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## 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

## MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap  
(Scotland v Wales 1891)

\*includes equivalent competitions

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


























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 <b>DUNFERMLINE</b>	7	4	3	0	9	2	7	15
 <b>AIRDRIEONIANIS</b>	7	4	2	1	15	8	7	14
 <b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	7	4	0	3	16	11	5	12
 <b>FC EDINBURGH</b>	7	4	0	3	15	12	3	12
 <b>MONTROSE</b>	7	3	2	2	8	4	4	11
 <b>FALKIRK</b>	7	3	2	2	10	9	1	11
 <b>QUEEN OF THE SOUTH</b>	7	2	2	3	11	12	-1	8
 <b>CLYDE</b>	7	2	1	4	12	16	-4	7
 <b>KELTY HEARTS</b>	7	1	1	5	4	13	-9	4
 <b>PETERHEAD</b>	7	1	1	5	6	19	-13	4

## WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

### SPFL TRUST TROPHY

 <b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>AIRDRIEONIANIS</b>
 <b>GREENOCK MORTON</b>	 <b>AYR UNITED</b>
 <b>QUEEN OF THE SOUTH</b>	 <b>FC EDINBURGH</b>
 <b>ANNAN ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>KELTY HEARTS</b>
 <b>FALKIRK</b>	 <b>PARTICK THISTLE</b>
 <b>THE NEW SAINTS</b>	 <b>DUNDEE</b>
 <b>INVERNESS CT</b>	 <b>BRECHIN CITY</b>
 <b>MONTROSE</b>	 <b>KILMARNOCK</b>
 <b>KILMARNOCK</b>	 <b>EAST FIFE</b>
 <b>ARBROATH</b>	 <b>LINFIELD</b>
 <b>BUCKIE THISTLE</b>	 <b>CAERNARFON TOWN</b>
 <b>CLYDE</b>	 <b>COVE RANGERS</b>

 <b>COVE RANGERS</b>	 <b>RAITH ROVERS</b>
 <b>PETERHEAD</b>	 <b>ELGIN CITY</b>
 <b>CLIFTONVILLE</b>	 <b>QUEEN'S PARK</b>
 <b>FORFAR ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>STIRLING ALBION</b>
 <b>ALBION ROVERS</b>	 <b>FORFAR ATHLETIC</b>
 <b>ANNAN ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>EAST FIFE</b>
 <b>DUMBARTON</b>	 <b>BONNYRIGG ROSE</b>
 <b>STENHOUSEMUIR</b>	 <b>ELGIN CITY</b>

### LEAGUE 2

 <b>STIRLING ALBION</b>	 <b>STRANRAER</b>
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### NATIONS LEAGUE B1

 <b>SCOTLAND</b>	 <b>IRELAND</b>
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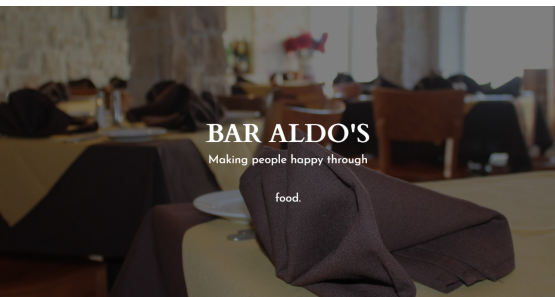
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## GOALKEEPERS

**William  
MUIR**

16/03/1993

183 CM 75 KG



**1**

## DEFENDERS

**Scott  
TAGGART**

27/12/1991

183 CM 75 KG



**2**

**Daniel  
CHURCH**

21/07/2000

183 CM 79 KG

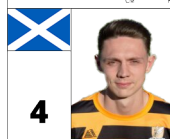


**3**

**Craig  
HOWIE**

02/07/1996

CM KG

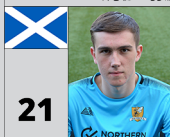


**4**

**Keir  
BURT**

09/09/2004

175 CM 69 KG



**21**

**Andy  
GRAHAM**

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



**5**

**Mark  
DURNAN**

28/11/1992

188 CM 89 KG



**6**

**George  
STANGER**

15/08/2000

CM KG



**14**

**Jay  
HOGARTH**

18/07/2003

185 CM 82 KG



**31**

**Paul  
MCLAREN**

01/04/2004

185 CM 76 KG



**22**

**David  
DEVINE**

20/06/2001

CM KG




















**23**

## MANAGER

**BRIAN RICE**





MIDFIELDERS		FORWARDS		
<div>Kevin CAWLEY</div> <div>17/03/1989</div> <div>CM KG</div> <div>7</div> 	<div>Jon ROBERTSON</div> <div>25/04/1989</div> <div>CM KG</div> <div>8</div> 	<div>Luke DONNELLY</div> <div>20/01/1996</div> <div>CM KG</div> <div>9</div> 	<div>Bradley RODDEN</div> <div>21/08/1996</div> <div>178 CM 68 KG</div> <div>10</div> 	<div>Ross MACIVER</div> <div>28/02/1999</div> <div>180 CM 73 KG</div> <div>15</div> 
<div>Murray MILLER</div> <div>29/01/2001</div> <div>175 CM 65 KG</div> <div>11</div> 	<div>Stefan SCOUGALL</div> <div>07/12/1992</div> <div>170 CM 63 KG</div> <div>12</div> 	<div>Seff KHYAM</div> <div>06/07/2002</div> <div>175 CM 69 KG</div> <div>17</div> 	<div>Conor SAMMON</div> <div>06/11/1986</div> <div>188 CM 91 KG</div> <div>18</div> 	<div>Steven BUCHANAN</div> <div>26/03/2003</div> <div>178 CM 70 KG</div> <div>19</div> 
<div>Adam KING</div> <div>11/10/1995</div> <div>178 CM 74 KG</div> <div>16</div> 	<div>Cameron O'DONNELL</div> <div>29/09/2001</div> <div>183 CM 70 KG</div> <div>20</div> 	<div>Luke RANKIN</div> <div>27/11/2004</div> <div>CM KG</div> <div>24</div> 	<div>Kieran OFFORD</div> <div>28/03/2004</div> <div>CM KG</div> <div>25</div> 	
				



**BRIAN RICE**



## BRIAN RICE AFTER A THIRD STRAIGHT WIN

I think it was a dogged performance, we've played a bit better [on other occasions] but I know Montrose are a good team. I've had time since their last game with Clyde with our game against Falkirk being off trying to plan the game how we're going to play because they are a really good team, when I saw them last

season and this I knew they would be really difficult - and it was! - in the end Rodden made the difference.

Football can be a game of two halves - teams tire as the game goes on, mistakes get made through that tiredness but we're a fit team especially for a part time team.

We're scoring a lot of really late goals and I knew they would keep going to the end so I said I wanted them to play forward a wee bit quicker and get runners up beside the strikers faster.

We're a big team and we've used set pieces to our advantage. It's something we work

hard on. The cross and delivery, the movement and it's great to get another goal from it. It shows that if you put the work and the effort in and practice you'll get the goals which we've got a few from now.

