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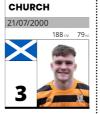




DEFENDERS









MATCH most appearances

Cawley 387 Taggart 222 Graham 203 Robertson 203

David HUTTON



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





MIDFIELDERS

FORWARDS



































MANAGER'S NOTES

First, warm welcome to today's visitors Montrose and Stewart Petrie and the rest of the players and staff.

It's been a really pleasing couple of weeks in the league - facing some good teams, three that will be there fighting for the title and coming away with 7 points out of 9.

Happy with the results, performances really good but I like to demand more and I think there's more to come from this group.

It's still relatively new in terms of personnel and how we want to play. We're working hard and we train on those things that we can improve. The games before, even ones that we've tailed off in we've shown that we can compete but the consistency level we've started showing is really important to me.

Euan Henderson, has been great for the last few weeks in terms of goalscoring. The important thing for him just now is to

play games of football. That's why Hearts let him come here, and this might be crazy but I still expect more from him. A couple weeks ago we left him out of the team and he came back and responded excellently with the consecutive goals. If he keeps the level of hard work he's shown so far in his loan spell his chance at Hearts will undoubtedly come

Last time we met Montrose, they gave us a tough game. They've got a great manager and a strong squad. For us it was like watching a different team for the first 20 minutes but thankfully we got a goal, settled into the game and really controlled it in the second half.

That's what I'd like to see from us this time around. If we prepare right and come in with the right game plan, at quarter to five we'll be coming away with the most important thing; the three points.







JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome to today's match against Montrose, who are visitors to the Indodrill Stadium for the first time in the league since January, 2012, manager Stewart Petrie and assistant Ross Campbell the players, directors and management, of Montrose FC. Montrose are in great form, we have to go back to 18th September, 2021 when they last lost a league fixture, when "The Wasps" defeated

them 2-0 at Links Park, however it was a game Montrose would have been disappointing to lose after missing an early penalty kick which could have changed the match. Barry Ferguson will himself be delighted with "The Wasps" form in our last three league matches, defeating queen's Park 4-3. Airdrie 2-1 and last Saturday grabbing a 1-1 draw after losing a controversial penalty with only two minutes

remaining, however Euan Henderson scored his fifth goal in his last 3 league games to clinch a draw, the least the side deserved from their effort.

Our last home match against Airdrie was a very emotional day for myself being able to attend my first match this season after being hospitalised with Covid at the start of December, 2020, an experience I would not wish on

anybody. With the help of a wheelchair and guidance and help from our safety officer Robert Wilson, my daughter Maria was able to bring me to the match. It seems unreal that this season I have missed attending more Alloa matches than I have done over the past 50 vears following the club. The kind words prior to Kick-Off over the tannov and show of appreciation was something I will never forget. I still have

a long way to go to fight this "Long Covid" but meeting so many other fans and the victory made the occasion a day to remember.

Fernandy Mendy was rewarded for his display at Falkirk last Saturday by being named in the SPFL "Team of the Week" Congratulations to the big man.

Birthday wishes to Conor Sammon who celebrated his 35th birthday last Saturday 6th November, Alan Trouten celebrated his 36th birthday on Monday 8th November and Liam Evans who will be 20 on Wednesday 17th November.

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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Arbroath v Forfar Athletic

Auchinleck Talbot v Hamilton Academical

Ayr United v Albion Rovers

Banks O'Dee v East Fife Brechin City v Darvel

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Clydebank v Clyde Cove Rangers v Queen

of the South

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Inverness Caledonian Thistle v Greenock Morton

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6th November 2021 The Falkirk Stadium, Falkirk 3:00pm KO

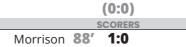
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| 8 HETHERINGTON | 5 KRASNIQI | 18 SAMMON | 8 ROBERTSON |
| 9 RUTH | 7 MORRISON | 20 O'DONNELL | 4 HOWIE |
| 10 NESBITT | 16 ROSS | 10 TROUTEN | 15 GILMOUR |
| 11 MCGUFFIE | 17 KEENA | 3 CHURCH | 19 NIANG |
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REFEREE: Calum Scott



