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	- 11	4	2	5	18	22	-4	- 14
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### **MIDWEEK FIXTURES**

### TUESDAY

### CHAMPIONSHIP



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**BARRY FERGUSON** 



## MANAGER'S NOTES

I'd like to welcome the Rangers players and staff tonight.

First and foremost on Sunday against Queen's Park, it was a brilliant advert for League 1. It was a good game, good play with two very good teams. Some of the play from our boys in the second half was exceptional. When they scored with a couple minutes to go you think 'here we go again' but the boys didn't lie down and kept going. It might have been a bit edgy on the touchline but in the end it was fully deserved, we've had ups and downs this season and that was a tremendous up. It was one we needed to win with Queen's Park looking to go 12 points ahead. It is really important now for us to build on that result as we go forward.

I've been open and honest that we needed to rotate for this game



against Rangers - with three games in 6 days it's a great opportunity for those that haven't been playing and those who're returning from injuries to get some minutes. We'll reshuffle but it's an excellent chance for those involved to show their credentials to get into my first team. That's what I've always said I want - a good competition for places.

I've kept an eye on the B team. It's a tough league - I know very well after two and a half years in it - but they're doing really well. It's been against tough teams but they've shown how good a team they are and how good players they are - you've got to be a good player if vou're at Rangers. It'll be a hard game but this is an opportunity for my players to show me that they deserve to be in my thoughts on Saturday afternoon against Airdrie. Noone

is guaranteed to play - as you'll have seen from the team selection on Sunday.

It's a sad day with Walter Smith passing away. He was the one who believed in me - he gave me my first opportunity and my debut and I had a number of appearances under him in his first spell at Rangers. Worked under him at Scotland and then Rangers again and I can't understate the utmost respect I have for him. He's someone I looked up to and he was a brilliant manager to play under. I'm not scared to say I've took alot from Walter - as I have from all the managers I've worked under. He's a legend of the Scottish game, and he's got respect from not just Rangers but both sides.

It's a sad day all round and the only thing I can say is condolences to his family, kids and grandchildren.



JOHN GLENCROSS

## NEWSDESK

Welcome to today's match against Rangers B. who are visitors to the Indodrill Stadium for the first time tonight, the players, directors and academy coach David McCallum. In the First Round they defeated Dumbarton 3-2 at the C&G Systems Stadium. However in the Second Round match against Ayr United at Somerset Park. the home side won the game 3-0 but following an SPFL disciplinary

hearing, Ayr United accepted an inadvertent breach of the regulations and Rangers B were reinstated to the competition. At the weekend the Rangers B team defeated Caledonian Braves in a Lowland League fixture 3-1.

The Scottish Professional Football League this season changed the name of the competition, with the competition having

been cancelled last season due to Covid-19. With the pandemic still impacting our everyday lives, and with the need to reduce unnecessary travel across the British Isles, the competition has been limited to Scottish teams only this season. We need to thank the SPFL Trust. lames Anderson and the other donors who have all come together to support this unique competition for Season 2021/22

Competition Update - DATES AND KICK-OFF TIMES CONFIRMED FOR THE QUARTER-FINALS

Tuesday November 30

Cove Rangers v Alloa Athletic or Rangers B, kick-off 7.45pm

Hamilton Academical v Kilmarnock, kick-off 7.45pm

Inverness Caledonian Thistle v Raith Rovers, kick-off 7.45pm Wednesday December 1

Queen of the South v Morton – live on BBC ALBA, ko 7.30pm

In the event of a draw

Penalty kicks will decide the outcome if the scores are level after 90 minutes

Semi-final draw

Hamilton Academical or Kilmarnock v Inverness Caledonian Thistle or Raith Rovers

Cove Rangers or Alloa Athletic or Rangers B v Queen of the South or Morton

Tournament dates

Semi-finals – midweek of March 1/2

Final – weekend of April 2/3

Manager Barry Ferguson last week confirmed the emergency loan signing of Rangers' Kieran Wright, making his debut on Sunday in a magnificent 4-3 victory over Queen's Park at Firhill.

Kieran signed with the Wasps, on another emergency loan, just

a couple weeks before the 2019-20 season was curtailed. Last year, he made 12 appearances, as Partick Thistle gained promotion from League 1 and has also had spells at Raith Rovers, Albion Rovers and Gala Fairydean on loan in previous years. Thanks to Rangers FC for their prompt help in obtaining an emergency keeper before Sunday's game against Queen's Park.

