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1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

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1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
COVE RANGERS	24	15	6	3	47	22	25	51
AIRDRIEONIANS	24	13	5	6	40	28	12	44
MONTROSE	24	11	10	3	39	20	19	43
QUEEN'S PARK	23	7	13	3	38	24	14	34
FALKIRK	24	9	5	10	36	36	0	32
CLYDE	24	7	9	8	29	39	-10	30
ALLOA ATHLETIC	24	6	7	11	30	40	-10	25
PETERHEAD	23	6	6	11	29	34	-5	24
DUMBARTON	24	6	5	13	33	49	-16	23
EAST FIFE	24	3	6	15	21	50	-29	15

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

KILMARNOCK	DUNFERMLINE
GREENOCK MORTON	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

LEAGUE 2

ELGIN CITY	STRANRAER
EDINBURGH CITY	STIRLING ALBION

SCOTTISH CUP

HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN	LIVINGSTON
MOTHERWELL	ABERDEEN
PARTICK THISTLE	DUNDEE UNITED
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GOALKEEPERS

Keir BURT

27/12/1991

183 cm 71 kg



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DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 cm 71 kg

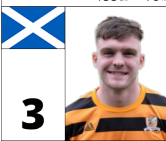


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Daniel CHURCH

21/07/2000

188 cm 79 kg

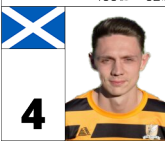


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Craig HOWIE

02/07/1996

188 cm 82 kg



4

MATCH most appearances

Cawley	400
Taggart	235
Robertson	213
Graham	213

GOALS

Cawley	67
Trouten	42
Graham	13
Henderson	12

David HUTTON

18/05/1985

183 cm 83 kg



31

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 cm 83 kg



5

Mark DURMAN

28/11/1992

183 cm 88 kg



6

Jordan ARMSTRONG

02/04/1999

193 cm 82 kg



17

Fernandy MENDY

16/01/1994

183 cm 88 kg



23

MANAGER

BARRY FERGUSON




MIDFIELDERS

Kevin CAWLEY
17/03/1989
170 CM 64 KG

7 

Jon ROBERTSON
25/04/1989
183 CM 77 KG

8 

Stefan SCOUGALL
07/12/1992
170 CM 64 KG

12 

Mark LAMONT
25/02/1998
178 CM 68 KG

14 

Adam KING
11/10/1995
180 CM 69 KG

16 

Mouhamed NIANG
08/10/1999
- CM - KG

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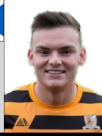
Cameron O'DONNELL
29/09/2001
180 CM 70 KG



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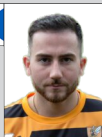
Blaise RILEY-SNOW
23/09/1998
- CM - KG

28 

FORWARDS



Ben ARMOUR
12/04/1997
180 CM 76 KG

9 

Alan TROUTEN
08/11/1985
173 CM 70 KG

10 

Steven BOYD
12/04/1997
173 CM 65 KG

11 

Conor SAMMON
06/11/1986
188 CM 74 KG

18 

Euan HENDERSON
29.06.2000
- CM - KG

22 





BARRY FERGUSON



AFTER FALKIRK

First half couldn't ask for anymore. Dominated the game, should have come in a couple of goals up but that happens in football. we closed them down, we created a number of opportunities and we didn't take them. Then, the second half, I don't know whether

they feel sorry for themselves we're a totally different team. They score within five minutes and then we feel sorry for ourselves so it's a Jekyll and Hyde performance.

I said to them at half time we've got to continue doing what we're doing because we had a game plan. It

worked in the first half but we never executed that.

I ask them to get that consistency, t's...I don't know. I can't put my finger on it. The game on Saturday [1-0 victory against Peterhead], it wasn't a great football game but I can't fault their work rate.

It's just about

sticking to what we're good at. When we press at pace and attack at pace we're a different team.

It's always in the back of your mind. I'll be honest, I walked in at half time thinking we had four or five real good chances so I said to them they can't feel sorry

for themselves.

But it's always in the back of your mind when you dominate a game and create so many chances and don't take them. They had the first chance of the second half and it flies into the back of the net.

You've got to have aspirations to still try and get in the play-offs, we'll still try and do that. I'm still trying

to add a couple of players as well. Lost out on a couple over the last few days which is not ideal but we'll still try to get into the play-offs.

I felt confident before the game, the way we were set up, I've not seen them since Saturday but we spoke about the way we wanted to play. In the first half I felt at some stage we

were going to score but we just weren't ruthless enough but that's not just on the forwards, that's everywhere, that's the full team.

Disappointed not to score a few goals in the first half and disappointed in the second half because we weren't at the same levels.

Every game's a must win, That's the way I've always approached football.

Doesn't matter if it's the first game of the season or the last game of the season. East Fife on Saturday is no different.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

To-day we welcome East Fife FC to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Stevie Crawford, the players, officials and directors of East Fife FC. As we enter the business end of the season both managers will be looking desperately for three more league points. "The Wasps" last Saturday at Peterhead, managed to collect full points in the league since the 30th October when they defeated Airdrie 2-0. At

a windswept Balmoor Stadium returning striker Euan Henderson scored his 12th goal in a 1-0 victory. However on Tuesday night in a local derby against Falkirk, the game turned out to be the preverbal game of two halves. "The Wasps" only have themselves to blame for not capitalising when well on top in the first half, but were wasteful in front of goal. In the second half Falkirk came out and turned

the game around scoring five minutes into the second half with a well taken goal and never looked back, running out convincing 3-0 winners which nobody would have predicted at half-time. Today we need to bounce back and win the three points at all costs.

Since our last home match programme manager Barry Ferguson strengthened the squad with the signing

of Raith Rovers midfielder Blaise Riley-Snow on loan. The central midfielder made 16 appearances for Raith Rovers in the first half of the season scoring one goal in the process. The Englishman was involved all the way in the Premier Sports Cup, including a substitute appearance against the Wasps which Raith won 5-4 on penalties. Blaise previously played in Spain for CD Universidad Alicante after start-

ing his career at Barnet FC. Blaize made his debut for "The Wasps" at Broadwood v. Clyde on 29th January, 2022.