6th November 2021 Links Park, Montrose 3:00pm KO

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COVE RANGERS











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| 2 BALLANTYNE | SUBS | SUBS | 2 NEILL |
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| 3 STEEVES | 8 WATSON | 11 MCINTOSH | 3 MILNE |
| 6 MASSON | 11 LYONS | 15 ANDERSON | 16 VIGURS |
| 15 WHATLEY | 12 ANTONAZZI | 17 ADEYEMO | 24 FYVIE |
| 20 BALLANTYNE | 16 JOHNSTON | 20 LEITCH | 18 ROBERTSON |
| 10 MILNE | 22 BROWN | 23 GOURLAY | 10 MASSON |
| 9 KEATINGS | | | 13 MCALLISTER |
| 7 WEBSTER | | | 9 MEGGINSON |

REFEREE: Grant Irvine

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





LATE, LATE, COMEBACK WINS

There are few better feelings in football than the joy of a last minute winning goal. Celebrating a decisive late goal, virtually knowing there is no chance of a comeback from the opposition, is a pleasure that is rarely topped for fans of the beautiful game. However, when there are two late strikes from vour team to turn a defeat into a victory it is, for me, off the scale in terms of sweetness! Being an Alloa fan we have

become accustomed to late comeback victories in recent years, with a hallmark of some of our most famous successes having been achieved through the resilience of the team to recover from losing positions to earn satisfying wins. The final 18 minute 0-2 to 3-2 cup semi-final comeback win versus Rangers in 2014 springs immediately to mind, but that is far from the latest late-late comeback win the Wasps

have recently earned.

Fuan Henderson's 90th and 92nd minute strikes at Firhill last month turned what looked like a defeat into a dramatic victory for Alloa versus Queen's Park. It gave everyone connected with the club that euphoric moment of iov that makes following the club all worthwhile. Going into the final minute of the game behind, having only just conceded to

the league leaders in the 88th minute after a frantic encounter. it seemed like the afternoon would end with a painful defeat for the Wasps. However, not only did Alloa show the character and never-sav-die attitude to fathom an equaliser, but eclipsed that with an injury time winner to cue bedlam on the terraces, on the pitch and within the Alloa technical area.

To put the rarity of this occasion into some sort of context, it is the first time in my 25 years of keeping detailed statistics following Alloa that the club have ever turned a defeat into victory with the clock on 90 minutes. In-fact, during the past quarter of a century the Wasps have only turned a losing position in the final 10 minutes of play into a win on eight occasions. That translates to an occurrence of roughly once every three seasons, but the Wasps have actually completed the feat twice already this season. Earlier in the season top-tier Livingston were defeated 2-1 in the League Cup following Scott Taggart's waltz and finish after 82 minutes cancelled out Bruce Anderson's opener, with Alan Trouten's winner from the penalty spot coming four minutes later. As such, perhaps the late. late, comeback win is already a particular characteristic of Barry Ferguson's Alloa side? The 90th minute point earned away at Falkirk last weekend is another signal that this group of players never gives up in the face of adversity.

Those heroics against Queen's Park do however give me an opportunity to also recall those other occasions those other back-from-the-brink victories (detailed in order of the lateness

of the equaliser first). Although they were not quite as late in the game as Henderson's double, at the time each felt equally dramatic and left you leaving the ground with an undoubted spring in your step:

20TH MARCH 2010 - SECOND DIVISION ALLOA 2 (GORMLEY 89, PRUNTY 90) STENHOUSEMUIR 1 (DALZIEL 29)

This match was the closest in terms of late. late goals to turn defeat into victory over the past quarter of a century. Having played poorly for 88 minutes of the match the Wasps somehow scored two goals in the 89th and 90th minutes to move five points clear at the top of the table with eight games to play. Defender Scott Walker penned an article each week in the Alloa Advertiser at the time and

neatly summarised the game and what it meant far more succinctly than I could:

"Our late comeback against Stenny on Saturday was fantastic and the scenes at the end reminded me of the times I've won championships. To be honest, though, the Warriors had a lot of the ball and created good chances throughout but it's winning that counts. We didn't play well at all. Our performance in general was quite lacklustre - perhaps the midweek games were a factor in that.

