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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	20	13	6	1	32	11	21	45
 FALKIRK	20	11	5	4	42	23	19	38
 FC EDINBURGH	22	12	2	8	43	32	11	38
 ALLOA ATHLETIC	21	10	5	6	39	29	10	35
 AIRDRIEONIANS	21	9	6	6	40	31	9	33
 MONTROSE	22	9	6	7	31	27	4	33
 KELTY HEARTS	22	8	4	10	23	30	-7	28
 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	22	7	5	10	34	37	-3	26
 CLYDE	21	2	4	15	24	46	-22	10
 PETERHEAD	21	1	5	15	10	52	-42	8



MEN'S SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND DRAW

ALLOA ATHLETIC	V	FALKIRK	HIBERNIAN	V	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
ARBROATH	V	MOTHERWELL	INVERNESS CALEDONIAN THISTLE	V	QUEEN'S PARK
CELTIC	V	GREENOCK MORTON	KILMARNOCK	V	DUMBARTON
COVE RANGERS	V	AYR UNITED	LINLITHGOW ROSE	V	RAITH ROVERS
DARVEL	V	ABERDEEN	PARTICK THISTLE	V	DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC
DUNDEE UNITED	V	UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING	ST JOHNSTONE	V	RANGERS
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Scott GALLACHER

15/07/1989



DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991



Daniel CHURCH

21/07/2000



Craig HOWIE

02/07/1996



Keir BURT

09/09/2004



Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983



Mark DURMAN

28/11/1992



George STANGER

15/08/2000



Jay HOGARTH

18/07/2003



Paul MCLAREN

01/04/2004



David DEVINE

20/06/2001



Luke STRACHAN

22/03/2001



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



AFTER FINISHING OFF THE CITIZENS AT HOME

It's a huge result: the three points were vital at home today and I'm absolutely delighted to get the win.

I thought in the first half, we could've scored in the first ten, fifteen seconds. We looked danger-

ous in the first 20 minutes, we scored two fantastic goals coming from two great crosses.

Fair play to Edinburgh – they've got brilliant spirit. I knew they would come back into the game and they did. We had to see the other side

digging in and it's a great credit to the lads here today.

Conor Sammon got back on the scoresheet last week and now he's back on it with two today from two fantastic crosses, he's got to finish them and he goes and does that.

He scores another one which I think he's a bit unlucky to get chalked off for the corner. Like I said to the lads, today was all about winning. We jumped into fourth so we're all quite happy just now.

I can go home and rest easy knowing

that win, lose or draw, they're giving me everything. It's great to get the three points on a Saturday night.

A cup tie is a special occasion. It's a massive thing for clubs like us. We got through a tricky round last time against Broomhill and

now we face Falkirk.

I'm looking forward to a good game and a good crowd here. Cup games is all about what happens on the day - taking your chances and not making too many mistakes.

I hope it's a really good game.





JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our Scottish Cup Fourth Round tie against Falkirk welcoming John McGlynn, Paul Smith, the players, officials, and directors of Falkirk FC, for the first of three matches against "The Bairns" in recent weeks, playing again on 7th & 18th February in Cinch League One fixtures. This today however will be a break from the Cinch League One fixtures, with the Scottish Cup the oldest competition in Scottish Association football, and the oldest trophy in the world that teams can still compete for. The tournament is steeped in history and has created countless

unforgettable moments throughout the years; the kind of moments that fans keep hold of and recount to friends and family at every opportunity. The sides have met in the Scottish Cup on five previous seasons, Alloa winning twice, with three draws and Falkirk winning on three occasions. We last met in Season 2002/03 at Recreation Park when Falkirk won 2-0, In Season 1966/67 Falkirk won 3-1 at Brockville when today's guest of honour, Tommy Hutchison played for "The Wasps" – Alloa team – Adam Hodge, Alex Hodge, Bobby Gray, Peter Smith, George Brown, David Baker, Jim Tallis, Mike

Marshall, John Reddington, David Keddie & Tommy Hutchison sub Ian Cruikshanks, John Reddington scored for "The Wasps", Alloa had beaten Montrose in the previous round 2-1 at home with goals from Mike Marshall and Jim Robertson. In Season 1920/21 after three draws "The Wasps" finally won 1-0 with Willie Crilley scoring the winner. In Season 1885/86 Alloa won 4-0 at Brockville gaining revenge for "The Bairns" winning 5-0 in their first Scottish Cup clash in Season 1883/84 played at Gaberston Park, Alloa. Today's match will be played to a finish, with extra time if teams are level

at full-time, followed by penalty kicks if required. The fifth Round ties are due to be played on 11th February, 2023. The following Scottish Cup ties have been chosen to be shown live on TV – Saturday 21st January Celtic v. Morton (12.15) on BBC One, St. Johnstone v. Rangers (5.30pm) on Viaplay, Sunday 22nd January Hibernian v. Hearts (2pm) On Viaplay and Monday 23rd January Darvel v. Aberdeen (7.45pm) on BBC Scotland. Darvel are this season's top goalscorers in the Scottish Cup defeating Tynecastle BC 8-0 in the last round. The average goals scored per game in this season's Scottish Cup

is 4.16 goals, with 291 goals scored already this season against last seasons total goals scored of 356, only 65 to beat last season's total!

Ex Scotland International Tommy Hutchison, who began his senior career at Recreation Park with Alloa Athletic in March, 1966 will be guest of honor today at our home match with Falkirk. Tommy will be available on the day to sign copies of his recently published autobiography "Hutch - Hard Work and Belief" which will be on sale for Twenty Pounds, against RRP of Twenty Five. This is the story of how one small boy's near impossible dream became a reality. Growing up in poverty in the austere 1950s Fife coalfield, Tommy Hutchison had an unshakable belief that one day he would wear the dark blue shirt of Scotland. To an outsider it seemed an improbable ambition. Too weak to cross a ball from the byline to the goal area, the teenage Hutchison was overlooked by his teachers and never made the school football team. Through sheer determination, an indomitable spirit and hour upon hour of lonely practice, the adolescent Tommy was finally noticed by his local team, and his journey to Hampden and World Cup glory began. Tommy signed for Alloa Athletic on 5th March, 1966 from Dundonald Bluebell after having trials with Dundee United, Blackburn Rovers and Oldham Athletic. Archie "Curly" McPherson signed him for "The Wasps" and the journey began, eventually signing for Blackpool on 7th February, 1968 for Six Thousand Pounds which was a lot of money at that time. Tommy's football genius ultimately took him

all over the world to play with and against some of the greatest footballers of the 1970s and 80s in a career spanning four amazing decades. Making his Scotland debut v. Czechoslovakia at Hampden in 1973 in 2-1 victory which saw the Scots qualify for the 1974 World Cup in Germany, he also played for Coventry City, Manchester City, Burnley, Swansea City & Merthyr Tydfil before moving into management. Hutch, Hard Work and Belief is the funny yet inspiring story of how the seemingly unattainable can be achieved by unwavering, resolute self-belief. Catch up with Tommy at the game today, when he will be happy to recall his memories in the Beautiful Game and sign copies of his book. It is also hoped Tommy will be joined with three of his team mates from his time with "The Wasps" back to Season 1967-68 - John Flannagan, Campbell Walker and Alex Hodge also returning to the ground today.

