



## ALLOA ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB



#### SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

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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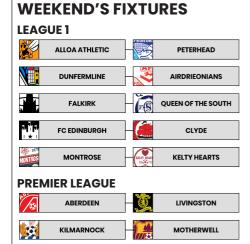
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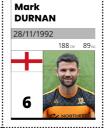






























## AFTER DEFEAT IN AIRDRIE

On the result, we're disappointed to lose the game. We've made the best chance in the first half with Ross MacIver going through at nothing each and by half-time there's a couple of chances for either team. They've took one and we haven't. The game was still in the balance right up until the final 10 minutes.

When they score- it's a good reaction from the boy Gallagher to score, don't get me wrong but there's been chances at both ends in a very open game of football.

We've hit the bar or post a couple of times, we've had one chopped off.

The effort and everything is there... but

we need to start putting the ball in the back of the net.

We've just got to keep practising in training. I've got to find someone who can put that ball in the net. It's not for the lack of trying - trust me - I thought I was close on one this week. It might happen next week - I'm hoping it does. We are

creating chances but we need to take them.

Our formation today worked okay with Airdrie playing with the single striker. We looked at our own team, and nothing to do with the defending last week this was always the formation we were going to use against Airdrie. It's game to game, match to match we do what is demanded and today the demands were to score a goal and we never. First goal is always crucial in the game, Airdrie got it and gave them something to play with.

Against Peterhead on Saturday I don't think there are any easy games. You make the games easy with your performances. There's no such thing as an easy game. It's a big game, we've lost two in a row now. I don't think we're used to doing that. It's hurting us but like I say we hopefully can manage new recruits, Scougall's a big miss today aswell but at the same time we've created lots of chances and to be fair to Airdrie so did they. I keep saying it, it's the end product and we need to get the ball in the back of the net.









### **NEWSDESK**

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our fifth league fixture in this season's Cinch League One and our third home match, today against Peterhead FC. we welcome lim McInally his assistant David Nicholls, the directors, players and fans of Peterhead FC. Jim McInally is the current longest serving manager in the Scottish League having taking over at Balmoor Stadium back on 7th October 2011 and heading for his eleventh year in charge later

this year. Today's game will be another difficult fixture for "The Wasps" in the most challenging SPFL League One, with home advantage we will look to make this count and make the Indodrill Stadium a difficult place for teams to come and play, let's get behind the team today.

The club is pleased to announce that Andy Allan has joined the board of directors at the club. Andy is Glasgow based and a qualified chartered accountant of over 40 years. He has been a partner in two international accountancy practices and also a director and shareholder of a number of UK corporations. He is currently on the Boards of Endava Plc. a NYSE listed business and East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust. Andy was a member of the Board of Clyde FC before resigning this position in February of this year. He is a keen follower of sport and in particular football. Mike Mulraney, Alloa

chairman, said: "I am absolutely confident that Andy will further strengthen our board and assist us in taking the club forward, his track record in business and his enthusiasm when discussing joining the club left us in no doubt that he will be a great addition to our board".

The Wasps Net Podcast a look at all things Alloa, is hosted by Kieren Mooney and Kevin Gallagher with Episodes 1 & 2 already been aired on 11th & 16th August. These and future weekly podcasts can be listened to on https://waspsnest. buzzsprout.com next episode will feature Alloa Athletic FC Woman's Team manager Allan Salvona.

Luke Rankin is another young prospect manager Brian Rice has had training with the first team and included him in the squad v. Airdrieonians last Saturday at the Penny Cars Stadium. Luke is aged seventeen and joined the club from the Falkirk Academy at the start of this season having played with Paul McLaren at the Falkirk Academy. Pacey forward with eye for goal Luke has scored four goals already this season for Alloa Athletic Under 20's a hat-trick against Easterhouse and one against Dundonald Bluebell.

On Tuesday evening manager Brian Rice arranged a bounce game against a Partick Thistle side at the Indodrill Stadium to allow players to gain some game time, the game ended 2-1 to the visitors with trialist Kameron Jackson on target for the young Wasps, who lined up - Keir Burt, Paul McLaren, Andy Graham, Daniel Church, Cammy O'Donnell, Murray Miller, Adam King, Steven Buchanan, Bradley Rodden, Seff Khyyam and Kameron lackson.

In the second period

Jamie Comrie, George Stanger, Luke Rankin and Gavin Hamilton also managed some game time.

The Alloa Athletic U20's are due to face Edinburgh United at the Indodrill Stadium on Friday 2nd September in the League Cup East 1st Round, Kick-Off 8pm and the following Friday they currently have a free week. Keep up to date by visiting www. sldfl.co.uk or @alloaathacademy on twitter.

The History of Alloa Athletic book, which celebrates the club'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 on the club website alloaathletic.co.uk visiting the club shop and placing order.