Euan Henderson, who picked up 11 goals in 17 appearances for Alloa in the first half of the season has returned for our vital end of season run-in. The Hearts forward, who has been on the fringes of the first team for his parent team after his January 16th return, has agreed a loan deal to the end of the season after signing a new contract in Edinburgh. Euan made a scoring return for "The Wasps" scoring the winning goal v. Peterhead last weekend in a 1-0 victory his 12th goal of the season for "The Wasps".

Also during the recent transfer window Lucas Williamson has joined Berwick Rangers on loan until the end of the season. Mark Lamont has went back out on loan to Broomhill on loan until the end of

the season, Liam Evans has extended his stay with Syngenta until the end of the season and Tom Leighton has been released after only making the one appearance earlier in the season v. Rangers "B" in the SPFL Trust Trophy, we wish them well.

Wasps 2000 Draw -
Week 5 5th February, 2022
£ 100 0954 J.Polley
£50 1447 W.Gardner
£25 0497 E.Sullivan
£25 0522 K.Ormiston
£25 1430 K.Cawley

Alloa Athletic is proud to announce the launch of our new senior women's squad, which will compete at SWFL level for the 2022 season. In addition to bringing senior women's football to Indodrill Stadium and Clackmannanshire, the establishment of our Alloa Athletic Women's FC squad will provide a pathway to the senior game for the players of our Wasp Community Club Girls section. We're pleased to welcome Al-

lan Salvona as the first manager of Alloa Athletic Women's Football Club. Allan has been coaching for nearly a decade, mainly at SYFA level with Murieston United. He also has worked in scouting and analysis, professionally, for Hibernian and St Mirren. At Murieston, he has been part of the male and female game including as a Football Development Officer for the club on the girls pathway, increasing the participation numbers of the girls greatly. In recognition of this work he received an SFA South East region award for his contribution to girls' football.

Allan immediately struck us a very driven and ambitious individual and this coupled with his track record in developing both a progressive pathway and the talents of players within that framework, gives us the confidence that he will be a successful appointment. We are

delighted to welcome him to the club and look forward to supporting the development of the Women's squad. Welcome to the Wasps! As we look to build the Women's squad you can contact the manager at: manageraawfc@alloathletic.co.uk or for general enquiries, the team at: women@alloathletic.co.uk

England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland have announced a joint bid to host Euro 2028, and will drop proposals to stage the 2030 World Cup. The five football associations have come to a collective decision after what the FA called "an extensive feasibility study" based on the economic impact, the political landscape and likely costs of hosting the tournament - and with a UEFA deadline of March 23rd to submit applications looming fast. In making the decision, the five nations have jointly agreed not to bid for the 2030 World Cup, an aim which was included in the Conservatives 2019 election manifesto but was felt had an increasingly slim chance of success. The government said it "accepted" the association's reasons for ending a World Cup bid, and "remained passionate" about bringing the World Cup to the UK at some point in future.





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8th February 2022
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ALLOA ATHLETIC

0:3

FALKIRK



(0:0)

SCORERS

0:1 50' Kabia

0:2 58' McGuffie

0:3 78' Dowds



STARTING XI

- 31** HUTTON
- 23** MENDY
- 6** DURNAN
- 2** TAGGART
- 3** CHURCH
- 28** RILEY-SNOW
- 16** KING
- 19** NIANG
- 11** BOYD
- 18** SAMMON
- 22** HENDERSON

SUBS

- 21** BURT
- 4** HOWIE
- 5** GRAHAM
- 7** CAWLEY
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 9** ARMOUR
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 17** ARMSTRONG

SUBS

- 13** HOLT
- 3** DIXON
- 6** MILLER
- 8** HETHERINGTON
- 9** GRIFFITHS
- 14** WILSON
- 16** ROSS
- 18** OMPREON
- 30** MILLS

STARTING XI

- 1** MUTCH
- 2** WILLIAMSON
- 5** TAYLOR-SINCLAIR
- 11** MCGUFFIE
- 15** MCCANN
- 17** JACOBS
- 19** DOWDS
- 21** TELFER
- 22** MCKAY
- 27** KABIA
- 44** WATSON

REFEREE: Gavin Williams

5th February 2022
 Bayview Stadium, Methil
 3:00pm KO

EAST FIFE

0:0

CLYDE

(0:0)

SCORERS



STARTING XI

- 1 SMITH**
- 3 HIGGINS**
- 17 STEELE**
- 5 DUNLOP**
- 12 MERCER**
- 14 MILLAR**
- 20 BLAIR**
- 23 WATSON**
- 15 SEMPLE**
- 9 WALLACE**
- 22 CONNELL**

SUBS

- 2 DUNSMORE**
- 4 WATSON**
- 8 SLATTERY**
- 10 SMITH**
- 11 SWANSON**
- 16 HEALY**
- 18 NEWTON**
- 19 HIGGINS**
- 21 CAMPBELL**

SUBS

- 2 MORTIMER**
- 4 GOMIS**
- 6 BALATONI**
- 21 BRADLEY-HURST**
- 23 ANDREW**
- 24 TADE**

STARTING XI

- 1 PARRY**
- 12 DOCHERTY**
- 26 ELSDON**
- 5 RUMSBY**
- 20 PAGE**
- 3 LIVINGSTONE**
- 16 SPLAINE**
- 18 MCALLISTER**
- 11 LOVE**
- 17 JONES**
- 7 JAMIESON**

REFEREE: Peter Stuart

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 -

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

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

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- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of incidents 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

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400 APPEARANCES – ALLOA LEGEND

The dictionary defines a legend as a famous or important person who is known for doing something extremely well. It is a term which is freely used in football, although increasingly without true merit by commentators and supporters alike, diluting its value. However, when it comes to Alloa Athletic Football Club, Kevin Cawley can unquestionably be called a legend, with the midweek encounter

versus Falkirk scheduled to mark his landmark 400th appearance for the Wasps.