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. Myself and Stuart Latham will be on hand today if any fans buying as a present and would wish

the book signed.

Jan Szpula who signed for "The Wasps" from Beith Juniors in Ayrshire in 1947 celebrated his 100th birthday recently on Friday 6th January, 2023. A heroic Auschwitz survivor marked the occasion with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jan was born and raised in the village of Lasiska Górne, a mining town in the south of Poland, close to the Czech border.

At the age of just 16, he joined the Army when the Second World War broke out - walking with his brother and father more than 125-miles over three days. He spent time during the war in forced labour in Germany and Auschwitz whilst also spending time with the Polish Army in Poland, Russia, Belgium and France. Jan moved to Scotland in 1946, where he was stationed at recovery barracks in Causewayhead. Jan made 27 appearances for "The Wasps" scoring ten goals in 1947/48, then moved to Stirling Albion in 1948/49 and over the next two seasons played 38 games for "The Binos" scoring 8 goals.

Wasps 2000 Draw -
Week 2 14th January, 2023

£ 100 0366 I.McCormack
£ 50 0691 M.Maltman
£ 25 1189 C.Lindsay
£ 25 0234 S.Menzies
£ 25 0663 A.Rundle

Alloa Athletic FC Women sit top of the SWFL West after their opening day victory last Sunday against Athena winning 5-0 with two goals from both Amy Cully and Cree Connell, Abbie Trotter scoring the other goal. This Sunday 22nd January they will face Cumbernauld Colts FC Women, Kick-Off at Invercill Stadium 2pm, this will see the return of Summer Garrity who signed for Cumbernauld recently and was on target in their 2-2 draw last weekend.

Alloa Athletic's Young Under 20's side were due to play Fauldhouse, last night Friday 20th January in a Scottish Lowlands League Cup East 3rd Round fixture having defeated Kelty Hearts 2-1 last Friday.

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14th January 2023
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa
3:00pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

2:1

FC EDINBURGH



(1:0)

SCORERS

Sammon **17'** **1:0**

Sammon **27'** **2:0**

2:1 **53'** Robertson



STARTING XI

- 31 HOGARTH**
- 2 TAGGART**
- 27 STRACHAN**
- 12 SCOUGALL**
- 15 MACIVER**
- 8 ROBERTSON**
- 14 STANGER**
- 18 SAMMON**
- 3 CHURCH**
- 7 CAWLEY**
- 16 KING**

SUBS

- 1 GALLACHER**
- 5 GRAHAM**
- 11 MILLER**
- 20 O'DONNELL**
- 25 OFFORD**
- 10 RODDEN**
- 9 DONNELLY**
- 6 DURNAN**
- 24 RANKIN**

SUBS

- 1 RAMSBOTTOM**
- 4 HAMILTON**
- 8 TAPPING**
- 9 SEE**
- 14 WATSON**

STARTING XI

- 31 MUTCH**
- 2 MACDONALD**
- 3 MCINTYRE**
- 7 SHANLEY**
- 10 HANDLING**
- 11 ROBERTSON**
- 13 JACOBS**
- 17 FONTAINE**
- 23 MURRAY**
- 28 CRAIGEN**
- 30 CRANE**

REFEREE: Iain Sneddon

14th January 2023
The Falkirk Stadium
3:00pm KO

FALKIRK

4:0

CLYDE



(1:0)

SCORERS

Morrison	25'	1:0
McGinn	78'	2:0
Morrison	88'	3:0
Burrell	94'	4:0



STARTING XI

- 1 MORRISON**
- 3 ROWE**
- 6 DONALDSON**
- 26 MACKIE**
- 15 MCCANN**
- 7 MORRISON**
- 4 MCGINN**
- 5 HENDERSON**
- 73 KENNEDY**
- 10 NESBITT**
- 18 OLIVER**

SUBS

- 11 MCGUFFIE**
- 12 MARTIN**
- 14 YEATS**
- 19 BURRELL**
- 22 MCKAY**
- 28 CARROLL**

SUBS

- 4 MCLEAN**
- 5 THICOT**
- 14 KENNEDY**
- 16 MCDONALD**
- 17 CAMERON**
- 21 BRADLEY-HURST**
- 23 HENJI**

STARTING XI

- 1 PARRY**
- 2 LYON**
- 25 SULA**
- 3 GRANT**
- 15 SCULLION**
- 19 CUDDIHY**
- 18 HYNES**
- 8 GOMIS**
- 22 CRAIG**
- 10 CUNNINGHAM**
- 9 ALLAN**

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

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

MIKE MULRANEY, CHAIRMAN
ALLOA ATHLETIC FC





JONATHAN MARKWELL



LATE GOAL DRAMA

There are few sweeter feelings in football than a late match-winning or equalising goal. Some of the most joyful scenes seen on pitches and terraces alike up and down the country are following a dramatic late strike. It is often said that a signal of a good side is how they perform late in matches. There are countless times when you see a promotion chasing side scoring decisive late winners, or one scraping for points at the other end of the

table grabbing a priceless equaliser, through character, desire and a will-to-win like no other. Equally important is keeping the opposition out in the concluding minutes of the matches, to either preserve a precious point or all three to secure a win.

For Alloa there has been a fairly remarkable (and thankfully positive!) turnaround in late goals when comparing last season with the current campaign so far. Last season will not be remembered

particularly fondly by the Wasps, with one particularly pertinent statistic being the concession of countless late goals and, moreover, so many of them being decisive goals lost to turn a win into a draw or a draw into a defeat. After completing a deep dive into this subject (see the table within this article for a full breakdown) it turns out that last season a third of all goals Alloa conceded were in the 80th minute or later in matches. Clyde (twice),

Cove and Dumbarton (twice) all scored late winners to consign Alloa to painful late defeats, while Dumbarton, Montrose, Cove and Queen's Park all snatched late equalisers to deny Alloa all three points too. Unsurprisingly, conceding an enormous 22 goals from minute 80 onwards was by far the highest tally in the last decade by any Alloa side, with the next highest being the 15 goals lost during the Danny Lennon/Jack Ross managed 2015/16

relegation season. However, in that campaign the vast majority (10) of the late goals conceded were simply adding further strikes to a losing position (e.g. a 2-0 defeat becoming a 3-0 defeat), meaning in the grand scheme of things they didn't impact the ultimate outcome of the match. In contrast, the factor which made last season's abnormally high loss of late goals so remarkable was that more often than not they impacted the result. Such concession of goals generally points to a fragility in a team which it is difficult to eradicate, with emotions likely to run high in the dressing room afterwards with an inability to see out matches likely to lead to some lively post-match interactions.

