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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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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 DUNFERMLINE	12	7	4	1	17	6	11	25
 FC EDINBURGH	12	8	0	4	24	15	9	24
 MONTROSE	12	6	3	3	19	10	9	21
 FALKIRK	12	6	3	3	22	14	8	21
 ALLOA ATHLETIC	12	6	1	5	22	18	4	19
 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	12	4	4	4	19	18	1	16
 KELTY HEARTS	12	5	1	6	11	18	-7	16
 AIRDRIEONIANS	12	4	3	5	21	21	0	15
 CLYDE	12	2	1	9	15	27	-12	7
 PETERHEAD	12	1	2	9	8	31	-23	5

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES











LEAGUE 1

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

PREMIER LEAGUE

 DUNFERMLINE	 MOTHERWELL
 HIBERNIAN	 ST MIRREN
 RANGERS	 ABERDEEN
 ST JOHNSTONE	 KILMARNOCK
 LIVINGSTON	 CELTIC
 ROSS COUNTY	 HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN

CHAMPIONSHIP

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

LEAGUE 2

 ALBION ROVERS	 STENHOUSEMUIR
 ANNAN ATHLETIC	 DUMBARTON
 EAST FIFE	 ELGIN CITY
 STIRLING ALBION	 BONNYRIGG ROSE
 STRANRAER	 FORFAR ATHLETIC



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GOALKEEPERS

**William
MUIR**

16/03/1993

183 CM 75 KG



1



DEFENDERS

**Scott
TAGGART**

27/12/1991

183 CM 75 KG



2



**Daniel
CHURCH**

21/07/2000

183 CM 79 KG



3



**Craig
HOWIE**

02/07/1996

CM KG



4



**Keir
BURT**

09/09/2004

175 CM 69 KG



21



**Andy
GRAHAM**

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



5



**Mark
DURNAN**

28/11/1992

188 CM 89 KG



6



**George
STANGER**

15/08/2000

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 KHYAM

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



POST PETERHEAD VICTORY

I wanted a reaction from Tuesday night - that first half performance - and I got that, especially in the second half. Okay it was hard fought but I think we deserved it.

The first goal is as good a goal as you will see this weekend. From the link up play, the lay-off and the

finish from Taggs. I'm delighted to get the opening goal, the first goal is always so important in these games and we were lucky enough to get it and from then on we looked like we were always winning the match.

Peterhead had a goal chopped off, we

had a goal chopped off, I think we had a stonewall penalty not given and two or three chances but I think we came on strong in the second half - possibly a bit of tiredness from Tuesday night although I freshened it up a wee bit but I can't ask for anything more.

And I would like to thank the fans for the support today. Money's tight at this time of year, they were there at Falkirk midweek. They've come all the way up here today and we really, really appreciate it.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our thirteenth league fixture in this season's Cinch League One and our seventh home league match, today against Clyde FC as we look to build on the victory over Peterhead last Saturday, we welcome Allan Moore, the directors, players and fans of Clyde FC.

Congratulations to Scott Taggart who captained "The Wasps" to victory at Peterhead last Saturday topping

it with one of the best goals of his career, a great passing move, the delicate back heeler from Luke Donnelly and Scott's shot finding the bottom corner of the net. He was also rewarded by named in the SPFL Team of the Week, well deserved.

Our last 16 SPFL Trust Trophy tie against Queen of the South at the Indodrill Stadium has been scheduled for Friday 9th December, 2022, Kick-Off 7.45pm, tickets will be available

in the week running up to the game. BBC Alba has chosen the Falkirk v. Dundee Round 4 tie to be shown live on Thursday 8th December, 2022.

Scotland's Under-21s return to action next month as Scot Gemmill's side are set to host Iceland in another preparation match ahead of the start of the next set of European Championship qualifiers which get underway in the new year. The match will

take place on Thursday, 17 November, with a venue in Scotland to be confirmed in due course. This friendly will be the third match in the new cycle for the Under-21s, with only players born in 2002 or later now eligible for selection. Scotland will be looking to back up their successful September camp which saw as many as 14 players make their Under-21 debuts including Jay Hogarth who is currently on loan to "The Wasps" from Glasgow

Rangers, as the young Scots secured a 3-1 victory and a 1-1 draw in two matches against Northern Ireland.

Former Scotland and Hearts defender Christophe Berra returned to Hampden Park this afternoon as he made the draw for the Third Round of the 2022/23 Scottish Cup. Berra, who announced his retirement from football in the summer, joined host Gordon Duncan to make the draw for Round Three which will be contested over the weekend of Saturday, 26 November. With the Third Round seeing the introduction of sides from the Championship and League One. Alloa drew Open Goal Broomhill at Broadwood Stadium (full draw

pictured)

Games are due to be played on weekend of 26th November, 2022.

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.

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 42 22nd October, 2022
£ 100 0629 B.Williamson
£ 50 0818 J.Dunn
£ 25 0252 R.Aitken
£ 25 0152 L.Cook
£ 25 1473 D.Mitchell



THIRD ROUND DRAW

ALBION ROVERS	V	UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING
AYR UNITED	V	POLLOK
CLYDE	V	DUMBARTON
COVE RANGERS	V	DUNIPACE
DRUMCHAPEL UNITED	V	FC EDINBURGH
DUNDEE	V	AIRDRIEONIANS
DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC	V	FORFAR ATHLETIC
FORMARTINE UNITED	V	STENHOUSEMUIR
FRASERBURGH	V	ARBROATH
GREENOCK MORTON	V	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

ORIGINAL MOMENTS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.



THIRD ROUND DRAW

HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	V	EAST KILBRIDE
HILL OF BEATH HAWTHORN	V	ELGIN CITY
INVERNESS CALEDONIAN THISTLE	V	STIRLING ALBION
LINLITHGOW ROSE	V	SAUCHIE JUNIORS
MONTROSE	V	DARVEL
OPEN GOAL BROOMHILL	V	ALLOA ATHLETIC
PARTICK THISTLE	V	KELTY HEARTS
PETERHEAD	V	QUEEN'S PARK
RAITH ROVERS	V	AUCHINLECK TALBOT
WICK ACADEMY	V	FALKIRK

ORIGINAL MOMENTS. UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

Alloa Athletic are proudly continuing their support Show Racism the Red Card's *Match Actions* Campaign during the cinch League 1 tie against Clyde. Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading anti-racism Education Charity, and our club has supported their messages of tolerance and inclusion for many years. Now more than ever, the importance of active anti-racism cannot be overstated.

Across Scottish football, clubs will show their commitment to anti-racism over one weekend – Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October. In doing so we can raise the profile of year round commitment to anti-racism within football. Show Racism the Red Card works within schools, workplaces, sport, and community organisations to educate children, young people, and adults on challenging prejudice and stereotypes, using the power of football as a powerful tool to initiate conversations about anti-racism. They ran educational programmes with over 10,000 participants here in Scotland over the past year.

Here at Alloa we recognize the importance of being alert to the inequalities that persist due to racism. A recent SRtRC survey revealed 46% of staff are aware of racist bullying or discrimination in Scottish schools, while 66.4% are aware of pupils expressing misconceptions, stereotypes, or negative attitudes that are racist.

