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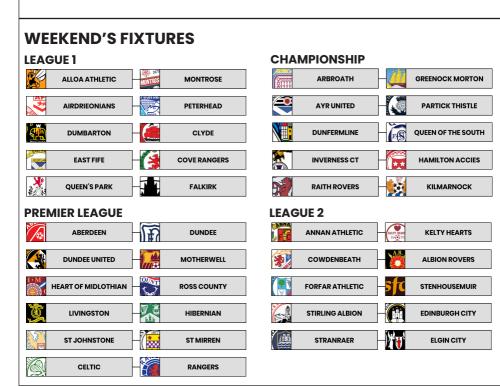
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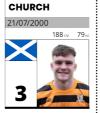


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DEFENDERS

MORRISON 27/02/1998





Daniel

Mark

DURNAN



MATCH

most appearances

Cawley 409 243 Taggart Graham 223 Robertson 222

Keir **BURT**











GOALS

Cawley 72 42 Trouten 14 Graham Henderson 13







BRIAN RICE





MIDFIELDERS Kevin **CAWLEY** 17/03/1989 170 см 64 кс Adam KING 11/10/1995 180 см































BRIAN RICE



MANAGER'S NOTES

Welcome to Stewart Petrie and Montrose' players, staff and directors.

First game, last game, any game, I want to win the match. That's my philosophy. Go and try win as many games as possible.

To be honest, it's come too quickly for me. I've

really enjoyed it. It's been fantastic the boys have been great. I've enjoyed it and I want to continue enjoying it. With the last game before the summer you'd love to go out on a high with a win.

Montrose have earned the right at promotion and they'll

have their eye on that. I played with Stewart Petrie at Dunfermline where we earned promotion. He's built a great squad. I've seen them since last season and a couple meetings this season. They've got a great chance at promotion although it'll be a close game against a really strong Airdrie team. It's not a game

that I'd like to call.

Back to us I'd like to thank the players for all the effort they've put in since I've came in. That's not just on matchday. Matchday's are show-time but the hard work they've put in in training, that's the rehearsals and it's where they've done the miles and put in the hard work for me.

Everyone else connected with the club to I can only thank for how they've treated me. I feel very welcomed by everyone. I've enjoyed my time here so far.

For the fans, we hope that the style of football we try to bring has been good to watch. I'd like to thank them for the backing as we've tried to excite them. As I said the goal on Saturday is to go out on a high so hopefully we can all be happy when we leave at the end match.







NEWSDESK

To-day we welcome Montrose FC to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Stewart Petrie, the players, officials and directors of Montrose FC. Although this is the final league game of the season for "The Wasps" there is still a great deal to play for with the team looking to collect another three league points. Montrose have qualified for the promotion Play-Off's and will be looking to maintain their good form which

has rewarded them with the opportunity still of promotion to the SPFL Championship next season.

The History of Alloa Athletic FC, a book by Stuart Latham and John Glencross will be published in August, 2022 and celebrates Alloa Athletic's 100 years in the Scottish League. Over 600 pages in A4 size covering League Tables, Results, Player Appearances since the club joined the Scottish League in 1921. The book will be sold via the club with profits going directly into the club. Anyone wishing to pre order the book will get their name listed in a subscriber section within the book itself. Deadline for subscribers is 15th May, 2022, price to be confirmed as the final number of pages hasn't been finalised. Iohn Glencross and Mike Mulranev will update ASAP.

Matt Temperton is a supporter of Alloa Athletic and has been so for many years even though he is based in South Yorkshire. He has been to the ground on many previous occasions remembering such players as Barry Moffat, Willie Irvine and Martin Cameron. In the past Matt had been in regular contact with Mr Peter Gibson who ran the club shop until he sadly passed away. Due to personal circumstances, he has not visited the ground for several years however he will be in attendance at today's game with my three friends who now also look out for the Wasps results. Chris Mumford, Scott Allott and Andrew Jones (all based on South Yorkshire) It will be their first appearance at the ground, let's hope we can finish the season on a high and win another three league points.

