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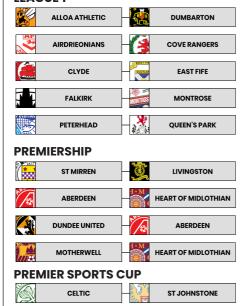
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David HUTTON 18/05/1985



Andy GRAHAM



Mark DURNAN

Daniel



Jordan ARMSTRONG



GOALS

Cawley 67 Trouten 42 Graham 13 Taggart 8

Fernandy MENDY



Lucas WILLIAMSON



Tom LEIGHTON



MANAGER

BARRY FERGUSON







Jon ROBERTSON



Ben















Charlie





Steven

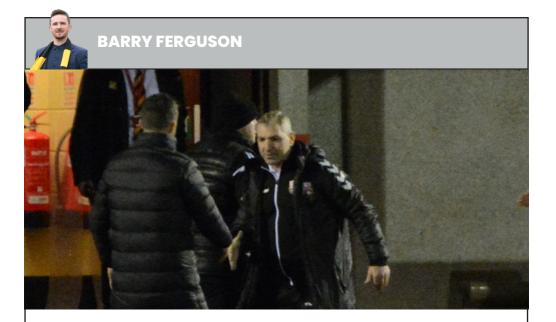












MANAGER'S NOTES

Welcome to Dumbarton, the players, staff and manager, Stephen Farrell.

On Saturday it would be an understatement to call it a disappointment. When we went two goals up we were the dominant team, with two excellent crosses putting us into the lead. The first half was a bit scrappy and Montrose had a bit more possession

than us. We were in control, they got a goal back through a deflection and that seemed to knock the stuffing out of us. In the end we're really disappointed to drop two points but we need to move on and bounce back against Dumbarton.

Boyd has picked up a knock and Henderson has ran himself into the ground against Montrose. We're going to assess them and Sena and Scougall too, so we have got a few bruised bodies.

Some might say that this is a good time to catch Dumbarton as they're on a tough run of results but just 4-5 weeks ago they were turning over Falkirk 3-0.

It doesn't matter for any games in this league - whether it's

bottom or top - we have to approach it properly. We're expecting a tough game. Dumbarton have a good team, they're well managed and we have to respect what they can bring to the game. But we're looking to bounce back from the Montrose result and keep our unbeaten run going with a win today.





NEWSDESK

Welcome to today's match against Dumbarton, who are visitors to the Indodrill Stadium for the first time in the league since, Division One Play-Off semi-Final in May, 2018, manager Stevie Farrell and assistant Frank McKeown the players, directors and management, of Dumbarton FC. The first match earlier this season ended in a 1-1 draw, which many Alloa fans considered as two points dropped after

conceding a late goal. However prior to the Alloa match Dumbarton had been on a rich vein of form and were sitting at the top of the division along with queen's Park after defeating Falkirk, Fast Fife and Montrose in the previous three league games. Today's game will be just as difficult but I'm sure the Alloa plavers will still be hurting after conceding a last minute goal to Montrose last Saturday and drop two vital

league points.

There is no doubt the football story which hit all the headlines this week with the Scotland International team defeating an unbeaten Danish side at Hampden Park on Monday evening 2-0, a score line which flattered the Danish. Steve Clarke's team were a joy to watch, a transformation, playing controlled attacking football and showing great confidence in defence when needed. On the night the team excelled and the manager got the tactics spot on. If you were there, you were one of the lucky ones who will be able to recall "I was there, when asked about the game in future years" as there will be many who will be now be looking to the Play-Off Semi-Finals in March.

Scotland go forward into the Play-Off draw as one of the Six seeded.

teams who will be given a home draw - Portugal, Scotland, Italy, Russia, Sweden & Wales. Who will be drawn against either - Turkey, Poland, North Macedonia, Ukraine, Austria or Czech Republic.

Scotland's next assignment will be decided at the FIFA World Cup 2022 play-off draw at 5pm on Friday, 26 November, You can watch the draw live on FIFA.com. The best way to get to the front of the Scotland ticket queue is through Scotland Supporters Club membership. This will not only give Scotland supporters first access to play-off fixtures, but also potential FIFA World Cup 2022 and 2022/23 UEFA Nations League fixtures when the time comes.