Chris Priestley, from Show Racism the Red Card had this to say; "We are delighted with the support for anti-racism that exists within Scottish football and are very proud of our upcoming match actions. However the work must continue. We call on our supporters to continue to challenge racism. It is a shared responsibility across the game, from dressing rooms to boardrooms, and from stadiums to social media, to ensure that an anti-racism ethos is maintained throughout the year.

Alloa Athletic stands with everyone who has had to endure racial prejudice in all areas of their lives. We condemn all forms of racism and any racist behaviour will not be tolerated at our club.

Football is a sport that is loved across the world and football matches should be an enjoyable experience for everyone, of all backgrounds. Education is the key and Alloa Athletic will support Show Racism the Red Card to ensure Scotland is equipped with the tools to challenge and eradicate racism from football and society.

For useful resources and information from Show Racism the Red Card, please:

Visit their Website: www.theredcard.org

Explore their anti-racism video platform: <https://voices.theredcard.org/>

And follow them on:

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22nd October 2022
 Balmoor Stadium, Peterhead
 3:00pm KO

PETERHEAD

0:2

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(0:0)

SCORERS

0:1 54' Taggart

0:2 85' O'Donnell



STARTING XI

- 1** RITCHIE
- 15** STRACHAN
- 22** WILKIE
- 16** WILSON
- 5** BROWN
- 23** WALUSIMBI
- 19** CARRE
- 12** BROWN
- 26** HEWITT
- 10** DOW
- 11** O'KEEFE

SUBS

- 27** WOOD
- 18** BROWN
- 14** SCULLION
- 7** ASARE
- 28** HEFZALLA
- 3** DIXON
- 6** STRACHAN

SUBS

- 21** BURT
- 4** HOWIE
- 5** GRAHAM
- 15** MACIVER
- 16** KING
- 19** BUCHANAN
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 24** RANKIN
- 25** OFFORD

STARTING XI

- 31** HOGARTH
- 2** TAGGART
- 3** CHURCH
- 7** CAWLEY
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 9** DONNELLY
- 10** RODDEN
- 11** MILLER
- 14** STANGER
- 18** SAMMON
- 23** DEVINE

REFEREE: Stewart Luke

22nd October 2022
 New Douglas Park, Hamilton
 3:00pm KO

CLYDE

1:2

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH



(0:1)

SCORERS

0:1 19' Paton

Cunningham **60'** **1:1**

1:2 84' Murray



STARTING XI

- 21** MULLEN
- 2** LYON
- 4** MCLEAN
- 3** GRANT
- 22** CRAIG
- 14** KENNEDY
- 6** GRANT
- 8** GOMIS
- 11** ROBERTS
- 9** ALLAN
- 10** CUNNINGHAM

SUBS

- 1** PARRY
- 15** SCULLION
- 17** CAMERON
- 23** HENJI
- 25** SULA

SUBS

- 3** QUITONGO
- 10** CONNELLY
- 13** FOX
- 18** MCKECHNIE
- 19** RUTH
- 20** IRVING
- 22** BANGE
- 26** MUIR
- 27** GIBSON

STARTING XI

- 1** CURRIE
- 2** MCKAY
- 5** MCKAY
- 16** EAST
- 17** HENDRIE
- 11** MURRAY
- 12** MCKENNA
- 15** MCGRORY
- 6** COCHRANE
- 7** PATON
- 9** REILLY

REFEREE: Alan Newlands

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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

We recognise -

- the welfare of the child (up to the age of 18) is paramount.
- all children regardless of age disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults
- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of incidents of concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and that is dealt with confidentially;
- prevent the employment or engagement of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting procedures

Alloa Athletic Football Club's policy will be widely promoted and will be reviewed on a regular basis, or in the event of changes in legislation or government guidance, or as a result of any other changes.

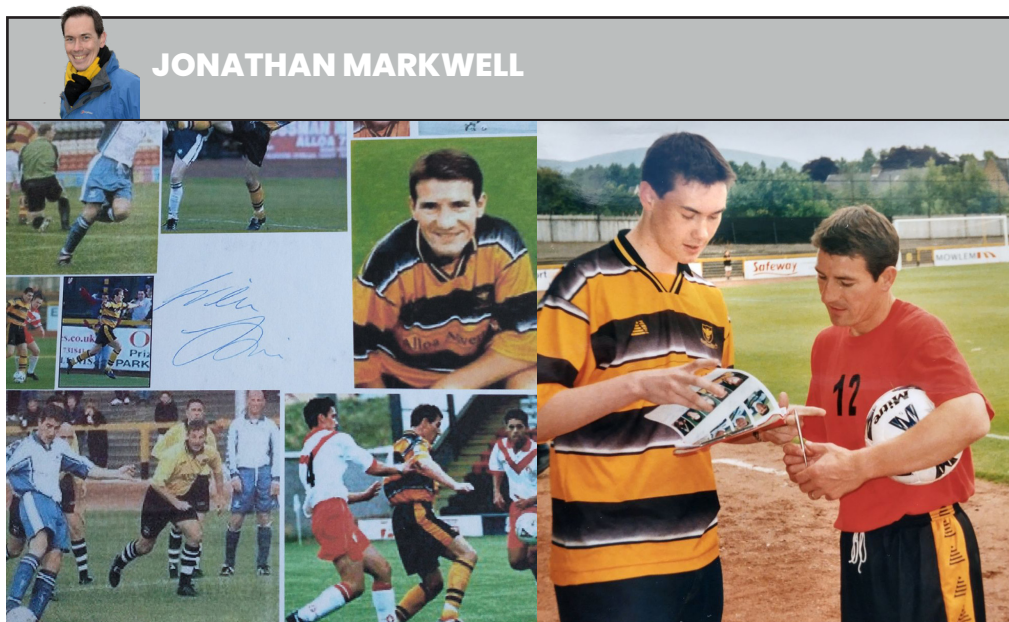
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CONFESSIONS OF 90'S AUTOGRAPH COLLECTOR

Whilst scrambling around my loft in the summer I unearthed some of my most prized footballing possessions from my youth, my precious autograph books from the late 1980s and 1990s. Everyone has their football rituals and mine, as a football-mad youngster growing up in Ipswich, included collecting footballers' autographs. Between the age of 6 and 12 I was fortunate enough to have a season-ticket at Portman Road and in that time watched

the 'Super Blues' (this was long before the 'Tractor Boys' nickname was created) for three seasons in the old Second Division (now the Championship) and the three inaugural seasons of what was then called the FA Premier League. In that time I managed to get the autograph of some of most famous players and managers to ever grace the game. Stumbling across my autograph books brought back a flood of memories, not just of the players and games

I saw, but the stories behind getting those autographs and the lengths you needed to go to secure them.

My Saturdays as a youngster consisted mainly of watching TransWorld Sport at 8am on Channel 4, then go off to either watch my brother play cubs football, or once I turned 8 playing myself in the cubs football team, back for a cooked lunch (thanks mum) whilst watching Saint & Greavsie and then off to Portman Road with

my dad and brother to the match. We always liked to arrive early, with the aim of getting the opposition players, or new Ipswich signings, autographs as they went out to warm up or when returning to the dressing room before kick-off. Security back then, at least in the Second Division seasons between 1989 and 1992 was almost non-existent, in complete contrast to the present day parlance for barriers, media zones and fans having little scope to get

anywhere close to the superstars of the game today. Instead, all my brother and I needed was a little help from our dad to get over the wall by the players entrance and there we were standing alertly by the pitch with our autograph books and biros in hand, with eyes in the back of our heads to spot players coming from any direction to sign our colourful books.