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20th August 2022 Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie 3:00pm KO

#### **AIRDRIEONIANS**

2:0

#### **ALLOA ATHLETIC**



(1:0) SCORERS

McGill **39' 1:0** 

Gallagher 83' 2:0









ST	ARTING XI
1	JOHNSON
2	BALLANTYNE
19	DEVENEY
4	MCCABE
6	FORDYCE
16	WATSON
15	JAMIESON
10	FRIZZELL
17	DEVENNY
11	SMITH

SUBS
18 HUTTON
7 KOUIDER-AISSA
20 GIBSON
3 TRIALIST
8 WYLIE
9 GALLAGHER

SUBS
21 BURT
10 RODDEN
5 GRAHAM
20 O'DONNELL
22 MCLAREN
19 BUCHANAN

22 MCLAREN
19 BUCHANAN
17 KHYYAM
24 RANKIN

STARTING XI
31 HOGARTH
2 TAGGART
7 CAWLEY
6 DURNAN
14 STANGER
8 ROBERTSON
11 MILLER
15 MACIVER

3 CHURCH

18 SAMMON

16 KING

**REFEREE:** Alan Muir

MCGILL



20th August 2022 Balmoor Stadium, Peterhead 3:00pm KO

#### **PETERHEAD**

#### 1:4

#### **QUEEN OF THE SOUTH**



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	1:	<b>3 64'</b> Paton	









STARTING XI			STARTING XI
1 NEWMAN			1 CURRIE
22 WILKIE	SUBS	SUBS	16 EAST
5 BROWN	7 ASARE	2 MCKAY	14 MORRISON
3 DIXON	15 STRACHAN	3 QUITONGO	5 MCKAY
4 MCDONALD	16 WILSON	6 COCHRANE	18 MCKECHNIE
14 SCULLION	17 MCGALE	10 CONNELLY	4 WILSON
6 STRACHAN	18 BROWN	15 MCGRORY	11 MURRAY
12 BROWN	20 MCLEOD	17 HENDRIE	8 TODD
2 GILLIES	21 MURRAY	19 RUTH	12 MCKENNA
10 DOW	27 WOOD	21 MCMAHON	9 REILLY
9 ADEYEMO			7 PATON

**REFEREE:** Peter Stuart

#### CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

Alloa Athletic FC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of those who engage with the club especially children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from all form of harm and actively promoting the creation of a positive, safe and supportive environment.

#### We recognise -

- 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**



### **WASPS DOWN SOUTH**

With Alloa moving up and down the divisions in the past decade there has inevitably been a high turnover of players at the club. In particular, the Wasps have regularly utilised the loan market, meaning many young starlets have passed through the Recs at the beginning of their footballing journeys. I'm sure most Alloa fans have kept half an eye on those promising young players, seeing how high up the footballing tree they reach. In terms of destinations of former Alloa players, most

understandably remain in Scotland. However. at present, there is a far larger than normal contingent of ex-Wasps now plying their trade south of the border in England. It has got to such levels that I'm actually able to create an Alloa XI now playing in England. Although they play in a very unconventional 3-3-4 formation, they'd certainly be a match for most teams with players from all four top divisions down south.

GK: JORDAN WRIGHT -LINCOLN CITY

Wright had a curious loan spell with Alloa in the 2020/21 season, sitting on the bench for six weeks before prematurely curtailing his weekly commute from Nottingham Forest and returning to the U23 set up at the City Ground. I understand that Peter Grant had sought to bring in Wright at the start of the season to give serious competition to Neil Parry, but Covid bubble related red tape thwarted the switch until January. When Wright did arrive Parry was over his injury problems and

couldn't be dislodged, and with Wright getting little out of the move aside from many hours travelling on the A1 the deal was cancelled. Last season Wright found himself up against new Falkirk loanee Nicky Hogarth for a place in the Forest U23 team, with Wright leaving in January for League One Lincoln. An injury regular, keeper Josh Griffiths allowed Wright to play the final dozen games of the season for the Imps. From memory of watching the EFL highlights Wright didn't

disgrace himself and would have been delighted to play a sustained run of games. During the summer Lincoln brought in England U21 squad keeper Carl Rushworth from Brighton, meaning Wright returned to the bench. However, he replaced the injured Rushworth for an away win at Oxford ten days ago and remained in goal last weekend as the Imps were blown away 4-0 at Peterborough (Wright was blameless for all four goals!).

### DEF: LIAM LINDSAY - PRESTON

It seems an absolute age since Liam Lindsav's 11 game loan spell at Alloa in 2014. An 18 year old Lindsay replaced the injured lason Marr as Alloa transitioned to the management of Barry Smith. You could tell Liam had all the ingredients to be a top defender, with that being proven back at Partick in the Premiership. Lindsay secured a move to Barnsley and after impressing for a couple of seasons at Oakwell moved to Stoke for £2 million. Things didn't really go too well for Lindsay in Staffordshire, but a move to Preston has been more successful. Although Lindsay was in and out of the season last season (and picked up two red cards), the 26 year old's been in the North End team at the start of this season and been the central defender in a back three that is yet to concede, having

amazingly earned five successive clean sheets in the Championship.

