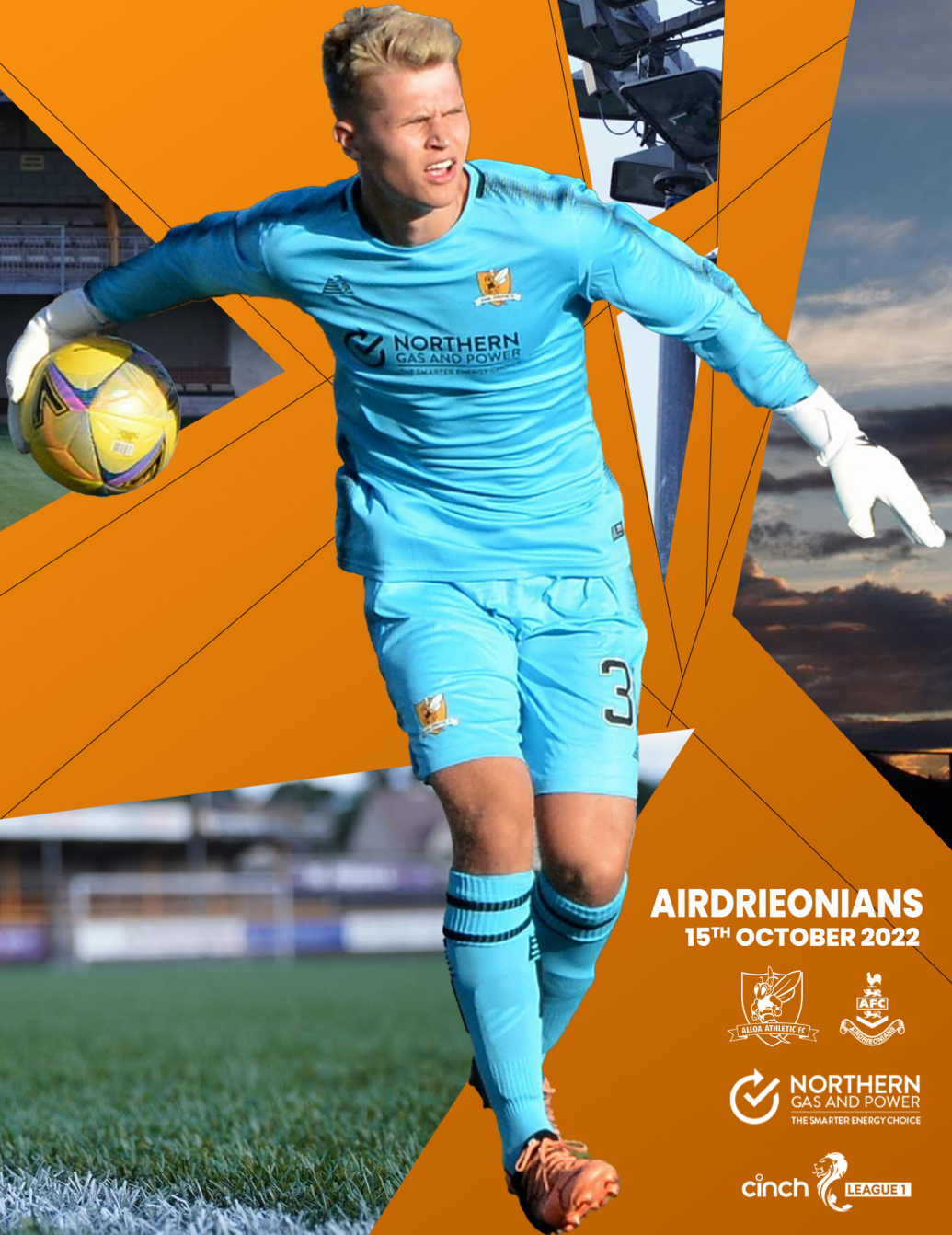


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 FC EDINBURGH	10	7	0	3	21	13	8	21
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 KELTY HEARTS	10	3	1	6	6	15	-9	10
 CLYDE	9	2	1	6	13	21	-8	7
 PETERHEAD	10	1	2	7	8	27	-19	5

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES












LEAGUE 1

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











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DEFENDERS

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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

175_{CM} 65_{KG}



Stefan SCOUGAL

07/12/1992

170_{CM} 63_{KG}



Adam KING

11/10/1995

178_{CM} 74_{KG}



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001

183_{CM} 70_{KG}



FORWARDS

Luke DONNELLY

20/01/1996



Bradley RODDEN

21/08/1996

178_{CM} 68_{KG}



Ross MACIVER

28/02/1999

180_{CM} 73_{KG}



Seff KHYIAM

06/07/2002

175_{CM} 69_{KG}



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986

188_{CM} 91_{KG}



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003

178_{CM} 70_{KG}



Luke RANKIN

27/11/2004



Kieran OFFORD

28/03/2004





BRIAN RICE



AFTER STUMBLING AT HOME TO DUNFERMLINE

I thought the first half was tough. We didn't really start the game and I was hoping we could get in at half time at 1-0 to make some changes and we lose a very poor second goal. A simple ball over the top, goallie is in no man's land, it's

not his fault, but we should have defended it better.

It was a big blow. We knew we were going to change the personnel and the shape so to lose it on half time it hurts.

Second half we come out and have a right good go,

we've made a good few chances. The difference between the teams in the end is they've taken theirs and we haven't.

We gave a soft third goal away but overall, at least we had a go.

Sometimes goal-

keepers have good games and second half, Deniz Mehmet has had a really good game. He's made vital saves at vital times to keep the game at 2-0. It's all hindsight in the end. You've got to take your chances and Dunfermline did that and deserved

to win.

A run is Saturday to Saturday. So be it we win 4-5 games but all I'm interested in is what happens on Saturday - from one to the next.

We'll lick our wounds, we'll go back and work hard in

training as we always do and we'll prepare for a really tough game against Airdrie next week.

Bradley Rodden had a disappointing afternoon - he's come here from literally nowhere and lit the place up with his

goals and assists.

Today, he had a few chances so I said to him "You get days like that - sometimes they go in, sometimes they don't. Just got to keep your head up, keep going and keep working hard.

Airdrie are an excellent team. This is a brilliant league to be involved in. The games are good and exciting and Saturday will be exactly the same.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our tenth league fixture in this season's Cinch League One and our sixth home league match, today against Airdrieonians FC as we look to bounce back after a game last week when we didn't take our chances, we welcome Rhys McCabe and Callum Fordyce as the management team, the directors, players and fans of Airdrieonians FC. "The Wasps" run of five games without a defeat came to an end

last Saturday at home against Dunfermline Athletic. We didn't start well in the game but the second goal right on half-time was the real turning point and a disappointing goal. In the second half the manager made changes and the shape of the team and we were a lot better but for 3 or 4 great saves from Deniz Mehmet we ended up not taking our chances when on top. Today will be another tough game against Airdrieonians in what is a very tough

Cinch League One.

