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**TEAM LINES** 

38

<sup>\*</sup>includes equivalent competitions

#### cinch CINCH LEAGUE 1 **GF** P W L GA GD **PTS** D **COVE RANGERS AIRDRIEONIANS MONTROSE QUEEN'S PARK FALKIRK** -2 **ALLOA ATHLETIC** -9 **CLYDE** -14 **PETERHEAD** -10 **DUMBARTON** -21 **EAST FIFE** -32





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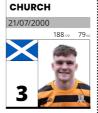
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### **DEFENDERS**



## Scott **TAGGART** 27/12/1991 183 см



## Craig HOWIE



## **MATCH**

most appearances

Cawley 407 242 Taggart Graham 219 Robertson 218

## Keir **BURT**



#### Andy **GRAHAM**



Mark **DURNAN** 

Daniel



### Jordan **ARMSTRONG**



#### **GOALS**

Cawley 71 Trouten 42 Graham 14 Henderson 13

### David **HUTTON**





#### **BRIAN RICE**







































# MANAGER'S NOTES

First I want to welcome Dumbarton, Stevie, the players and directors.

Last Saturday I was delighted with the clean sheet against East Fife. We dominated large spells of the game, just our final ball in the first half stopped us being ahead. That's two clean sheets in two games, great for PJ coming in. We work hard to defend and that's the strikers too. We got our just rewards in the end and I don't think anyone can say we didn't deserve to win comfortably.

Some might say we're safe and there's not a lot to play for but I'm not worried about complacency. It doesn't come into my vocabulary. As I keep saying we take the games one at a time. There's five cup finals to go now, the last two wins mean nothing. I will reiterate that to the players.

I've got an idea in my head now who I would like to keep looking forward to next season. There's a couple who I've still to make my mind up on and there's one or two who have to do an awful lot more to prove that they want to be here next season.

To them I say get in to my plans. Show me in training, show me in matches. Show your attitude and enthusiasm that you want to be part of this.







# **NEWSDESK**

To-day we welcome Dumbarton FC to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Stevie Farrell, the players, officials and directors of Dumbarton FC. With now only five league matches to go it is fair to say all games are big games with all teams in the bottom. fighting for their lives. Certainly a week is a long time in football and back to back victories against Peterhead and East Fife have put "The Wasps" in a far stronger

position but with five games to go we need to continue the same focus to move us up the league. The results at this time of the season are the most important statistic. It is all about us, if we do our job it will not matter about other scores, it has been a frustrating season but with Brian Rice now in charge there is a new optimistic feeling within the stadium, the players are enjoying and looking forward to the

games ahead, in which they will show bravery, courage and a lot of character and looking forward to winning matches again. We have huge games coming up including three home matches which we really need to take maximum points.

Kevin Cawley continues to break records at the club, where in past two games he was on target v. Peterhead & East Fife, taking his scoring total to his 71st goals for the club. This now places Kevin in second place in "The Wasps" all time top goal scorers since the end of the Second World War in Season 1945/46. Willie Irvine still leads the way on 92.

Ex Alloa Athletic goalkeeper, Sandy Thomson is celebrating his 70th birthday in hospitality today, Sandy joined "The Wasps" in June, 1975 signed by manager Dan McAlindon from Blairgowrie Juniors, sandy went on to made 51 first team appearances for Alloa Athletic including the

Scottish Cup tie v, Aberdeen at Recreation Park on 24th January, 1976.
Sandy left "The Wasps" in May, 1977 to join Jim McLean at Dundee United.

Alloa Athletic's Jon Robertson was included in SPFL League One team of the week last week following the 2-0 victory at The Locality Hub Bayview. Methil v. East Fife.

On Tuesday 29th March, 2022, manager Brian Rice started looking forward to next season by rewarding Alloa Athletic Under 20 player Steven Buchanan with a two year contract a reward for his 22 appearances this season in which he had 24 goal assists and 20 goals for the Under 20's.

Saturday's 3-0 victory at the Locality Hub Bayview, Methil v. East Fife was "The Wasps" biggest away win in the league since October, 2017 when they defeated Queen's Park at Hampden Park, Glasgow.

Alloa Athletic's Women's Football Club will play their historic first game in the SWPL North / East Division against Dryburgh Athletic, Kick-Off 3.00pm Indodrill Stadium on Sunday 3rd April, 2022. Keep up to date with Alloa Athletic Women's FC @ alloaathwfc on twitter.

Graeme Robertson, the

Progamme Editor for Dumbarton FC for the past 30 years plus will miss his first game v. Alloa Athletic over that period having suffered a broken ankle which has seen him miss Dumbarton and Scotland games recently, we wish him well as long as "The Wasps" take the points today.