#### DEF: SCOTT MCKEN-NA – NOTTINGHAM FOREST

McKenna was lack Ross' first signing as Alloa manager at the beginning of 2016, with few expecting the then 19 year old to now be playing in the Premier League down south. However, even during his month at the Recs in an Alloa side rock bottom of the Championship, he showed his potential with some manof-the-match displays. That included helping the Wasps to a midweek away win at Raith Rovers (a late lain Flannigan won the points) and playing in the snow versus Morton. with a second half abandonment a real kick in the teeth with an Alloa side 1-0 ahead at the time. Since then most will be familiar with his pathway back at Aberdeen and then to Forest, who triumphed in the playoffs last season. Despite the influx of new signings McKenna has kept his place in the starting lineup, with his key moment to date being a tremendous goal-saving handball versus West Ham a fortnight ago, which only resulted in a booking and the Hammers missed the penalty too! If McKenna continues to play regularly in the Premier League then it will surely give a boost to his chances of becoming a mainstay in the national team, adding to his current tally of 26 caps.

### DEF: JAMIE MCCART - ROTHERHAM

lamie McCart won promotion with the Wasps back in 2018 during a successful half-season loan from Celtic. At the age of 21 McCart knew he was at a crossroads in his career and needed to play games, with his form for Alloa putting him in the shop window and presumably helping him earn a full-time move to Inverness that summer. After impressing for 18 months at Caley McCart made the step up to the Premiership with St Johnstone, where he was so impressive in the Saints heroic cup double in 2020-21. McCart went through a malaise last season, like most of his team-mates, and looked like he may have missed the boat to get a big move. However, newly promoted Championship side Rotherham have snapped him up on a 3 vear deal. So far McCart has been on the bench in the league, with his only competitive minutes coming in the league cup. Presumably McCart is being transitioned into his new surroundings, with him biding his time before seeking to impress when given a chance.

#### MID: MOUHAMED NIANG – HARTLEPOOL

Sena had an up and down season-long loan with the Wasps last season, showing his battling qualities on numerous occasions, but some naivety at some times too. As such, it came as something of

a surprise to me when Sena made the move down south to Hartlepool in the summer. After a good pre-season, with him winning plenty of admirers with the Pools faithful for his eve-catching determined displays, Niang started the first two games in central midfield. After playing the full 90 minutes of the season opener (a 4-0 defeat at Walsall), Sena was hooked after an hour of the goalless home draw versus AFC Wimbledon. Since then Niang hasn't left the bench, aside from a run-out in defence in the League Cup, which finished in another 4-0 away defeat, this time at Blackburn, My fingers are crossed that Niang makes a success of things down south, as his enthusiasm is infectious and he has undeniable potential, However, it wouldn't surprise me if we see Niang return to the Scottish game in the years to come too.

#### MID: JAKE HASTIE – HARTLEPOOL

One of Niang's new team-mates is another former Alloa loanee, Jake Hastie. The wideman was electric at times during the first half of the 2018-19 season, with him famously taking that form to a whole new level back at Motherwell during the rest of that campaign to earn a move to Rangers. The switch to Ibrox didn't work out, with numerous loan spells culminating in a permanent move to Hartlepool this summer. Hastie has started all five

of the league matches so far, registering his first assist last weekend with a fine cross to the back post. At the age of 24 Hastie will be hoping to rekindle some of that phenomenal early promise from the 2018-19 season and play consistently for a team for the first time.

### MID: SCOTT BANKS - BRADFORD

Always remembered fondly at Alloa for his outstanding individual display in the final game the Wasps played before the first lockdown in March 2020, Scott Banks' career hasn't really blossomed as some expected since then. An unremarkable loan spell at Dunfermline followed. although that was punctuated by a series of dazzling goals and highlight reels for the Crystal Palace U23 side. Given the riches of the Premier League though it is no surprise that Banks hasn't yet broken through at Selhurst Park. As such, another loan move was always on the cards this season. This time Banks has staved in England with Mark Hughes at League Two Bradford City. Since signing Banks has started all four games on the rightwing and he notched his first goal last weekend, away at Paul Hartley's Hartlepool. Cutting in from the right channel, Banks slid the ball into the far corner from the edge of the box, in the style of 99% of Arjen Robben's goals. It's easy

to forget that Banks is still only 20 years old, so hopefully this season will be his breakthrough campaign in the senior game for the precociously talented youngster.