Ex Alloa Athletic footballer Gavin Stokes aged 30, died in car crash in early hours of Saturday 8th October, 2022 at Thornwood Roundabout, near Dumbarton Road, Partick, Glasgow. The father of one leaves behind his partner Lauren and son Freddie. Gavin started his playing career with Knightswood Juniors in Glasgow and in 2007/08 played for Scotland U16's gaining four caps against Jersey

twice, England and Norway. Craig Levein signed Gavin for Dundee United in Season 2008/09 and later that Season he made two appearances for Scotland U17's against Sweden and Iceland. Paul Hartley brought Gavin to Alloa Athletic on the 19th December, 2012 where he made two starts in League One, on the 2nd January, 2013 in 1-0 home win v. Stenhousemuir and on 23rd February, 2013 v. Arbroath at Recreation Park in a 1-0

defeat. Gavin also made two other appearances as substitute for "The Wasps" 5th January, 2013 v. Brechin City at Glebe Park, coming on for Jason Marr and 16th February, 2013 v. Forfar Athletic at Station Park coming on for Darren Young. Gavin joined Irvine Meadow in 2013/14 and latterly had spells with Petershill, Kilbirnie Ladeside and most recently Maryhill Juniors. Alloa Athletic would like to convey our thoughts to Gavin's family and friends at this difficult time and pass on heartfelt condolences.

Scotland have been drawn in Group A for the UEFA EURO 2024 qualifiers. The draw was made in Frankfurt, Germany, on Sunday 9th October, and saw Steve Clarke's team put into a group alongside Spain, Norway, Georgia and Cyprus. The campaign will begin at Hampden Park with a 2pm kick-off against Cyprus on Saturday, 25 March 2023, followed by a second home match against Spain on Tuesday, 28 March. The next fixture window in June begins with an away tie in Norway on Saturday, 17 June, before another home game against Georgia three days later. The September fixture period will see us play only one qualifier, away to Cyprus on Friday, 8 September, and will be followed by another single away tie against

Spain on Thursday, 12 October. The campaign will then conclude with an away match against Georgia on Thursday, 16 November and a final home tie at Hampden Park against Norway on Sunday, 19 November, 2023.

Alloa Athletic supporters should be aware of a new rescheduled date for the away match v. Falkirk, which was due on 10th September, 2022, but has now been rearranged for Tuesday 18th October, Kick-Off 7.45pm at the Falkirk Stadium.

Alloa Women defeated Dryburgh Athletic last weekend 2-0 with two goals from captain Abbie Trotter, they now have eyes on leapfrogging Forfar Farmington and climbing higher up the league table as their form continues to improve. Tomorrow Sunday 16th October the Alloa Women will face Stonehaven away from home, follow @AlloaAthWFC

The History of Alloa Athletic book, which celebrates the club's 100 years in the Scottish League, Over 660 pages in A4 size covering League Tables, Results, and Player Appearances since the club joined the Scottish League in 1921. The book will be sold via the club with profits going directly into the club. The book will be

on sale at Waterstones Retail Price £ 40. However the book can be ordered direct from the club for £ 29.95. Orders can be placed directly on the club website alloaathletic.co.uk visiting the club shop and placing order.

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SPFL TRUST TROPHY Round 4 FIXTURES NOW CONFIRMED

The draw for the 4th Round of this season's SPFL Trust Trophy was made on Tuesday 4th

October with Alloa Athletic been drawn to face Queen of the south at home on the weekend of 10th / 11th December, 2022. The Full Draw was:- Alloa Athletic v. Queen of the South Arbroath v. Dunfermline Athletic or Celtic B Elgin City v. Clyde Falkirk v. Dundee Hamilton Accies or Rangers B v. Inverness CT Kelty Hearts v. Linfield Raith Rovers v. Greenock Morton-Queen's Park v. Montrose

Alloa Athletic fixtures for December will be - 3rd December Montrose (A), 10th December Queen of the South (H) TBC, 17th December Falkirk (H), 24th December Clyde (A) and 2nd Jan 2023 Kelty Hearts (H).

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0:3

DUNFERMLINE



(0:2)

SCORERS

0:1 Comrie

0:2 Todd

0:3 Wighton

STARTING XI

- 31 HOGARTH**
- 2 TAGGART**
- 20 O'DONNELL**
- 8 ROBERTSON**
- 18 SAMMON**
- 12 SCOUGALL**
- 15 MACIVER**
- 14 STANGER**
- 5 GRAHAM**
- 23 DEVINE**
- 10 RODDEN**

SUBS

- 1 MUIR**
- 7 CAWLEY**
- 3 CHURCH**
- 16 KING**
- 11 MILLER**
- 9 DONNELLY**
- 25 OFFORD**
- 19 BUCHANAN**
- 4 HOWIE**

SUBS

- 20 LITTLE**
- 6 MACDONALD**
- 9 WIGHTON**
- 21 RITCHIE-HOSLER**
- 27 YOUNG**
- 28 TOD**
- 29 SUTHERLAND**
- 30 MAHON**

STARTING XI

- 1 MEHMET**
- 2 COMRIE**
- 3 EDWARDS**
- 4 BENEDICTUS**
- 5 HAMILTON**
- 8 CHALMERS**
- 10 TODOROV**
- 11 MOCHRIE**
- 12 BREEN**
- 15 FISHER**
- 26 TODD**

REFEREE: Alan Newlands

8th October 2022
 Excelsior Stadium, Airdrie
 3:00pm KO

AIRDRIEONIANS

3:3

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH



(2:2)

SCORERS

0:1 3' Todd

Gallager **5' 1:1**

Fordyce **14' 2:1**

2:2 42' Cochrane

Smith **61' 3:2**

3:3 63' Reilly



STARTING XI

- 1** LYNESS
- 16** WATSON
- 6** FORDYCE
- 4** MCCABE
- 2** BALLANTYNE
- 14** MCMASTER
- 21** TELFER
- 15** JAMIESON
- 17** DEVENNY
- 11** SMITH
- 9** GALLAGHER

SUBS

- 3** TAYLOR-SINCLAIR
- 18** HENDERSON
- 19** DEVENY
- 23** MCGILL

SUBS

- 1** CURRIE
- 3** QUITONGO
- 7** PATON
- 11** MURRAY
- 15** MCGRORY
- 18** MCKECHNIE
- 20** IRVING
- 22** BANGE
- 27** GIBSON

STARTING XI

- 13** FOX
- 12** MCKENNA
- 2** MCKAY
- 16** EAST
- 17** HENDRIE
- 19** RUTH
- 4** WILSON
- 6** COCHRANE
- 8** TODD
- 10** CONNELLY
- 9** REILLY

REFEREE: Peter Stuart

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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

We recognise -

- the welfare of the child (up to the age of 18) is paramount.
- all children regardless of age disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or 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

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JONATHAN MARKWELL



KEEPERS COMING OF AGE

In the summer I thought for a second that I'd been transported back in time twenty years when I read 'HOGARTH SIGNS FOR ALLOA'. I'm sure I wasn't alone amongst Alloa supporters with long memories in giving the announcement a double-take, remembering the short spell Myles Hogarth had with the Wasps in 2002/2003, sandwiched in-between longer and more successful stints with neighbours Falkirk and Stirling Albion.

