989 170 см 64 кс Mark **LAMONT** 25/02/1998 Cameron O'DONNELL 29/09/2001















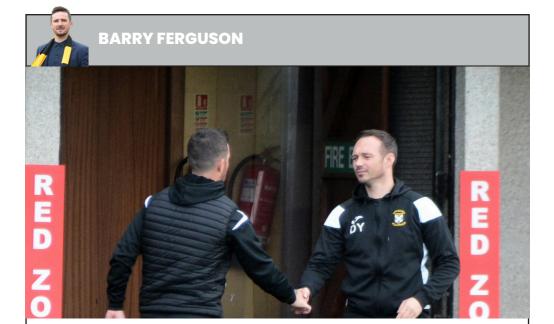












MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon and a warm welcome to Laurie Ellis and the Queen's Park players and staff.

On Saturday against Clyde, first and foremost I was disappointed with the result. Firt half performance wasn't great but we made a few changes after Clyde scored and we got a reaction, obviously we should be getting a reaction a lot quicker than we did. The last 20 minutes, we were dominant; creating a number of chances. It's just that final ball. The goal comes from Scougs and we pile the pressure on to get the winner but to lose a goal in the last minute is a sickener and it was two avoidable goals from our point of view.

Nando's got to get closer to Goodwillie, we spoke about how dangerous he is before the



game. For the second, we've got to keep him outside the box. We've got to defend better. When you're not playing at the top of your game and it's 1-1 and your going into the last minute you've got to make sure you at least see it out.

But we're going to move on quickly and work hard on a number of things in training before a really tough game against Queen's Park.

Hopefully we'll have Jon Robertson back, we rushed him back in on Saturday, and hopefully, Kevin Cawley will two good sessions under his belt.

Queen's Park are one of, if not the outright

favourites for the league title. It'll be an excellent test again for us and we need to make sure we're ready and take the game to them to get the three points.

There's been a lot made of Queen's Park, the players that they've got and the ones they've signed and they're really good players. We know it'll be a good game. It's up to us to stand up to that and compete with them.

Every game we'll go into with the mindset we have to win. When we get the ball, let's make sure we play and we keep it and if we do that we'll give ourselves a good chance to win the game.







NEWSDESK

Welcome to today's match against Queen's Park, who are visitors to the Indodrill Stadium for the first time since January, 2018, to the players, management and committee. Head Coach Laurie Ellis having taken up his new role with "The Spiders" in close season after Ray McKinnon having won SPFL Division Two as Champions decided to leave. Oueen's Park currently top the division and are looking to win

back to back Championships and move into the SPFL Cinch Championship at the start of next season. It would be remiss not to mention their captain Michael Doyle who is still a great favourite with the Alloa Athletic support such as his connection with the fans which still makes him a player they will always love.

However this weekend marks the centenary of Alloa Athletic being admitted into the Scottish Football League One Hundred years ago, before joining the Scottish Football League in 1921 Alloa Athletic played in the Scottish Union League (champions 1906/07) and Central League (champions 1912/13). They had won various cups over the years, including the Fife Cup 1885/86, 1895/96, 1897/98, Scottish Consolation Cup in 1907/08 but Season 1921-22 was a season

never to forget in the club's history. (This will be well documented later in this programme and over the season by Ionathan Markwell & Donald Pollock). At the end of Season 1921/22 Alloa Athletic were the first team in the history of the Scottish Football League to be promoted to the 1st Division due to the formation of two leagues. That season the club's record goal-scorer Willie Crilley scored

forty-nine goals. Alloa Athletic soon returned to the 2nd Division and remained there until Season 1938/39 when they gained promotion to the 1st Division and played a few games before the competition was suspended at the outbreak of the 2nd World War. In 1945. when the competition was restarted. Alloa Athletic found themselves in 'B' Division

Last Saturday at Broadwood v. Clvde. Alloa Athletic captain Andy Graham made his 200th first team appearance since joining the club from Ayr United in lune 2016. This a remarkable achievement after Andy suffered a rare spinal infection, discitus which looked to threaten his career but returned last season after many feared the worst. A full appraisal of Andv's career with "The Wasps" will appear in our next issue of "The Wasp".

Alloa manager Barry Ferguson further strengthened his squad recently my adding Mouhammed Sena Niang, who ioins on loan for the season from Partick Thistle, who have an option to recall in January. Mouhammed made his Alloa debut last Saturday v. Clyde at Broadwood. the Senegalese player played in midfield but can operate in a deeper role if required, welcome to the club.

The draw for the newly named SPFL Trust Trophy had Alloa Athletic given a bye in the First Round matches. However we are in the Second Round Draw in the North section and will meet Cowdenbeath. who defeated Fraserburgh with a last minute goal by none other than Liam Buchanan. the Second Round tie is due to be played away on the 4th September, 2021 at Central Park. Cowdenbeath.

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 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 Qualifiers 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.

