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2016/17

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1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

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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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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 QUEEN'S PARK	9	4	5	0	14	7	7	17
 COVE RANGERS	9	5	2	2	16	10	6	17
 FALKIRK	9	4	2	3	13	11	2	14
 AIRDRIEONIANS	9	4	2	3	13	12	1	14
 DUMBARTON	9	4	2	3	16	16	0	14
 MONTROSE	9	3	4	2	13	10	3	13
 ALLOA ATHLETIC	9	3	2	4	12	12	0	11
 CLYDE	9	3	2	4	13	17	-4	11
 PETERHEAD	9	3	0	6	15	15	0	9
 EAST FIFE	9	1	1	7	7	21	-14	4

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES


LEAGUE 1

 ALLOA ATHLETIC	 PETERHEAD
 CLYDE	 MONTROSE
 DUMBARTON	 QUEEN'S PARK
 EAST FIFE	 COVE RANGERS
 FALKIRK	 AIRDRIEONIANS











PREMIER LEAGUE

 ST JOHNSTONE	 LIVINGSTON
 HIBERNIAN	 DUNDEE UNITED
 MOTHERWELL	 CELTIC
 RANGERS	 HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
 ROSS COUNTY	 ST MIRREN
 DUNDEE	 ABERDEEN

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LEAGUE 2

 EDINBURGH CITY	 KELTY HEARTS
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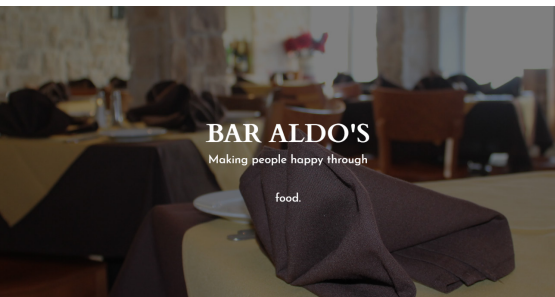
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Keir BURT

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DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 CM 71 KG



Daniel CHURCH

21/07/2000

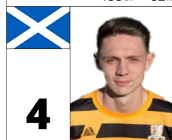
188 CM 79 KG



Craig HOWIE

02/07/1996

188 CM 82 KG



MATCH

most appearances

Cawley	383
Taggart	217
Graham	202
Robertson	200

GOALS

Cawley	66
Trouten	41
Graham	13
Taggart	8

David HUTTON

18/05/1985



Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 CM 83 KG



Mark DURNAN

28/11/1992

183 CM 88 KG



Jordan ARMSTRONG

02/04/1999

193 CM 82 KG



Fernandy MENDY

16/01/1994


CM KG



MANAGER

BARRY FERGUSON



MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
Kevin CAWLEY 17/03/1989 170 <small>CM</small> 64 <small>KG</small>  7 	Jon ROBERTSON 25/04/1989 183 <small>CM</small> 77 <small>KG</small>  8 	Stefan SCOUGALL 07/12/1992 170 <small>CM</small> 64 <small>KG</small>  12 	Ben ARMOUR 12/04/1997 180 <small>CM</small> 76 <small>KG</small>  9 	Alan TROUTEN 08/11/1985 173 <small>CM</small> 70 <small>KG</small>  10 
Mark LAMONT 25/02/1998 178 <small>CM</small> 68 <small>KG</small>  14 	Charlie GILMOUR 11/02/1999 170 <small>CM</small> 65 <small>KG</small>  15 	Adam KING 11/10/1995 180 <small>CM</small> 69 <small>KG</small>  16 	Steven BOYD 12/04/1997 173 <small>CM</small> 65 <small>KG</small>  11 	Conor SAMMON 06/11/1986 188 <small>CM</small> 74 <small>KG</small>  18 
Mouhamed NIANG 08/10/1999 170 <small>CM</small> 65 <small>KG</small>  19 	Cameron O'DONNELL 29/09/2001 180 <small>CM</small> 70 <small>KG</small>  20 		Euan HENDERSON 29.06.2000 170 <small>CM</small> 65 <small>KG</small>  22 	
				
				



BARRY FERGUSON



MANAGER'S NOTES

Good afternoon and welcome to Jim McNally and the staff and players from Peterhead.

After the first quarter, we should probably have more points. There's been some disappointing performances but some really good performances. We've made a lot of changes in the squad. It takes time for that to knit together but we're going in the right direction.

We've been up and

down with injuries and covid issues. Overall there's improvement to be made but everyone has taken points from everyone, we're still just six points off the leaders and hopefully we can pick the points to close that gap.

When we went to Peterhead on the opening day we were below par, missing players, but Peterhead had a good performance and got the result. They've just



had another excellent performance in the 5-0 win over Dumbarton. When they come here they'll be looking to build on that win. It'll be a tough game but we'll be ready for them. We've prepared really well and the boys have put in a right good shift in over the last couple weeks in training since our last game.

It's an excellent achievement for a manager to be in the job for 10 years. Many won't last for 10 months now. Jim's done great, had some impressive promotions up there and he's an experienced manager. He's someone I respect and we know that we've got to work hard against his teams to succeed.