Fortunately Myles wasn't coming out of retirement at the age of 47 to team up again with Andy Graham (as he did for five years at the Binos), but instead Myles' son Jay was joining the Wasps on a season long loan from Rangers.

After the completion of the first quarter of the league campaign last weekend, it has been a largely positive start to the season for Alloa's new last line of defence. Hogarth has impressed everybody

at the club with his extremely smooth handling, willingness to come for crosses, secure shot-stopping and a powerful and accurate left-foot which makes his distribution a key part of any counter-attack Alloa launch. Above all, however, it is clear that his defence has confidence in him, which is all-important for any successful team. Over the years there have been plenty of young keepers who have come into the Alloa side but it is soon

abundantly clear, for whatever reason, that the backline isn't quite convinced by them. From there a certain nervousness then resonates through the team, either by defending too deeply to help protect the keeper or not playing passes back to him and conceding possession or territory as a result. None of that has thankfully been evident with Jay, who largely exhorts a calming presence, which is to his immense credit considering he

<p>only turned 19 years of age in July.</p> <p>Jay's competitive debut in the Premier Sports Cup was a memorable occasion. It finished with the Falkirk-born stopper saving a penalty in the shoot-out which helped Alloa gain a bonus point against East Fife. In doing so, Jay actually emulated his Dad from 20 years earlier, who also saved a penalty in his competitive Alloa bow too. Myles denied Ross Tokely from 12 yards two decades ago to help Alloa to a 0-0 draw up in Inverness. Jay also finished the early season cup games with a place in the Team of the Round, after a series of instinctive saves helped Alloa pick up a bonus point after a draw at Dunfermline. The quadruple goal attempts repelled by Alloa at the start of the second half included two smart stops from Jay, but his fingertip save to deflect the ball round the post just before the break was arguably his finest of the game. The following week back at East End Park Jay was solid once again, all barring the vital moment when he got caught under a deceptive cross which fortuitously drifted into the net for the only goal of the game. Being a goalkeeper always comes with a health warning of mistakes potentially costing goals and games, with</p>	<p>it worth remembering that a 19 year old Scott Bain had some hiccups early in his Alloa career in 2011, losing some soft goals and being red-carded twice in his first nine games down in the Third Division for the Wasps.</p> <p>Hogarth bounced back and learnt from that experience the following week against Kelty by being fully focused throughout and enjoying a largely quiet afternoon which almost resulted in a first shut-out, until Andy Graham's late bullet header gave him no chance. Some further hiccups have subsequently occurred in games against FC Edinburgh and a fortnight ago at Queen of the South, with there being no hiding place for any keeper when a breakdown in communication led to Queen's goal. However, at the same time Alloa would not have left Palmerston Park with a point had it not been for three tremendous saves from Hogarth. In particular, the outstretched foot he got to deny Ruari Paton when one-on-one and his athleticism to tip Stephen Hendrie's pinpoint shot onto the crossbar were first hand experience of the quality which earned Jay his maiden Scotland U21 cap the previous weekend. By playing against Northern Ireland in Paisley, Hogarth become just the third player to win</p>	<p>national U21 honours whilst playing for the Wasps, following in the footsteps of fellow loanees Derek Soutar and Michael Duffy. Returning to Alloa, his manager Brian Rice knows Jay is a young player learning his trade and obviously thinks that his talents outweigh the inevitable occasional mistake which any keeper experiences.</p> <p>Jay is actually the youngest first-choice keeper playing in the whole of the SPFL this season. Last weekend there were only two teenage keepers in the four divisions, with Jay seven months younger than fellow teen Tom Ritchie of Paterhead (on loan from Aberdeen). It follows a trend I've noticed becoming even more commonplace in recent years, that teams tend to far prefer having ever older and more experienced goalies as first choice. It's particularly stark in the Premiership, where on the opening weekend of the league season nine of the twelve keepers were in their 30's, with five in mid to late 30s bracket (Trevor Carson and Jon McLaughlin 34, Joe Hart 35, David Marshall 37 and Craig Gordon 39). Last weekend Allan McGregor was only adding to the average age, with the 40 year old still producing excellent performances at the very top level. Last weekend the average age of</p>	<p>a Premiership keeper was 31, with that rising from the previous three seasons (28.3, 28.1 and last season 30.75).</p> <p>It's easy to see why clubs prefer older keepers, given the vital role they play and the need for a steadying influence in goal. But at what expense does this have on young goalkeepers trying to breakthrough? It becomes a vicious circle; you seemingly need experience to play, but how can you gain experience if you aren't playing? As such, it's no surprise that Jay jumped at the opportunity of a loan move early in his career, which both of the Glasgow giants have utilised in recent years. Keepers such as Ross Doohan, Conor Hazard, Kieran Wright and Robby McCrorie have all been regulars on the loan circuit. League One certainly appears to be the most commonplace destination for loan keepers this season, with half the division having already played loan signings in goal. As well as Alloa and Peterhead, Montrose, our opponents today Airdrie and Falkirk have all dipped into the loan market too, signing up St Johnstone's Ross Sinclair, Hibernian's Murray Johnson and Nottingham Forest's Nicky Hogarth respectively. That final name means family loyalties will be split when Alloa travel to Falkirk on Tuesday night,</p>
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with the prospect of Jay facing his elder brother and his dad's old side! Brian Rice showed at Hamilton and is again demonstrating it at Alloa that he is willing to give youth a chance and Jay himself has already commented that Rice's commitment to young players was part of his reasoning for being open to the loan switch.