As such, over the summer I wouldn't

be surprised if the management team noticed this trend and sought to emphasise this and use it as an area for improvement during the course of the current season. Well, so far things are much improved and while late goals haven't been completely eradicated (and that simply wouldn't be realistic to expect), happily the Wasps are yet to concede a goal in the final ten minutes of a match which has had a decisive impact on the final result. No draws have turned into defeats or wins into draws with final ten minute goals, which is in complete contrast with the previous campaign and should be highlighted as a very welcomed change in fortunes. In short, there is evidently a better backbone to the current Alloa team, with last seasons woes being reversed.

Happily too, at the right end of the pitch the Wasps have been free-scoring in the final 10 minutes of games this season too. The 16 goals already scored from the 80th minute onwards presently accounts for 32% of all Alloa's goals, which is more than two or three times the normal expectation. In eight of the previous nine whole seasons the proportion of goals scored in the final ten minutes has been between 10 and 20% of all Alloa goals, so the late goals scored this season are significantly beyond the normal rate. The current overall tally of 16 is actually the joint highest of any Alloa team over whole seasons in the past decade, which fully emphasises the tendency to score late goals within this Alloa team.

Not only have an avalanche of late goals been scored, but five have been priceless match-winning strikes too, most recently a fortnight ago via Ross MacIver's header in Dumfries. The tally of five late winners is already higher than the number of late winners scored in any season during the past decade. Bradley Rodden started the trend back in September with his superbly taken 87th minute winner versus Montrose at the Recs, with the trick repeated the following week with Conor Sam-

mon's close range finish earning a cup win versus Airdrie. The phenomenon of the Clackmannan Road end sucking in late Alloa winners continued a month later as Luke Donnelly's 93rd minute strike secured all three points versus Clyde. In November, Alloa tied up today's Scottish Cup encounter with Falkirk thanks to Scott Taggart's 92nd minute penalty winner away at Open Goal Broomhill. For me there is that little bit of extra satisfaction in scoring a late winner, almost a gleefulness which cannot be measured as you know 99 times out of 100 there will be no comeback and victory has been secured in dramatic fashion. That can equally apply with late equalisers, with Ross MacIver's header away at Queen of the South in October being the example this season. The fact it was undeserved on the balance of play made it all the sweeter for me!

The majority of Alloa's late goals this season have however been adding gloss to a winning scoreline. Goal difference could prove crucial come the end of the season, so there are no complaints from me with goals like Adam King's to make it a 5-1 win versus Queen of the South in November, or the special debut goal from 17 year old Luke Rankin in injury time to complete the scoring in



a 5-0 triumph versus Peterhead. Late goals to make games safe, such as Rodden's second strike against Kelty Hearts back in August, MacIver's long-range thunderbolt versus Airdrie and Cammy O'Donnell's deflected effort up in Peterhead were all nerve-settling late strikes too. Scoring goals at any time of the match is obviously welcome, but the scoring of late goals is a welcomed feature of this Alloa side and hopefully one which can continue for the remainder of the campaign.

In the past decade the other occasions with high numbers of final ten minute winners have occurred in three of Alloa's most dramatic seasons, with four matchwinners being scored during each of the 2014/15, 2016/17 and 2018/19 seasons.

Going back furthest in time to the 2014/15 season first, each of Alloa's three most memorable victories that season were achieved thanks to late winners. Who could forget Iain Flannigan's fantastic free-kick versus Hibs, Greig Spence's side-foot finish to earn a historic victory over Rangers or Daryll Meggatt's bullet header to secure a 4-3 aggregate win versus Forfar to preserve Alloa's Championship status. It is interesting to note that yet again all three of these goals were scored at the Clackmannan Road end of the Recs! Alloa's other late win that season was Ryan McCord's 89th minute winner at Cappielow Park to earn the Wasps the chance to face Rangers in that unforgettable Challenge Cup night at the Recs. During the 2016/17 season one late winner came under

Jack Ross' management (Flannigan's late winner at Hampden), with three under the leadership of Jim Goodwin (a late Spence penalty to defeat Stenhousemuir, the utterly glorious sight of Andy Graham moving forward in open play to score a close-range 91st minute midweek winner at Brechin and a 94th minute Kevin Cawley goal versus Stranraer).

Goodwin's Alloa teams, it turns out, had a real mentality to strike late in games, with four wins also being secured during the Championship survival season in 2018/19 too. Dario Zanatta's mazy run, finish and shirt waving celebration to earn a 2-1 win versus Dundee United will live long in the memory, as will Jordan Kirkpatrick's pivotal late winners in Dumfries and Falkirk and Jack Hamilton's bundled

winner in Greenock. All four winning goals were priceless in Alloa avoiding the drop in an otherwise full-time Championship that season. When you factor in late equalisers by Flannigan (early in the season up at Inverness and the following week with an outrageous free-kick versus Dundee United) and Alan Trouten (in the 92nd minute away at Dunfermline), Goodwin's Wasps were late goal specialists. The previous season the highest other proportion (barring this season) of late goals were scored too, with Ross Stewart's scrambled 93rd minute strike on promotion day at the Rock springing immediately to mind. That all points back to Jim Goodwin evidently demanding his Alloa sides to battle until the very final whistle and that bearing fruit time and time again.

Brian Rice's Alloa team have however already eclipsed Goodwin's side in scoring late winners. Although it would be far preferred for Alloa to be in unassailable winning positions going into the final ten minutes of matches, the feelings generated from a late winner can have a galvanising impact in the dressing room and on the terraces, so the more late winners Alloa score the better in my book.