Charlie Gilmour brings competition and quality to the squad. He showed that against Cove although it wasn't an ideal debut with the sending off after 25 seconds. Not just Charlie though the entire team was excellent. The levels of fitness and desire they had, it was just unlucky we ran out of gas at the end of the game. In terms of de-

but he handled the ball really well, he's a good footballer and if we send him back to St Johnstone in January, we want to send him back a better player and hopefully we'll be looking back on a really good 'half' of the season by that time.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome to today's match against Peterhead, who are visitors to the Indodrill Stadium for the first time since January, 2017. As we enter the second quarter of the season, we will look to improve in our first quarter when we picked up eleven points, indeed we lost 2-0 to Peterhead at the Balmoor Stadium in our opening league fixture, the only SPFL League One fixture in which we failed to score. However

since then the team has showed better form and improvement as they get to know each other better. Football is all about such small margins and in our last home match v. Cove Rangers, having been reduced to ten men after only 25 seconds the team fought courageously and deserved their 75th minute leveler through Steven Boyd, his sixth goal of the season. Then with nine minutes left and

looking the best team Kevin Cawley's shot strikes the post when a goal looked certain. A minute later a mistake in defence presented Rory McAllister with an opportunity which he took and to make things worse we lost a penalty in the closing minute which Rory McAllister scored for his hat-trick which we all know he is capable of in the colours of Brechin City, Peterhead and now Cove Rangers.

Jon Robertson made his 200th appearance for club in our last home match v. Cove Rangers,, having joined the club from Stenhousemuir at the start 2016/17 season and has been a model professional mixing part-time football along with his job in the police force, well done to him as a player who just gets on with the job.

Congratulations to Mohammed Niang who celebrated his 22nd

birthday on Friday 8th October and also Adam King who celebrated his 26th birthday on Monday 11th October, 2021.

Last weekend Alloa Athletic FC Assistant Manager, Paddy Connolly showed his versatility in sport when he competed in Sauchie Juniors Golf day, winning the prize for "Nearest the Pin" collecting a medal and bottle of Malt Whisky from the sponsors.

Alloa Athletic's match programme "The Wasp" was featured in the October edition of Programme Monthly & Football Collectable. The issue featured was against East Fife on 7th August, 2021. The programme was viewed favorably with a mention to the section on "Away Supporters Guide to League One" football grounds, Looking back on 1992, and Jonathan Markwell's feature on "The full-time player pathway" given that the Wasps had lost the services of a couple of players in the close

season to full-time clubs. Scottish Football Programme & Memorabilia Fairs@Footballfairs, date for your diary - Forth Valley Programme and Memorabilia Fair. Sunday 31st October, 2021, Collessio Hotel, Stirling. 9.30am - 3pm, Admission Free. Vendors will be set up to ensure maximum room although it will be cash only for all transactions on the day, please support.

Manager Barry Ferguson added the promising St Johnstone midfielder, Charlie Gilmour into the squad, making his debut v. Cove Rangers in our last SPFL League One fixture. Charlie, 22, was previously an Arsenal and Norwich City youth. He has loan experience previously when he spent the 2019-20 season on loan at Eerste Divisie side SC Telstar in the Netherlands. He's caught the eye at youth international level representing both the Scottish and English FA's from U15 to U19 level. Gilmour will wear the



number 15 jersey for the Wasps. Thanks to St Johnstone and welcome to the Indodrill Charlie! Alloa Athletic supporters should take note of following rescheduled fixture dates - Queen's Park v Alloa Athletic which was due on Saturday 23rd October at Firhill Stadium, has been moved to Sunday 24th October as Partick Thistle are also due to be at home on the Saturday, Kick-Off 3pm and Alloa's Trust Cup tie v. Rangers B, scheduled for 9th October, will now be played on Wednesday 27th October at Indodrill Stadium, Kick-Off 7.45pm. This is due to Rangers having players involved in Scotland Under 21 Championship match v. Denmark on 9th October.

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- £ 50 0767 C.Mullan
- £ 25 0938 S.Scou-gall

- £ 25 0802 M.Lawson
- £ 25 0197 I.M-cGrouther

In front of a sold-out Hampden Park, last Saturday v. Israel, four Scotland players who did not previously receive a Scotland cap for international appearances were recognised during a half-time presentation against Israel, made by Scottish Football Vice President and Alloa Athletic chairman Mike Mulraney. During the 1960's, players who played for Scotland were only awarded international caps for matches against the home nations. Following a study of the Scottish FA's own archives, a number of international players have been identified who never played in a home nations international match. Those players include Sir Alex Ferguson and David Holt, who along with the families of Alan Anderson and the late Harry Hood, were recognised.





