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RUNNERS UP

1938/39

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

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Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap
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| | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | PTS |
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|  DUNFERMLINE | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 7 | 14 |
|  FC EDINBURGH | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 6 | 12 |
|  MONTROSE | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 11 |
|  AIRDRIEONIANS | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 11 |
|  FALKIRK | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 10 |
|  ALLOA ATHLETIC | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 10 | 4 | 9 |
|  CLYDE | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 1 | 7 |
|  QUEEN OF THE SOUTH | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 11 | -4 | 5 |
|  KELTY HEARTS | 6 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 11 | -8 | 4 |
|  PETERHEAD | 6 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 18 | -14 | 1 |

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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










PREMIER LEAGUE

| | |
|--|--|
|  HIBERNIAN |  ABERDEEN |
|  LIVINGSTON |  KILMARNOCK |
|  RANGERS |  DUNDEE UNITED |
|  ST JOHNSTONE |  ROSS COUNTY |
|  ST MIRREN |  CELTIC |
|  MOTHERWELL |  HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN |

CHAMPIONSHIP

| | |
|--|---|
|  DUNDEE |  INVERNESS CT |
|  HAMILTON ACCIES |  QUEEN'S PARK |
|  GREENOCK MORTON |  ARBROATH |
|  PARTICK THISTLE |  COVE RANGERS |
|  RAITH ROVERS |  AYR UNITED |

LEAGUE 2

| | |
|--|--|
|  ALBION ROVERS |  FORFAR ATHLETIC |
|  ANNAN ATHLETIC |  EAST FIFE |
|  DUMBARTON |  BONNYRIGG ROSE |
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16/03/1993

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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

190 CM 88 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

Kevin CAWLEY

17/03/1989



Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989



Murray MILLER

29/01/2001



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992



Adam KING

11/10/1995



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001



FORWARDS

Luke DONNELLY

20/01/1996



Bradley RODDEN

21/08/1996



Ross MACIVER

28/02/1999



Seff KHYAM

06/07/2002



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003



Luke RANKIN

27/11/2004



Kieran OFFORD

28/03/2004





BRIAN RICE



AFTER SCORING FOUR IN HAMILTON

We started the game brilliantly again got in front and after that I felt we came off it a bit. I thought Clyde were the better team first half and deservedly got their goal so had a few words at half time and changed a few things and freshened it up early on and in the end we've scored another 4 goals - that's nine now

in two games so we're doing something right but it's a brilliant three points for us.

Kieran Offord, I couldn't ask for more from someone coming in - just signed late on Thursday and not met the boys before today. Seen a bit of him in the last few seasons - he's young, he's eager, he's

keen to learn and he's got a talent so it's great start for him.

We're always looking to strengthen and we've done that - Devine will be available from Monday onwards and Craig Howie who people seem to have forgotten about, has had an operation and is back training. We had to look

out for the bookings - Big Andy picked up one in the first half, Rodden got booked early second half - I didn't want to go down to ten men but I've got players like Taggs who can fit in there and George Stanger so I think we've got good cover.

It's a squad we've got now, looking round that

bench in the first half I could see myself - 'that's stronger now' so gives us a wee chance.

I want everyone to train properly show they want to be in the team with how they perform in training and that's how the only way they can catch my eye.

We've got the nucleus of a decent squad but it's about performing Saturday 3 o'clock that matters nothing else.



JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our seventh league fixture in this season's Cinch League One and our fourth home match, today against Montrose FC, we welcome Stewart Petrie his assistant Ross Campbell, the directors, players and fans of Montrose FC. Montrose had a fantastic season last term losing my the narrowest of margins in the Play- Off semi-final 6-5 to Airdrieonians and this season rightly they are one of the favourites again to do well

and have just won their last three Cinch League One fixtures prior to last week's fixture cancellations due to respect after the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. All at Alloa Athletic FC were saddened to learn of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Her Majesty was the longest serving monarch in British history, with an immense contribution not just to our own country but to many around the world. Our condolences go to the Royal Family at this

time.

Manager Brian Rice rewarded Cameron O'Donnell after his 'DIAGEO Man of the Match' performance in our last home match v. Peterhead, by extending his stay at the Indodrill after signing a new contract up until 2024. The 20 year old has appeared seven times this term with his set pieces and trickery being particular highlights. He made his Alloa debut back in 2019-20 against Inverness and

will continue to develop with the Wasps having now made 45 first team appearances for the club.

Congratulations to goalkeeper Jay Hogarth, who is currently on loan to the club from Rangers, he was named in Scott Gemmill's Scotland U21 squad for the double header with Northern Ireland, firstly on Thursday 22nd September at Danny Blanchflower Stadium, Belfast, Kick-Off 2.30pm and then on Sunday

25th September when the return to the Simple Digital Arena, Paisley, 2pm Kick-Off.

The Alloa Athletic U20's are due to face Spartans FC at the Ainslie Park in Edinburgh on Friday 23rd September in the Conference League , Kick-Off 8pm. Keep up to date by visiting www.sldfl.co.uk or @alloaath-academy 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.

Wasps 2000 Draw -
Week 36 10th September, 2022

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£ 50 0954 J.Polley

£ 25 1368 J.Vekic

£ 25 1031 A.Low

£ 25 0735 D.McPherson

Manager Brian Rice strengthened the squad at the end of the recent transfer window, Luke Rankin was rewarded with his first professional contract, after outstanding displays and goalscoring in recent U20 matches scoring 4 goals in first half v. Bonnyrigg Rose on 25th August and then scoring 5 goals in first half v. Edinburgh United on 2nd September and inbetween making his first team debut as substitute after 80m v. Peterhead on 27th August and scoring first senior goal in final minute in 5-0 victory.