Alloa Athletic FC were saddened to hear of the death of James Blair, aged 80, who died at home on Sunday 13th March, 2022. James and his company Teddy Blair were the first to sponsor and supply tracksuits for the ballboys at Recreation Park, lames and his son David were great supporters of "The Wasps" and rarely missed a game. His funeral took place at Stirlingshire Crematorium on Tuesday 29th March, 2022, condolences to all his family.

THE SPFL TRUST TRO-PHY WILL CONTINUE UNDER ITS CURRENT GUISE FOR ANOTHER SEASON AFTER THE SPFL TRUST AGREED A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION...

This follows a successful debut in the 2021-22 campaign which culminates with Sunday's final between Raith Rovers and Queen of the South (Excelsior Stadium, 4.15pm). In 2020, the SPFL Trust would first lend its name to the lower league cup

competition with the support of donors amid the challenging Covid landscape. That partnership will now continue into the forthcoming 2022-23 term as clubs and community trusts benefit from the agreement. Backed by the charity's benefactors, the SPFL Trust will continue to support SPFL clubs and their associated community trusts. The SPFL Trust will use the trophy title partnership to activate a series of rights for community benefit, both via participating clubs and community trusts.

The charity will also use some of the rights to highlight flagship programmes such as Football Fans in Training, The Changing Room and CashBack Off the Bench. It will also support Scotland's national suicide prevention campaign, United To Prevent Suicide. Additionally, the SPFL Trust is set to reveal its new three-year strategy and the approach will be supported through the use of sponsorship rights.

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26th March 2022 Bayview Stadium, Methil 3:00pm KO

## **EAST FIFE**

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## **ALLOA ATHLETIC**



(0:0)	
SCORERS	5
0:1	<b>62'</b> Cawley
0:2	<b>66'</b> Scougall (p)
0:3	<b>76'</b> Henderson









STARTING XI			STARTING XI
1 SMITH		1 MORRISON	
2 WATSON	SUBS	SUBS	2 TAGGART
3 HIGGINS	21 CAMPBELL	31 HUTTON	4 HOWIE
4 MURDOCH	8 SLATTERY	3 CHURCH	5 GRAHAM
6 POLLOCK	9 CUNNINGHAM	9 ARMOUR	6 DURNAN
7 DENHOLM	10 WALLS	15 MACIVER	7 CAWLEY
11 SWANSON	15 SEMPLE	16 KING	11 BOYD
12 MERCER	16 HEALY	17 ARMSTRONG	12 SCOUGALL
14 MILLAR	17 STEELE	19 NIANG	8 ROBERTSON
20 BLAIR	18 NEWTON	20 O'DONNELL	22 HENDERSON
22 CONNELL	19 MACKENZIE	28 RILEY-SNOW	18 SAMMON

**REFEREE:** Chris Fordyce



## 26th March 2022 morerooms.com Stadium, Dumbarton 3:00pm KO

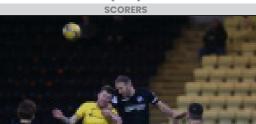
## **DUMBARTON**

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## **MONTROSE**













STARTING XI			STARTING XI
12 WRIGHT			1 FLEMING
29 STANGER	SUBS	SUBS	15 WHATLEY
5 BUCHANAN	1 RAMSBOTTOM	9 CAMPBELL	14 DILLON
6 CARSWELL	4 LYNCH	11 LYONS	4 ALLAN
3 BOYLE	10 STOKES	16 JOHNSTON	3 STEEVES
9 ORSI	14 MCKEE	17 QUINN	22 CAMERON
15 PIGNATIELLO	16 BRONSKY	18 SIMPSON	6 MASSON
18 PATON	17 SYVERTSEN	17 QUINN	8 WATSON
7 DUTHIE	19 WILSON	18 SIMPSON	20 BALLANTYNE
26 OYINSAN	20 MUIR	21 LENNOX	12 GARDYNE
11 MCLEAN	22 WYLDE		10 MILNE

**REFEREE:** Colin Steven

## 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





## **JONATHAN MARKWELL**



## TRENDS OF THE SEASON

As the end of the season draws closer it provides the perfect opportunity to draw together some trends which have characterised Alloa's season. It's fair to say that it's been a mixed campaign so far for the Wasps, with results not hitting the heights many anticipated before a ball was kicked. It has however never been dull, with many sub-plots and incidents meaning it will be long remembered,

albeit not always for the fondest of reasons! Some trends have gone under the radar, so today these get an airing as well as some of the more obvious elements which have characterised Alloa's 2021/22 season.

