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1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

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 MONTROSE	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES











LEAGUE 1

 ALLOA ATHLETIC	 KELTY HEARTS
 AIRDRIEONIANS	 FALKIRK
 CLYDE	 PETERHEAD
 FC EDINBURGH	 DUNFERMLINE
 MONTROSE	 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH











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LEAGUE 2

 ALBION ROVERS	 DUMBARTON
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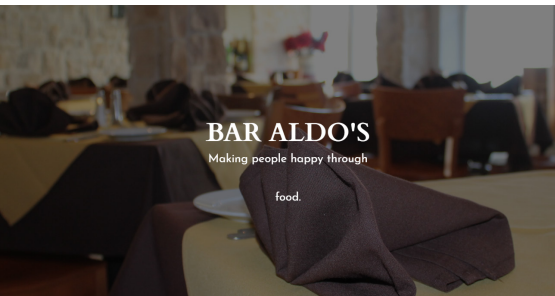
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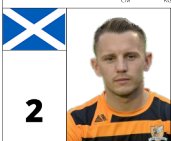
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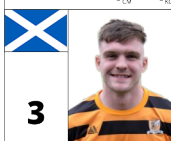
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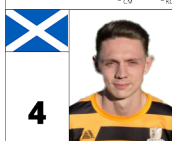
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CHURCH**

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



BRIAN RICE



AFTER DEFEAT AT EAST END PARK

I thought we were the better team by 100 miles, better chances and it's a fluke goal. It's a cross, the wind's caught it. I can't ask any more of my players. Part-time team coming here, again, against Dunfermline, great crowd in, great atmosphere, fantastic pitch. I thought my boys put everything into the game.

I keep saying to them, 'give me everything you've got and we can go home happy.' They gave me that and more and I'm aggrieved we didn't take anything away from the game, and that's taking nothing away from Dunfermline. I'm talking about my own team.

I don't think it was a penalty but I'm lead to believe the header was over the line early on. I can't tell from where I am, and we've not got VAR, it's just the big boys that get VAR. We're not part of Scottish football. I'm a wee bit aggrieved at that. I don't know if it was a goal or not, it wasn't a penalty, the ref made a good call. And

the goal's a freak goal, that's what beat us.

I don't think Jay had a lot to do. I know he had one or two. What about their goalkeeper's saves? What about the one that hit the bar? What about the one that's went over the line? I concentrate on my own team. We competed really well, we

had a few call offs: Jon Robertson called off ill, big Andy was suspended so we're light at centre half. Big Vinnie has just come back, he's only trained for two nights in six weeks threw him straight in there. Everybody played their part.

I'm really disappointed because I think we done enough to win the game, never mind draw it. On our strikers, they're a handful. I thought first half they could have done a wee

bit more, spoke to them at half-time and second half they were really at it. You can see why we signed Scoullall for another year. When he gets on the ball he makes things happen.

He's an integral part of what I'm trying to do here. I need him to get a couple of more goals and he had a couple of efforts which was encouraging and I think on another day it could have been a different outcome but it wasn't

and we are disappointed.

I'm disappointed with the result, I'm not disappointed with the performance. If we perform like that we'll be okay.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our second league fixture in this season's Cinch League One with a home match against newly promoted Kelty Hearts. Both sides will be looking to get their first league points of the season with "The Wasps" losing out 1-0 to a wind assisted cross at East End Park, while John Potter's side would be disappointed to lose 2-0 at home to FC Edinburgh. This is the first

time the sides have met in a competitive match, looking back I can only find one previous encounter which was a pre season friendly on 3rd August 1992 when Hugh McCann arranged game at Recreation Park, Alloa, "The Wasps" winning 2-1 with goals from "Trialist" and Stevie McCormick.

The History of Alloa Athletic FC, a book by Stuart Latham and John Glencross is now

available to order, it celebrates Alloa Athletic's 100 years in the Scottish League. Over 660 pages in A4 size covering League Tables, Results, and 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 £ 29.95.

Orders can be placed directly with the club at fcadmin@alloaathletic.co.uk. The book will be officially launched, today Saturday 6th August at our first home league match against Kelty Hearts when both Stuart Latham and myself will be present at the game to promote. I would like to welcome Stuart his wife Xiaohua, stepson Zijian, along with Rob White his partner Mel and youngest daughter Martha who