Cawley is Alloa's record post-WW2 appearance maker, joint fourth top goalscorer, is one of two Wasps to play a role in three separate promotions for the club and was unofficially voted Alloa's player of the decade for the 2010s. Across ten separate seasons with the club his 400 appearances have

coincided with some of the most dramatic times the club has ever seen, rising through the leagues, reaching a cup final and continually competing well in the Championship.

Cawley's considerable skill has been enjoyed by everyone at the Recs – his quality on and off the ball, his fearlessness and unselfishness, his sheer commitment and dedication to the club, his twists and turns in

the final third to find himself a yard of space to either score or create, his unheralded heading prowess or leading by example in expecting high standards from his team-mates. Over the years it is easy for long-time supporters to take him for granted, while outside the club he rarely grabs the headlines, but for me his influence has never diminished. A good barometer of that is a delve into the fans forums, where

opposition supporters still commonly pick-out Cawley as Alloa's dangerman, with that happening as regularly this season as it was a decade ago.

To make 400 appearances for a single club showcases tremendous durability. It is testament to his amazing energy levels, fitness and professionalism that his five-week absence earlier this season (following an appendix operation) was the longest spell the wee man had spent on the sidelines throughout his Alloa career. Given he is so often subject to robust challenges from defenders, this makes his impeccable fitness record even more remarkable.

Cawley's versatility has also ultimately assisted his longevity at the club. From those early seasons as an out-and-out striker (ten and fourteen goals in the promotion winning 2011/12 and 12/13 seasons), to playing in behind a frontman as a 'number 10' or on either wing as either a traditional wideman or as part of a midfield diamond. Then more recently Cawley has been influential in the heat of the battle within central midfield or even occasionally late in games under Peter Grant as an attack minded right-back. Whatever the role, Kevin gets on with his task without any hint of

seeking the limelight, instead being an ultimate team-player.

Another signal of Cawley's undoubted quality is that regardless of any of the seven different managers he has played under at Alloa, he has always been one of the first names on the teamsheet. Paul Hartley was so impressed with Cawley's start to life at the Recs that his contract was soon extended to fend off any interest from other clubs. During the first half of the Third Division title season, the Wasps arguably over relied on Cawley's goalscoring and live-wire performances, before Stevie May joined to share the load! Speaking last Summer to the Alloa Advertiser's Ciaran Vance, Hartley recalled "He was a terrific signing for me... I loved working with him... he's been a brilliant servant to Alloa and I really can't speak highly enough of him". Jack Ross noted on bringing Kevin back from his season at Dumbarton that he'd been a long time admirer of his, while Jim Goodwin quipped that we could all do with more Kevin Cawley's, before adding "He is a pleasure for me as a young manager to work with and the boys love him." Peter Grant was another who always praised 'KC', recalling last summer "he was a great player for me, it was a joy and pleasure to work with him and I really

enjoyed it."

Cawley's team-mates have always appreciated his efforts, with some of his long-term colleagues undoubtedly best placed to place on record their admiration for Wee Kev, seeing him on-and-off the pitch for so long. Last Summer Stevie Hetherington explained to the Alloa Advertiser's Ciaran Vance "He demands high standards, he's a top, top player. He's such a hard-working player too, someone you really appreciate... He's been a great servant to the club, he's had a lot of success." Captain Andy Graham added "His attitude to everything is brilliant; the way he looks after himself off the pitch. He's one of the most unassuming people that you'll meet. I can't talk highly enough of him

and as a person off the pitch, in the dressing room he's brilliant, he's a funny wee guy. He deserves all the plaudits he gets for the quality he's brought to Alloa."

When looking through Wikipedia* Cawley's senior career appearances now actually tally more than 500. His 15 appearances for both Ayr and Stranraer (during 2009/10) and 42 and 39 game single season stints with East Stirling (in 2010/11) and Dumbarton (in 2015/16) respectively means he's amassed 111 senior appearances aside from those with Alloa. Accordingly, I think* his landmark 500th career game came back in November's otherwise instantly forgettable home defeat to former side Dumbarton at the Recs.



* Although Wikipedia is notoriously not the most reliable source, Cawley's career stats seem to have been kept up to date and when I cross referenced them (e.g. Soccerbase, transfermarkt, the Sons Archive) they all tallied aside from Wikipedia missing off a substitute appearance for Ayr away at Deveronvale in the Scottish Cup – fortunately David Sargent's excellent Ayr website provided photographic evidence of the wee man in action in Banff!

Another way of putting into context Cawley's longevity is that he has played against 37 of the other current SPFL teams for Alloa, with the only exceptions being Motherwell, St Johnstone, Kilmarnock and Kely Hearts. The simple explanation as to why Kevin hasn't played

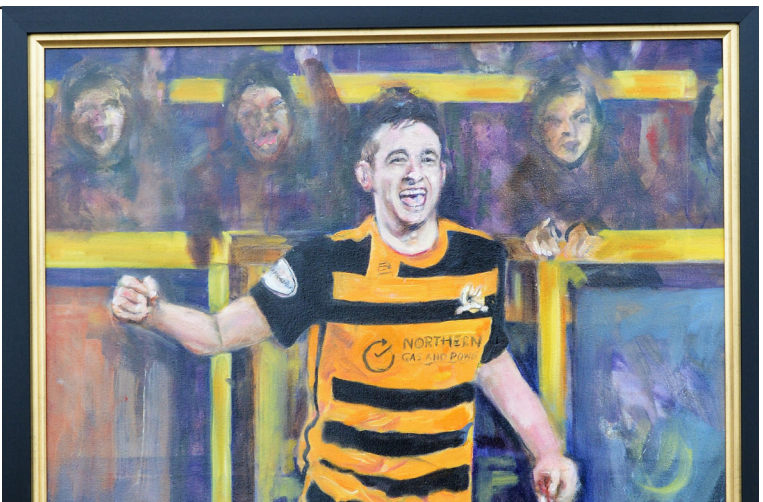
against those particular teams is because the Wasps haven't faced them whilst Kevin has been at the club! When you add in appearances against former 'part of the 42' clubs East Stirling and Brechin City, together with Scottish Cup opponents Inverurie Loco Works and Bonnyrigg Rose Athletic and Chal-

lenge Cup competitors Bala Town and Dundee U21s, Cawley has so far faced an impressive 43 separate sides during his Alloa career.

