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(1:0)

SCORERS

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Cunningham 62' **2:0**

2:1 91' O'Donnell



STARTING XI

- 1** GOURLAY
- 2** CORBETT
- 3** WALKER
- 4** O'WARE
- 5** THOMSON
- 8** LYON
- 9** JOHNSTON
- 10** CUNNINGHAM
- 11** MCCLUSKEY
- 12** TIDSER
- 23** MOORE

SUBS

- 7** DARAMOLA
- 14** BIABI
- 15** OWENS
- 16** O'DONNELL
- 17** OWENS
- 20** CAMPBELL
- 21** CAMERON

SUBS

- 41** OGAYI
- 5** GRAHAM
- 10** RODDEN
- 17** CANNON
- 18** SAMMON
- 19** BUCHANAN
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 23** DEVINE
- 24** RANKIN

STARTING XI

- 1** MORRISON
- 2** TAGGART
- 6** NEILL
- 27** DEBAYO
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1981/82 1996/97

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HAMILTON ACCIES	3	3	0	0	6	0	6	9
FALKIRK	3	2	1	0	8	2	6	7
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	3	2	0	1	8	6	2	6
KELTY HEARTS	3	2	0	1	4	3	1	6
STIRLING ALBION	3	2	0	1	2	3	-1	6
COVE RANGERS	3	1	1	1	5	3	2	4
ALLOA ATHLETIC	3	1	0	2	5	6	-1	3
MONTROSE	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
ANNAN ATHLETIC	3	0	0	3	0	3	-3	0
EDINBURGH CITY	3	0	0	3	1	6	-5	0

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

ALLOA ATHLETIC	FALKIRK
ANNAN ATHLETIC	EDINBURGH CITY
COVE RANGERS	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
HAMILTON ACCIES	MONTROSE
STIRLING ALBION	KELTY HEARTS

PREMIER LEAGUE

ROSS COUNTY	RANGERS
CELTIC	ST JOHNSTONE
HIBERNIAN	LIVINGSTON
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DUNDEE	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
ST MIRREN	ABERDEEN

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GREENOCK MORTON	ARBROATH
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27/02/1998



1

DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 CM 75 KG



2

Euan DEVENEY

16/11/2002



3

Morgyn NEILL

10/03/1996



6

Keir BURT

09/09/2004

175 CM 69 KG



21

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



5

David MCKAY

17/06/1998



15

Paul MCLAREN

01/04/2004

185 CM 76 KG



22

Tochukwu OGAYI

10/10/1996

CM KG



41

David DEVINE

20/06/2001

CM KG



23

Josh DEBAYO

17/10/1996



27

MANAGER

BRIAN RICE



MIDFIELDERS

Steven HETHERINGTON

09/03/1993



Kevin CAWLEY

17/03/1989



Kurtis ROBERTS

06/09/1994



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992

170 CM 63 KG



Miko VIRTANEN

29/01/1999



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001

183 CM 70 KG



Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989

183 CM 70 KG



FORWARDS

Luke DONNELLY

20/01/1996



Bradley RODDEN

21/08/1996

178 CM 68 KG



Nathan CANNON

26/08/2005



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986

188 CM 91 KG



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003

178 CM 70 KG



Luke RANKIN

27/11/2004



Quinn COULSON

01/09/2003





BRIAN RICE



THE MANAGER AFTER DEFEAT AT KELTY HEARTS

I don't think we deserved to lose the game today. We've had three wonderful chances. Quinn Coulson with an early opportunity, Luke Donnelly is right through and second half we've had a great chance for Bradley Rodden. Kelty did not have many chances but we're shooting ourselves in the foot

with the two goals we've given away. It's a ridiculous penalty, a ridiculous decision for a player to make. We spoke about it all week - not giving officials the opportunity to make a decision in our box and the second [Scott Taggart] has held his hand up. He made a mistake. We've gave everything second half again. It

just wasn't to be.

Obviously next week we've got Falkirk, full time team, started the season well, we'll have a big crowd and the tv cameras will be on. We will need to pick ourselves up and go again.