Obviously in those early Second Division days there wasn't a conveyor-belt of superstars the top league had. However, they'd always be a couple of players you'd particularly target from each opposing team, be it the over-the-hill veteran my dad had told used to be good, or the up-and-coming youngster hyped to reach the top in the future. Back in the late 1980s and early 1990s that included Sheffield Wednesday's player-manager Trevor Francis (the first million pound player no less), Newcastle's former Celtic stalwart Roy Aitken, Watford's young goalkeeper with a snazzy haircut David James and Millwall's Teddy Sheringham.

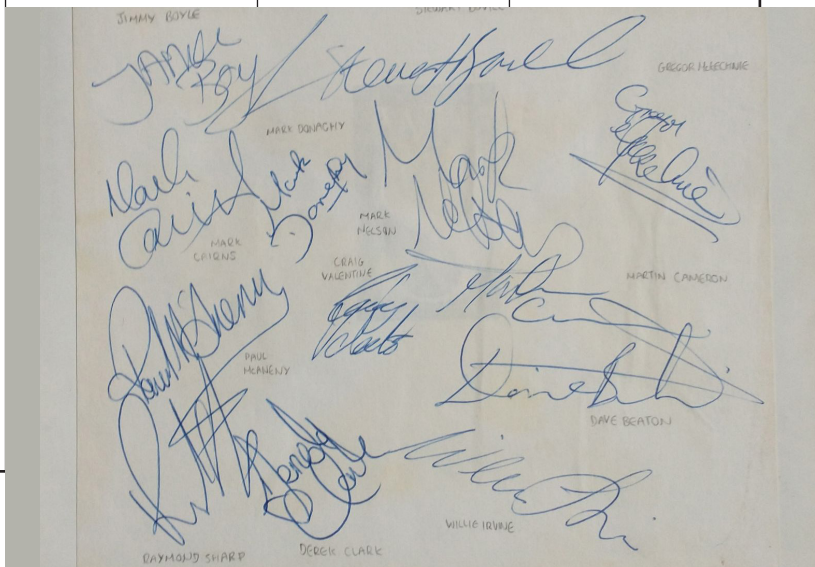
I however recall being terribly disappointed not to get the autograph of Wolves' goal-machine Steve Bull, who had been a member of England's

Italia '90 squad despite not playing in the top division. More often than not players returned to the dressing room as a team, meaning you had to pick your targets carefully knowing that players wouldn't wait in line for a 7 year old 15 minutes before kick-off. That day I got Bull's strike partner Andy Mutch's autograph, but Bull slipped past and I still remember that feeling of regret to this day. Footballers probably didn't realise it, but to youngsters like me getting an autograph was a real delight. Some-days there were up to 30 children trying to get autographs just like me and sometimes that worked in everyone's favour, as you could work in packs to form a wall to slow the players down and run from one swarm of youngsters to another around each player, who literally couldn't side-step you for the safety of the away dressing room. I'm sure if I was a

player I wouldn't want a cluster of pesky children waving their autograph books or programmes in your face just before the game. Some were only too happy to sign, again and again in the case of Chris Sutton, who I have four copies of his signature from two separate Norwich Reserves games in 1991, whilst others like Bully must have been at the back of squad and got his teammates to act as decoys to allow him to skip past the crowd.

There were also some unusual players who I was particularly happy to get a scribble in my book from. None more so in December 1990 a player who five months earlier had been playing in the World Cup final for Argentina. Defender Néstor Lorenzo was one of the Argentine's showing the match officials as West Germany won a late penalty to lift the World Cup; a few months later he

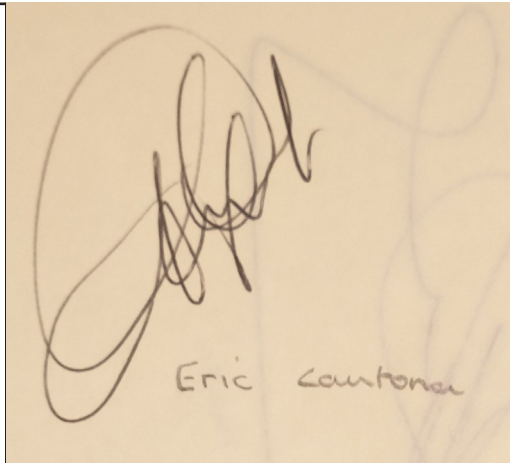
swapped playing for Bari in Serie A to join Swindon Town, managed by compatriot Ossie Ardiles. Within a month of his debut the Robins travelled to Ipswich and I was delighted to get his small and neatly written signature to add to my collection! The then 24 year-old Lorenzo didn't stay too long in Wiltshire as his family didn't settle, but I was pleased to learn that 32 years later shaggy haired Néstor is still involved at the top level of the game as the current manager of Colombia. Another later international manager who visited Ipswich and signed my book was Kevin Keegan, shortly after he'd taken over at Newcastle in 1992. I was actually captured in the act of grabbing Keegan's autograph on regional Anglia TV, running down at the front of the stand as Keegan walked towards the dug-out and stopping him to sign!



Ipswich's promotion to the inaugural Premier League in 1992 meant the calibre of players visiting Portman Road increased considerably. As a 9 year old I persuaded my dad that as well as trying to get signatures around the tunnel area before games, another opportunity was to wait after matches and grab the players as they made it back onto the team coach. That proved very successful at first, with the visit of Tottenham in August 1992 being particularly memorable. Looking back I got most of the players to sign, with Teddy Sheringham (on his debut after signing from Nottingham Forest), Gordon Durie, Vinny Samways, Darren Anderton, Terry Fenwick, Erik Thorstvedt, Neil Ruddock and manager Terry Venables all in my book. My brother actually got more autographs than me that day though, as

keeper Thorstvedt invited him onto the Spurs team coach to get other players he'd missed! The game was actually Ipswich's first Premier League game on Sky, with my autograph book also containing the signatures of commentator Martin Tyler and referee Keith Hackett (who helped the Wasps with Mouhamed Niang's unsuccessful appeal against that dismissal versus Celtic last season). The game itself was probably most memorable for a fluke clearance from Jason Cundy lobbing Town's Canadian keeper Craig Forrest from 50 yards.