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ALLOA ATHLETIC

1:3

COVE RANGERS



(0:0)

SCORERS

0:1 52' McAllister

Yule (OG) **76'** **1:1**

1:2 83' McAllister

1:3 89' McAllister



STARTING XI

31 HUTTON
2 TAGGART
6 DURNAN
23 MENDY
3 CHURCH
15 GILMOUR
16 KING
19 NIANG
11 BOYD
12 SCOUGALL
18 SAMMON

SUBS

21 BURT
4 HOWIE
5 GRAHAM
7 CAWLEY
8 ROBERTSON
14 LAMONT
20 O'DONNELL

SUBS

4 SCULLY
6 STRACHAN
10 MASSON
11 MCINTOSH
17 ADEYEMO
23 GOURLAY
24 FYVIE

STARTING XI

1 MCKENZIE
2 NEILL
3 MILNE
5 ROSS
8 YULE
9 MEGGINSON
13 MCALLISTER
16 VIGURS
18 ROBERTSON
20 LEITCH
25 LOGAN

REFEREE: Alan Muir

2nd October 2021
Balmoor Stadium, Peterhead
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PETERHEAD

5:0

DUMBARTON



(1:0)

SCORERS

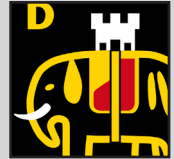
Conroy **4'** **1:0**

Ritchie **48'** **2:0**

J. Brown **53'** **3:0**

Mulligan **80'** **4:0**

S. Brown **82'** **5:0**



STARTING XI

1 LONG
2 MULLIGAN
17 WILSON
5 BROWN
32 DUFFY
8 BROWN
6 FERRY
12 MCCARTHY
3 CONROY
7 RITCHIE
14 PAYNE

SUBS

4 MCDONALD
10 CAMERON
15 STRACHAN
27 WILSON
99 LYLE

SUBS

8 GEGGAN
20 MUIR
21 O'NEIL
22 MCKNIGHT
25 SCHIAVONE
28 HOPKIRK

STARTING XI

1 RAMSBOTTOM
4 LYNCH
2 MCGEEVER
5 BUCHANAN
3 BOYLE
7 DUTHIE
6 CARSWELL
15 PIGNATIELLO
19 WILSON
11 MCLEAN
9 ORSI

REFEREE: Peter Stuart

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A DEEP LOOK AT ALLOA'S FIRST QUARTER FORM

The Wasps finished the first quarter of the season a fortnight ago with a disappointing late home defeat to Cove Rangers, having battled so well for the vast majority of the game with ten men. It meant Alloa's points tally having now played each side once totals eleven, which is undoubtedly below par for a side with ambitions of making an immediate return to the Championship. For me it has felt very

much like a transitional start to the campaign, which is not surprising given the turnover in personnel at the club since relegation last season. Whilst there have been some encouraging signs of Barry Ferguson's methods beginning to bear fruit, the consistency isn't quite there yet, as demonstrated in the win/draw/loss outcome of the game being different from match to match: LWLDWLWDL. But how

does Alloa's first quarter form compare with other sides relegated from the Championship in the past decade and where did those sides finish in their first season in League One? Furthermore, how has this Alloa side's first quarter form compared with our four campaigns following relegation in the past two decades? If these were burning questions which you need an answer to, you've come to the right

place!

In terms of how sides generally perform in the first quarter of the season in League One having suffered relegation from the Championship the previous season, as you would expect there is a mixed picture. Four sides have started like an express train, displaying no hangover and being top of the table at the end of the first quarter. Only two of those four

sides went onto win the league though, with the Jack Ross / Jim Goodwin managed Alloa side of 2016/7 being one of those who couldn't maintain the early season table-topping form. At the other end of the spectrum, the slump of relegation form continued early in the season for Airdrie United in 2013/14, Cowdenbeath in 2015/16 and Dumbarton in 2018/19, with all three being in the relegation zone after the first quarter of the campaign. It is illuminating that both Airdrie United and Dumbarton recovered after rocky sides to finish in mid-table, showing that relegated sides can recover in League One after disappointing starts.

When looking at the picture across the whole season,

rather than just the first quarter, the scene is rosier. If recent history can teach us anything, across the whole season there is reason for quiet optimism at the Recs as sides relegated from the Championship generally perform well in League One. As my research on the table here illustrates, in the past ten years six sides have gone on to win League One having endured relegation into the league the previous season. That high success rate surprised me, but can probably be explained by most of those sides who immediately recovered their Championship status being full-time teams in the largely part-time third tier.

For example, Queen of the South were streets ahead of everyone else in 2012/13, with Nicky Clark scoring

32 league goals and Queens only lost two matches, one of those to Paul Hartley's Alloa, who were the Doonhamers closest competitor (Alloa memorably won promotion through the play-offs that season too). More recently Morton stumbled their way to the Championship in 2014/5, Livingston began the momentum in 2016/17 that they are still enjoying today, Ayr memorably edged out Raith Rovers in 2017/18 and last season Partick Thistle found form late in the season to make an immediate return to the Championship after a controversial relegation the season before.

The only part-time team to make an instant return to the second tier was Cowdenbeath in 2011/12. Colin Cameron's side were captained by current Wasps mid-

fielder Jon Robertson, who was nominated for the divisional Player of the Year award such were his box to box performances. That Cowden side also had a couple of other Alloa connections, with the second top scorer being the irrepressible Lewis Coult, while former Wasps loanee Thomas Flynn was the Blue Brazils regular goalkeeper.