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JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our first fixture this season against our local neighbours Falkirk, welcome to Falkirk FC manager John McGlynn and his management team Paul Smith, Graeme Henderson and Alex Cannon, the players, officials and directors of Falkirk FC. We are pleased to once again welcome our friends at BBC Alba to Alloa today, some of our best games in the last few years have been broadcast on the channel and we hope that the viewers will see another good game tonight. (For our Gaelic fans) - Tha sinn toilichte a-rithist faithe a chur air ar caraidean aig BBC ALBA gu Alloa an-diugh. Chaidh cuid de na geamaichean a b' fhearr a bh' againn anns na beagan bhliadhnaichean mu dheireadh a chraoladh air an t-seanal is tha sinn an dochas gur e geama math eile a chi an

luchd-amhairc a-nochd.

The Wasps Nest podcast @ waspsnestpod goes from strength to strength thanks to the efforts of Kevin Gallagher and Kieren Mooney to give us our weekly overview of all things Alloa Athletic from their first podcast transmitted on 11th August, 2022, when the Headline was "Rodden breaks Kely Hearts", this was after a 3-1 home win for "The Wasps" with Bradley Rodden coming off the bench to score a double. Last week was Episode 54 already with the boys talking back the defeat to Stirling Albion, lets be positive and look for a good result this weekend against Falkirk and keep enjoying their podcasts.

It was with great sadness I heard the news of the passing of

Falkirk FC fan Frank Hulett last Friday 18th August, although Frank had been ill for a while I was still shocked at his death. A football fan who was able to help me when writing "The History of Alloa Athletic 1921-2021, especially with information on the Stirlingshire Cup he was always our go to person not only for me but other local clubs. Frank will be missed not only by Falkirk FC but other footballing collectors of programmes and memorabilia, condolences to his son Andrew who is likely to be at the game tonight. Congratulations to Alloa Athletic striker Bradley Rodden for celebrating his 27th birthday on Monday 21st August and for being included in the Cinch SPFL Team of the Week after his two goals in 4-3 victory over Queen of the South on opening League game of the season at Palmer-

ston Park, Dumfries/

The Scottish FA appoint to the Board of Andrew McKinlay, Chief Executive of Heart of Midlothian, and Aileen Campbell, Chief Executive of Scottish Women's Football, as representatives of the professional and non-professional game boards respectively. Their appointments follow the election of Mike Mulraney as President and Les Gray as Vice-President at June's Scottish FA AGM. Mike Mulraney, Scottish FA President: "I am pleased to welcome Andrew and Aileen to the board. Both will bring a fresh perspective and extensive experience across business, sport and public service. "Above all, they share a passion for the game that will drive the organisation forward and help achieve

our vision of inspiring the nation and transforming lives through the power of football."

The latest chapter in the oldest rivalry in World football will be written, when Scotland take on England in a special 150th Anniversary Heritage match to mark the first meeting between the two sides in 1872. To be played at Hampden Park, Glasgow on Tuesday 12th September, 2023, kick-off 7.45pm

Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 33
19th August, 2023

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After the success of the History of Alloa Athletic book last season, the club have produced a second book "Diary of a Season 2022/23" which is now available to purchase. The book will retail at £ 19.99 in Waterstones online, but at a discounted price of £ 14.99 from the club. Diary of a Season 2022/23 continues where the History book ends. It covers what has happened at the club over the course of last season through articles and stats as well as match photos by David Glencross. Both John Glencross and Stuart Latham have added additional information that has come to light since the history book was published, Jonathan Markwell has also added some of his brilliant articles which are always worth reading. As with the history book, all profits will go to the club. Now on sale at Lime Tree House, Alloa and on matchdays at the club shop for £14.99.

Alloa have been drawn against Rangers B in the third round of the SPFL Trust Trophy. Due to international call-ups this is unlikely to be played with the other fixtures on the weekend of the 9/10th September. More information after the confirmation of the date and venue.