Alloa Athletic FC are really proud to have had both John Binnie and Gavin Hamilton represent the academy during their appearances for Scotland Schools this season. Gavin signed for Alloa at the start of the current season after leaving St Johnstone. He has been a key part of the Under 20's squad this season and has proved himself to be a very capable defender. as well as contributing in an attacking sense with a number of assists to be proud of. Gav's main strengths are his pace and his ability to run with the ball and we have seen some real progress with his end product as the season has unfolded. There's an exciting future ahead for him should he continue to work hard towards achievement of his goals.

John has progressed through Under 16's, Under 18's and now in to Under 20's level this season with the club. He's a physically imposing, commanding centre back who is a valuable asset in both boxes - defending and attacking. Solid in 1 vs 1 battles and a great organiser. We're excited to see where he takes his football over the next couple of years, with continued hard work and dedication he has shown so far.

A couple of birthdays to mention, firstly Sophie less will be turning 12 years old, she plays for Wasp community club girls gold team. She will be at the game today against Montrose with her footie team and coaches as her birthday day out, she's played with the girls team for a year now. Her dad is one of the coaches & her mum Vicky less is the secretary for the teams. it's a family affair. It would be remiss if I did not mention my own daughter's birthday. Maria who will be 25 today. Special mention to Maria for bringing me to the game today

as I am still suffering the effects of "Long Covid" and depend on her bringing me to game in my wheelchair!

The SPFL has recently announced that the fixtures for season 2022/23 will be published on Friday June 17 at 9.00am. The cinch Premiership, cinch Championship, cinch League 1 and cinch League 2 are all due to kick off on the weekend of July 30/31, 2022.

Following a vote on Tuesday 19th April of all SPFL Clubs, VAR technology will be installed at every cinch Premiership ground over the coming months, with a full launch expected following the conclusion of the World Cup in December 2022.

Neil Doncaster, Chief Executive of the SPFL, said: "I'm very pleased that we received the necessary 75% votes in the cinch Premiership, the cinch Championship, and cinch Leagues 1 and 2, which enable us to forge ahead with VAR technology next season."

Total costs for the introduction of VAR in the cinch Premiership are anticipated to be around £1.2m per season. The General Meeting also approved a resolution that payment for the cost of introducing and running the VAR system would be met by cinch Premiership clubs in the same proportions as the current formula which makes fee payments in line with end-of-season league positions. This means that the cinch Premiership winners will pay approximately £195k per season, with a sliding scale to the 12th club, which will pay around £67k. The SPFL will use the Hawkeve Innovations System.

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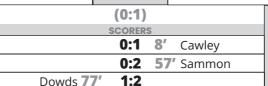
23rd April 2022 Falkirk Stadium, Grangemouth 3:00pm KO

FALKIRK

1:2

ALLOA ATHLETIC













STARTING XI			STARTING XI
1 MUTCH			1 MORRISON
3 DIXON	SUBS	SUBS	5 GRAHAM
5 TAYLOR-SINCLAIR	13 HOLT	31 HUTTON	4 HOWIE
6 MILLER	10 NESBITT	16 KING	6 DURNAN
7 MORRISON	15 MCCANN	17 ARMSTRONG	7 CAWLEY
8 HETHERINGTON	16 ROSS	18 SAMMON	8 ROBERTSON
9 GRIFFITHS	19 DOWDS	19 NIANG	12 SCOUGALL
11 MCGUFFIE	25 LEMON	20 O'DONNELL	3 CHURCH
14 WILSON	29 MALCOLM	28 RILEY-SNOW	15 MACIVER
17 JACOBS			11 BOYD
21 TELFER			22 HENDERSON

REFEREE: David Dickinson



23rd April 2022 Links Park, Montrose 3:00pm KO

MONTROSE

QUEEN'S PARK











49 DARCY



STARTING XI
21 LENNOX
7 WEBSTER
14 DILLON
3 STEEVES
2 BALLANTYNE
12 GARDYNE
6 MASSON
20 BALLANTYNE
22 CAMERON
16 JOHNSTON

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3	WATSON	11	QUITONGO
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5	WHATLEY	18	BIGGAR
8	SIMPSON	24	DOYLE
9	CALLAGHAN	29	MCBRIDE
		47	BRUCE

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	12	FERRIE
	3	ROBSON
1	19	FOX
1	5	GRANT
1	2	DAVIDSON
1	28	LONGSTAFF
1	8	LYON
7	48	CONNELL
	27	SMITH
	9	MCHUGH
	23	MURRAY

REFEREE: Chris Graham

11 LYONS

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



STATS OF THE SEASON

While the 2021/22 season will not go down in the record books as a vintage one for Alloa, there's rarely been a dull moment along the way. Although I'll leave the ultimate review of the season to my fellow The Wasp contributor Brian Roach, this statistically-based focus will hopefully be complimentary.

13 GOALS

Barring a last day double hat-trick from Steven Boyd, the Wasps top goalscorer this

season will be Euan Henderson. The Hearts loanee has so far netted thirteen times, which roughly equates to a goal every other game from his twenty-eight appearances. Henderson's hot streak came in October and November, when he scored successive braces and nine goals in just seven games. It is fair to say that Henderson hasn't had the best of luck during his second loan spell in recent months. but in overall terms it has been a positive loan

for all parties. Hendo also joins an exclusive list of loanees who have finished Alloa's top goalscorer for a season, joining Robert Sloan (8 goals in 2002/3), Stevie May (18 in 2011/12) and Ross Stewart (10 in 2017/18). In addition. Henderson reached double figures for the season in fewer games (twelve) than any other Alloa player in at least the last quarter of a century.

14 ASSISTS

Stefan Scougall easily

tops the Alloa assists chart with fourteen during the season, putting him well ahead of runner-up Conor Sammon (six) and bronze medallist Steven Boyd (four). Highlights from Scougall included the run and outside of the foot cross for Boyd's early season opener versus East Fife, the threaded passes for Henderson strikes versus Bonnyrigg and Peterhead, and pinpoint corners for Howie at Queen's Park, Niang versus Bonnyrigg (as part of a hat-trick of

assists that day) and Durnan versus East Fife. In my calculations I count those who earn penalties as an assist, so Scougall got an assist and a goal for his two recently converted spot-kicks! Stefan has enjoyed a strong end to the season after playing regularly in a central midfield role which suits his evident creative play.

41/43 GAMES

Steven Boyd and Conor Sammon have jointly made the most appearances of any Alloa player this season, featuring in forty-one of the forty-three games played to date. Boyd only missed the Boxing Day defeat at Airdrie and the Challenge Cup defeat to Rangers 'B', while Sammon has been ever-present barring Barry Ferguson's last game in charge (versus East Fife) and being left on the bench in the Challenge Cup win at Cowdenbeath. Two players have actually been named in every matchday squad this season but were unused substitutes on multiple occasions. Those ever-present squad members have been midfielders Adam King and Cammy O'Donnell.

57 GOALS

There have been a high proportion of aesthetically pleasing goals by Alloa players

this season amongst the 57 goals scored so far. Be it cleanest of strikes by Riley-Snow against Dumbarton, to Niang's acrobatics versus Bonnyrigg, and Boyd's twice crossbar hitting free-kick to earn a point from Oueen's Park. However. my personal favourite was the purest of strikes from Adam King into the postage stamp top corner away at Montrose. or as they call it in Brazil, where the owl sleeps (thanks to Tim Vickery on Adam Hurrey's excellent Football Clichés podcast for adding that one to my footballing lexicon).

WINS VERSUS EVERY-ONE BARRING THE CHAMPIONS

The Wasps have proved a match for any team in the division on their day, demonstrating by being victorious at least once against all sides barring Champions Cove, who would have surely been beaten in Brian Rice's maiden game in charge had it not been for a red card changing the dynamic of the match. By beating eight of the nine other sides in the division it leaves a feeling of what could have been for the Wasps this season, but ultimately only three sides were beaten more than once this season by Alloa (East Fife, Peterhead and Falkirk). Moreover, every other side tasted success against the Wasps at least once this season too, barring Queen's Park and Montrose (although that could change today!). As such, it is no surprise to see Alloa occupying a lower mid-table league placing with such inconsistent results!

18 GAMES UNBEATEN AGAINST QUEEN'S PARK

October's game of the season 4-3 comeback victory over Queen's Park, sandwiched between three 1-1 draws (the Spiders speciality scoreline this season). meant the Wasps are now 18 games unbeaten against Queen's Park. That proud record stretches back to 2008 and is something Alloa will be seeking to maintain should the Spiders not achieve promotion via the play-offs in the coming weeks.

14 LEAGUE GAMES UNBEATEN AT LINKS PARK

Another proud record maintained this season was the Wasps long unbeaten league record at Links Park, This sequence now stands at



14 matches after a win and draw in Montrose this season, with you having to go back to 1988 to record a home league win for the Gable Endies against Alloa.

OUTPOINTING FALKIRK AFTER 100 YEARS OF TRYING

In head-to-head league encounters over the course of a single season the Wasps finally came out on top against Falkirk, after 100 years of trying. This was the 20th season Alloa were in the same division as the Bairns, but last weekends deserved victory meant for the very first time Alloa picked up more points than our opponents from across the Forth in head-to-head games. The Wasps first faced off against Falkirk in our only full top-tier season in 1922/23, meaning



that the 7 points gained from games this season (versus the 4 Falkirk picked up against Alloa) was the maiden head-to-head victory for the Wasps a century after the first attempt! The victory seven days ago also took Alloa's unbeaten run in away games at Falkirk to four, which is a club record too (not

including Stirlingshire Cup games).

1 POINT A GAME VERSUS 1.56 POINTS A GAME

When you compare the points return of Barry Ferguson (25 points from 25 matches = 1 point a game) with that of Brian Rice (14 points from 9 games = 1.56 points a game) it is clear that there has been a welcomed upturn in results (despite the smaller sample size). My general rule of thumb is that an average of 1 point a game over the course of a season is relegation form, 1.5 points is challenging for a play-off placing and 2 points a game will get vou close to the title. These simple statistics reflect favourably on the positive impact Brian Rice has evidently made since his arrival.

FINAL QUARTER FORM

Going into the last game of the season Alloa have already achieved more points in the final quarter of fixtures than any of the other three quarters of the season. The Wasps have picked up 13 points from the 8 games played in this final quar-



ter, which is a better points return than the 11 points gained during the first quarter and 9 collected during quarters 2 and 3. Interestingly, in quarter 3 almost half of the points gained (4) were done so in the two games after Barry Ferguson departed.

THE MAGIC MAN

Kevin Cawley made his record-breaking 400th appearance for the Wasps this season, with every game now stretching his record as Alloa's top appearance maker in the post-WW2 era. The magic man also reached five goals for a tenth time in his Alloa career, with his current overall tally of 72 goals for the Wasps only eclipsed by Willie Irvine (91) and Jimmy Docherty (76) on the list of post-WW2 top Alloa goalscorers. The only remaining question for me is when the overdue testimonial for Cawley, after ten full seasons of immaculate service for the club, will be announced?

LANDMARK APPEARANCES

In addition to Cawley passing the 400 game mark, both Andy Graham and Jon Robertson surpassed a double century of appearances for the Wasps and Alan Trouten reached his century this season. Alloa have been very fortunate in recent years to have attracted

a series of loyal players who have performed heroically for the club over many seasons, amassing hundreds of appearances between them all in the process.

DAMAGING LATE GOALS

Alloa have incredibly conceded twenty-two league goals in the final ten minutes of league matches, which accounts for 39% of the total goals (56) lost during the league campaign. To put that into some sort of context, the Wasps have conceded fourteen goals during all the first halves of all league games played this season and only scored seven goals in the final ten minutes

of matches themselves. Why Alloa have been so vulnerable to conceding so many goals in the final minutes of matches is a mystery to me and certainly something to seek to improve next season!

MORE POINTS AWAY FROM THE RECS

It may surprise some observers but the Wasps will achieve more points from our travels than at home this season. The deserved victory at Falkirk last weekend took Alloa's points haul from away games to 23, which will eclipse the 19 home points gained regardless of the outcome of the game this afternoon. In the 28

seasons since league reorganisation in 1994 it is just the seventh time Alloa have picked up more points in away games than at home.

SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON SPECIALISTS

For the eighth consecutive season the Wasps have amassed more points in the second half of the season than the first. The Wasps really are second half of the season specialists, with last weekend's win at Falkirk taking Alloa's tally of 22 points from 17 games beyond the 20 points gained in the first 18 matches of the campaign.



DONALD POLLOCK



THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE 1921/22 HEROES

It wasn't quite the news Alloa fans wanted as they picked up their Sunday papers back in April 1922. The press had been full of superlatives for the history making Wasps and their achievement of winning the Second Division and becoming the first team in the Scottish League to win automatic promotion. The media were already reporting possible transfer targets for the assault on the top flight - while still raising serious doubts about the club's ability to survive at such a lev-

el. Those doubts could only increase with the Sunday Post exclusive: Willie Crilley had told Alloa he didn't intend to re-sign. Other papers reported a dozen clubs chasing 'the midget centre'. If that wasn't bad enough. Motherwell were said to be interested in prising away Bert Dunn, the Alloa forward who belonged to the Lanarkshire town. and were also looking at bringing defender Tom McGregor back to Fir Park.

Alloa attempted to put the speculation to

one side as they headed for Forfar and their final away league match of the season. In the Angus town the contest was billed as "the match of the season...there should be a great gate to see the great little Crilley", but for Alloa the focus was now surely on the looming Stirlingshire Cup final against Stenhousemuir and Penman Cup semi-final replay against Raith Rovers. The decision was initially made to rest Crilley - who had limped off against King's Park the previous week

- only for a late change of mind following a plea from the Forfar officials. The wee man promptly put Alloa ahead, only to then switch to outside right before then leaving the field altogether as Forfar battled back to win 2-1.

The post-match talk again centred on Crilley, the media reporting that Alloa had given an English club permission to speak to their star man but that Crilley only had eyes for Celtic. There was better news elsewhere with Orrock, McGregor, Wood, Stir-

ling, Dunn, Cochrane and Quinn all agreeing to stay.

Attention now switched to knock out competition and Alloa's attempts to successfully defend the Stirlingshire and Penman Cups. First up was the Shire Cup decider against Stenhousemuir with Alloa returning to Firs Park, where they had recently clinched the title. Crillev took to the field but was said to be "troubled" by his injuries, with the Alloa contingent in the 5000 crowd surely wondering why the Wasps had agreed to field their hero just two days before at Forfar. Injured or not, it was Crilley who came closest early in the game, his effort "just a trifle high". Quinn was next to try his luck but the sides turned around level. The Warriors grabbed the initiative and Caldwell twice made fine saves, only to be finally beaten a low effort from Somerville. As Alloa desperately tried to fightback, McLaren in the Stenny goal was to the fore, and from a subsequent breakaway Cornock clinched the cup for Stenhousemuir. A disappointing evening for Alloa but a special occasion for the Warriors with thousands of fans gathering at Stenhousemuir Cross to welcome home their heroes and the "handsome trophy" - a prize that sadly isn't even contested

anymore.

The weary Wasps now headed for Starks Park and a Wednesday evening Penman Cup replay against high flying Raith, who were sitting 3rd in the First Division. Alloa got off to a flier with an early goal from Dunn, only for the Fifers to immediately reply through Jennings. The same man then put the home side ahead just before the break. The second half saw Alloa push hard for an equaliser that never came with the home defence managing to keep a tight reign on the hobbling Crilley. It finished 2-1 Raith and there would be no cup triumph to go with Alloa's league success. Alloa had lost 3 games in a row for the first time in that glittering season, indeed they had lost 3 in 5 days after a campaign in which they had only suffered 4 defeats from 37 league fixtures.

There was no lack of motivation then as Alloa prepared to face St Bernards at the Recs in the final match of the season. Not an easy game to finish for the Stockbridge Saints had beaten Alloa in Edinburgh earlier in the season, albeit the Wasps had taken revenge in the Scottish Cup. Caldwell,

Gaffney and Cochrane were all missing as Alloa took to the field in brilliant sunshine but despite the transfer speculation and injury issues, Willie Crilley

started in attack. The Evening News reported that Crilley had been "off his game" for the past month, but that now "instead of standing in the centre of the field with his hands behind his back until the more energetic forwards fed him, he exerted himself". Within ten minutes he had given Alloa the lead. His second goal early in the second-half secured the points before Finnerty grabbed a consolation for St Bernards, Alloa had concluded their campaign with a win and would end the season 13 points clear at the top. And Crilley? Legend has it that the wee man scored 49 league goals in 1921/22, yet the national press reported that his tally was 48. That's also the number I reached following the reports each week (after Crilley's reported 6 goal haul at Forthbank was eventually reduced to 5, a point on which I am awaiting confirmation on the local papers in Alloa). Crillev himself claimed

another goal in the New Year win over Johnstone but nobody else agreed. Based on the national media, Crilley finished with 48 league goals for a total of 55 in all competitions. But while he remains the headline maker even 100 years on – this was truly a team effort. The dependable Caldwell in goal, stalwarts Orrock and McGregor in defence, the sturdy Gaffney, McLean and Wood in midfield, with Stirling, Dunn, Quinn and Cochrane assisting the midget centre in attack. And some notable reserves who did sterling service when called upon. "We are not bad hands at talent-spotting or team-building, are we?", Alloa chairman Mr A.L. Roxburgh had asked, and nobody could argue with that. As we all know, there is a story to be told about the boys in black and gold: the heroes of 1921/22 had contributed a glorious chapter.

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A FAN'S VIEW

We have arrived at the season's end- with the final match and indeed the final match programme of the 2021/22 campaign. With the last couple of fixtures occurring on the road, there has plenty of football played since the last edition of The Wasp. In the previous home game here three weeks ago Alloa all but sealed safety- with a victory over Clyde that was far more comfortable than the single goal margin suggests. An unsurprisingly inspired performance from Neil Parry in the Clyde goal kept the game tight until the end. The goal came iust before the hour mark with Ross MacIver notching his first goal

for the club. Driven on by captain Andy Graham's surging run forward, the goal involved a deft touch from Steven Boyd and a dummy from Conor Sammon to free MacIver in front of goal. MacIver has made a really positive impact since being handed a run of starts. He brings power and mobility which stretches opposition defences. After the bizarre end to the Dumbarton game that preceded this, and with 2 away matches ahead-this was a vital victory. It allowed Alloa to finally stop looking over their shoulder and aim to finish as high as possible in the league table.

The following weekend they faced a tough task, away to league leaders Cove Rangers, A win for the hosts-coupled with any concession of points from 2nd placed Airdrie- would crown them champions. The importance of the occasion appeared to make Cove a little edgy at the back early on. and Alloa had the better of the opening half. Conor Sammon had the best opportunity in the first 10 minutes of the game- his header producing a great save by Cove keeper McKenzie. Alloa started the 2nd half strongly too, with Sena clean through on goal only for Alloa to be thwarted again by Mc-Kenzie. Then moments

later Cove scrambled a MacIver effort off the line with a combined effort from McKenzie and defender Mark Reynolds. Alloa were left to rue those missed chances though when classy Fraser Fyvie got on the end of a Harry Milne cross to give Cove the opener. The match was still ebbing and flowing from end to end until the difference maker Fyvie sealed the points with 7 minutes left. Harry Milne added a third just before time up to give the result an unfair reflection of proceedings. However. the Alloa support did have something reminiscing the last laugh, although it was a mere consolation. News had



filtered through that Airdrie were being held at home to Dumbarton which would have handed Cove the championship. But a late diamonds winner put the champagne on ice, whilst simultaneously mathematically guaranteeing Alloa's safety. The scoreline replicated Alloa's fate on their previous trip to New Balmoral Stadium back in December, But this time the performance was far better- never a 3-0 game.

A short journey across the Forth followed to face near neighbours Falkirk. Their win over relegated East Fife the previous week extended the gap on Alloa to four points. This meant only a win would be sufficient for Alloa to potentially climb to a 5th placed finish in the league. That was all there was to be play for though, and as a result the game did have a bit of an end of season feel about it. But regardless of circumstances, a win at Falkirk Stadium is always warmly

welcomed and this was a good day for Alloa. Stefan Scougall and Jon Robertson bossed the middle of the park and again, despite the narrow margin of the result Alloa certainly deserved the win. Kevin Cawley had given Alloa an early lead following a great lay off by Euan Henderson. Substitute Conor Sammon then scored another goal against his old club to add to the one scored here earlier in the season. Robbing home defender Dixon in possession, he kept his composure to slot home well and enjoyed a little celebration in front of the home supporters. Falkirk had been sterile all afternoon, but looked better once Dowds and Nesbitt were introduced from the bench. The 2 combined to pull one back for the hosts for the inevitable nervy ending. And it was left to Alloa captain Andy Graham to be the hero once more, scooping a goal bound clearance over the bar in stoppage time to ensure Alloa picked up the 3 points.

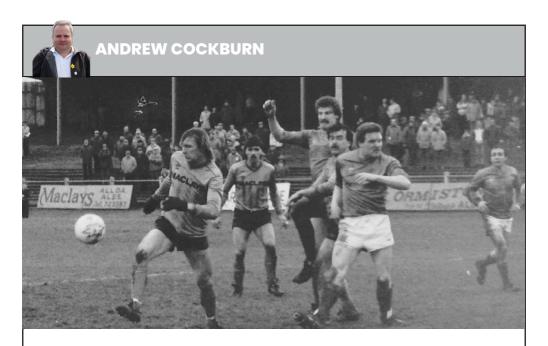
Alloa are undefeated

this season against today's opponents Montrose, although they have impressed in every game against the Wasps this season. With a huge midweek play-off semi-final match against Airdrie looming, it remains to be seen whether Montrose manager Stewart Petrie rests up some kev plavers or looks for some real momentum heading into that game. With Falkirk facing a trip to fellow play-off hopefuls Queens Park, 5th place is still an achievable aim for Alloa by close of play today.

I'd say a far more important factor for the club should be looking at retaining the services of the manager for next season in the coming weeks. After the 3-1 defeat at home to East Fife back in February, Alloa looked in a precarious position in the table. However, following his appointment Brian Rice has steadied the ship, and ultimately with the required acceleration has implemented a system which gets the best out of the players at his disposal. The system has

also been attack minded and bold, playing on the front foot no matter who the oppositionwhich has produced some really good football to watch. The likes of Cawley and Scougall have thrived under Brian Rice- key players capable of producing decisive actions in games, 14 points from his 9 games in charge has been a good return, and that could easily have been 4-6 more-Alloa were very unlucky not to win against Cove here and Oueens Park away especially. He has also brought in a couple of good loans, with Ross MacIver giving Alloa something different up top, and Morrison a solid promising young goalkeeper. In the next fortnight or so I'd like to see some stability with the manager staying on and key players retained for next season. With the masses of international fixtures in lune. this close season will feel shorter than ever. Have a good break from the bread and butter. see you back behind the Clackmannan Road End





LOOKING BACK 27TH APRIL 1985

In The Premier Division, the day's top clash was undoubtedly at Pittodrie, where leaders Aberdeen hosted second-placed Celtic, needing just a point to retain the title. And The Dons achieved their aim. courtesy of a 1-1 draw, Celtic retained second spot. Dundee United remained third after a 2-0 win at relegation-threatened Dumbarton, while fourth-placed Rangers were 3-1 home winners v Hearts. Doomed bottom club Morton, returning to The First Division after just one sea-

son "upstairs", salvaged a bit of respect, with a point from a 0-0 draw at Dundee, who were now safe from relegation worries, after they'd looked like candidates for the drop earlier in the season. Dumbarton also now seemed certain to make an instant return from whence they came after their defeat, for while it was possible for The Sons to equal the current points total of Hibs, who were hammered 0-4 at home v St. Mirren. The HiBees superior goal difference at least looked like

being enough to secure their Premier Division status.

First Division leaders Motherwell edged a step closer to an immediate return to The Premier Division. despite being held 1-1 at local rivals Hamilton Accies, while Clydebank remained second, in spite of a 2-3 defeat at mid-table Ayr. Thirdplaced Falkirk maintained their own promotion bid with a 2-0 win at Forfar, Airdrie remained fourth despite being held 0-0 at Brechin. while Hamilton Accies

lay one place behind their other Lanarkshire neighbours in fifth spot. At the other end of the table, and with bottom club St. Iohnstone now certain of relegation, the battle was on to avoid the second relegation spot. And Kilmarnock boosted their survival chances with a 2-0 win at the doomed Saints. while Meadowbank kept alive their own hopes of beating the drop with a 1-0 success at Clyde, though Thistle still remained in second-bottom place.