Season	For Alloa or against	Number of 80+ minute goals	Winners	Equalise rs	Adding gloss to a win	Consola tion goal	Other	% of all goals scored or conceded
2013/14	For	9		1	5	2	1	9/44 = 20%
	Against	12	2		9	1		12/57 = 21%
2014/15	For	10	4	1	2	3		10/58 = 17%
	Against	13	1	2	7	3		13/75 = 18%
2015/16	For	4	1	1	2			4/29 = 14%
	Against	15	1	3	10	1		15/78 = 19%
2016/17	For	13	4	3	4	2		13/95 = 14%
	Against	8	2	2	2	2		8/60 = 13%
2017/18	For	16	3	4	6	2	1	16/71 = 23%
	Against	11	3	2	5	1		11/61 = 18%
2018/19	For	11	4	3	2		2	11/60 = 18%
	Against	9	3		6			9/67 = 13%
2019/20 20	For	5	2	2			1	5/48 = 10%
	Against	6	1	1	3		1	6/59 = 10%
2020/21	For	7	1	3	1	2		7/43 = 16%
	Against	14	4	1	8		1	14/70 = 20%
2021/22	For	11	3	3	2	1	2	11/61 = 18%
	Against	22	6	5	7	1	3	22/65 = 34%
2022/23 so far	For	16	5	1	8	2		16/50 = 32%
	Against	6			4	2		6/37 = 16%





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	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.		Pts.
					F.	A.	
Rangers,	24	16	2	6	47	15	38
Dundee,	27	14	8	5	41	31	33
Airdrieonians,	25	13	6	6	30	21	32
Falkirk,	25	10	4	11	33	19	31
Aberdeen,	27	12	8	7	35	24	31
Hibernian,	26	12	9	5	30	28	29
Hearts,	25	8	6	11	36	33	27
Celtic,	23	12	9	2	34	28	26
Partick Thistle,	24	9	9	6	37	35	24
Morton,	24	9	9	6	31	29	24
St Mirren,	25	9	10	6	36	38	24
Raith Rovers,	25	8	9	8	17	30	24
Ayr United,	24	7	8	9	25	28	23
Kilmarnock,	25	9	11	5	35	43	23
Motherwell,	24	7	9	8	42	39	22
Third Lanark,	26	8	13	5	27	40	21
Clyde,	25	6	12	7	22	34	19
Hamilton Acad., ..	26	8	15	3	34	41	19
Albion Rovers,	25	4	13	8	26	44	16
Alloa,	25	4	15	6	19	37	14

PAYING THE PRICE FOR PROFLIGACY

The Recs crackled with anticipation as a bumper crowd gathered for a January Scottish Cup tie. For the Wasps of 100 years ago, the cup represented a most welcome break from the unrelenting struggle of a relegation battle. The local Devon Valley Tribune had been rather unkind but brutally honest in their verdict in early 1923: "Folk are saying Alloa FC have sore shoulders. They are at the bottom

of the league and have to hold up all the rest". After a promising start to their debut season in the top flight, the Wasps were now on a twelve game run without a win that had seen them drop to the bottom of the First Division. "Alloa's supporters don't want to see the local team sent back to the Second Division next year, so it is up to the directorate to get the best possible talent available so as to preserve the

honours of the club", opined the Tribune. And while Alloa fans could certainly point to some ill-fortune during their winless streak, the local paper was having none of it, concluding that "Hard luck never yet won a match and never will, what is wanted is absolute certainty or nothing at all".

Alloa's Scottish Cup opponents that January afternoon were Queen's Park, a tie that

represented something of a role reversal. Alloa had spent their first four decades bobbing around various non-league competitions, in stark contrast to the Queen's Park club which had blazed a trail as world football pioneers. But as Alloa made history in 1922 as the first club in the Scottish League to win automatic promotion, so had the Glasgow men claimed the more dubious distinction of being one

of three top flight sides to suffer the first automatic relegation. That left Alloa in the strange position of going into the match with the famous Spiders as the higher ranked club. With Queen's top of the Second Division and Alloa bottom of the First however, the Wasps could hardly claim to be strong favourites. Their position wasn't helped by a crippling injury list and the directors went back into the transfer market on the eve of the game to sign half-backs James Fyfe of Partick Thistle and Frank Gilmour of Shettleston Juniors. Both started against Queen's while James Headrick went from defence back into attack in place of trialist Anderson of Stewarton Thistle. In front of 11,000 fans, Headrick was one of several Alloa culprits to pass up chances in a first-half dominated by the Wasps. The Sunday Post reported that Alloa's passing play bewildered the visitors but that the Wee County men were repeatedly undone by dreadful finishing. They duly paid the price for their profligacy when Queen's Park grabbed a second-half lead. It was the only goal of the game and Alloa were out of the cup. The Sunday Post didn't pull their punches: "For their failure, Alloa have themselves to blame. They had not a leader or a man who could

shoot with any degree of accuracy. Had they taken their chances, they could have routed the famous amateurs, who were anything but a good side. It may be argued that the Queen's were lucky. I don't think so. They took advantage of the only chance that came their way, and the team that does that deserves to win, especially in a cup tie". Once again Alloa were left to rue the absence of the injured and wayward Willie Crilley in attack.

There was more Glasgow opposition in store as the Wasps resumed the struggle to retain top flight status against Partick at Firhill. Another experiment in attack saw 17 year old Daniel Craig called up from Camelon. Young Craig was reported to be "a brainy as well as a skilful type of player", and while drafting in a raw teenager had the look of desperation, one goal in their previous five games was proof that the Wasps were indeed in dire straits.

The gamble did not pay off, two Partick goals keeping the points in Glasgow. Once again the verdict on the Alloa attack was damning. "Alloa Athletic threw away at least one point at Firhill through their absolute feebleness in front of goal" said the Sunday Post. "On play there was not a difference of two goals between the

sides, but Thistle, by reasons of their better punch at close quarters deserved to win", added the paper. There was praise for Cochrane, who was rated as the best forward on the park and who "repeatedly diddled the Thistle defence", which made the news that Alloa were willing to consider offers for the player all the more disappointing. But that wasn't the only post-match bombshell in the Post, as it emerged that Alloa had once more been at loggerheads with Willie Crilley, the star striker who had been banned by the club earlier in the campaign after absconding from a Glasgow hospital ahead of a knee operation. "Crilley had refused to reside in Alloa in order to receive special massage treatment, and the directors had decided not to raise his suspension and resume payment of

wages", revealed the paper. There was another option for Crilley to live in his native Glasgow on half pay. "The desire of the directors is to get Crilley fit as speedily as possible. They believe that to have him on the spot is the best way to do that. Crilley has agreed to live in Alloa for the time being". Alloa fans could only hope that the deal would see Crilley fit and back in the team. The winless streak was now sitting at fourteen, with just one solitary point from the last nine matches. The team had only managed one goal in six games and with the sides above the Wasps picking up points, the outlook was increasingly bleak. The end of January fixture against Albion Rovers already looked like a must win game. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