SPFL TRUST TROPHY DRAW:

Coleraine v Hamilton
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Bala Town v Queen's Park
Hibernian B v The New Saints
Edinburgh City v East Kilbride
Annan Athletic v Peterhead
Cove Rangers v Montrose
East Fife v Albion Rovers
Rangers B v Alloa Athletic
Dumbarton v Kelty Hearts
Uni of Stirling v Airdrieonians
Greenock Morton v Elgin City
Dundee United v Dunfermline
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JONATHAN MARKWELL



ALLOA ON TV

There will be an extra buzz around the Recs today as the TV cameras are rolling into town to broadcast Alloa's first derby of the season against near neighbours Falkirk. It is actually the first time in over five years that Alloa will be shown live on BBC Alba and, somehow, it is now over ten years since the Wasps' very first live televised match. This will actually be the 17th time the television cameras have visited Clackmannanshire for an Alloa match and Alloa's 28th televised game in total. As such, it is only fitting to take a trip down memory lane to recall some of the televised games Alloa have featured in over the

past decade, as it turns out that some of the Wasps' most glorious moments over that time have been witnessed by the wider television audience.

To set the scene further, there's always a little extra enjoyment when the TV cameras are around, as it brings a sense of occasion, is something out of the ordinary and means your matchday experience is that little bit different to what you are used to. First, the temporary TV gantry looms large above the gazebo stand, or in the early days on top of the main stand, looking somewhat incongruous in its setting, with its complicated maze of scaffolding to pro-

vide a suitable vantage point for the main camera and commentators to capture all the action. There's sometimes supplementary cameras dotted around the ground, with the Railway End sometimes utilised to provide another high-level behind the goal vantage point – perfect to capture an off-target Ayr United penalty! With the gantry also comes the mandatory TV trucks, taking up lots of space around the ground to ensure everything runs smoothly for the television audience. Any outdoor production from Alloa usually includes the classic panning context shot of focusing on the Ochils, before zooming back into the ground to

highlight that watching football at the Recs includes one of the best backdrops in Scottish football. There's also usually a shot of a youngster or two perching on a tree behind the goal by Hawkhill Road, trying to get a glimpse of the action for free. The TV directors must pinpoint that particular shot at every traditional lower league ground they visit, almost making it a disappointment for the television audience if it isn't included.

For those inside the ground, there's sometimes a degree of disappointment that the TV cameras change your usual matchday routine. There have been times when supporters haven't had access to their usual vantage points, due to the production crews and presenters needing the space for their broadcast instead. The space under the main stand by the home dugout springs immediately to mind, with the cameras and extra dazzling lights depriving some supporters of watching the game from their usual spot. The pay-off is seeing how TV works in real-life and at close quarters, with the odd famous ex-player being on punditry duties. Those that have graced

the Recs range from Chris Sutton to Jim Duffy and the always immaculately dressed Jack Ross, with the former Alloa manager without fail speaking warmly about his time with the Wasps. Given his connections with both clubs, pending his availability, Jack would be my perfect choice to be adding his insight on the game from the touchline this evening.

Another observation, which is an essential ingredient of any outdoor broadcast from the Recs, is that on the pitch every member of the Alloa team will be looking that extra bit sharper and eager to perform their best. Although they wouldn't admit it, for better or worse being on the TV does add an edge to their performance, knowing that if they impress it could mean they are spotted by clubs further up the footballing food chain, or perhaps for others they are trying to save face with their pals by not performing badly on the telly! As such, it must be a contractual requirement for Alloa players to visit the barbers shop shortly before playing on TV, as without fail they always appear to have a fresh cut whenever matches are televised. It could alternatively be

that they are trying to impress distant family members who are tuning in especially!

A final guaranteed ingredient of any live match from the Recs is that the young squad of Alloa supporters will be keen for their voices to be heard on the broadcast. The enthusiastic nature of the youngsters does however sometimes lead to the commentator having to apologise for any bad language that may have been picked up by the audience at home, which has its own charm for some!