AAFC Under 20's have this season been entered into the Scottish Lowland Development League Conference A along with Kelty Hearts, Civil Service Strollers, Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic, Broomhill, Cumbernauld Colts, Spartans, Gala Fairydean Rovers, Caledonian Braves. Bonnyton Thistle, East Kilbride, University of Stirling, East Fife, Stirling Albion and Edinburgh City. In their first fixture against Kelty Hearts at New Central Park on Friday 30th July, the game ended 2-2, Alloa goalscorers on the night were - Devan McColl

and Reece Paterson.
6th August v. Broomhill
at Indodrill Stadium,
they won 4-0 a Reece
Paterson hat-trick and
Josh Gillespie goal, 13th
August v. Bonnyrigg
Rose (A) won 1-0 thanks
to Reece Paterson goal.
This week they had a
free week with new
fixture due Friday 27th
August v. Cumbernauld
Colts at Broadwood
Stadium.

The draw for Preliminary Round of the 2021-22 Scottish Cup took place at Hampden Park last week, with new Scotland Women's National Team Head Coach Pedro Martinez Losa ioining Gordon Duncan to make the draw. Local junior side Sauchie Juniors were given a bye in the Preliminary Draw and will progress to the first round. "The Wasps" will enter the competition in round three on Saturday 27th November. 2021



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14th August 2021 Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld 3:00pm KO

CLYDE

2:1

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(0:0) SCORERS Goodwillie **58' 1:0**

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Goodwillie 89' 2:1









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- 5 RUMSBY
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- 9 GOODWILLIE
- 16 SPLAINE
- 19 MUNRO
- 3 LIVINGSTONE

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- 21 BRADLEY-HURST
- **6** BALATONI
- 18 MCGRATH
- 23 ANDREW
- 17 JONES
- 12 DOCHERTY
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SUBS

- 21 MCDOWALL
- 20 O'DONNELL
- 17 ARMSTRONG
- 8 ROBERTSON
- 9 ARMOUR
- **14** LAMONT

STARTING XI

- 31 HUTTON
- 2 TAGGART
- 19 NIANG
- 23 MENDY
- 5 GRAHAM
- 6 DURNAN
- 4 HOWIE
- 16 KING
- 12 SCOUGALL
- 11 BOYD
- 18 SAMMON

REFEREE: Mike Roncone



14th August 2021 Firhill Stadium, Glasgow 3:00pm KO

QUEEN'S PARK

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3 ROBSON	9 MCHUGH	10 STOKES	8 GEGGAN
22 THOMSON	12 FERRIE	18 PATON	15 PIGNATIELLO
21 GILLESPIE	16 YEATS	19 WILSON	6 CARSWELL
14 MOORE	18 BIGGAR	21 HANLEY	11 MCLEAN
10 BROWN	26 NICOL	25 SCHIAVONE	14 MCKEE
7 LONGRIDGE			28 HOPKIRK
23 MURRAY			9 ORSI

REFEREE: Craig Napier

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.

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- 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



100 YEARS IN THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Yesterday marked the centenary of Alloa's very first match in the Scottish Football League. It is therefore entirely appropriate for me to today chronicle that monumental day in the club's history 100 years on. It is also fitting that we welcome Scotland's oldest football club Queen's Park as our opponent's today on what can be described as an historic occasion.

On Saturday 20th Au-

gust 1921 the Wasps officially joined the ranks of the Scottish league, with 5000 spectators eagerly entering the Recs to see Alloa play fellow new-boys Stenhousemuir. With the help of the British Newspaper Archive I've unearthed the match report from that maiden game. Page 14 of The Sunday Post gloriously reported 'CRILLY TAKES ALLOA ON TO VICTORY', as the Wasps recorded a 1-0 victory over Stenny,

ensuring a winning start on a national league stage. It will come as no surprise to any ardent Alloa supporter that infamous striker Willie 'Wee' Crilley netted for the Wasps, his first of what became a record breaking 49 goal season for the 5ft 3ins livewire. That's been unparalleled to this day, although I recall Donald Pollock recalling in this publication a couple of seasons ago that his own research suggested Crilley may have even scored 51 goals! Although the match report is only seven paragraphs in length, it includes some lovely detail and turn of phrase. The reporter talked the game up, describing it as "a real rousing game" and a "ding-dong struggle" despite there only be a single goal. I also enjoy how there is no description as to how Crilly actually scored his penalty, with the reporter instead commenting

on the scenes on the Recs terracing with the 5000 spectators (just imagine that number of Alloa supporters today!) celebrating Crillev's strike with "great enthusiasm". I can only speculate but it would appear to me that Alloa deserved the victory and the masses in attendance went home happy with victory secured on day one in the Scottish Football League.

The Alloa side that day, playing in the classic 2-3-5 pyramid formation, was: Caldwell; Orrock & McGregor; McLean, Gaffney & either Ward, Wood or Dawson (The Sunday Post match report says Ward, but that's possibly a misprint for Bobby Wood as there's no 'Ward' in the squad listed in the Alloa 60 year handbook from 1981, whereas the Alloa website lists Dawson, so who knows!); Stirling, Dunn, Crilley, Whittle and Young.