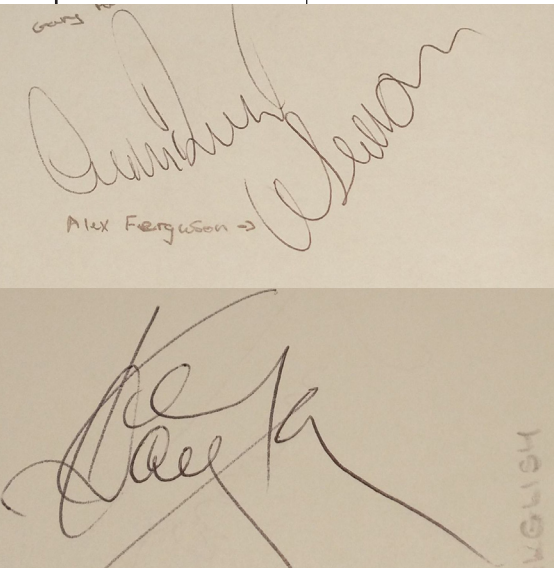
Going through my autographs from that 1992-93 season is a bit of a treasure trove. I have virtually a complete set of signatures from the Champions of England Leeds United, including a certain Eric Cantona. The iconic Frenchman pops up



again a few pages later within the Manchester United players, as Eric played at Portman Road twice that season and left with defeats on both occasions! Other United players to sign that day for me were Giggs, Robson, Ince, Pallister, Bruce, Kanchelskis, Sharpe and Phelan. I was also pleasantly pleased to see that my collection also includes then future Knighthood recipients Sir Alex Ferguson and Sir Bobby Charlton, although I have no personal recollection of these as a 9 year old! The Match of the Day cameras were also in town that day, as early pundit Sir Trevor Brooking's signature is there, with a classy touch of 'To Jonathan - all the best Trevor Brooking' being inscribed; I'd expect nothing less from Sir Trev!

Other players I was really pleased to see that I've got their autographs include the

Liverpool contingent of Grobbelaar, Fowler, Barnes, Rush and then manager Souness and Arsenal stars including Seaman, Wright, Campbell, Merson, Dixon, Smith, Jensen, O'Leary, Winterburn, Parlour and everybody's favourite dancer Tony Adams! There's also a smattering of World Cup USA '94 players who then joined the increasingly cosmopolitan Premier League, with me being particularly giddy about Everton's Nigerian forward Daniel Amokachi and Coventry's dreadlocked American winger Cobi Jones signing for me. Sometimes however it was the less exotic players who lived longer in the memory. I remember vividly how Coventry's John Williams had a beaming smile and a laugh and joke with me as he signed my book. I knew of Williams as he was officially the fastest player in the country, having won a



100m race at Wembley during the League Cup final – I'm unsure whether I reminded him of this, or whether he was in such a good mood seeing youngsters stay behind to wait for unglamorous Coventry City players! Another which sticks in the mind was then Manchester City striker Niall Quinn, who signed my autograph book whilst balancing the can of lager he was swigging between the changing room and team coach – changed times! Chris Waddle was another favourite, mainly as his autograph contained a smiley face! This was long before the times of players regularly including their squad number as part of their scribble to help

decipher who they were. John Fashanu was another 'character', with the Wimbledon striker and Gladiators TV show presenter simply signing my book in large capital letters FASH X. Finally, I remember being absolutely delighted to get Kenny Dalglish and Alan Shearer's autographs after a game with Blackburn, even though I was less impressed when I later found out Shearer said that there were no easy games in the league, except Ipswich!

In my teenage years, as part of my first trips up to Alloa, collecting autographs of Wasps players was high on my agenda too. However, star striker Martin Cameron did all the hard

work for me on my first visit in 1998, taking my book into the dressing room for the whole squad to sign! What the Alloa players didn't realise at the time was that they signed the opposite side of the page which had one of my most prized signatures, legendary German striker Jurgen Klinsmann! In the following couple of seasons I got more organised by cutting out a photo of each player for them to sign underneath and with no security anywhere in sight I was free to approach the players as they returned from the dressing room after their warm ups, or even follow manager Terry Christie onto the hallowed Recs turf to

get his autograph.

All in all, whilst autographs undoubtedly have a monetary value, as a youngster I never thought about it like that and instead it really is just a case of the thrill of getting scribbles from famous footballers you usually only ever see on the television. Nowadays the trend is more towards selfies and signed photos, but the humble autograph still has a place and I hope all footballers take the time to continue this tradition with young supporters, as from personal experience it really does mean the world to young followers and helps turn them into supporters for life!





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	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Pts.
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Dundee	13	8	3	2	24	12	18
Aberdeen	14	7	4	3	20	14	17
Rangers	11	6	1	4	20	7	16
Hibs	13	7	4	2	13	13	16
Airdrie	12	6	3	3	14	7	15
Falkirk	12	5	2	5	14	8	15
Celtic	10	7	3	0	17	13	14
Hearts	12	3	1	8	17	14	14
Kilmarnock	12	4	4	4	20	17	12
Third Lanark	12	5	5	2	15	17	12
Partick	11	3	3	5	17	14	11
St Mirren	12	4	5	3	17	16	11
Alloa	12	4	5	3	12	17	11
Raith Rovers	12	3	5	4	7	17	10
Clyde	12	3	6	3	12	17	9
Motherwell	11	2	5	4	14	17	8
Morton	11	3	6	2	9	15	8
Ayr United	11	3	6	2	8	15	8
Albion Rovers	12	1	6	5	9	19	7
Hamilton Accs.	13	3	9	1	15	23	7



TRICKY DOUBLE HEADER TO GET BACK ON TRACK

The Wasps were on the road as they chased points to get their debut season in Scotland's top flight back on track. A four match unbeaten run in August and September 1922 had given Wee County fans hope that Alloa could survive and thrive among the big boys. The ensuing four games without a win with the concession of ten goals had been something of a reality check. Returning hero in attack Willie Crilly had watched on from

the stand after a nasty injury sustained on his second Alloa debut. Following the 3-1 defeat against Dundee the Sunday Post had opined that "Crilly is the only man who can save Alloa now". Supporters waited anxiously for news ahead of a tricky looking double header against Third Lanark and Hibs.

The trip to Cathkin Park brought back fond memories for older Alloa fans. The Wasps had been the visitors in 1904

for the first competitive fixture on the famous old ground following the rebrand from (the second) Hampden Park to New Cathkin Park. The historic occasion had attracted a bumper crowd with a healthy away contingent, legendary Alloa Advertiser columnist Old Player noting that "One would have imagined he was making for the Rec' instead of New Cathkin so well kent were the faces". Non-league Alloa had briefly threatened a

Scottish Cup sensation that day when Tom Bowie blasted them ahead with the first goal at New Cathkin before Thirds - who were on their way to being crowned champions of Scotland - bounced back to win 3-1. Eighteen years on Alloa were back at Cathkin as First Division equals and aiming for points to help them preserve that status, despite a gloomy pre-match prognosis in the Evening News that the the Wasps' visit "can-

not be with any great prospects of victory”.

Trainer McDonald had delayed naming his team in the hope that Crilley would be fit. He wasn't and Tully Craig again led the attack. Also in the Alloa team was Arthur McNally, facing up against his brother Tommy for Thirds. Perhaps the local Hi-Hi had been reading the papers before the game as they started in relaxed fashion: “Third Lanark began the game as if the result were as good as assured”, noted the Sunday Post. This was a mistake for despite their mixed results, Alloa had already shown some notable qualities on the road in particular. “Alloa, the lighter team, quickly dispelled any illusion as to their ability to stretch their opponents to the upmost” added the Post. The Wasps took control, moving

the ball quickly and with Arthur McNally – on this occasion outshining his more celebrated brother – dominating in midfield. The opening goal came before the half hour mark, Cochrane lashing home from 25 yards. The Wasps continued to hold the upper hand and saw the game out for a famous 1-0 victory. “The wonder team from Alloa continues to confound football form” raved the Sunday Post, albeit adding the rather uncharitable conclusion that “almost any team in the league could have beaten Third Lanark on the day”.