Turning to consider the Wasps' overall record in TV games, on the face of it 8 wins, 3 draws and 16 defeats in 27 matches doesn't sound particularly impressive, but delve a little deeper and there are some reasons to explain this. More often than not when the Wasps are chosen for a TV encounter it is because the big boys are in town and the cameras are here in hope of seeing an upset. 16 out of 27 TV games being at the Recs bears out that narrative. Whilst there have been times when that TV gold of a giant-killing comes to fruition, there are obviously other times when the giants do come out



on top. The fact that twelve of the matches have been league encounters at Championship level, when Alloa are always battling against better resourced opponents, also explains why there have been more defeats than victories. As such, perhaps it is not too surprising that Alloa have endured more defeats than wins on the telly.

However, when the Wasps are victorious, they are often memorable. Alloa's last game on BBC Alba was the Championship promotion play-off second leg at Dumbarton in May 2018. With the Wasps a goal behind from the first leg, a 93rd minute equaliser from loanee Ross Stewart finally saw the Son's resistance broken, with there being a certain inevitability about Jordan Kirkpatrick's glorious extra-time winner to fire Alloa to promotion. The joyous scenes of Jim Goodwin being lifted high

into the air by his squad will live long in the memory. Three and five years earlier the BBC Alba cameras also captured in full glory other play-off triumphs, namely the Wasps' great escape from relegation versus Forfar (a pulsating 3-0 victory to earn a 4-3 aggregate win) and promotion in 2013 after a 3-1 aggregate win for Paul Hartley's Alloa versus Dunfermline. Those games against the Pars were Alloa's very first games live on national television, with the first-leg 3-0 demolition showcasing to a wider audience the revolution Hartley had masterminded at the Recs in the space of two short years. Despite those unforgettable moments, the crème de la crème of Alloa on TV will always be the 3-2 comeback victory over Rangers in the Petrofac Challenge Cup Semi-Final in December 2014. That really was an astonishing evening, as three Alloa goals in

the final 18 minutes sent shockwaves around the country!

Getting down to the minutiae of detail, 15 of those 27 matches have come on BBC Alba (Won 6, Lost 9, Goals for 21 & Against 26), 5 have been on BBC Scotland (W1 D2, L2, F4, A12) 2 on Sky Sports (a 3-0 reverse at Easter Road in the Championship, shortly followed by Alloa somewhat overshadowing Rangers being crowned Championship winners by having the audacity to draw 1-1 at Ibrox in April 2016), 2 on Premier Sports (the narrow Betfred Cup quarter-final defeat to Hibernian in December 2020 and last January's 2-1 defeat to Celtic in the Scottish Cup) and 1 game each on ESPN (a 5-1 home reverse to Rangers – but what a goal from Michael Chopra!), BT Sport (holding Celtic until the 83rd minute before succumbing to two late goals in the 2016 Betfred Cup quarter-final) and Welsh language channel S4C.

That S4C game came in the Challenge Cup 4th round in October 2016, when the Wasps were memorably drawn away to Bala Town. Backed by a vocal and exuberant away support for Jack Ross' last game in charge of the Wasps, Alloa put on a real masterclass with long-range screamers from Greig Spence and Jon Roberson, adding to a great team move which culminated in Spence opening the scoring. With the Wasps 3-0 up at the break there was some real Olé football from Alloa that day and almost as soon as Bala got one back, Alloa breezed up the other end for Kevin Cawley to roll in Alloa's fourth after yet another free-flowing move. It finished 4-2, with Alloa giving Ross a send off he richly deserved as he took up his already announced move to St Mirren a few days later.



In terms of Alloa goalscorers in TV games, there is one player who is streets ahead of the rest – if there is one striker who enjoys the buzz of the cameras it is Greig Spence, who has notched 8 goals for Alloa in live televised games. That comprises the often forgotten hat-trick in that infamous penalty shoot-out defeat to Brechin in 2017, the never to be forgotten double against Rangers, the aforementioned double down in Wales and a consolation goal in a 4-1 home reverse to Hearts on a

bone-chillingly cold January night at the Recs. Only four other Alloa players have scored more than a single goal in TV matches, with those players being Kevin Cawley, Liam Buchanan, Michael Chopra and Alan Trouten.