Given the careers of key players like Crilley and veteran full-back Bobby Orrock have been told before. I'll briefly focus on a couple of the other players from that side who I also unearthed some extra information about. Orrock's defensive partner was new signing Tom McGregor, signed in the days before the game from Motherwell, McGregor's was described

repelling the second half "herculean efforts" from the Stenhousemuir forwards. The 28 year-old was vastly experienced, having spent much of the previous decade at Celtic. The phenomenal Celtic Wiki website tells us that McGregor was mainly a reserve with Celtic, but still managed 80 appearances in nine years as a stand-by player, as Celtic won five league titles and a Scottish Cup in that time. He was described as possessing all the attributes of a first-class full-back, which he demonstrated for the Wasps by being part of the second meanest defence in the 1921/22 season. After a couple of years at Motherwell the Wasps snapped up McGregor for £200 and he remained a Wasp for the next three years.

as steady in defence in

The Wasps goalkeeper lames/limmy Caldwell seems an intriguing character, being 37 years young when playing 36 of Alloa's 38 league games that season. Thanks to a combination of helpful websites vintagefootballers.com and military. wikia.org I've discovered that after starting out at Carron Thistle (now in the shadows of The Kelpies) in 1905 Caldwell moved onto Dunipace and East Stirling before securing a move in 1908 to Tottenham Hotspur. Released without playing a first team match

CRILLY TAKES ALLOA ON TO VICTORY.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC LOSE POINTS AT BROXBURN.

A large crowd at Central Park had enough
Over 5000 spectators witnessed Alloa gain
between the meeting between the points against Steinhousemuir in a real
condenbeath and Lochagile, especially in
consuing game.

The visitors were

edembeath and Lochgelly, especially in-second ball, when goals came galore, first three minutes after the interval esting three goals, he keek off saw the visiting team fully-emmed to make their presence felt by the control of the control of the laby. Cowdenbeath then equalised from enalty, and this was a fair reflex of the ne until half-time. Do reasoning Cowdenbeath scored by this, Lochgelly equalised by Reid, and rewards Cowdenbeath scored by

a year later, Caldwell

dropped down into the

Southern League with

before moving back up

Reading for 3 years

(the country and the

Division with Everton.

the Toffees (36 games

He was a regular for

in 1912/13) before

heading south again

Woolwich Arsenal in

to join Second Division

1913/14. Caldwell was

an understudy, making

just three appearances

in the Gunners very

first season playing

at Highbury. Caldwell

returned to Reading

in the elite battalion

Black Watch no less.

It seems like Caldwell

returned north of the

border after the War

with the Wasps, with

his 6ft height no doubt

making him a physical

curly hair also marking

him out amongst his

team-mates. Caldwell

only spent a couple of

years at the Recs, going

full-circle on his football-

ing career by returning

to his first senior club

East Stirling in 1922 as

he approached his 40th

presence and his quiff of

before WW1 broke out,

with Caldwell a Private

leagues) to the First



birthday.

The player whose fine pass set up the penalty which won Alloa the game against Stenny was Jock Stirling. The outside-right was aged 32 at the time and had achieved a good deal of success in his earlier career. After moving from Clydebank Juniors to Clyde (playing in the 1910 Scottish Cup Final, 1st replay, but missing the decisive 2nd replay defeat to Dundee), Stirling earned a move to First Division Middlesbrough in 1911. Jock was a near ever-present for the Ayresome Park side for three seasons, with Boro finishing in 3rd position in his final 1913-14 season. Stirling then moved onto fellow First Division side Bradford Park Avenue, where he was a provider for Avenue's talisman goalscorer Jimmy Bauchop, who himself almost a decade earlier had broken onto the scene at Alloa as a teenager before being snapped up by Celtic and then moving south. I love it when two Alloa connections weave



FAMOUS SCOTTISH FOOTBALLERS No. 24 W. CRILLEY (Alloa Athletic) GIVEN FREE with SPORT AND ADVENTUR

into the same story, albeit when the pair played alongside one another Bauchop was an ex-Wasp and Stirling was a future Wasp! I can only speculate that Bauchop reminisced to Stirling about his great days at the Recs and that helped persuade Stirling to join the Wasps after short post-WW1 spells with Stoke, Coventry and Dunfermline. Stirling played for the Wasps from 1920 until his very sad sudden death during the 1923-24 season at the age of just 36. The 60 year Alloa handbook specified that Jock left £1.000 to his relatives.