Scottish Football Programme & Memorabilia Fairs@Footballfairs, date for your diary - Forth Vallev 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.

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### Scottish Cup Full Third Round Draw

- matches due to be played weekend of 27th Nov, 2021

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Auchinleck Talbot v Hamilton Academical

Ayr United v Brora Rangers or Albion Rovers Banks O'Dee v East Fife Brechin City v Darvel

Civil Service Strollers v Peterhead

Clydebank or Elgin City v Clyde

Cove Rangers v Queen of the South

Dalbeattie Star or Rothes v East Kilbride

Dumbarton v Sauchie Juniors

Dunbar United or Lothian Thistle Hutchison Vale v Edinburgh City

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		14 LAMONT	12 SCOUGALL
22 THOMSON	12 FERRIE	22 HENDERSON	11 BOYD
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### **REFEREE:** Chris Fordyce



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6 MILLER	16 WESTON	16 TESTA	6 ARMSTRONG
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8 MCKINNON	18 LYALL	18 BOUALEM	8 MAIN
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10 MCCANN			10 BREADNER
<b>11</b> RITCHIE-HOSLER			11 WALKER

### **REFEREE:** Andrew Craven

### **CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY**

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 - all children regardless of age disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.

- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

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### **JONATHAN MARKWELL**



## KEEPERS SEEING RED

In our last home match Alloa goalkeeper David Hutton was somewhat unfortunate to be sent-off, as the Wasps run of being reduced to ten men before half-time continued for a third time in the last four home matches. It was just the ninth time in the past quarter of a century that an Alloa goalkeeper had been dismissed. enabling me to delve into my history books to reveal the other rare

occasions this regrettable fate has bestowed the Wasps.

Hutton joins a red-list of Alloa keepers which comprises three keepers who all somehow managed to see red on two separate occasions for the Wasps – Gary McGlynn, Stephen Robertson and Scott Bain, and another two last lines of defence who were dismissed just once – Raymond Jellema and Neil Parry. A goal-

keeper being dismissed is an act full of drama: for starters, it happens so rarely (once almost three seasons based on Alloa custodians from the past 25 years), so there is the immediate feeling of shock and disappointment. That's quickly followed by the realisation that having vour keeper ordered-off doesn't bode well for the outcome of the game. Only once in nine occurrences have Alloa won when the keeper

has been sent-off, but that victory at East Fife in 2003 should include a major asterisk, as the Fifers finished the game with nine men as referee Crawford Allen dismissed three players in the second half!

There's also the inevitable long walk back to the dressing room, with Alloa keepers showing a mixture of emotions on these occasions. Typically they are quick to dispense with their usually prized goalie gloves, as if to admit 'l won't need these for a few weeks now', while some remember to leave the fray with their water bottle or towel. whereas others simply forget such details. Some look dejected and bitterly disappointed like Neil Parry last season, whereas others are undeniably angry, such as the aforementioned McGlynn, who showed dissent to the assistant referee and reportedly kicked the dressing room door at New Bayview, leading to a second red-card and leaving his manager Terry Christie to comment "I thought he was perhaps a little unlucky to go for the foul, but then he lost his head and verbally abused the linesman. There can be no excuse for that".

Usually Alloa goalkeepers are red-carded for professional fouls; put simply, that's an occupational hazard of being the last line of defence. The recent change of the law to remove the double jeopardy of a keeper making a genuine attempt to win the ball being dismissed should reduce the instances of keepers taking an early bath, although somebody forgot to pass that message onto whistler Greg Aitken last season in dismissing Parry, despite it appearing to be clear to everyone else in the ground (and

many more watching on the live stream) that the new rule hadn't been applied correctly. It was little surprise that Parry's red-card was quickly rescinded, although it still shows on his record and undoubtedly changed the game in Rovers' favour, as two quick goals sealed Alloa's relegation.