The boys know I've had this conversation with them - If we're drawing with 10-15

<p>minutes to go. We're going for the win. I'm not interested in sitting back at 1-1. I'd rather go out and win the games. If we lose a goal, so be it. Three points is massive and today it's a massive result for us.</p> <p>We're only seven games in and we'll use Airdrieonians on Friday to give one or two of the boys game time. It's not one we're going to treat lightly though. We want to win every game. Airdrie are a very good team, we know that it'll be a very difficult game.</p>	<p>Bradley Rodden's attitude is exactly what I want. I said it to the boys in the dressing room. He's scored two goals, set two up and he's found himself on the bench. He doesn't go in the huff. Doesn't moan about it but comes off the bench and grabs himself a good goal. That's exactly the attitude that I want to see from every player. There's competition for places now and we're getting boys back to make the full squad available.</p>	<p>The boys deserve to enjoy themselves because they've had a great result in a tough game.</p> <p>It's just cramp with Scougall today - he covers a lot of ground and has a lot of the ball - He's only got wee legs! as I keep telling him.</p> <p>He's an important player and one of the best in the division in my opinion but he's okay.</p> <p>We'll start planning for Aldrie from tonight [Saturday] - that's how it is being in charge of a</p>	<p>football team. You enjoy yourself in the summer. That's the way I've always done it.</p>
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**JOHN GLENCROSS**



# NEWSDesk

Welcome back to the Indodrill stadium for our entry into this season's SPFL Trust Trophy, a break away from Cinch League One fixtures. However we will face Airdrieonians who we have already faced in league business this season, losing 2-0 at The Penny Cars Stadium on 20th August, 2022 so we know how tough a fixture this will be. We welcome Rhys McCabe his assistant and captain Callum Fordyce, the directors, players and fans of Airdrieonians FC.

Alloa Athletic striker Seff Khyyam has gone out on loan to St Andrew United. Best of luck Seff.

The SPFL Trust Trophy is back for 2022-23, and this season we're celebrating extraordinary stories from across Scottish football communities. We know the difference that football clubs and community trusts make to people's lives every day. And so you're going to be able to watch and listen to some incredible football powered stories as the

tournament progresses.

There will be more too, with competitions, promotions and other opportunities to get involved as we build up to Final 2023. We're committed to making this the most community engaged competition in the tournament's history. Community trusts and associated SPFL clubs have risen spectacularly to the challenge of supporting those in need during the pandemic with practical support that

has made a difference to so many. We're going to use the rights available to us through this partnership to tell the story of the difference they're making to people's lives every day. And we'll celebrate those supported by community trusts and clubs, too. It will be a time of recovery and renewal, and we cannot wait to play our part! The work carried out by Scottish football's community trusts is hugely important to the local communities that surround and sustain

<p>the 42 SPFL clubs. We are therefore delighted to be able to support this much-loved cup competition through the SPFL Trust.</p> <p>Following the cancellation of the tournament in 2020/21, last season the tournament returned but was limited to Scottish Clubs to limit unnecessary travel across the British Isles. This season with restrictions now relaxed we are delighted to welcome back four cross-border clubs - The New Saints and Caernarfon Town from Wales and Linfield and Cliftonville from Northern Ireland.</p> <p>In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, matches will be decided by a penalty shoot-out</p> <p>Date for fourth round: Weekend of December 10/11</p> <p>SPFL TRUST TROPHY - Round 3 (32 clubs - 16 ties) – Weekend of September 24/25 Not regionalised or seeded but cross-border clubs kept apart • 10 winners from Round 2 • Clubs 1st-8th in cinch League 1 in 2021/22 • Clubs 2nd-10th in cinch Championship in 2021/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Club 12th in cinch Premiership in 2021/22</li> <li>• Four cross-border clubs (two from JD Cymru Premier and two from Danske Bank</li> </ul>	<p>Premiership)</p> <p>Round 4 (16 clubs – 8 ties) – Weekend of December 10/11 All-in draw – no seeding</p> <p>Quarter-finals – Weekend of January 7/8</p> <p>Semi-finals – Weekend of February 4/5 or mid-week of February 7/8 – subject to change</p> <p>Final – Weekend of March 25/26 (provisional date).</p> <p>SPFL TRUST TROPHY R3 FIXTURES</p> <p>Thursday September 22 Morton v Ayr United - Cappielow, 7.45pm Queen of the South v FC Edinburgh - Palmerston, 7.45pm</p> <p>Friday September 23 Alloa Athletic v Airdrieonians - Indodrill Stadium, 7.45pm Annan Athletic v Kelty Hearts - Gala-bank, 7.45pm Falkirk v Partick Thistle - Falkirk Stadium, 7.45pm The New Saints v Dundee - Park Hall Stadium, 8.00pm (Live on S4C)</p> <p>Saturday September 24 Arbroath v East Fife - Gayfield, 3.00pm Buckie Thistle v Linfield - Victoria Park, 3.00pm Clyde v Caernarfon Town - New Douglas Park, 3.00pm Cove Rangers v Raith Rovers - Balmoral Stadium, 3.00pm Dunfermline Athletic v Celtic B - KDM Group East End Park, 3.00pm Inverness</p>	<p>Caledonian Thistle v Brechin City - Caledonian Stadium, 3.00pm Montrose v Kilmarnock B - Links Park, 2.00pm Peterhead v Elgin City - Balmoor, 3.00pm</p> <p>Sunday September 25 Cliftonville v Queen's Park - Solitude, 1.45pm</p> <p>Tuesday November 8 Rangers B v Hamilton Academical - Dumbarton Football Stadium, 7.45pm</p> <p>In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, matches will be decided by a penalty shoot-out</p> <p>Date for fourth round: Weekend of December 10/11</p> <p>The History of Alloa Athletic book, which celebrates the club's 100 years in the Scottish League, Over 660 pages in A4 size covering</p>	<p>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 <a href="http://alloathletic.co.uk">alloathletic.co.uk</a> visiting the club shop and placing order.</p> <p>Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 37 17th September, 2022</p> <p>£ 100 0022 K.Murray £ 50 0282 R.Deighan £ 25 0541 D.Glencross £ 25 0642 J.Rough £ 25 0944 M.Brolly</p> 
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17th September 2022  
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa  
3:00pm KO

**ALLOA ATHLETIC**

**2:1**

**MONTROSE**



(0:0)

SCORERS

Stanger **57'** **1:0**

**1:1** **78'** Lyons

Rodden **87'** **2:1**



**STARTING XI**

**31** HOGARTH

**14** STANGER

**18** SAMMON

**12** SCOUGALL

**7** CAWLEY

**15** MACIVER

**2** TAGGART

**20** O'DONNELL

**25** OFFORD

**23** DEVINE

**8** ROBERTSON

**SUBS**

**1** MUIR

**5** GRAHAM

**3** CHURCH

**16** KING

**11** MILLER

**10** RODDEN

**9** DONNELLY

**19** BUCHANAN

**SUBS**

**1** LENNOX

**15** WHATLEY

**8** WATSON

**23** RENNIE

**2** HUTCHINSON

**11** LYONS

**STARTING XI**

**21** SINCLAIR

**4** ALLAN

**3** STEEVES

**14** DILLON

**5** WADDELL

**20** MACKINNON

**12** GARDYNE

**22** BROWN

**16** JOHNSTONE

**10** MILNE

**18** WRIGHT

**REFEREE:** Alan Muir

17th September 2022  
Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie  
3:00pm KO