It turned out to be quite the season for Alloa - arguably one of the finest in the past century! That opening day victory was only the beginning for a rampant Alloa side that season. The Wasps won their next three games too and after fifteen matches had only lost once. A

3-0 win over Broxburn United and 8-1 away win at King's Park were the most emphatic victories (that away-day triumph is still a joint club record, only equalled by the 7-0 trouncing of Queen of the South in 1993). That irresistible form left the Wasps four points clear at the top of the table (in the days of two points for a win) at the end of November. over closest challengers Cowdenbeath and East Fife. Armadale were actually Alloa's closest rivals at that point, being nine points back but with five games in hand. In the very next match Arnadale actually beat the Wasps 2-0, but there were no panic stations at the Recs and the response to that reverse was emphatic.

A twelve match unbeaten run in the league followed, including ten victories. The always excellent Arab Archive website has a match

report from the first win in that sequence, a 4-0 demolition of Dundee Hibs (as they were then known) as Tannadice. with goals from Bobby Dunn, Peter Gaffney and a double from W. Whittle. The press report however is still all about Crilly (depending on the report his surname was spelt with an 'e' or not), with it said that the home defence paid so much attention to Crilly, who despite No. 8 - - June 17th, 1 not scoring "gave the ten thousand crowd something to speak about. He is a flashing, wriggling centre, who only needs half a chance to demonstrate his abilities". Come the end of that dozen-match unbeaten run at the end of February the Wasps were six points ahead of Cowdenbeath and fourteen ahead of third place St Bernard's with only ten games to play. I've established that

promotion was ensured a month later on 25th March 1922 after a 2-1 away success at East Stirling, with the league title only being arithmetically secured after a draw with King's Park on 15th April (matchday 36 of 38), given Armadale still had ten games to catch up. It remains in the record books to this day that Alloa became the first club to win promotion on sporting merit, with previous promotions being decided by voting amongst teams and nothing to do with the league table!

This isn't to say for a second that Alloa's history only began 100 years ago. Stuart Latham's excellent 1981 commemorative handbook celebrating Alloa's first 60 years in the Scottish League tells us that prior to 1921 the club had been playing in a whole host of leagues after forming in 1878. This



includes the Midland League (1891-97), the Stirlingshire Combination League (1897-98), the

Scottish Central Combination (1898-1903), the Central League (1901-21), the **Dumbarton District** League (1902-03) and the Scottish Union League (1906-07). The crossover on those dates suggest the Wasps played in multiple leagues during some of those years. In addition, in recent vears Donald Pollock's tremendous articles in this publication shone the light on many of the characters and adventures associated with the club before our admission to the Scottish Football League itself. A selection of Donald's finest works. detailing the Bauchop brothers of Sauchie (including lock Stirling's team-mate Jimmy from Bradford Park Avenue). Bogie Broon from Clackmannan and The 3 M's', are here: http:// waspshistory.blogspot. com/

Alloa were actually one of a number of new clubs in the league in 1921. The fantastically comprehensive Scottish Football Historical Archive http://www.srha.org.uk/ sheds light on the reason why the league was expanded, with the return of a second division after a five year hiatus. The power of the Central

League forced the hand of Scottish League, as being outside the Inter-League Board, the Central League teams didn't pay transfer fees and had poached prominent players from the league clubs. The SFHA tells us that Central League clubs paid players far more than league clubs and attracted far superior crowds, leaving the league worried for its future existence. lust like today, money eventually talked and the Scottish League relented by restoring a Second Division and introducing automatic promotion and relegation. Alloa were one of the clubs to benefit, joining the SFL

in 1921 and romping to the Division 2 Championship to become the first team to win promotion in Scotland on sporting merit! The Wasps replaced Dumbarton, Queen's Park and Clydebank in the top tier. Whilst Alloa couldn't compete in the top league, with the loss of Crilley seeing the Wasps finish bottom of the top tier, our opponent's today Queen's Park bounced straight back from relegation by winning the 1922/23 Division 2.

100 years on and the Wasps are still proudly plying their trade in the Scottish League. In that time Alloa won pro-

motion back to the top tier in 1938/39, only for World War Two to curtail our place at the top table (and then unjustly place us back in the Second Division when football resumed), won two Third Division Championships (1997/98 and 2011/12) and promotion from the Second Division no fewer than nine times (1976/77, 1981/82, 1984/85, 1988/89.1999/2000. 2001/02, 2009/10. 2012/13, 2017/18). Amongst all the highs there have been many lows too, but the constant of league football at the Recs remains as strong as ever – here's to the next 100 years!



DONALD POLLOCK



ALLOA'S SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE DEBUT

"Team building is practically completed. Training has been in full swing for some time. All is in readiness". 100 years ago this weekend an exciting new chapter was beginning in the history of Scottish football. After a gap of several years, the Scottish League would once more feature a second tier and for the first time automatic promotion and relegation was in place. Among the clubs preparing for a new life at a higher level were Alloa. More than 40 years after their formation,

the Wasps were finally in with the big boys and following their Scottish Cup heroics of the previous season as a Central League outfit, there was genuine optimism in the Wee County. Alloa had embarked on a famous run which had seen them claim the scalps of Scottish League neighbours Falkirk - at the fourth attempt – before seeing off another league side in Clydebank - at the third time of asking. Alloa had then gone to Ibrox and held Rangers to a 0-0 draw, even coming close to an

incredible upset when a Willie Crilley effort was cleared (off the line if you were a Rangers fan, and from behind it if you were wearing Black and Gold). The feeling of injustice hadn't been helped by Rangers claiming that the Recs wouldn't take the anticipated crowd for the replay, with the match instead going ahead at Ibrox again and the Glasgow men eventually prevailing 4-1.