There are a couple of examples when two bookings led to the removal of the Wasps No. 1. The obvious example is Hutton's recent dismissal, with the keeper likely to have had a word afterwards with Fernandy Mendy for the first booking, as replays appeared to show the Wasps defender nudged Andy McDonald onto Hutton, which the Wasps much-travelled keeper took exception to; despite the subsequent pushes appearing fairly minor in nature, the referee saw fit to book the pair, which from a distance looked harsh. There were no complaints with Hutton's second booking though, as that first booking was still probably on his mind two minutes later as he spilled Scott Brown's shot and then dived in to clip Niah Payne and see red. The other occasion came 10 vears ago this month. as then future Scotland internationalist Scott Bain was first booked in conceding an early second half penalty at Elgin. The penalty was duly dispatched to leave

Alloa four goals down on a torrid afternoon for Paul Hartley's newly formed team. Bain was so incensed that he showed some dissent after the penalty went in, earning himself a second booking in as many minutes to leave the Wasps down to nine-men after Mark Docherty's dismissal just before the break - a truly character building afternoon for everyone involved!

Given keepers are normally dismissed for last man fouls, it inevitably means the replacement keeper faces a big challenge as soon as he enters the pitch. On six of the nine occasions the Wasps keeper has been dismissed, the substitute goalkeeper has immediately faced a penalty kick. On five of the six occasions the penalty has been scored. Ironically the only time the penalty wasn't converted was the instance when an outfield player went

between the sticks. Back in 2011 Stephen Robertson was dismissed in the 89th minute (his second red-card in an underwhelming season with the club) of the Scottish Cup tie away at top-tier Hamilton Accies. With the Wasps chasing an equaliser, it was no surprise that all substitutes had been used, meaning striker David Gormley donned the grey keepers top, with sub-keeper Jamie Ewings presumably being bemused by the whole episode (a rare chance to come off the bench being denied!). Gormley, never short of confidence (and a decade on now a regular visitor to the Recs in his role of manager of Broomhill), heroically managed to save Simon Mensing's spot-kick, to draw plaudits from all around him. It didn't last too long though, as Flavio Paixao scored in injury time to secure an Accies cup win.

For the substitute





goalkeeper it must be a strange feeling joining the action after the No. 1 has received his marching orders. The life of a substitute keeper must be a tough one in general, knowing that you could spend all season on the bench and wouldn't normally be required unless there is an injury or a red-card. The need for mental toughness, concentration and being fully prepared to hopefully make a positive impact if called upon must be challenging. Perhaps it is therefore no surprise that the five Alloa keepers who have immediately faced a spot kick haven't managed to keep out the kick. It certainly provides the chance for the sub-keeper to become an immediate hero. with it for example 17-vear-old Keir Burt's debut in senior football when he replaced Hutts versus Peterhead. Alas it wasn't a particularly memorable start for Burt in his first game,

but there is little doubt that the experience will help mould his future development.

I always feel that the sending-off of a goalkeeper is the most damaging type of red-card. Not only does it mean that your last line of defence has departed, potentially causing uncertainty with a different (and often unfamiliar) custodian between the sticks, but it also necessitates the use of a substitute to enable the replacement goalkeeper onto the pitch. As such, it is really a double whammy for any team, with managers usually understandably choosing to take off an attacking or creative player in the process. It is the sacrificed player who I always feel most sorry for when a keeper is ordered off. For reasons beyond their control a red card for the keeper also signals the end of their game, as they become collateral damage in this sorry state of affairs. One can

only imagine some of the conversations when the substituted player enters the dressing room having been hooked, only to find the keeper who has just been dismissed also being there licking his wounds too!

Sometimes when an outfield player receives their marching orders, the team can be re-jigged without the need to replace another player (e.g. no substitute was required after Mouhamed Niang's recent dismissal with the Wasps simply changing from a 4-1-4-1 formation to a 4-4-1 line-up), but when the goalkeeper is ordered off there is no way of preventing a substitute also being used (unless all subs have already been brought on like in the Accies case). So far this season the unfortunate Kevin Cawley has been the Wasp sacrificed after the dismissals of both Hutton and defensive midfielder Craig Howie earlier in the season versus Queen's Park. On the first occasion it was fully understandable that Kev was substituted, as it was his first match back after injury, making him the logical choice to be replaced. Against Peterhead, Cawley's withdrawal was more controversial amongst the Wasps support, with his work-rate and experience being key qualities the team could have benefited

from if he wasn't the unfortunate makeweight.

Looking at my table, the other sacrificed players generally follow the mould of being attack-minded players. Last season Stefan Scougall was the unfortunate player to be replaced after Neil Parry's dismissal versus Raith, with his first start for close to two months being cut short early being systematic of Scougall's luckless and stop-start first season with the club. On other occasions experienced frontmen Robbie Winters and Scott Crabbe would have understood the circumstances of their substitutions. although Crabbe would have been particularly disappointing having only played for half an hour after coming on as a substitute! The thought process behind taking off an attacker is understandable, with the focus on defending given the numerical disadvantage. However, by taking off an attack-minded player, it really does set out that stool of it becoming a game of attack versus defence. Nevertheless, it would be a brave manager to take off anyone but an attacking player in these circumstances.