<p>will be guests of the club today. The book will be available to purchase from the "Black and Gold" lounge at half-time today.</p> <p>After nearly 35 years of service to the club our Secretary, Ewen G Cameron, has decided it's time to stand down as Club Secretary. Chairman Mike Mulraney would like to take this opportunity to thank Ewen for his hard work and dedication in his role as Club Secretary at Alloa Athletic and would like to acknowledge the sterling job that he has done over the last 35 years. Carol Edgar has now taken over as Club Secretary, while Ewen takes his position as an Honorary Director.</p> <p>The fixtures for this season's Scottish</p>	<p>Lowlands Development League Conference A have recently been announced in which the club's Under 20 side will compete along with another 12 sides - Albion Rovers, Bonnyrigg Rose, Civil Service Strollers, Cumbernauld Colts, East Fife, East Kilbride, FC Edinburgh, Kelty Hearts, Open Goal Broomhill, Spartans, Stirling Albion and University of Stirling. 87 teams will compete in six Conference Leagues with games due to take place on Friday evenings. The Young Wasps opening fixture is on Friday 12th August at the Indodrill Stadium when they will face local rivals Stirling Albion, Kick-Off 8pm and the following Friday they will meet Kelty Hearts at New Central Park, Kelty. Keep up to date by</p>	<p>visiting www.sldfl.co.uk or @alloaathacademy on twitter.</p> <p>Paul McLaren, after making his first senior start against Ross County in the Premier Sports cup, the eighteen year old defender has signed his first professional contract with Alloa Athletic.</p> <p>Welcome to the Wasps and good luck in the first team!</p> <p>Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 30 30th July, 2022</p> <p>£ 100 0257 J.Rice £ 50 1113 B.Ferguson £ 25 1424 D.MacGregor £ 25 0557 T.Black £ 25 0079 M.Lumsden</p> <p>Monthly £ 200 - 0691 M.Maltman</p>	<p>Alloa fan Duncan Scott became Scotland's most decorated Commonwealth athlete as he took his medal tally to 11 with two swimming bronzes in Birmingham.</p> <p>Having finished second at the Olympics, Scott bagged the 200m free-style gold on Saturday.</p> <p>Scott's total of 11 medals surpasses the mark of 10 set by shooter Alister Allan between 1974 and 1994.</p> <p>Congratulations Dunks!</p>
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SCORERS

Todd **74'** **1:0**



STARTING XI

- 1** MEHMET
- 2** COMRIE
- 3** EDWARDS
- 4** BENEDICTUS
- 6** MACDONALD
- 7** O'HARA
- 8** CHALMERS
- 12** BREEN
- 14** MCCANN
- 18** ALLAN
- 26** TODD

SUBS

- 20** LITTLE
- 9** WIGHTON
- 10** TODOROV
- 19** FENTON
- 24** RENNIE
- 25** BEAGLEY
- 27** YOUNG
- 28** TOD

SUBS

- 21** BURT
- 10** RODDEN
- 19** BUCHANAN
- 22** MCLAREN
- 23** COMRIE
- 24** SULEYMAN
- 17** KHYYAM

STARTING XI

- 31** HOGARTH
- 2** TAGGART
- 14** STANGER
- 6** DURMAN
- 3** CHURCH
- 7** CAWLEY
- 16** KING
- 11** MILLER
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 18** SAMMON
- 15** MACIVER

REFEREE: Greg Aitken

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New Central Park, Kelty
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KELTY HEARTS

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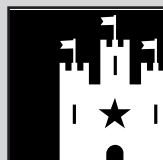


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SCORERS

0:1 34' Robertson

0:2 90' See



STARTING XI

- 1 JAMIESON**
- 3 PEGGIE**
- 4 O'WARE**
- 6 FOSTER**
- 5 MARTIN**
- 16 MCNAB**
- 12 TIDSER**
- 10 BARJONAS**
- 22 AGYEMAN**
- 25 DOCHERTY**
- 7 CARDLE**

SUBS

- 2 CAMERON**
- 8 REILLY**
- 14 PHILP**
- 15 HILL**
- 19 BARBOUR**
- 20 CAMPBELL**
- 24 ROBSON**

SUBS

- 1 RAMSBOTTOM**
- 4 HAMILTON**
- 5 TRAVIS**
- 9 SEE**
- 13 JACOBS**
- 18 REID**
- 22 BRIAN**
- 23 MURRAY**
- 33 DOCHERTY**

STARTING XI

- 31 MUTCH**
- 3 MCINTYRE**
- 16 BRYDON**
- 17 FONTAINE**
- 19 JOHNSON**
- 30 CRANE**
- 8 TAPPING**
- 10 HANDLING**
- 2 MACDONALD**
- 7 SHANLEY**
- 11 ROBERTSON**

REFEREE: Calum Scott

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

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

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- 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 incidents of concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and that is dealt with confidentially;
- prevent the employment or engagement of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting 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.

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25 YEARS OF PENDLE KITS

During those long days between football seasons there are always a steady stream of annual events which clubs can use to either whet the appetite of fanatic supporters or generate valuable close-season income. The unveiling of a new signing, the announcement of the fixtures for the upcoming season and pictures of the players returning for the first day of pre-season training are all staple ingredients for hungry supporters, starved

of their daily intake of football that comes throughout the season. Another milestone summer event is the revealing of the new kit for the upcoming season. For Alloa, kit announcements are largely unheralded events, almost reassuringly undertaken with little fanfare in sharp contrast to the over-the-top commotion and ever increasing hysteria some clubs like to work their fans into at every opportunity, in a marketing driven 24/7 commercial football

world we now live in. There were no days of anticipation, without snippets or teases of the new kit on social media channels for Alloa; instead it was a simple announcement as always via the website and social platforms, with photos of the manager and captain and details of being able to buy the kit (still at a reasonable price in comparison with the eye-watering cost of some clubs' kit) following later.