The game turned on its head with 20 minutes remaining when, leading 1-0, they had a man sent off. Their keeper then made a mistake to gift us the equaliser with a minute left and their heads went down. Queue Bryan Prunty. He

won it in injury time with an outstanding volleyed goal. It was similar to the famous strike by Marco Van Basten at the 1988 European Championships. Picking up the points in those circumstances was incredible. After the game the players were overjoyed, and a little shell-shocked too. What a comeback."

Matchwinner Prunty was not shy in rejoicing his goal either, telling the press afterwards "People have already said it was like Van Basten's goal. It was that special. When I saw it coming I knew it was going in the top corner. It's possibly the best goal I have ever scored. I caught it so well." Later in his career Prunty scored some stunning overhead kicks for Dumbarton, but at the time it was certainly an extraordinary goal. I felt his Van Basten-esque strike and celebra-



tion of lapping up the bedlam of supporters going crazy on the Railway End terracing was a signal that Alloa's name was firmly on the Second Division Championship trophy. Alas, such dramatic wins made the end of season collapse all the more disappointing!

9TH SEPTEMBER 2017 – LEAGUE ONE – ALLOA 2 (CAWLEY 88, RENTON 90+4) FORFAR 1 (SEE 52)

Similar to the Stenhousemuir comeback. this late victory masked what for 88 minutes had been a poor performance from the Wasps, However, the calming presence of player-manager lim Goodwin as a second half substitute (his first appearance for 9 months and it turned out to be his third last appearance of his career) helped Alloa claw victory from the jaws of defeat. First Kevin Cawley equalised in the 88th minute, before Kris Renton replied to his terrace critics by firing home a 94th minute winner to score his first

goal for Alloa. Goodwin was magnanimous in his post-match comments, admitting that he'd got his tactics wrong, but thankful that his substitutions (himself included!) worked, with youngster Adam Martin to the fore and the Wasps ultimately stole the points. For poor Forfar supporters, they must have been heartbroken by the defeat, although it probably didn't hurt as much as their previous visit to the Recs, which was when they suffered another Alloa comeback to deny the Loons promotion in 2015.

16TH FEBRUARY 2008 – SECOND DIVISION – ALLOA 3 (ANDREW 49, B FERGUSON PEN 83, SCOTT 89), COWDENBEATH 2 (MANSON 53, GATES 57)

Mid-table Alloa went into this game on the back of seven defeats from eight games, including a 6-1 humiliation away at Ross County the previous weekend. Things looked bleak after 82 minutes of this game too, with Alloa



2-1 down to 9th place Cowdenbeath and not deserving of anything from the balance of play. However, fortune was on Alloa's side, as ex-Wasp Dougie Hill was adjudged to have handled in the box and Brown Ferguson stepped up to blast home an equaliser. With two minutes to go it looked as if the Wasps would be content with earning a point after Scott Agnew was sentoff for a second booking, but the ten men of Alloa somehow mustered a winner as Ferguson's shot rebounded from the post and Andy Scott gleefully tapped in the winner with a minute to play to earn an unlikely three points.

14TH AUGUST 2001 - CHALLENGE CUP ALLOA 3 (EVANS 36, IRVINE 112, LITTLE 116) INVERNESS CT 2 (RIT-CHIE 78, WYNESS 91)

The Wasps faced off against Inverness for a third successive season in the Challenge Cup and like the previous two encounters (the 5-4 penalty success after a 4-4 draw to lift the trophy in 1999 and a 2-3 defeat in 2000) it didn't disappoint. After a 1-1 draw after 90 minutes at a wet Recs, Caley took the lead in the first minute of extra-time. But despite being a league below Thistle and part-time, it was the Wasps who were stronger in second half and had a sting in the tail with two late goals. First, Alloa's record postwar goalscorer Willie Irvine notched a rare header from an Andy Seaton corner, before the comeback was completed by Ian Little, who sidestepped four challenges before driving home the winner, with Inverness then having Rov McBain sent-off as the Wasps marched into the cup quarter-final.