## SECOND MOST RED CARDS, FEWEST BOOKINGS

One of the most obvious trends of the season has been the high number of red cards brandished to Alloa players. The tally currently stands at 8 (including Niang's retrospective red versus Celtic), which is the highest by any Alloa side for a decade, 8 Wasps were also dismissed during Paul Hartley's first season in charge when Alloa won the Third Division in 2012. This season's record is only one short of Alloa's record high in the past guarter of the century too (9 dismissals during

2006/7, thanks chiefly to 3 from Stuart Malcolm!). As such, it is no surprise to see Alloa near the top of the SPFL Stats Centre League One red card table, with the 7 league ordering-offs second only to Montrose, who have come from nowhere to top that particular table with 8, having endured 6 dismissals in their last 8 games!

Despite the deluge of dismissals, Alloa have

surprisingly received the fewest bookings of any team in League One this season! The SPFL Stats Centre reveals that Alloa's 42 bookings is fewer than all other teams, with today's opponents Dumbarton joint top of that particular league table with 66 yellows.

As a footnote, I saw last week that A View from the Terrace's loel Sked wrote an article in The Scotsman detailing that in the Premiership Celtic receive the fewest cards per foul (1 card per 9.63 fouls). Meanwhile St Johnstone are most quickly punished by referees, committing the fewest fouls per card at a rate of 5.11 fouls per card. The Saints were just ahead of Livingston and red-card specialists Hibernian (both 5.19 fouls per card).

Using the same methodology as Joel in utilising the SPFL Stats Centre pages (a flaw in the formula is that it doesn't differentiate



between a straight red and two bookings), I've equated that down to League One level. As the table on this page shows, it is Alloa who commit more fouls than any other team per card issued (7.06 to be precise, so well behind Celtic in overall terms). This would point to the Wasps being the masters at conceding tactical fouls not worthy of a caution, but fouls nonetheless. For many years I've always thought Alan Trouten has been particularly skilled at this dark art of the game (and I've admired him for it!), so if Trouts had been playing more this season I'm sure the Wasps would have been the runaway winners, rather than just ahead of Airdrie.

At the other end of the scale our opponents this afternoon are the most punished team in the league, picking up a card for every 4.33 fouls committed (a far quicker

rate than St Johnstone). I can't speculate the reasons for this trend, but based on social media I'm aware that the SonsTV commentator and Lennox Herald reporter Fraser Clarke has noticed a single referee has sent off 5 Dumbarton players in just 2 games this season. Looking at the BBC match facts from both these games combined, the Sons picked up 9 cards from 21 fouls (1 card for every 2.33 fouls!), which may have skewed the overall figures to the Sons disadvantage! I'm sure these statistics will have no bearing on the encounter this afternoon though.

## LACK OF SHOTS ON GOAL

At times this season Alloa have been somewhat shot-shy in the final third, sometimes being reluctant to shoot when given the opportunity. That



is reflected in the shot count across the league, with the Wasps 7th in that table, more than 100 shots behind the top two Airdrie and Cove. In terms of being clinical in front of goal, Alloa fare a little better by being 5th in that table (as seen in this article), with the Wasps converting a goal for every 6.95 shots taken. That's behind the top two sides who take the fewest shots to score a goal in the league, which may surprise a few by being Clyde and Dumbarton. As the data in my table shows, these two teams have taken easily the fewest shots (Clyde average fewer than 7 shots either on or off target - a game on average, whereas Cove average over 12), which perhaps explains their efficiency in front of goal. East Fife taking almost 10 shots to score each goal also

explains a root cause of their league position. The Wasps limited the Fifers to just 4 shots last weekend, which means it was hardly surprising that didn't equate to a goal given their profligacy in front of goal.

## PENALTY TO

Amazingly, Stefan Scougall's earned and converted Alloa's first penalty kick in the league this season last weekend. Despite the penalty laws being such that they are becoming increasingly commonplace in games, that hasn't readily equated to Alloa being awarded spot-kicks this season. Although the Wasps did benefit from a rather soft award in the Betfred Cup group stage win over Livingston (scored by Alan Trouten, of course), Scougall's penalty ended

Team	Goals	Shots	Shots per goal
Clyde	36	208	5.78
Dumbarton	40	232	5.8
Cove	63	379	6.02
Airdrie	55	381	6.93
Alloa	40	278	6.95
Montrose	44	315	7.16
Queen's Park	45	332	7.38
Falkirk	44	345	7.84
Peterhead	38	321	8.45
East Fife	28	276	9.86



a run of 37 games in all competitions without being awarded a spot kick. I am not suggesting that there is a conspiracy against the club, rather that it was simply an unusual sequence. Every other team in League One had already converted a penalty this season too, ranging from the single spot kick scored by Queen's Park to the 7 scored by Montrose and 8 by Cove. At the same time. Alloa haven't been shy in conceding penalties (East Fife claimed for three last week against the Wasps!), with 8 so far given away (6 were duly converted, while 2 were missed), which again makes it more mystifying why more spot kicks haven't been awarded at the opposite end of

the pitch.