Finally, today's encounter will be the third televised match between Alloa and Falkirk. History is against the Wasps, with the Bairns leaving the Recs with all three points in Championship encounters shown live on BBC Alba in March 2015 (a 3-1 defeat under caretaker manager Paddy

Connolly, despite a long-range screamer from Kevin Cawley past Jamie MacDonald) and January 2016 (an instantly forgettable 1-0 defeat after John Baird's 15th minute goal turned out to be the winner). Hopefully it will prove third time lucky for Alloa today. With BBC Alba having secured the rights to broadcast a dozen cinch League One games this season, hopefully there will also be a few more opportunities for the Wasps to shine in front of a wider audience beyond today too.





DONALD POLLOCK



cluded that the result “does not indicate the run of play, as the Alloa men had the best of the game all through”. Very rarely were the Wasps bested in the eyes of ‘Old Player’. He was purring when Alloa faced the Stirling men again on league business a couple of months later, Robert Jack scoring twice, setting up another, and having two more goals disallowed as Alloa cruised to a 4-1 win, the Advertiser enthusing that “Jack completely outran his opponents”.

Such performances were catching attention further afield, the Scottish Referee noting after the match that “Alloa folk were ‘proud, proud’ on Saturday.....in Jack the Alloa team have a grand left winger”. Come summer 1895, 19 year old Bob Jack made the move from Alloa to Bolton Wanderers.

Jack settled well, ‘Old Player’ noting in October 1895 that “Footballers in the County will be pleased to hear that Bob Jack is getting on immensely at Bolton”. By the end of his first season he had claimed a regular place in a Bolton side which finished 4th in the First Division and was said to have formed “one of the best wings in the country”. He did even better the following season, finishing as Bolton’s top scorer, and although Wanderers were relegated in 1899, Bob was to the fore in helping them to an immediate return to the top flight. He was still bowling too, returning north in the summer to compete and in 1899 collect a prize at the Scottish Bowling Championship under the banner of Alloa Bowling Club. An impressed Scottish Referee columnist was moved to write: “If any player more than another of

ALLOA AND THE WHITE HORSE WEMBLEY FINAL OF 1923

April 1923 signaled the end of a golden era for Alloa Athletic as the club were relegated from the First Division. The halcyon days of the early 20s – which had seen the Wasps rapidly ascend from non league football to the top flight – were over. But just as Alloa were contemplating a difficult rebuild from the second tier, a man with strong Wee County connections was writing himself into English footballing lore.

The story begins in Alloa in April 1876 with the birth of Robert Jack. Robert would grow up on Kellie Place while his father David owned a well established family tailoring business on Mar Street. Mr Jack was a well kent face around town and regular precentor at Alloa Parish Church. He also ran a juvenile singing group in which his children starred, as well as being a notable local bowler and

president of Alloa Bowling Club. Young Robert was making a name for himself too, featuring in the columns of the Alloa Advertiser in 1891 after passing an exam as a law apprentice, while appearing around the same time as a singer in a fundraising concert for Alloa Athletic. Jack was also establishing himself as a fine sportsman, excelling in football and bowls, and as a teenager worked his way into the Alloa first team.

Despite his tender years Robert Jack was quickly a key man for the Wasps, his creative and goalscoring skills a regular feature in the match reports of the era. An 1895 account of a 3-2 friendly defeat against neighbours King’s Park of Stirling reported on “a lighting shot” and “brilliant run” from the youngster. The report also included the always partisan opinions of columnist ‘Old Player’, who con-

those have crossed the border possesses those gentlemanly qualities which we would like to see characterise all our footballers, it is Robert Jack, Bolton Wanderers. Jack, who hails from Alloa Athletic, is a player whose head is screwed on the right way, and one of those who are intent on making hay while the sun shines. I had the pleasure of Jack's acquaintance at the Govan Bowling Tournament, and was much impressed by his style".