18TH SEPTEMBER 2004 – SECOND DIVISION ALLOA 3 (MCMILLAN 75, BO-LOCHOWECKY J 80, WALKER 89) DUM-



BARTON 2 (RODGERS 11, RUSSELL 57)

The Wasps struggled at the beginning of the 2004/5 season under Tom Hendrie. but went into this game on matchday 7 having secured a first win of the season the previous week at Berwick. However, it looked as if Alloa's tough start was continuing after going 2-0 down to Brian Fairley's Sons after an hour. Remarkably, after Xander McMillan's only goal for the club reduced the deficit, two goals in he final ten minutes secured a satisfying comeback win. The equaliser came from Michael Bolochoweckyj's flicked header after Iain Nicol-

son's cross, with all the momentum in Alloa's favour at that point. A frantic final ten minutes saw Richard Walker fire over before then sweetly volleying in a last minute winner to secure three points that didn't seem remotely possible 15 minutes earlier. Walker described it as one of his best ever goals afterwards and Hendrie praised the players character for never giving up.

11TH MARCH 2000
- SECOND DIVISION
- ROSS COUNTY 3
(HOLMES 41 & 52,
FERGUSON 63) ALLOA
4 (IRVINE 59PEN & 67,
G CLARK 80, CAMERON 86)

Alloa enjoyed plenty of tussles with County around this time and this was one of the best. After being 2-0 and 3-1 down, the Wasps dramatically left Victoria Park with three points after two goals in the final ten minutes. The result leapfrogged Alloa from 4th to 2nd in the table, above County, as both clubs chased one of three promotion spots that season from the Second Division. At 3-1 down the Wasps looked dead and buried, but gained some hope after a peach of a goal from talisman Willie Irvine, striking home from over 20 yards out for his 17th goal of the season. However, it was in the final ten minutes when the Wasps really excelled against their full-time opponents. The equaliser was crafted

from an Irvine cross. which was flicked on by Ian Little into the path of Gary Clark to drill home from close range. Substitute Clark then turned provider in sending Martin Cameron through to score his 21st goal of the season. It marked a pivotal win for the Wasps, with manager Terry Christie delighted afterwards, although he did add that Cameron had missed four earlier chances before getting the all-important winner!

So, there you have, never write the Wasps off in the closing stages of matches, as just sometimes the magic of football allows what looks like a defeat quickly transform into a dramatic victory



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ALLOA FACE OFF AGAINST FIFE RIVALS

It was November 5th 1921 and there was a powder keg clash at the top of the Second Division. Alloa sat top of the league with Armadale and Cowdenbeath tucked in just a point behind in the race for the title and single promotion place. Little wonder that Alloa's trip to Central Park was billed as "the attraction. for all football enthusiasts in West Fife", with the Wasps themselves laying on a special train to ferry their own fans to the game. When the sides emerged on that

cold Saturday afternoon the crowd was reckoned to be almost 14,000, a bumper attendance even by the standards of the time. Alloa were well used to big crowds after their Scottish Cup adventure of the previous season and the Wasps grabbed an early lead. Murray in the Cowdenbeath defence misjudged a ball into the box from Jock Stirling and provided Willie Crilley with an easy chance that the 'mighty atom' was never going to miss. It was a lead that Alloa would

hold until half-time. The second period found the home team on top as they chased the equaliser, with Orrock and McGregor once more prominent in the Alloa defence. The Wasps held firm and with 20 minutes remaining the pressure was relieved as a break up the field ended with a foul on the edge of the Cowden box. As the Cowdenbeath defenders crowded around Crilley, McGregor instead slipped the free-kick into the path of Whittle who fired