#### FWD: JACK AITCHISON – BARNSLEY

Aitchison's short loan spell with the Wasps in 2019 saw him play a part in Alloa's great escape from relegation from the Championship. After a season-long loan at Forest Green Rovers Aitchison left Celtic to join Barnslev in 2020, only to be loaned straight to Stevenage and then back to Forest Green last season. Alongside fellow Scots Regan Hendry and Nicky Cadden. Aitchison won League Two last season, scoring 7 goals. Now back at Barnslev, newly relegated into League One, Aitchison made his Tykes debut nearly two years after first joining the club at the start of the season and has started all six games (without scoring) during an indifferent start to the campaign for the South Yorkshire side.

#### FWD: ROSS STEWART – SUN-DERLAND

Ross Stewart's 10 goals in 23 appearances, whilst on loan from St Mirren, played a major part in Alloa's promotion to the Championship in 2018. Since then the striker hasn't looked back, either at Ross County or now with Sunderland. 26 goals last season saw the Black Cats finally promoted

back to the Championship, with Stewart scoring the promotion clincher in the play-off final victory at Wemblev. Stewart's first international caps followed over the summer, with the 25 year old already on three goals this season, including a winner struck across the keeper at Stoke last weekend. His partnership with former Hears loanee Ellis Simms will be one to watch this season, with Stewart's career trajectory only going up since his time with the Wasps.

#### FWD: JACK HAMILTON – HARTLEPOOL

Hamilton's nomadic loan career away from parent club Livingston has now moved south of the border, with Hartlepool being club number seven for the 22 year old striker. His spell at Alloa in 2019 wasn't particularly fruitful, although his fortuitous winner at Morton was priceless, as part of Alloa's end-of-theseason winning run to beat the drop. Since then Hamilton has significantly developed both physically and in front of goal, with successful loan spells at East Fife and Arbroath. So far with the Pools Hamilton has been limited to late cameos from the bench, aside from a start in the League Cup defeat at Blackburn.

### FWD: MICHAEL CHOPRA - WEST ALLOTMENT CELTIC

Chopra has stepped out of retirement this

summer at the age of 38 to sign for North Tvneside club West Allotment Celtic, who play in step 5 in the National League system. Chopra predominantly lives in Amsterdam these days. although his frequent trips back to Newcastle has seen him sign on with the local club. After losing 10kg in pre-season training, in his second appearance he pulled his hamstring, but I await future developments of Chopra's swan song with great interest!

#### MANAGER: PAUL HARTLEY – HARTLEPOOL

Six games into the season and Hartley's recruitment strategy of looking north of the border is already raising questions with Pools supporters, with zero wins meaning the pressure is already on. Hartley is of course an experienced manager these days, with over a decade in the dugout. Some of his reigns have been glorious, such as the double promotions with both Alloa and Cove, but the shadow of Falkirk. where his recruitment of players from south of the border was his downfall could be working in reverse this time around! Given how cut-throat the world of football management is, Hartley will need to get some results in the coming weeks or otherwise his decision to leave the relative security of Cove for League Two in England could prove another reputation damaging spell for Paul.



## DONALD POLLOCK

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## CHAMPIONS VISIT & ALLOA'S FIRST POINT

The championship flag had arrived and was ready to be unveiled. The terraces at the Recs had been built up to accommodate crowds of up to 15,000. New fencing would stop carpetbaggers adding to the numbers, and there was a shiny new press box too for the hacks who would document Alloa's debut season in the First Division. August 19th 1922 and all was in place for the visit of champions Celtic for the first ever top flight match in the Wee

County. Alloa had kicked off the season four days earlier in Govan, putting up a gutsy display in a 2-0 defeat to Rangers. The Wasps knew more of the same was required but this time with more of a cutting edge. There was good news on that front for after a summer long search the Alloa directors had finally brought in a new centre-forward. youngster Thomas Burns of Belfast drafted in. A pint sized hitman, Burns was cut from the same cloth as the man

he had been signed to replace, 48 goal striker Willie Crilley who had departed for Celtic. The possible inclusion of Crilley in the Celtic lineup only added to the intrigue for the big day.

The expanded Recs was given an early test with a crowd reported to be between 12,000 and 15,000 squeezing into the ground. There was disappointment initially with the absence of Crilley from the visiting team, but applause and appreciation as Celtic boss and Scottish

League president Willie Maley unveiled the flag. "Just as the flag reached the top of the flag-staff a gust of wind opened it up and it was shown to full advantage. Truly a pretty sight", recorded the Devon Valley Tribune. It was a good omen and perhaps inspired, Alloa were quickly very much a force in attack. With 15 minutes on the clock they were ahead, Tully Craig scoring his first goal since his summer arrival from Celtic as part of the Crilley deal,

his effort into the corner giving Shaw no chance. The champions regrouped and were level before the break through a McStay penalty. Into the second half and Cassidy put Celtic ahead – despite Alloa claims that he had handled - before Gallagher made it 3. But Alloa weren't finished and Wood converted a penalty after Burns was upended in the box to pull it back to 3-2. Despite their best efforts to level that was the way it finished. Alloa "were somewhat unfortunate to lose... and surprised even their own followers", opined the Sunday Post. "Burns of Belfast brightened Alloa's attack. The Celts just scraped through. Well done Alloa!", concluded the paper.