## LOSING POINTS FROM WINNING POSITIONS

For a number of seasons Alloa were famed for earning comeback wins or grabbing draws from losing positions. For example, the 8 league comebacks in 2018/19 earned 14 massive points which were crucial in Alloa's Championship survival and we don't need to remind any visiting supporters of how the Wasps gained promotion in 2018. Unfortunately this season the opposite has been true, with the Wasps disappointingly dropping league points from winning positions in games on 8 separate occasions this season (resulting in 6 draws and



2 defeats, equating to 18 points slipping away) and only recovering points from losing positions 4 times (3 times versus Queen's Park – 2 draws and that 90th minute+ victory - and a draw at Falkirk, earning 6 points in the process). The momentum and positive galvanising effect that can be gained from comeback draws or victories cannot be underestimated, whilst the deflating feeling of surrendering late goals can certainly have a negative impact. In

that regard the two goal leads the Wasps let slip at home to Montrose and Cove springing immediately to mind.

#### **6 GOALKEEPERS**

I thought the 2019/20 season was highly unusual when the Wasps fielded 5 separate goalkeepers (Neil Parry, youngsters Andrew Wilson and Chris Henry, and loanees Jamie MacDonald and Kieren Wright). However, that has been eclipsed this season with 6 separate stoppers so far being Alloa's last line of defence.

Neil Parry was unjustly iettisoned after the first League Cup game of the season, with Craig McDowall soon leaving after David Hutton's arrival too. After Hutton was dismissed against Peterhead youngster Keir Burt become Alloa's fourth keeper of the season, with the then-manager then signing Kieren Wright on a 7-day emergency loan to cover for Hutton's subsequent suspension. In the space of just 16 matches Alloa had used 5 separate keepers! Things settled

down thereafter, but the change of manager saw Pl Morrison arrive on loan to dislodge Hutton and so become Alloa's sixth keeper of the season. Morrison has performed very well in his first month at the club, meaning no more goalkeeping changes will hopefully need to occur this season. The six keepers used is certainly the greatest number the Wasps have used in a single season for at least the past quarter of the century and potentially a far longer time too!

There are naturally many more trends which can help explain Alloa's season, but I'll save that for another day. The most important objective today is seeking to secure a victory which would take the Wasps 12 points ahead of Dumbarton with 4 games to play, which would enable the team to play with more freedom for the remainder of the season; as always, 'Mon the Wasps!



# DONALD POLLOCK

				33/3/	Go	als.	1000
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Alloa Ath.,	34	24	3	7	75	28	55
Cowdon hoath	33	18	8	7	53	24	43
Armadala	33	17	11	5	50	41	39
Vale of Taran	33	14	9	10	46	37	38
Vale of Leven,				9	47	38	
Bathgate,	32	13	10	7	39		35
Broxhurn U.,	32	14	11		47	35	35
AJU LEGITIZETAL	33	14	12	70	43	38	35
East Fife	32	14	13	5	50	47	33
Bo ness.	33	13	14	6	48	45	32
Johnstone	33	11	13	9	.40	55	31
Dunfermline,	31	11	12	8	46	35	30
St Johnstone,	32	11	13	8	40	49	30
Forfar Ath	32	19	11	12	39	46	30
A whomath	70	70	17	0	37	70	00

## **HISTORY MAKERS**

Cup fever might have passed off following Alloa's Scottish Cup defeat at Motherwell but the good folk of the Wee County were still very much football crazy this time 100 years ago. The Wasps had bounced back from defeat at Fir Park by negotiating their way through a tricky fixture backlog. They now found themselves 9 points clear of Cowdenbeath going into the home straight with the papers suggesting that "Alloa's position at the head of the Second League table is well-nigh

impregnable". And it wasn't just on Clackmannan Road that passions were running high locally for the round ball game. As Alloa prepared to face Dundee Hibs at the Recs, Alloa Sheriff Court was hearing the case of a Mr McAra who had attended the recent clash between Tullibody and Tulliallan. McAra, a Tulliallan supporter, was reported to have been "dissatisfied" with the performance of the match official: "When the interval came he took the referee by surprise, butted him