Back on the football field, a serious ankle injury would bring Bob's time at Bolton to an end and he signed for Preston in 1901. "In the mood, Jack is one of the most brilliant players to be found in a day's march", reported the Athletic Chat. From Preston, Bob went for a season with Glossop before becoming the first ever professional at Plymouth Argyle. Jack was installed as Plymouth player-manager in 1905 before moving to take on a similar role at Southend. Bob was tempted back to Plymouth in 1910 and would go on to achieve legendary status in an incredible 28 year reign as manager, first taking Argyle into the Football League and then the Second Division before finally retiring in 1938. Bob still found time to keep bowling – becoming English champion and representing his adopted country. On his death his ashes were spread on the pitch at Plymouth.

But even as Bob Jack established Plymouth on the national stage in the 1920s, one of the next generation of footballing Jacks was already eclipsing his father. David Bone Nightingale Jack (Bone was the maiden name of Robert Jack's mother, Mary) had been born in Bolton in 1898 and was one of three sons who would play profes-

sional football. David was given his debut by his father for Plymouth after WW1. In 1920 he again followed in his dad's footsteps by signing for Bolton. And it was in the colours of Bolton that he made English footballing history in April 1923 with the first goal in the first FA Cup Final at Wembley – the famous 'white horse final' – when kick-off was delayed as thousands of supporters streamed onto the pitch. David Jack's Bolton would ultimately win 2-0 and a year later he would collect the first of 9 England caps. In 1926 he scored the winning goal as Bolton again won the FA Cup. Jack was then the first footballer to be bought for a five figure sum when he signed for Herbert Chapman's Arsenal for almost £11,000 in 1928. The press reported that Chapman had "startled the football world" with the fee but Jack would win the FA Cup once more with the Gunners in 1930 and ultimately scored more than 100 goals for the club, Chapman describing him as "one of the best bargains I ever made". In 1930 he would captain England – and score – in a 5-2 win over Scotland. David Jack, son of ex Wasp Robert, and grandson of his Mar Street tailor namesake, remains on the list of highest scorers ever at both Arsenal and Bolton, and shares with Jimmy Greaves and Alan Shearer the

distinction of scoring more than 100 English top flight goals for two different clubs.

The family connections with football (and bowls) would continue at different levels down the generations to the present day – with David's son, also David, becoming a noted sports journalist and reporting from several World Cups, as well as ghostwriting Len Shackleton's book 'The Clown Prince of Soccer', a book that famously had a chapter headed 'The Average Director's Knowledge of Football' – followed by a blank page. He was also ghostwriter for Matt Busby's autobiography, among others. His own son, another David, would have a spell on trial for Manchester United and now writes about sport from his home in Australia. A remarkable sporting dynasty – and one that had its roots firmly in the Wee Country.

As David Jack made history in the FA Cup Final of April 1923, the Alloa directors could only wish for a player of his considerable ability. Relegation had seen the great team of previous years break up and the committee were now trying to assemble a new squad with a reduced budget. More on that new look team and the resulting 1923/24 campaign in The Wasp in the months ahead.



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From left to right, David Jack Snr,
DR Jack, DBN Jack, Robert Jack.

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	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
MORRISON	GOAL	2 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	2 (1)	9
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
OGAYI	GOAL	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
TAGGART	DEF	1 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	230 (2)	11
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	189 (8)	14
MCLAREN	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0
DEVINE	DEF	2 (0)	0	2 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	12 (0)	0
NEILL	DEF	3 (0)	0	3 (1)	1	6 (1)	1	3 (0)	0
DEVENEY	DEF	1 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	3 (3)	0	1 (2)	0
MCKAY	DEF	2 (0)	1	2 (2)	0	4 (2)	1	2 (0)	1
DEBAYO	DEF	1 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	175 (30)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	3 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	6 (1)	0	62 (18)	8
O'DONNELL	MID	2 (1)	1	2 (0)	0	4 (1)	1	18 (35)	10
CAWLEY	MID	3 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	4 (2)	0	327 (47)	63
HETHERINGTON	MID	2 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	5 (1)	0	139 (30)	6
VIRTANEN	MID	1 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0
ROBERTS	MID	3 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	6 (1)	0	3 (0)	0
DONNELLY	FWD	1 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	13 (20)	7
SAMMON	FWD	2 (1)	1	4 (0)	1	6 (1)	2	53 (23)	20
RODDEN	FWD	2 (1)	2	3 (0)	0	5 (1)	2	9 (9)	7
BUCHANAN	FWD	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	1	3 (0)	1	0 (11)	0
RANKIN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (11)	1
COULSON	FWD	1 (2)	0	2 (2)	1	3 (4)	1	13 (6)	1
CANNON	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0