David Devine, aged 21, has joined on a season loan from Motherwell, the 6'3" defender made his debut for the Fir Park club at the end of 2018-19 season and soon after agreed a loan to then Championship side Queen of the South which was disrupted by initial Covid lockdown. David then joined East Fife but had to return to Fir Park due to injury. Young commanding centre back who is back to full fitness and looking to impress at the Indodrill Stadium.

Young 18 year old striker Kieran Offord has also joined on loan from St. Mirren, a fantastic prospect who was named in the recent Scotland U19 squad for the European

U19 Championship games against Iceland, Kazakhstan and France which will take place in Scotland in November. Last season netted 11 goals in 16 games for East Stirlingshire and was on target for "The Wasps" at New Douglas Park, Hamilton in 4-2 victory v. Clyde on 3rd September, indeed he was unfortunate that he was not awarded a second goal when his net bound shot was turned past Neil Parry by Brian McLean which was given as an own goal.

The other signing, Luke Donnelly needs little introduction to the Alloa Athletic fans having already had a short spell on loan in Season 2016-17 from Celtic signed by Jack Ross. However after only nine first team substitute appearances

and scoring on his debut at Cliftonhill v. Albion Rovers. Luke has since shown his quality with Greenock Morton, Queen's Park, Stranraer and most recently in Championship with Arbroath. Welcome back LD who has been signed on a one year contract.

Congratulations to our own Kieran Mooney who takes up a new position on the top floor at Hampden Park, Glasgow working with young people as a Participation and Engagement Officer working with young people of Scottish football. Leading the Youth Ambassadors as well as the link with the JD performance schools, plus other projects with clubs, coaches and players, good luck in your new role which sounds perfect for him.





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3rd September 2022
 New Douglas Park, Hamilton
 3:00pm KO

CLYDE

2:4

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(1:1)

SCORERS

0:1 6' Rodden

Allan **39'** **1:1**

1:2 52' Sammon

1:3 64' Offord

Thicot **80'** **2:3**

2:4 92' Offord



STARTING XI

- 1** PARRY
- 2** LYON
- 25** SULA
- 4** MCLEAN
- 5** THICOT
- 12** RODDEN
- 8** GOMIS
- 6** GRANT
- 11** ROBERTS
- 10** CUNNINGHAM
- 9** ALLAN

SUBS

- 21** TRIALIST
- 3** GRANT
- 15** SCULLION
- 16** MCDONALD
- 17** CAMERON
- 19** CUDDIHY
- 23** HENJI

SUBS

- 1** MUIR
- 9** DONNELLY
- 22** MCLAREN
- 19** BUCHANAN
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 11** MILLER
- 16** KING
- 24** RANKIN
- 23** OFFORD

STARTING XI

- 31** HOGARTH
- 2** TAGGART
- 7** CAWLEY
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 3** CHURCH
- 15** MACIVER
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 5** GRAHAM
- 18** SAMMON
- 10** RODDEN
- 14** STANGER

REFEREE: Barry Cook

3rd September 2022
 Balmoor Stadium, Peterhead
 3:00pm KO

PETERHEAD

0:2

MONTROSE



(0:1)

SCORERS

0:1 38' Wright

0:2 74' Milne



STARTING XI

- 1** RITCHIE
- 22** WILKIE
- 6** STRACHAN
- 5** BROWN
- 2** GILLIES
- 7** ASARE
- 12** BROWN
- 3** DIXON
- 10** DOW
- 9** KISUKA
- 19** O'KEEFE

SUBS

- 14** SCULLION
- 15** STRACHAN
- 16** WILSON
- 17** MCGALE
- 18** BROWN
- 20** MCLEOD
- 23** HEFZALLA
- 27** WOOD

SUBS

- 1** LENNOX
- 11** LYONS
- 16** JOHNSTONE
- 19** CALLAGHAN
- 20** MACKINNON
- 23** RENNIE

STARTING XI

- 21** SINCLAIR
- 3** STEEVES
- 5** WADDELL
- 14** DILLON
- 4** ALLAN
- 12** GARDYNE
- 15** WHATLEY
- 10** MILNE
- 22** BROWN
- 9** MCALLISTER
- 18** WRIGHT

REFEREE: Chris Fordyce

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We recognise -

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

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FREE SCORING WASPS

A pleasing aspect of Alloa's past two victories has been the number of goals scored along the way. The 5-0 demolition of Peterhead could arguably have been many more, while a fortnight ago the Wasps were clinical in defeating Clyde 4-2. Nine goals in two games is an impressive goals return for any side. To put it into perspective it is one more goal than Alloa managed in the final eleven games of Barry Ferguson's ill-fated tenure as Alloa manager

last season. To provide some further context, it is the first time in almost five years that the Wasps have scored more than four goals in successive matches.

It is no surprise to me that Alloa are now far more free-scoring than they had been in recent seasons. Brian Rice's forward thinking tactics have been obvious as soon as he joined the club in February. Rice immediately changed the Wasps formation, deploying a second striker and it paid

immediate dividends as the Wasps raced into a 2-0 half-time lead against Cove Rangers during Rice's first game in charge. An emphasis on positively trying to win matches, rather than being set up negatively to nullify the opposition and rely on counter-attacks (almost being too afraid to lose in my opinion), meant that Rice immediately got the Alloa support on his side. From that first match onwards Rice has kept his nerve and has always played with

two strikers and often another in the 'number 10' role behind the strikers too.