It had been another encouraging display but another defeat. With the Old Firm double header to open the season now out of the way, Alloa headed for Brockville aiming for their first points. It was a ground the Wasps knew well following the Scottish Cup marathon against the Bairns 18 months before when Alloa were in the Central League. The Wasps had eventually prevailed against the odds on that occasion - after 4 matches - and now they were back as equals. Another crowd of 15.000 was present with Alloa well backed - "a fact which was clearly manifested by the rousing cheer which greeted the Wasps as they took to the field". The fans saw a hard fought game which Falkirk just about shaded. Once more Orrock and McGregor impressed in defence for the Wasps and new man in goals Thomson was to the fore in the closing stages, diving to turn a goal bound effort around the post. It finished 0-0 and Alloa had their opening First Division point. It was a first clean sheet in the top flight too, no mean feat when the Falkirk attack was led by Syd Puddefoot, the English centre-forward for

whom the Bairns had broken the world record transfer fee to sign from West Ham earlier in 1922. An unimpressed Falkirk Herald columnist was "once again disappointed in him (Puddefoot). He has an irritating habit, when he gets the ball, of turning his back to the goal and "pottering" about until an opposing defender gets on him and dispossesses him". There was praise for the Wasps too and "old Brockville favourite" Bobby Orrock in particular, but questions over the lack of threat in attack.

One man doing his best to solve that issue was Tully Craig. His early performances in Black and Gold had caught the attention of the Athletic News, who wrote that: "When Alloa accepted Thomas Craig from Celtic as part of the bargain in the transfer of W.Crilley, they probably did better for themselves than they imagined. At any rate, it is admitted all round that the clever little man from Tullibody has given the Alloa forward line the distinctive personality which Crilley was wont to provide". Next up for Tully and the Wasps was Love Street with that elusive first win the target. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



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ROBERTSON	MID	2 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	149 (29)	2	
SCOUGALL	MID	3 (0)	1	2 (1)	0	5 (1)	- 1	37 (13)	- 6	
KING	MID	3 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	29 (6)	4	
O'DONNELL	MID	0 (2)	- o	2 (1)	0	2 (3)	0	7 (22)	0	
MILLER	MID	4 (0)	- o	4 (0)	0	8 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	
CAWLEY	FWD	4 (0)	- o	1 (1)	0	5 (1)	0	302 (43)	62	
COMRIE	MID	0 (0)	- o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	
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### **A FAN'S VIEW**

Alloa come into today's game looking for a positive response after two consecutive defeats in the last fortnight. The league table as it stands is not an indicator as to how the season will ultimately fare. I'm expecting a cutthroat campaign with a lot of teams taking points from each other across the season. On the surface, today's opponents Peterhead have not started the season well- with one draw and seven defeats domestically across both the league and Premier Sports Cup. So, while it's perfectly natural for Alloa supporters to expect three points today, it's

way too early to gauge other clubs progress and predict outcomes with any great certainty.

The match against FC Edinburgh here a fortnight ago turned into a really bad day at the office as the match progressed. Yet after Alloa's bright opening spell in the game you would never have predicted this outcomeeverything looked comfortable and going to plan. Conor Sammon's header for the opener was excellent, and Alloa looked busy and dangerous going forward. Even when the FC Edinburgh equaliser arrived. I thought it would

be a mere blip and Alloa would get their noses back in front again. The goal to put Edinburgh ahead before the break was preventable- the defence and goalkeeper overplaying the ball at the back. Jay Hogarth perhaps took a touch too many and subsequently panicked with his clearance straight to an Edinburgh player. But the backline also was quite some distance from the young keeper at the time and perhaps they should have been closer to give Hogarth an outball. Alloa got over that wobble and finished the half fairly strongly-at the break I was a bit mystified

that Alloa were behind in the game on the balance of play. But credit must go to Edinburgh for their second half performance- Alloa certainly not at their best but really good game management by the visitors.

They were of course helped by a quick third goal. Having had Innes Murray on loan at Alloa previously. home fans would have been well aware of his threat at set pieces. I had to laugh listening to the commentary on the highlights package. Lewis and Kieren were pinpointing the danger and predicting the outcome of the free kick. and that replicated exactly our discussions on the terracing. That goal gave Edinburgh the lift they needed to get to the next level performance wise, and they could have added to their lead on several occasions. Alloa at least made changes and rallied in the last quarter of the game. Daniel Church again made a decent impact, and his cross led to another really good headed goal by Ross MacIver. But almost immediately that goal meant nothing, as Edinburgh regained their 2-goal deficit. Understandably Alloa were a bit open through chasing the game, but the ball really should have been defended more effectively and not led to an opportunity on goal to ultimately seal the game.