Scotland's Woman's National side is due to play in FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 Qualifiers - Scotland v Ukraine on Friday, 26 November 2021, kick-



off 7.35pm at Hampden Park, Glasgow. Spain v Scotland on Tuesday, 30 November 2021, kick-off 8pm (UK time) at Estadio de La Cartuja, Seville. Scotland Woman currently sit joint top of the table with Spain on nine points. Ukraine have played one game less and have three points thus far.

Thanks to all the Alloa Athletic fans who attended the recent Scottish Football Programme & Memorabilia Fairs@Footballfairs, on Sunday 31st October, 2021, at the Collessio Hotel, Stirling, it was a great success with over 170 people attending. Thanks to Jim Thomson of Stirling Albion for his work making sure it was a success. The next Programme Fair will be held on Saturday 15th January, 2022 at the Holiday Inn, West Nile Street, Glasgow, admission free, 10am to 2pm.

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Scottish Cup Full Third Round Draw - matches due to be played weekend of 27th Nov, 2021

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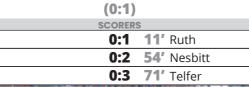
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REFEREE: Chris Graham

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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

We recognise -

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

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

- promote and priotitise the saftey and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults
- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of inicdents of concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and that is dealt with confidentially:
- prevent the employment or engagement wof unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and veting procedures

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

MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN





BRACES FROM THE BENCH

Scoring a brace after starting on the bench

All substitutes have in the back of their minds the need to make a positive impact when they join the action. Some will feel disappointed in being on the bench in the first place, therefore having a point to prove to their manager, while others will be returning from injury, be a new signing at the club or rising from the youth or reserve team to play at

a higher level. Whatever the circumstances, the objective of the substitute is to make a difference on the pitch to persuade the manager to start them in the next game, as ultimately at any level of the game, every players first objective is to take a full part in the action from the start, rather than a cameo from the bench or being on the sidelines.

For strikers, the clear-

est signal of making a difference from the bench is scoring a goal: that's not uncommon at all, but what is far rarer is for a substitute to score two goals after coming onto the pitch. Last month Alloa's Fuan Henderson did iust that, as his dramatic 90th and 92nd minute strikes at Firhill earned Alloa an unbelievable 4-3 comeback win against the then league leaders Queen's Park. In doing so the loanee

from Hearts became the first Alloa substitute to score a brace for over nine years and just the eighth in the past quarter of a century. This therefore provides me with a perfect excuse to dust off my record books to chronicle the other times over this period that Alloa substitutes have had the perfect impact of scoring a couple of goals off the bench for the club.



ROBERT THOMSON 18TH AUGUST 2012 — ALBION ROVERS 0 ALLOA 3 (GREHAN 14, THOMSON 79 & 83)

Prior to Henderson's recent heroics, the last time an Alloa substitute had scored two goals was back at the start of the 2012/13 season. when another loanee. Robert Thomson from Dundee United, bagged a double. After replacing opening goalscorer Martin Grehan on 58 minutes, Thomson wrapped up the points at Cliftonhill with a late double. First the 19 year old opened his account for the club in his second appearance after being teed up by Kevin Cawley. However, his second was a little bit special, as his far-post overhead kick nestled into the net to put a deserved 3-0 gloss onto the final scoreline. After watching Thomson's second spell with the Wasps in the past couple of seasons

you wouldn't immediately say that overhead kicks are part of his repertoire, but back in his teenage years they evidently were!

ANDY FERGUSON 12TH APRIL 2008 - AL-LOA 2 (FERGUSON 86, 90) ROSS CO 0

Ferguson hadn't played for the Wasps in over three months before being named on the bench for a late-season game against newly crowned champions Ross County. Alloa were in the hunt for the final promotion play-off spot, beginning the day in 5th and a point behind Brechin. After 85 minutes, with the Hedgemen drawing at Raith and it being goalless at the Recs, it looked as if it would be a missed opportunity for the Wasps. However, Derek Fleming's freekick caused confusion in the County box and Ferguson was there to stab the ball home. As the clocked ticked over to 90 minutes, Ferguson

bagged his second from a 20-minute cameo, turning in the box and finishing in style to earn Alloa a marvellous three points which moved us into that final play-off position with just two more games to play.