There was consolation in the shape of hefty cheques which were duly invested in

bolstering the team for the new challenge ahead. In came former Celtic defender Tom McGregor from Motherwell, R. MacLean from Airdrie and Peter Gaffney of Hamilton Accies. The new men were added to a strong nucleus built upon veteran former Scotland cap Bobby Orrock at the back and the jewel in the Alloa crown, pint sized striker Willie Crilley, who had excelled during the Wasps' Scottish Cup adventures. "The outlook for Alloa Athletic is bright",



suggested the Athletic News.

The club had been busy off the park that summer of 1921 too with the terraces at the Recs built up in anticipation of larger crowds. Now capable of holding 15,000 fans, the new look Recs had been opened with a pre-season friendly against Alva Albion Rangers in which Alloa's junior grade neighbours had been skelped 8-0. Dunn, Crillev and Whittle had caught the eye in attack with the Devon Vallev Tribune reporting that Alloa could easily have scored more and that "the Athletic officials have every reason to feel satisfied with the talent at their disposal".

The next test was Alloa's first competitive action of the season as fellow Second Division new boys and former Central League rivals Armadale arrived in town for a Penman Cup clash. And just like the Wasps, Armadale were

also quietly confident after investing heavily both in squad and ground. A crowd of around 3000 saw a closely fought contest which remained goalless until well into the second half when Crillev popped up with "one of his characteristically low, swift shots". The goal was reported to be well received among the Alloa support and in particular "the brake club which accompanied the midget centre from Glasgow". Crilley was already building a reputation for himself and his goal was enough to win the game 1-0.

And so to the big day as Alloa welcomed Stenhousemuir to the Recs for their first ever Scottish League fixture on August 20th 1921. Over 5000 fans were present to see the Wasps make history against a side who had finished just above them in the Central League the previous season. A tight game was anticipated

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and Caldwell in the Alloa game was called upon early to deny Cornock both the opener and the first Scottish League scored at the Recs. That honour duly fell to Crilley - who else - the wee man pulled down as he burst into the Stenny box. Up he bounced to convert the penalty and give Alloa the lead while also writing another wee bit of Wasps' history. The second-half saw "herculean efforts" from Stenhousemuir foiled by the formidable defensive barrier of Orrock and McGregor. Even at this early stage of the season

there were positive signs for Alloa in defence and attack as the Wasps held on for a 1-0 victory. This was the team who represented Alloa in their first Scottish League match: Caldwell, Orrock, McGregor, McLean, Gaffney, Ward, Stirling, Dunn, Crilley, Whittle, Young.

The first hurdle had been cleared. Next up was another piece of history as Alloa and Clackmannan faced up in the first ever Scottish League Wee County derby. More on that in the next edition of The Wasp'.



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CHURCH	DEF	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
HOWIE	DEF	3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
DURNAN	DEF	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
JAMIESON**	DEF	0 (0)	o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	2 (2)	0
MENDY*	DEF	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON**	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (1)	o	4 (0)	0	4 (1)	0 -
SCOUGALL	MID	3 (0)	1	4 (0)	0	7 (0)	1 -
LAMONT	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
KING	MID	3 (0)	o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0 -
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (2)	o	3 (0)	0	3 (2)	0 -
NIANG	MID	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
MCCOLL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
ARMOUR	FWD	0 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (4)	0
BOYD	FWD	3 (0)	2	4 (0)	0	7 (0)	2
TROUTEN	FWD	1 (0)	0	0 (1)	1	1 (1)	1
SAMMON	FWD	3 (0)	1	3 (1)	0	6 (1)	1
WEBSTER	FWD -	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0 -	0 (1)	0
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THE AWAY SUPPORTERS GUIDE TO LEAGUE 1 - PTII

Last week we covered Airdrie, Clyde, Cove Rangers and Dumbarton - Below covers the remaining 5 clubs in the league.

EAST FIFE

The Stadium- A single stand affair with decent facilities, but extremely open to the elements and devoid of any real atmosphere due to having no real visibility or true interaction with the home support. There is a better view of the surrounding area from the stands however since the power station in the distance was demol-

ished a few years ago.

Pre Match- The social club inside the stadium is quite small and likely to be restricted due to the pandemic (unless things change between now and early December). Most other bars are within a 10 minute walk of the ground, with others farther afield. I guite like the East Dock Bar on High Street (8 minutes' walk according to google maps), a traditional pub with some good beers on tap and a very cheap 35ml spirit measure.