Of those 43 sides Cawley has faced, he's scored against no fewer than 29 of them! His most prolific opponents are Brechin and Queen's Park, whom he has

netted five goals against each of them (both his strikes this season have coincidentally come against the Spiders). Cawley has found the net four times against regular foes Arbroath and Raith, three each versus Stranraer, Peterhead, Elgin, Stenhousemuir, Albion, Queen of the South, Cowdenbeath, Dumbarton, Falkirk, Morton and Dunfermline, two past Montrose, Forfar and Stirling and single strikes versus Annan, Livingston, Inverurie, Bala, East Fife, Dundee Utd, Ayr, Airdrie, Partick, St Mirren and Hearts!

Naturally Cawley has scored a full range of both spectacular and routine goals amongst those strikes. From the sublime long-range strikes against Dumbarton, Falkirk, St Mirren and Morton, to his most recent tap-in versus Queen's Park last month and all the way back to



his very first goal for the Wasps, that mazy run and finish to win the game for Alloa at Stranraer on his league debut in 2011. In total Kevin has broken the deadlock in matches an incredible 21 times and scored seven match-winners, most recently a year ago against Queen of the South.

When you add in the two 2 goals Kevin scored on loan at Stranraer, the 14 he managed for East Stirling and 3 for Dumbarton (which included a long-range fizzer into the bottom corner during a win against Hibernian), Kevin is presently on 87 senior career goals,

so surely one of Kevin's remaining personal targets is reaching a century of goals?

Arguably though Kevin is better known for his creative influence than his goals, with transfermarkt suggesting he has 49 assists in his Alloa career (I cannot personally verify that, but it is likely to be an underestimation, given the same site says he has 65 Alloa goals, when in reality it is 68!). The 50-yard cross-field pass to set up Kevin O'Hara in that amazing 4-4 draw at Morton in February 2020 springs immediately to mind as Cawley's finest assist, but there are countless other examples to choose from!

Another matter on the horizon is surely an overdue testimonial for Cawley. I recall that at the supporter Zoom Q&A Mike Mulraney kindly undertook in June 2020 he confirmed a testimonial would be on the agenda if Kevin completed ten seasons service with the Wasps – as such, I await that announcement with anticipation now! Becoming only Alloa's third ever player to be awarded a testimonial (after Larry Haggart and Keith McCulloch) would only be what the player deserves. Although there was a one-season break in Cawley's time at the club (mainly owing to the persuasiveness of

a certain Mark Docherty to follow him to the Rock), it is extremely rare for any player to give ten full seasons service to a single club in the modern-day game. That service has been exceptional throughout and Cawley's record is unrivalled.

However, beyond what would be a sentimental testimonial or reaching a career century of goals, as Kevin approaches his 33rd birthday next month, there are hopefully a few more chapters still to be written into the legend of Cawley's glorious Alloa career.





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Alloa Athletic,	26	18	2	6	56	21	42
Cowdenbeath,	25	16	4	5	46	16	37
Armadale,	26	14	6	6	38	25	34
Vale of Leven,	26	12	6	8	37	27	32
Broxburn United,	25	13	7	5	32	22	31
Bathgate,	25	10	7	8	38	28	28
St Bernards,	26	11	9	6	33	30	28
East Fife,	25	11	10	4	38	32	26
Dunfermline Ath.,	25	9	11	5	35	30	23
Arbroath,	25	8	10	7	28	27	23
Bo'ness,	26	9	12	5	36	38	23
Inverness,	25	7	10	8	32	45	22

ALLOA ALL OUT FOR PROMOTION

Alloa had a glittering prize in their sights. The promotion chasing Wasps of 1922 had survived a hectic festive schedule, injuries to key players, and some treacherous frozen parks to reach the start of February five points clear at the top of the Second Division. They were into the next round of the Scottish Cup too and had the league's top scorer in their ranks. "ALLOA ALL OUT FOR PROMOTION" screamed the headlines, with the general feeling being that nothing could

stop the "all conquering Wasps" in their bid to reach the top flight in their first season in the Scottish League. And on the park at least, that was true. Alas, an outbreak of internal strife was now threatening to derail Alloa's season. At the heart of the matter was the aforementioned goal machine. There was no transfer window slamming shut to ensure Willie Crilley's presence at the Recs until the end of the season and Crilley - with 37 goals in all competitions at the end of January -

was keen to cash in on his success. The Alloa directors had been working desperately to placate their star man before the early February trip over the Forth to face Stenhousemuir and he was in the team that took to the field at Ochilview. Just as well too, for the struggling Warriors raised their game and gave Alloa their hardest contest of the year so far. After a goalless first-half it was Stenny who grabbed the lead, Somerville beating Caldwell from distance with a "dandy

drive". Just a minute later the Wasps were level, who else but Crilley firing home a volley from a Stirling cross. It finished 1-1 with the Sunday Post reporting that but for the sterling defensive work of McGregor and Orrock that Alloa would have "received the KO". And there was another potential KO in the aftermath of the game: the news about the unsettled Crilley was out. "We learned last night that William Crilley and Alloa have not been seeing eye to eye for

some time”, reported the Post, adding that “Crilley wishes to cut his connection with the club at the earliest possible opportunity”. Crilley believed he had an agreement with Alloa that he could be released on request. Not so claimed the Wasps. Celtic, the club closest to Crilley’s heart, were reported to be keeping a close eye on the situation.