ROBERT SLOAN 22ND NOVEMBER 2005 - ALLOA 9 (HAMILTON 7 & 24, A BROWN 18, SLOAN 51 & 85, NICOLSON 55, 80 & 82, QUITONGO 67) SELKIRK 0

Alloa went into this Scottish Cup First Round tie without a win in 13 games, including six successive defeats. The game was unusually played on a Monday night too, just two days after a 4-0 mauling at Gretna, which helped explain the sparse attendance of 327. However, those inside the Recs that night will probably still recall something of the game, as the Wasps clocked up a record victory, eclipsing a 9-2 win over Forfar from 1933 with a 9-0 demolition of Selkirk. Amongst the goals that night was second-half substitute Robert Sloan, who scored his 5th and 6th goals of the season to clock up Alloa's fourth and record breaking ninth goals of the evening. Afterwards manager Tom Hendrie reflected that he hoped the performance and goals would give everyone at the club a lift. acknowledging the bad run the club had been on. Alas on the following Saturday Alloa were humbled 4-0 at home to Ayr and after another three league defeats, the last of which was a 4-2 reverse at Raith on Hogmanay, Hendrie was finally sacked.



CHRIS WOOD 8TH AUGUST 2000 -CLYDEBANK 0 ALLOA 2 (WOOD 54 & 89)

I was up holidaying in Scotland at the time, so actually got to witness Chris Wood's double, which earned the Wasps a midweek win in the First Round of the CIS Insurance Cup. Played in front of an eerie crowd of 216 at an under redevelopment Cappielow Park (the Cowshed was stripped bare), this was a low-key encounter which was uneventful and poor for long periods. It was only enlivened by substitute Wood, who replaced flu-suffering Ian Little early in the second-half. Minutes after being introduced Wood opened the scoring from a free-kick. Wood's left-foot strike looked as if it would hit the wall. but it inexplicably went through the Bankies wall to allow the ball to



slide into the bottom corner. It sent the Wasps loyal 40-strong support into raptures (in particular the vocal Lucky B Supporters Club, who spent much of the evening singing the praises of 'wee' Gerry Farrell). The goal didn't improve the match as a spectacle though, but it became Wood's night when he scored another in the last minute. Farrell's cross-field pass was picked up by Lee Gardner, whose cross was flicked on by Mark Wilson for Wood to

volley in from close to the penalty spot. Wood was named man of the match for his decisive goals, but aside from that I'm not sure anyone will remember anything about the game itself!

GREGOR MCKECH-NIE 31ST JULY 1999 - PARTICK 0 ALLOA 2 (MCKECHNIE 77 & 80)

Alloa's first competitive match of what turned out to be a highly memorable promotion and Challenge Cup winning season started in a positive fashion, thanks to two late goals from substitute Gregor McKechnie. The Wasps headed to Firhill for this CIS Insurance Cup First Round tie against future Second Division rivals Partick (newly relegated to the Second Division) confidently, but suffered a blow just after the half-hour when new signing from Shotts Bon Accord David Menelaws was forced off with a dislocated shoulder. Menelaws replacement McKechnie turned out to be the matchwinner. as late in the game he

raced onto a Martin Cameron flick-on and finished past Jags keeper Kenny Arthur, who should have done better. Minutes later McKechnie dribbled along the dead-ball line before blasting the ball through Arthur to secure Alloa's victory in front of over 2,000 disappointed home fans.

MARTIN CAMER-ON 7TH MARCH 1998 - ALLOA 3 (IRVINE 29, CAMERON 60 & 82) MONTROSE 2 (MCGLASHAN 70PEN, WYLIE 81)

Alloa moved eight points clear at the top of the Third Division with ten games to play after this victory, but were thankful for young substitute Martin Cameron in seeing off 8th place Montrose. The Wasps had won all of the previous six encounters with the Gable Endies and were 1-0 up at the interval. However, it wasn't until the second half introduction of raw teenage Martin Cameron that things really livened up. Cameron



was often unleashed from the bench in his first year at the club, having been plucked from the Edinburgh Sunday leagues to play for the Wasps. He firstly doubled the Wasps lead on the hour, but after Montrose replied with goals from veteran striker Colin McGlashan and ex-Wasp Roddy Wylie, 'The Butcher' spared Alloa's blushes with his second of the afternoon with eight minutes to play to secure another Alloa victory over Montrose.