It was a morale boosting victory – Alloa's third in the top flight and all on the road. “At home you would not think there is football in them. Just look at what they did today”, said one of the Wasps officials post match at Cathkin. It was reported that those Alloa fans who only attended

at the Recs could not work out how the team was so successful on the road while struggling badly at home. The Evening News suggested that perhaps those same fans were to blame: “There are those who think that there is just a little too much barracking on the part of the home supporters regarding their own players”. A charge which has been levelled again at times in the 100 years since. Alloa's topsy turvy form was the talk of the steamie as the Wasps prepared for their next game and another glamour occasion with the visit of Hibs to Recreation Park: “Hibernian visit Alloa to meet the most surprising team in Scotland, the team that cannot win at home or lose away”. There was still no Crilley as Alloa named the same side which had triumphed at Cathkin. 8000 fans inside the Recs saw a frantic start to the game. With just ten minutes played the visitors were ahead, Walker reacting to poke the ball home after Thomson had saved from Richie, provoking more groans from those in the home support who hadn't witnessed the away wins. Alloa went straight down the park however and Tully Craig forced a corner. When the ball subsequently arrived in the box Craig was there first to slam it home and Alloa were level. The Wasps moved to turn

the screw on the flustered men from Leith. An almighty goalmouth scramble ensued which ended with Cochrane picking up the loose ball and feeding Craig to score from close range. There wasn't even twenty minutes on the clock and Alloa were 2-1 ahead. The second-half saw Hibs find their feet once more and Thomson in the Alloa goal excelled again. The home jinx looked to have struck again in the closing stages when McNally scythed down Halligan in the box, but to great cheers from the home fans “McGinnigle's rocket shot went high over the bar”. It finished 2-1 and Alloa had that elusive maiden home win in the First Division. The hard to please Wee County support headed home happy, not to know that it would be 92 years before Alloa would again defeat Hibs, ironically by the same score and after going behind early, with Iain Flannigan eventually joining Tully Craig in the history books as matchwinner. Back in late October 1922 those back to back wins over Third Lanark and Hibs had brought renewed optimism. Alloa were again pulling themselves towards mid-table and with very winnable games coming up against Albion Rovers and Clyde. 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	12 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	16 (0)	0	12 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	12 (0)	1	5 (0)	0	17 (0)	1	206 (0)	7
CHURCH	DEF	7 (3)	0	5 (0)	0	12 (3)	0	27 (7)	0
HOWIE	DEF	0 (3)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (3)	0	17 (6)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	5 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	10 (1)	0	181 (2)	13
DURNAN	DEF	4 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	37 (0)	4
STANGER	DEF	11 (0)	2	4 (1)	0	15 (1)	2	11 (0)	2
MCLAREN	DEF	0 (1)	0	2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0	0 (1)	0
DEVINE	DEF	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	10 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	10 (1)	0	157 (29)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	7 (1)	1	3 (1)	0	10 (2)	1	41 (14)	6
KING	MID	3 (6)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (6)	0	29 (11)	4
O'DONNELL	MID	5 (3)	1	2 (1)	0	7 (4)	1	12 (23)	1
MILLER	MID	7 (2)	0	5 (0)	0	12 (2)	0	7 (2)	0
CAWLEY	MID	11 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	12 (3)	0	309 (44)	62
DONNELLY	FWD	2 (4)	1	1 (0)	0	3 (4)	1	2 (10)	2
SAMMON	FWD	12 (0)	5	4 (1)	5	16 (1)	10	33 (13)	10
MACIVER	FWD	10 (2)	3	4 (1)	0	14 (3)	3	13 (7)	4
KHYHAM	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (1)	0
RODDEN	FWD	5 (6)	5	4 (0)	1	9 (6)	6	5 (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	3 (4)	2	0 (0)	0	3 (4)	2	3 (4)	2



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5 (0)	0	211 (0)	7
53 (1)	2	80 (8)	2
6 (0)	0	23 (6)	1
10 (2)	0	191 (4)	13
46 (1)	1	83 (1)	5
6 (1)	0	17 (1)	2
2 (1)	0	2 (2)	0
0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	157 (29)	2
3 (1)	1	44 (15)	7
10 (4)	1	39 (15)	5
0 (0)	0	12 (23)	1
5 (0)	0	12 (2)	0
6 (4)	1	315 (48)	63
1 (3)	0	3 (13)	2
4 (1)	5	37 (14)	15
4 (1)	0	17 (8)	4
0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0
4 (0)	1	9 (6)	6
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

Since the last edition of The Wasp, Alloa have picked up a couple of important wins both at home and on their travels, with a bloody nose at Falkirk sandwiched in between. The home victory over Airdrie a fortnight ago was a patient performance, where the team kept plugging away and the goals eventually arrived. Following Luke Donnelly's opener early in the second half, Alloa never really looked as if they would slip up- with the only real scare on the Alloa goal averted from an excellent David Devine block. Second half substitute Ross MacIver had a goal disallowed for offside soon after his introduction,

but he finally put the game to bed in the closing stages of the game. Airdrie are experiencing a bit of a downturn in form in more recent times, and perhaps are not quite the force they were earlier in the season- but regardless this was a welcome 3 points. The most pleasing aspect from a supporters point of view had to be the quality of the goals. Donnelly's 53rd minute goal was a brilliantly placed glancing header into the bottom corner of the net from Kevin Cawley's cross. But MacIver still managed to upstage him with an unstoppable 25-yard rocket which will surely be a contender for goal of the season.

Next up was a trip across the River Forth to face Falkirk in the rear-ranged game following the death of the Queen. Alloa's recent record at the Falkirk Stadium had been pretty good, and it's a fixture the fans tend to look forward to as a result. There was admittedly a slight air of trepidation though- playing full time clubs in midweek is far from an impossible mountain to climb, but it generally does tend to give part time teams a small disadvantage going into the game. The Alloa support was allocated a small section of the main stand- but entry via a single turnstile. Despite arriving 15 minutes before kick-

off- thankfully you may say- I managed to miss the first 2 Falkirk goals before I got to my seat. The manager stated after the game he knew Falkirk would start the game with a high tempo and the team simply didn't deal with it. The early setback affected the players, but Falkirk to their credit played well in a one sided first half. They effectively sealed the points before half time with a third goal- Juan Alegria with his second of the game. Alegria must love playing against us- you will recall his hat trick for Rangers B here in the SPFL Trust Trophy tournament last season. I lost some credibility with a few Partick This-

tle supporting friends when I talked him up following his January loan move to Firhill. He under performed there but he certainly looked the part again last midweek. Alloa showed some character second half and were much improved, creating a few chances- but the game of course was essentially over. Conor Sammon did notch his obligatory goal against his former club late on- and it was a well worked goal. Winning his aerial duel just outside the penalty area, he nodded wide left for Daniel Church before darting into the area and lashing home the full backs delivery from close range. But obviously it was a bad night overall when all was said and done. The orange third kit did look good under the floodlights though, and with the sponsor detail all added now I can see a Christmas purchase from the Pendle website on the horizon.