Following midweek crisis talks the wee man was back at the point of the Alloa attack for the Scottish Cup second round tie at Vale of Leven. 8,000 fans watched a tight encounter where a rather subdued Crilley was well marshalled by McCallum in the home defence. Neither side could find a goal and it was back to Alloa for a Tuesday afternoon replay. Before that there were more fireworks in the press. “An attempt has been made by Alloa to refute our story about Crilley”, reported the Sunday Post. “Our story is true – every word of it”. Crilley had only played against Stenhousemuir after Alloa had signed an agreement about his future, claimed the paper, and had similarly only turned out against Vale of Leven after “certain promises” were put in writing. The Alloa directors, branded “naïve” by the Post, issued a statement that Crilley would be with the Wasps until the end of the season

“and when the proper time comes, it is most likely that terms will be agreed for next season”. The press were in no doubt that the Alloa board had cracked open the Recreation Park war chest: “May we not take it that he got what he wanted?”, asked the Post. There was the further revelation that Scotland selectors had watched Crilley at Vale of Leven with fevered speculation that he would lead the attack against Ireland.

The selectors hadn’t seen the wee man at his best in that game but he was quick off the mark in the replay at Alloa,

firing the Wasps ahead early on. It should have been two shortly before the interval. Crilley was at the heart of it again, dragged down as he burst into the box. Quinn picked up possession and lashed the ball home only for the ref to award a penalty for the foul on Crilley. Up stepped the ‘midget centre’ only to drill his effort high over the bar. Was Alloa’s number 9 somewhat distracted? There was no further scoring in the second half and Alloa were through to the third round and a trip to First Division Motherwell.

The circus surround-

ing Crilley wasn’t quite over – a columnist in the Athletic News going under the name of Ben Cruachan wrote that “Crilley would love to play for the Celts. He has told me so. And his wish may be realised” – but there was now a growing feeling that he would at least see out the season in Clackmannanshire. With Cowdenbeath keeping the pressure on the Wasps at the top of the league and Dunfermline now set to visit the Recs, that was welcome news indeed. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
HUTTON	GOAL	23 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	28 (0)	0	23 (0)	0
BURT	GOAL	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	1 (0)	0
MENDY	DEF	16 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	18 (2)	0	16 (2)	0
LEIGHTON	DEF	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	1 (0)	0
DURNAN	DEF	21 (0)	2	2 (0)	0	23 (0)	2	21 (0)	2
CHURCH	DEF	12 (2)	0	6 (0)	0	18 (2)	0	12 (2)	0
HOWIE	DEF	9 (3)	1	5 (2)	0	14 (5)	1	9 (3)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	12 (1)	0	7 (0)	0	19 (1)	0	165 (1)	12
TAGGART	DEF	22 (0)	0	7 (1)	1	29 (1)	1	186 (0)	6
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	15 (3)	0	6 (1)	0	21 (4)	0	140 (26)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	17 (3)	2	6 (2)	1	23 (5)	3	25 (11)	3
LAMONT	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
KING	MID	12 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	1 (9)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (9)	0	6 (13)	0
NIANG*	MID	20 (0)	1	4 (0)	3	24 (0)	4	20 (0)	1
GILMOUR*	MID	12 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	12 (0)	1	12 (0)	1
MCCOLL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0
RILEY-SNOW	MID	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	16 (5)	2	4 (0)	0	20 (5)	2	289 (42)	58
ARMOUR	FWD	0 (1)	0	1 (4)	0	1 (5)	0	0 (1)	0
TROUTEN	FWD	2 (3)	0	2 (2)	2	4 (5)	2	71 (9)	24
BOYD	FWD	21 (2)	6	7 (0)	1	28 (2)	7	21 (2)	6
SAMMON	FWD	11 (12)	4	5 (2)	1	16 (14)	5	11 (12)	4
EVANS**	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
HENDERSON*	FWD	17 (1)	9	1 (0)	3	18 (1)	12	17 (1)	9



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2 (0)	0	23 (0)	2
6 (0)	0	18 (2)	0
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46 (1)	1	211 (2)	13
48 (1)	2	234 (1)	8
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43 (4)	2	183 (30)	4
9 (5)	2	34 (16)	5
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0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
6 (4)	1	12 (17)	1
4 (0)	3	24 (0)	4
0 (0)	0	12 (0)	1
0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
62 (7)	10	351 (49)	68
1 (4)	0	1 (5)	0
22 (5)	18	93 (14)	42
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5 (2)	1	16 (14)	5
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A FAN'S VIEW

There's been plenty of drama to sink our teeth into since the last edition of the Wasp. From a performance to be proud of against one of the best teams in the country, to another disappointing trip to Cumbernauld- ending with a much needed 3 points after travelling the long and winding road to Peterhead. But hopefully you're reading this off the back of another positive result in that game.

As its been covered to death by this point I won't go into too much

depth on the actual Scottish Cup match against Celtic, but suffice to say like every other Alloa supporter I was proud of the character we showed in the game. It would have been easy to fold after Liel Abada's 2nd goal right before the break, after we matched Celtic for spells in the opening half. But we hung in there, and gave them a bit of a fright after Conor Sammon pulled one back. The post-match fall-out though, from both the national media and social media, really was something else entirely.

I was quite unprepared for the tarring and feathering of the

club on the following Mondays Clyde Super Scoreboard radio show. Obviously a couple of Celtic players picked up knocks which I knew would be viewed as far from ideal for them- with their much anticipated clash against Rangers looming. But Hugh Keevin's acting like a toddler with his favourite toy confiscated was ever so slightly over the top. After 20 minutes of tears spraying through the airwaves, he labelled Alloa's football as "primitive", further stating they would be playing in League 2 next season (I'm more than hopeful I'll be contacting him again in May). The momentum of this

gathered steam, and social media was simply awash with exaggerated nonsense within hours. If you take the main object of sudden outrage- the Sena challenge on Ideguchi. In the context of the game, it's a loose ball in front of the home support in the corner. If Sena doesn't stretch to win that ball, the full corner of supporters are on his back (including me). In his split second thought process I'm sure he's expecting the Celtic player to be of a similar mind-set- to win the loose ball. He doesn't have time to compute whether his opponent will shirk the tackle, which ultimately led to an unfortunate injury for the player.