I'm sure the strikers at the club far prefer playing as part of a pair or trio, being able to play off one another and share the load, rather than being an isolated and over-worked presence up-front feeding off scraps as a lone frontman. It's really not rocket science that the more players you deploy in attacking positions the more likely you are to score goals.



do. That's what my philosophy is: score more than the opposition."

In a game which seems to be becoming ever more complex with analytics, metrics and marginal gains galore, Rice's approach is refreshingly straightforward and is hopefully one the players can benefit from as the season progresses. It is almost a cliché now in the lower league part-time game that you have to make the environment enjoyable for players, both in training and on match-days, to get the best out of your players. These comments certainly suggest that Rice is fully embracing this mantra. Without trying to sound like a footballing neanderthal, perhaps football is after-all a simple game and not the compound of elements it has increasingly become?

Rice is correct to acknowledge that the Wasps won't score 4/5 goals every week, with

it actually being just the second time in the past fifteen years that the Wasps have scored at least four goals in successive matches. The last time was five years ago as resounding victories over East Fife (4-1) and Queen's Park (4-0) proved the turning point for Jim Goodwin's Alloa. Goodwin was actually under mounting pressure at the time, after a lacklustre defeat at Stranraer saw the Wasps 8th in League One with just nine points at the end of the first quarter of the season. However, Goodwin's eureka moment came in redeploying Garry Fleming as a defensive midfielder, moving Jon Robertson to right-back and Scott Taggart to centre-back against East Fife. Despite going a goal behind, Alloa roared back with four goals without reply (the highlight being a textbook Iain Flannigan free-kick) and the Wasps were up and running again. The Wasps swat-

After three seasons in the Championship of mainly playing with a single striker and a 'number 10' expected to play a dual role in both midfield and attack, it has been a refreshing change of approach by the Wasps and one I fully endorse.

The manager's comments to the Alloa Advertiser's Ciaran Vance after the last game clearly outlined and reinforced his approach to play on the front foot and seek to please the supporters:

"It's good to score four goals, I'm delighted. I think that's us joint top scorers in the division now. Everyone kept saying, 'You need strikers and you need this' but we've got a clutch of strikers now, they're all different types...

We'll not score four or five goals every week, we know that but it gives the team confidence when your

goal scorers are scoring goals so like I say it's good. I like the games to be entertaining, I like games with goals. As a spectator I loved seeing goals in games and we've had that nearly all season except the Dunfermline game. It's entertaining, it's good value for money and there's goals going in at both ends.

Football's all about teams winning games. We all like to win and I like to win by scoring a few goals. I'm just delighted for the boys because they work really hard in training and they're putting into practice a lot of the things that they work on.

The main thing is we score more than the opposition. If they score two we need to score three and that's just the way I look at football. Sometimes you can't help what the opposition do, they might score a wonder goal. You've just got to try and score more than they



ted aside the Spiders 4-0 the following week at happy-hunting ground Hampden (Alloa's sixth successive win at the National Stadium) and the rest is history, culminating in promotion via the play-offs at the end of the season. As Goodwin was hoisted high into the air on that glorious promotion afternoon at the Rock, I wonder if he thought back to those two turning point victories? It is easily possible that had those results gone the other way he wouldn't now be a top-flight manager five years on; a real sliding doors moment.

The October 2017 goal frenzy was the first time the Wasps achieved that since Tom Hendrie's gung-ho but

inconsistent side did so early in 2004. Ross Hamilton stole the headlines in the 4-0 crushing of Forfar with a hat-trick, with Richard Walker putting a gloss on the scoreline with a late fourth, as Alloa recorded a fourth successive win to firmly put-to-bed the preceding embarrassment of a shambolic Scottish Cup replay exit to Spartans (5-3 after extra-time with 9 men – in case you'd forgotten!). With the Wasps buzzing, Arbroath left the Recs with the same scoreline the following week, with goals from Ian Little, Jamie McGowan, Hamilton and the returning (after his spell with Real Mallorca) Jamie Stevenson. The Wasps had another four goal salvo two years earlier, with Gareth Hutchison scor-

ing two in a midweek thrashing of Stenhousemuir, quickly followed by a 4-1 thrashing of champions elect Queen of the South. That win included a real collector's item, a goal from Max Christie, on a day when Richard Walker was unplayable on the right wing. Prior to those occurrences Alloa only scored four in successive games once during the 1990s, three times in the 1980s and twice during the 1970s, making it in overall terms a once every 4.5 year occurrence based on the past half century.

Whisper it quietly though, should the Wasps continue their goalscoring form this afternoon by scoring another four goals, it would be the first time Alloa will have scored at

least four goals in three consecutive matches since March 1962. Over 60 years ago the Wasps had a madcap few weeks beating Brechin 4-1 at the Recs, losing 6-5 away at Cappielow to Morton and following up that 11-goal thriller with a 5-4 win over Berwick back on home soil. I'm personally not expecting the floodgates to open again this afternoon considering Montrose have only conceded two goals in six league games so far and have just achieved back-to-back clean sheets. If the goals do continue to flow for Alloa though, hopefully the Wasps fans will be going home happy for a third consecutive game.