Perhaps the club

missed a bit of a marketing trick this season though, with this being Alloa's landmark 25th season of wearing kits made by Pendle. The West Yorkshire based sportswear manufacturer has been producing kits for the Wasps as far back as 1998. Amazingly, it is the longest running kit making relationship in Scottish football, with none of the other 41 clubs in the country having their shirts made by the same company for longer than the quarter

of a century Alloa and Pendle have teamed up together. In-fact, the Alloa-Pendle connection has been running a whole decade longer than the next currently continuous kit-making deal in Scottish football, which is Falkirk's 2008 onwards relationship with Puma. Taking the bronze medal is Pendle again, who have supplied the strips for Forfar since 2009 too.

Making up the current top five in the country are the Aberdeen-Adidas connection since 2011 (the German giants also made the Dons kits throughout their glory days in the 1980s, but Aberdeen then changed to Umbro, Puma, Le Coq Sportif and Nike before returning to Adi Dassler's company 11 years ago) and Dunfermline's decade long link-up with Joma. It seems like some football clubs like to change their kit makers as often as they change their managers, with deals only lasting one, two or three seasons before switching to different makers. There are some clubs who are synonymous with a kit maker, such as Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Errea, who made Caley's kits between 1999 and 2015. Meanwhile other clubs seem to have no lasting identity whatsoever, such as Hibernian who have been through

Puma, Nike, Macron and Joma in the past decade. Personally, I like continuity and although Pendle are not a big name brand they've become an integral part of the Alloa DNA for a quarter of a century now!

The new home kit for the season ahead has received a largely positive reaction from Alloa supporters. There are only a certain number of ways that a gold and black hooped top can be presented and clubs are continually on the lookout to bring a fresh feel and individual finish to jerseys in order to boost sales. Unlike some other seasons, Alloa have secured what appears to be a bespoke design from Pendle this time around. The chequered pattern behind the black component of the top adds an extra

layer of richness to the design, which whilst not fully appreciated from a distance certainly draws the eye closer up. In addition, the chequered pattern gives a nod to the Matchwinner kits from the late 1980s and early 1990s, which fans who are older than me regularly praise as their favourite. Furthermore, the single thicker hoops at the top of the shirt, with the more traditionally spaced hoops under the shirt sponsors name helps in a number of ways. I think it helps to give more prominence to the Northern Gas and Power shirt sponsor name, in contrast to some previous seasons when the equal hoops leads to the sponsors name being squashed and appearing as a mere afterthought in the design process. The black running along the

whole of the top of the shirt and there being no change in design for the arms is another welcome addition. I wasn't the biggest fan of the solely black arms of the kit from the two previous seasons, as it shifted the overall balance and proportion from gold to black, with my preference for a primarily gold Alloa shirt. However, the finish of the arms of the shirt this season works well in my view. All things considered I think its certainly an upgrade on many of Alloa's Pendle kits and if they produced a version with the club's vintage badge on it then it would be sure to be a bestseller!

In terms of my favourite Alloa kit, I would immediately and unquestionably name the 1999 – 2001 home shirt at the



top of my list. This was Pendle's second kit for the Wasps and it was an absolute cracker. Not only did it signal a long overdue true return to hoops, for the first time since 1972, but the faded in white flash between each black and gold hoop gave it a touch of pizzazz. Moreover, it also coincided with one of Alloa's finest ever seasons, with it being the kit worn as the Wasps lifted the Challenge Cup for the first (and still only) time and won promotion to the First Division. A key ingredient of a favourite kit is often the memories it gives you, with that glorious strip bringing back nothing but happy times of braveheart Craig Valentine in defence and Willie Irvine and Martin Cameron banging in the goals at the other end of the pitch. Although it was a standard issue template Pendle kit (I recall seeing a couple of youth teams where I grew up playing in the exact kit around the same time) it still gets an outing from my wardrobe every once in a while – with the collar firmly turned up (copyright Eric Cantona) in true 1990s style!

An infamous Alloa kit made by Pendle was only ever worn by the team on a single occasion. The specially made design for the 2014/2015 Challenge Cup Final was a classic,

with its crisp white finish and classy gold and black trim around the collar and the sleeves. It gave a definite nod to the away shirt from the late 1980s and I'm sure I wasn't alone in getting caught up in 'cup final fever' by ordering the shirt for the showpiece final. Alas Livingston absolutely trounced the Wasps in the final and the shirt has never been seen again. My replica is firmly stored in my loft, with me still unsure whether its once worn nature makes it more or less valuable! Other away kits from Pendle are typically straight off the peg from the warehouse, although I've always liked a navy top (for which there have been various iterations over the years), and a special mention too for the Portugal inspired number from the mid to late 2000's which grew on me in time. I probably have an extra fondness for that kit as the Wasps were wearing it when I saw my first 'live' win for 7 years in 2008 away at Berwick! The international team references are back this season too, with the orange/tangerine third kit having some sort of semblance to the Netherlands. Given one of my first ever football tops was a Dutch top from Italia '90 (as worn by Gullit, Van Basten, Rijkaard and the rest) I've always had a soft spot for such a top, but

I still don't think it will personally make it into one of my favourite ever Alloa strips.