with his head, broke his artificial teeth, and lacerated his mouth". The unfortunate ref. a Mr Reekie, attempted to continue but ultimately had to be helped from the field. Imposing a fine of £5 or 30 days in prison, Sheriff Leslie remarked that McAra "seemed to have no instinct of sport about him". That certainly wasn't a charge vou could level against the all-conquering Wasps and over 4000 fans were inside the Recs as bottom of the table Dundee Hibs arrived

in town. The visitors started well and quickly had the chance to take a shock lead with the award of a penalty. Up stepped McCulloch only to drive his effort badly wide. A relieved Alloa reached half-time level and subsequently raised their game. Jock Stirling put the Wasps ahead following a scramble and Willie Crilley then showed McCulloch how it was done by calmly converting a spot-kick. The wee man rounded off the scoring with his second and Alloa's third

after a corner from Quinn. On a day when the Sunday Post had labelled the top against bottom clash as "Giants against pigmies", it was Alloa's lilliputian hitman who was to the fore once more. Including his goals in the Scottish Cup, Stirlingshire Cup and Penman Cup, Crilley had now reached the half century for the season. As he toasted that milestone there was more good news from Central Park where Cowdenbeath had been held 0-0 by Bo'ness. Things got even better four days later when Cowden were beaten 1-0 at home to Broxburn in a midweek fixture, the winning goal coming right on the full-time whistle from Williamson, a Broxburn player "who resides not over a hundred yards from Central Park". Williamson must have enjoyed the short walk home. With Alloa 10 points ahead and with Cowden now having just 6 games left the game was almost up.

And so to Firs Park where Alloa would take on East Stirlingshire in front of almost 7000 fans. There was no tiredness in the Alloa legs now and they started "with all the ease and freedom of a leading league team". Neither did they panic when the Shire broke away to snatch the lead following a rare mistake from Bobby

Orrock, himself a former Shire player. The Falkirk Herald reported that "Alloa opened up a perfect bombardment", and as the pressure mounted the home side's Robertson turned the ball into his own net, "Alloa after this were masters of the situation", and they went ahead after a brilliant solo effort from Cochrane: "The big Alloa contingent present let their appreciation of this effort be fully known". It finished 2-1 for the Wasps and the travelling fans now waited for the result from Lochgelly where Cowdenbeath needed both points to delay Alloa's party. The news was good: Cowden had lost the derby 2-1. Alloa's history makers were Second Division champions with four games to play, Just months after stepping up from the Central League, Alloa would be the first ever team in the Scottish League to win automatic promotion. The team who represented Alloa on this famous occasion on March 25th 1922 was as follows: Caldwell, Orrock,



Dunn, Crilley, Cochrane, Ouinn.

The press were united in their praise of the Wasps and their title triumph with the news even reaching London where the Pall Mall Gazette congratulated Alloa on a "a really remarkable season".

As the Alloa players and fans revelled in the occasion, there were already reports that the club were looking for players to strengthen the team for the assault on the First Division. McAndrew of Third

first in a number of city club players who will find a billet in Alloa". Alloa didn't intend letting up either in their remaining fixtures either and the next match was an intriguing one indeed with the Wasps set to the take to the field back at the Recs against their nearest challengers Cowdenbeath. There was still the prospect too of further glory in the Stirlingshire Cup and Penman Cup. More in the next edition of 'The Wasp'



# **APPEARANCES**

		LEA	GUE	С	UP	T01	TAL	ALLOA CAREER LGE		
	POS	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	
MORRISON*	GOAL	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	
HUTTON	GOAL	26 (0)	О -	5 (0)	0	31 (0)	0	26 (0)	0	
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	
MENDY***	DEF	17 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	19 (2)	0	17 (2)	0	
DURNAN	DEF	28 (0)	4	2 (0)	0	30 (0)	4	28 (0)	4	
TAGGART	DEF	29 (0)	0	7 (1)	1	36 (1)	1	193 (0)	6	
CHURCH	DEF	16 (3)	0	6 (0)	0	22 (3)	0	16 (3)	0	
HOWIE	DEF	12 (3)	1	5 (2)	0	17 (5)	1	12 (3)	1	
GRAHAM	DEF	18 (1)	1	7 (0)	0	25 (1)	1	171 (1)	13	
WILLIAMSON**	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
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## **A FAN'S VIEW**