the ball into the net. As Cowden floundered Alloa threatened a killer third goal with Wood crashing the ball off the crossbar. There was still a scare for the visitors with Smith pulling a goal back in the closing stages, but Alloa held on for a 2-1 victory and a 3 point lead over the Fifers. It was a deserved victory, concluded the Dundee Evening Telegraph: "Alloa kept the ball swinging from wing to wing, and if the half-backs were beat they passed back to the full-backs to relieve

the pressure. This style paid, and although Cowdenbeath game was pretty to watch at times, there was a listlessness about their attack". The paper also claimed that Alloa had only had three opportunities, with Crilley and Whittle and scoring and Wood striking the bar, but that was just the kind of clinical finishing that had taken the Wasps to the top of the table.

There was no time for Alloa to sit back and enjoy their victory as they immediately began to prepare for another promotion battle against Fife opposition. This time it would be East Fife, who had been

slowly climbing the table and who had taken advantage of Cowden's defeat against Alloa to leapfrog their local rivals into third place. They travelled to the Recs just 3 points behind Alloa and very much in the title race.

Over 4000 fans saw Alloa start strongly with the Sunday Post reporting that "time and again the Fife citadel was subjected to determined attacks by the Alloa forwards, but all proved fruitless". Perhaps the Wasps had left their shooting boots in Cowdenbeath. The visitors would take advantage with some clinical finishing off their own with 15 minutes

left. Caldwell in the Alloa goal fisted a corner clear but the ball was pumped back into the box where Cant turned it into the net. As the seconds ticked away, Alloa were staring at their first home defeat of the season. But there was still time, just, and this time Crilley wasn't the hero. Gaffney got hold of the ball in the middle of the field and picked out Whittle. The former Partick Thistle man dribbled past two defenders before unleashing a powerful low shot from distance beyond Neish in the visiting goal. "All's well that ends well" concluded the Daily Record as the points were shared. With Armadale

winning 2-0 at Vale of Leven, the West Lothian men were now back level with the Wasps at the top of the league. The other local news of interest in the league was the mini revival of struggling Clackmannan, the County Lads following up a home win over Dunfermline with a victory over the Forth at Stenhousemuir to climb to third from bottom. But it was neighbours to the west who were in Alloa's sights now as the Black and Gold prepared to make the short trip to Stirling to take on King's Park.

More in the next edition of The Wasp.



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A FAN'S VIEW

The outlook of Alloa's league campaign looks a whole lot more encouraging at this moment after picking up some really positive results in recent weeks. A 7-point return from Oueens Park and Falkirk on the roadsandwiched between a home fixture against Airdrie- goes some way towards repairing the damage inflicted by consecutive home defeats to Cove and Peterhead. Alloa are perhaps not quite yet where they want to be- six points from the summit, and three points from 4th position. But three of the next four matches in the league are at home. Firstly, today's visitors Montrose followed by

Dumbarton next week. East Fife are next on the road, with Clyde then arriving here to Alloa. To be challenging for the league, you're looking at a points return of perhaps 10-12 from those games- although we do know this is a really cut-throat, competitive league. And on the evidence of what's passed so far, today's game (on paper anyway) looks the toughest fixture of that run against a Montrose team who have really impressed so far.

Going back a fortnight, the team produced a really solid and professional performance at the last home match here against Airdrie. Alloa were looking to seek some revenge after losing at Airdrie 2-1 back in mid-September. Airdrie were pretty impressive that evening in terms of their shape and how they nullified much of Alloa's attacking threat for long periods of the game. On this occasion though. the roles were flipped. Same result reversed. and roughly similar in terms of timing of the goals in the match.

Sena made his return to the starting line-up following his suspension being served, and he played an unfamiliar left back role with Jon Robertson injured. This was the only change to the team following the previous weekend's win at Queens Park.