Given Alloa goalkeepers on average are only sent-off once every three seasons, to suffer it twice in 2021 means hopefully it won't be happening again anytime soon!

DATE	KEEPER	<b>OPPOSITION &amp; VENUE</b>	MINUTE	SCORE WHEN	OFFENCE	REPLACEMENT	SACRIFICED PLAYER
20/09/03	Gary McGlynn	East Fife (A)	62	1-0 / 1-0	Professional foul	James Evans	Scott Crabbe
20/08/05	Gary McGlynn	Raith (H)	89	1-2/1-2	Professional foul	James Evans	Chris Townsley
22/11/08	Raymond Jellema	Queen's Park (H)	42	0-0/1-3	Professional foul	Michael White	Stevie McKeown
24/08/10	Stephen Robertson	Aberdeen (H)	16	0-0/0-3	Professional foul	Thomas Flynn	Kevin McDonald
08/01/11	Stephen Robertson	Hamilton (A)	89	0-1 / 0-2	Professional foul	Striker David Gormley	None, all subs used
13/08/11	Scott Bain	Clyde (H)	77	2-1 / 2-2	Professional foul	Craig McDowall	Ross McCord
01/10/11	Scott Bain	Elgin (A)	56	0-4 / 0.5	Two bookings	Craig McDowall	Robbie Winters
17/04/21	Neil Parry	Raith (H)	53	1-0 / 1-2	Professional foul	Reece Willison	Stefan Scougall
16/10/21	David Hutton	Peterhead (H)	37	1-1 / 2-4	Two bookings	Keir Burt	Kevin Cawley
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## WHAT'S THE NEWS ON CRILLEY?

A visitor to Alloa in October 1921 would have been forgiven for thinking that nothing else mattered. In the Whinhall Pit just up from the Recs, to the breweries and glassworks and at Paton and Baldwins, there was just one topic of conversation. It was the same at the docks as the pit props were unloaded from the South Alloa boat. Colin Bell's hungry customers pressed him for rumours as they waited for hot chips from his cart in the Station Square. The

drinkers in the Station, the Primrose, Crams and the Red Lion waited anxiously for news. Perhaps someone who had been in for a game of billiards at the hall in Gaberston Road had picked up a snippet from the proprietor, Alloa defender Bobby Orrock. There was just one topic of conversation: what's the news on Crilley?

It was just a year since Willie Crilley had found his way to Alloa but he already had a special place in the hearts of the townsfolk. The goals of the pint sized centre forward from Glasgow had taken Alloa on a spectacular Scottish Cup odyssey in 1920/21 which had seen them come within inches of knocking out Rangers at Ibrox. The Wasps and their pocket dynamo had coped easily with the subsequent step up to the Scottish League in the summer of 1921. Come early October, Alloa were still unbeaten and the wee man already had 12 goals in all competitions. Disaster had struck in Edinburgh

however, where St Bernards ended Alloa's winning streak following an injury to Crilley early in the second half. "Crilley was hurt, and although he remained, Alloa's forward play was crippled" said the Scotsman. The Daily Record added that "Crilley's injury certainly affected the play of his colleagues", and the Evening News concluded that without Crilley "Alloa's sting was very largely drawn". The verdict was clear: Alloa without Crilley were a vastly reduced outfit. And as the Wasps pre-

pared to welcome Broxburn – who themselves had just defeated top of the table Cowdenbeath - the prognosis was not good, the Dundee Courier advising that "it is very doubtful whether Crilley will be able to turn out for Alloa against Broxburn tomorrow. The little fellow is in the doctor's hands as a result of the iniuries recieved at Logie Green".