There were a couple of other sides who narrowly missed out on promotion back to the Championship at the first attempt. Dunfermline, Alloa, Raith and Falkirk all finished runners-up, but none of those sides made it back up. The Pars, Wasps and Rovers undone by the play-offs, while Falkirk's chances of an instant return upstairs were not possible due to the Covid pandemic.

First quarter form of sides relegated relegated from the Championship

SEASON	CLUB	RESULTS	POINTS	1/4 LEAGUE POSITION	FINAL POSITION
2011/12	Cowdenbeath	DWWLWWWDW	20	1st	1st
	Stirling	WWDLDLDWL	12	4th	10th
2012/13	Ayr	DLLLLWWWL	10	7th	7th
	QoS	WDWWWWWWWD	23	1st	1st
2013/14	Dunfermline	WLWWDWWLL	16	2nd	2nd
	Airdrie Utd	DLLDWLLWL	7	10th	6th
2014/5	Morton	LWWLWWLLW	15	3rd	1st
2015/6	Cowdenbeath	LLWLDDWLL	7	10th	9th
2016/7	Livingston	WWWLWWLWL	18	3rd	1st
	Alloa	WWWLWDLW	19	1st	2nd
2017/8	Raith	DWWWWWWLW	22	1st	2nd
	Ayr	WWWLDDWWD	17	2nd	1st
2018/9	Dumbarton	WDLWLWDL	8	9th	6th
	Brechin	LWLWDDDDW	13	4th	10th
2019/20	Falkirk	DWWLDWWDD	16	3rd	2nd
2020/1	Partick	LWLDWWDWL	14	3rd	1st
2021/2	Alloa	LWLDWLWDL	11	7th	?

SEASON	RESULTS	POINTS	1/4 LEAGUE POSITION	FINAL POSITION
2001/2	WDDWWLWWL	17	1st	2nd
2003/4	LLDLDWDWL	9	8th	7th
2011/2	WDLWWWWLD	17	3rd	1st
2016/7	WWWWLWDLW	19	1st	2nd
2021/2	LWLDWLWDL	11	7th	?
<p>As well as the success stories, there are horror shows too, with three sides suffering successive relegations. First on the list is Alloa's near neighbours Stirling Albion, who after infamously pipping Alloa to the Second Division title in 2010, then suffered successive relegations in 2010/11 from the First Division (finishing bottom and enduring a 25 game winless run) and from the Second Division in 2011/12 (again finishing bottom of the table, despite forward options including former Wasps Stevie Nicholas and Kevin Kelbie and future Wasp Alan Cook). After those consecutive demotions Stirling have spent all but one season in the basement league, while Alloa waved at them politely when making our way back up the leagues at the same time! Cowdenbeath were another side to suffer successive relegations. After being relegated out of the Championship by Alloa after a 3-0 Wasps win in 2015, life was no better in League One, with Colin Nish's (an Alloa loanee in his teenage years) side relegated</p> <p>through the play-offs into League Two, where they have remained since. Most recently Brechin suffered successive relegations from the Championship to League Two after beating the Wasps in that play-off penalty shoot-out in 2017; alas that general air of malaise at Glebe Park continued with another relegation last season, albeit the Hedgemen have made a promising start to life in the Highland League under former Wasp duo Andy Kirk and Stephen Simmons.</p> <p>In terms of how Alloa have performed in the first quarter of a season following relegation, history of other seasons in the past two decades are largely positive. In 2001/2 Terry Christie was allowed to build a formidable squad which in my mind was far stronger than the team who finished bottom in the First Division the previous season. It was a squad packed full of experience, blended with the youthful excellence of loan keeper Derek Soutar and wing wizard Richard Walker. The Wasps started strongly that season, combining top of the table league</p> <p>form after the first quarter with a run to the Challenge Cup final. Two years later Christie faced a completely different proposition, with the club cutting costs after relegation from the First Division and seeking to reduce the age of the squad. It was little surprise that during a transitional phase for the club that the on-field form was mixed, with only nine points secured in the first quarter. In 2011/12 the Wasps played basement division football for the first time in 13 years and with an almost completely new squad, under rookie manager Paul Hartley, results took time but some of the football on show was sensational from the off. The last time the Wasps suffered relegation in 2016, the following season started amazingly, with ten successive wins in all competitions representing the clubs finest ever start to a season. Despite Ross being headhunted by St Mirren, the Wasps went to the top of the table at the end of the first quarter thanks to a single goal win at Brechin marking a winning start to Jim Goodwin's</p> <p>managerial career. Come the end of those four seasons the Wasps won promotion on three occasions, demonstrating that more often than not the Wasps react positively from relegation seasons.</p> <p>Finally, it is also pertinent to remember that during Alloa's last promotion winning season in 2017/18 the Wasps were toiling in 8th position, with Jim Goodwin under some pressure having only amassed nine points from the first quarter and finishing the quarter with a demoralising 2-0 defeat at Stranraer. So whilst Alloa's points haul of eleven after nine games this season doesn't currently point to a successful season ahead, it is not inconceivable that the Wasps can build some momentum in the coming weeks to rise up a very keenly contested and congested league table. Hopefully the building blocks Barry Ferguson is beginning to put into place can be fully cemented into place to help the Wasps build on a solid if unspectacular start, and design a successful season each and every Alloa supporter craves.</p>				