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55 (1)	3	285 (3)	14
54 (2)	1	243 (10)	15
2 (2)	0	3 (4)	0
2 (1)	0	14 (1)	0
3 (1)	1	6 (1)	1
2 (1)	0	3 (3)	0
2 (2)	0	4 (2)	1
3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0
44 (5)	2	219 (35)	4
17 (8)	2	79 (26)	10
7 (1)	0	25 (36)	10
67 (11)	11	394 (58)	74
30 (9)	1	169 (39)	7
3 (1)	0	4 (1)	0
3 (1)	0	6 (1)	0
3 (3)	2	16 (23)	9
16 (3)	7	69 (26)	27
8 (2)	1	17 (11)	8
5 (3)	1	5 (14)	1
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

After the opening day victory over Queen of the South down at Palmerston Park, Alloa have had to absorb a couple of setbacks in the last fortnight with defeats to Stirling Albion and Kelty Hearts. They'll be looking to kick start the season when two of the predicted title contenders visit Alloa prior to the international break- Falkirk tonight followed by Cove Rangers next week. A bit of discontent amongst elements of the fanbase is probably inevitable in the circumstances- no-one wants to lose a derby fixture in particular. But with the loan market about to really open up, there is time for the manager to assess any gaps in the squad and potentially bring in a few quality additions. And of course it's very early days in the campaign and a successful season is far from out of the teams grasp.

I did admittedly miss the Stirling Albion game here two weeks ago. A family holiday was booked well in advance, and unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately in this particular scenario) the fixtures pulled our neighbours out of the hat for the second game of the season. I had obviously heard a few accounts of the match, but I made the trip to Kelty last week with a relatively fresh outlook with my last game being the Palmerston Park win. It was great to see Luke Donnelly back finally and he took his place within the starting 11. Although he still appears to have a bit to go in terms of match sharpness, he's a different option up top and will really add to the team. Playing as the focal point striker at Kelty definitely took it out of him energy-wise after a long lay-off- but that sharpness will come in the next few weeks.

Kevin Cawley also looked good in midfield when Alloa changed their shape in the second half. And Cammy O'Donnell also had a good outing from the bench, capping it with that fine free kick goal in the closing minutes. Unfortunately a couple of errors proved to be Alloa's downfall- and although we were far more on the front foot in the second half they ultimately struggled to breach the Kelty backline.

At the half time whistle there was certainly some justification for the Alloa bench to be angered by the match officials. The highlights showed a potential Alloa penalty in the opening seconds- an immediate foul on Donnelly in front of goal that might well have been awarded. They also missed a cynical trip by Kelty's player manager Michael Tidser on Quinn Coulson as Alloa looked dangerous

breaking forward. And it could be argued that the Kelty penalty was of the soft variety- the player certainly appeared to receive minimal contact before hitting the deck. But defender Morgyn Neill did raise his hands and it unfortunately gave the referee enough evidence to award the spot kick. Neill has been really good so far for Alloa, but in the minutes following the penalty he appeared to lose his discipline after being cautioned for the offence. So much so that he was immediately substituted for Andy Graham. The manager referenced it in his post-match interview, but conceding 4 penalties in the three league fixtures to date is a slight cause for concern (albeit one of those at Palmerston on the opening day was a bit of a nonsense). In addition to that, the last two instances against Stirling and Kelty have led to either a reduced backline or enforced changes. In League One, success tends to be built from the back. Dunfermline proved that last season, where they weren't necessarily dazzling but had the most solid consistent defence by some distance

and won the league comfortably. Alloa have good defenders at the club but they need to settle and build that understanding. Suspensions and loss of discipline are a real hindrance to achieving a settled defensive unit.