Alloa made the trip to Airdrie last week, and it's a ground where traditionally they tend not to fare well- Challenge Cup Final win aside obviously. Despite losing manager lan Murray and a couple of key players, Airdrie have retained their good form and confidence from much of last season's campaign. Their play-off defeat doesn't appear to have left any hangover in their play and results so far. Alloa certainly were much improved at the back. The hosts had a lot of possession but

much of it was in front of Alloas defensive shape causing little danger. As a result, their opener before the break was a source of frustration. A ball over the top where our defensive line was probably just a bit too high up the pitch. Alloa created chances at kev moments of the game but were just not clinical enough to convert them. Had Ross MacIver converted at 0-0 or Kevin Cawley in the 2nd half with Alloa just a goal behind, it would have been interesting to see Airdries reaction and indeed the dynamics of the game overall. Alloa struck the woodwork twice but the rebound on both occasions did not fall favourably into the penalty area. So it was painful to see Airdrie seal the points when they struck the post and the ball fell to Calum Gallagher to seal the points- with a similar outcome for FC Edinburgh's equaliser the previous week.

Obviously three defeats from the opening four games is not ideal, but there is no reason to push the panic button just yet. As per my opening paragraph the season is very much in its infancy. From his post match interview following last week's game, it's clear the manager is chasing a couple of new recruits in key areas. Stefan Scougall was a big miss at Airdrie, and the squad perhaps does need slightly more depth in some areas. Alloa did tighten up at the back last week in comparison to the Edinburgh game, and that was much more characteristic of this group- the defence had been fine in the preceding weeks. Hopefully today they can completely banish that Edinburgh performance to history in front of the Alloa support.

Finally, a couple of mentions in the conclusion of the article. The Wasps Nest Alloa podcast should be in its third episode by the time you read this, and well worth a listen in the build up to a game on a Saturday morning. The overviews of

the previous matches are really detailed-but the key feature for me so far has been the opposition viewpoint. The respective supporters from both Edinburgh and Airdrie gave really insightful overviewsparticularly the FC Edinburgh supporter who provided a lot of information on the current internal issues between club and fanbase. Also- I took in the Alloa Athletic Women's match here last Sunday, where they drew 1-1 with West Dyke Thistle. The team is improving every week and although unlucky not to get the 3 points, it's well worth taking a walk up on a Sunday afternoon to see how they are faring. Enjoy this afternoon's game.





### LOOKING BACK 25TH AUGUST 1990

The opening day of the 1990-91 Scottish League season, And reigning Premier Division Champions Rangers began the defence of their title in encouraging fashion, with a 3-1 win v Dunfermline at Ibrox, while runners-up Aberdeen were also victorious on home soil. by 2-0 v Hibs. Celtic, no doubt hoping to get back amongst the honours after experiencing a "bare cupboard" in a rather lack-lustre 1989-90 campaign, began the new season in rather inauspicious manner,

with a 0-2 defeat at Motherwell. In the other games, newly-promoted St. Johnstone were beaten 1-3 home by Tayside rivals Dundee United, while Hearts and St. Mirren shared two goals and the points at Tynecastle.

In The First Division, newly-demoted Dundee, no doubt hoping for an instant return To The Premier Division, had to settle for a point from a 1-1 home draw with Partick. But Airdrie, who'd narrowly missed out on promotion the previous campaign, be-

gan in a promising manner, with a 4-0 success v Morton at Broomfield. while Clydebank, who'd also been amongst the front-runners in 1989-90, were also victorious. by 1-0 at Clyde. But promoted Brechin made the worst possible start. with a 0-4 home reverse v Raith, while there was also no joy for the other "new boys" Kilmarnock, who went down 0-1 at Meadowbank. Elsewhere, Ayr and Forfar drew 1-1 at Somerset Park, while Hamilton Accies triumphed 1-0 at Falkirk.

Down in The Second. Alloa and Albion Rovers had both made an instant return to the lower section, having found life at the higher level a bridge too far in 1989-90. And the two sides met at Recreation Park, with The Wasps lining up as follows: Lowrie, Newbigging, R. Lee, Wilcox, Mc-Culloch, McEngtegart, Grant, Smith (Ramsay), Black (Lamont), Irvine, Ormond, And after a goalless first period. a solitary effort from John Irvine was enough to give Alloa victory,



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as they began their bid for instant promotion in positive style. Stirling Albion, who'd missed out on promotion only on goal difference in 1989-90, made a winning start with a 2-0 victory at Cowdenbeath, though Berwick and Stenhousemuir, who'd also featured in the promotion race during the previous campaign, suffered defeats by 2-4 at Arbroath, and 0-1 at home v Montrose respectively. In the division's remaining games, East Fife defeated Dumbarton 2-1 at Bayview, East Stirling were 2-1 winners at Queen Of The South, while Queen's Park overcame Stranraer by 3-1 at Hampden.