4000 fans squeezed into the Recs and the healing hands of the doctor were the toast of the Wee County as Crilley ran onto the field to lead the Alloa attack. And just as well too with Broxburn pinning the Wasps back. Former Celtic man Tom McGregor was "oustanding" and keeper Caldwell also on top form as the Alloa backline held firm under pressure. On a rare break. Alloa burst down the left and Gaffnev drilled home a magnificent shot from 25 yards. Once more the visitors took control and once more McGregor and co were hard pressed to hold them. Hold them they did though, and as half-time beckoned Crilley went on a mazy run past three Broxburn players before firing the ball into the net. The half-time score of Alloa 2 Broxburn 0 was reported to be "galling in the extreme" for the visitors. The second-half was an altogether quieter affair and in the closing stages Crilley took advantage of a mistake in the visiting defence to get

his second and Alloa's third. "Broxburn's luck was out and Alloa's was in", said the Sunday Post, concluding that the result "greatly flattered" the Wasps and that they were "nothing like the team that opened the season". The Daily Record reported that Alloa "claimed the goals" but that Broxburn were "streets ahead". The goals were all that mattered though and Alloa were back to winning ways and back level with Cowdenbeath and Armadale at the top of the table. And while their goalkeeper and defence were earning some well deserved plaudits for their fine work, the Wasps were very aware of the importance of their centre-forward and the need to protect

him. In the wake of the Broxburn game an article appeared in the Record: "ANGRY ALLOA. Alloa, I am advised, may make a charge against a referee for failing to suppress persistent illegal tactics on the field. Willie Crilley, who is just recovering from an injured leg, has, it seems, been subjected to rather rough usage – hence the projected complaint". It was a thinly disguised warning to refs and to upcoming oppenents as the Wasps prepared for a series of big matches. Next up would be Lochgelly before blockbuster clashes against fellow challengers Armadale and Cowdenbeath. More in the next edition of 'The Wasp'.





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WRIGHT	GOAL	1 (0)	- 0	- 0 (0) -	- 0 -	1 (0)	0 -
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## **A FAN'S VIEW**

Tonight we face a distraction from league business in the SPFL Trust Trophy as its currently known, or the Challenge Cup for the traditionalists. It's probably guite an unwelcome distraction at this particular moment in time, with Alloa looking to recover form in League One after a couple of damaging home defeats. Over the years though despite the critics and apathy from some regarding the tournament, it's a competition Alloa supporters have always enjoyed and are keen to see the club fare well in. Of course, this is mainly due to their relative successes in the past. Alloa have reached 3 finals- 1999, 2001 and 2015- winning the tournament in 1999. The quality of that Final against Inverness, and the manner in which victory was achieved ensures the tournament has a place in the hearts of all Alloa fans. And of course there have been other good memories in the years following that 1999 win. The main one of course being the historic night in December 2014 where Alloa defeated the "A" team of their opponents tonight in the semi-finals. That match will probably stand for quite some time as one of the most memorable wins in the club's history - again not only for the victory, but the manner in which it

was achieved after being 2-0 behind with only 20 minutes left to play.

In recent years, the tournament has gone through several changes to revamp it and create more interest. Whilst a bit ridiculous in nature, the introduction of cross border clubs from England, Ireland and Wales has been a relative hit. Again Alloa reaped the fruits of this, with a hugely memorable trip down to Wales when they defeated Bala Town 4-2 just over 5 years ago. The introduction of Premiership colt teams into the mix has proved less popular. It's almost universally derided by supporters of standard lower league clubs, and

so far has failed to really capture the imagination of any fans of Premiership clubs- which is reflected in the very low attendances in the colt games. Colt team integration into senior competitions provokes very passionate debate amongst Scottish football followers, so I'll leave that aside for now. In terms of the Challenge Cup, I think a cull of colt entrants would be a bit more favourable-admitting a couple for instance, rather than in their entirety. The general consensus is that the tournament gathers steam and increases in importance once the colt teams are eliminated. This tends to occur in the early

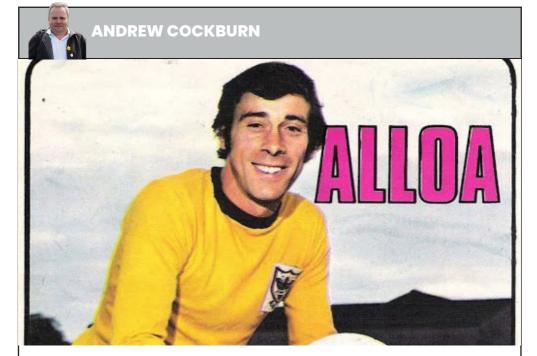
rounds, although in fairness this trend has been bucked in the previous 2 competitions-Motherwell reaching the last 8 in season 18/19 and Alloa's opponents tonight Rangers reaching the semi-finals of the last edition of the tournament in 19/20.