	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Armadale,	9	6	1	2	11	4	14
Cowdenbeath,	8	5	1	2	15	7	12
Alloa Ath.,	8	5	1	2	12	8	12
Vale of Leven,	8	5	2	1	14	7	11
East Fife,	8	4	3	1	15	9	9
Broxburn,	8	3	2	3	10	9	9
Bathgate,	9	3	3	3	10	9	9
Bo'ness,	8	3	2	3	10	10	9
Arbroath,	8	3	2	3	9	8	9
Dundee Hibs,	8	3	3	2	20	17	8
King's Park,	8	2	2	4	9	12	8
Lochgelly,	8	3	4	1	12	12	7
Johnstone,	8	1	2	5	11	11	7
St Bernards,	8	3	4	1	9	14	7

ALLOA'S DANGERMEN HITS AGAIN

Autumn was in the air, the leaves were turning, the nights were drawing in and Wee Willie Crilley was banging in hat-tricks. Alloa's midget centre had marked the beginning of October 1921 with a trio as the Wasps saw off Forfar 3-1 at the Recs, maintaining their unbeaten start to life in the Scottish League and returning to winning ways after two draws. Just two days later there was a Monday afternoon treat for the Wasps faithful as East Stirlingshire arrived in

town for the Stirlingshire Cup semi-final. The local autumn holiday made for an excellent crowd of 3000, albeit the scheduling didn't perhaps suit the Shire quite so well with the Falkirk Herald complaining that Mitchell and Mackie had been unable to get away from work and that their absence would weaken the visiting defence. Music to the ears of a certain Mr Crilley surely and the wee man once again delighted the home crowd with his second hat-trick in three

days. McLean was on target as well as Alloa triumphed 4-2 to set up a Stirlingshire Cup final spot against Stenhousemuir later in the season.

And so back to league business and a trip to Edinburgh to face St Bernards. Although the Stockbridge Saints had been Central League rivals of Alloa in the post WW1 years, this was a club with a fine pedigree. They had played several seasons in Division 1 in the closing years of the 19th century with their finest hour in April 1895 when

they lifted the Scottish Cup at Ibrox. While they hadn't quite managed to maintain those standards, the Saints had also won the old Second Division twice before WW1, although in those pre-promotion days they had been denied the chance to step back up to the top flight. That had changed with the new 1921/22 setup and St Bernards had their eye on once more reaching the top division and doing battle with their neighbours Hearts and Hibs. And with a rather slow start

having left them already seven points behind the Wasps, St Bernards were determined to end Alloa's unbeaten run and pull themselves back into contention.

A stiff test was anticipated and there were pre-match concerns for the Wasps too, Dawson and McGregor reported to be suffering from "chills" and McLean having injured his hand at work. These men were clearly made of strong stuff and all three were in the Alloa team as the Wasps took to the field in front of 4000 supporters at Logie Green, the Sunday Post noting that "Alloa's reputation and position in the league" had boosted

the attendance. There was one change for Alloa too, former Hearts forward Currie coming into the team. The first half was said to be a "brimful of interest" with "stirring exchanges and narrow escapes", but the sides turned around level at 0-0. Once more the opposition had marked out Crilley for special attention but the media noted that Alloa's dangerman "could not be suppressed altogether and more than once looked like opening the scoring". As the travelling Wasps fans enjoyed their half-time pie, they surely felt it was only a matter of time before the wee man added to his tally.

But early in the second period disaster struck. The Sunday Post reported that Crilley "was in the wars" - nothing new there with Alloa's star man already well used to tight marking - but on this occasion he was forced to limp from the field. He returned and "tried to fill his usual berth at centre but was compelled to finish the game at outside left". St Bernards scented blood and Brogan opened the scoring with a 25 yard shot that beat Caldwell all ends up. Shortly after Donachie sealed the win and Alloa's unbeaten record was shattered. It hadn't been a bad performance - the Post concluding that Alloa

might still have snatched a point "had the forward line not been upset" - and there was good news from elsewhere with fellow pacesetters Armadale and Cowdenbeath both also losing for the first time. But all eyes were now on Crilley: how bad was his injury and were the Wasps facing an extended spell without their pint sized goal machine? With a hard game looming against Broxburn, fresh themselves from ending Cowdenbeath's unbeaten run, Alloa waited nervously for news. More in the next edition of The Wasp



APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
HUTTON	GOAL	9 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	8 (0)	0	4 (0)	1	12 (0)	1
CHURCH	DEF	5 (2)	0	5 (0)	0	10 (2)	0
HOWIE	DEF	4 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	8 (2)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	4 (1)	0	4 (0)	0	8 (1)	0
DURNAN	DEF	8 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
JAMIESON**	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	2 (2)	0
MENDY	DEF	8 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	9 (1)	0
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	5 (2)	0	5 (0)	0	10 (2)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	7 (0)	1	5 (0)	1	12 (0)	2
LAMONT	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
KING	MID	8 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (6)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (6)	0
NIANG*	MID	7 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	8 (0)	1
GILMOUR*	MID	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
MCCOLL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	3 (3)	0	2 (0)	0	5 (3)	0
ARMOUR	FWD	0 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (4)	0
TROUTEN	FWD	2 (0)	0	1 (1)	1	3 (1)	1
SAMMON	FWD	6 (3)	3	3 (1)	0	9 (4)	3
BOYD	FWD	9 (0)	4	5 (0)	1	14 (0)	5
EVANS**	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
WEBSTER	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0



ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL		SPONSORS
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	
9 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	11 (0)	0	THE CAIRN, ALVA
172 (0)	6	45 (0)	2	217 (0)	8	THE CAIRN, ALVA THE GLASGOW ALLOA SUPPORTERS CLUB
5 (2)	0	5 (0)	0	10 (2)	0	VICTOR HERRIDGE
4 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	8 (2)	0	WORLDWIDE WASPS
157 (1)	12	43 (1)	1	200 (2)	13	JOYCE & THE PIE HUT
8 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	CLELLAND SHAND
10 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	14 (2)	0	
5 (4)	0	3 (6)	1	8 (10)	1	
8 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	9 (1)	0	
9 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	10 (0)	1	BANNOCKBURN LTD, CANADA
130 (25)	2	42 (3)	2	172 (28)	4	RUTH HUTTON
15 (8)	2	8 (3)	2	23 (11)	4	ROY COOPER
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	COMPASS ROOFING LTD
5 (10)	0	5 (4)	1	10 (14)	1	
7 (0)	1	1 (0)	0	8 (0)	1	
1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	
276 (40)	56	60 (7)	10	336 (47)	66	AIMEE BURGESS
0 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (4)	0	
71 (6)	24	21 (4)	17	92 (10)	41	MCCALLUM ENGINEERING
6 (3)	3	3 (1)	0	9 (4)	3	RGP ENGINEERING WALLACE OVEN CLEANING
9 (0)	4	5 (0)	1	14 (0)	5	FOOTYSAB, JAPAN
0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0	
0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	



BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

A return to the bread and butter of the domestic game today with another home fixture following the international break. Although good to be back, the internationals gave us a real rollercoaster of a match against Israel last Saturday- a thoroughly entertaining evening where I was lucky enough to be present at Hampden Park. Now it's back to business as Alloa will look to bounce back after a defeat in their last game, and climb the table as the second quarter of the season commences.

The last match here a fortnight ago against Cove Rangers began in the worst possible

fashion. Alloa midfielder Sena received a straight red card following the first challenge of the game 25 seconds in. Firstly, it was a real blow in terms of the individual. Sena had been hitting a real run of form for the club, lighting up games prior to his red card. In terms of the actual decision, nobody really wants to see a red card so early as it obviously shifts the context of the game as a contest. Maybe the referee applies some common sense there and cautions the player. But on the other hand, it was a rash challenge and so I can see the referee's thought process. The minute of the match in which

the offence occurred shouldn't really be a factor in terms of application of consistency. I was more irritated than anything else- as not too long ago we faced a similar adversarial scenario at home against Queens Park when Craig Howie was dismissed on the half hour mark. Another fight or flight scenario really wasn't helpful. This sending off was also something of a record- definitely the quickest I have witnessed live. In terms of previous quick red cards for Alloa, I saw long time Alloa fan Owen Munro mention a few online. There was Stuart Malcolm back in 2006 who received a red card in the 3rd minute

at Forthbank, with that particular game ending in a 5-0 defeat- it's really not fun in general to look back at some of these stats. Owen also mentioned Bobby Dall receiving a quick red card after coming off the bench back in the early 80s. There may be others, which I'll leave in the capable hands of John Glencross and Jonathan Markwell, the true Alloa stats men.

In terms of the actual game I thought we showed great character to run Cove really close, before eventually surrendering the 3 points. The visitors seemed to experience a bit of pressure with the extra man advantage rather than relishing it. Alloa

did nullify much of the threat going through the middle, although inevitably and understandably sacrificed territory on the flanks. This allowed right back Shay Logan in particular to find space and have a pretty good outing. Despite playing on the backfoot, Alloa probably had the best chance of the first half when Adam King brought an excellent save from Cove goalkeeper McKenzie. However, the deadlock was broken just after the break when a good delivery from Logan found Rory McAllister at the back post to head home. Alloa however hung in there, and history looked like repeating itself with 16 minutes left. Just like the Queens Park game, the 10 men found a way to equalise. And although nowhere near as spectacular a goal, Steven Boyd was the man on the score-sheet again, bundling

home from close range. It was now turning very interesting. Substitute Kevin Cawley dropped the shoulder brilliantly on the edge of the penalty area- finding space for a shot which rattled the post. Had that gone in, I think Alloa would have won the game. Instead some slack play from Mendy, who hadn't lost a ball in the air all game, unfortunately led to a breakaway in which McAllister again scored from close range. A late penalty sealed it for the visitors, with McAllister completing his hat trick- but it was fairly academic anyway following the second goal. Despite the result, the team were roundly applauded off by the home support- well deserved for the efforts they'd shown on the pitch all afternoon.