Hogarth's appearances for the Wasps also results in him joining an exclusive group of players to have multi-generational playing links with the club. The only other which I am personally aware of is Jim and Graeme Holmes. Jim made 8 appearances at the conclusion of the 1989/90 season as a 35 year old, whilst Graeme was a tremendously creative player for the club, winning two promotions and playing 229 games during seven seasons in the Alloa engine room in

the past decade. There have been a couple more close instances, with Sam Fisher being an Alloa youth team player and an unused sub when Alloa drew 0-0 at Raith in 2018 to deny Rovers the title. The defender therefore came close to following in the footsteps of his father Jimmy, a loyal lieutenant of Terry Christie. Young Fisher was actually back at the Recs last weekend too, lining up for Dunfermline, on loan from Dundee. Kerr Newbigging was another Alloa youth team player who never made the first-team breakthrough, although he was an unused sub in a goalless draw against East Fife in 2009. Had Kerr made it onto the pitch nobody would have been prouder than his Dad Willie, who was a goalscoring defender for the Wasps throughout the early 1990s. In the future there definite scope for this

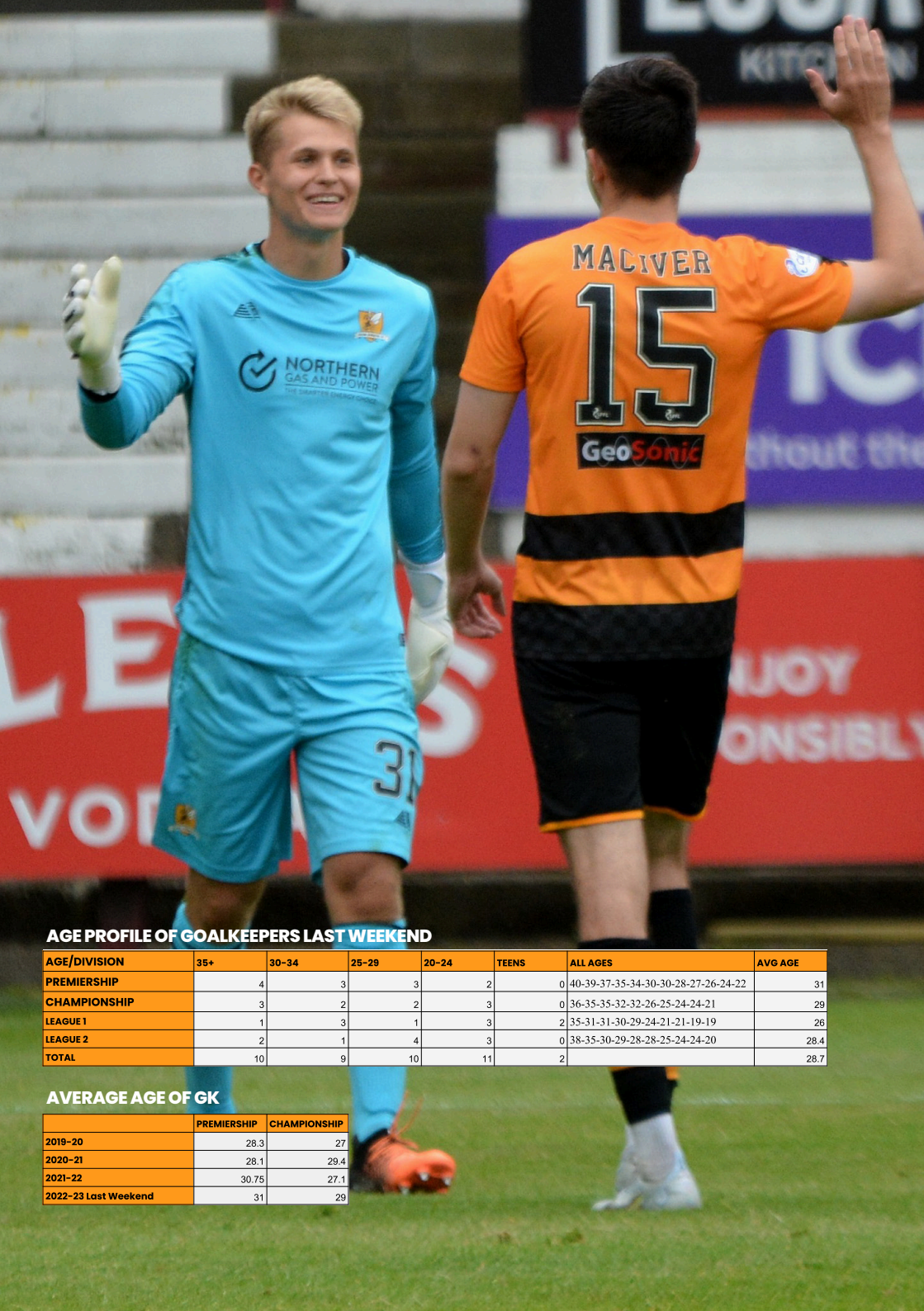
list to grow, with QoS's Rico and Morton's Jai Quitongo (sons of Jose), Raith's Ross Millen (son of Andy) and 16-year-old recent Hamilton Accies debutant Ryan Oné (son of Armand) the most realistic candidates. In the years to come, if Hibernian's Chris Cadden or Barnsley's Nicky Cadden (sons of 90's midfielder Steve) or Bologna's Lewis Ferguson (son of Derek) fancy emulating their dads of playing at the Recs that would be fine with me!

Expanding on this topic further, Hogarth is also by no means the first goalkeeper to follow in the footsteps of their father in pulling on the gloves. The example which springs immediately to mind is former Falkirk loanee Kasper Schmeichel, who has forged a formidable career of his own despite the sizeable shadow of his father Peter. Kasper has just moved onto Nice after over a decade at Leicester, where he famously emulated his Dad's Manchester United honours by winning both the league title and FA Cup. While at Falkirk in 2007 Kasper's manager was John Hughes, who Schmeichel has since spoken warmly about in his development. Hughes' assistant at the time was none other than Brian Rice. Other father and son goalkeeping families include Bryan and Angus Gunn (who both

played for Norwich), Mike and Ian Walker, the Gallachers Jim (over 600 appearances for Clydebank) and Paul (Alloa goalkeeping coach in 2012/13 whilst also playing for Dunfermline), Lewis and Andy Goram, Gordon Marshall Snr and Jnr (with the younger also being a former Alloa keepers coach from the Paul Hartley days), the Stewarts (Jim and former Alloa loanee / current Rangers goalkeeping coach Colin) and one of Jay's competitors at Rangers Lewis Budinauckas, whose Dad Kevin played against the Wasps around the turn of the millennium for Partick and Clyde.

Returning to Jay, there is no doubt that he will be getting the best of both worlds this season. So far playing regular football at a decent level will only assist his future development, whilst during the week still benefiting from presumably some of the best training facilities in the country back at Rangers. The fact that Jay earned himself a three-year deal before heading out on loan shows the high esteem he is held in at Ibrox, with that being showcased admirably so far at Alloa too, which means it is has the makings of yet another successful Alloa loan deal which mutually benefits the parent club, loan club and the player.