Fuan Henderson was the difference between the teams by half time, producing an excellent run and finish just after the half hour mark. As he rampaged into the penalty area, you felt certain he would look for a pass, but he slotted home really welltaking advantage of the keeper being unsighted by a couple of his defenders in front of him. Henderson then produced a brilliant drop of the shoulder and finished a few minutes after the break-terrific composure to put Alloa into a 2 goal lead. After this, it was unsurprising that Alloa played in a more contain and counter fashion. They played with confidence

as you'd expect with a good lead in the game. But Airdrie were still looking to knock at the door. Hutton made an absolutely terrific point blank save in the Alloa goal just after the hour mark to preserve that lead. Former Wasp Scott Agnew was really shining for the visitors in terms of ball retention, picking up a lot of loose balls and over-turning possession to keep the pressure on the home defence. Dylan Easton got on the wrong side of Steven Boyd in the penalty area and went to ground for a heart-in-mouth moment. Thankfully the referee saw through the attempted deception, and Easton was cautioned for simulation. Alloa had chances on the counter attack, with Taggart and Cawley going close to putting the game to bed. Then they dealt with Airdrie pretty comfortably as the visitors threw everything at them in the last 15 minutes. However, a lifeline did duly arrive with 5 minutes remaining and it came from an error in the box. Substitute Alan Trouten appeared to lose his bearings and gave the ball away in his own penalty area. Callum Fordyce stabbed home, meaning a tense finish. But Alloa saw it through for a big 3 points.

Last week Alloa made the short journey across the River Forth to face Falkirk. The Bairns are

of course going through some behind the scenes turmoil to follow up a disappointing start to the campaign- a period within which Alloa comfortably defeated them 2-0. But they came into the game after a 3-1 away win at Clyde and would be desperate for revenge for that defeat earlier in the season. Kevin Cawley was surprisingly relegated to the bench after some really impressive outings. But I guess this was to shoehorn Sena back into midfield, which was understandable given his form prior to the red card against Cove and subsequent suspension. Ion Robertson returned to the side at left back.

The match overall had a first class finish to a third class spectacle. Up until the 86th minute, excitement and goalmouth action was sparse to say the least. Both teams put in plenty of effort, but it was more of a midfield war of attrition, with little quality at both ends in the final third. Falkirk huffed and puffed all afternoon, but rarely troubled the Wasps defence with poor delivery after poor delivery into the penalty area. Alloa's form striker Euan Henderson had a couple of chances in either half which produced good saves by home keeper Paddy Martin. That was pretty much all she wrote until Falkirk were awarded a penalty with 4 minutes remaining. The ball did

strike Mark Durnan's arm but at point blank range-there was nothing the defender could do about it short of leaping out of the ball's trajectory. I don't think his arm was in an unnatural position, but we have seen these types of fouls given. It was extremely harsh at best, and when substitute Callum Morrison dispatched the penalty it looked like Alloa would make the trip back over Clacks Bridge disappointed. However, Alloa struck back immediately. A goalmouth scramble ensued in the Falkirk penalty area. Martin saved from Cawley but the ball spilled to Euan Henderson, I'm not sure if he knew too much about it, but nevertheless the ball ended up in the net. It was a great moment for the travelling support in the corner of the ground. Having gone a goal down so late on, the point was a very welcome one and the Alloa support undoubtedly left the happier of the two clubs. Regardless of current issues, going to Falkirk and picking up a result is always going to be looked on favourably.

As previously stated,

Alloa need to make this next run of games count in terms of points on the board. The outlook at the moment looks encouraging. The team was disrupted by the suspensions caused as a result of too many red cards, and there are now real options available in the squad all over the pitch. And after a very short spell on the bench, Euan Henderson is in terrific form up front- probably the best striker in the league right now. He has scored all of Alloa's last 5 goals, and he has the ice cool composure needed for a decent striker. I do fear that January may bring a recall from parent club Hearts- they will surely be impressed by his recent run. But we can worry about that further down the line. Today's visitors Montrose have been impressive so far, and sit 3 points ahead of Alloa in the table. It would take an unrealistic goal swing as well as a victory to put Alloa ahead of them in the table today, but 3 points today would further strengthen Alloa's position as a team on the rise competing for the championship. Enjoy today's game.