All signs point to today's game as one where Alloa should really be looking to pick up points. The league



table is still really close as it stands. Peterhead could leap above Alloa with a win today which would take the Wasps closer to the foot of the table, whereas 3 points for Alloa could put us back in the top 4. Peterhead beat Alloa comfortably on the opening day of the season in a day to forget. But they experienced a real slump in form in the following weeks to find themselves near the bottom of the table. They have picked up in the recent fixtures though. They ran both Cove and Queens Park close despite losing both games. However, they did defeat Clyde 3-2 and come into today's game off the back of an eyebrow raising 5-0 win over Dumbarton. So they will travel to Alloa today full of confidence. From an Alloa perspective, the aforementioned suspension of Sena will be a miss today. However Jon Robertson will provide a more than capable option in midfield, having had a number of

decent performances there in recent weeks. We also have loan player Charlie Gilmour in the squad. With the sending off it was a tough debut for him 2 weeks ago, but should he be selected today it will be a better opportunity to show what he can do. Overall the team could have picked up more points in the first quarter, but in a period of transition it's no real surprise the team hasn't completely fired out of the traps. As stated in the previous edition of The Wasp, the overall outlook is fairly positive in terms of potential to do well this season and the Cove defeat doesn't change that. Having now witnessed every other club in action, I'm yet to be convinced Alloa have anything to fear- and are certainly capable of challenging for the championship. Once another quarter has concluded, I think we will have a far clearer indication of how the club will fare this season. Enjoy today's game.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 15TH OCTOBER

With Premier Division leaders Dundee United gameless due to the cancellation of their game at struggling St. Mirren, both Aberdeen and Celtic missed out on the chance to take over at the top. Aberdeen dropped from second to fourth after a 1-2 reverse at Hibs, while Celtic had to settle for a point from a 1-1 home draw v Hearts, though The Celts still moved up one place to second, and now trailed United only on goal difference. Hearts' point nudged them up into third spot, their near-neighbours

Hibs were now fifth after their success, while Rangers, who appeared to have recovered after a poor start to the season with three successive wins, slipped from fifth to sixth, after a 2-3 defeat at Dundee. At the bottom, St. Johnstone ended a run a seven consecutive defeats, with a welcome 1-0 victory at fellow strugglers Motherwell, though The Saints remained rooted to the foot of the table. Motherwell still occupied second-bottom spot, while St. Mirren were still just one place above The Well.

There was a change of leadership in The First Division, when Partick's 1-2 defeat at struggling Meadowbank saw them drop to second, and Falkirk, 1-0 winners at Ayr, now led the way. Kilmarnock remained third in spite of a 0-1 defeat at Airdrie, Dumfries stayed in fourth spot after a narrow 1-0 home victory v struggling Clyde, while Brechin, despite being held 3-3 at Hamilton Accies, still occupied fifth place. Clyde's defeat kept them rooted to the foot of the table, meantime at Recreation Park, an

early season four-pointer took place between fourth-bottom Alloa, and second-bottom Raith, The Wasps lining up as follows: Hunter, Thomson, Munro, Purdie, Garner, Houston (Martin), Thompson, Weir, Jobson, Lloyd, Cole. But despite having led through a Gary Thompson goal at the break, Raith fought back in the second period to end up 2-1 winners, thanks to goals from Marshall & Kerr (penalty). This was Alloa's fourth home league reverse of the season so far, their seventh in all,



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and as a consequence they slipped to second-bottom spot, while Raith in turn moved up one place to twelfth.

Down in The Second, the day's top clash was undoubtedly at Palmerston Park, where second-placed Queen Of The South hosted unbeaten leaders Forfar, and a 1-1 draw meant no positional change for either side. Berwick remained third after a 4-3 home victory over winless bottom club Albion Rovers, Arbroath's point from a 1-1 draw at Dunfermline was enough to nudge them into fourth place, The Red Lichties displaced Stirling Albion, who slipped one place to fifth, after they also drew 1-1, at East Fife.

South of the border, Manchester United were the new leaders of

The First Division, after a 3-0 win v WBA at Old Trafford. The Red Devils displaced West Ham, who dropped to second following a 1-3 home defeat v Liverpool, QPR, 2-0 winners at Ipswich, were now third, while Leicester remained bottom, after the abandonment of their home game with Southampton, due to a waterlogged pitch. There was no positional change at the top of The Second Division, where leaders Sheffield Wednesday extended their unbeaten start to the season, after a 1-0 win at Portsmouth. Manchester City remained second in spite of a 0-1 defeat at Charlton, while Chelsea retained third place after a 2-0 win v Cardiff at Stamford Bridge.

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This afternoon league football returns after the International break as Peterhead travel to the Indodrill to take on Alloa. As it stands, Peterhead currently occupy the relegation play-off spot in League 1, however, they are just two points behind the hosts in seventh. It has been a mixed set of results for Jim McNally's men with three wins, six defeats and nothing in between with Peterhead yet to register a draw so far. Their last result before the break was one that most certainly caught the eye and sent a major warning to Barry Ferguson. Dumbarton,

who have started the season strongly, were annihilated in Balmoor as Peterhead beat them 5-0. It was the perfect result for the Blue Toon and one that they will want to build from today as they look to push up the table.