A booking sufficed for the offence, and I remember at the time lots of supporters angry that a foul was given! Of course, the rage on social media gathered steam, buoyed by the national media. And in what was a surprise to absolutely no-one, Sena was reported for a retrospective ban. The outcome was of course inevitable. You can argue whether the red card was the correct decision within the laws of the game, and I guess that's what counts really. But there is no way that Sena is reported until enough Celtic supporters "piled on" to the narrative, referee conspiracy theories resurface and the whole thing is blown up to wildly inflated proportions.

And after all that bluster and outrage, what was the aftermath? Celtic managed just fine player-wise against Rangers, then started last week's match against Motherwell with an absolute embarrassment of riches on the bench. Bigger clubs by nature end up producing a higher ratio of headcases who follow the team. But we've experienced such behaviour by supporters of Rangers, Hearts and now Celtic. If you read social media regularly, a section of these people seem to simply move from scenario to scenario- finding a reason to either be outraged or

indulge in pathetic childish point scoring. I'm so glad that my interests in football lie far away from that, and I enjoy it for what it is.

The adversity of 3 days in the national spotlight seemed to galvanise everyone connected to the club, an outcome which was quite favourable going into the vital match against Clyde at Broadwood. Unfortunately, the first half produced a laboured showing by the team. It wasn't helped by the early injury to Jon Robertson, such an impressive performer against Celtic the previous week. A kick to the face meant an early exit for him. Alloa were caught cold by a training ground rehearsed free kick from Clyde, which summed up that opening period. After the break Alloa were much improved, but despite peppering the Clyde goal they found goalkeeper Neil Parry producing inspired stops, or lacked that bit of composure in front of goal. As the clocked ticked down the sinking feeling that we would be picked off began to build inside me. And it was a bitter blow when it duly occurred in the closing stages. Scougall did get a goal back right at the end, but it was an irrelevance really by that stage. Had Alloa scored one of the early second half chances, I believe they would have gone on to win the game. But

for the second time this season, I left Broadwood after a defeat, wondering quite how Alloa managed to lose the game.

A long trip followed to Peterhead last weekend, with the trademark howling wind making it a rather unpleasant experience as a spectator. And although the match wasn't great as a spectacle, none of that really mattered after Alloa ended a 10 game winless run. From an Alloa point of view, arguably the most vital piece of January transfer business was Hearts signing of Ellis Simms on loan from Everton. From a selfish point of view, that paved the way for Euan Hendersons return to Alloa on loan. Euan showed his value almost immediately at Balmoor- demonstrating composure in front of goal that was lacking at Broadwood by slotting home an early opener. Alloa rode their luck a little at times in defence. Fernandy Mendy was understandably lacking a bit of match sharpness following his return from African Nations Cup duty. But despite all that,

the home team never truly opened us up until the 91st minute of the game- when Jordon Brown brought an outstanding save from David Hutton when he looked certain to score. This was a huge 3 points for Alloa, and I'm sure the defence were collectively also celebrating a clean sheet they worked really hard to achieve.

Today sees another vital game, where Alloa will look to climb their way towards the top half of the table. East Fife had the relative luxury of not playing in mid-week in comparison to Alloa. They come into today's game on the back of 2 goal-less draws against Peterhead and Clyde. But those results also mean they have now failed to find the net in 6 games, their driest spell since season 1982/83. Alloa have previously beaten East Fife here this season, but it was a competitive encounter with Stefan Scougall proving to be the difference with a great individual performance. Enjoy today's game, with hopefully another 3 points come 5pm.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 11TH FEBRUARY 1984

In The Premier Division, leaders Aberdeen maintained their four-point advantage, thanks to a 4-0 win at hapless bottom club Motherwell, while second-placed Celtic kept up their own title challenge by hammering another of the strugglers, St. Johnstone, by 5-2 at Celtic Park. Third-placed Dundee United defeated Hibs by 2-0 at Tannadice, Rangers stayed fourth, despite being held 2-2 at sixth-placed Hearts, while St Mirren were now fifth, after they crushed struggling Dundee by 4-0 at Love

Street. At the bottom, Motherwell's defeat was their fourteenth game without success, and as they trailed safety by nine points, their position was beginning to look rather perilous. The same was true of St. Johnstone, who were winless in the league since the turn of the year, and who were now five points worse off than the third-bottom Tayside rivals Dundee, while the latter also had two games in hand over both The Saints and Motherwell.

Partick retained leadership of The First Divi-

sion, in spite of a rather surprise 1-2 home reverse v their mid-table Glasgow rivals Clyde, though The Jags advantage was now purely on goal difference over second-placed Dumbarton, who triumphed 2-1 at relegation-haunted Hamilton Accies. Morton remained third despite being held 1-1 at another of the strugglers, Meadowbank, while the top-of-the-table clash at Rugby Park between fourth-placed Kilmarnock and fifth placed Brechin ended all-square at 1-1, and meant no positional

change for either club. Alloa meantime, were facing a rather monumental battle for survival, and they faced local rivals Falkirk at Recreation Park. But first-half goals from David Lloyd (2) & Drew Paterson helped The Wasps to a much-needed 3-1 win, their first success since Boxing Day, and while they remained in bottom spot, they cut the gap on third-bottom Hamilton Accies to six points, & with a game hand. And Alloa had lined up as follows: Hunter, Thompson, Haggart, Thom-

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son, Martin, Houston, Paterson, McComb (Purdie), Lloyd, Quinn, Cole. But there was no joy for one of the other relegation battlers, Raith, who remained in second-bottom spot, following a 2-3 home reverse v Airdrie.