**AIRDRIEONIANS**

**5:0**

**CLYDE**



**(1:0)**

**SCORERS**

Jamieson **38'** **1:0**

McGill **66'** **2:0**

Smith **70'** **3:0**

Smith **78'** **4:0**

Kouider-Aissa **89'** **5:0**



**STARTING XI**

**18 HENDERSON**

**16 WATSON**

**6 FORDYCE**

**3 TAYLOR-SIN-**

**19 DEVENEY**

**10 FRIZZELL**

**21 TELFER**

**17 DEVENNY**

**15 JAMIESON**

**23 MCGILL**

**11 SMITH**

**SUBS**

**4 MCCABE**

**7 KOUIDER-AISSA**

**8 WYLIE**

**9 GALLAGHER**

**14 MCMASTER**

**43 HUTTON**

**SUBS**

**2 LYON**

**11 ROBERTS**

**12 RODDEN**

**14 KENNEDY**

**15 SCULLION**

**19 CUDDIHY**

**21 TRIALIST**

**23 HENJI**

**STARTING XI**

**1 PARRY**

**5 THICOT**

**4 MCLEAN**

**25 SULA**

**3 GRANT**

**17 CAMERON**

**6 GRANT**

**8 GOMIS**

**16 MCDONALD**

**9 ALLAN**

**10 CUNNINGHAM**

**REFEREE:** Gavin Duncan

# 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 abuse.
- 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 prioritise the safety 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 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.

**MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN**  
**ALLOA ATHLETIC FC**



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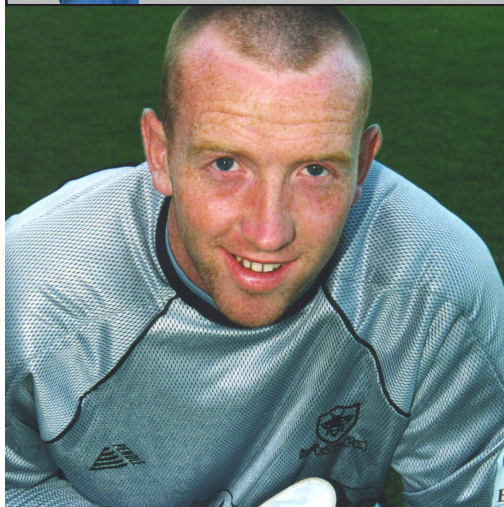
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**JONATHAN MARKWELL**



## ALLOA'S U21 CONNECTIONS

If you're reading this under the lights at the Recs this evening, a little bit of history might have been created yesterday. Jay Hogarth may have joined a select group of players to have won an international under-21 cap whilst playing for the Wasps. The on-loan Alloa goalkeeper's call-up to the double header of friendlies with Northern Ireland is a fitting reward for his promising early season form for the Wasps. Should the 19-year-old get the nod to play from

manager Scot Gemmill, in either the Belfast game yesterday or the upcoming match in Paisley on Sunday, he would become just the third player I am aware of to win national U21 honours whilst playing for Alloa.

The other two examples were both on loan at the Recs like Hogarth is. Most recently Michael Duffy played six times for Northern Ireland U21s whilst on loan from Celtic at Alloa in the 2015/16 season. Duffy missed Alloa's ear-

ly season 2-0 victory at Dumbarton as he was playing for Northern Ireland's U21 against, ironically, Scotland! Later in the season Duffy was fortunate to miss Alloa's 5-0 thrashing by Falkirk as he was amidst an international double header against France (Duffy was kept out by now Bayern Munich and France defender Benjamin Pavard that night in a 1-0 defeat) and Ukraine.

The only other player I've tracked down to ever win U21 national

honours whilst playing for the Wasps was Derek Soutar. During Soutar's second spell on loan at the Recs in 2003 he also played three times for Scotland U21's. The then Dundee keeper had broken through into the national U21 team after a successful promotion winning season with the Wasps in 2001/02. When he rejoined Terry Christie's Alloa side on loan in January 2003 he performed superbly for the Wasps (resulting in a certain Myles Hogarth

leaving the Wasps for regular game-time at Stirling Albion), with the Wasps losing two games at the end of March when Soutar was absent playing for the national side.

There is a slight caveat at that neither Duffy or Soutar were permanent Alloa players at the time of winning their caps. The Wasps have come close to having a fully bona fide U21 internationalist in their ranks on a couple of occasions, but alas it hasn't happened to date. First, during the 1999-2000 season there were rumours that Martin Cameron would be rewarded for his Alloa goalscoring heroics with a call-up to the national U21 squad. It was understood that it was a straight choice between 'The Butcher' and Clyde's young starlet Brian 'Carrots' Carrigan. Carrots won the battle, making a substitute appearance for Scotland U21 versus The Netherlands in April 2000, weeks before Clyde pipped Alloa to the Second Division title and Carrigan also scooped the PFA Second Division Player of the Year ahead of Cameron too. Carrigan went onto play for the Wasps almost a decade later, with both players careers never really reaching the true heights their early potential suggested.

In 2012 Scott Bain was an unused substitute three times with Billy Stark's Scotland U21 team. Bain had just won the Third Division title the previous season and started life in the Second Division well, with his manager Paul Hartley regularly describing him as the best young keeper in the country. That probably helped Bain's call-up, where he sat on the bench throughout an August friendly defeat to Belgium and the September qualifiers versus Luxembourg and Austria. Current QPR bench-sitter Jordan Archer and Mark Ridgers (now the long-time stopper at Inverness CT) kept Bain on the bench, with it notable that neither of those goalkeepers have gone onto win full international honours, unlike the three caps Bain has picked up.

There are however countless players who have played for the Wasps having previously played international U21 football. Of the current squad Stefan Scougall and Adam King both have two Scotland U21 caps, while Conor Sammon won three caps for the Republic of Ireland back in 2007 (all from the bench). A selection of present-day Alloa players have enjoyed international recognition at other age groups too, with Daniel Church having Scotland U16, U17 & U19 caps and Murray

Miller having Scotland U16 & U17 caps before changing his allegiances to the country of his birth Australia, with whom he has U17 caps. New Alloa strikers Luke Donnelly and Kieran Offord have both played for Scotland U17s, with Offord currently with the U19 squad playing in the Slovenia Nations Cup (games are scheduled for last Wednesday, today and next Tuesday) hoping to add to the two appearances he made at that level last season. Donnelly also played for Scotland at U15 and U16 level as he came through the Celtic youth set-up. Last but certainly not least, George Stanger of course has experience with New Zealand U20s (including keeping out Erling Haaland at the U20 World Cup) and the U23 team at the delayed Tokyo Olympics last year, as already highlighted in the matchday programme this season.