THE BOSS - JIM MCNALLY

The man to lead Peterhead is a familiar face in Jim McNally. The boss of the Blue Toon made headlines last week as he reached his ten-year anniversary as Peterhead boss, a remarkable achievement in the game today. Appointed in 2011, his ten-year

stint includes four-hundred and eighteen games, two league titles and one cup final. All of this achieved alongside his loyal assistant, David Nicholls. McNally had managed three clubs the ten years previous, starting off at Sligo Rovers before spells at Greenock Morton and East Stirlingshire before finding a new home at Peterhead. It was a glittered playing career also, most notably spending the majority of his time at Tannadice with Dundee United. During that time he won the Scottish Cup and reached the 1987 UEFA Cup final. The left-back, come midfielder, also earned ten caps for Scotland, where he played at the 1992 EURO's in Sweden.

THE CAPTAIN - SCOTT BROWN

The visitors will be led out by skipper, Scott Brown, this afternoon. The combative midfielder began his career at Bradford before returning to Scotland with St Johnstone after just a few senior appearances. After a loan spell at Dumbarton,





ton, Brown made the move to Balmoor in 2016 and has made himself a mainstay and fan favourite amongst the supporters. With over one-hundred and fifty appearances to his name, Brown has been in great form this season notching five goals, one in which came in Peterhead's last game. At only 26-years old, Brown has always been linked with big moves back to full-time football after countless impressive performances for McInally's men.

NEW BOY – LYALL CAMERON

Midfielder, Lyall Cameron, returned in the summer for his second loan stint at Peterhead from Dundee. Cameron made his senior debut in 2019 in the League Cup for the Dee, before earning his first league appearances shortly after against Dunfermline.

Following a new contract at Dens, he signed a season-long loan with the Blue Toon at the end of 2020. It took Cameron just two games to score his first senior goal as he found the back of the net against Clyde. Covid cut his first loan spell short but McInally was full of praise for the youngster claiming he was "as good as it gets when it comes to loan players". It wasn't to be the end for Cameron and Peterhead though as he returned in June. So far this season he has eleven appearances to his name, scoring one goal against East Fife.

ONE TO WATCH – SIMON FERRY

A name that needs no introduction in Scottish football is the man to keep an eye upon this afternoon. Beginning his career at Celtic, Ferry is most known for his time down South where

he played for Swindon Town. Other clubs on his CV include Portsmouth and Dundee before making the move to Peterhead in 2015. It has been a great year for Ferry following the continual growth of his popular podcast, Open Goal, that recently sold out The Hydro for their live show. However, his season in football has been strong too. The midfielder, come defender, scooped Peterhead's Septem-

ber Player of the Month award as he continues his playing duties alongside a new role within the coaching team. Alloa will have to be wary of the man in form who brings a bundle of experience to this squad.

THE CONNECTION

There are two returning faces in the opposition this afternoon. Firstly, Russell McLean returns to the Indodrill having spent time in the youth set up. McLean left Alloa in 2016 to join up with Hearts but his career really began to take off when he signed for East Kilbride a year later. Stints at Peterhead, Montrose and Forfar followed before returning to Balmoor this summer. McLean already has four goals to his name this season. The other re-turning face is Alan Cook who spent a year at Alloa

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BY KIEREN MOONEY



in 2017. However, his season has been hampered with injuries. Alloa made a few signings from Peterhead's squad last season who will now face their former club. The man in form, Steven Boyd, spent a year up North before making the switch over to the Indodrill. Ben Armour also made that move this summer following two years with Peterhead. Similar to Cook though, his season has been stop-start due to injuries. Further back in 2011/12 Season Stirling Smith started the season with "The Wasps" along with striker Craig Campbell who is now manager with Brora Rangers.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is the beginning of the second quarter as we replicate the fixture on opening day. Alloa will be looking to give a better account of themselves today after handing Peterhead a fairly easy afternoon that day. Peterhead ran out 2-0 winners that day with Russell McLean and Niah Payne on the scoresheet in each half. It was a dominant performance from the hosts though as Alloa were limited to just the one shot on target. Barry Ferguson will be hoping Alloa can challenge Brett Long in goal more this time around.

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29/12/1996



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MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
Josh MULLIGAN 12/11/2002  	Ryan CONROY 28//04/1987  	Simon FERRY 11/01/1988  	Russell MCLEAN 16/06/1998  	Niah PAYNE 25/11/1998  
Hamish RITCHIE 07/05/1997  	Scott BROWN 25/11/1994  	Lyall CAMERON 10/10/2002  	Derek LYLE 13/02/1981  	
Alan COOK 25/04/1992  	Andy MCCARTHY 20/10/1998  	Jordon BROWN 28/11/1992  		
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CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUALL	LAMONT	GILMOUR	KING	NIANG	O'DONNELL	MCCOLL	
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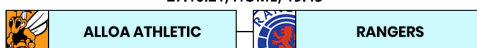
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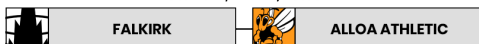
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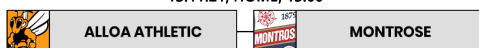
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