**ALLOA SCORING AT LEAST 4 GOALS
IN SUCCESSIVE GAMES IN THE LAST 50 YEARS**

| DATE | DETAILS |
|----------------|--|
| September 1974 | Meadowbank (H) 8-1 & Stranraer (A) 4-0 |
| September 1976 | Forfar (H) 5-0 & Berwick (H) 5-1 |
| August 1987 | Cowdenbeath (H) 5-2 & Stirling (H) 4-0 |
| April 1989 | Stranraer (A) 4-1 & Stirling (H) 4-0 |
| September 1989 | Albion (H) 4-1 & Clyde (A) 4-2 |
| September 1990 | QoS (H) 4-1 & Montrose (A) 4-2 |
| April 2002 | Stenhousemuir (H) 4-0 & QoS (H) 4-1 |
| Jan/Feb 2004 | Forfar (H) 4-0 & Arbroath (H) 4-0 |
| January 2005 | Ayr (H) 5-1 & Dumbarton (H) 4-2 |
| October 2017 | East Fife (H) 4-1 & Queen's Park (A) 4-0 |
| Aug/Sept 2022 | Peterhead (H) 5-0 & Clyde (A) 4-2 |



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| Airdrieonians, | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 9 |
| Falkirk, | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 8 |
| Kilmarnock, | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 8 |
| Hibernian, | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| Aberdeen, | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 7 |
| Dundee, | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 10 | 7 |
| Celtic, | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 6 |
| Rangers, | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 6 |
| St Mirren, | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Morton, | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Hearts, | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| Third Lanark, | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 4 |
| Clyde, | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Alloa, | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Ayr United, | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| Raith Rovers, | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| Albion Rovers, | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Partick Thistle, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Hamilton Acad., .. | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 3 |
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HATS OFF TO THE WEE COUNTY'S PLUCKY MEN

The Wasps had made a steady start to life in the top flight. August 1922 had been a baptism for fire for the newly promoted Wee County men with games against Rangers and Celtic in the opening week of the season. While they might not have collected any points, Alloa had certainly not been disgraced in their 2-0 defeat at Ibrox and subsequent 3-2 reverse at the Recs against champions Celtic. This had been followed

up by a fighting 0-0 draw against Falkirk at Brockville, providing the Wasps with their first point and first clean sheet. The attack hadn't quite clicked into gear with new men Tully Craig and Thomas Burns still finding their feet. Alloa knew they had a task on their hands to replace 48 goal promotion hero Willie Crilley after his departure to Celtic, but Craig and Burns had already shown some promise, albeit the Alloa directors were said to be "still

dissatisfied with the front rank and anxious to secure a centre".

Craig had grabbed his first goal for Alloa in the defeat against Celtic and he was on target again in a hard fought 1-0 midweek derby win over King's Park in the Stirlingshire Cup in front of 6,000 fans.

Next up was a trip to Love Street for a league match against St Mirren, a club long established in the First Division and who had finished 8th the season before. In

short it was another test for the Wasps but like the Falkirk game, the kind of match that they would need to take something from if they were to compete in the top league. The Alloa faithful would be there in numbers too with a special train set to transport 1000 supporters to St Mirren Park.

Craig stayed at centre-forward with Cochrane on the wing and Burns dropping out from the side that had played Falkirk. That change would pay div-

idents with Cochrane and Quinn a constant thorn in the side of the Paisley Buddies. They were given a platform through the efforts of Ford, McInally and Wood in the Alloa midfield. "Never was the value of a good half-back line more exemplified", enthused the Sunday Post. The Alloa men "were miles ahead of the Saints trio", with McInally, Alloa's new signing from Armadale, particularly impressive. There was praise for the defence too: "Try as they liked, St Mirren could not get the better of Orrock and McGregor". The Wasps had to wait until well into the second-half to make the breakthrough though, Cochrane grabbing the winner after good play by Craig. That was the only goal and it was well deserved: "Saints were outplayed in every position by an enterprising eleven, who, on the run of the game, should have won by more than a solitary goal. Hats off to the plucky men from the Wee County".

The Wasps were off the mark with their first top flight victory, lifting them to 17th from 20 after four fixtures. No rest for Alloa though with Tuesday night seeing them back at Brockville in the Stirlingshire Cup semi-final. This was a night to forget, the Bairns making up for the goalless

league draw two weeks earlier by handing out a 4-0 hiding.

There would no Shire Cup glory then, but Alloa had a good opportunity to bounce back as Motherwell arrived at the Recs, the only side in the league yet to collect a point. On a wet day the crowd of 5000 was said to be "very disappointing" and there was a change in the home defence with the injured McGregor unable to face his former side. In came summer signing James Headrick, the former Dundee Hibs man who had started his career with Alva Albion Rangers. With the new man still finding his feet

Motherwell grabbed an early lead, Ferguson converting after Thomson couldn't hold onto the greasy ball. Back came the Wasps and shortly before the interval Cochrane was on target again to level the match. The second half saw the home team on top: "The Alloa forwards and halves continued to dominate, but their work all went to nought through weak finishing". It finished 1-1 with Alloa left to rue missed opportunities and a dropped point. There was praise though for Headrick who had "played a sound game" and done enough to suggest he could be effective back up at least

in defence.

Alloa's next league test would be an away match at Airdrie, but first there would be a Tuesday night encounter at the Recs against Hearts in a testimonial match for stalwart defender Bobby Orrock. The Wasps would draft in a few ringers for the special occasion, among them former Blackburn and Scotland player Jocky Simpson, as well as McNair of Celtic and his Parkhead teammate.....a certain William Crilley. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



PICTURED TULLY CRAIG & TOM MCGREGOR

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A FAN'S VIEW

Was anyone else bored last weekend? We were unfortunately robbed of our Forth Valley derby against Falkirk last Saturday with matches at all levels postponed. I know here in Scotland there are somewhat mixed views on the monarchy, but in the modern world taking the path of least resistance in such events is probably the correct outcome. With a run of international fixtures and a trip to Poland on the horizon later in the month, I used the opportunity for some family time. But from an entirely selfish perspective, the absence of football on a Saturday following a long hard working week was a bit of a blow- particularly with virtually no alternative football coverage to watch on

TV to compensate. Furthermore, I thought the Falkirk match would have been an interesting one given the occurrences of Alloa's previous two games.