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APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
GALLACHER	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	15 (0)	0
MUIR	GOAL	3 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
HOGARTH	GOAL	18 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	24 (0)	0	18 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	21 (0)	2	7 (0)	1	28 (0)	3	215 (0)	8
CHURCH	DEF	15 (3)	2	7 (0)	0	22 (3)	2	35 (7)	2
HOWIE	DEF	2 (5)	0	0 (2)	0	2 (7)	0	19 (8)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	9 (2)	1	7 (0)	0	16 (2)	1	185 (3)	14
DURNAN	DEF	4 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	37 (0)	4
STANGER	DEF	18 (0)	3	4 (1)	0	22 (1)	3	18 (0)	3
MCLAREN	DEF	1 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	3 (3)	0	1 (2)	0
DEVINE	DEF	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
STRACHAN	DEF	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	19 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	19 (1)	0	166 (29)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	13 (2)	1	4 (2)	0	17 (4)	1	47 (15)	6
KING	MID	6 (9)	1	6 (0)	1	12 (9)	2	32 (14)	5
O'DONNELL	MID	7 (8)	1	3 (1)	0	10 (9)	1	14 (28)	1
MILLER	MID	12 (4)	0	7 (0)	0	19 (4)	0	12 (4)	0
CAWLEY	MID	18 (1)	0	3 (2)	1	21 (3)	1	316 (44)	62
DONNELLY	FWD	7 (6)	4	2 (0)	1	9 (6)	5	7 (12)	5
SAMMON	FWD	20 (1)	8	6 (1)	5	26 (2)	13	41 (14)	13
MACIVER	FWD	18 (3)	5	5 (2)	0	23 (5)	5	21 (8)	6
KHYAM	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (1)	0
RODDEN	FWD	7 (8)	5	5 (1)	1	12 (9)	6	7 (8)	5
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (6)	0	2 (3)	0	2 (9)	0	0 (6)	0
RANKIN	FWD	0 (4)	1	0 (1)	0	0 (5)	1	0 (4)	1
OFFORD	FWD	5 (8)	4	0 (0)	0	5 (8)	4	5 (8)	4



ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
0 (0)	0	15 (0)	0
1 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
6 (0)	0	24 (0)	0
55 (1)	3	270 (1)	11
13 (0)	0	48 (7)	2
5 (4)	0	24 (12)	1
53 (1)	1	238 (4)	15
2 (1)	0	39 (1)	4
6 (1)	0	24 (1)	3
2 (1)	0	3 (3)	0
0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	166 (29)	2
13 (7)	2	60 (22)	8
6 (0)	2	38 (14)	7
0 (0)	0	14 (28)	1
7 (0)	0	19 (4)	0
65 (9)	11	381 (53)	73
2 (3)	1	9 (15)	6
6 (1)	5	47 (15)	18
5 (2)	0	26 (10)	6
0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0
5 (1)	1	12 (9)	6
2 (3)	0	2 (9)	0
0 (4)	0	0 (8)	1
0 (0)	0	5 (8)	4

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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

The Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup is one of the best days of the domestic calendar- the first real "complete" round of the competition. Due to postponements and rearranged league fixtures Alloa and Falkirk's paths have only crossed once this season so far- but I'm sure by the middle of next month will be sick of the sight of each other with 3 fixtures between the two clubs in that timeframe. Of course, we've only had one match since the previous edition of The

Wasp- which was last week's 2-1 home win over FC Edinburgh. In my Edinburgh pre match article I stated that the players may have felt like they had something to prove against Edinburgh, having been on the receiving end of two bad defeats in the previous meetings between the teams this season. And that certainly proved to be the case. I thought the manager got the team selection spot on- Conor Sammon retaining his place after a really good second

half performance at Dumfries the previous week, and both Luke Strachan and Daniel Church again in the starting line-up. The first 45 minutes was up there with the best Alloa have played all season. They could have been ahead in the first twenty seconds of the game- some brilliant one-touch play opened the goal up for Adam King and he really should have scored. And they followed that up immediately by striking the crossbar in minute two after a terrific

Strachan cross into the area. Sammon was the star man throughout, and this was arguably his best outing in an Alloa jersey. He was dropping off the centre halves and linking the play with some excellent touches, harrying and pressing the Edinburgh backline and ghosting into space in the penalty area. He had an early goal harshly disallowed when he was adjudged to have committed a foul as he climbed to head home a corner kick. I thought it was really soft at the



time and upon viewing the highlights I haven't changed my mind. The big striker however did get on the end of two brilliant deliveries from Strachan and Church respectively as Alloa led comfortably at the interval. Edinburgh were always going to produce a response of some sort, and they were much improved after the break. Their talisman John Robertson pulled a goal back with a fine strike, and for a while they were controlling the game. But Alloa gradually managed to reduce the tempo and without attacking much, got way more of a foothold and saw proceedings out in a relatively calm manner. The weather was truly awful all afternoon- but the football certainly wasn't. This was an excellent three points which put Alloa back in the leagues top four and ensured

they approached today's game in a positive mindset. Alloas last 3 goals have been created by Church or Strachan's crosses from the left. Conor Sammon is obviously in fine form, Luke Donnelly has another week of recovery under his belt and the defensive unit looking as good as it has all season.

Falkirk will obviously still come into today's game as favourites- and they also have some degree of momentum following a comfortable home win over Clyde last week. This is their second away fixture in the Scottish Cup- with today's quick jump across to Alloa slightly more convenient than their trek to Wick last November. Admittedly I was rather jealous of their Third-Round draw- Harmsworth Park, Wick is one I'm desperate to tick off

the list. It's never the most appealing of draws when the outcome is facing a team in your own domestic league at this stage of the competition. But the locality of the two clubs hopefully makes for a decent attendance and atmosphere in the ground. It's a relief to see no Juan Alegria in the visitor's squad today,

after his previous exploits against Alloa in the past couple of seasons. Like the SPFL Trust Trophy (let's just call it the Challenge Cup) matches against Airdrie and Queen of the South earlier in the season, I'm hoping the cup tie element makes this a more open and entertaining game than your standard league fixture- albeit the level of competition today means there is a bit more at stake compared to those encounters. A slight upturn in the weather from last Saturday would be nice too- although I'd rather be in the Clackmannan Road end than behind the uncovered railway goal should the heavens open as they did last Saturday. Enjoy today's and hopefully we see Alloa's name in the hat for the next round.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 24TH JANUARY 1987

In The Premier Division, leaders Celtic retained their two-point advantage, thanks to a 2-1 win at struggling Falkirk, Ashwood The Bairns scorer, while The Celts second-placed local rivals Rangers lost ground slightly, after they were held 0-0 by fifth-placed Aberdeen, in the top-of-the-table clash at Ibrox. Third-placed Dundee United were 2-0 victors at lowly Hibs, while Hearts stayed fourth thanks to a 1-0 success at

sixth-placed Dundee. At the other end of the table, Hamilton Accies picked up only their third league success of the season, by 1-0 at St. Mirren, but in spite of this welcome win, The Accies still propped up the table. In the "basement battle" at Fir Park, fourth-bottom Motherwell hosted second-bottom Clydebank, The Well emerging victors by 3-2. Thus The Bankies remained just place better off than Hamilton, while Falkirk's

own defeat meant they still occupied third-bottom spot.