Last Visit- A rather

meek 2-1 defeat back in January 2018. Mark Lamont scored just before the break for the hosts (different one to the current Alloa player). before Alloa substitute Adam Martin equalised with 20 minutes left. However, ex Wasp Mark Docherty came back to haunt his former club by scoring East Fife's winner. Alloa however, would go on a good run winning promotion to the Championship through the play-offs.

Form (Last 5)- LLDLL

FALKIRK

The Stadium-This is getting pretty tedious now in terms of relatively unappealing stadiums. At least the Falkirk Stadium has three sides and some semblance of atmosphere. But despite its modernisation, for me it's a big step down from the brilliant Brockville for supporter experience. Built on waste ground on the outskirts of the town, it's another that doesn't lend itself well to pre match hospitality close by.

Pre Match- Plenty of

options in Grangemouth and Falkirk town centre, but nothing within walking distance of the ground. Most Alloa supporters make the short commute and park at the stadium.

Last Visit- Alloa haven't had many fruitful trips to this ground, but the last visit in April 2019 certainly fits that bill. This was a hugely pivotal Scottish Championship fixture, with both clubs looking to avoid the drop. After an impressive start, Dario Zanatta lashed home to give the Wasps a deserved half time lead. Falkirk came roaring out of the traps after a dressing down at the break and immediately equalised through Zak Rudden. Alloa had to cope with some second half adversity as Falkirk pushed on to get the 3 points. The points left with the visitors however, when substitute Jordan Kirkpatrick broke through in the closing stages and notched a hugely memorable winner. Alloa consolidated themselves in the Championship on the final day, with Falkirk relegated to League 1.

Form (Last 5)- WDLLL

MONTROSE

The Stadium- Very similar to Stranraers Stair Park, with a single high main stand, with smaller patches of terracing and flat areas around the pitch. Links Park doesn't really have the character of

its Angus neighbours stadiums such as Station Park and Gayfield. However, there is freedom to roam. Thankfully, Alloa head up in the near future before the cold weather truly emerges.

Pre Match- It's well worth making the trip by train if the budget allows. Montrose is a great town and this is one of the more popular away trips. There's a Wetherspoons pub right next to the train station-The Picture House- and a load of options in the High Street. The Market Bar is a favourite there and also serves food. There's also the Golf Club for a quick pre match beer around the corner from the stadium.

Last Visit- Although Alloa's record at Links Park is pretty favourable. Alloas last trip was a losing effort in the League Cup group stages back in July 2017. Kerr Hay and Paul Watsons goals gave Alloa a mountain to climb. The Wasps were laboured, but lain Flannigans goal 8 minutes from time gave the visitors hope but Montrose hung on for a deserved upset victory

Form (Last 5)-LWDWW

PETERHEAD

The Stadium- Balmoor Stadium has 2 stands and flat terracing around the ground, which gives the spectator a good variety of a decent view from above or getting closer to the action. You can also change ends during the half time interval. Of course the social club attached to the ground also holds appeal for the weary traveller.

Pre Match-The social club has everything you need. Recently refurbished to serve food, there's also the option of half time entry which is a nice little bonus. For more variety, there's lots of options in the town with some "safer" than others. A taxi ride to the ground would be needed in that instance, as the ground is situated at the top of the town.

Last Visit- Alloa's form at Balmoor is very much in the mixed bag section. Of course, Alloa visited Balmoor on the opening day of this season and it ended in a 2-0 defeat where the team didn't really perform as well as they could. Prior to that in May 2017 Alloa also lost, but this fixture was of the "dead rubber" variety from a Wasps perspective, Alloa had already qualified for the promotion playoffs and lost 3-2 on the dav. Rory McAllister. Grant Anderson and Jordan Brown were the Peterhead scorers, with Adam Martin and lain Flannigan for the Wasps. This result meant Peterhead avoided League 1 relegation

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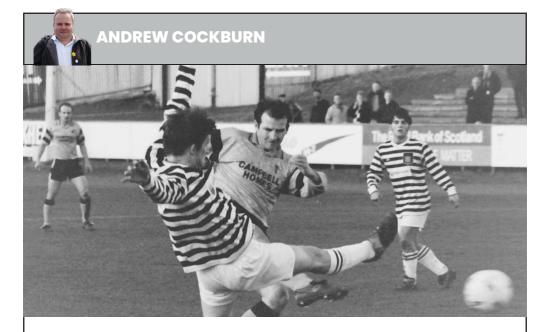
OUEENS PARK

The Stadium- Lesser Hampden would have been a new ground to tick off the list (in a competitive fixture anyway), but contractual issues completing the transformation means that Queens Park will play their home matches at Firhill this seasonhome of Partick Thistle. The stadium is fine but the lack of spectators will make the games a bit ghost-like I would imagine.

Pre Match-With Queens Park being temporary tenants of Firhill, there are masses of pre match options. For a more cultured day out, Byres Road and the surrounding area of the West End has everything you need. Closer to the stadium, there are also more "charismatic" options such as Munns Bar. A pre match treasure troye awaits.