AGE PROFILE OF GOALKEEPERS LAST WEEKEND

AGE/DIVISION	35+	30-34	25-29	20-24	TEENS	ALL AGES	AVG AGE
PREMIERSHIP	4	3	3	2	0	40-39-37-35-34-30-30-28-27-26-24-22	31
CHAMPIONSHIP	3	2	2	3	0	36-35-35-32-32-26-25-24-24-21	29
LEAGUE 1	1	3	1	3	2	35-31-31-30-29-24-21-21-19-19	26
LEAGUE 2	2	1	4	3	0	38-35-30-29-28-28-25-24-24-20	28.4
TOTAL	10	9	10	11	2		28.7

AVERAGE AGE OF GK

	PREMIERSHIP	CHAMPIONSHIP
2019-20	28.3	27
2020-21	28.1	29.4
2021-22	30.75	27.1
2022-23 Last Weekend	31	29



DONALD POLLOCK

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—First Division.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Aberdeen,	12	6	3	3	18	11	15
Dundee,	11	6	3	2	18	12	14
Hibernian,	11	6	3	2	10	11	14
Rangers,	9	5	1	3	15	4	13
Falkirk,	10	5	2	3	12	6	13
Celtic,	8	6	2	0	15	10	12
Kilmarnock,	10	4	2	4	19	13	12
Airdrie,	10	5	3	2	11	5	12
Hearts,	10	2	1	.	14	12	11
Third Lanark, ..	10	5	4	1	14	15	11
Raith,	10	3	3	4	7	12	10
St Mirren,	10	3	4	3	14	14	9
Partick,	9	2	0	4	13	13	8
Morton,	9	3	4	2	9	13	8
Alloa,	10	2	5	3	9	15	7
Ayr,	9	2	5	2	7	14	6
Clyde,	10	2	6	2	10	16	6
Albion Rovers, ..	10	1	5	4	7	14	6
Hamilton,	11	2	7	2	13	19	6
Motherwell,	9	1	5	3	10	15	5

WHO CAN SAVE ALLOA NOW?

"An elaborate Alloa scheme". That was the headline 100 years ago as the Evening News reported on ambitious plans to build a bridge over the Forth. The "huge" structure would cost £171,000 with advice to be sought from the famous engineer of the time Sir Henry Maybury. At nearby Recreation Park the only debate was how to successfully bridge the gap between the Second and First Division. The Wasps had made a

solid start to their debut season in the top flight in 1922/23 and a four game unbeaten run in August and September had moved them into mid-table. Two quickfire home defeats against Hearts and Aberdeen with no goals scored and five conceded had brought something of a reality check and left hard to please Wee County fans saying "many hard things both of players and those in authority". The committee might well have felt

that they deserved a bit more patience and understanding from the supporters given the incredible progress of the previous two seasons, but there was surely recognition also that things would have to improve soon. There was nothing too elaborate about this particular Alloa scheme then as the Wasps headed for Kilmarnock: they just needed points. It wouldn't be easy either against a Killie side who were sitting in the

top half of the table and coming off an excellent draw against Hibs. An emboldened Kilmarnock Herald went as far as saying that the draw in Leith showed that Killie would "upset many calculations by lowering the colours of some of the 'crack teams' in the months ahead". There was a warning not to underestimate Alloa but an expectation that the Rugby Park men would prevail: "Alloa players will put up a dour fight for the points but we

are confident the honours of the game will fall to Kilmarnock”.

There was disappointment for the away contingent in a 10,000 crowd for Willie Crilley was still missing after his injury on his second Alloa debut against Airdrie two weeks earlier. Tully Craig would again lead the line and there was better news at the back where Bobby Orrock returned to the team. Orrock and his defensive partner Headrick were hard pressed in the early stages in Ayrshire with Brown, Turnbull and Culley all coming close. With only 15 minutes played

the pressure paid off as Culley diverted a cross beyond Thomson in the Alloa goal. It must have been galling indeed for the home fans then when Alloa equalised almost immediately, Craig outpacing the Killie defence before sliding the ball home. Back on the attack went the home team and Culley restored their lead in the second period. The killer third goal wouldn't come however and with 10 minutes left Craig once again equalised to secure a precious point for the Wasps. It was a sore blow for Killie who were said to have had 10 chances for every opportunity created by Alloa. There was praise

for the Wee County men though: “Alloa, despite the hard gruelling they underwent, never lost heart and pluckily kept plugging away....the periodical break-aways by their forward line were always dangerous”. Thomson was marked out for some terrific saves with Orrock and McInally also meriting mention for defensive efforts, while Craig, Dunn and Quinn were the stars in attack.

Alloa were back on track and would now welcome fifth place Dundee to the Recs. It was a chance to build on the point gained in Ayrshire and also secure that elusive first home win of the season. Dundee arrived in Clackmannanshire just two points off the top but the Dens Park faithful still weren't altogether convinced, a letter to the local press complaining of the “shifting about of players to different positions week by week. For goodness sake, select a team and stick to it for a few weeks. Until that is done the team will never be right”. Still sound advice 100 years on, some might suggest. There was pre-match transfer activity at the Recs as Peter Gaffney moved to Dunfermline. A stalwart of the previous season, Gaffney had struggled for games on Alloa's elevation to the First Division. The other talk locally was of Alloa's latest signing with the

home fans hoping that Willie Crilley would be back from injury, the local Devon Valley Tribune claiming that the team “had the strength of giants” when their star man was on the field. Although the wee man was unfortunately once again in the stand as Alloa and Dundee took to the field, the Wasps started the game well and had the visitors pinned back in the early stages. Disaster was to strike however, Orrock miskicking after a pass from Headrick then Thomson staying on his line as Haliday nipped in to score. McLean made it 2-0 in the second-half and although Quinn pulled one back after a free-kick from Ford, McLean added another to tie it up at 3-1. It had been a disappointing game, reported the press, and Dundee had won without playing well. “Possibly the league ‘babies’ tactics and the comparative smallness and nature of the ground had a lot to do with Dundee's failure to lift their display above utter mediocrity”, said the Dundee Courier. And what of the Wasps? “Crilley is the only man who can save Alloa now” was the conclusion in the Sunday Post. Would he be back for the forthcoming fixtures against Third Lanark and Hibs?

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	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
HOGARTH	GOAL	9 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	13 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	9 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	14 (0)	0	203 (0)	6
CHURCH	DEF	4 (3)	0	5 (0)	0	9 (3)	0	24 (7)	0
HOWIE	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	17 (3)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	5 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	181 (1)	13
DURNAN	DEF	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	37 (0)	4
STANGER	DEF	9 (0)	2	4 (1)	0	13 (1)	2	9 (0)	2
MCLAREN	DEF	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
DEVINE	DEF	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	7 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	7 (1)	0	154 (29)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	6 (1)	1	3 (1)	0	9 (2)	1	40 (14)	6
KING	MID	3 (5)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (5)	0	29 (10)	4
O'DONNELL	MID	5 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	7 (3)	0	12 (22)	0
MILLER	MID	4 (2)	0	5 (0)	0	9 (2)	0	4 (2)	0
CAWLEY	MID	8 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	9 (3)	0	306 (44)	62
DONNELLY	FWD	0 (4)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (4)	0	0 (10)	1
SAMMON	FWD	9 (0)	4	4 (1)	5	13 (1)	9	30 (13)	9
MACIVER	FWD	9 (0)	2	4 (1)	0	13 (1)	2	12 (5)	3
KHYHAM	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (1)	0
RODDEN	FWD	3 (6)	5	4 (0)	1	7 (6)	6	3 (6)	5
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (3)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (5)	0	0 (3)	0
RANKIN	FWD	0 (2)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	1	0 (2)	1
OFFORD	FWD	2 (2)	2	0 (0)	0	2 (2)	2	2 (2)	2