South of the border, it was also the big kick-off in England, and League Champions Liverpool began with a 3-1 win at newly-promoted Shef-

stored to the top flight, also suffered defeat, by 2-3 at Norwich, but there was better luck for The First Division's other newcomers, Leeds, who triumphed 3-2 at Everton. The previous season's runners-up Aston Villa had to settle for a point from a 1-1 home draw with Southampton. but Arsenal, another of the favourites, started their title bid with a 3-0 win at London rivals Wimbledon, Newcastle, who'd missed out in The Second Division play-offs in 1989-90, started encouragingly with a 2-0 home win v Plymouth, while Sheffield Wednesday. who'd been relegated in rather unfortunate circumstances, and who were no doubt hopeful of an instant return "upstairs" this time round. were also 2-0 victors, at

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This afternoon we welcome Peterhead to the Indodrill for a massive fixture in League 1. It is 8th against 9th today as Peterhead look for their first victory of the season against the Wasps. After finding form at the tail end of the season, Jim McInally's men beat the drop and secured their status in the division. A summer of departures has meant a busier. window than anticipated, and this has shown in early games with the team still finding their feet. After failing to gain a point in the Premier Sports Cup. Peterhead now have a solitary point from their

opening games. It came when they were 2-0 behind to Clyde, the team showed great resilience to grab a point in the end. The other defeats have come against the full-time teams in the division meaning that today's game has even more importance on it to ensure they get their season kick-started.

### THE BOSS JIM MCINALLY

The Blue Toon manager is one that rarely changes and needs little introduction in Jim McInally. With over ten years in the post, McInally is the longest serving manager in Scottish

football by a significant margin, and has enjoyed a fair amount of success at Balmoor. The former Dundee United midfielder gained ten caps for Scotland and was part of an United side that reached the UEFA Cup in 1987 and won the Scottish Cup in 1994. McInally also enjoyed time down South with notable performances with Nottingham Forrest, playing in the same Forrest side as Alloa manager, Brian Rice, in the mid-eighties. Managerial spells at Sligo Rovers, Greenock Morton and East Stirling preceded his appointment at Peterhead in 2011. Since moving up





North, he has won the Scottish League Two title two times, in 2014 and 2019, and has established the club in League One since his arrival. He will face the challenge once more to punch above their weight and survive the drop again. No doubt he will be looking to push on from the success of last season. however, and look upwards.

### THE CAPTAIN PAUL DIXON

There is a new man leading out the visitors this season in new signing, Paul Dixon. The 35-year-old centre back moved to Balmoor this summer following his departure from Falkirk. Most known for his time at Dundee United,

Dixon played for 6 years across 2 different spells. securing promotions and Challenge Cup victories. Towards the end of his first spell, he was not only rewarded with a big move to Huddersfield but also a Scotland first-team callup in March 2010, along with United teammates Andy Webster and Garry Kenneth. Dixon made his full Scotland debut on 8 September 2012, in a goalless draw with Serbia in Scotland's opening World Cup qualifier. His experience and knowledge in the game will play such importance for the Blue Toon this season, especially after losing Scott Brown and Simon Ferry.

> NEW BOY -OLA ADEYEMO

Peterhead made the move for Cove striker. Olya Adeyemo, in the window. The Nigerian striker had a single season at the champions last year, however, failed to make a real impact in the first-team. Understandable with the striking options at the disposal of Cove. Prior to moving back yo Scotland, he has a variety of clubs on his CV across Europe. Playing for Valdres FK in Norway, as well as a whole host of English clubs, such as Lewes and Watford. This isn't his first time in Scotland though. Adeyemo also played for Dundee United back in 2014, with a short spell on loan at East Fife. He will now be looking to settle at a club and enforce himself as a regular starter and

goalscorer.

#### ONE TO WATCH-JACK NEWMAN

It is very rare that we highlight the goalkeeper as the opposition one to watch, however, lack Newman's performances have certainly caught the eye of supporters both from and outside Peterhead. Newman made the temporary switch up North with a loan move from Dundee United in the summer and hasn't look out of place. The young shot-stopper gained valuable experience last season on loan at Spartans in the Lowland League but now looks to step up once again in his pursuit of regular, senior football. Despite not keeping a

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

clean sheet yet, he has impressed with some remarkable saves keeping his side in the game.