The tournament is currently entering a recovery phase after the pandemic. The aforementioned 19/20 tournament was abandoned at the Final stage, with Inverness and Raith Rovers declared joint winners. And as football struggled to restart last season in the heart of the pandemic, the Challenge Cup was unsurprisingly cancelled for a season. As we sit currently in (hopefully) the final remnants of major pandemic issues, the cross border aspect has yet to be implemented- which again is unfortunately a necessity. Typically the tournament garners way more interest once the quarter final stages are underway- though in this somewhat transitional edition it remains to be seen if this occurs as normal this season.

As previously stated Alloa are in a critical phase of their league campaign, so in all likelihood tonight will see a great deal of changes to the starting lineup with fringe players and youngsters introduced. Other priorities in this moment may have taken precedence, but this is a competition generally to which the club holds a lot of affection.

Enjoy tonight's game.





## LOOKING BACK 26TH OCTOBER 1974

In Division One, Rangers run of seven successive league wins came to an end, when they were held 1-1 at struggling Hearts, though The Gers still retained leadership. Celtic remained second, despite being gameless due to their involvement in The Scottish League Cup Final, third-placed Aberdeen enioved an emphatic 5-1 home success v Arbroath, while Dundee United's 3-3 home draw with Dumbarton was still enough to

nudge them into fourth place. United displaced Hibs, who were also gameless, due to being Celtic's opponents in The Scottish League Cup Final, and who thus dropped to fifth place. Hearts, in spite of their welcome point v Rangers, still propped up the table, while Ayr, despite a 2-1 win at Airdrie, remained just one place better off than The Maroons, while gamless Partick occupied third-bottom spot. Meantime in the

Scottish League Cup Final at Hampden, Celtic overcame Hibs in a thriller by 6-3, with Dixie Deans grabbing a hat-trick.

Queen Of The South were the new leaders of Division Two, thanks to a 2-0 win at Hamilton Accies, The Doonhamers displaced Montrose, who dropped to third, following a 2-3 defeat at Falkirk, while East Fife, 1-0 winners at Alloa, were now second. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Anderson, Totten, Wilkinson, Thomson, Miller, McGarry, Low, Craig, Wilson, Campbell, Ness (Russell). East Stirling remained fourth after a 3-2 victory at rock-bottom Forfar, St. Mirren's point from a 0-0 draw at Clydebank was sufficient to nudge them up into fifth spot, in place of Stenhousemuir, who slipped to sixth after a 0-2 defeat at Raith, while Alloa's defeat meant they were now winless in four games, and as such they





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dropped from seventh to tenth.

South of the border. Liverpool moved a point clear at the top of The First Division, thanks to a 1-0 win v Leeds at Anfield. But the dav's top clash took place at Portman Road, where third-placed lpswich hosted second-placed Manchester City, and a 1-1 draw meant no positional change for either club. Middlesbrough, 3-2 winners at Derby, were now fourth, while Arsenal's 3-0 win v London rivals West Ham at Highbury moved them off the bottom of the table. The Gunners were replaced

by Luton, who could only manage a 1-1 home draw with another of the strugglers, Spurs. Second Division leaders Manchester United maintained their fourpoint advantage, thanks to a 1-0 win v Southampton at Old Trafford, Norwich's 3-0 win at Orient moved them into second place, while Aston Villa, 3-1 home winners v struggling Sheffield Wednesday, were now third.

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This evening Alloa Athletic welcome Rangers Colts to the Indodrill in the SPFL Trust Trophy. This will be the first time that Alloa have come up against Rangers B side in the Challenge Cup. However they did face Dundee Colts in the Irn-Bru Cup, a previous name for todav's tournament at Dens Park in Season 2017/18. winning 4-2, Craig Malcolm scoring a double along with goals for Calum Crane and Jain Flannigan, only Scott Taggart, Andy Graham & Kevin Cawlev are still with "The Wasps" from that evening. It is also a historic season for

the youngsters as they have been given a place in the senior leagues for the first time. Both Celtic and Rangers were granted permission to play games in the Lowland League for the first time ever. It has been a strong start to the season as they sit in third on thirty points. However, despite being ten points behind the leaders, they do have three games in hand. This is their second crack of the whip when it comes to this competition. The Gers were defeated 3-0 in the previous round by Avr United but due to a rule break by the Honest Men, Rangers were given a 3-0 win instead

and a place in the next round.