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0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
4 (0)	0	13 (0)	0
5 (0)	0	208 (0)	6
53 (1)	2	77 (8)	2
6 (0)	0	23 (3)	1
10 (2)	0	191 (3)	13
46 (1)	1	83 (1)	5
6 (1)	0	15 (1)	2
2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0
0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	154 (29)	2
3 (1)	1	43 (15)	7
10 (4)	1	39 (14)	5
0 (0)	0	12 (22)	0
5 (0)	0	9 (2)	0
6 (4)	1	312 (48)	63
1 (3)	0	1 (13)	1
4 (1)	5	34 (14)	14
4 (1)	0	16 (6)	3
0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0
4 (0)	1	7 (6)	6
1 (2)	0	1 (5)	0
0 (3)	0	0 (5)	1
0 (0)	0	2 (2)	2

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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

Alloa come into today's game looking to bounce back from a painful loss at home to Dunfermline last week. Alloa's performance improved from the previous weeks match against Queen of the South, but it was a sobering result nevertheless and a bad defeat. Whilst the 3-0 score line

flattered the visitors, I don't think there can be too many complaints that Dunfermline deserved to win the game. For the opening half hour, I thought Alloa played okay overall, and certainly matched their opponents. Neither team really had too much of an edge, but I felt Alloa

were growing into the game well and created a couple of half chances on goal. Undoubtedly Dunfermline received a major boost from the opening goal on the 30-minute mark and kicked on from there but Alloa did noticeably fall out of the game for the remainder of the first half. A much-needed regrouping at the interval was required but Dunfermline struck what turned out to be the decisive blow right on the half time whistle. It was a preventable goal too- a high ball where the bounce was misjudged leaving Matty Todd clean through on goal. His first-time lob had great precision admittedly but left Alloa

with a real mountain to climb in the second half. The manager rung the changes at half time, reverting to a back 4 by withdrawing Andy Graham and adding an extra body into midfield- Kevin Cawley. Conor Sammon was replaced by Luke Donnelly in slightly more of a like for like replacement.

Alloa were much improved in the second period and experienced a lot more possession on the front foot. Cawley made a significant difference in a more forward position than he has been deployed at times this season. Alloa were on the receiving end of a marginal decision early in



the half- Luke Donnelly adjudged to be offside. His subsequent through ball ended with Ross MacIver being barged in the penalty area in what would surely have been given as a clear foul. Had the deficit been reduced at this point it may well have changed the approach of both teams. Two goals to the good, Dunfermline were fairly satisfied to let Alloa play in front of them for long spells- which I guess is understandable with the best defensive record in the league. Kyle Benedictus and Rhys Breen were both resolute- Brad Rodden struggled to make any real headway on them. Although credit must go to the striker- he never hid and worked

himself into the ground until he was substituted. Alloa were dealt another blow in the second half when Ross MacIver was forced to leave the field through injury. MacIver had won almost every ball in the air and pushed Alloa up the pitch into attacking positions- particularly with Cawley introduced to feed off these headers. On the occasions where Alloa managed to breach the Dunfermline backline, unfortunately they found Pars goalkeeper Deniz Mehmet in fine form. He made a couple of outstanding stops from Cawley. It wasn't to be Alloa's day and the final kick in the teeth arrived with just over 10 minutes left when substitute Craig Wighton slammed home

with his first touch of the ball. Admittedly Dunfermline's management of the game was impressive, and they deserved the 3 points. Alloa at least came out and played some good football in the second half- but conceding soft goals to a team with a strong defence will always lead to an uphill task.

Alloa have home advantage today as they look for a positive reaction to last week. The manager probably has some decisions to make in terms of today's team shape and personnel in his starting line-up. I thought Scott Taggart was far more at home on the right flank- and whether the manager opts for a back 4 or 3/5,

I'd like to see Taggart remain there today. Kevin Cawley made a real impact off the bench last week- again in a position where he can have more influence on the game. Stefan Scougall was excellent last week and did not deserve to be on the losing side. His link play with Cawley was a really good watch in the second half and it would be good to see the two in a similar vein against Airdrie. The SPFL Trust tie between the clubs here a few weeks ago was a really entertaining, open game. Whilst I don't expect it to be quite so end to end, hopefully we something close to the same spectacle, and of course the same outcome. Enjoy today's game.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 13TH OCTOBER 1990

In The Premier Division, there was no positional change at the top. For Dundee United retained leadership, thanks to a narrow 1-0 victory v struggling Hibs at Tannadice, but Rangers remained only two points behind, after they crushed another of the strugglers, St. Mirren, by 5-0 at Ibrox. Third-placed Aberdeen had to settle for a point from a 0-0 draw at Motherwell, who remained in fifth place, while fourth-

placed Celtic also had to be content with a share of the spoils, after they were held 1-1 at lowly Dunfermline. Matters were also unchanged at the bottom, as St Mirren continued to prop up the table, while Dunfermline and Hibs lay immediately above them.

It was also a similar tale at the top of The First Division, though leaders Airdrie now moved four points clear,

after a 1-0 success at their second-placed local rivals Hamilton Accies, thanks to a second-half effort from Alan Lawrence. The other top-of-the-table clash, between third-placed Raith and fourth-placed Dundee at Stark's Park, ended all-square at 1-1, while Kilmarnock retained fifth spot after a 3-1 home win v local rivals Ayr. At the other end of the table, Brechin registered their first league

success of the season, by 2-1 at home v local rivals Forfar, though City still remained in bottom spot. But Morton's 2-0 home victory v Clydebank moved them up one place, The Ton were replaced in second-bottom spot by Clyde, 2-4 home losers v Partick.

Down in The Second, leaders East Fife maintained their three-point advantage, despite being held 1-1 at home by local rivals Cowden-

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beath, Stirling Albion were now second thanks to a 4-1 win v Berwick at Annfield, third-placed Stranraer were also victorious by 4-1 on home soil, v struggling near-neighbours Queen Of The South, while Queen's Park, in spite of a 0-1 reverse at another of the strugglers, Albion Rovers, remained in fourth spot. Stenhousemuir moved into fifth spot, after a 1-0 home

success v local rivals Alloa, thanks to a first-half Neil Aitken goal, and The Wasps had lined up at Ochilview as follows: Lowrie, Newbigging, R. Lee, D. Lee, McCulloch, McEntegart, Grant (Lamont), Ramsay, Moffat, Irvine, Smith (Thomson). Alloa thus remained in seventh place, while Montrose's 3-0 home win v local rivals Arbroath lifted The Gable Endies up four

places off the bottom, and they were replaced in last place by Queen Of The South.