Last Visit- Alloa's last trip to play Queens of course took place at the national stadium Hampden Park back in March 2018. After an early second half setback, the visitors fought back to claim a 2-1 win. This match contained 2 world class goals. Aidan Keena's opener for Queens Park was a long-range rocket which had to be seen to be believed. Callum Crane equalised just after the hour mark, before Jordan Kirkpatrick opened up the home defence with some terrific skill before lashing home an unstoppable volley.

Form (Last 5)- WW-WWW



LOOKING BACK 18TH AUGUST 1984

In The Premier Division. Aberdeen led the way, thanks to a 2-0 home win v St. Mirren, which also maintained their 100% start to the season. Newly-promoted Morton lay in second spot, as they too also boasted a 100% record so far, after a 2-1 win at Hearts, while Dundee United, held 1-1 at Celtic, occupied third place, Rangers were fourth, after their initial league victory of the new campaign, by 2-1 at the other "new

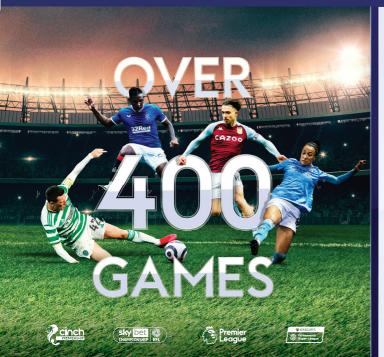
boys" Dumbarton, Hibs, 1-0 victors at Dundee lay in fifth place, while Celtic, still to get off the winning mark for 1984-85, having drawn both their opening fixtures so far, lay in sixth spot. Hearts occupied bottom spot, still pointless so far, while Dumbarton & Dundee lay immediately above them.

Forfar had made a great start to their first-ever experience of life in The First Division, and they topped the table after

a second successive victory, this time by 2-0 at near-neighbours Brechin, Airdrie, also with two wins out of two so far, thanks to a 1-0 home victory v Clydebank, lay in second place. Falkirk. despite being held 3-3 at home by Meadowbank, still occupied third spot, while Hamilton Accies, 2-0 home winners v relegated local rivals Motherwell. were fourth. At the other end of the table. the other demoted side.

St. Johnstone, propped up the table, after a 3-4 home defeat v the other promoted side, East Fife, continued their winless start to the season. Partick, held 1-1 at home by Clyde, lay in second-bottom place, while Meadowbank occupied third-bottom position.

Down in the Second, Dunfermline topped the table, after a second successive league win, this time by 3-1 at demoted neighbours











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Raith, the result also putting Rovers to the foot of the table. Montrose were second. after they triumphed 3-0 at fierce local rivals Arbroath, while Alloa were also in "derby" action, v their own local rivals. Stirling Albion at Annfield. And a second-half goal from Grahame Shearer proved enough to give The Wasps victory, which also moved them up into third place. Albion Rovers, held 1-1 at Stenhousemuir, occupied fourth spot, while today's visitors Queen's Park enjoyed a fine 4-1 win v East Stirling at Hampden, thanks to braces from Ross Caven

& Jim Nicholson, the win moving The Spiders into fifth position.

South of the border. the start of the 1984-85 Canon League season was still a week away. and this was the day of the traditional "curtain raiser", The FA Charity Shield, contested this time between League Champions Liverpool. and their fierce local rivals and FA Cup holders, Everton, And "The Toffees" commenced what was to turn out to be a memorable season with a 1-0 win, thanks to an OG by Liverpool keeper Bruce Grobelaar.



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The Spiders

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Scottish Cup Winners (10): 1874, 1875, 1876, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1886, 1890, 1893

Scottish Championship* Winners 1922-23

Scottish League 1* Winners 1980-81

Scottish League 2* Winners [2]

This afternoon we welcome League 2 Champions and current League 1 table-toppers, Queens Park, to the Indodrill. On a new course of history, the Spiders are in their season as a professional full-time outfit as they look to soar up the divisions. Under Ray McKinnon's management last season, they stormed the division and won the title comfortably. This season has started in similar fashion. Despite an opening day draw, they have gone on to win their next two fixtures leaving them top of the division. As one of the few full-time sides in the league,

there is always going to be an added pressure to be successful but the Glasgow club look strong as they push for back to back promotions.

THE BOSS -

The news of McK-innon's departure shocked many as not many managers depart following the season of success Queen's had. However, promoted from assistant manager, Laurie Ellis, was given the role of head coach this summer. Ellis had a respectable playing career, most notably for Raith Rovers where

he won two league titles. Since hanging up the boots he has been involved in coaching at Dundee United, as well as caretaking them twice, before making the switch to Hampden in 2020. It was an appointment that caught the eye of many but being so highly regarded in the game in Scotland. Ellis was trusted to be at the helm of this exciting project for Queen's Park that prioritised the involvement of youth as they climb the leagues.