Alloa come into today's game in great spirits after a couple of excellent wins- which were both great to watch as a supporter but for slightly different reasons. Our last outing here against Peterhead was a day where everything went right. It feels like a while since that was the case, certainly as comprehensively as it was achieved. The stage was set when Bradley Rodden picked up a stray Peterhead pass almost directly from kick-off and slotted the ball through for Conor Sammon to sweep home the

opener. George Stanger added a quick second before Rodden himself managed to correct his feet in the area to score Alloa's third goal before half time. It could have been more than 3 at the break, but Alloa had really turned on the style for the supporters. With the Black and Gold Lounge re-opened, it means a return to watching the first half of games right next to the portacabin for a better view of Alloa's attacking play- then of course swapping ends. As we walked behind the main stand Peterhead manager Jim McNally was very audible- roaring at his players as they returned to the away dressing room. As a result, I expected a bit of a reaction. But nothing changed at all as Sammon completely

sealed the game with a fourth just six minutes in. Alloa created more chances, with the woodwork denying Sammon a hat trick- but moved down a gear for much of the games remaining duration. The feel good moment of the day was yet to come through. Alloa introduced teenage substitute Luke Rankin in the closing stages- having scored a hat trick for the under 20s the previous night. And he scored almost instantly- showing great sharpness to pounce onto the loose rebound after Ross MacIver's initial shot was saved. It put the seal on a terrific day for Alloa- as comfortable an afternoon as we all could have hoped for with some excellent football. It was the perfect tonic after a couple of league defeats.

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| <p>The Peterhead win was a great boost heading into the match against Clyde- a team who had Alloa's number for much of last season. In addition, Alloa had boosted their numbers with some late activity in the transfer window. Luke Donnelly joined the club from Arbroath, having had a previous loan spell at Alloa in the 2016/17 season. With the form of the team that season, Luke found it hard to break into the starting 11. He's clearly pushed on since, and impressed in games against Alloa for both Arbroath and Queens Park- with performances as well as a goal or two. He looks more of a foil up top than an out and out goalscorer and it will be interesting to see how the manager integrates him into the team. A couple of youngsters were also picked up on loan - David Devine from Motherwell and St Mirren striker Kieran Offord. When the teams were announced pre match at Clyde, there was a newfound strength in depth on the bench. Scougall, Donnelly, King, Offord and Miller offer far more options for the manager to utilise and he certainly did that.</p> <p>Alloa picked up an early goal when Rodden poked home from a few yards out following a goalmouth scramble. It appears a selection of supporters are still to be convinced by</p> | <p>Rodden- possibly due to where he came from at a lower level. But there is little doubt he has done the business on the park for Alloa so far. None of his goals are of the spectacular variety, but he's frequently in the right place at the right time- that's no accident and this goal was no different. Alloa were under pressure for a sizeable spell in the first half, mainly struggling with the pace and direct manner of Clyde striker Jordan Allan. Andy Graham was probably quite grateful to Allan for not going down after robbing the captain of possession in a dangerous area. Andy tried to recover and get close to him- if Allan goes down the referee probably gives a red card. But he remained on his feet and thankfully for Alloa his shot was dragged wide of the target. Rodden also received a yellow card for a relatively high studs up challenge in the first half. Clyde supporters and players were looking for the referee to send him off- but from the highlights a yellow looked correct. Rodden did pull out of the challenge a bit, and there was not enough force to be deemed excessive. Clyde did get the equaliser they merited though and it was no surprise it came from Jordan Allan after an explosive run into the area. The game really picked up as a spectacle in the 2nd</p> | <p>half. Watching a football match part and parcel of the spectator experience is putting yourself in the mind of the manager and trying to predict his thoughts in terms of setup and gameplan. Admittedly logic appeared to fly out of the window as the manager introduced all of his attack minded players in the second half. After the game I heard the terms "Rice-ball" and "chaos-ball" used to describe this cavalier approach- and at times the second half certainly resembled basketball. Outrageously open, with the tactic seemingly to simply outscore the opposition. I like a cagey tactical battle- or an effective pragmatic crafty gameplan- but give me this approach any day of the week! The door was always slightly ajar- but going forward Alloa played some great two touch football, with Maclver, O'Donnell and Scougall all excellent. Sammon added to his rich scoring form to put Alloa back in front. He took an age to finally put the ball into the net, but that's probably a testament to the confidence of the player. Credit to the player and manager in this instance- Alloa are seeing the best of the big striker to date and Kieran Offord impressed in his cameo from the bench- composed to net the 3rd. And whilst the record books show an own goal for Alloa's 4th- it was essentially</p> | <p>Offord's goal to seal the points. Two wins achieved in the best possible fashion - some great football on a relatively easy afternoon followed by a roller-coaster ride you couldn't take your eyes off. Nine goals scored and an abundance of attacking options. Exciting times.</p> <p>The postponement of last week's fixtures perhaps handed Alloa a bit of an opportunistic benefit this afternoon- as Montrose striker Rory McAllister will be missing through suspension following his red card a fortnight ago. McAllister may be getting on in years but remains a class act at this level who always, always scores against Alloa. I predicted Montrose to finish second. I felt they had an excellent team last season and that continuity would ensure their success would carry forward. They struggled to bring in in any significant summer signings but finally recruited some good players later in the window, with McAllister obviously the marquee inbound. After a bit of a sticky start, they come to Alloa on the back of three straight wins and will be full of confidence. It should make for a really entertaining game this afternoon, with the opportunity to move above Montrose in the league table should Alloa pick up the 3 points. Enjoy today's match.</p> |
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ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 20TH SEPTEMBER 1986

In The Premier Division, Dundee United retained pole position, and at the same time maintained their unbeaten start to the 1986-87 league campaign, after an emphatic 5-1 win at Premier Division newcomers Hamilton Accies. Hearts remained second after they too were convincing winners, by 4-0 at home v Motherwell, while there were also goals galore at Celtic Park, where third-placed Celtic hammered Hibs by 5-1. Aberdeen's 3-1 victory at Clydebank

saw them move up fourth spot, The Dons displaced Rangers, who slipped to fifth after a 0-1 reverse at Dundee, who remained in sixth position. At the bottom, Hamilton Accies were finding the going hard so far at the higher level, and their defeat continued their winless start to the season. And as such they still propped up the table, with just one point to show for their efforts to date. Hibs remained just one place above The Accies, while Clydebank still occupied third-bottom

spot.

First Division leaders Airdrie enjoyed a 3-1 home success v Forfar, while Dunfermline retained second place despite being held 1-1 at third-placed Queen Of The South, in the top-of-the-table clash at Palmerston. East Fife's 2-0 home victory v winless Partick saw them claim fourth spot, Dumfries slipped from fourth to fifth after a 1-2 defeat at Clyde, while Morton, in spite of a 1-2 defeat from today's visitors Montrose, for whom the legend who

was Innes MacDonald, who had three spells at Links Park, between Keith and Airdrie and a time in Maltese football & Ian Paterson were on target, still occupied sixth place. Brechin, despite picking up only their second point of the season, from a 2-2 home draw with Kilmarnock, continued to prop up the table. Partick's defeat meant they still occupied second-bottom spot, Clyde, in spite of their welcome win, their first of the season, remained in third-bottom place,

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while Montrose were just one place above The Bully Wee.

Down in The Second, Alloa had made a tremendous start to their bid for an immediate return to The First Division, and such boasted a 100% league record going into their home clash v a St. Johnstone side, who after a poor start to the season, had since began to show some improved form. And The Wasps lined up as follows: Lowrie, Donaldson (Jamieson), Haggart (Wilkie), Thomson, Dall, Sullivan, Smith, Love, Sorbie, Nelson, Cole. But things looked a bit ominous for the home side, when The Saints ran up a 3-1 half-time lead, though thankfully Alloa recovered in the second period to force a 3-3 draw, Gus Smith, Martin Nelson (pen) & Stuart Sorbie Alloa's scorers. And in spite of the dropped point, Alloa retained top spot, while Meadowbank's emphatic 5-0 home success v Albion Rovers saw them go second in place of Raith, who slipped to third, after they were held 1-1 at home by lowly Berwick. But there was further gloom for East Stirling, who remained winless and in bottom spot, after a 1-2 defeat at Ayr.

South of the border, Nottingham Forest retained top spot in The First Division, after a tremendous 6-2 win at Chelsea, while Nor-

wich, 4-1 winners at managerless Aston Villa were now second, The Canaries displaced Liverpool, who slipped to third, after a 1-2 defeat at Southampton. At the other end of the table, Newcastle's 1-0 home victory v First Division newcomers Wimbledon lifted them off the bottom, & they were replaced by Aston Villa. Oldham remained top of The Second Division, in spite of their initial defeat of the season, an incredible 4-5 reverse at Huddersfield. Crystal Palace stayed second after a 2-0 win at Blackburn, while Portsmouth retained third spot, despite being held 1-1 at Stoke.

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This afternoon we welcome the return of football with the visit of Montrose to the In-dodrill stadium for this Cinch League 1 fixture. With both teams having fixtures postponed last weekend, it is now a team sitting pretty in 3rd place that is the challenge for the Wasps. After losing out in the play-offs last season, the Mo have resumed normal service with just a single defeat to their name so far this season. That does mean that they are on an impressive winning streak at the moment with three victories on the bounce against Peterhead, Kelty Hearts

and Clyde. Their last defeat came on the 13th August with a narrow defeat and late goal from Dunfermline to win 1-0. Their league form has been a welcome surprise to supporters after 3 defeats out of 4 in the Premier Cup, some of which included lower league opposition. However, as the strengthened late in the window, they have started their league campaign strongly.

THE BOSS – STEWART PETRIE

The visitors will be led by the well respected, Stewart Petrie, today. The former attacker is

most remembered in his playing days for his spell at Dunfermline where he enjoyed a successful ten-year stint, including a famous goal which effectively won the Pars the Championship back in 1996. His coaching career has consisted of many number two gigs, with Arbroath, North Queensland Fury, Forfar Athletic and Broughty Athletic. His only stint as his own man was a one game spell as caretaker of Forfar when Dick Campbell departed. However, in 2016 he left Broughty to take charge of Montrose in League 2. It only took him two years to take them from languishing at the





full-time outfit, Partick Thistle. He was immediately loaned back up North and took his goal tally into double figures, as well as picking up the Young Player of the Year award. This season he continued to showcase his goal scoring ability with 3 goals in the Premier Sports Cup. It hasn't quite been that in the league yet but with an assist in their last game, a victory over Peterhead, he may be beginning to find his feet in the 'statistic' department once more.

**NEW BOY -
RORY MCALLISTER**

When Cove Rangers announced that hitman, Rory McAllister was being made available for transfer in the summer, many clubs

took note. As one of the highest scoring players in the SPFL history, it may have come as a surprise to clubs that he was available, however, a welcome surprise with his goal scoring abilities. He scored 19 goals for the eventual league champions, Cove, last season and looked certain to make an impact in the Championship. However, with a change of management at Cove, he decided to make his way over to Links Park and sign for Montrose. McAllister has started at his new club the only way he knows how to with a couple of goals already this season. He scored in consecutive games against Clyde and Keltie. The programme couldn't not highlight this impressive signing, how-

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bottom to a title and promotion. Montrose have always caused problems and threats for Alloa, and full-time clubs, pushing for promotion into Scotland's second tier. Petrie will now be looking to make that threat a reality by going all the way this year.

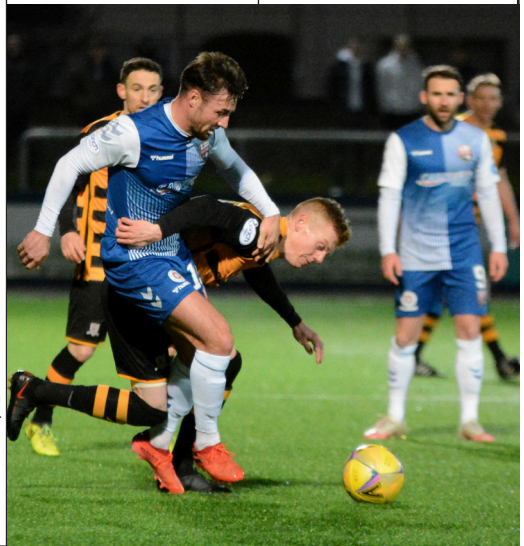
**THE CAPTAIN -
PAUL WATSON**

Montrose continue to be led by Paul Watson on the pitch. The midfielder is on for his testimonial at the Mo' after joining back in 2012 from St Andrews United, which was actually his third spell spell at the club. What began as a loan spell from Forfar and Arbroath has turned into 'Winker', as he is dubbed, become a local legend up North. Known for his spectacular free-kicks, he took

his place in Montrose history by leading them to their first league title in thirty-three years. Having now made over two-hundred and fifty appearances for the club, he has been starved of first-team action this year. Now 36-years-old he has only made one appearance this season in the draw against Queen of the South at the start of August when he came on for the final 11 minutes.

**ONETO WATCH -
BLAIR LYONS**

This afternoon's one to watch is a man who has been scoring goals and impressing for Montrose for many years, Blair Lyons. Making his debut back in 2019 following a transfer from the University of Stirling, his scintillating start to his senior career saw him earn a move to



BY KIEREN MOONEY

ever, it isn't a problem that Alloa will have to deal with today. His last game came against his former side, Peterhead, but it ended disastrously with a very quick double yellow card which saw him sent off in the first half.

THE CONNECTION

There aren't many familiar faces for the two sides to look out for. In quite unfamiliar fashion, there isn't a single player coming back to face their former side in the Montrose ranks. The most recent connection probably would have been the

former goalkeeper coach of both sides, Jim Butter, who is now at Peterhead. There were two Alloa loanees last season that did make an impact at both clubs. Firstly there was Euan Henderson who bagged five goals in his loan spell back in the 2018/19 season and was the Wasp's top scorer last season. The season after that Mouhamed 'Sena' Niang also spent time at the club before it was cut short for COVID.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides met four times last season and it was a fixture that Alloa

had enjoyed the spoils of. It was 2 victories, and 2 draws for the Wasps as they remained undefeated against Petrie's men. The season began with a 2-0 away victory for Alloa with goals from Sena and King, however, it was a game that Montrose could argue they were the better team. Consecutive draws followed after, one of which was particularly cruel for Alloa. After a Mark Durnan double putting the side 2-0 up, it was a double from Matty Allan, including a strike in the last minute, that brought the sides level. The following draw wasn't as exciting as

the sides drew 1-1 with Liam Callaghan cancelling out Steven Boyd's strike. The final game of the season was one of note for Brian Rice and Alloa, albeit against a weakened Montrose side as they prepared for the play-offs. Despite an Andy Graham red card and Graham Webster putting the Mo up from the spot on the 22nd minute, it was Alloa who triumphed in spectacular fashion. An extraordinary 4 goals from Euan Henderson, 3 of which were assisted by Ross MacIver, meant that the Wasps won 4-1 to finish off their season.



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THREE OF THE BEST..... MISSED SITTERS

1. PETER DWYER- VS HAWICK ROYAL AL- BERT, SCOTTISH CUP 7TH DECEMBER 1996

Kicking off the list is this quite astonishing miss from striker Peter Dwyer in the first round of the Scottish Cup during season 1996/97. New Alloa manager Tom Hendrie had recruited Dwyer for a then record fee of £18,000 from East Stirlingshire that summer. His day job in

the police force within central region limited his options of potential clubs to join- this set of circumstances was undoubtedly Alloas gain as the striker could have played at a higher level. Dwyer initially provided value for that significant outlay- having already scored 8 goals for the club heading into the cup tie in question. Dwyer headed home his 9th goal for the club to open the scoring, before Callum Graham

equalised for the visitors. Mike McAneny had restored the Wasps lead in the second half, but Dwyer fluffed his lines as Alloa looked to put the tie beyond the Borderers. His initial scooped lob from 10 yards out bounced onto the crossbar with the goalkeeper all at sea. The rebound dipped back from the woodwork and fell perfectly into the strikers path. But as he faced a completely empty net,

he somehow sliced his left foot volley over the bar. Stuart Mackay eventually spared his blushes by sealing the match for Alloa late on. Dwyer would score 3 more times for Alloa before announcing in January he was immediately emigrating to Australia, again due to his police work. It was a sad premature ending to Dwyers Alloa career, as he had been hero worshipped by the support prior to this

announcement.

2. ANDY KIRK – VS RAITH ROVERS, SCOT- TISH CHAMPIONSHIP 21ST SEPTEMBER 2013

Alloa had just achieved back-to-back promotions under manager Paul Hartley the previous season. The former Hearts, Dunfermline and Northern Ireland international Andy Kirk was signed to provide some experience at the front of the pitch as Alloa looked to make their mark in the Scottish Championship. Kirk had scored one league goal for the club prior to this encounter at Starks Park- Alloa's sixth match of the campaign. The Wasps had started strongly, taking the lead through Kevin Cawley after 20 minutes. But goals from Raith Rovers Joe Cardle and Grant Anderson on either side of half time gave the hosts the edge. Ryan McCord then equalised from the penalty spot for Alloa. The game turned once more, with Alloa right on the ascendancy and looking more likely to win- when a cut back presented Kirk with an open goal tap in from less than 2 yards. He somehow managed to get no real connection on the ball, incomprehensively slotting the ball wide of the post when it appeared a miss was functionally impossible and implausible. It proved costly, as Callum Elliot came back to haunt his former club

to edge Rovers ahead in the closing stages. And as Alloa pushed forward for an equaliser in stoppage time, Joe Cardle sealed the points to make it 4-2. It was an excellent back and forth match, but most notable for this bizarre miss- not least with Kirk being an ex-Dunfermline man playing against a close rival. Kirk scored on 4 more occasions for the club- he showed elements of his experience for Alloa at times, just not on a consistent enough basis. He left Alloa after one season, and now manages Highland League Brechin City assisted by his former Wasps team mate Stephen Simmons

3. GREIG SPENCE VS AIRDRIE, CHAMPION- SHIP PLAY-OFF SEMI 2ND LEG 13TH MAY 2017

This final memorable "sitter" could have been a disaster- as it occurred during a high stakes,

very tight 2 legged tie with very little between both teams. Airdrie had edged the first leg through Andy Ryan's solitary goal, and Alloa were looking to turn over the deficit on home soil. Jon Robertson's outstanding volley after 50 minutes levelled the tie, and Spence's miss occurred just moments later. Airdrie centre half Simon Mensing pulled his goalkeeper into no man's land when his short pass back was pickpocketed by Jordan Kirkpatrick. He rounded the keeper and slotted it into the path of on the onrushing striker Spence. Mensing was scrambling onto the goal line, but Spence still had a huge target to aim for with all the time and space in the

world. But somehow he managed to clip the top of the crossbar with his effort from 8 yards. Alloa did however go on to reach the final via a nerve-racking penalty shootout, with manager Jim Goodwin stating in his post-match interview "Greig Spence has been the hero for us so many times and he's very relieved in there. I don't think he would have got out of Alloa tonight if we hadn't won the game". Greig's Alloa career of course needs no real scene setting to the current Alloa support. He is the 14th highest post war scorer in the clubs history, with 47 goals for the club over 4 spells- including 26 in this 2016/17 season.



HT QUIZ

1. NAME THE TWO ALLOA PLAYERS WHO SCORED MULTIPLE GOALS IN A SINGLE GAME IN THE MATCHES BETWEEN ALLOA AND MONTROSE LAST SEASON

2. HARRY KANE NEEDS 4 MORE GOALS TO BECOME THE HIGHEST GOALSCORER IN THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLAND NATIONAL TEAM. WHICH PLAYERS ARE DIRECTLY ABOVE HIM AND BELOW HIM ON THE LIST?

3. PUT CELTICS 4 JAPANESE PLAYERS IN ORDER BY INTERNATIONAL CAPS GAINED FROM LOWEST TO HIGHEST

4 .NAME THE 9 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SCOTLAND HAVE FACED IN WORLD CUP FINALS TOURNAMENTS

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MONTROSE

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| | 1 | | WILLIAM MUIR | | |
| | 21 | | KEIR BURT | | |
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| | 2 | | SCOTT TAGGART | | |
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| | 4 | | CRAIG HOWIE | | |
| | 5 | | ANDY GRAHAM | | |
| | 6 | | MARK DURMAN | | |
| | 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 KHYHAM | | |
| | 18 | | CONNOR SAMMON | | |
| | 19 | | STEVEN BUCHANAN | | |
| | 20 | | CAMERON O'DONNELL | | |
| | 22 | | PAUL MCLAREN | | |
| | 23 | | DAVID DEVINE | | |

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| | 2 | | ADAM HUTCHINSON | | |
| | 3 | | ANDREW STEEVES | | |
| | 4 | | MATY ALLAN | | |
| | 5 | | KERR WADDELL | | |
| | 6 | | TERRY MASSON | | |
| | 7 | | GRAHAM WEBSTER | | |
| | 8 | | PAUL WATSON | | |
| | 9 | | RORY MCALLISTER | | |
| | 10 | | LEWIS MILNE | | |
| | 11 | | BLAIR LYONS | | |
| | 12 | | MICHAEL GARDYNE | | |
| | 14 | | SEAN DILLON | | |
| | 15 | | MARK WHATLEY | | |
| | 16 | | CRAIG JOHNSTON | | |
| | 17 | | AIDAN QUINN | | |
| | 18 | | MATTHEW WRIGHT | | |
| | 19 | | LIAM CALLAGHAN | | |
| | 20 | | ADAM MACKINNON | | |
| | 21 | | ROSS SINCLAIR | | |
| | 22 | | CRAIG BROWN | | |
| | 23 | | MARTIN RENNIE | | |

MANAGER STEWART PETRIE

REFEREE: Alan Muir

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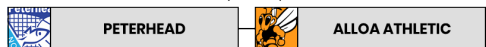
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