Alloa did come out in the second half and create a few chances on goal. But unfortunately another error led to a killer second Kelty goal on the counter attack. Scott Taggart has been one of the most consistent Alloa players for quite some time now, so we can forgive this error and move on. But ultimately it left Alloa with too much of a mountain to climb in the closing stages. Cammy O'Donnell's aforementioned free kick goal was a brilliant effort, but it arrived too late to salvage something from the game. It's far too early for alarm bells to be ringing- the season doesn't really start to settle until the completion of the first quarter at least. But there are plenty of challenges ahead in the coming weeks. Alloa will also be looking to avoid losing becoming a habit- particularly here at home. Miko Virtanen was a miss last week and I'd

suggest he may come right back into the starting lineup today if available to provide more of a solid base. Alloa ran Falkirk close on a few occasions last season but were unable to pick up that elusive win. They will have to be at their best today to achieve that. With the summer transfer window almost complete, I'd anticipate some activity in the loan market through the month of September. If not prior to the Cove Rangers game I think we'll definitely see some activity by the time we return from the international break. The TV cameras are here for tonight's game. Reschedules for television are never popular with supporters who attend matches regularly- but in this instance the evening kick off is more preferable in late August than December or January. Hopefully Alloa can lift their game and get some points on the board against their close neighbours this evening. It's been a tough couple of weeks, but still very, very early in the campaign. A strong showing in the next two home fixtures along with positive results changes everything.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 29TH AUGUST 1992

In The Premier Division, Dundee United were the new leaders, thanks to a 2-0 win v today's visitors Falkirk at Tannadice, Dundee United's 2 goals were scored by Duncan Ferguson. Falkirk were managed by Jim Jeffries at that time and Brian Rice was playing in their midfield. United displaced Aberdeen, who dropped to fifth after a 1-3 reverse at Rangers, who were now second, Hearts' 1-0 home success v Motherwell moved them up to third spot, while Celtic, held 1-1 at Airdrie, slipped from second to fourth. At the other end of the table,

Airdrie's point was enough to move them up one place off the bottom, The Diamonds were replaced by Falkirk, while Dundee, beaten 3-6 at Partick, dropped to third-bottom position.

Raith retained leadership of The First Division, and at the same time maintained their unbeaten start to the season, after a 1-0 victory at Dumbarton. Morton were also victorious by 1-0, at home v Cowdenbeath, and as such moved up to second place. Dunfermline dropped from second to third, after a 1-3 home defeat v Clydebank, Kilmarnock's 1-0 home

victory v Meadowbank moved them up to fourth, while St. Mirren remained in fifth place, despite being held 0-0 at home by Stirling Albion. Cowdenbeath were still finding the going hard so far, following their promotion at the end of the previous season, and their defeat v Morton meant they remained bottom and winless. Dumbarton slipped to second-bottom spot, while Stirling Albion still occupied third-bottom position.

Down in The Second, Forfar's 3-0 win at East Fife saw them take over top spot on goal difference from local rivals

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Brechin, who were 2-0 home victors v Albion Rovers. Alloa and Clyde were two more of the sides fancied for promotion, and they stood seventh and third respectively before their clash at Recreation Park, The Wasps lining up as follows: Jim Butter, Willie Newbigging, Neil McAvoy (Neil Bennett), Paul Sheerin, Davie Wilcox, Colin Campbell, John Conroy (Mike Hendry), John McNiven, Shaun Smith, Stevie McCormick, Spider Ramsay. Alas, it turned out to be a rather disappointing afternoon for the home side, as The Bully Wee ran out 5-1 winners, thanks to goals from Frank McGarvey, Stephen Tennant, James Thomson, