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1921/22

RUNNERS UP

1938/39

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

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

STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

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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Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap
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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 DUNFERMLINE	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
 ROSS COUNTY	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
 BUCKIE THISTLE	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
 ALLOA ATHLETIC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
 EAST FIFE	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

MIDWEEK FIXTURES

GROUP C

 ALLOA ATHLETIC	 EAST FIFE
 DUNFERMLINE	 BUCKIE THISTLE

GROUP A

 RAITH ROVERS	 PETERHEAD
 ABERDEEN	 DUMBARTON

GROUP B

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GROUP D

 FALKIRK	 HIBERNIAN
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GROUP E

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GROUP F

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27/11/1991



DEFENDERS

**Scott
TAGGART**

27/12/1991



**Daniel
CHURCH**

21/07/2000



**Craig
HOWIE**

02/07/1996



**Keir
BURT**

09/09/2004



**Andy
GRAHAM**

22/09/1983



**Mark
DURNAN**

28/11/1992



**George
STANGER**

15/08/2000



**Jay
HOGARTH**

18/07/2003



MANAGER

BRIAN RICE



MIDFIELDERS			FORWARDS	
Kevin CAWLEY 17/03/1989  	Jon ROBERTSON 25/04/1989  	Murray MILLER 29/01/2002  	Bradley RODDEN 21/08/1996  	Ross MACIVER 28/02/1999  
Stefan SCOUGALL 07/12/1992  	Adam KING 11/10/1995  	Cammy O'DONNELL 29/09/2001  	Seff KHYIAM 05/07/2002  	Conor SAMMON 06/11/1986  
			Steven BUCHANAN 26/03/2003  	
				
				



BRIAN ROACH



THREE OF THE BEST... ALLOA GOALS DIRECT FROM FREE KICKS

1. DAVID BEATON VS DUNDEE UNIT- ED (SCOTTISH CUP ROUND 4, 19TH FEB- RUARY 2000)

Having previously eliminated SPL club Kilmarnock in Round 3, Terry Christies Alloa team looked to produce another major upset when Dundee United

were the visitors to Recreation Park in the next round. And they got off to a perfect start after 6 minutes with this hugely memorable goal from centre half Beaton. It was all about precision and power, as Beaton unleashed a rocket of a free kick from fully 40 yards which flew past Alan Combe in the opposition goal. Martin

Cameron doubled Alloas lead with a carbon copy of his winner vs Killie and another upset looked on the cards. But a Jim Hamilton 2nd half double pegged the Wasps back and United won the Tannadice replay 4-0.

2. IAIN FLANNIGAN VS HIBS (SCOTTISH

CHAMPIONSHIP, 30TH AUGUST 2014)

Free kick specialist Flannigan produced this moment of genius to give Alloa a massive league victory over Hibs. Alloa were behind at the break due to Jason Cummings early strike. But boyhood Hibs fan Liam Buchanan

equalised just after the interval. Flannigans moment of magic arrived with just 5 minutes remaining. Awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area, Flannigan used terrific technique to bend the ball over the defensive wall and leave keeper Mark Oxley with no chance. Sadly, the only media footage of the goal I've seen was a video from current Alloa match commentator Kieren Mooney- who

captured it on his mobile phone from the main stand.

3. IAIN FLANNIGAN VS DUNDEE UNITED (SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2018)

Although this one rescued just the solitary point rather than three, you could argue this effort from Flannigan was even better than

the one against Hibs. Paul Watsons header gave the visitors a 71st minute lead, criminally against the run of play. Flannigan struck the crossbar from a free kick three minutes later, but this one was positioned wide on the left flank. With 8 minutes left, Dario Zanatta was upended around 25 yards from goal in a more central position. This was slightly further from goal than the Hibs one, but Flannigan

instigated more height on the ball here, with identical power as it soared into the United net. A point was the least Alloa deserved on the day with an excellent performance- but this game will be most noted for the magnificent technique on display from Flannigan for the Alloa goal.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for a new season, we open the season with our opening fixture in the Premier Sports Cup, their second season as sponsors for the League Cup. We have been drawn in Group C against East Fife who shall face this evening, Buckie Thistle on Saturday 16th July away, then Ross County again next Tuesday 19th July at home and finally Dunfermline Athletic at East

End Park on Saturday 23rd July. The Premier Sports Cup is made up of Eight groups of five teams, three points for a win, one point for a draw, if a drawn game goes straight to penalties, one bonus point for the winner of the penalty shoot-out. This season the regionalization has been removed after six years of the North/South split in the group stages. The initial group stages will involve 37 SPFL clubs

plus Highland League Champions Fraserburgh and Lowland League Champions Bonnyrigg Rose. The additional slot is taken up by Highland League Runners Up Buckie Thistle as the Lowland League were granted the extra place last season. The eight group winners and three best runners-up will join Celtic, Rangers, Hearts, Dundee United and Motherwell in the last 16 at the end of August.

The SPFL has announced record prize money of over £2.1 million for the 2022/23 Premier Sports Cup. Each club participating in this season's competition is guaranteed to receive at least £22,000 – whilst the winner will earn £350,000 in prize money, with further sums available as facility fee payments for all live televised matches. The total prize money that will be shared with clubs for the upcoming

Premier Sports Cup competition will amount to £2,157,000 – a rise of nearly £150,000 from last season's figure of £2,015,000.

The full schedule of prize monies is set out below:

- 1st round group stage - 5th position: £22,000
- 1st round group stage - 4th position: £23,250
- 1st round group stage - 3rd position: £25,000
- 1st round group stage - 5 worst runners up: £29,000
- 2nd round losers - £50,000
- Quarter-final losers - £80,000
- Semi-final losers - £110,000
- Runners-up - £160,000

- Winners - £350,000
- Total - £2,157,000

In addition, each club playing in a live televised Premier Sports Cup tie (whether home or away) will receive a facility fee payment of: £17,000 (first round group stage); and £27,000 (second round, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final).

Neil Doncaster, chief executive of the SPFL, said: "We are delighted to announce record prize money in this season's Premier Sports Cup. Premier Sports have been fantastic supporters of our premier cup competition.

Their investment into the Cup has allowed us to announce record prize money this season and these funds will continue to support our clubs as they recover from the pandemic.

"With the first-round group stage kicking off on 9 July, we are very much looking forward to another year of passion, drama and excitement in this season's Premier Sports Cup, live on Premier Sports." 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 660 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. The book will be on sale at Waterstones Retail Price £ 40. However the book can be ordered direct from the club for £ 29.99, launch date will be notified as soon as books are available from the club. Orders can be placed directly with the club at fcadmin@alloaathletic.co.uk





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BUCKIE THISTLE

1:1P

ROSS COUNTY



(0:0)

SCORERS

Urquhart **53'** **1:0**

1:1 **61'** Samuel



STARTING XI

1	DEMUS
19	MUNRO
16	FYFFE
6	MURRAY
13	RAMSAY
7	FRASER
15	PUGH
17	BARRY
10	MACASKILL
11	URQUHART
20	GOODALL

SUBS

2	WOOD
3	MCLAUCHLAN
5	MACKINNON
12	HERBERT
14	MCCABE
18	MILNE
23	ADAMS

SUBS

4	CANCOLA
9	SAMUEL
11	SIMS
14	LOTURI
17	OLAIGBE
20	MACKINNON
23	WRIGHT
30	SMITH
31	EASTWOOD

STARTING XI

21	MUNRO
2	RANDALL
15	WATSON
6	IACOVITTI
3	PURRINGTON
8	CALLACHAN
24	PATON
7	EDWARDS
10	DHANDA
19	HIWULA-MAY-
26	WHITE

REFEREE: Chris Graham

9th July 2022
Bayview Stadium, Methil
3:00pm KO

EAST FIFE

0:2

DUNFERMLINE



(0:0)

SCORERS

0:1 67' McCann

0:2 83' McCann



STARTING XI

3 MERCER

5 STEELE

15 DENHAM

2 MURDOCH

4 MILLAR

14 WALLS

12 NEWTON

7 SCHIAVONE

9 SHEPHERD

10 TROUTEN

8 SLATTERY

SUBS

11 HEALY

16 CUNNINGHAM

17 ANDERSON

18 WILLIAMSON

19 MANSOURI

20 MARTIN

21 SMITH

SUBS

6 MACDONALD

10 TODOROV

18 ALLAN

19 FENTON

24 RENNIE

25 BEAGLEY

27 YOUNG

28 TOD

30 ARCHIBALD

STARTING XI

1 MEHMET

2 COMRIE

4 BENEDICTUS

12 BREEN

3 EDWARDS

26 TODD

5 HAMILTON

8 CHALMERS

14 MCCANN

9 WIGHTON

7 O'HARA

REFEREE: Iain Sneddon

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

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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;
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VINTAGE STATS

Football today is awash with statistics, from the useful to help us confirm our beliefs, to the obscure which nobody wanted or needed to know about. Rewind 100 years and it's fair to say that statistics were slightly less commonplace than they are today. In the case of Alloa Athletic Football Club from a century ago that's a shame, as the 1921/22 season was a stellar first campaign in the Scottish Football League for the Wasps. Alloa became the first

side in the country to win promotion to the top tier on sporting merit by steamrolling the competition to win the old Division 2 title. To redress some of that balance a century on, I've unearthed some vintage stats to emphasise what an undeniably successful season it was for the club.

60/76

Alloa only dropped sixteen points en-route to the title, with four defeats and eight draws amongst 26

victories. The rest of the division couldn't get anywhere close to the Wasps, with runners-up Cowdenbeath a distant 13 points behind. Had three points been awarded for a win back then the Wasps would have finished a 38 game season on 86 points, which to give it a modern day comparison is more than a dominant Celtic managed in winning the Premiership in 2017/18 (82) and 2012/13 (79). Cowdenbeath would have finished a massive

20 points behind the Wasps had three points been awarded for wins back then.

UNBEATEN AT HOME

Alloa were the only side in the division with an unbeaten home record, winning 15 and drawing the other 4 league games at the Recs. That record included a formidable twelve successive home wins between November and April, with scorelines of 2-1, 3-1, 2-0, 1-0, 4-0, 3-0, 1-0, 2-0,

5-1, 2-0, 3-0, 2-0. The home support must have taken great delight in making fortnightly trips to the Recs, almost guaranteed to see a home win and there being 9 shut-outs in those 12 games too.

AWAY DAY SPECIALISTS

It was Alloa's form on the road which won them the league though. The Wasps' 11 away league wins far eclipsed any other team in the division, with Bathgate having the next best away win rate with just 7 victories. Home advantage was so important to the outcome of games back in the day. Every side in the division had a far better home record than on the road, with Alloa in-fact being the only side in the league with a positive goal difference in away games (scoring 38 and conceding just 20). Even runners up Cowdenbeath had a -1 goal difference away from home, but almost half the division conceded more than double the number of goals they scored away from home!

FORMIDABLE AT THE BACK

The Wasps' settled defensive core of keeper James Caldwell and defenders Bobby Orrock and Tom McGregor racked up an impressive 15 shut-outs during the title winning

season. That included a run of five consecutive clean sheets during January. Alloa still didn't have the best defensive record in the league, although a record of conceding 32 goals in 38 was still formidable. It was, though, trumped by runners up Cowdenbeath, who conceded just 30.

GOALS GALORE

Alloa were the runaway top goalscorers in the league with 81 goals, equating to more than two a match. Although that may not sound too impressive in comparison with the modern day game, to put Alloa's proficiency in front of goal the next best tally was third place Armadale with 64, with Cowdenbeath back in third with 57.

RECORD AWAY WIN

November's 8-1 away win at King's Park (based in Stirling) is still to this day Alloa's record away victory. It was only equalled by the 7-0 success on the final day of the 1992/93 season at Queen of the South, but given the Wasps scored 8 (naturally 6 were scored by Willie Crilley).

CLUB RECORD UNBEATEN RUN

The 15 game unbeaten run between December 1921 and February 1922 remains to this day as a club record. It has been equalled twice since then, in 1984 and 2016, but on both these later occasions the records spanned two different seasons, which in my mind downgrades the achievement - although obviously when Jack Ross' Alloa side went 15 games unbeaten at

the end of the 2015/16 and beginning of the 2016/17 season it was glorious!

56 GOALS FOR CRILLEY

Alloa's star was undoubtedly Willie Crilley with his 49 league goals, 3 in the Stirlingshire Cup and 2 in both the Scottish and Penman Cups taking his super-human final tally for the season a remarkable 56. As well as that double-hat-trick at King's Park Crilley also helped himself to 4 goals in a 5-1 win over Bo'ness and no fewer than 5 hat-tricks and 8 braces! Within that run he scored successive hat-tricks in the space of three days in October. In-fact, during the calendar months of October and November the Wasps played a total of 10 games and Crilley helped himself to no



Pictured - Bobby Orrock

fewer than 20 goals and only failed to score in two of those games! By the turn of the year, Crilley's tally was already at 32 – imagine if he'd been playing in the present day with the transfer window opening with your star striker on that number of goals!

PENALTY KING AND HOT-STREAKS

Crilley's tally included six penalties, with no other Alloa player scoring from the spot during the season. As well as Crilley's Autumn purple patch of goals, he'd started the season on fire too, scoring in each of the first five games of the season, including the Wasps very first goal in the Scottish Football League, ironically from the penalty spot in a single goal win versus Stenhousemuir.

CRILLEY OUTSCORING HALF THE TEAMS IN THE LEAGUE

Crilley's 49 league goals meant he outscored more than half the other clubs in the league. Crilley beat the tallies of 10 sides - 7th placed Broxburn United (43) and then the whole bottom half of the table teams: Johnstone (46), St Johnstone (41), Forfar (43), East Stirling (43), Arbroath (45), King's Park (47), Lochgelly United (46), Dundee Hibernians (47) and

Clackmannan (40).

Such scoring feats by individuals simply don't happen like that very often anymore, with Stephen Dobbie's incredible 43 goal season in 2018/19 comprising 21 league goals and 22 in the various cup competitions. To take things up a level, there have been only two seasons when Leo Messi has scored more than a goal a game over the course of a whole season (2011/12: 82 goals in 69 games & 2012/13: 69 goals in 62 games). I'm not for a minute comparing Crilley with Messi, not least because 5ft 6 ½in Messi would tower over the 5ft 3in Crilley!

ALLOA'S OTHER GOALSCORERS

Although Crilley scored 60% of Alloa's goals during the season, his teammates all chipped in with some

vital strikes too. Alloa's other goalscorers during the most memorable of first seasons in the Scottish Football League were: Dunn (9), Whittle (6), Gaffney, McLean and Cochrane (all 4), Wood & Quinn (both 3), Stirling (2) and that regular goalscorer over the years for the Wasps – own goals (1).

ASSIST KING

Whilst Crilley stole all the headlines, we shouldn't forget the supporting cast of Alloa title winners too. One player who often provided the ammunition for Crilley was Jock Stirling, with Donald Pollock's excellent articles from last season (the source of many of these collated stats – thanks Donald!) crediting Stirling with 10 separate assists. In a time when many reports didn't specify the creator of goals, in practice

Pictured -
Tom McGregor

Stirling's assists total was probably many more than 10!

FOOTNOTE: THE PRESENT DAY

Fast forward 100 years to the present day and Alloa will this evening be facing the all-time top goalscorer in the League Cup group stage (since it was introduced in 2016). This fantastic finisher has no fewer than 17 goals in the short history of the group stage of the competition. That man's identity will need absolutely no introduction to Alloa fans, as it is none other than Alan Trouten. East Fife's summer signing makes a swift return to the Recs this evening to face the Wasps and will need to be closely marked to stop him continuing his tremendous cup goalscoring



record. Trouts was something of a nemesis for Alloa for over a decade before joining the Wasps in 2018, scoring 11 goals of which 10 contributed to Alloa defeats. During his four seasons with Alloa the No. 10 scored 42 goals in 107 appearances, with his all-round footballing intelligence a joy to watch. Trouten hopefully made his competitive debut for the Fifers against Dunfermline (due to printing deadlines this article was completed prior to that match) last Saturday, where Trouts would have been hoping to have scored in his first competitive game of the season for an astonishing ninth successive campaign! If he could have hand-picked his opening opponents, Dunfermline would surely have been close to the top of the list, having regularly scored against the Pars in an Alloa shirt, including being the top goalscorer in all games played at East End Park during the 2018/19 season!

After an injury curtailed final season with the Wasps each and every Alloa supporter will be wishing Trouten nothing but the best for the season ahead, perhaps getting close to emulating the goalscoring feats of Willie Crilly a century ago, but naturally only after the encounter tonight please Alan.





DONALD POLLOCK



COULD ALLOA CARRY ON IN THE FIRST DIVISION?

There was a fine welcome for Alloa chairman Mr A L Roxburgh as he rose to address the club's annual meeting back in the summer of 1922. Those present a century ago could still scarcely believe the events of the previous 12 months. Alloa had been elected to the Scottish League for the first time in 1921 as members of the Central League moved en masse to make up a new Second Division. A second tier in Scottish football wasn't in itself a new invention but

this time things were different - with the tantalising prospect of automatic promotion to the top flight for the champion club. With 20 teams competing for that one spot the odds were very much against the Wasps. Alloa had enjoyed a famous Scottish Cup run in their final Central League season though, and the money harvested had been invested in some astute signings to add to the cup heroes, a team who had taken two Scottish League scalps before finally

falling to Rangers in a replay. Alloa found their feet quickly in the new Second Division and were soon among the contenders. In former Scotland international Bobby Orrrock they had a classy defender and influential figure leading from the back - the Andy Graham of his time - and ably assisted by former Celtic man Tom McGregor. Gaffney and Wood were stalwarts in midfield with veteran Jock Stirling helping provide the chances for Alloa's star man, the 'mighty

midget' in attack Wee Willie Crilley. The Alloa directors could spot a player too with new signings Cochrane and Quinn arriving during the season to bolster the squad. The title was duly clinched by the end of March. By the time the season ended Crilley's league tally had risen to 48 (not 49 as has regularly been reported over the years since, almost certainly due the national press claiming that he had scored 6 goals in a 8-1 derby thrashing of King's Park, when he in fact only

managed the 5). Alloa's swashbuckling form had attracted plenty of plaudits but with them came no shortage of doubts too – namely how could a small club from the Wee County sustain top flight football? Mr Roxburgh had been extremely bullish in addressing those concerns as his team cantered to the title: "Could Alloa carry on in the First Division? Certainly! With a naturally exclusive district between the Ochils and the Forth, containing a population of 40,000, and the prospect of appealing to a much wider area from Kinross to Stirling and Dunfermline to Dunblane, there is no doubt of sufficient support being forthcoming for a first-class team. Besides, Alloa is admirably placed within

easy reach of all the populous football centres, and excellently served on both the Caledonian and North British railway systems by fast trains for the convenience of travelling club supporters. Our team? Well we are not bad hands at talent-spotting or team-building, are we?". Well that was March and Mr Roxburgh perhaps understandably a little high on the emotions of the time. By the time summer came along and the annual meeting, the chairman was a little more reserved.

Seeing that Alloa had got into the First League, and hoped to retain their position there, they needed increased capital, explained Mr Roxburgh. It was "a big undertaking for the Alloa Club, looking to the drawing capacity of the community, but the

directors had carefully considered the position of matters, and it was a right decision to come to that if Alloa were at the top of the Second League by merit they would take their place in the First League by merit". The club had lost £1000 in their championship season. The share capital had now been increased by £2000 to £5000 and there was an appeal to supporters to invest and back the club. The League Management Committee had visited the Recs and passed the ground as up to First Division requirements, but the chairman added that "this was little more than the minimum and it was advisable that they should spend a considerable amount of money not only in maintaining their field, but in improving it". The nucleus of the championship

winning team had been retained but the squad had to be strengthened and the rumours that had been surrounding the future of Crilley had only increased.

The club were clearly aware of the challenges ahead but it was reported that the annual meeting came to an end in "a spirit of fine optimism". There was a social gathering too where the championship medals were presented, and Bobby Orrock had further success of his own with a prize in the Clackmannan and Kinross Golf Championship at Dollar. Attention now turned to making sure that Alloa had a team and ground fit for the First Division when the season kicked off in August. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
MUIR	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
HOGARTH	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	194 (0)	6
CHURCH	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	20 (4)	0
HOWIE	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	17 (3)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	176 (1)	13
DURNAN	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	33 (0)	4
STANGER	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	147 (28)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	8 (8)	1
KING	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	26 (5)	4
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
MILLER	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	298 (43)	62
SAMMON	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	21 (13)	5
MACIVER	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (5)	1
KHYIAM	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

Finally we are back to competitive action once again as another campaign commences- initially with the Premier Sports Cup group stages. The pre seasons haven't felt quite as lengthy over the past couple of years- with last summer's Euros and the international fixtures last month breaking up the monotony. The pre-season programme was a decent watch for supporters- fixtures which clearly had thought behind them, with a good mix of opposition standards. The players seemed to progress game by game, certainly in terms of passing fluency and overall sharpness. Unfortunately, it contained

a really sombre scene here last Tuesday, with trialist goalkeeper Willie Muir knocked unconscious following a penalty area collision. The match was abandoned, which I'm sure everyone agrees was the only decision for the referee to take. Thankfully the keeper seems to be on the road to recovery, and not nearly as serious as was feared at the time. As it's the start of a new season, I thought I'd throw some predictions in. Mainly so I can return next May and see just how completely wrong I was. Here are my Scottish League One predictions for 2022/23, based on nothing of any real substance:

ALLOA TO FINISH IN PLAY-OFF POSITIONS

Following the arrival of Brian Rice in February, Alloa finished last season strongly. Picking up 5 wins from their last 10 games, they signed off in a credible 5th position. Most key players have remained at the club, and I think this continuity will allow Alloa to pick up that momentum and belief where they left off in May. League One looks to be the most competitive league in Scotland, with 3 full time teams amongst Alloas opponents. Winning the league outright may be a tough ask, but I expect Alloa to grab one of the promotion play-off posi-

tions come next May.

STEFAN SCOUGALL WILL BE ALLOA'S STAR PLAYER

Since being deployed in a more central position, Scougalls influence was a huge factor in Alloas aforementioned form at the end of last season. Through the preseason fixtures he appears to have taken on even more responsibility in midfield, really making the team tick. Some of his touches are real class, along with dropping the shoulder, retaining possession in tight spaces and finding passes. After some bad luck with injuries and being deployed out wide for much of last season, I predict



of midfielder Rhys McCabe as player-manager- alongside centre half Callum Fordyce as his assistant. However, I predict that last season will prove to be a high watermark for them. McCabe undoubtedly performed well for them on the pitch, but from the outside looking in I don't see any obvious qualities required to be a successful manager and keep that momentum going. Andy Graham he isn't- or doesn't appear to be. The key to Airdrie's success last season was their organisation and setup rather than any real standout individuals, which can be difficult to replicate- particularly if your management team's focus is distracted by the dual role. I predict Airdrie will struggle, with expectation from last season a real monkey on their back.

LEAGUE ONE FINAL TABLE PREDICTIONS

1. Falkirk
2. Montrose
3. Dunfermline
4. Alloa
5. Queen of the South
6. Kelty Hearts
7. FC Edinburgh
8. Airdrie
9. Peterhead
10. Clyde

Elsewhere in Scotland, I suspect Celtic will retain their status as Premiership champions, perhaps even winning all 3 domestic trophies. Inverness Caledonian Thistle will bounce back from a play-off defeat to win the Championship. And after an early managerial change, Dumbarton will take League Two. Down south Liverpool will reverse last season by pipping Manchester City to the Premiership. But Manchester City will win both domestic cups and also their holy grail- The Champions League. Enjoy tonight's game.

this campaign will see the very best of Stefan Scougall in an Alloa shirt. He'll be central to Alloas success this season and our star player on a consistent basis.

FALKIRK FINALLY GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER UNDER JOHN MCGLYNN

After a few seasons in the relative doldrums of League One for Falkirk, they have floundered from one crisis to another both on and off the pitch. You could argue that their last half dozen managerial appointments have been real failures. Alloas strong finish last season allowed the Wasps to retain their status as Forth Valleys premier club- overtaking the Bairns on the last day to seal a 5th placed finish. Unfortunately, (and I hope I get this one very wrong) I predict Alloa supporters will lose those bragging rights next summer. John McGlynn is a solid, astute appointment. He knows how to put a team together at this level and I feel will

ultimately bring success to our neighbours across the water. I don't think it will be necessarily pretty to watch, but McGlynn will make the team effective enough to be championship contenders.

AIRDRIE SUFFER AFTER THE LOSS OF IAN MURRAY TO RAIETH ROVERS

Airdrie embarked on a terrific campaign in 2021/22, pushing Cove Rangers all the way for the championship. However, they were stung by the harsh reality of the promotion play-offs at the last hurdle. They managed to drag themselves through the semi-final against Montrose with a huge 2nd leg comeback. But the efforts attributed to that win seemed to leave the petrol tank empty. They deservedly lost the final to a Queens Park team vastly inferior to them throughout the season. Manager Ian Murray then departed to join Raith Rovers, leaving Airdrie at a real crossroads. They opted for continuity, with the appointment





IN RETROSPECT SEASON 1974-75

After Alloa concluded season 1973-74 in a disappointing finish of twelfth, they were no doubt hopeful of better things in the 1974-75, what would be the last season of the traditional two-division format, before a new three-division setup would come into operation in the 1975-76 campaign. And The Wasps began their 1974-75 campaign in promising fashion, suffering just one defeat in their opening seven league games. There were a couple of great wins during this

period too, 8-1 at home v league newcomers Meadowbank Thistle, when Donnie Wilson netted four goals, and 4-0 at Stranraer when Brian Ness scored a hat-trick, the latter result moving Alloa up to third in the table. Unfortunately, Alloa were unable to build on this promising start, and their form thereafter was rather erratic. Indeed, only three more wins were registered before the end of the year, by which time The Wasps had dropped into the bottom half of

the table. And things didn't improve much in The New Year, the result being that The Wasps ended the season in fifteenth place, well out of contention for a place in the new First Division, thus they'd begin their 1975-76 campaign as a "new" Second Division side. There was no joy in either of the cup competitions, with Albion Rovers ending Alloa's interest in The Scottish Cup before it had even began, with a 2-0 win in a second round replay at Cliftonhill, while Alloa failed to make any im-

pact at all in The League Cup, ending bottom of their section. Though as it happened, there'd be an improvement in fortunes, in the league at least, for Alloa in season 1975-76, as a new era in Scottish football began.

TOP SCORERS LEAGUE

Wilson 12 (1 pen), Russell 9, Low 7, Wilkin-son 5 (1 pen), Ness 4, Earl 2, Gillespie 2, Morrison 2, Miller 1, Mitchell 1, Thomson 1, Totten 1 (pen), Donald 1, 1 OG

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**RESULTS 1974-75
DIVISION TWO**

	Home	Away
Albion Rovers	1-1	2-3
Berwick Rangers	0-0	0-3
Brechin City	1-0	2-2
Clydebank	1-0	1-4
Cowdenbeath	0-0	1-1
East Fife	0-1	2-3
East Stirling	2-1	0-4
Falkirk	0-1	0-2
Forfar Athletic	3-1	3-0
Hamilton Academicals	0-0	0-1
Meadowbank Thistle	8-1	1-0
Montrose	0-2	1-2
Queen Of The South	0-4	1-1
Queen's Park	3-0	2-0
Raith Rovers	0-2	1-3
St. Mirren	3-1	1-5
Stenhousemuir	0-0	0-0
Stirling Albion	2-2	2-2
Stranraer	1-3	4-0

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FINAL DIVISION TWO TABLE 1974-75

Pos		Pl	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Falkirk	38	26	2	10	76	29	54
2	Queen Of The South	38	23	7	8	77	33	53
3	Montrose	38	23	7	6	70	37	53
4	Hamilton Academicals	38	21	7	10	69	30	49
5	East Fife	38	20	7	11	57	42	47
6	St. Mirren	38	19	8	11	74	52	46
7	Clydebank	38	18	8	12	50	40	44
8	Stirling Albion	38	17	9	12	67	55	43
9	East Stirling	38	16	8	14	56	52	40
10	Berwick Rangers	38	17	6	15	53	49	40
11	Stenhousemuir	38	14	11	13	52	42	39
12	Albion Rovers	38	16	7	15	72	64	39
13	Raith Rovers	38	14	9	15	48	44	37
14	Stranraer	38	12	11	15	47	65	35
15	Aloa Athletic	38	11	11	16	49	56	33
16	Queen's Park	38	10	10	18	41	54	30
17	Brechin City	38	9	7	22	44	85	25
18	Meadowbank Thistle	38	9	5	24	26	87	23
19	Cowdenbeath	38	5	11	22	39	76	21
20	Forfar Athletic	38	1	7	30	27	102	9

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1954
Scottish Championship:
*
Winners: 1948
Scottish League 2*
Winners: 2008, 2016

This evening we welcome a familiar opponent to the Indodrill stadium to begin the 2022/23 season. Despite playing East Fife four times last season, depending on cup draws, this will be our only match-up this season following the Fifers relegation from League One. It was a challenging season for Stevie Crawford's men as they finished nine points behind their closest rival, Dumbarton, who also eventually got relegated. Due to a change in league, they

have also season a fair few playing changes too as they embark on their League Two campaign. With the season beginning earlier and earlier, and the teams looking particularly challenging in Group C of the Premier Sports Cup, this is a good opportunity for them to continue to gain fitness in some competitive action.

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



*includes equivalent competitions



ONE TO WATCH – SCOTT SHEPHERD

A player for Alloa to be wary of is another new face to their front-line. Scott Shepherd made the switch to Bayview this summer following his departure from Forfar Athletic, where had been the two seasons prior. Before that he had been a handy player in front of goal with over twenty goals for Edinburgh City. He had spent the majority of his career at Falkirk before making these moves. At twenty-five-years old, Shepherd is approaching the peak of his powers as he looks to fire Crawford's men back to League One. Described by his new manager as quick and already experienced at this level, he could prove

to be a handful today for Alloa.

THE CONNECTION

Having already highlighted the obvious familiar face, Alan Trouten, there is also a few more that the supporters will recognise in opposing ranks. Two former Alloa players in the visiting ranks are Scott Gallacher 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 Rangers both home and away. There are no current Alloa players who have pulled on the jersey

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it all started. Despite failing to keep them up, Crawford was entrusted with the role to bounce straight back up in 2023.

NEW BOY – ALAN TROUTEN

The Stevie Crawford signing that caught the eye of all the Alloa fans was no doubt Alan Trouten. It was hard news to take for the Alloa faithful after their hero departed the club this summer after so many happy memories. With forty-two goals in his one-hundred and seven games, Trouts cemented himself in Alloa history with some truly historic moments. His nineteen goal season in the Championship to win top scorer at Alloa, as well as penalty

heroics against Heart of Midlothian in the cup spring to mind as some of the memories Alloa fans will cherish. His last season or so with The Wasps was plagued with injury and many thought it may be the time the two parties parted ways. However, his final game in Alloa colours when he came on against Celtic showcased that there is still plenty he can offer as he changed the game on its head that evening. Trouts has already managed to find the back of the net in some of the Fifer's pre-season friendlies. We wish Alan the best of luck on his new adventure and hope that it does remain injury free to see can truly showcase his ability, however, we hope that starts after this evening!



BY KIEREN MOONEY

of East Fife.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

As mentioned at the start, the sides did meet four times last season as they battled against one another in League One. It was a fixture that The Wasps just about edged in the end with two victories and a draw, compared to East Fife's solitary win. The visitors win came in Barry Ferguson's last game in charge as they stormed to a 3-1 victory at the Indodrill thanks to goals from Danny Denholm, Kyle Connell, and Ryan Wallace. Alloa had taken the lead three minutes into that game thanks to Mark Durnan, however, failed

to kick on and were reduced to ten-men through Euan Henderson. The most recent fixture was in March when goals from Steven Boyd, Stefan Scougall and Kevin Cawley inflicted revenge with a 3-0 victory for Alloa. The Wasps other victory came back last August with a brace from Steven Boyd and Conor Sammon making it 3-1 and giving Alloa their first victory of the season. A 1-1 draw came between the sides also.