PAUL SIMPSON 22ND MARCH 1997 - QUEENS PARK 0 ALLOA 4 (PEW 58, IRVINE 63, SIMPSON 67 & 71)

The January de-

parture of star striker Peter Dwyer, who decided to emigrate to Australia months after joining the Wasps for £18,000, effectively derailed Alloa's chances of promotion during the 1996/97 season. In seeking to replace Alloa's 12-goal top goalscorer manager Tom Hendrie raided the juniors to sign Jim Piggott from Fallin Amateurs and Paul Simpson from Armiston Rangers. Simpson proved to be the better of the two signings, with his 6ft5ins height giving the Alloa attack a focal point. Having started and scored the previous weekend at East Stirling. Simpson would have felt disappointed to only be on the bench for a trip to Hampden to face

Queen's Park. Simpson took out any frustration he felt on a tired Spiders backline, scoring Alloa's third and fourth goals of the afternoon as the Wasps went goal crazy with a four-goal blitz in thirteen second half minutes at the national stadium.

Looking through my record books, there are no examples in the past 25 years of an Alloa substitute scoring a hat-trick (although I think most Wasps fans remember that happening against us last season when Kevin O'Hara made his return to the Recs to inflict some painful damage on us), but a two-goal salvo is some achievement by any substitute. Although Fuan Henderson's

heroics from the bench last month were not the only time in the past guarter of a century that an Alloa substitute has scored a double at Firhill (McKechnie) or against Queen's Park (Simpson), neither of those other examples were quite as incredible as Euan's intervention, which had the double whammy of turning what looked like a defeat into an incredible victory. In the years to come when a new dictionary of football lexicon is published, I think there is a fair chance that under the 'impact sub' definition there would be a picture of Henderson celebrating those two late goals at Firhill!





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DERBY DAY AT FORTHBANK

It was derby day and all roads led to Stirling. After forty years of feisty encounters in various district league and cup competitions, Alloa and King's Park were preparing in November 1921 for their first clash in the Scottish League. Alloa had adapted better to the higher level and would make the short trip through to Forthbank (not the stadium of the same name which is now home to Stirling Albion) sitting ioint top of the Second Division with Armadale. King's Park were

9 points back in the bottom half of the table, but the history between the clubs suggested that the sight of Black and Gold jerseys should be ample motivation for the Stirling side. As early as 1882 a game between the clubs had been abandoned "in consequence of some dispute", setting the tone for the decades to follow. In 1908 the teams had met in the quarter-final of the Scottish Consolation Cup with Alloa en-route to their first ever national trophy. A

double sending off in the closing stages had sparked a pitch invasion with hundreds of fans pouring onto the field as Alloa progressed to the last four. Fate had thrown the teams together once more at the Recs just a few weeks later where Alloa lashed in six goals in the first-half, with the Alloa Instrumental Band then taking to the field and harking back to the previous game with a rendition of The Battle of Stirling Bridge'. "This was surely adding insult to injury", the Stirling

Sentinel had complained. That lingering ill-feeling had erupted once more in 1913 when a Stirlingshire Cup semi-final was abandoned amid a riot on the Forthbank terraces. Love thy neighbour it was not and Alloa were not expecting an easy game for the maiden SFL meeting, regardless of form, "Forthbank will be the scene of the first meeting of the season between King's Park and Alloa and preparations are being made to house a big crowd", said the Daily Record, with

three specials trains travelling from the Wee County.

On a heavy pitch Alloa took the game to their rivals and within 15 minutes they were ahead, Willie Crilley beating Buchanan from close range for his 19th of the season. And the little centre forward was just getting started. He had completed his hat-trick by the break with Peter Gaffney also on target for the Wasps, and Paterson replying for King's Park. 4-1 for the Wasps at the interval and the travelling support wondering would Alloa take their foot off the gas in the second period. The answer

was a very definitive no. The Wasps repeated the trick of the first-half with Crilley providing his second hat-trick of the day and Wood grabbing a goal for himself, and indeed Alloa went one better by holding King's Park scoreless after the break. The full-time whistle blew on a score of King's Park 1 Alloa 8, leaving the sportswriters of the time scrambling for suitable superlatives. "CRILLEY DEAD ON. ALLOA'S LILLIPUTIAN CENTRE SCORES SIX". screamed the Record with their correspondent beginning his report with "Phew – what a rout at Stirling". The Sunday Post reported that it was "Crilley v King's Park and

he won hands down". praising the wee man's "aptitude in snapping up the chances and his ability to plant the ball in the net, giving the goalkeeper no opportunity to save". The Dundee Courier labelled Crilley as the "Little man with the big heart", and also pointed out that 8-1 was a record score for the new Second Division. The Evening News was the exception with the rather surprising claim that the score did not reflect the game, and that but for Alloa's star striker "making a sorry mess of the King's Park defence" that there was little between the teams.