Dunfermline retained their two-point advantage at the top of The First Division, thanks to a 2-1 win at Queen Of The South, while second-placed Morton kept up their own promotion challenge, with an emphatic 6-1 home victory v struggling Montrose. The Ton displaced Airdrie, who slipped to third place following the cancellation of their

home clash with Forfar, East Fife, held 1-1 at home by Partick, in turn slipped from third to fourth, while Dumbarton, 2-1 winners at lowly Clyde, retained fifth place. Montrose's defeat kept them rooted to the foot of the table, second-bottom Brechin were gameless, but Partick's point moved them up one place to ninth place, The Jags were replaced in third-bottom spot by Clyde.

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Down in The Second, Raith's 2-0 home success v struggling East Stirling saw them retain their one-point advantage, while second-placed Meadowbank were also victorious on home soil, by 2-0 v another of the strugglers, Arbroath. St. Johnstone remained third, despite being held 0-0 at Queen's Park, fourth-placed Ayr were 3-1 home winners v Albion Rovers, Cowdenbeath's 2-1 home victory v Stranraer moved them up to fifth place, but Alloa, beaten 1-2 at home by Berwick, slipped from

fifth to seventh, Frankie Cole their goalscorer. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Lowrie, Wilkie, Haggart, Thomson, Donaldson, Dall, Smith, Nelson, Sorbie, McCartney, Cole. In the Scottish Cup "The Wasps" had drawn 2-2 with Inverness Caley at Telford Street, Martin Nelson and Gus Smith scoring the goals. However in the replay at Recreation Park Caley were to win 1-0 and knock the Wasps out of the cup. Stenhousemuir's point from a 1-1 home draw with Stirling

Albion enabled them to move off the bottom of the table, The Warriors were replaced by local rivals East Stirling.

South of the border, Arsenal, in spite of a 0-2 defeat at Old Trafford, still regained their two-point advantage at the top of The First Division, though second-placed Everton had the chance to take over leadership the following day, when they visited Nottingham Forest. Liverpool remained third after a 2-0 win v bottom club Newcastle at Anfield, while

Luton, also victorious on home soil v another side in the doldrums, Leicester, moved up to fourth. Second Division leaders Portsmouth extended their lead to five points, after a 1-0 home victory v South Coast rivals Brighton. Meantime at Boundary Park, second-placed Oldham hosted third-placed Derby in a top-of-the-table six-pointer, and a 4-1 win for "The Rams" enabled them to swap places with their promotion rivals.



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This afternoon we take a break from league action and turn our attention to the magic of the Scottish Cup. It is a familiar foe who cross the Forth though as Falkirk make the short journey over to the Indodrill to battle for a place in the 5th round. The Bairns are in fine form on both sides of the New Year having won their last 3 games, during which they have score a total of 11 goals. Clyde were the most recent victims as they were brushed aside 4-0 by Falkirk thanks to goals from Callumn Morrison, Stephen McGinn and Romain Burrell, a result that

thanks as well to Alloa meant the visitors rose to 2nd in the table. The only downside to the day was a red card for defender, Coll Donaldson, who misses out today. Falkirk booked their place in this round of the cup with another commanding victory over Wick Academy who were on the wrong side of a 6-0 thumping.

THE BOSS – JOHN MCGLYNN

Falkirk will be led by experienced manager, John McGlynn, as he continues his impressive first season at the club. It certainly raised eyebrows when

he made the move from Raith Rovers last summer to bitter rivals. Both his spells at Starks Park were full of success winning 5 trophies over his time. He began with a Second Division title and Fife Cup in his first spell, before returning to the club to win League 1 in 2020, and 2 challenge cups. That experience of getting out of this division and into the second tier of Scottish football is something that Falkirk have banked on as they look to push Dunfermline all the way for the title. McGlynn also has experience at Heart of Midlothian and Livingston making him a prime candidate to be





both playing professionally and being Scotland internationalists. McGinn, as mentioned, is on strong form having found the back of the net in last week's win against Clyde.

ONE TO WATCH – CALLUMN MORRISON

Falkirk boast a wealth of attacking options and this is seen with them having scored the second most goals in the division, behind F.C. Edinburgh. One man who is at the heart of this attacking side of their game is forward, Callumn Morrison. The ex-Hearts man is edging closer to his 100th appearance for the club, however, this season he certainly has upped the gears in terms of his

goal scoring returns for the club. With 10 goals to his name, that makes his returns a goal every 2 games, as well as his 4 assist, meaning he is one of the most potent threats in the division. Mostly deployed on the wing, Morrison was most recently on the score-sheet with a brace against Clyde in their last fixture.

THE CONNECTION

Referencing back to the close proximity of the two clubs, this inevitably means that there are a few familiar faces for both sets of supporters. A long-time Alloa favourite, Stevie Hetherington, misses out on this list following his recent loan move to Arbroath, however, additionally to that,

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the man in charge of this next step for the club.