If you ever wish to research kits from every team in the country throughout the years, www.historicalkits.co.uk is the perfect place to lose track of time for at least half an hour going by my own experiences! Pendle has created a loyal network of club deals in Scotland. As well as the long-standing Alloa and Forfar relationships, Pendle made the kits of Arbroath from 2009-2021 (they must be kicking themselves for that deal finishing the season before the Red Lichties heroics in the past year!) and still supply the strips for Brechin City, having also begun making the Hedgemen's kit since 2009. Fort William, now of the North Caledonian Football League, also have their kits supplied by Pendle, with The Fort's kit from a couple of seasons ago being none other than

the Alloa kit which the Wasps years earlier in winning a successive promotion back in 2012/2013 with! I think it is telling that all of Pendle's deals with Scottish clubs become long-term relationships, which must be testament to the quality of the product and the satisfaction of the clubs involved. Whilst not a world-renowned kit-making brand in elite footballing circles, Pendle is one of the leading names in producing kit for grass-roots teams throughout the United Kingdom and has been doing so since 1977. From their headquarters in Ilkley, just north of Bradford and Leeds and bordering the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Pendle have now been making 216 mile deliveries to

Alloa for a quarter of a century and, based on the latest top, hopefully they'll be doing so for many more years to come.



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ALLOA RIG UP FOR THE NEW SEASON

"Folk are saying that football enthusiasts are all agog with excitement for the start of the season". So claimed the local Devon Valley Tribune back in August 1922 as Alloa prepared to make history. Three months after lifting the Second Division championship in their debut season in the Scottish League, the Wasps were finally set for their top flight debut. And what a game to mark the historic occasion – a trip to face Rangers at Ibrox in a Tuesday night

fixture that would be the curtain raiser for the new First Division season.

Not all of the Alloa team were strangers to Ibrox for the then Central League Wasps had visited Govan twice on Scottish Cup business in February 1921. The first game had finished 0-0 with Alloa folk convinced a late Willie Crilley effort had been cleared after crossing the line. The referee disagreed and the Wasps were denied a famous upset. Alloa's

hopes of succeeding at the second time of asking had taken a blow when the directors agreed to stage the replay at Ibrox too, with the Wasps eventually falling 4-1. But while the Alloa faithful might have been sore about that at the time, the directors could argue that their decision to take the cash had been vindicated. The squad had been duly strengthened on Alloa stepping up to the Scottish League in the summer of 1921 and the title and promotion

delivered at the first time of asking. Who would have believed in February 1921 that the Wasps would be back at Ibrox 18 months later on First Division business?

There was of course a notable absentee. Willie Crilley's goals had inspired the Scottish Cup run and the subsequent title glory. Despite their best efforts, Alloa could not hold onto him in the summer of '22 and Crilley would start the season in the colours of Celtic.

The season opener made the back page of the Daily Mirror under the headline "ALLOA'S BIG LOSS". The introduction of automatic promotion and relegation had brought new interest in Scottish football, the paper claimed, and ensured close attention would be paid to Alloa's fortunes. The Wasps would "miss their wonderful little goal-scoring centre-forward", but their trip to Glasgow would draw "a huge crowd for the Rangers followers were nothing if not keen about their own team, and curiosity to see the newcomers will also help to swell the crowd". It would be a "sensation" if Rangers failed to win, concluded

the Mirror, "but if Alloa make a good game of it they will do themselves good for the games to come".

The traveling Wasps' faithful were keen to see their new men in action. While many of the championship winning stalwarts had been retained, there was a new keeper in Thomson of Bristol Rovers, with McInally of Armadale and Connor and Craig of Celtic – makeweights in the Crilley deal – among the other new faces. And even back in 1922 there was excitement about a new kit. "Alloa have got a new rig, consisting of orange and black hooped jerseys and black pants", explained the Sunday Post. "The goalkeeper

will sport a deep straw coloured jersey with black cuffs and a neck-band. The new rigout will be hanselled against the Rangers at Ibrox".

That just left the question of who would lead the attack. Despite their activity in the transfer market, the directors had thus far failed to find a replacement for Crilley. A Belfast man by the name of Burns – apparently only slightly taller than the departed "midget centre" had impressed on trial and quickly won the affections of the Alloa faithful, but as yet no deal had been agreed. It was reported that "the centre forward position has been engaging the attention of the direc-

tors, and several names have been before them, but they have decided to wait another week before engaging a new man". The board, it would seem, were not in a great rush anyway, the press adding that there was a delay in naming the team for Ibrox due to the Recreation Park blazerati taking a holiday for the Alloa Fair.