Down in The Second, table-topping Forfar suffered only their second league reverse of the season, rather surprisingly by 1-3 at lowly East Stirling, though The Loons still held a rather comfortable seven-point advantage of second placed Stirling Albion, who were gameless. Queen Of The South remained third despite going down 0-1 at bottom club Montrose, fourth-placed Arbroath were another inactive side, while today's visitors East Fife, in spite of a second successive 0-1 loss, this time at

Stranraer, still retained fifth spot.

South of the border, Liverpool remained three points clear after a 2-1 win v Arsenal at Anfield, while second-placed Nottingham Forest were 1-0 victors at QPR. West Ham moved into third place after a 2-1 success at Coventry. The Hammers displaced Manchester United, who slipped to fourth, but The Red Devils had the chance to reclaim third spot when they visited Luton the following day. In the relegation zone, Wolves picked up a welcome point from a 1-1 draw at Midlands rivals/fellow strugglers Birmingham, though the once-famous Molineux club still remained in last place, eleven points from safety, and seemingly doomed for an instant return to The Second Division. There was no

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change at the top of The Second Division, where leaders Chelsea's 1-0 success at second-bottom Cambridge saw them remain two points clear of second-placed

Sheffield Wednesday, who crushed Charlton 4-1 at Hillsborough, while third-placed Manchester City were also triumphant on home territory, by 2-1 v Portsmouth.



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This afternoon we welcome East Fife to the Indodrill stadium for today's Cinch League 1. The visitors currently sit bottom of the table, however, a win today for them could see them close the gap to seven points behind Alloa. If the Wasps manage to get a much needed three points, they would put themselves in a commanding thirteen points from bottom stop. It has been a tough run of form for the Fifers as they have failed to find the back of the net in their last six outings. On the flip side, two draws in the last two games have put an end to their previous losing form.

It is all to play for as we approach this cruncher tie in the bottom half of the division.

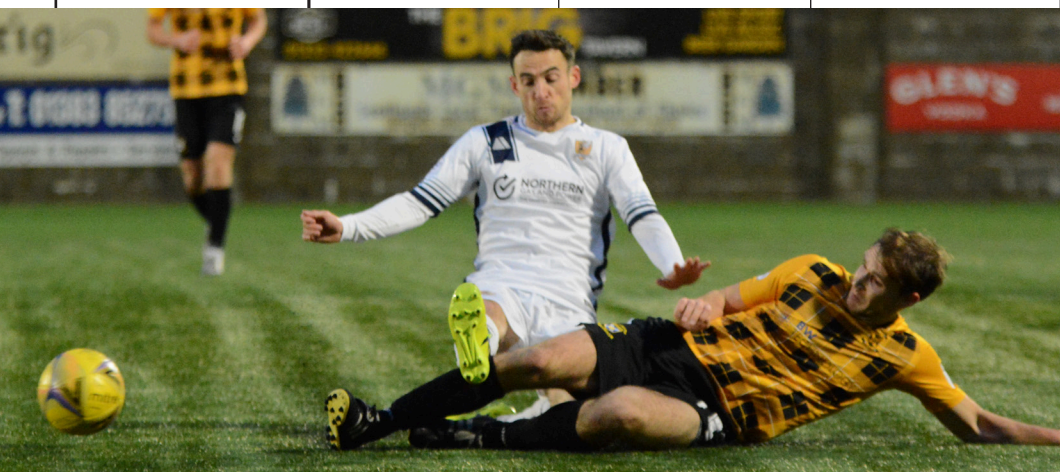
THE BOSS – STEVIE CRAWFORD

The man in charge of the visitors is Stevie Crawford. The former striker began his stint at East Fife in the last fixture between these two sides at Bayview which ended one goal a piece. He did begin his managerial career back at East Fife in 2009 in a player / manager role before several assistant jobs at Falkirk, Hearts and MK Dons. Crawford returned to be his own man in 2019 at Dunfermline where

he stayed for two years. It was a result against Alloa that would end his time at Eastend Park and reunite him with the opportunity to return to Bayview where it all started.

THE CAPTAIN – KEVIN SMITH

Veteran forward, Kevin Smith, is the skipper of today's opponents. The Edinburgh born striker began his career at Leeds United before having spells at Sunderland and Wrexham. It wasn't until he came up to Scotland though that he began to make a name for himself. Time at both Dundee clubs





and successful loans at Raith Rovers opened up many new opportunities in his career. Smith enjoyed most of his success at Queen South during his two year stint in 2011. His side won the double in his second year, scooping the league and Challenge Cup title. Since making the move to Bayview in 2014, he has become a fans favourite with just under fifty goals in his two-hundred and seventeen appearances.

**NEW BOY –
DARREN WATSON**

Stevie Crawford made the move to sign Dundee United forward Darren Watson. The 18-year old is local to Bayview and started his career at Kennoway before joining the Fife Elite set up at the age

of 10 before making the move to Tannadice a couple of years later. He has featured eight times for United's first team and now looks to help the Fifers in their survival bid. Watson made his East Fife debut off the bench against Peterhead a few weeks ago in their 0-0 draw.

**ONE TO WATCH –
JAMIE SEMPLE**

The man Alloa will have to be wary of is attacking winger, Jamie Semple. The 20-year old had been involved with Motherwell youth ranks before a short loan spell at Cove Rangers. It was in the summer that East Fife snapped up Semple on a free transfer until the end of the season. Exciting and energetic performances have caught the eye of the

supporters and he has always been a threat in front of goal. Three goals to his name this season, including two fine strikes against Alloa.

THE CONNECTION

Two former Alloa players in the visiting ranks are Scott Gallach-

er and Connor McManus, so we look forward to welcoming them back to the club. Both players had short stints at the club in the 2015/16 under Danny Lennon and Jack Ross. Both were part of teams that had impressive performances against

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

Rangers both home and away. There are no current Alloa players who have pulled on the jersey of East Fife.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides have already met twice this season, which has been a mixed bag. Alloa started off strong in the fixture winning 3-1 here at the Indodrill. Steven Boyd opened the scoring for the Wasps

before being brought back level by the man to watch, Jamie Semple. Second half goals from Connor Sammon and again, Steven Boyd ensured the points stayed with the home side. The return fixture ended a point a piece and it's one that won't last long in the memory. Euan Henderson this time put Alloa ahead, however, it was the regular thorn in Alloa's side, Semple, that levelled it to finish the game 1-1.



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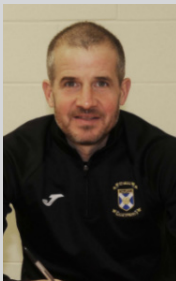
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MANAGER

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MIDFIELDERS

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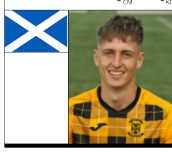
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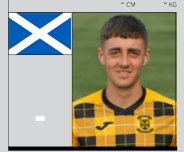
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10/03/2001



Jack HEALY

16/12/2001



Darren WATSON

10/08/2003



Ryan WALLACE

30/07/1990



HT QUIZ

1. WHICH STRIKER SCORED A CONSOLATION GOAL WHILST ON LOAN AT EAST FIFE AGAINST ALLOA HERE BACK IN AUGUST 2016, THEN WENT ON TO HAVE AN EXCELLENT SPELL FOR ALLOA A FEW YEARS LATER?

2. 6 MEN HAVE MANAGED BOTH FALKIRK AND ALLOA OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS. NAME THEM.

3. YOU ARE THE REFEREE. YOU ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MATCH AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOUR FOURTH OFFICIAL TELLS YOU A COACH ON ONE OF THE BENCHES HAS DONE SOMETHING WORTHY OF A YELLOW OR RED CARD. HOWEVER, IT CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED WHO IT WAS. WHAT DO YOU DO - A. WARN THE BENCH TO BEHAVE AND SPEAK TO THE HEAD COACH. B. CAUTION/RED CARD THE MANAGER

4. WHO AM I? - AFTER A GOOD CLUB CAREER IN MY HOME COUNTRY I PARTICIPATED IN A WORLD CUP FOR MY NATIONAL TEAM AND WAS JOINT WINNER OF THE GOLDEN BOOT DESPITE BEING ELIMINATED IN THE GROUP STAGES. THE WORLD CUP WINNING MANAGER THEN SIGNED ME AFTER THE TOURNAMENT FOR A SPANISH CLUB. I SCORED 10 GOALS THE FOLLOWING SEASON AND WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO A SCOTTISH CLUB. DESPITE A SCORING RATIO OF A GOAL EVERY 2 GAMES I WAS UNABLE TO SETTLE AND LEFT AFTER 18 MONTHS. I RETIRED PREMATURELY AT AGE 31.

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MIDFIELDERS										
CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	TROUTEN	SCOUGALL	LAMONT	GILMOUR	KING	NIANG	O'DONNELL	MCCOLL	RILEY-SNOW
7	8	10	12	14	15	16	19	20	22	28
74	90		90			90				
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FORWARDS					
ARMOUR	BOYD	SAMMON	HENDERSON	WEBSTER	
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16	90	90			
20	90	70			
53	90	37			
34	90	90			
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	81	90	90		



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. KEVIN O'HARA

2. BILLY LITTLE, ALEX TOTTEN, GREGOR ABEL, BILL LAMONT, ALEX TOTTEN, PAUL HARTLEY

3. B. IF THE OFFENDER CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED, THE SENIOR TEAM OFFICIAL (USUALLY THE MAIN COACH) IN THE TECHNICAL AREA WILL RECEIVE THE YELLOW/RED CARD

4. OLEG SALENKO





ALLOA ATHLETIC



EAST FIFE

#	POS			
	21	KEIR BURT		
	31	DAVID HUTTON		
	2	SCOTT TAGGART		
	3	DANIEL CHURCH		
	4	CRAIG HOWIE		
	5	ANDY GRAHAM		
	6	MARK DURMAN		
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY		
	8	JON ROBERTSON		
	9	BEN ARMOUR		
	10	ALAN TROUTEN		
	11	STEVEN BOYD		
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL		
	14	MARK LAMONT		
	16	ADAM KING		
	17	JORDAN ARMSTRONG		
	18	CONOR SAMMON		
	19	MOHAMMED NIANG		
	20	CAMERON O'DONNELL		
	22	EUAN HENDERSON		
	23	FERNANDY MENDY		
	28	BLAISE RILEY-SNOW		

MANAGER BARRY FERGUSON

#	POS			
		SCOTT GALLACHER		
		JUDE SMITH		
		DAVID DEVINE		
		ROSS DUNLOP		
		AARON DUNSMORE		
		CHRIS HIGGINS		
		DANIEL HIGGINS		
		SCOTT MERCER		
		STEWART MURDOCH		
		PATRICK SLATTER		
		AARON STEELE		
		LEO WATSON		
		RYAN BLAIR		
		ROSS DAVIDSON		
		DANNY DENHOLM		
		CONNOR MCMANUS		
		KIERAN MILLAR		
		LIAM NEWTON		
		JAMIE SEMPLE		
		DANNY SWANSON		
		JACK HEALY		
		KYLE CONNELL		
		MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM		
		KEVIN SMITH		
		RYAN WALLACE		
		DARREN WATSON		

MANAGER STEVIE CRAWFORD

REFEREE: Steven Kirkland

ASST: Kevin McElhinney & Craig Macrae

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

19.02.22, AWAY, 15:00

DUMBARTON **ALLOA ATHLETIC**

26.02.22, HOME, 15:00

ALLOA ATHLETIC **COVE RANGERS**

05.03.22, HOME, 15:00

ALLOA ATHLETIC **AIRDRIEONIAN'S**

12.03.22, AWAY, 15:00

QUEEN'S PARK **ALLOA ATHLETIC**

19.03.22, HOME, 15:00

ALLOA ATHLETIC **PETERHEAD**

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