THE CAPTAIN – STEPHEN MCGINN

There was a change in the guard of captaincy this season and Stephen McGinn has now taken on that mantle. Following his departure from Kilmarnock after helping them to a Championship title, Falkirk made the move to sign experienced midfielder, Stephen McGinn. Stevie Hetherington has since departed the club, however, before that the move to make McGinn the man in charge on the pitch was made. The 34-year-old has had a glittered career playing for teams like St Mirren, where he also won the league, Dundee, Sheffield United, and Hibernian to name a few. His calming and influential presence

in the center of the park has been a fantastic asset to McGlynn's side since joining, which in turn has made him a firm fan favourite in his short time. Of course, it is worth noting the strong footballing blood that runs in his family with both his younger brother Paul and John



BY KIEREN MOONEY

there are plenty more. Returning to the Recs is goalkeeper, PJ Morrison. The 24-year old spent time out on loan at Alloa last season and was mightily impressive in his short stint. It was no surprise that PJ was able to stay in full-time football following his departure from Motherwell in the summer. He has spent a significant period of time injured this season, however, has returned as Falkirk's number 1, playing 3 out the last 4 games. This move is also partly down to the news that Alloa keeper Jay's brother, Nicky, has gone back

down South to Nottingham Forest. The two former Bairns now plying their trade with Alloa are Mark Durnan and Connor Sammon. Both of these players played for Falkirk from 2019 to 2021 before moving to Alloa. Since switching allegiances, they have enjoyed games against their former employers scoring in a few of the fixtures since moving. Durnan has been unfortunate for large spells of this season due to unavailability, however, Sammon has been back to his best scoring 3 times in his last 2 games, taking his tally up to 13

for the season.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the first meeting of three in the next month between the sides, with the teams only meeting once so far this season. It was a fixture Alloa enjoyed last year, however, the opening fixture of this campaign was certainly one to forget for the Wasps. Falkirk stormed to a commanding lead with 2 goals in the opening 7 minutes of the game on a cold Tuesday night at the Falkirk stadium. Brad McKay's

opener on 3 minutes was closely followed by Juan Alegria's strike on the 7th minute. To pile more misery on Brian Rice's men, Alegria doubled his tally just before the half-time whistle to make it 3-0. Alloa battled hard in the second half and were rewarded with a late consolation but it was too little, too late to mount any serious comeback as they fell to a 3-1 defeat. The Wasps will now be looking to put their mark on this fixture starting today in the cup.







BRIAN ROACH



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This match did end in defeat for the Wasps but deserves a mention for the huge attendance and Alloa's performance on the day. This was an all-ticket match, with over 15,000 people packed into Recreation Park. In the 50s there were only two Scottish senior leagues- an "A" Division and a "B" Division. Alloa were languishing near the bottom of Division B whilst the Celtic team that day contained six players who would go on to defeat Rangers 7-1 in the League Cup Final just two seasons later. Celtics starting eleven also included centre half Jock Stein- who would of course go on to achieve legendary status as the club's manager the following decade. Alloa started strongly in the game with the match report stating that the Alloa forward line had Stein and company under a great deal of pressure in opening

exchanges. And the home fans were soon celebrating when the underdogs took the lead after 25 minutes- Billy Lynch scoring following an Alloa corner. Six minutes later Celtic were awarded a penalty, but Michael Haughney dragged his spot kick wide of the post. However, on the stroke of half time the visitors were awarded another spot kick when striker Neil Mochan was felled in the area- Haughney made no mistake this time to level the game at the break. Jimmy Walsh put Celtic in front with ten minutes gone in the second period. But Alloa hadn't read the script and responded quickly to equalise once more- Thomas Kiernan diverting Lynch's header past Celtic keeper John Bonnar. Stein was injured and had to leave the field, but with no substitutes in this era he came back on later to play the remaining twenty minutes of the match. With fifteen minutes to play

Celtics playmaker Bertie Peacock put Celtic back in front, and they finally killed the tie with three minutes remaining through Walsh. The large crowd had witnessed an entertaining match, with all reports giving Alloa a lot of credit- particularly for their first half performance where they completely matched the Glasgow giants in all departments.

Alloa Team: Willie McInnes, John Farrell, Bobby Kerr, Jimmy Wishart, Alex Miller, Jock Wilson, Billy Lynch, Tommy McKinstry, Thomas Kiernan, George Millar, Jimmy Davidson

Celtic Team: John Bonnar, Michael Haughney, Frank Meechan, Bobby Evans, Jock Stein, Bertie Peacock, Bobby Collins, Jimmy Walsh, Sean Fallon, Willie Fernie, Neil Mochan

ALLOA VS RAI TH ROV- ERS— SCOTTISH CUP 3RD ROUND, 20TH NOVEMBER 2010

This victory was one of the solitary high points of a campaign that quickly turned disastrous for Alloa- finding themselves relegat-

ed to Division 3 at the end of that season following a play-off semi final defeat to Annan Athletic. Alloa were the underdogs going into this cup tie. Opponents Raith Rovers had started the season in impressive fashion- arriving at Recreation Park as First Division league leaders. It was very much a one-sided game for the first 35 minutes or so as the visitors league momentum was reflected in their dominance. Rovers striker John Baird opened the scoring just before the half hour mark when he converted Scott McBride's free kick into the net. And they came very close to adding a quick second- Alloa defender Billy Gibson preventing a certain goal by scooping a Laurie Ellis effort clear from right under the bar to safety. But seemingly out of nowhere the tie turned completely on its head in the final five minutes of the half. In 40 minutes Kevin McDonald equalised for Alloa from a well taken free kick, and just

one minute later he put the Wasps ahead after being teed up by Bryan Prunty. Rovers defender Willie Dyer was then dismissed following a second booking a minute from the break. The interval didn't affect buoyant Alloa, who added a third in 48 minutes through a fine finish from Stuart Noble. And McDonald completed his hat trick with another long-range effort with around 25 minutes left to play- effectively killing the tie. Grant Murray barged home a late consolation for the visitors, but Alloa weren't to be denied progression after an excellent team performance.

Alloa Team: Jamie Ewings, John Grant, Scott Walker, Mick Dunlop, David Gormley, Kevin McDonald, Mikey McGowan, Darren Smith, Bryan Prunty, Stuart Noble. Subs Used- Jamie Hay, Andy Scott

Raith Rovers Team: David McGurn, Craig Wilson, Grant Murray, Laurie Ellis, Willie Dyer, Iain Williamson, Allan Walker, Iain Davidson, Scott McBride, John Baird, Graham Weir. Subs Used- Gregory Tade

ALLOA VS STIRLING ALBION- SCOTTISH CUP FOURTH ROUND, 30TH NOVEMBER 2013

Alloa went into this hotly anticipated derby cup tie as overwhelming favourites- they were going strong in the Scottish Championship at this time, whilst Stirling Albion were plying their trade in League Two. The visitors had some good individuals in their line-up though- including 3 ex Wasps- David Crawford, David McClune and Kieran McAnespie. There was a healthy crowd and a good atmosphere in the ground, this being the first time the clubs

had faced each other in over three years. Stirling surprised the Wasps by starting strongly and taking an 10th minute lead through Jordan Whites glancing header. But they suffered a major setback in the 21st minute. Sandy Cunningham and Alloa's Michael Doyle were involved in a touchline scuffle to win the ball- Cunningham lashed out with a kick right in front of the referee and was given his marching orders. Ten-man Stirling galvanised and despite Alloa pressure for much of the remainder of the half they remained behind at the interval. However, six minutes into the second half Alloa were level. Kieran McAnespie was adjudged to have tripped Jonathan Tiffoney in the penalty area- despite his protests it looked a clear trip and Ryan McCord



slotted home the spot kick. Tiffoney again turned provider to give Alloa the lead just before the hour mark, when his cross allowed Graeme Holmes to head the ball into the net from around 10 yards. In stoppage time Jason Marr looked to have sealed Alloa's progression with a close-range finish more typical of a goal poacher. But Albion substitute Graham Weir then pulled one back for the visitors with a brilliant long-range drive, which was undoubtedly the best goal of the game. Probably not the comfortable win Alloa supporters had an-

icipated pre match, but this was an entertaining afternoon for both sets of fans- with Stirling defeated but emerging with a lot of credit for running Alloa close in the tie.