The travelling army boarded the special

trains back to the Wee County in fine fettle, and their mood can only have improved further when news came through that Armadale had been beaten 2-1 at home by East Fife, leaving the Wasps now clear at the top of the table. It would be fair to assume that the hostelries of Alloa enjoyed a profitable evening, with fans also thinking ahead to a mouth-watering clash against Armadale in early December. But first up would be the visit of Arbroath to Alloa. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



APPEARANCES

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A FAN'S VIEW

This week has seen a lot of activity on the football front, the highlight of course being that brilliant Scotland win on Monday night over Denmark. I was lucky enough to be at Hampden for the game- one of the best Scotland performances in years. We now look forward to the play-off draw this Friday as a seeded nation. There was also sad news last weekend as Bertie Auld passed away- as well as being a Celtic European Cup winner he is also a former player and manager of today's opponents Dumbarton. As we approach our second consecutive home fixture, we look back on last week's

game against Montrose which can certainly be considered 2 points dropped-solely for the fact Alloa surrendered a 2 goal lead and conceded the equaliser in the 90th minute of the match. Whilst the result wasn't the end of the world, the circumstances behind the result were disappointing. Alloa went into last week's game in fine form. having picked up 2 wins and a draw in their last 3 games. During that time striker Euan Henderson was also on fire, netting 5 consecutive goals for the club. There was one change to the starting line-up from the previous week's match at Falkirk-Kevin Cawley returning

in midfield with Craig Howie starting on the bench. Alloa's Five-man midfield of Scougall, Gilmour, Sena, Boyd and Cawley contained a great deal of quality. But in the opening half they struggled to get any real fluency or flowing passages of play. The visitors stifled Alloa well

without causing any real attacking threat, and chances were few and far between at either end.

There were clearly words exchanged at the break, as Alloa were much improved immediately. For the opening 20 minutes of the 2nd





half, Alloa played as well as they have done under Barry Ferguson so far. Mark Durnan scored a double, with both goals coming from headers from corner kicks. The first header in particular was powerful and unstoppable. And he could have had a hat trick, coming close with another header. It's great to carry that threat at set pieces and long may it continue. Boyd and Henderson also went close as Alloa really threatened to put the match out of sight. **But gradually Montrose** began to gain territorial advantage and Alloa played more on the counter. With 13 minutes to go a nervy finish was upon us as Craig Iohnston's 20-vard drive took a deflection which beat Hutton in the Alloa goal to pull one back for the visitors. Montrose piled on the pressure with corner kicks as the clock ticked down. And

they got their equaliser in the final minute of the game, after a scrappy game of pinball ensued in the 6-yard box and Matty Allan scrambled home. It was a bitter blow, and although Mendy had a chance with a late header Alloa were forced into a share of the spoils. Alloa just couldn't take the pressure off the back 4 enough in the closing

stages. In fairness this tactic did work against Montrose earlier in the season at Links Park, where similarly Alloa had a 2 goal lead and shut up shop for a clean sheet. As previously stated, a point was a disappointing outcome based on the climax of the game, but it's far from apocalyptic. The team's unbeaten record also now stretches to 4

games.

Today's opponents Dumbarton will be looking to kick-start their season after a run of bad recent form. Since drawing with Alloa at the end of September they have only picked up one point from their last six games. However, they sit only 4 points behind Alloa in 7th place so will be looking to close that gap and then climb the table. They should rectify this sooner rather than later I think, and I've always been impressed by their manager Stevie Farrell. For Alloa, despite the close proximity between the 2 clubs it's a game where the supporters will expect 3 points today. We might also see an appearance by a few of our very near neighbours today, as next week Sauchie travel to Dumbarton in the Scottish Cup. Enjoy today's game.





LOOKING BACK 17TH NOVEMBER 1984

In The Premier Division, the day's top clash was undoubtedly at Ibrox, where thirdplaced Rangers hosted leaders Aberdeen. And a 2-1 win for The Dons, their fifth straight league success, saw them retain their threepoint advantage over second-placed Celtic, who maintained their own title push with an emphatic 5-1 win at Hearts, while Rangers remained in third spot. Dundee United were also amongst the goals, as they hammered struggling Morton by 7-0 at Tannadice, to

thus move up one place to fourth, United replaced Hearts, who slipped to sixth, while St. Mirren, 2-1 winners at Dundee, were now fifth. At the other end of the table. Morton's defeat kept them in bottom spot, though Hibs' point from a 2-2 draw at today's visitors Dumbarton, for whom Craig and P. McGowan were on target, moved them up one place to third-bottom position. Dundee now occupied second-bottom place, but Dumbarton's point saw them move up one place to seventh.

Airdrie remained top of The First Division. thanks to a comfortable 4-1 home success v struggling Partick, Clvdebank retained second spot despite being held 1-1 at another side in the doldrums, Kilmarnock, while Motherwell. in spite of a 2-3 reverse at home v Falkirk, still held third place. Fourthplaced Forfar had to settle for a point from a 1-1 draw at lowly St. Johnstone, Clyde, 2-1 home winners v Ayr, remained in fifth place, while East Fife, 3-0 winners at another of the strugglers, Meadowbank,

moved up to sixth. Meadowbank's defeat kept them rooted to the bottom of the table, but Kilmarnock's welcome point moved them up to third-bottom position. Killie were replaced in second-bottom place by Partick, while St. Johnstone still occupied eleventh place.

Down in The Second, Dunfermline retained pole position, after a 1-0 success at local rivals/ fellow promotion contenders, Cowdenbeath. Second-placed Alloa, having tasted defeat for the first time in the



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league the previous week at another of the challengers. Montrose. now returned to winning ways, and in rather emphatic fashion, with a 4-0 win v Albion Rovers at Recreation Park. Gary Murray, Davie Lloyd, Larry Haggart & Davie Martin were on target for The Wasps, who'd lined up as follows: Lowrie, Thompson, Haggart, Thomson, Dall, Martin, Harris, Shearer, Murray (Sorbie), Mackie, Lloyd (Paterson), Third-placed Montrose were 1-0 winners at lowly East Stirling, while Stenhousemuir retained fourth spot after a narrow 1-0 home win v lowly Queen Of The South. Cowdenbeath, in spite of their defeat. remained in fifth place, but there was no joy for

bottom club Arbroath. who went down 1-2 at Gayfield v fellow strugglers Oueen's Park.

South of the border. there was no change at the top of The First Division. For leaders Everton retained their threepoint cushion, after hammering bottom club Stoke 4-0 at Goodison Park, Manchester United remained second after defeating another of the strugglers, Luton, 2-0 at Old Trafford, while third-placed Arsenal maintained their own title push with a 1-0 win v London rivals QPR at Highbury. It was also "as vou were" at the top of The Second Division, as Oxford, despite being held 0-0 at Oldham, still led the way, though only on goal difference from Portsmouth, who also had to settle for a point,



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after 1-1 home draw v struggling Crystal Palace, But third-placed Blackburn fared better. running out 2-1 winners at another of the strugglers, Middlesbrough, while Barnslev, 3-1 home victors v Shrewsbury, were now fourth.





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This afternoon we continue our run of home fixtures as we welcome Dumbarton to the Indodrill for this Cinch League 1 tie. There is just one position that separates the sides before the beginning of play with Alloa sitting in 6th and Dumbarton just a place behind. The Wasps do have a bit of a cushion between them and the visitors, however, a victory for the Sons could see them come to just a point behind Alloa. A victory for Barry Ferguson's team would see the gap go to seven

proving how crucial a game it will be. It has been a sticky patch of form for Dumbarton as they go without a win in their last seven fixtures. The last time they took all three points was away to Falkirk back in the middle of September.

THE BOSS – STEPHEN FARRELL

The Sons are led by former defender, Stephen Faarrell. He began his career at Stoke City before heading North to ply his trade for teams such as St Mirren, Stranstrans

raer. Stenhousemuir and many junior sides. It was in those divisions that he began his career in management when he was appointed the manager of Cumnock Juniors in 2009. However, in 2012, he was given the opportunity to return to the professional leagues as Stephen Aitken's assistant at Stranraer. He would follow Aitken to Dumbarton in the same role before going back to Stranraer to be his own number. In almost perfect symmetry, in 2021, Dumbarton appointed Farrell their manager as he returned to the Rock. Outside of football. Farrell is joint deputy General Secretary of the Prison Service Union.