Alloa bounced back from that defeat last Saturday with a vital 3 points up at Peterhead. On the long journey north there were some quite severe patches of fog, and this was also the case upon arrival at Balmoor Stadium. I actually held off on buying my ticket from the ticket office until right before kick off as the fog took some time to lift. The skies were clear, but the surface was slick- making it difficult

to play at a high tempo. Despite having the better of the first half, it took Alloa some time to really stretch and breach the home defence. But once again, Alloa got the opener early in the second half and didn't look back. A cracking goal it was too. Restored to his natural right back position, Scott Taggart had way more license to get forward. And after a neat piece of interchange with Luke Donnelly he lashed the ball home. It was the icing on the cake of an excellent outing by Taggs. Alloa really should have put the game to bed quicker than they did- most glaringly through a Daniel Church chance in front of goal. As Peterhead advanced forward in the closing stages there was an element of nerves- but substitute Cammy O'Donnell sealed the

win when his shot took a somewhat fortuitous deflection into the Peterhead net. It was a piece of luck Alloa deserved on the day though.

Peterhead were a lot better than they showed in their 5-0 defeat at Alloa earlier in the season. But this was as good a win as I've seen Alloa produce at Balmoor in a long time- generally it's a tough place to go.

Individually, I'd say the emergence of Luke Donnelly has been a real standout in recent games. He was absent from the Falkirk defeat, and Alloa really missed his presence and link play that night. Donnelly has had to be patient, but he's grasped his opportunity and now looks a regular in that starting 11. Finally, the draw for the 3rd round of the Scottish Cup was

held on Monday. After Sauchie's excellent win over Bonnyrigg Rose, they were my favoured club to be paired with- it would generate a substantial amount of interest throughout the local area. Alloa were of course drawn away to Open Goal Broomhill. Whilst there will no doubt be publicity generated through manager Simon Ferry's excellent YouTube channel, this is a really tough draw. Broomhill are in outstanding form in the Lowland League with some good individuals within their team. Alloa will need to rely on all their experience and be at their best to reach the next round- where perhaps we will get that dream draw against our neighbours at the top of the brae- enjoy today's game.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 27TH OCTOBER 1979

In The Premier Division, the day's top game was undoubtedly at Celtic Park, where fierce local rivals Celtic and Rangers met once again, in front of a crowd of 56,000. And The Celts, who'd lost their unbeaten league record, after suffering defeat at fellow title challengers Morton the previous week, now returned to winning ways, by 1-0, as they retained leadership.

Second-placed Morton were victorious for the second week in a row, this time rather convincingly by 4-1 at Partick, Aberdeen stayed third despite being held 1-1 at struggling Hibs, while Partick and Rangers, in spite of their respective defeats, remained fourth and fifth respectively. At the other end of the table, Hibs in spite of their welcome point, still propped up the table, while two of

the other strugglers, third-bottom St. Mirren and second-bottom Dundee, met at Love Street. The Buddies emerged victorious by 4-2, though their own position and that of The Dee, both remained unchanged.

Airdrie remained top of The First Division after a third straight victory, by 2-1 at Raith, a result which also meant The Diamonds were un-

beaten in eleven league games. Hearts retained second spot in spite of a 0-2 defeat at Ayr, while Dumbarton and Stirling Albion stayed third and fourth respectively, in spite of respective defeats at Hamilton (0-1) and at home v St. Johnstone (1-2). Dunfermline moved one place off the bottom after a 1-0 win at Berwick, The Pars were replaced by today's visitors Clyde, despite The Bully Wee

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picking a point from a 2-2 draw at Clydebank, courtesy of goals from Gerard McCabe & John Brogan. Meantime at Gayfield, third-bottom Arbroath entertained fourth-bottom Motherwell, who were still finding the going tough, after their relegation from The Premier Division the previous season. And a 3-2 win for The Red Lichties enabled them to swap places with their fellow strugglers.

Down in The Second, a crowd of 3,5000 were present at Brockville, to see leaders Falkirk take on their second-placed local rivals East Stirling, and a 2-1 win for The Shire enabled them to swap places with their hosts. Montrose remained third, in spite of a 1-2 defeat at atnoehr of the front-runners, Meadowbank, who thus moved up to fourth, displacing Alloa, who slipped to fifth, after they were held 1-1 at home by their sixth-placed near-neighbours, Stenhousemuir, John Muir netting the home side's second-half equaliser. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: McNab, Robertson, Henderson, McCann, Holt, Morrison, McLeod, Morris (Yates), Cochrane, McIntosh, Muir. The "basement battle" at Hampden between fellow strugglers Queen's Park and Albion Rovers ended all-square at 2-2, though in spite of this welcome point, The

Spiders still propped up the table, while The Wee Rovers slipped to third-bottom spot.

South of the border, First Division leaders Nottingham Forest were surprised by 0-1 at mid-table Spurs, which meant that Forest were replaced at the top by Manchester United, after United collected a point from a 0-0 draw at lowly Everton. Liverpool moved into third place, after a fine 4-0 win at Manchester City, Norwich were now fourth after a 4-2 win at struggling Brighton, while at the other end of the table, Ipswich's 1-0 home success v Middlesbrough moved them up one place off the bottom, they were replaced by Brighton. Luton retained leadership of The Second Division, despite being held 1-1 at home by Preston, Newcastle were now second after they defeated Cambridge 2-0 at St. James Park, while Wrexham, who were also victorious on home soil, by 3-0 v struggling Watford, moved up to third.



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This afternoon we continue our League 1 campaign by welcoming Clyde to the Recs. It has been a tough run of results for the Bully Wee having lost their last 9 games in the league, meaning you have to go back to August to find their last victory against Keltie Hearts. They did, however, progress in the Challenge Cup by disposing off Welsh side, Caernarfon Town, at New Douglas Park. Despite this losing streak, they still sit 2 points ahead of Peterhead who are rock bottom. The worry will come though as the bottom 2 become more cut adrift from

the pack with Clyde 8 points behind the closest team ahead, in Airdrie, who they play a week after this tie. With plenty of former Alloa connections in the opposing ranks, they will be looking to put right to the last few months and begin climbing the table in the coming weeks.

THE BOSS

It would've been a former Alloa manager that will took charge of the visitors this afternoon. Danny Lennon managed the club back in their survival bids in the Championship in 2015. Ironically using the 'Any Given Sunday' speech in

the play-off final against Forfar, Alloa completed the great escape with a historic comeback. The next season didn't go to plan though as Alloa were left well adrift at the bottom of the table without a home win to their name. Lennon departed the club in December after just five points out of a possible forty-eight. His managerial career highlight so far came before his stint at Alloa, however. Lennon led St Mirren to their first ever Scottish League Cup win in 2013 beating Hearts 3-2 in the final, and Celtic in the semi-finals. Since leaving the Indodrill, the former midfielder had



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a brief stint at Airdrie before returning to permanent management with Clyde in 2017. Two years later, he would take the Bully Wee up into League 1 through the play-offs, it would be the club's first season out of the bottom division for the first time in ten years. With survival looming in the balance with 7 points from the opening twelve games Clyde announced that manager Danny Lennon has been placed on paid authorised absence and assistant manager, former Stirling Albion and Greenock Morton boss, Allan Moore, will take charge of the squad for training and match days on an interim basis.