Alloa Team: Scott Bain, Michael Doyle, Ben Gordon, Jason Marr, Darryll Meggatt, Stephen Simmons, Ryan McCord, Graeme Holmes, Jonathan Tiffoney, Kevin Cawley, Andy Kirk. Subs Used- Alex Salmon, Willie Robertson

Stirling Albion Team: David Crawford, David McClune, Daniel Ashe, Jamie Bishop, Ross Forsyth, Kieran McAnespie, Phil Johnston, Dale Fulton, Sandy Cunningham, Jordan White, David Weatherston. Subs Used- Bradley Coyne, Stephen Day, Graham Weir

HT QUIZ

- 1. FALKIRK REACHED THE SCOTTISH CUP FINAL IN 1997, 2009 AND 2015. NAME THE THREE SEMI-FINAL OPPONENTS THEY DEFEATED TO REACH THESE RESPECTIVE FINALS?**
- 2. NAME THE FIVE CURRENT SENIOR CLUBS IN SCOTLAND WHO HAVE WON THE SCOTTISH CUP ON MORE OCCASIONS THAN THEY HAVE FINISHED RUNNERS UP**
- 3. THE SCOTTISH CUP FINAL HAS BEEN DECIDED BY VIRTUE OF A PENALTY SHOOT-OUT ON THREE OCCASIONS- CAN YOU NAME THE YEARS OF EACH FINAL AND THE CLUBS INVOLVED**
- 4. IN THIS SEASONS COMPETITION, WHICH CLUB PRODUCED STATISTICALLY THE BIGGEST CUP SHOCK IN THE COMPETITION'S HISTORY (62 PLACES BETWEEN THE CLUBS IN THE PYRAMID) WHEN THEY DEFEATED FC EDINBURGH IN ROUND 3?**
- 5. ALLOA HAVE ELIMINATED TWO TOP LEAGUE CLUBS IN THE SCOTTISH CUP THIS CENTURY- NAME THE CLUBS AND THE YEARS?**
- 6. NAME THE LAST FIVE SCORERS IN A SCOTTISH CUP FINAL WITH NATIONALITIES OUTWITH THE BRITISH ISLES AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**

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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
90	90	72	90	18	
62	90	90			
64	90	90			26
82	90	68			22
89	61	90			1
90	90	74	90	15	16
	90	64	90	26	55
90		90	64	90	
	82	8	90	90	
1	90	76	14	90	45
90	90	45		83	45
54	54	36	90		64
83	90		90	35	
62	90		49	90	41

FORWARDS							
DONNELLY	RODDEN	MACIVER	KHYIAM	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	OFFORD
9	10	15	17	18	19	24	25
		62	14	90	28		
	1	87	90	3	87	3	
		76	90	14	64		
		45	90	1	90		
		18	90		72		
	2	28	90				
		40	90		90		
		30	1	90	1	60	21
	1	73	90	5	80	17	10
35	1	55	90		87		2
	2	35					2
27	1	21	90		63	7	69
72		90	31		1	18	59
29	29	1	90		61		61
45	63	63		45			27
1	72	64	1	26		77	18
		90		1	90		90
75	75	20		70			15
1	90	63	27	27	8		27
90	90	90		69			21
82	8	1	59		82		1
1	64	90		83		7	
1	90	53	37	77	13		
77		90		68	13		22
		24	90	83	66	7	
	7	90		57	33		1
		90		26	36	26	64
7	55	1	90	1	90		
28		90		2	83		



QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1997- CELTIC, 2009- DUNFERMLINE, 2015- HIBS
- CELTIC (WINNERS X 40, RUNNERS UP X 18), RANGERS (WINNERS X 34, RUNNERS UP X 18), QUEENS PARK (WINNERS X 10, RUNNERS UP X 2), ST JOHNSTONE (WINNERS X 2, RUNNERS UP X 0), INVERNESS CALEDONIAN THISTLE (WINNERS X 1, RUNNERS UP X 0)
- ABERDEEN DEFEATED CELTIC IN 1990, HEARTS DEFEATED GRETNA IN 2006, CELTIC DEFEATED HEARTS IN 2020
- DRUMCHAPEL UNITED
- KILMARNOCK (2000), LIVINGSTON (2006)
- ODSONNE EDOUARD, OLIVIER NTCHAM, TOM ROGIC (ALL CELTIC), RYAN EDWARDS, RUDI SKACEL (HEARTS)





ALLOA ATHLETIC



FALKIRK

#	POS				
	1	SCOTT GALLACHER			
	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			
	27	LUKE STRACHAN			
		MANAGER BRIAN RICE			

#	POS				
	1	PJ MORRISON			
	2	RYAN WILLIAMSON			
	3	BLAINE ROWE			
	4	STEPHEN MCGINN			
	5	LIAM HENDERSON			
	6	COLL DONALDSON			
	7	CALLUM MORRISON			
	10	AIDAN NESBITT			
	11	CRAIG MCGUFFIE			
	12	PADDY MARTIN			
	14	FINN YEATS			
	15	LEON MCCANN			
	18	GARY OLIVER			
	19	RUMARN BURRELL			
	21	OLUWASEGUN LAWAL			
	22	BRAD MCKAY			
	26	SEAN MACKIE			
	28	PEARSE CARROLL			
	29	FINLAY MALCOLM			
	44	PAUL WATSON			
	73	KAI KENNEDY			
		MANAGER JOHN MCGLYNN			

REFEREE: Callum Scott

ASST: Sean Carr & John Stewart

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

28.01.23, AWAY, 15:00

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04.02.23, HOME, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		PETERHEAD
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07.02.23, HOME, 19:45

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		FALKIRK
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18.02.23, AWAY, 15:00

	FALKIRK		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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