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1. NAME THE 3 ALLOA 2ND HALF GOALSCORERS THE LAST TIME THE 2 CLUBS MET AT NEW BAYVIEW BACK IN MARCH

2. PUT THESE ALLOA GOALKEEPERS IN ORDER FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST BASED ON APPEARANCES FOR THE CLUB- NEIL PARRY, SCOTT BAIN, MARK CAIRNS, JIM BUTTER, RONNIE LOWRIE, DONALD HUNTER.

3. ANDY ROBERTSON IS 4 ASSISTS SHORT OF THE MOST ASSISTS FROM A DEFENDER IN ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP HISTORY. WHICH PLAYER HAS THE MOST AS IT STANDS?

4. WHICH 3 CURRENT SPFL MANAGERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY PLAYED FOR ALLOA

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ALLOA ATHLETIC F.C. - CINCH LEAGUE

DATE	OPPOSITION	HOME/AWAY	DATE
30 JUL 22	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	A	02 JAN 23
06 AUG 22	KELTY HEARTS	H	07 JAN 23
13 AUG 22	FC EDINBURGH	H	14 JAN 23
20 AUG 22	AIRDRIEONIANS	A	28 JAN 23
27 AUG 22	PETERHEAD	H	04 FEB 23
03 SEP 22	CLYDE	A	18 FEB 23
10 SEP 22	FALKIRK	A	25 FEB 23
17 SEP 22	MONTROSE	H	04 MAR 23
01 OCT 22	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A	11 MAR 23
08 OCT 22	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	H	18 MAR 23
15 OCT 22	AIRDRIEONIANS	H	25 MAR 23
22 OCT 22	PETERHEAD	A	01 APR 23
29 OCT 22	CLYDE	H	08 APR 23
05 NOV 22	KELTY HEARTS	A	15 APR 23
12 NOV 22	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H	22 APR 23
19 NOV 22	FC EDINBURGH	A	29 APR 23
03 DEC 22	MONTROSE	A	06 MAY 23
17 DEC 22	FALKIRK	H	
24 DEC 22	CLYDE	A	

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OPPOSITION HOME/AWAY

KELTY HEARTS H

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH A

FC EDINBURGH H

AIRDRIEONIANS A

PETERHEAD H

FALKIRK A

MONTROSE H

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC A

FC EDINBURGH A

CLYDE H

PETERHEAD A

AIRDRIEONIANS H

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH H

KELTY HEARTS A

FALKIRK H

MONTROSE A

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC H



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. KEVIN CAWLEY, STEFAN SCOU-GALL (PEN), EUAN HENDERSON

2. CORRECT ORDER IS BAIN, CAIRNS, HUNTER, BUTTER, PARRY, LOWRIE

3. LEIGHTON BAINES

4. JIM GOODWIN (2016/17), DARREN YOUNG (2011-14), IAN MURRAY (2000/01 ON LOAN)





ALLOA ATHLETIC



EAST FIFE

#	POS			
	1	WILLIAM MUIR		
	21	KEIR BURT		
	31	JAY HOGARTH		
	2	SCOTT TAGGART		
	3	DANIEL CHURCH		
	4	CRAIG HOWIE		
	5	ANDY GRAHAM		
	6	MARK DURNAN		
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY		
	8	JON ROBERTSON		
	10	BRADLEY RODDEN		
	11	MURRAY MILLER		
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL		
	14	GEORGE STANGER		
	15	ROSS MACIVER		
	16	ADAM KING		
	17	SEFF KHYYAM		
	18	CONNOR SAMMON		
	19	STEVEN BUCHANAN		
	20	CAMERON O'DONNELL		
	MANAGER BRIAN RICE			

#	POS			
		ALLAN FLEMING		
		SCOTT GALLAGHER		
		JUDE SMITH		
		SAM DENHAM		
		SCOTT MERCER		
		STEWART MURDOCH		
		PATRICK SLATTERY		
		AARON STEELE		
		LUCAS WILLIAMSON		
		LEWIS ANDERSON		
		JACK HEALY		
		CONNOR MCMANUS		
		KIERAN MILLER		
		LIAM NEWTON		
		BROGAN WALLS		
		MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM		
		ADAM MANSOURI		
		RYAN SCHIAVONE		
		SCOTT SHEPHERD		
		ALAN TROUTEN		
	MANAGER STEVIE CRAWFORD			

REFEREE: Barry Cook

ASST: Colin McAlpine & Clyde Buchanan

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

16.07.22, AWAY, 15:00	
	BUCKIE THISTLE
	ALLOA ATHLETIC
19.07.22, HOME, 7:45	
	ALLOA ATHLETIC
	ROSS COUNTY

23.07.22, AWAY, 15:00	
	DUNFERMLINE
	ALLOA ATHLETIC
30.07.22, AWAY, 15:00	
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	ALLOA ATHLETIC
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