South of the border, there were no games in The First Division, due to England's Euro 92 qualifier v Poland at Wembley the following mid-week. So it was as-you-were, with Liverpool leading the way, followed by the London trio of Arsenal, Spurs and Crystal Palace,

while winless Derby still propped up the table. In The Second Division, Sheffield Wednesday were the new leaders, after a 3-0 home victory v Plymouth, The Owls displaced Oldham, who were held 2-2 at Hull, and thus slipped to second spot, while West Ham, despite having to settle for a 1-1 draw at Bristol City, still retained third place.



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This afternoon we welcome Airdrie for another fixture between the sides, this time back in league action. It has been a mixed season so far for the Diamonds who currently sit a place ahead of the Wasps, although there is just two points between them. After a positive start to the season, they have failed to win any of their last four, including that 1-0 defeat to Alloa. Their last victory came back in September when they cruised past Clyde 5-0. However, fortunes might be turning back in favour of Rhys McCabe's men with an exciting match on Saturday. It was goals

galore as they drew 3-3 with a man down to Queen of the South. After narrowly missing out on the title last season and ultimately falling at the last hurdle to Queens Park in the play-off final, they will be hoping for changed fortunes this season and go one further into the Championship.

THE BOSS – RHYS MCCABE

Britain's youngest professional football manager will continue to lead his team this evening in Rhys McCabe. Still opting to continue his playing career, McCabe took on the role

this summer in a dual capacity. He started his tenure in scintillating fashion, going unbeaten in the first five league games, and winning the manager of the month award. However, a tough 6-0 defeat to FC Edinburgh gave McCabe the harsh reality of football management as he now looks to find that opening season form once more. In terms of his playing capacity, McCabe has been involved in all bar one of the league games, the 5-0 victory over Clyde. Playing predominantly in midfield, he moved back to the central of defence on Saturday against Queen of the South as





the side earned a point. He is assisted by fellow defensive partner, and cousin, Callum Fordyce. They have played with each other at both Air-drie and Dunfermline, and continue their relationship in this new, exciting management team.

**THE CAPTAIN –
CALLUM FORDYCE**

As well as assisting his new manager, Callum Fordyce holds the captain's armband for this afternoon's visitors. Fordyce has been an ever-present in this side this season, only missing out in the SPFL Trust cup defeat to Alloa last month. Saturday on a personal level was a marker for himself as he got his first goal of the season against one of his former sides, Queen of the South. Fordyce

knows what it takes to win this division and will be looking to use that in his leadership of a youthful side. In the 2015-16 season, he was part of the impressive Dunfermline side who stormed to promotion. As well as that success, he has also experienced

silverware during his time with Livingston.

**NEW BOY –
DEAN LYNESS**

Despite the sides meeting only a few weeks ago and the deadline slamming shut, the Diamonds have

been in the market for a new face to add to their squad. Following injuries in the camp, McCabe made the move to sign experienced goalkeeper, Dean Lyness. The 31-year old left St Mirren before the window shut and although trained with them to keep fitness up, was on the look-out for more regular football. Having began his career at Birmingham City, Lyness has plied his trade for Kidderminster Harriers, Blackpool, and Raith Rovers, before his spell in Paisley. With Joshua Rae out following surgery, Lyness fits the bill perfectly for an experienced pair of steady hands to settle the ship. He made his debut just a day after signing in the 3-3 draw with Queen of the South.

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

ONE TO WATCH – CALLUM SMITH

The last edition of the Wasp program we highlighted Calum Gallagher as the one to watch, this time, we are going to highlight another ex-Wasp in Callum Smith. He is a player well known to Alloa fans for both the good and the not so good. The not so good, is more his goal scoring exploits against his former side last season in which he scored in more games than not! However, Smith played his part in Alloa's successful promotion season under Jim Goodwin in 2018. With four goals already this season, Smith got on the scoresheet most recently last weekend

with his strike in the goals-fest against Queen of the South. A dynamic and quick finisher, Smith will no doubt look to cause problems once again for Brian Rice's men today.

THE CONNECTION

Following on from the connection previously mentioned of Callum Smith, his strike partner, Callum Gallagher also spent time on loan at the club. He was on loan with the Wasps in 2012-13 and is now the vice-captain for his side. 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 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. Muir had a brief spell with the Diamonds making 6 appearances for the club in the 2017/18 season and made his Alloa debut in the sides last meeting in the SPFL Trust Trophy.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

As we get further into the second quarter of the season, today's game will be the third match-up between the sides already this campaign. The last one

of those, which has already been mentioned, was the 1-0 victory for the Wasps last month. It was game of many chances as spectators were well entertained despite the solitary goal. Nine changes for Alloa, as well as many for the visitors, meant many new faces getting their opportunity to impress. However, it was Alloa's main man up top in Conor Sammon who got the decisive winner in the end getting on the end of an Alloa corner. The first game was a more dominant affair from Airdrie as they came out on top 2-0. Goals from Gabby McGill and late on from Calum Gallagher was the difference between the sides that day.



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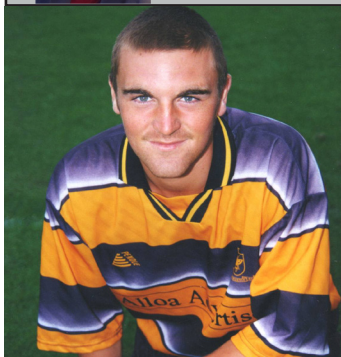
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THREE OF THE BEST..... MEMORABLE RED CARDS

CHRIS WOOD- 5TH MAY 2001 - GREENOCK MORTON

In the summer of 2000 Alloa had gained promotion to Division 1 for the first time in 11 years. Manager Terry Christie had recruited local boy Chris Wood from rivals Stirling Albion as part of his summer transfer activity. Wood quickly earned a decent rapport with the Alloa support- scoring a double on his debut against Stenhousemuir in the Stirlingshire Cup followed by another double off the bench in the League Cup at Clydebank a month later. However the season proved to be tough- which of course is fairly

standard for a part time club in the second tier. Alloa struggled near the bottom for much of the duration of the campaign. On the season's final day, they faced a Morton team also doomed to relegation and experiencing severe financial difficulties. The first half was an unmitigated disaster from an Alloa perspective- going in at the break 3 goals down. Paul MacDonald put the visitors into a quickfire early lead, but worse was to come. Alloa goalkeeper Guido Van De Kamp left the majority of his goal as a target for Stephen Aitken to aim a simple free kick into the net. Morton compounded

the misery on the stroke of half time- adding a 3rd from another defensive mix up.