THE CAPTAIN - MICHAEL DOYLE

Today's opposing skipper needs no introduction to Alloa fans. Michael Dovle will be well remembered for his integral part for the club as we secured double promotions, survivals and cup finals. 'Doyley' became a real fan favourite with his attitude on the park and his connection with the fans off it. Since departing the Indodrill in 2016. he has enjoyed spells at St Johnstone, Morton, Queen of the South and Falkirk before moving over to Oueen's Park in 2020. Last season was a





success of great success for the right back come centre back as he scooped the majority of the individual awards as the club won the division. His performances for the Spiders have made him just as loved as he was during his time at Alloa.

NEW BOY -LIAM BROWN

Laurie Ellis's first signing saw the return of a former youth product of Queen's Park. The Glasgow club are well known for their ability to produce players for the top level and Liam Brown looked like another when he left Queens for Motherwell in 2017. The midfielder failed to make an impact at Fir Park though and moved back down the divisions to Edinburgh City a few years later. Controlled and composed performances in the capital caught the eye of Ellis though as the club made history by making him the first player to pay a transfer fee for.

ONE TO WATCH-SIMON MURRAY

Oueen's Park are blessed with options all over the park but one we have pulled out to be warv of is striker, Simon Murray. The Dundonian will be remembered most for his time with Hibernian and Dundee United where he bagged many important goals, none more so than against Rangers. An interesting career move saw him end up in New Zealand with Bidvest Wits for two years before returning to Scotland with Queens. He has already started to bag the goals this year scoring two in his three appearances. That adds to another impressive statistic of seven in twelve last year. A striker who is capable of playing a few levels above with a real appetite is always going to be a danger and a man the Alloa defense will need to watch closely.

THE CONNECTION

There are a few players in the Alloa ranks who will be playing their former club. Goalkeeper, Neil Parry, enjoyed a successful two year stint at Hampden back in 2011. Another one remembered fondly by the Spiders is Alan Trouten. He spent four years at the club where he would win individual awards and be part of the famous squad who knocked out Aberdeen in the 2007 League Cup. Trouts scored the winning penalty that day. Following the departure of their captain, David Galt, Michael Doyle is the only player who is returning to the Indodrill. However, at the heart of defense for the Spiders

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BY KIEREN MOONEY



is Peter Grant who is Wasps former boss. Peter's, son. Other players with connections include - Nicky Jamieson, Adam King, Ben Armour, Lee Connelly, Adam Martin, Dario Zanatta, Daryll Meggatt, David Crawford, David Weatherston, Michael Dunlop and Ross Clark.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

You have to go back to the 2017/18 season for the last fixtures between the two clubs. The last game was a tight affair at Hampden park where Alloa came out 2-1 victors. Aidan Keena scored a goal of the season contender iust after the break

to put the home side ahead before Calum Crane equalised for the Wasps. With fifteen minutes on the clock. Jordan Kirkpatrick threw his name into the goal of the season nominees with a superb strike to seal all three points for the visitors. The last game here at the Indodrill ended a point a piece, 2-2. Ross Stewart's goal after four minutes put Alloa in a strong position before goals from Luke Donnelly and Adam Cummins flipped the game on its head. With the points looking like they were heading back to Glasgow, Kris Renton grabbed a late equaliser to share the spoils.

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1. FORMER ALLOA DEFENDER MICHAEL DOYLE SCORED 2
GOALS FOR THE CLUB IN HIS ALLOA CAREER-BOTH CAME
AGAINST WHICH CLUB?

2. WHICH STRIKER SCORED FOR QUEENS PARK THE LAST TIME THEY VISITED ALLOA IN A 2–2 DRAW BACK IN JANUARY 2017, HAVING HAD A SPELL ON LOAN AT THE WASPS THE PREVIOUS SEASON



4.12 SCOTTISH INTERNATIONALISTS HAVE PLAYED IN AN FACUP FINAL SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. NAME THEM.

ANSWERS PAGE 37







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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. QUEENS PARK

2. LUKE DONNELLY

3. BILLY MCKINLAY, COLIN CALDERWOOD, COLIN HENDRY, GARY MCALLISTER, STUART MCCALL

4. GARY MCALLISTER (LIVERPOOL 2001),
PAUL TELFER (SOUTHAMPTON 2003),
DARREN FLETCHER (MAN UTD, VARIOUS),
CHRISTIAN DAILLY (WEST HAM 2006),
KEVIN MCNAUGHTON, STEVEN THOMSON,
GAVIN RAE (CARDIFF 2008), JAMES MCARTHUR (WIGAN 2013, CRYSTAL PALACE 2016),
ALAN MCGREGOR, GEORGE BOYD (HULL
2014), ALAN HUTTON (ASTON VILLA 2015),
KIEREN TIERNEY (ARSENAL 2020),





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REFEREE: Chris Fordyce

ASST: Graham McNeillie & Brian Christie

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