Alloa return home today in a far more comfortable position in the league- on the back of two vital wins since the last edition of The Wasp. Alloa are now not far away from consolidating themselves in the division, and can hopefully push on and finish as high as possible in the table. The game against Peterhead here a fortnight ago was vital for both clubs. Alloa restored Stefan Scougall and Kevin Cawley to the starting line-up to give a more attack minded vibe to the team. It was a bright Alloa opening, with Conor Sammon going close early. But it turned into a cagev first half with little actionwith the visitors looking

a bit more dangerous before the interval. Alloa made a few tweaks to the system- with Scott Taggart restored to his natural right side of defence, and Kevin Cawley pushed further forward. Alloa needed to move up a gear, and they duly did with a decent second half display. The opening goal was always going to be crucial, and with 20 minutes remaining Alloa edged into the lead. Befittingly two legends of the club were involved. A chance looked lost from an Alloa corner, but Andy Grahams lunge provided the vital touch into the path of Kevin Cawley. He opened up space at close range with some good trickery

and lashed home. Peterhead had a couple of good chances on either side of the goal. Ryan Duncan struck the woodwork with an excellent long-range effort, and then volleyed a glaring chance over. Nevertheless, Alloa finished strong with goalkeeper Brett Long keeping the visitors in the game. It was three points Alloa richly deserved after their second half showing. Stefan Scougall was hugely influential in a more central position, and was probably Alloa's best player on the day. Henderson looked more effective than the previous couple of games, and was unlucky not to add to his goals

tally- striking the crossbar late on. Howie again looked comfortable in the backline after a good performance at Firhill the previous week. Moreover, after some good performances it was great for the manager to get his first win. On the terraces. the weather provided a reasonable temperature for the first time in seemingly foreveralthough the ice cool breeze provided a more familiar feel as the afternoon wore on.

Alloa followed this up with a trip to Methil to face bottom club East Fife. Again, Alloa pushed on in the second period, although they were on top for much of the first

half. The deadlock was broken after the manager made an effective change with around ten minutes played in the second half. I thought Conor Sammon had played well, and questioned the decision to introduce Ross MacIver. However, MacIver provided a different optionhe was really busy as Alloa stretched the home defence morefinding gaps. Kevin Cawley provided the vital spark for the second successive week when he opened the scoring from close range. East Fife looked beaten after that, and Alloa pushed on to quickly seal the points. Stefan Scougall had been Alloa's best player all game, and he weaved into the box to be upended for a penaltv. He dusted himself off and slotted home. Euan Henderson then got himself back on the scoresheet, although his shot took a wicked deflection in the end. Scott Taggart limping off in the closing stages

was the only low point, and Alloa could really have added to their three goals. Some good performances again all over the pitch, with Jon Robertson as commanding as ever in midfield. Scougall again provided some great touches and was constantly an out-ball as Alloa tried to build attacks. Alloa took a while to get there, but it was as comfortable a victory as we could have hoped for. It was also

good to see a decent away support at the ground, who obviously left happy at the end.

A win today against Dumbarton would virtually guarantee Alloa's safety, and this will be the teams' sole target today. Looking at the run in, there are some good opportunities remaining to pick up points. Alloa have another home game against Clyde next week, before 2 tough away fixtures against

Falkirk and Cove Rangers. After last week's draw with Airdrie, Cove may well be looking for a win that day to become champions- so that game could be interesting. The outlook is certainly a lot brighter though, with wins now coming after some good performances since Brian Rice came into post. I hope that this run of form continues and Alloa can finish the season on a high. Enjoy today's game.







## LOOKING BACK 1ST APRIL 1989

In The Premier Division, the day's top game was undoubtedly at Celtic Park, where third-placed Celtic, who still had a chance of taking the title, hosted their table-topping local rivals Rangers, in front of just under 61.000 onlookers. But The Gers emerged victorious, by 2-1, as they extended their unbeaten run to seven games, maintaining their four-point lead over second-placed Aberdeen, who were 1-0 home victors v fourth-placed Dundee United, in the process.