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In The Premier Division, there was a reduced programme of games, due to Scotland's home World Cup qualifying match with Italy the following mid-week. So matters were unchanged at the top, with leaders Rangers still five points clear, then came Hearts, Aberdeen and Celtic. At the other end of the table, gameless Motherwell still occupied bottom spot, The Well's near-neighbours Airdrie remained in second-bottom position, after a 0-2 home reverse v St. Johnstone, while

third-bottom Falkirk's problems continued with a 1-3 defeat v Hibs at Brockville.

The First Division's top clash was undoubtedly at Stark's Park, where table-topping Raith hosted their third-placed local rivals Dunfermline, in front of a crowd of just under 6.000. And a 1-0 win for The Rovers saw them move four points clear of St. Mirren, who remained second, in spite of a 2-3 defeat in their own top-of-the-table clash at home v Morton. The Ton thus moved

up to third spot in place of Dunfermline, who slipped to fifth, while Kilmarnock, 3-0 home winners v neighbouring Avr. were now fourth. In the "basement battle" at Central Park, rock-bottom Cowdenbeath hosted second-bottom Meadowbank, and a 2-0 win for Thistle saw them exchange places with third-bottom Stirling Albion, who were beaten 0-1 at Hamilton Accies.

Down in The Second, leaders Brechin maintained their three-point advantage, thanks to a 3-0 home win v Queen Of The South, second-placed Stranraer were 2-1 victors at lowly East Stirling, while Forfar remained third, despite being held 1-1 at home by Alloa, for whom Gavin Tait was on target. And The Wasps had lined up at Station Park as follows: Butter, Newbigging, Bennett, Wilcox, McAvoy, Campbell, Smith (Russell), McNiven, Hendry, Moffat, Tait. Clyde retained fourth spot despite being held 1-1 at Arbroath, East Fife, 2-1 home winners v bottom club Oueen's Park, were now fifth. The Fifers displaced



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Alloa, who dropped one place to sixth, while today's visitors Montrose dropped to twelfth, following a 0-2 reverse at Stenhousemuir.

South of the border. there were no Premiership games, due to England's World Cup qualifier v Turkey at Wembley, four days hence. So it was as-you-were at the top and bottom, with Norwich leading the way by a point, followed immediately by Arsenal, Blackburn & Aston Villa, while Nottingham Forest propped up the table. First Division leaders Newcastle remained nine points clear,

thanks to a 3-1 win at fellow promotion rivals Charlton, second-placed Swindon were 3-2 home winners v Southend. while Tranmere retained third spot after they too were victorious by 3-2 on home soil, v Brentford.



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This afternoon we welcome Montrose to the Indodrill stadium for another crunch tie at the top end of the Cinch League 1 table. The visitors hold the last place in the play-off promotion spot but a win today for Alloa would see them draw level on points with the Mo' on twenty-one points. They come in fine fettle though with an unbeaten run of six games, stretching back to the last game between the two sides in September. It has been a couple of

stalemates in a row for Montrose but they will be looking to find the same form as their last victory when they hit East Fife for four a few weeks ago. A win today for them could see them go top if results go their way so it is all to play for in what already feels like a six-pointer.

THE BOSS -STEWART PETRIE

The visitors will be led by the well respected, Stewart Petrie, today. The former attacker is most remembered in his playing days for his spell at Dunfermline where he enjoyed a successful ten-year stint, including a famous goal which effectively won the Pars the Championship back in 1996. His coaching career has consisted of many number two gigs, with Arbroath, North Oueensland Fury, Forfar Athletic and Broughty Athletic. His only stint as his own man was a one game spell as caretaker of Forfar when Dick Campbell departed. However, in 2016 he left Broughty to take charge of Montrose in League 2. It only took him two years to take them from languishing at the bottom to a title and promotion. His Montrose side have since went from strength to strength looking upwards towards to Championship instead of where they came from.