THE CAPTAIN - BRIAN MCLEAN

Following the departure of Ally Love in

the summer, it is a new signing in Brian McLean who will lead the side out this afternoon. Now at 37-year old, the centre back has been playing senior football since 2005 where he began his senior career at Motherwell. During this time he caught the eye

by winning the Scottish Premier League Young Player of the Month award in 2006 and continued to develop at Fir Park. His other club stints included Falkirk, Preston, Dundee United and Ross County, but it was his spells in Malaysia that won his first title

in 2015. He returned to Scotland with Hibernian, and had spells in Iceland, Dumbarton and Greenock before joining Clyde in the summer. Added in much-needed experience to the backline, McLean comes with International experience with a cap for Northern Ireland. The 6 ft 2 defender comes from a strong footballing pedigree with his father, Stuart McLean, playing for Kilmarnock and his brother Steven, being a top referee.

NEW BOY - ERIK ŠULA

One of Clyde's new signings is another man of the backline. Erik Šula standing at 6 ft 4 made the move to New Douglas Park in the summer

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

from Zemplin Michalovce. Born in Poprad, Slovakia, it is with his local team Poprad that he began his career with in 2014. They currently play in the third tier of Slovakian football, where Šula was born. As well as playing in Slovakia, Šula has also had a brief stint in Czech Republic with Fotbal Trinec. Since making the eye-catching move to Clyde, he has played in the majority of the games so far this year. However, following the 5-0 defeat to Airdrie in September, he found himself on the bench for the next 3 games. A brief return to the team happened against Dunfermline before returning to the bench against Queen of the South. Šula will be looking to return to the start of the season form, where on his first start, he bagged an assist in the side's last win over Kelty.

ONE TO WATCH - ROSS CUNNINGHAM

Despite the side struggling in the league this season, left-sided midfielder Ross Cunningham has found the back of the net 8 times this season. Most recently on the score-sheet last week against Queen of the South, Cunningham, alongside striker partner Jordan Allan, are looking to pull their team out of the relegation spaces. Having began his career

at Hamilton Accies, he will be well known to Alloa boss, Brian Rice, spending 5 years at New Douglas Park. Brief loan spells at Forfar and Clyde followed before eventually making his move to the Bully Wee permanent. His 6 goals in the league do place him as the joint top scorer in the division but last Saturday's goal was a welcome return to the scoresheet having not found the back of the net in the last 8 games. That stat goes to show the blistering start to the season he had with 5 goals in his opening 3 games, which he will no doubt be looking to return to now he has broken his goal scoring duct.

THE CONNECTION

There are a few returning faces, the most notable of those being the Bully Wee's number 1, Neil Parry. With 174 appearances to his name, Neilly's time included 45 clean sheets, 10 penalty saves, 2 team of the years, 2 golden glove wins and a promotion. That list is definitely the short version to sum up the goalkeeper's success at the club. Last season he was released by manager Barry Ferguson and made the move to Broadwood, at the time, to sign for Clyde. Having missed out on starting against Queen of the South last Saturday, he

was subbed on for Ryan Mullen at half-time. Another returning face is Ray Grant, who had a short spell under his father, Peter, in the Covid hit season in 2020. He will anchor the midfield with brother, Peter Jnr, playing in behind this afternoon. Alloa fans will be hoping that defender, Craig Howie, is edging towards his first start since last season and that may come today against his former club, Clyde. Howie signed last summer as he made the switch to Alloa from Clyde in a bid to push further up the table.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the second time the sides have faced one another this season, with the Wasps coming out on top 4-2 in the first fixture of the season. In what was a really exciting game, it

really had it all as Alloa left New Douglas Park with all the points. It was the battle of the brothers in the first half as Bradley Rodden opened the scoring, before Jordan Allan equalised thanks to a pinpoint cross from Andrew Rodden. It was Clyde who were arguably the better side going into the break but goals from Conor Sammon and debutant, Kieran Offord, put Alloa in a commanding lead. Another debutant in Steven Thicot gave Clyde hope in the final 10 minutes, and with Alloa only having 2 recognised defenders on the park at the time, many thought there could be late drama. However, it was Kieran Offord's smart and strong play that forced captain, Brian McLean, to score an own goal and seal the points for Alloa.



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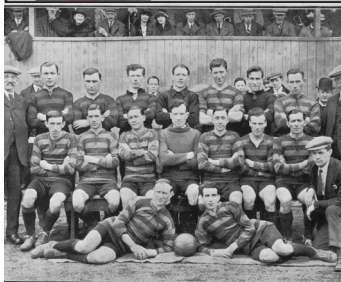
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THREE OF THE BEST..... HISTORICAL SEASONS

SEASON 1921/22

This historic season from just over a century ago is covered in far greater detail both from within "The History of Alloa Athletic" book from Stuart Latham/John Glencross and from fellow programme contributor Donald Pollocks excellent articles. Season 1921/22 saw the inception of a Scottish Division 2 league- consisting of 20 teams to accompany the 22 team Division 1. This was also the first campaign in Scotland with promotion and relegation from the two respective leagues.

In preparation for their introduction to this new Scottish league, Alloa had undertaken construction work on Recreation Park in the summer of 1921 to increase the capacity to 15,000. Led most prominently by 5-foot 3 inch striker Willie Crilley, Alloa took the division by storm- winning their first

4 matches as they raced quickly to the summit of the table. They never looked back, remaining in this region of the table until the seasons conclusion in late April. Other highlights of the season included an 8-1 away win over Kings Park (Stirlings native club prior to the formation of Albion in 1945) as well as beating Dunfermline Athletic home and away. Alloa coasted their way to the league championship with a 13-point gap over nearest challengers Cowdenbeath. Crilley earned himself legendary status at the club with 49 goals in all competitions. The championship win put Alloa into Scottish footballs top tier, which has only occurred twice in the clubs history. That particular 2022/23 season is currently being covered comprehensively in Donald Pollocks fortnightly section of the match programme. The first ever Scottish Division 2 champions, Alloa did not win another league

championship trophy for 76 years- the Third Division in 1998.

SEASON 1982/83

For the outsider looking in, Alloa's mid table finish in season 1982/83 would not automatically jump out as a particularly memorable season. But Alloa's 6th place finish in Division One was the clubs highest league placing in the club's history. In this era, the top division only consisted of 10 teams compared to the current 12- with 14 in the second tier. Two years earlier, Alloa had finished bottom of Division 2- the worst senior team in Scotland- with manager Hugh Wilson sacked. His assistant Alex Totten took the reins, and his impact was instant. Alloa spent much of the following season at the top of the table, yet poor form in the home straight led to a mid-table finish. But promotion was achieved the following season, as Alloa finished second behind today's opponents Clyde

to seal their place in the First Division. Totten was to leave midway through this 1982/83 campaign- joining bottom club Falkirk in December. Alloa quickly appointed 27-year-old defender Willie Garner- on loan from Celtic- as player-manager. Totten left the club in sixth position, and it was there Alloa finished in May. Lennie McComb finished the season as top Alloa marksman with 14 goals. Alloa's team that season also contained players such as club legend right back Larry Haggart- who received a testimonial in 1990- as well as left back Stuart Munro who went on to have a great career most prominently at Rangers. Flair player Arthur Grant was a fan favourite, and McCombs strike partner Davie Lloyd was something of a cult hero. It's interesting reading copies of the match programme from this era- in particular Garners "managers notes"- where he spends much of

the time bemoaning the teams inconsistency and seems almost disappointed towards the seasons end! 1982/83 was far from Alloa's most spectacular season, but the campaign made history as Alloa finished as Scotland's 16th best team- climbing 22 places up the ladder in just 3 seasons.