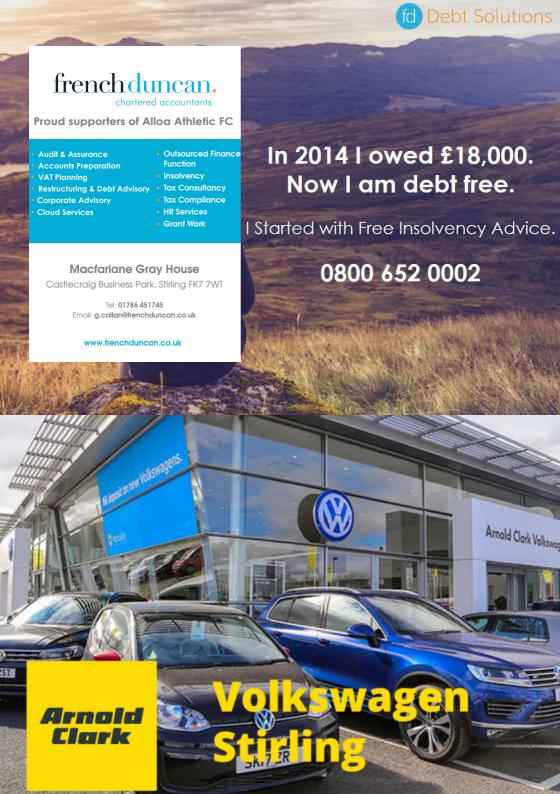
Celtic remained in third place, while Hibs retained fifth position, in spite of a 1-2 defeat at local rivals Hearts. At the other end of the table. hapless bottom club Hamilton Accies fate was now finally sealed, following a 0-1 reverse at their local rivals/ fellow strugglers, Motherwell, who remained in second-bottom spot, despite their success, though now safe from relegation worries, what with only one club due to be relegated.

First Division leaders Dunfermline had to

settle for a point from a 0-0 draw at Partick, and thus their lead over second-placed Airdrie, 3-0 home winners v luckless Oueen Of The South. was narrowed slightly to two points. Falkirk remained third, despite being held 0-0 at lowly Kilmarnock, while the top-of-the-table clash between fourth-placed Clydebank & fifthplaced St. Johnstone at Kilbowie ended allsquare at 2-2, and thus meant no positional change for either side. In the relegation zone, rock-bottom Queen Of

The South's fate had already been sealed prior to their defeat at Airdrie, and the battle was now on to avoid the second relegation spot. And Clyde remained in second-bottom spot, after a 0-2 defeat at Raith, while Ayr, despite collecting a point from a 0-0 draw at Forfar, still dropped to third-bottom position.

Down in The Second, the day's top clash took place at Glebe Park, where second-placed Brechin met leaders Albion Rovers, and a 2-1 win for City saw them



reduce The Wee Rovers lead to five points. Stirling Albion were now third, after a 3-1 home success v struggling Dumbarton, for whom Colin Spence was on target, The Bino's displaced Queen's Park, who dropped to fifth, after they were held 1-1 at lowly Berwick. Alloa meantime, now moved up to fourth place, after a fine 4-1 win at Stranraer, thanks to a Charlie Lytwyn hat-trick (one from the spot), and another effort from Mungo McCallum. And The Wasps had lined up at Stair Park as follows: Lowrie, Haggart, R. Lee, Millen, McCulloch, Gibson, Ramsay, Rodgers, McCallum (Lamont), I. Lee, Lytwyn. But there was no joy for Alloa's local rivals Stenhousemuir, who remained in bottom spot, following a 2-3 home defeat v Montrose, while Dumbarton still occupied third-bot-

tom place.

South of the border. First Division leaders Arsenal visited Manchester United the following day, meantime, second-placed Norwich met third-placed Liverpool in a top-of-the-table clash at Carrow Road. And a 1-0 win for The Anfield Reds saw them swap places with The Canaries, while their victory also saw them now just two points worse off than Arsenal. At the other end of the table. rock-bottom West Ham now appeared doomed, following a 0-3 defeat at London rivals Spurs. while at The Dell, a crucial relegation six-pointer took place between third-bottom Southampton & second-bottom Newcastle, the home side running out 1-0 winners. The Saints thus moved up one place to fourth-bottom, while Luton, beaten 1-2 at another side in danger of the drop, Aston Villa, now occupied third-bot-



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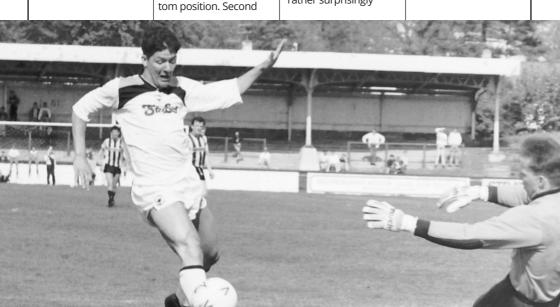
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Division leaders Chelsea moved ever-closer to an instant return to The First Division/The Second 'Division title. after a 5-3 win v Barnsley at Stamford Bridge. But second-placed Manchester City were rather surprisingly

beaten 1-2 at lowly Brighton, while WBA, despite being held 0-0 at doomed Midlands rivals Walsall, remained in third place.