The team would be selected shortly before kick-off from the following squad: Thomson, Orrock, McGregor, Ford, Wood, McInally, Connor, Forrest, Dunn, Craig, Quinn and Young. The waiting was almost over. 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	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	195 (0)	6
CHURCH	DEF	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	21 (4)	0
HOWIE	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	17 (3)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	176 (1)	13
DURNAN	DEF	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	34 (0)	4
STANGER	DEF	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	147 (28)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	1 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	35 (13)	5
KING	MID	1 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	27 (5)	4
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	7 (20)	0
MILLER	MID	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	299 (43)	62
COMRIE	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
MCLAREN	MID	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
SAMMON	FWD	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	3	5 (0)	3	22 (13)	5
MACIVER	FWD	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	4 (5)	1
KHYIAM	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (0)	0
RODDEN	FWD	0 (1)	0	3 (0)	1	3 (1)	1	0 (1)	0
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0

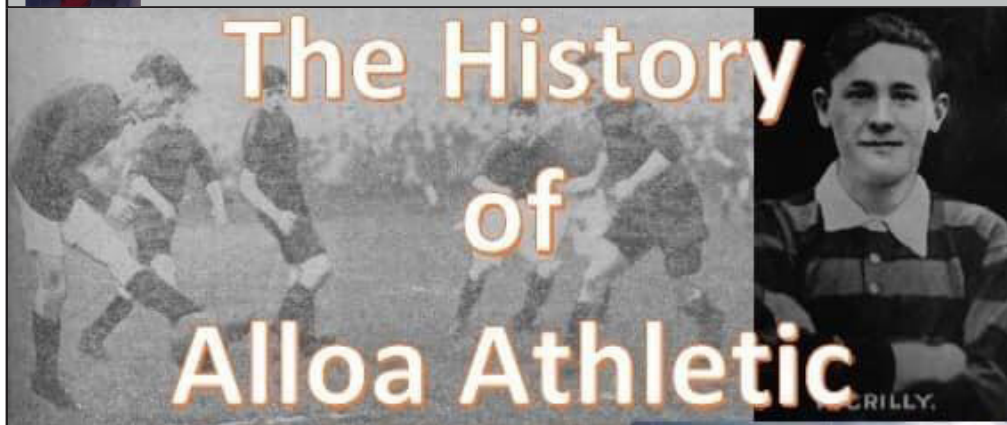


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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

This afternoon will be a memorable one as Alloa kick off their home campaign for season 2022/23 with their first ever competitive match against Kelty Hearts. But today also sees the official launch of a new book- The History of Alloa Athletic. The dual authors John Glencross and Stuart Latham are present today in the main stand for today's match and also to promote the book. John of course is "part of the furniture" here- the current editor of the programme and has undertaken this task since the 1980s. And Stuart Latham is also a former Alloa programme editor, having moved south during the same

decade. I picked up a copy of the book a few weeks back, so I thought I'd provide some insight as to what to expect for potential purchasers- without spoiling any of the specific detail of course.

In preparation for my upcoming holiday, I was looking to source a couple of decent books to read by the poolside. I was always going to purchase The History of Alloa Athletic- but upon receipt of said book I quickly realised I would have to procure holiday books from elsewhere. The book is truly massive in size- over 660 pages and A4 in dimensions. With luggage weight allowances I

doubt I would get anything else on the plane. Like most subjects and topics in the modern age, the internet is an absolute godsend in terms of provision of information and football is no different. The vast majority of debates in the pub with your mates can be resolved with a quick google search. How many caps did ... win for Scotland and similar themes can be answered within mere seconds.

There's also some excellent archive sites like the Celtic wiki, Arabs Archive and similar for top level clubs. But in terms of historical data for lower league Scottish clubs, little exists on

the worldwide web. It's why I admire the work of fellow programme contributors Donald Pollock, Jonathan Markwell, Andrew Cockburn and John Glencross. Because much of their material is based on research data which is tough to obtain easily. A debate with fellow supporters on yesteryear aspects is not as easy to resolve as a result. Personally any research into older Alloa information from me involves a crash course in manual lifting. The boxes of old match programmes are dusted off and the resultant earache from the wife as the bedroom is covered in old editions- all because fellow supporter Logan



there's some excellent interviews included with the likes of Willie Garner, Alex Totten, Hugh McCann and Jack Ross. Information on key figures behind the scenes are also included, such as the Ormiston family involvement in the club through the years. As you'd expect it's also littered with photos through the clubs timeline. The quality of images in more modern times was to be expected, with David Glencross producing great material for many years. But the historical archive of photographs are also really impressive.

There is genuinely no other book like this on the market in Scottish football, certainly for teams within the lower leagues- this is a real success story for the club. If you buy this book, whatever your age

group- you'll recall your own good memories, you'll discover more about players you've heard of, and learn stories about Alloa players and teams you'd never have known. An Alloa Athletic encyclopaedia. When I visited my Dad, who's in his 70s, I brought the book along to show him. And I struggled to get it back from him. He was raking through the 60s section, recalling players and games he remembered. He eventually passed it back to me. "That's a real football book" were his words- in my eyes that's a fairly substantial endorsement. It's also worth noting that all profits made for the sales of the book go directly to the club. Enjoy today's game.

MacFarlane wants me to check if there is a photo of Davie Lloyd scoring against Partick Thistle goalkeeper Alan Rough in the season after the 1982 World Cup.

Those days are now gone, as all the details you'll ever need are now within the confines of this book. Every stat you ever needed to know- from player profiles, season by season results, team lines,

top goalscorers, final league tables...it's all covered from the clubs early days right up to the end of last season. The staggering volume of stats is broken up by lengthier profiles of legendary players- from Willie Crilly all the way up to Iain Flannigan and Kevin Cawley in the present day. Memories of supporting Alloa in their younger years from both authors make the whole book relatable to the reader. And





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 8TH AUGUST 1992

In The Premier Division, Aberdeen's narrow 1-0 success at Falkirk saw them lead the table, on goal difference from Rangers, held 0-0 at Hibs, & Dundee United, who drew 1-1 at Tannadice with Hearts. 1-1 was also the outcome at Celtic Park, in the clash between Celtic and Motherwell, which meant that The Celts occupied fourth spot, while Hearts lay once place below. Airdrie, despite collecting their first point of the season from a 0-0 home draw with newly-promoted

Dundee, still propped up the table, Motherwell's point v Celtic was also their very-first of the season, though they still lay just one place above their Lanarkshire rivals, while Falkirk occupied third-bottom place.

Dunfermline, 2-1 home winners v Hamilton Accies, topped The First Division, Kilmarnock, despite being held by Raith in a top-of-the-table clash at Rugby Park, stood in second spot, with The Rovers one place behind Killie. At the other end of

the table, newcomers Cowdenbeath had found the going tough so far, and they slipped to bottom place, after a 1-2 defeat at Stirling Albion. Hamilton Accies, like Cowden, with just one point to show for their efforts so far, lay in second-bottom position, while the other newly-promoted side Dumbarton, occupied third-bottom spot, after a 0-4 beating at St. Mirren.

Down in the second, it was the opening round of fixtures, and the demoted Angus duo

of Forfar and Montrose both made a good start, as they bid for an immediate return "upstairs". For "The Loons" enjoyed an emphatic 5-1 home win v Queen Of The South, while "The Gable Endies" were triumphant by 2-0 at East Stirling. Alloa, who'd narrowly missed out on promotion at the end of the previous season, and who were no doubt hopeful of making amends this time round, began in positive fashion, with a 2-0 home win v Berwick, thanks to first-half goals

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from John McNiven & Barrie Moffat. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Butter, Newbigging, McAvoy, Romaines, McCulloch (Bennett), C. Campbell, Moffat, McNiven, Smith (Conroy), Hendry, Sheerin. 2-0 was also the outcome at Douglas Park, in favour of another of the promotion favourites, Clyde, v Albion Rovers, while in the other games, Brechin, another fancied side, were held 0-0 at local rivals Arbroath, while the East Fife v Stenhousemuir and Queen's Park v Stranraer clashes both ended in 1-1

stalemates.

South of the border, the start of the historic first season of the new FA Premier League was still a week away. This was the date of the traditional "curtain opener"/FA Charity Shield, and League Champions Leeds defeated FA Cup holders Liverpool in a thrilling game by 4-3, Frenchman Eric Cantona grabbing a hat-trick for the Yorkshire side

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This afternoon league football begins at the Indodrill stadium as we welcome League 1 newcomers, Kelty Hearts, to Alloa for the second game of the campaign. Kelty took the professional leagues like a duck to water, winning the League 2 title at the first time of asking in convincing fashion. A eye-catching 21 points separated them and their closest challengers Forfar Athletic as they put no doubt in anyone's minds of their intent in the professional leagues. Known for their attractive style, with plenty of goals and a stubborn defence, their summer was

thrown into question following the departure of their league winning manager, Kevin Thomson. Just like the previous year when they lost Barry Ferguson to Alloa, Kelty have had to search for a new man at the helm once more, this time appointing John Potter. It has not been as successful a start to the season as he would have liked after dropping out the Premier Sports Cup and then similar to Alloa, falling to a 2-0 defeat to FC Edinburgh. Both sides are now looking to kick start their season with a victory today.

**THE BOSS –
JOHN POTTER**

As mentioned, there is a new man in charge of the visitors this afternoon from their title success last year in John Potter. The towering defender is most known for his playing days with Clyde, St Mirren, and Dunfermline. It was at the latter where he was given his first role in management. Taking control of the Pars in 2014, after Jim Jerreries departure, his stint was short having failed to meet the club's objectives. He continued to coach at the club before teaming up with





Since joining the club he has led them to Tidsers only pieces of silverware with leagues win in the Lowland League twice, and League 2.

NEW BOY – LEWIS MARTIN

It has been an uncharacteristically quiet window for Kelty Hearts thus far, with Potter putting faith in the title winning side of last year. However, one notable name who has come through the door is defender Lewis Martin from Dunfermline.

Having spent 10 years at East End Park, and some of those alongside his new boss, Martin decided to look for pastures new after 166 appearances. It has a roller-coaster of a career so far for the defender with

lengthy spells out due to mystery illnesses. An impressive trial with the club was enough to impress Potter though as he was deployed at both right-back and centre-back against Partick Thistle and Glenrothes. He will now look to cement himself in first-team football and did so by starting in last weekend's defeat to FC Edinburgh on the right.

ONE TO WATCH – NATHAN AUSTIN

Alloa's defence will have to be wary of Kelty's main man up top, Nathan Austin. The striker has always been amongst the goals in his career and it has been no different since he joined Kelty Hearts. After firing Kelty to their Lowland League

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ex-Wasp boss, Jack Ross for the next chapter of his career. Stints at Sunderland and Hibernian followed before the duo left the role at Easter Road last season and went their separate ways. With Ross taking the reins at Dundee United, Potter also had his own gig lined up at Kelty Hearts. Now back in the same division he managed Dunfermline, he will be hoping to use the coaching experience of the last 7 years to have a more successful outcome.

THE CAPTAIN – MICHAEL TIDSER

Kelty have an experienced man with the armband in Michael Tidsers. Having started out captain Celtic reserve sides, and

playing for the Scotland u19 squad, he made his first senior appearance with Greenock Morton, a club where he would go on to play more than a 150 times for. Soon into his first stint at Cappielow he was attracting interest from down South, the Premiership, and picking up individual accolades. It was Rotherham that he eventually ended up moving to, before making his debut a week later against his former side. During his 2-years he spent time out on loan at Ross County and Oldham, before returning to Morton in 2015. Transfer regulations and a suspected hernia kept him out for longer than he would have anticipated but he stayed at the club until 2020, when he moved to Kelty.



BY KIEREN MOONEY

successes, he continued that form into League 2 finishing top scorer in the league with 17 goals. Austin is already off the mark this season with the winning goal against Championship side, Cove Rangers, in the cup. The hitman is used to playing at a higher level than he has been in recent years with many years in the Championship with both Falkirk and Inverness. Prior to that he had also led East Fife to League 2 title heroics with 14 goals in 20 games. A player with a keen eye for goal is hard to come by and this one is definitely someone Brian Rice will be thinking about this week.

THE CONNECTION

The most notable return to the Indodrill is long-serving Kelty defender Ross Phillip. The 30-year-old spent 3 years with Alloa beginning in 2009 before a relegation under Alan Maitland and a severe knee injury put him out of action for the last 16 months of his spell. When Paul Hartley arrived at the club in 2012, Phillips was the only contracted player left from the summer exodus. He did decide to leave Alloa in 2012 and joined Kelty Hearts. Known for his versatility and selfless attitude, he did go on to spend a few seasons with Bo'ness, before returning to his

former side to play an integral part in their title wins. Also returning is defender Reis Peggie. Alloa signed the youngster after his release from Falkirk in 2018 after an impressive trial. After an awkward start with injury, he only made a couple of appearances for the Wasps. A successful spell at East Stirlingshire following his time at Alloa saw him earn a move to Kelty and he has played a part in all the games so far this campaign. There are no current players in the Alloa ranks who have played for Kelty and our most recent connection would be the shared former manager of Barry Ferguson.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

We have explored the archives with no success this week looking for any fixture between the two sides. Our experts at Alloa, @AlloaStats, have confirmed that this is the first competitive fixture between the sides. A historic day at the Indodrill stadium to kick start our home league campaign. Also, a further indicator that the SPFL pyramid is a success with more teams coming through the division, adding flair and variety.







BRIAN ROACH



THREE OF THE BEST..... HEADED GOALS BY DEFENDERS

1. SCOTT WALKER (VS STIRLING ALBION, 23RD MARCH 2010)

This was a pivotal moment in the 2009/10 league campaign with both Alloa and Stirling Albion chasing championship glory. The match was a re-arranged fixture taking place in midweek under the floodlights at Recreation Park. There was immediate action in the

early stages- a certain Andy Graham put Stirling Albion ahead after 7 minutes- but Alloa responded quickly, with midfielder Gary Carroll slotting home the equaliser 4 minutes later. Alloa spent much of the game under pressure- particularly in the second half as Stirling chased the 3 points. The game looked to be heading towards a stalemate. But when Alloa were awarded a corner

kick in stoppage time the Clackmannan Road end roused in anticipation. The Wasps had previous that season in terms of scoring crucial late goals. As the corner sailed in, Alloas linchpin centre half Scott Walker rose to powerfully head home and spark mayhem amongst the fans behind the goal. This memorable late winner for Alloa completed a clean sweep over their rivals in the league that

season- winning all 4 of the derby fixtures. Here's where the story ends, as detail on the conclusion of that campaign will remain omitted.

BEN GORDON (VS RANGERS, 17TH MARCH 2015)

This memorable goal to give Alloa the lead at Ibrox occurred in another midweek



encounter- this time in a re-arranged trip to Glasgow for this Scottish Championship fixture. Ironically the fixture was changed due to Alloas involvement in the upcoming Petrofac Cup Final- having defeated Rangers in the semi-final. Alloa were struggling a bit in the league, and Barry Smith had recently departed as manager- leaving Paddy Connelly in temporary charge. The match also took place on the day Alloa sealed one of their most high profile and surreal signings- with striker Michael Chopra joining the club. The game was still goalless with 53 minutes on the clock. Mark Docherty floated a free kick into the near post and Ben Gordon lost his marker to execute a pitch perfect glancing header into the Rangers net. Rangers did eventually edge ahead after a Nicky Clark double, but Liam Buchanan rescued a point for Alloa with 8 minutes left after some brilliant interchange play from Docherty and Ryan McCord. Chopra made his debut late on

as Alloa continued to be a thorn in the flesh of Rangers that season.

DARYLL MEGGATT (VS FORFAR ATHLETIC, 17 MAY 2015)

After the Ibrox draw Danny Lennon soon joined the club as manager. And he helped turn Alloas league form around- steering the club to 9th position and the opportunity to consolidate themselves in the Championship through the play-offs. After a semi-final

mountain to climb in the return leg when a late Forfar goal gave the loons a 3-1 lead as they pitched up at Alloa 90 minutes from promotion. Michael Chopra reduced the deficit on the stroke of half time to give Alloa hope. Liam Buchanan then levelled the tie on 67 minutes with precision following an error from Forfar goalkeeper Rab Douglas. But there was a setback to come for the Wasps when substitute Graeme Holmes received a straight red card for a frankly outrageous challenge on the Forfar striker Omar Kader. This game however, would be remembered as centre half Daryll Meggatts finest hour in an Alloa jersey. Earlier in the game- with the score still at 1-0- he had produced a game saving tackle to deny the aforementioned Kader when

clean through on goal. Think Bobby Moore on Jairzinho in the 1970 World Cup- only better. Another defensive mix up- between Douglas and defender Stuart Malcolm on this occasion- led to Alloa winning a corner kick with just 6 minutes remaining. Meggatt lurked in the 6 yard box awaiting Docherty's delivery, and he used his strength to stave off the attention of the Forfar backline and power home a header. The 10 men had completed the great escape in a hugely memorable day for all connected with the club. It was Meggatt's final match in an Alloa jersey before joining former boss Paul Hartley at Dundee. He would return for a second spell in 2017, but unfortunately this tenure was blighted by injury problems.

HT QUIZ

1. WHICH EX ALLOA PLAYER SCORED A DOUBLE ON THE SEASONS OPENING DAY IN THE SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP?

2. WHICH FORMER SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP MANAGER DID BARRY FERGUSON REPLACE AT THE HELM OF KELTY HEARTS IN 2018?

3. WHO IS THE ONLY PLAYER TO BE RED CARDED IN A WORLD CUP FINAL FOR THE WINNING TEAM?

4. PUT THESE FIVE SCOTTISH CLUBS IN ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST IN TERMS OF YEAR FORMED- ANNAN ATHLETIC, ABERDEEN, KILMARNOCK, KELTY HEARTS, QUEENS PARK

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ALLOA ATHLETIC



KELTY HEARTS

#	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		
	22	PAUL MCLAREN		
	23	JAMIE COMRIE		
	24	MAJID SULEYMAN		
	MANAGER BRIAN RICE			

#	POS			
	1	DARREN JAMIESON		
	2	SCOTT CAMERON		
	3	REIS PEGGIE		
	4	THOMAS O'WARE		
	5	LEWIS MARTIN		
	6	JORDON FOSTER		
	7	JOE CARDLE		
	8	THOMAS REILLY		
	9	NATHAN AUSTIN		
	10	JAMIE BARJONAS		
	11	KALLUM HIGGINBOTHAM		
	12	MICHAEL TIDSER		
	14	ROSS PHILP		
	15	DOUGIE HILL		
	16	ROBBIE MCNAB		
	17	BRODIE STRANG		
	19	JOSHUA BARBOUR		
	20	LIAM CAMPBELL		
	22	ALFREDO AGYEMAN		
	24	FINN ROBSON		
	25	KYLE DOCHERTY		
	MANAGER JOHN POTTER			

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13.08.22, HOME, 15:00

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20.08.22, AWAY, 15:00

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27.08.22, HOME, 15:00

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03.09.22, AWAY, 15:00

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