Montrose continue to be led by Paul Watson on the pitch. The thirty-three-year old midfielder is on for his testimonial at the Mo'





NEW BOY – JAMES KEATINGS

Montrose caught the eye recently when they secured the signing of well-known striker, lames Keatings, on loan from Raith Rovers in September, Keatings has been around the block in terms of Scottish football scoring goals everywhere he has gone. Most notable spells in his career would be his time with both Edinburgh clubs. At Hearts he was part of the team that stormed the Championship in 2015. At Hibs he repeated that feat but also was part of iconic history by winning the Scottish Cup also. The striker was most recently on the scoresheet in their 4-1 victory over East Fife.

after joining back in 2012 from St Andrews United, which was actually his third spell spell at the club. What began as a loan spell from Forfar and Arbroath has turned into 'Winker', as he is dubbed, become a local legend up North. Known for his spectacular free-kicks, he took his place in Montrose history by leading them to their first league title in thirty-three years. The midfielder hasn't featured since the defeat to Alloa back in September, however.

ONE TO WATCH - GRAHAM WEBSTER

The man to watch in the opposition team is

most certainly Graham Webster, who is in scintillating form this season. Mo's number seven has been with the club since 2013 after his release from Dundee and has gone onto become a fan favourite in his two-hundred and fifty appearances for the club. Always known for his goal scoring contributions he has taken it up a gear this season. He began the league campaign with a goal, or two, in everyone one of his opening seven games. The only one he missed was the Alloa game due to a calf injury. As well as that he bagged three assists in one game when Montrose swept Clyde aside

5-0. It takes his tally for the season to nine goals and three assists in just twelve appearances. There is no doubt the introduction of Webster will make a difference from the last outing between the two feams.

THE CONNECTION

There aren't many familiar faces for the two

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

sides to look out for. In quite unfamiliar fashion, there isn't a single player coming back to face their former side in the Montrose ranks. The most recent connection probably would have been the former goalkeeper coach of both sides, Jim Butter, who is now at Peterhead. There are two Alloa loanees, however, that also spent time out on loan at Links park. Firstly there was Fuan Henderson who bagged five goals in his loan spell back in the 2018/19 season. The season after that Mouhamed 'Sena' Niang also spent time at the club before it was cut short for COVID.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

As we get further into the second quarter of the season, this will be the second match-up between the two sides. In a highly entertaining game in September, Alloa were the ones to come out on top and take all three points. With a nervy opening thirty minutes, it was Sena who scored his first goal for the club against his former side to put the Wasps 1-0 up. Despite Montrose piling on pressure of their own. Adam King produced an early goal of the season contender when his thunderous strike doubled Alloa's lead on the stroke of halftime.



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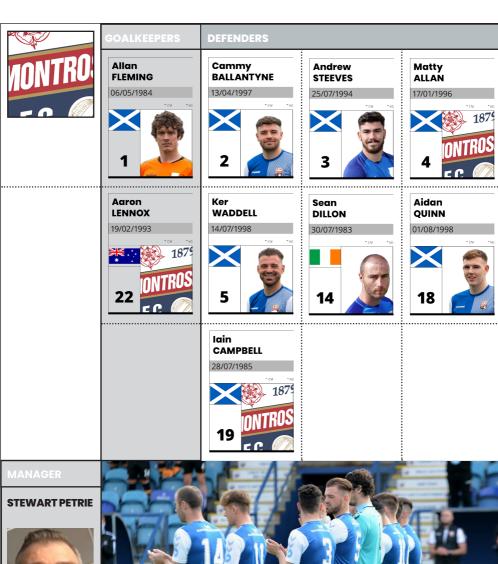


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- 2. MICHAEL STEWART
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