THE CAPTAIN -STUART CARSWELL

The man with the armband is fan favourite, Stuart Carswell. The midfielder began his career at Motherwell where he would make over eighty appearances in his four years at Fir Park. Spells at St Mirren and in Iceland with Keflavik would follow for Carswell before he decided to return





home and signed for Dumbarton in the Championship in 2017. It took him almost seven years to get his first senior goal and that came with the Sons against Elgin City. Alloa fans need no reminder what his next goal was as his thunderous strike at the Indodrill from twenty-five yards out gave his side an advantage in the play-off final. However, this was overturned by Alloa as they clinched promotion in the second leg. Steady and reliable performances in midfield and defence have seen his make triple-figure appearances for the Son, win their Plaver of the Year Award, and sign a two-year deal this summer.

NEW BOY -ROSS MACLEAN

Dumbarton have

a new man on the wing this season in the form of Ross MacLean. After winning the title with Queen's Park last season, MacLean made the switch to the Rock in the summer. At just 24-years old, he brings a wealth of experience to the side having played for Motherwell, Greenock Morton and Falkirk before his title-winning season in Glasgow. After signing

a two-year deal, he immediately got the ground running scoring on his debut against Stenhousemuir. His tally for the season sits at five in eleven which is very impressive after being deployed on the wing for the majority of those games. MacLean's most recent strike was back in October in the chaotic defeat to Airdrie.

ONE TO WATCH - GREGOR BUCHANAN

This afternoon's one to watch plays in the heart of the Sons defence and it is Gregor Buchanan. A name well known in the Scottish leagues, Buchanan has played for a whole host of sides. Some of his most successful spells would be considered to be with Dunfermline. Queen of the South and St Mirren, where he was part of the Scottish Championship winning

side in 2018. This summer he decided to return to the Rock, where he had a two-year stint back in 2015. Since returning he has been a mainstay in the defence making seventeen appearances. As well as marshalling the defence, Buchanan has added goals to his game scoring five for the season, three in the league.

THE CONNECTION

The sides have had many connections over the last decade or so with former players like Mark Docherty being a prime example. However, now there is only one former Alloa man in the Dumbarton ranks, Edin Lynch, who departed the Indodrill in the summer after his one year with the club, signed for Dumbarton. Lynch played against the Wasps in the previous fixture the season. In

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

the Alloa ranks, there still remains many former-Sons favourites. Many of lack Ross's signings back in 2014 from Dumbarton are still with the club, such as Scott Taggart, Andy Graham and Kevin Cawley. In particular, Andy Graham is wellloved by both set of supporters for many fantastic memories in his triple-figure appearances for both clubs. More recently, summer signing, Daniel Church, has spent his recent years playing for Dumbarton.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is the second match-up between the two sides this season

with the first game ending all square. In a controlled Alloa performance, the Wasps took the lead through Steven Boyd on the cusp of half-time. However, an improved performance from Dumbarton in the second-half saw them snatch a point with ten minutes to go through Paddy Boyle. As mentioned, the last meeting before that was the historic play-off final of which the Sons won the first leg here 1-0. However, an excellent Alloa performance and dramatic goals from Jordan Kirkpatrick, another player to have played for both, and Ross Stewart saw Alloa win 2-1 on aggregate in extra-time.



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QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. DUMBARTON ROCK-THOUGHT TO RESEMBLE AN ELEPHANT
- 2. BIRMINGHAM CITY
- 3. OSCAR
- 4. THE RAILWAYMEN- CREWE ALEX-ANDRA, THE COBBLERS- NORTHAMPTON TOWN, THE "O"S- LEYTON ORIENT, THE CHERRIES- BOURNEMOUTH, THE HATTERS- LUTON TOWN





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REFEREE: David Dickinson

ASST: Colin Drummond & Michael McDermid

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11.12.21, HOME, 15:00 ALLOA ATHLETIC

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27.11.21. HOME, 15:00





BONNYRIGG ROSE

4.12.21, AWAY, 15:00



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