Looking back in the record books, the list of Scotland U21 players who later went onto play for Alloa (or very occasionally played for the Wasps before going onto U21 honours) is considerable and includes some surprising names given the quality of their subsequent Alloa careers! The goalkeepers range from Andy McNeil and Dave McEwan to Colin Stewart\* (\* an Alloa loan signing) and Jamie MacDonald\*. The list of defenders with Scotland U21 caps comprises Raymond Sharp, Andy Seaton, Kevin McHattie\*, Jason Marr, Scott McKenna\*, Jamie McCart\* and most recently Robbie Deas\*. The number of midfielders with Scotland U21/Alloa connections includes Paul Sheerin, Max Christie, Grant Johnson, Derek Ferguson, Ian Murray\*, Kieran McAnespie, Darren Young,



Stephen Simmons, Burton O'Brien, Liam Burt\*, Jake Hastie\*, and Scott Banks\*. Moving onto the forwards, the Alloa connections are Andy Walker, Scott Crabbe, Brian Carrigan, Bryan Prunty, Stevie May\*, Calum Elliot, Declan McManus\* and Derek Riordan. Out of all those players so far only six have gone onto play for the full national team, with only current Nottingham Forest defender Scott McKenna gaining double figures in caps (Ferguson, Murray, Walker, May and Riordan were the others).

It would also be remiss of me not to reference the players who have played for other U21 international sides before playing for the Wasps. This is a select list, led by Northern Ireland duo Mikey McGowan and Andy Kirk. Further south in the Republic of Ireland

current Aberdeen manager Jim Goodwin won six U21 caps and even scored a goal! Across the Irish Sea in Wales the Alloa connection is loanee left-back James Bloom. Finally, the most exotic U21 international connection with Alloa is Estonia's Mikk Reintam, who won 12 U21 caps in 2011-12. Neither Mikk nor any Alloa supporter would have thought that three years later he'd be in the Recs dressing room listening to team-talks by then Alloa manager Danny Lennon, but that's football for you! Out of that half dozen players the strike-rate of those who went onto get full international recognition is far higher than the Scottish contingent, at 50% with Kirk, Goodwin and Reintam all stepping up to the senior teams.

Returning to Hogarth though, his competition for minutes in the U21 team this week are

youngsters on the books of Manchester City and Lincoln City respectfully. First is Ciaran Slicker, a 20 year old keeper who already has four U21 caps, who is presently on loan at Rochdale from parent club Manchester City. Slicker has been on the bench at the Spotland Stadium this season (aside from the cup games which he's started), with Rochdale rock-bottom of League Two (the only side keeping Hartlepool, managed by Paul Hartley until his sacking last Sunday, off the basement). The other keeper in the squad is Sam Long, a 19 year old shotstopper currently on loan at National League North side Boston United from Lincoln City. Long doesn't have any previous U21 caps to date, but was previously call-up to the squad in March. Coincidentally both Slicker and Long are English born

players and, based on my research (given I'd never heard of some of players in the squad), there are actually eight English born players in the current U21 squad, demonstrating Scotland are utilising the birthplace of parents and grandparents rules to the full.

Whilst Hogarth can reasonably be considered the least experienced of the three keepers at U21 level, with this being his first call-up at this level, he has steadily risen through the age groups by amassing four U16 caps, 2 games with the U17's and another four at U19 level. Furthermore, the fact he is playing regular football at a decent League One standard may count in his favour too. If Jays has/does won/win a cap it will mark another milestone in his highly promising early career and be a proud moment for the Wasps too.









**DONALD POLLOCK**

	Pld.	Won	Lost	Drn.	For	Agst.	Pts.
Hibernians .....	8	5	2	1	8	8	11
Airdrieonians .....	7	4	2	1	9	4	9
Falkirk .....	7	3	1	3	8	5	9
Rangers .....	6	3	1	2	11	3	8
Celtic .....	5	4	1	0	9	4	8
St. Mirren .....	7	3	2	2	11	7	8
Aberdeen .....	7	3	2	2	9	6	8
Kilmarnock .....	7	3	2	2	12	9	8
Dundee .....	7	3	3	1	12	11	7
Hearts .....	7	1	1	5	9	10	7
Morton .....	6	2	2	2	7	6	6
Alloa .....	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Clyde .....	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Raith Rovers .....	7	2	3	2	5	11	6
Partick Thistle .....	5	2	2	1	7	6	5
Third Lanark .....	5	2	3	0	7	11	4
Albion Rovers .....	7	1	4	2	6	12	4
Ayr United .....	6	1	3	2	5	11	4
Hamilton A. ....	8	1	6	1	11	18	3
Motherwell .....	6	1	4	1	9	13	3



**A. GOCHRANE**

## A RETURNING HERO AND SHEER GRIT

There was a buzz of anticipation among Wee County folk as they made their way towards the Recs for a midweek testimonial 100 years ago. The man rewarded with a benefit match against Hearts was popular defender Bobby Orrock. The former Scotland cap had arrived at the Central League Wasps back in 1919 at the age of 34. Orrock had quickly disproved any suggestions that he was winding down his career in Clackmannanshire. He had starred in

the Wasps' Scottish Cup exploits of 1921 and his towering performances at the back had then been key to Alloa's rise from non-league football to the First Division. Already by September 1922 he had caught the eye at Brockville and Love Street, two of his former stamping grounds, with local fans noting that Orrock was playing as well as ever despite his advancing years. Bobby was a man about town in Alloa too, owner of a billiards hall on Clackmannan

Road and a fine golfer as well. A healthy crowd was guaranteed for his testimonial. But Orrock wasn't the main attraction at his benefit, nor indeed were guest players Simpson and McNair who had been drafted in for the night. The man everyone wanted to see was Willie Crilley, the little striker who had rattled in over 50 goals for Alloa in 1921/22 before signing for Celtic. Crilley was due back at the Recs for a guest appearance to boost the gate for the

testimonial.

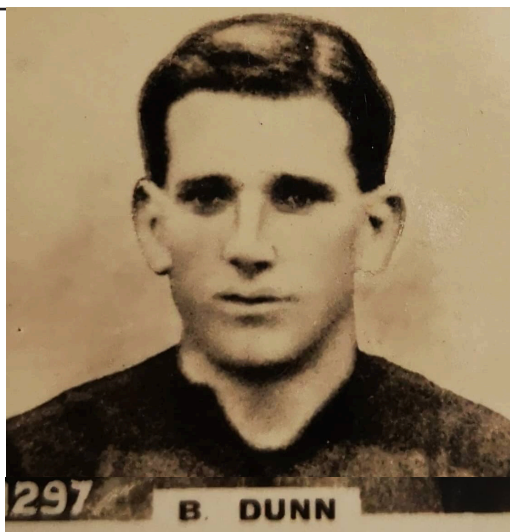
And as the teams prepared for kick-off on Tuesday 19th September 1922, Alloa secretary Mr Saunders made an announcement that overshadowed Bobby Orrock's big night and anything else that was happening in the Wee County: Alloa had re-signed Willie Crilley! Celtic might have been the club closest to Crilley's heart, but it was reported that the Parkhead directors had quickly concluded that the "fierce tackling



associated with most of their matches" did not suit the pint sized hitman. The Alloa board were contacted for first refusal and a deal hastily agreed. The details were then put to the man himself on board a train as he travelled to the Orrock testimonial. It was said to be the "surprise of his life...he was in complete ignorance that negotiations were going on for his transfer", with Mr Saunders telling the press "that the little fellow's face was a remarkable study in astonishment". But by the time the train rolled into Alloa terms had been agreed and the deal was signed before he took to the field. Crilley, it was said, wanted to be at a club where he would play every week. Perhaps the wee man also just wanted to be loved, and there was nowhere else where his talents were so appreciated as in the Wee County, with the Sunday Post noting that he had been "supremely happy" at Alloa previously. The fact that the Wasps had actually offered him more money than Celtic that summer might have helped too. The Alloa supporters who "were simply clamouring for the return of Crilley" gave him a mighty reception as he ran on for the testimonial. The game itself eventually

saw Hearts winning 2-0 with Crilley firing a penalty high over the bar, but Bobby Orrock picked up a nice bonus from a crowd of 3000, and more importantly "the midget centre" was back home.