SEASON 1999/2000

A few more recent campaigns were in contention, particularly those under Paul Hartley and Jim Goodwin- but they're marginally eclipsed by season 1999/2000. This was quite possibly Alloa's most complete season in the history of the club. Joining the club as manager in 1996, Tom Hendrie's reputation had grown as Alloa manager- winning the Third Division championship in 1998 and consolidating the team in the Second Division the following season. This earned Hendrie the St Mirren job, and Alloa had moved to bring in Terry Christie as his replacement in 1999. This was a major coup for the club, with Christie building quite a reputation over at near neighbours Stenhousemuir. He had guided the Warriors to the Challenge Cup in 1995, defeating Dundee United in the final- as well as a memorable Scottish Cup upset win over Aberdeen. Hendrie had built the foundations, putting together an excellent Alloa team- but Christie quickly made his mark and took the club to the next level. They were aided of course, by the perfect striker partnership of veteran Willie Irvine and emerging youngster Martin Cameron. The duo notched 46 goals between them in a brilliant campaign. Before the turn of the millennium,

Alloa won the first domestic cup trophy in their history- the Challenge Cup. En route to the final, Alloa defeated Cowdenbeath, Airdrie and Ross County before despatching of rivals Stirling Albion in the semis. Even more impressively all these fixtures occurred away from Recreation Park. The final against First Division Inverness Caledonian Thistle at Airdrie's Excelsior stadium couldn't have been more enthralling. In 120 minutes of end-to-end action Alloa led 4 times in the game- through goals by Gary Clark, Mark Wilson and a Martin Cameron double. But they were pegged back on each occasion by Caley Thistle- initially through Barry Wilson then a Paul Sheerin hat-trick- 2 of which came from the penalty spot. Ironically Sheerin missed the first Inverness kick in the shootout, but Alloa's David Beaton also missed- striking the crossbar. With all others converted it was into sudden death. Alloa goalkeeper Mark Cairns stepped up to score, before saving Mike Teasdale's effort to win the cup for Alloa. Terry Christie remains the only manager to win the trophy for two different clubs as manager.

In the League Cup, Alloa also performed well early in the season. They defeated Partick Thistle and First Division Morton- again these victories were achieved in away ties. They faced Premier League Dundee at Recreation Park and took an instant first minute lead through Martin Cameron. But the Dens Park men fought their way back into the tie with goals from James Grady and a Willie Falconer double. Cameron hit the woodwork in the second half, but Alloa were eliminated- though far from disgraced.

Later in the season, they raised their profile once more with their performances in the Scottish Cup. It was scarcely spectacular in the beginning- Alloa required a second-round replay to despatch of East of Scotland League Whitehill Welfare. But they lit up the next tie against Premier League club Kilmarnock in the next round. A hard-fought goalless draw at Rugby Park earned a replay, where Alloa triumphed thanks to an early goal by Cameron at Recreation Park. This was a significant upset against a good Kilmarnock team- featuring the likes of Gary Holt,


Christophe Cocard and Ian Durrant. With their cup reputation soaring, Alloa faced another top league team in Round 4- Dundee United. Two early Alloa goals by Cameron and Beaton had the supporters in dream-land. But unfortunately, they were pegged back in the second half through a Jim Hamilton double. The replay at Tannadice proved to be a bridge too far, succumbing to a 4-0 defeat. But Alloa's performances against top league opposition ensured they emerged with huge credit.


Whilst the cup competitions provided the more lasting memories, Alloa also embarked on a successful league campaign. They pipped Ross County to second place on the final day of the season beating Queen of the South 6-1, while County drew 2-2 against Stenhousemuir at Ochilview. Again Clyde finished the season as champions, finishing a point ahead of The Wasps. Not only was promotion achieved from the Second Division, but Alloa had never shone brighter in the cup competitions where they proved themselves to be a formidable opponent for any team in Scotland.

HT QUIZ

- 1. JOHN MCGINN MADE HIS PROFESSIONAL DEBUT IN 2010 AGED 16. HE WAS INTRODUCED AS A SUBSTITUTE REPLACING WHICH FORMER ALLOA PLAYER?**
- 2. ALLOA WERE CLYDES OPPONENTS FOR THEIR LAST EVER FIXTURE AT THEIR FORMER STADIUM SHAWFIELD- IN WHAT YEAR?**
- 3. FORMER ALLOA AND CURRENT CLYDE GOALKEEPER NEIL PARRY HAS MADE APPEARANCES FOR WHICH THREE OTHER SENIOR SCOTTISH CLUBS?**
- 4. NAME THE 5 MEN WHO HAVE BEEN CAPPED BY SCOTLAND THIS CENTURY AS NEWCASTLE UNITED PLAYERS**

ANSWERS PAGE 37

MIDFIELDERS					
CAWLEY	ROBERTSON	MILLER	SCUGALL	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
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62	90	90			
64	90	90			26

FORWARDS							
DONNELLY	RODDEN	MACIVER	KHYIAM	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	OFFORD
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		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		
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27	21	90		63	7		69
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72	64	26		77			18
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. JIM GOODWIN (FOR ST MIRREN)

2. 1986

3. QUEENS PARK, AIRDRIE AND ALBION ROVERS

4. KEVIN GALLACHER, GARY CALDWELL, MATT RITCHIE, GRANT HANLEY, RYAN FRASER





ALLOA ATHLETIC



CLYDE

#	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	NEIL PARRY			
	2	ROSS LYON			
	3	PETER GRANT			
	4	BRIAN MCLEAN			
	5	STEVEN THICOT			
	6	RAY GRANT			
	7	CONNER DUTHIE			
	8	MORGARO GOMIS			
	9	JORDAN ALLAN			
	10	ROSS CUNNINGHAM			
	11	KURTIS ROBERTS			
	12	ANDY RODDEN			
	14	PAUL KENNEDY			
	15	LIAM SCULLION			
	16	OLLY MCDONALD			
	17	EUAN CAMERON			
	19	BARRY CUDDIHY			
	20	AIDAN CASSIDY			
	21	RYAN MULLEN			
	22	JON CRAIG			
	23	NATHAN NYAMSI HENDJI			
	25	ERIK ŠUL'A			
		INTERIM ALLAN MOORE			

REFEREE: Steven Kirkland

ASST: Paul McAvinue & Andrew McWilliam

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

05.11.22, AWAY, 15:00

	KELTY HEARTS		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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12.11.22, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
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19.11.22, AWAY, 15:00

	FC EDINBURGH		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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26.11.22, AWAY, TBD

	OG BROOMHILL		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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03.12.22, AWAY, 15:00

	MONTROSE		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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