#### THE CONNECTION

Many of last season's connections have departed both clubs leaving only one left. Alan Cook left Peterhead to join Open Goal Broomhill, with Steven Boyd leaving Alloa for Inverness and Ben Armour to Forfar. The only solitary player left

is Russell McLean for the visitors. However, Rusty as he is known is out injured and won't feature today. Despite being placed on the transfer list in the summer, the club have decided to keep him and put him through the operation that will bring him back to fitness soon.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides played against each other four times last season in

League 1, with it pretty evenly matched at 2 victories each. The first two games of the season ended in a 2-0 victory for Peterhead at home and then, arguably one of their best games of the season, a 4-2 victory here at the Indodrill. In a game where Alloa played with 10-men again after Hutton's sending off, goals from Niah Payne, Scott Brown, Russell McLean, and Josh Mulligan saw them comfortably ahead despite strikes from Steven Boyd and Charlie Gilmour for the hosts. The two games in 2022 have both ended with Alloa winning by a goal to nil. First off. Euan Henderson's return to Alloa was marked with a goal as he scored the winner up North. Following on from that, the most recent affair was at the end of March, where Kevin Cawley's goal separated the sides before a late red card for Andrew McDonald.



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## THREE OF THE BEST..... KEVIN CAWLEY GOALS

#### 1. VS STRANRAER (6TH AUGUST 2011)

Where it all began- the day the Alloa support realised the club had a real player on their hands. This trip south to Stair Park was the 3rd Division campaign curtain raiser for both teams, and Kevin Cawley's league debut. Alloa got off to the perfect start early through Ryan McCord's spot kick, But Paul

Hartley's entirely new eleven were still gelling, and this led to a rather disjointed performance for the remainder of the first half. Alloa were behind 2-1 at the break. but equalised through a Ben Gordon header on the hour mark. The onus swung back in the hosts favour after Alloas Ryan Caddis was red carded for violent conduct. But Alloa pushed on for the win anyway

and sealed the points following a moment of magic with 5 minutes remaining. Cawley looked to have taken the ball excessively wide, but his feint back inside from the bye line completely outsmarted the Stranraer defence. He then slotted it past keeper David Mitchell at his near post to send the Alloa fans behind the goal wild.

#### 2. VS DUMBARTON (11TH APRIL 2015)

This long-range unstoppable effort occurred in Danny Lennon's first game as Alloa manager- a home fixture against fellow part timers Dumbarton. It really was a must win game for the Wasps as they battled to avoid relegation from the Championship. Iain Flannigan had put Alloa ahead

early through a brilliant trademark free kick. But Cawley managed to top that with 21 minutes gone. Picking up the ball just inside the Dumbarton half, he drove forward into space and unleashed a rocket into the top corner from fully 30 yards. This was subsequently voted goal of the season by Alloa fans at the end of season awards. Kevin had actually scored a fairly identical strike against Falkirk a few months previously. In reality there's little between the two goals- either effort could have made an inclusion into this list. Greig Spence sealed the points in the 2nd half, and Alloa went on to retain their place in the Championship after beating Forfar Athletic in the play-off final.

his first touch took him away from goal. But his second touch- a sharp 180 degree swivel turncompletely bewildered 2 Morton players, A drop of the shoulder opened up space for a shot and he unleashed an unstoppable 25-vard drive into the top right corner. One of the defining moments of Alloa's post war record appearance holder. Alloa found themselves 4-2 behind later in the game, but 2 goals in the final 5 minutes from Kevin O'Hara and Robbie Deas earned the Wasps a point in a hugely memorable afternoon.

ing a Morton defensive

clearance out of the air.



#### 3. VS MORTON (22ND FEBRUARY 2020)

The pick of the bunch for me. With so many to choose from, it's difficult to single out one Kevin Cawley goal- but this effort takes some beating. Alloa were in the Championship once again, and this action-packed encounter at Cappielow was one of the last prior to the pandemic shut down. Alan Trouten had equalised an early Kyle lacobs strike for the hosts, before Cawley put the Wasps in front with a stroke of genius. Pluck-

### **HT QUIZ**

1. WHICH ALLOA PLAYER FROM LAST SEASON SCORED HIS ONLY GOAL FOR THE CLUB AGAINST PETERHEAD LAST SEASON IN A 4-2 HOME DEFEAT?

2. IN THE 1990 WORLD CUP IN ITALY, WHICH 2 SCOTLAND PLAYERS IN THE SQUAD (WHO BOTH HAD GAME TIME IN THE TOURNAMENT) PLAYED THEIR CLUB FOOTBALL FOR FOREIGN TEAMS (IE OUTSIDE UK)?

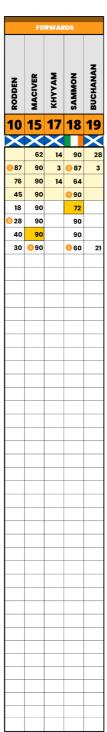
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4. NAME THESE CLUBS BY THEIR NICKNAMES: THE PILGRIMS, THE HATTERS, THE RED IMPS, THE RAILWAYMEN, THE BROCH

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