Down in The Second. today's vistors and leaders Montrose promotion/title hopes were kept "on ice", as they suffered a rather surprise 1-4 home reverse v mid-table Oueen's Park, Martin Caithness The Gable Endies scorer. Alloa meantime. faced a rather crucial clash v local rivals and fellow promotion challengers Stenhousemuir. at Ochilview. where The Wasps lined up as follows: Lowrie, Thompson, Haggart (Barr), Thomson, Dall, Sorbie, Murray, Kelly, Shearer, Mackie, Llovd (Cole). And Alloa ran out winners, by 4-2, thanks to goals from Gary Murray, Garry. Thompson, Graeme Shearer & Frankie Cole, as they remained in second spot, though at the same time, the result ended the promotion hopes of "The Warriors". Third-placed Dunfermline maintained their own promotion push with a 4-0 home

success v Queen Of The South. Cowdenbeath remained fourth and also in contention, after they too were successful by 4-0 on home soil, v Stranraer, while Stenhousemuir, in spite of their defeat, still held fifth place. In "the battle of the lowly" at Gayfield, Arbroath defeated fellow strugglers East Stirling by 3-0, but in spite of this victory, The Red Lichties still propped up the table.

South of the border. First Division leaders Everton took a step nearer the title, thanks to a 3-0 win v Norwich at Goodison Park, while Manchester United, now all but out of the reckoning, remained second despite being held 2-2 by relegation-haunted Sunderland at Old Trafford, Third-placed Spurs also had to settle for a share of the spoils, after they drew 1-1 with London rivals Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, while there was no respite for doomed bottom club



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Stoke, who suffered a Oxford in The First

fifth straight loss, this time by 0-2 at Watford. Oxford, already assured of promotion from The Second Division, now missed out on the chance to virtually seal the title, when they went down 0-1 at Leeds, who had a chance of joining

Division. Second-placed Birmingham kept up their own promotion bid with a 1-0 win at Barnsley, while Manchester City were now third, after they won their crucial promotion clash v Portsmouth at Fratton Park, by 2-1.





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This afternoon Alloa conclude their campaign with a home game against Montrose. Alloa can sweeten their season slightly with a victory and overtaking Falkirk, however, for the visitors this game will not affect their final standings. After defeating Queen's Park 2-1 last weekend, the Mo went nine points clear of the Spiders, cementing their place in third. They will now have to rally once more to play against Airdrie in the play-off semi-final. It had looked like they

might slip into fourth position after a defeat to Clyde a fortnight ago opened the door for Queen's to close the gap before the final day. However, a winner from experienced defender Sean Dillon secured the three points in dramatic. comeback fashion. This afternoon may be the case of protecting their stars before a gruelling play-off run-in, or Stewart Petrie may look to keep all momentum going with a strong team and performance this afternoon.

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 Queensland 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. The fairvtale rise from Montrose has caught the eyes of many and they will be looking to take that one step further this season and get across the line, to grab some of the Angus club glory for themselves.

THE CAPTAIN -**PAUL WATSON**

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' 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. Having now made over two-hundred and fifty appearances for the club, twenty-five of those coming this season in the league as he continues to be the heartbeat of the Mo midfield

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. The season began in a fashion that was outstanding, but not sustainable for even the best of the best. He scored eight goals in his opening seven games, during that he scored in every single match. Since then he has gone on to score fourteen times in the league, with six assists. In March, he sustained an injury that kept him out for five games, however, he returned a fortnight ago with an assist against Clyde. Webster completed his first ninety

minutes since February last weekend at right-back in the victory against Queen's Park. His return will no doubt be a boost for the play-offs and he will be looking to find his goalscoring form before going into that, having not found the back of the net since the twelfth of February.

THE CONNECTION

There aren't many familiar faces for the two 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.

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

There are two Alloa loanees, however, that also spent time out on loan at Links Park. Firstly there was Euan 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

The sides have met three times so far this season, the first of those coming back in September when the Wasps put in a professional performance to collect the three points. Sena opened the scoring after tenacious play before Adam King

put his hat in the ring for an early goal of the season contender with his long range strike to make it 2-0. The game back at the Indodrill was a sore one for the Wasps. A double from corners from Mark Durnan put Alloa in a commanding position with twenty-five minutes to play. Matty Allan gave the Mo a lifeline with ten or so minutes to play before a last minute equaliser knocked the wind out of Alloa's sails. It was another draw in the most recent matchup in January. Steven Boyd got Alloa ahead just before the break, however a strike on the fifty-first minute from Liam Callaghan drew the sides level.





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- 2. THREE- RANGERS VS CELTIC 2002, RANGERS VS QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 2008, HIBS VS RANGERS 2016
- 3. ARSENAL, CHELSEA, EVERTON, LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER UNIT-ED, TOTTENHAM
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