In the 87th minute frustrations finally boiled over- with Wood the offender. Involved in a tussle for the ball with Aitken in front of the main stand, Wood swung a couple of elbows in his direction which didn't quite hit the mark as he desired. Wood followed that up with a head butt directly in front of referee Stuart Dougall. He had a scuffle with a couple of angered teammates of Aitken (considering taking on the Morton dug-out) before the utterly inevitable red card was produced. Unimpressed

manager Terry Christie withdrew the proposed fresh contract offer for Wood and he joined Stenhousemuir. His Alloa career may have ended in infamy, but the nature of his final act remains memorable over 20 years later.

GRAEME HOLMES- 17TH MAY 2015 - FORFAR ATHLETIC

This Championship Play-Off Final win needs minimal scene setting. Alloa trailed 3-1 to Forfar following the opening leg at Station Park. Forfars 3rd goal came very late in the game and sparked wild celebrations, with the dugout emptying onto the pitch. A tough task awaited Alloa in the

return leg on a rainy Sunday afternoon at Recreation Park. In a cagey first half with goalmouth action sparse at both ends, Michael Chopra sparked the game to life right on the stroke of half time. His goal halved the deficit to give Alloa some added impetus for the 2nd half. Defender Daryll Meggatt produced a game saving tackle after the break to prevent Forfars Omar Kader when clean through on goal. Alloa then pounced on some Forfar defensive hesitancy with 67 minutes gone to level the tie- an outstanding first-time finish from Liam Buchanan.

But four minutes later the initiative returned swiftly in the visitor's favour. Graeme Holmes had been introduced to the game as a first half substitute for the injured Michael Doyle. And as Kader again looked dangerous as he broke up the right wing, Holmes was intent stopping him by hook or by crook. I'm sure his thoughts were towards committing a tactical foul and acceptance of a booking. However, the two collided at speed- Holmes lunged in with a very late, rather reckless thigh high challenge. Kader was upended with such height he appeared to hit his head off the turf on the way down- with referee Willie Collum flashing an instant red. Alloa of course won anyway- Daryll

Meggatt completing the comeback with an 84th minute header as Alloa won the Championship play-offs and consolidated there for the third successive season. The outcome of the game ensured this red card is recalled with some degree of amusement. It was so very uncharacteristic of Holmes- normally known for his composure and cool head as a midfield general.

MOUHAMED 'SENA' NIANG – 2ND OCTOBER 2021 VS COVE RANGERS

This red card of course is not memorable for the nature of the offence, but an entirely different reason. Signed on loan from Partick Thistle, Mouhamed Sena Niang came into this game in good form since joining the club. He had started 7 consecutive games, scoring once and quickly establishing


himself as a key man in the Alloa midfield. Paul Hartley's Cove Rangers were the leagues pace setters. A tough game against the leaders, and the difficulty increased significantly within the opening minute of the match. From kick off, Sena picked up a couple of early touches- playing the ball back to Daniel Church followed by a short pass to Steven Boyd who fed Connor Sammon on the touchline. The big striker was dispossessed by Cove Rangers Shay Logan with a deft flick. As Logan turned on the ball, Sena was late with a crunching slide tackle- catching him on the ankle as the two flew into the technical area of the Cove Rangers dugout. The challenge occurred on the 19 second mark of the game, with the red card flashed 6 seconds later. The quickest red card in my memory prior


to this was Uruguays Jose Batista after scything down Scotlands Gordon Strachan at the 1986 World Cup. That one occurred in 56 seconds! Nothing on Sena! Despite this Alloa actually made a game of it. Rory McAllister headed Cove in front early in the second half. But with 16 minutes left Alloa were level. Stefan Scougalls corner bounced off Cove defender Blair Yule directly into his own net. Kevin Cawley then struck the post as the ten men almost took the lead. However, stray Mendy pass was punished by the visitors as McAllister converted Massons cut back with 8 minutes left. He completed his hat-trick from the spot before the full-time whistle- but this game was most notable for the record-breaking early red card.

HT QUIZ

- 1. HOW MANY GOALS HAS STRIKER CONOR SAMMON SCORED AGAINST AIRDRIE IN AN ALLOA SHIRT?**
- 2. WHICH 4 SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE CLUBS HAVE A FOOTBALL CONTAINED IN THEIR BADGE/CREST?**
- 3. NAME THE 11 ENGLISHMEN IN THE ALL-TIME ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP TOP 20 GOAL SCORERS**
- 4. NAME THE 6 CROATIAN INTERNATIONALS WHO HAVE PLAYED IN SCOTTISH FOOTBALL IN THE LAST 5 YEARS?**
- 5. SCOTLAND LAST PLAYED NORWAY IN NOV, 2013 IN MOLDE WINNING 1-0, WHO SCORED SCOTLAND'S WINNING GOAL?**
- 6. AIRDRIE PLAYED IN THE EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP IN SEASON 1992-93, LOSING TO WHICH TEAM HOME AND AWAY?**

ANSWERS PAGE 37

MIDFIELDERS					
CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	MILLER	SCOUGALL	KING	O'DONNELL
7	8	11	12	16	20
					
		90	90	90	71
		90		90	87
39		76	26	90	14
75	45	68	90	22	
90		90	90	90	
54	36	90	62	90	
90	90	60	50	30	29
90	90	45		69	45
80	84	6		10	85
90	90		35	3	90
83	90		83	7	90
36		90	90	64	
65	90		90	25	61
45	90	27	90		90

FORWARDS							
DONNELLY	RODDEN	MACIVER	KHYAM	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	OFFORD
9	10	15	17	18	19	24	25
							
		62	14	90	28		
	87	90	3	87	3		
	76	90	14	64			
	45	90		90			
	18	90		72			
	28	90		90			
	40	90		90			
	30	90		60	21		
	73	90	5	80	17	10	
35	155	90		87		2	35
27	21	90		63	7		69
72	90	31		18	59		
29	29	90		61			61
45	63	63		45			27



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. TWO

2. FALKIRK, KELTY HEARTS, MONTROSE, PETERHEAD

3. ALAN SHEARER, WAYNE ROONEY, HARRY KANE, ANDY COLE, FRANK LAMPARD, ROBBIE FOWLER, JERMAINE DEFOE, MICHAEL OWEN, LES FERDINAND, TEDDY SHERINGHAM, JAMIE VARDY

4. BORNA BARISIC, FILIP BENKOVIC, ANTONIO COLAK, JOSIP JURANOVIC, NIKOLA KATIC, NIKO KRANJCAR

5. SCOTT BROWN

6. SPARTA PRAGUE (CZECHOSLOVAKIA)





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

REFEREE: Scott Lambie

ASST: Graham Chambers & Robert Thomson

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

29.10.22, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		CLYDE
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18.10.22, AWAY, 19:45

05.11.22, AWAY, 15:00

	FALKIRK		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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	KELTY HEARTS		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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22.10.22, AWAY, 15:00

12.11.22, HOME, 15:00

	PETERHEAD		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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	ALLOA ATHLETIC		QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
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