### THE BOSS - DAVID MCCALLUM

The youngsters from Ibrox are managed by David McCallum. He had a playing career of his own before taking up coaching with clubs such as Motherwell, Partick Thistle and Queens Park. It was in 2015 that he was given his first role in coaching with a brief stint at the Scottish FA as a Coach Education Coordinator. After leaving Hampden, he made the move across the city to Ibrox. Since joining he has filled roles such as **Technical Coordinator** 





and now managing the B team. In a historic season for the side, competing in both the Lowland League, as well as the UEFA Youth League, there is no doubt of the faith and regard he is held in within Rangers.

#### THE CAPTAIN -KYLE MCCLELLAND

Defender, Kyle McCelland, will skipper tonight's opposition. At just 19 years-old, the centre half is highly regarded both domestically and internationally. McClelland has been at Ibrox his whole career and now has the responsibility of captaining his side against senior professionals. Having the opportunity to represent both Scotland and Northern Ireland, he opted for Northern Ireland and has been capped by his country at u17, u19

and most recently, u21 level. He has had some experience at senior level himself having spent time out on loan at Falkirk under David McCracken and Lee Miller.

#### ONE TO WATCH -TONY WESTON

There are many talented youngsters in the ranks at Ibrox. however, one catching the eye is Tony Weston. The forward has been in fine goal scoring form as he sits third in the top scorer charts in the Lowland League. Weston is sitting on ten goals after the opening thirteen games. At only 17-years old, the Liverpool-born striker joined the club in the summer having made the switch from Blackpool. After scoring fourteen goals last season for Blackpool, he was promoted to the first team and had

a whole host of interest down South. Despite that, Weston saw working under McCallum the perfect place to continue his development. If early signs of his career are to be reflective going forward, the decision is certainly justified.

### THE CONNECTIONS

Kieran Wright, goalkeeper came initially on loan during season 2019/20 but set to have a second stint at the club after David Hutton's red card last Saturday v. Peterhead. Jake Hastie while with







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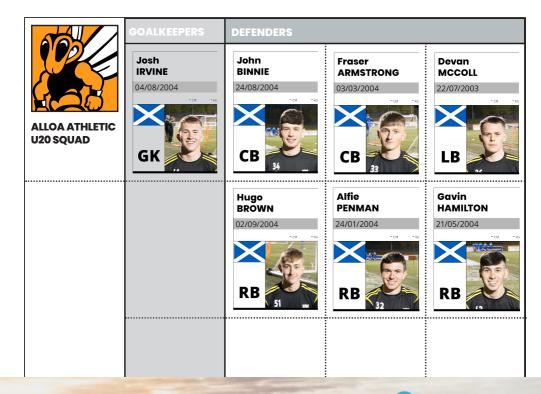
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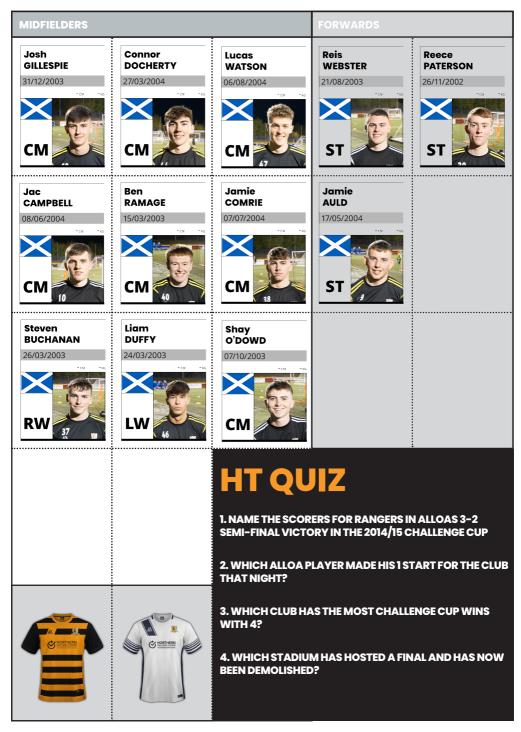
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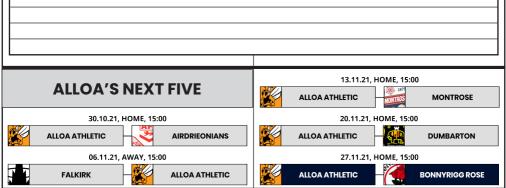
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