So to Broomfield the following Saturday and a contest against Airdrie. Our visitors tonight had made a terrific start back in 1922 and were sitting top of the First Division as they greeted Alloa. With a special train running 1000 travelling fans were expected to see Crilley back in the black and gold. The wee man started and his presence was said to have inspired the team, Jock Stirling's goal after fine work from Craig giving Alloa a half-time lead that they just about deserved. The second half saw an Airdrie bombardment with Crilley limping off injured. McDougall of Airdrie drove two efforts narrowly over and a Doyle header came back off the bar



but Alloa held on, with Headrick and McGregor outstanding in defence. As the Diamonds pushed up in numbers late on Cochrane burst away for a fine solo goal and Alloa had a priceless 2-0 victory won by "sheer grit". "Alloa at it again" reported the Evening News, reporting that the win had "staggered" Airdrie, who dropped to second with Alloa up to 12th. The aggrieved Broomfield faithful took

out their frustration on the match official, the Evening News reporting that "a mob awaited the referee, who had to be escorted to the car that carried him from a danger zone".

Alloa's attentions now moved to a quickfire double header against Hearts and Aberdeen with the fans hoping that Crilley's ankle injury wasn't too serious. 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	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0	201 (0)	6
CHURCH	DEF	4 (2)	0	4 (0)	0	8 (2)	0	24 (6)	0
HOWIE	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	17 (3)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	4 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	8 (0)	0	180 (1)	13
DURNAN	DEF	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	37 (0)	4
STANGER	DEF	7 (0)	2	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	2	7 (0)	2
MCLAREN	DEF	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
DEVINE	DEF	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	5 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	152 (29)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	4 (1)	1	2 (1)	0	6 (2)	1	38 (14)	6
KING	MID	3 (4)	0	3 (0)	0	6 (4)	0	29 (9)	4
O'DONNELL	MID	3 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	5 (3)	0	10 (22)	0
MILLER	MID	4 (1)	0	4 (0)	0	8 (1)	0	4 (1)	0
CAWLEY	MID	7 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	8 (1)	0	305 (43)	62
DONNELLY	FWD	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (8)	1
SAMMON	FWD	7 (0)	4	4 (0)	4	11 (0)	8	28 (13)	9
MACIVER	FWD	7 (0)	1	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	1	10 (5)	2
KHYAM	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (1)	0
RODDEN	FWD	2 (5)	5	3 (0)	1	5 (5)	6	2 (5)	5
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (3)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (5)	0	0 (3)	0
RANKIN	FWD	0 (2)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	1	0 (2)	1
OFFORD	FWD	1 (1)	2	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	2	1 (1)	2



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4 (0)	0	205 (0)	6
52 (1)	2	76 (7)	2
6 (0)	0	23 (3)	1
9 (2)	0	189 (3)	13
46 (1)	1	83 (1)	5
6 (0)	0	13 (0)	2
1 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	152 (29)	2
2 (1)	1	40 (15)	7
9 (4)	1	38 (13)	5
0 (0)	0	10 (22)	0
4 (0)	0	8 (1)	0
6 (3)	1	311 (46)	63
0 (3)	0	0 (11)	1
4 (0)	4	32 (13)	13
4 (0)	0	14 (5)	2
0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0
3 (0)	1	5 (5)	6
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**BRIAN ROACH**



## A FAN'S VIEW

A shorter column for the match programme this week, as only 6 days have passed and a solitary match to really look back on since the last edition of The Wasp. Alloa take a break from the league campaign with this SPFL Trust Trophy 3rd round match against fellow League One rivals Airdrie. Moving the fixture to the Friday night was a good decision by all concerned. It gives the game a different feel having game under the floodlights for the first time this season. And from a selfish point of view, it avoids a bit of a

logistical dilemma trying to take in both this and the evening kickoff international between Scotland and Ireland should both matches have taken place on the Saturday. Tonight's match is a hard one to predict- I assume both managers will utilise this game to provide some playing time for those who require it. Both clubs go into the fixture with confidence following results last week in the league. Airdrie recovered from their previous heavy defeat to FC Edinburgh by putting 5 goals past Clyde without reply. They are

now just a point behind leaders Dunfermline who drew with Falkirk. Meanwhile, Alloa moved up to 3rd position in the league table with a win over Montrose, just a couple of points behind tonight's opponents.

In terms of spectacle, last Saturday's match with Montrose didn't hit the heights of previous recent encounters between the clubs. But that mattered little to the Alloa support after picking up a vital 3 points. In their rather eye-catching pink and purple change kit, the visitors probably had the better of the first

half chances. It was only later in the half where Alloa began making any real inroads towards goal. It was a welcome return to the starting line-up for Stefan Scougall and he looked very industrious. But the Montrose defence was resolute and gobbled up most of Alloa's creativity. Alloa were better after the break of course and broke the deadlock through a George Stanger header bundled home in a similar vein to his goal here against Peterhead a few weeks back. Alloa's backline, which included debutant David Devine,



looked comfortable and for a while it looked like a single goal would be enough to win the game. But they were undone by a brilliant Montrose equaliser- Blair Lyons looping overhead kick with 13 minutes remaining. Alloa pushed on for the win though and edged back in front late on with 2 substitutes combining for the goal. Adam King's high ball forward found Bradley Rodden on the counter attack, and once again Rodden showed terrific composure to slot home with 3 minutes remaining. I was talking up Rodden in last week's match programme, and although I suspected Kieran Offord might start the game- I felt that Rodden

could feel aggrieved to lose his place in the first eleven. However, his attitude and effort in this 20-minute cameo was a real plus point and he was the decisive factor in this game. Rodden's goal wasn't the last piece of action though- he played Ross MacIver through in stop-page time but keeper Sinclair did well to block his effort which would have sealed the points. Montrose threw the ball into the Alloa penalty area once more and Michael Gardyne's neat lay-off gave Paul Watson a great sight of goal on 94 minutes which he thankfully blazed wide of the target. It was a cagey stuffy game for much of the afternoon against a good team who will undoubtedly be

challenging at the right end of the table again this season. But the 3 points were huge and keep Alloa's excellent run going with their 3rd successive victory.

Onto tonight's match- this tournament is one of which both clubs will have fond memories in the past. Alloa of course won the trophy back in 1999 at Airdrie's stadium, and defeated them in the second round that season en route to their final victory. The two clubs also contested the final in 2001. Airdrie picked up the trophy that day but it was a very even match which was only decided in the closing stages. This was the Diamonds second consecutive Challenge Cup win having

defeated Livingston in the final the previous season. Taking Airdrie's historical timeline as a continuation rather than a split, the two clubs have reached 8 Finals between them. Interest in this competition amongst supporters doesn't tend to gather real momentum until the quarter finals- and the stop start nature of the tournament in recent seasons due to covid may have damaged the overall appeal of the tournament somewhat. However, with the Welsh and Irish clubs once again involved- there could be some interesting trips on the horizon if either club progresses in the tournament. Enjoy tonight's match.





**ANDREW COCKBURN**



## LOOKING BACK 24TH SEPTEMBER 1988

Premier Division leaders Rangers maintained their unbeaten start thanks to a 2-1 home win v St. Mirren, second-placed Dundee United were also victorious by 2-1, at struggling Motherwell, while Aberdeen remained third after a narrow 1-0 victory v Hearts at Pittodrie. 1-0 was also the outcome at Easter Road in favour of Hibs v Hamilton, and this result moved The HiBees into fourth spot in place of St. Mirren, who dropped one place to fifth. Motherwell's defeat meant that they re-

mained winless and still rooted to the bottom of the table, but Dundee's 1-0 win v Celtic moved them up three places from second-bottom spot. This was now occupied by Hearts, while Celtic, who'd made a rather inauspicious start to the season, slipped to a rather uncharacteristic placing of third-bottom.

In the First Division, table-toppers Airdrie enjoyed an emphatic 5-1 home success v struggling Partick, while second-placed Dunfermline were also triumphant on home

soil, by 3-0 v another side who'd failed to find form so far, Kilmarnock. Morton retained third spot thanks to a narrow 1-0 success at Cappielow v another of the strugglers, Queen Of The South, while today's visitors Ayr moved up to fourth thanks to a 2-1 victory v St. Johnstone at Somerset Park, Henry Templeton & John Sludmen were The Honest Men's marksmen. At the bottom, Queen of The South, in spite of their defeat still moved up to second-bottom spot, as The Doonhamers

now had a superior goal difference to Partick, who thus slipped to last place, while Raith, beaten 0-1 at Forfar, remained third from bottom.

Down in the Second, Arbroath retained leadership despite having to settle for a point from a 0-0 draw at East Fife, while Queen's Park's 1-1 draw at Albion Rovers was enough to move The Spiders into second place, they displaced Stirling Albion, who dropped to third following a 2-3 home reverse v Cowdenbeath.



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Dumbarton and Alloa meantime had both made unconvincing starts to their League programmes, and both lay in the bottom half of the table prior to their meeting at Boghead. The Wasps line-up showing one or two changes to that held at home by East Stirling the previous week: Lowrie, Robertson, Haggart (R. Lee), Millen, McCulloch, McGurn, Smith (Lamont), Gibson, Rutherford, Bateman, Lytwyn. And the game was to end in stalemate at 1-1, Rooney netting for The Sons, while Paul Rutherford was on target for Alloa, who'd now gone five League games without success, and as such dropped one place to twelfth, while Dumbarton remained one place above rock-bottom Berwick, who suffered a seventh straight defeat, this time by 2-3 at Stenhousemuir. The Wasps fortune that season in the Scottish Cup was outstanding - defeating Berwick Rangers, Forres Mechanics, Albion Rovers, Queen of the South before being narrowly defeated 1-0 at Easter Road by Hibernian in the quarter-finals, in a game "The Wasps" and Ronnie Lowrie took all the plaudits and only if Billy Blackie had scored?

South of the border, Norwich remained as surprise early leaders of the First Division, despite being held 2-2 at home by third-placed Millwall, who were experiencing

their first-ever taste of life in the top flight. Liverpool's 3-1 win at Southampton saw them displace The Saints from second spot, while at the other end of the table, Newcastle's point from a 2-2 draw at Charlton was enough to lift them up off the bottom, The Magpies were replaced by Wimbledon, who also remained winless after a 0-1 home defeat v Coventry. In the Second Division, leaders Blackburn enjoyed a 3-0 home success v lowly Birmingham, second-placed Watford shared four goals with Leicester at Filbert Street, while Ipswich remained third despite held 1-1 at home by Bradford.

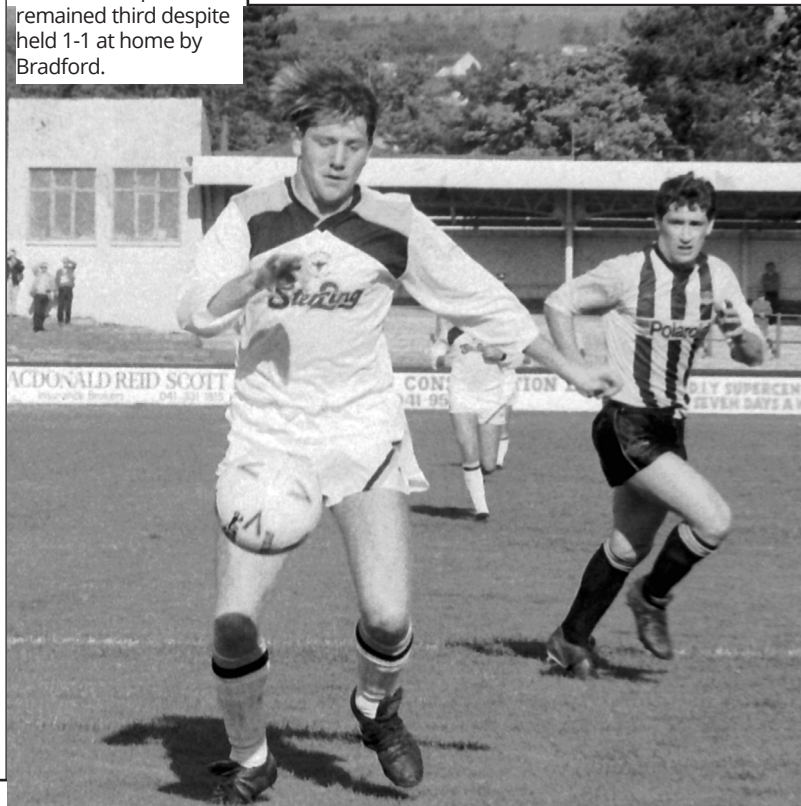
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This evening we take a break away from league action to play the SPFL Trust Challenge Cup, however, we come up against a familiar foe in fellow League 1 side, Airdrie. With both teams entering in at the 3rd round, both will embark on their journey with some Friday night action at the Indodrill. It is a battle of the heavyweights with both sides going strong in the league. Airdrie current sit in 2nd, just 2 points ahead of the Wasps who rose up to 3rd with their victory on Saturday against Montrose. The visitors got back on track at the weekend, recovering from their 6-0 defeat to

FC Edinburgh, by putting Clyde to the sword and winning 5-0. Similar to Alloa, after exiting the Premier Sports Cup at the group stage, they will be looking to kick start their first real cup run this evening.

## THE BOSS - RHYS MCCABE

Airdrie certainly raised eyebrows with their managerial appointment this summer. Following the departure of Ian Murray to Raith Rovers in the off-season, many wondered who would take the reins of a very talented squad. It would in fact be one of the playing members of that squad in Rhys

McCabe that would be appointed. Having played for the Diamonds since 2021, he has been an integral part of their success playing in his new found position at the centre of defence. Entrusted with his first player-manager role, the squad expressed their delight with the appointment of McCabe and that sense of continuity. He is assisted by fellow defensive partner, and cousin, Callum Fordyce. They have played with each other at both Airdrie and Dunfermline, and continue their relationship in this new, exciting management team.







## ONE TO WATCH - CALUM GALLAGHER

This evening's one to watch will need no introduction to the Alloa fans given his history both for Alloa and most prominently against Alloa. Callum Gallagher did spend a brief spell on loan at the Wasps from Rangers back in 2012, however, it is his form since his move to Airdrie that has caught the eye and been a thorn to many Alloa sides. The striker is already on 4 goals this season, including a strike in the sides last meeting in August where Airdrie won 2-0. This goal scoring form has just continued on from last season where he found the back of the net 16 times, a few again were against tonight's home side.

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## THE CAPTAIN - CALUM FORDYCE

As well as the assistant manager, Callum Fordyce still holds the armband and will lead the side out tonight. He began his senior career at Livingston following his departure from the Hibernian youth academy and was part of a very successful Livingston side. The centre back has actually won this cup tournament in his last season at Livingston where he captained the team to a Challenge Cup victory against Alloa in 2015. Spells at Dunfermline and Queen of the South would follow before moving to Airdrie in 2019. Another vital piece of the Airdrie team, Fordyce adds an element of composure and steel to the defence and is an ever-present in their team.

## NEW BOY - CHARLIE TELFER

McCabe finally announced the signing of former Falkirk midfielder Charlie Telfer this month. The dynamic winger left Falkirk after 3 years at the club and rumours had been circulating that he had been training with fellow league rivals since his departure. Telfer burst onto the scene in 2014 making his senior debut for Rangers and he immediately caught the eye with plenty suitors wanting to pay a lot of money for his services. After turning down the chance to stay at Rangers, he signed for Dundee United for a fee believed to be in the region of £200,000 and went on to spend a few years at the club before moving to Holland with Almere City. That stint was short and sweet as he returned a year later

to play for Greenock Morton, however, after a chaotic time for the club going through managerial changes, he departed and joined Falkirk. Since joining Airdrie recently, he made his debut in the 5-0 demolition of Clyde at the weekend.



**BY KIEREN MOONEY**

Assisted up top with the likes of Callum Smith and Gabby McGill, he is a prime area for concern in what is a very potent front line for the Diamonds.

### THE CONNECTION

Following on from the connection previously mentioned of Calum Gallagher, his strike partner, Callum Smith also spent time on loan at the club. He was on loan with the Wasps in 2018 and was part of the successful side that secured promotion under Jim Goodwin. Furthermore, last season's number

1 for Alloa made the switch over to Airdrie in David Hutton. 'Hutts' was released from the Indodrill in the summer and joined league rivals in a playing, but also coaching, role, helping out lead the team from the touchline, alongside another Ex-Wasp Bryan Prunty, when both McCabe and Fordyce are playing. The only player in the Alloa ranks who has played for Airdrie is goalkeeper Willie Muir. Expected to make his competitive debut for Alloa tonight in the absence of Hogarth, Muir had a brief spell with the Diamonds making 6 appearances for the club in

the 2017/18 season.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

As mentioned previously, the sides have already faced one another this season in the league. It was a convincing victory for the Diamonds at the end of August winning 2-0 thanks to goals from Gabby McGill and Calum Gallagher. Last season was a similar story with Airdrie winning 3 out of the 4 games. The most recent of those which was at the Indodrill stadium happened in March when a brace from Callum Smith repli-

cated that 2-0 scoreline for the visitors. You have to go back to the end of October last year to find Alloa's only win against the Diamonds last season. A double from Euan Henderson put Alloa in a commanding position before a late consolation from Callum Fordyce gave the Wasps a scare. The home side would hold on through to secure all the points with a 2-1 victory.







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**BRIAN ROACH**



## THREE OF THE BEST..... WHAT IF MOMENTS

### **1. BILLY BLACKIE/ JOHN GIBSON- HIBS VS ALLOA, SCOTTISH CUP QUARTER FINAL 18TH MARCH 1989**

Second Division Alloa made the trip to Easter Road for this last 8 Scottish Cup tie in good league form- and the Scottish Cup was providing a welcome distraction for the Wasps having despatched of Berwick Rangers, Forres Mechanics, Albion Rovers and First Division Queen of the South in previous rounds. They caused Hibs problems in the game embryonic

stages, passing up two glorious early chances. In the opening minutes Billy Blackie found himself clean through on goal for the Wasps but blazed his shot over the bar. Hibs keeper Andy Goram admittedly did well, acting quickly to narrow the angle- but it was a great opportunity to take the lead. And minutes later Mungo McCallums looping cross into the penalty area found John Gibson at the back post, but he completely missed his connection as he tried to head the ball home

from 6 yards. Hibs eventually took the lead just after the half hour mark, when a Joe Tortal-ono cross took a wicked deflection looping over the head of Alloa keeper Ronnie Lowrie. Paul Kane stabbed home at the back post and that proved to be the only goal of the game. Had Alloa converted one or even both of those early chances I think theres a good chance they could have faced Celtic in the semi finals at Hampden- which would have been arguably the biggest match in the clubs his-

tory at that point. Hibs struggled to break down the Wasps that day, and when they did- found Lowrie to be in inspired form between the sticks. Celtic effectively killed the semi final off after 30 minutes with Hibs conceding 3 early goals- and in all honesty its likely the Glasgow giants would have had too much and Alloa would have suffered a similar fate. A hiding there may have also derailed Alloas promotion bid somewhat- whereas they used the confidence gained in running

Hibs close as a platform for a brilliant end of season run. They clinched promotion in the final game of the season against Dumbarton at Boghead.

## **2. CRAIG GORDON/ GREIG SPENCE- CELTIC VS ALLOA, LEAGUE CUP QUARTER FINAL 21ST SEPTEMBER 2016**

Another quarter final appearance for Alloa- this time in the League Cup under Jack Ross in 2016. Alloa qualified for the knockout stages of the tournament with a perfect record of 4 wins over Cove Rangers, Montrose, Raith Rovers and holders Ross County. They then caused an upset in the last 16- eliminating another Premiership team Inverness Caledonian Thistle through a Jason Marr goal. They were handed the toughest possible draw for their last eight tie- facing Brendan Rodgers Celtic team containing the likes of Kieran Tierney, Patrick Roberts, Moussa Dembele and Tom Rogic. Alloa spent much of the first half on the back foot, but the tie remained goal less as half time approached. The games controversial moment occurred right before the break. A looping pass from Jim Goodwin created a huge opening for striker Greig Spence who had managed to outrun experienced Celtic defender Kolo Toure. Celtic goalkeeper Craig Gordon came

flying out of his penalty area, pole-axing Spence with what could only be described as a kick of the kung fu variety. Gordon received only a booking for the offence, which looked a clear red card- more resembling an assault than a tackle. Celtic finally broke Alloas resolve with two goals in the final ten minutes through James Forrest and Moussa Dembele. Of course, we never know what may have happened if Celtic were to play out the rest of the game a man down. Whilst it would have made proceedings a lot more interesting, I'm doubtful Alloa would have left Parkhead with a win regardless. Celtic had an invincible campaign that season, winning all three domestic trophies without losing a single game. With that in mind, I suspect they would have found a way to win regardless.

## **3. DARIO ZANATTA- ST MIRREN VS ALLOA, SCOTTISH CUP 4TH ROUND, 19TH JANU- ARY 2019**

Alloa again approached this cup tie in good league form and relishing the prospect of testing themselves against manager Jim Goodwin's former club. Alloa were in the Scottish Championship and unbeaten in their previous 4 games, winning 3 of them- against Morton, Queen of the South and Dundee United. They carried this confidence into the tie, putting the hosts to the sword with some scintillating football in the opening half. They led 2-0 at the break, first through Alan Trouten, followed by a sublime Kevin Cawley goal. St Mirren were also reduced to ten men, with Brad Lyons receiving two yellow cards. A lifeline arrived for the Buddies after 68 minutes when goalkeeper Neil Parry

spilled a shot at the feet of substitute Cody Cooke who reduced the deficit. But 5 minutes later, Alloa forward Dario Zanatta embarked on a mazy run, cutting inside and clipping the post with his shot. Had Zanatta scored it would have surely killed the tie and sent the Wasps into the next round following a brilliant upset win. As it transpired, Alloa energy levels depleted in the closing stages and St Mirren scored 2 goals in the last 5 minutes to progress. It was an agonising way to exit the cup, on a day where Alloa had played some terrific stuff for much of the game. The nature of the defeat affected Alloa's domestic form- losing the next 4 games. But they regrouped and following another great end of season run managed to consolidate their place in the Championship for another campaign.

# **HT QUIZ**



















**1. WHICH CLUB HAS WON THE MOST SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUPS, WINNING THE TROPHY 4 TIMES WITH THEIR LAST WIN IN 2012?**

**2. THE CHALLENGE CUP FINAL HAS BEEN HOSTED IN TEN SCOTTISH STADIUMS SINCE ITS 1991 INCEPTION- HOW MANY CAN YOU NAME?**

**3. WHO IS THE ONLY MANAGER TO HAVE WON THE CHALLENGE CUP WITH TWO DIFFERENT CLUBS?**

**4. PORTUGAL AND FRANCE ARE THE 2 PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE UEFA NATIONS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT- BUT WHO WERE THE 2 BEATEN FINALISTS?**

**5. WHO WERE THE FINALISTS IN LAST SEASON'S SPFL TRUST TROPHY AND WHAT WAS THE SCORE? ANSWERS PAGE 37**

KEY:						
	CAPTAIN			YELLOW CARD		
	GOAL			SECOND YELLOW		
	OWN GOAL			RED CARD		
				INELIGIBLE		
	DATE	OPPOSITION			SCORE	REFEREE
LC	12.07.22	EAST FIFE	H		1-1P	COOK
LC	16.07.22	BUCKIE THISTLE	A		1-4	WILLIAMS
LC	19.07.22	ROSS COUNTY	H		0-2	GRAHAM
LC	23.07.22	DUNFERMLINE	A		1-1P	LAMBIE
L1	30.07.22	DUNFERMLINE	A		1-0	AITKEN
L1	06.08.22	KELTY HEARTS	H		3-1	SNEDDEN
L1	13.08.22	EDINBURGH	H		2-4	MACFARLANE
L1	20.08.22	AIRDRIEONIANS	A		2-0	MUIR
L1	27.08.22	PETERHEAD	H		5-0	RONCONE
L1	03.09.22	CLYDE	A		2-4	COOK
L1	TBA	FALKIRK	A			
L1	17.09.22	MONTROSE	H		2-1	MUIR
CC	24.09.22	AIRDRIEONIANS	H			
L1	01.10.22	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A			
L1	08.10.22	DUNFERMLINE	H			
L1	15.10.22	AIRDRIEONIANS	H			
L1	22.10.22	PETERHEAD	A			
L1	29.10.22	CLYDE	H			
L1	05.11.22	KELTY HEARTS	A			
L1	12.11.22	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H			
L1	19.11.22	FC EDINBURGH	A			
L1	03.12.22	MONTROSE	A			
L1	17.12.22	FALKIRK	H			
L1	24.12.22	CLYDE	A			
L1	02.01.22	KELTY HEARTS	H			
L1	07.01.23	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A			
L1	14.01.23	FC EDINBURGH	H			
L1	28.01.23	AIRDRIEONIANS	A			
L1	04.02.23	PETERHEAD	H			
L1	18.02.23	FALKIRK	A			
L1	25.02.23	MONTROSE	H			
L1	04.03.23	DUNFERMLINE	A			
L1	11.03.23	FC EDINBURGH	A			
L1	18.03.23	CLYDE	H			
L1	25.03.23	PETERHEAD	A			
L1	01.04.23	AIRDRIEONIANS	H			
L1	08.04.23	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H			
L1	15.04.23	KELTY HEARTS	A			
L1	22.04.23	FALKIRK	H			
L1	29.04.23	MONTROSE	A			
L1	06.05.23	DUNFERMLINE	H			

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# ALLOA ATHLETIC



# AIRDRIEONIANS

# 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		
	9	LUKE DONNELLY		
	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	DAVID DEVINE		
	24	LUKE RANKIN		
	25	KIERAN OFFORD		

**MANAGER** BRIAN RICE

# POS



	1	JOSH RAE		
	2	CAMMY BALLANTYNE		
	3	AARON TAYLOR-SINCLAIR		
	4	RHYS MCCABE		
	6	CALLUM FORDYCE		
	7	SALIM KOUIDER-AISSA		
	8	BEN WYLIE		
	9	CALUM GALLAGHER		
	10	ADAM FRIZZELL		
	11	CALLUM SMITH		
	14	DEAN MCMASTER		
	15	LEWIS JAMIESON		
	16	CRAIG WATSON		
	17	JUSTIN DEVENNEY		
	18	ALEX HENDERSON		
	19	EUAN DEVENNEY		
	20	COLE GIBSON		
	21	CHARLIE TELFER		
	23	GABBY MCGILL		
	43	DAVID HUTTON		

**MANAGER** RHYS MCCABE

**REFEREE:** Greg Aitken

**ASST:** Stuart Stevenson & Elliot Husband Powton

## ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

01.10.22, AWAY, 15:00



QUEEN OF THE SOUTH



ALLOA ATHLETIC

08.10.22, HOME, 15:00



ALLOA ATHLETIC



DUNFERMLINE

15.10.22, HOME, 15:00



ALLOA ATHLETIC



AIRDRIEONIANS

22.10.22, AWAY, 15:00



PETERHEAD



ALLOA ATHLETIC

29.10.22, HOME, 15:00



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