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This afternoon we welcome Dumbarton to the Indodrill for another match on the road to confirmed survival Alloa have found form at the right time of the season, however, the same could not be said for the visitors. Last week's draw against the ten-men Montrose was a break from four straight defeats in a row, a run begun by managerless Alloa in February. All is not lost though and the bottom of the table remains tight. The Sons sit second bottom, four points ahead of bottom and also four points away from avoiding the dreaded play-offs. The visitors are nine points

behind Alloa showcasing how crucial a game this could be for Brian Rice's men as they cement their position in League One.

### THE BOSS -STEPHEN FARRELL

The Sons are led by former defender. Stephen Farrell. He began his career at Stoke City before heading North to ply his trade for teams such as St Mirren, Stranraer. 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 Strangaer 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 -KIERAN WRIGHT

Farrell made the move in January to bring a new man in between the sticks and he will be a familiar face to Alloa fans. Kieran Wright completed a loan move to the Rock on the thirteenth of lanuary until the end of the season. Wright, currently signed with Rangers, has had many loan spells in his career beginning back in 2016 with Gala Fairydean. He has spent two loan stints with Alloa Athletic, the most recent of those a one game cameo in arguably Alloa's biggest result this season, the 4-3 victory away to Oueen's Park. Firhill has been a happy stomping ground for Wright with a loan to Partick Thistle last year resulting in a league title victory. The

former Scotland youth international is now looking for consistent first-team football which he has found in his time with Dumbarton.

## ONE TO WATCH - ROSS MCLEAN

This afternoon's one to watch is forward Ross McLean. Sitting as the Sons top scorer with eight goals in all competitions, six in the league, there is no doubt he is one of the main threats. in the opposition ranks. Despite not finding the back of the net since February, a small injury which kept him out of the squad for a few weeks could have played a part in this. He has returned to the team and played the full ninetv in the previous two. with the view now to be finding his goalscoring form once more. This

is his first season at the Rock having won the title with Queen's Park last year. Prior to that he had spells with Falkirk and Greenock Morton, as well as Motherwell.

#### THE CONNECTION

As well as the highlighted connection of Kieran Wright, 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 the Alloa ranks, there still remains many former-Sons

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

favourites. Many of Jack 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 well-loved by both sets 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 will be the final match-up between the sides this season. With one win each and a draw so far this season, it is all to play for to take

the bragging rights this afternoon. The season-began with a 1-1 draw at the Rock. Steven Boyd opened the scoring just before half-time, only to be pegged back ten minutes from time through Patrick Boyle. The return fixture at the Indodrill saw Dumbarton come away with the three points with a 2-1 victory. A penalty for handball

meant that captain, Stuart Carswell, opened the scoring on the hour mark. Conor Sammon brought the Wasps level before Fernandy Mendy was sent off seconds after the re-start. Having ten men for the final twenty minutes left Alloa in a tricky situation and were made to pay with Eoghan Stokes late strike to seal the win. It was third time lucky for Alloa when the sides last met. Led by Paddy Connolly, it was Wasp legend Kevin Cawley who gave Alloa the lead. Alloa were pegged back by Paul Paton but a great strike from a tight angle from Adam King eight minutes from time meant Alloa went away with a well deserved victory.





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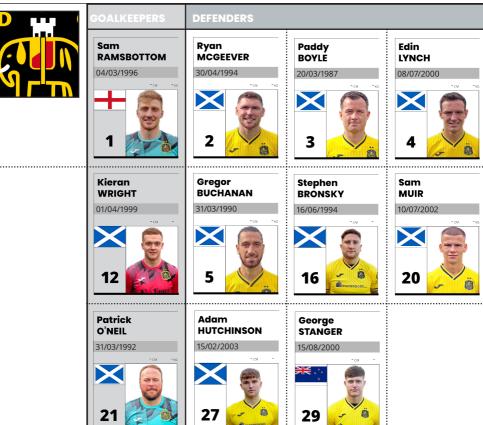
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- 2. WHICH ALLOA PLAYER WAS RED CARDED THE LAST TIME ALLOA AND DUMBARTON FACED EACH OTHER HERE IN NOVEMBER?
- 3. WHICH THREE PLAYERS FROM THE SCOTLAND SQUAD FOR THE POLAND/AUSTRIA FRIENDLIES PLY THEIR TRADE IN THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP?
- 4. NAME THE 5 PLAYERS TO HAVE SCORED AT A WORLD CUP FOR SCOTLAND SINCE 1986 ANSWERS PAGE 37

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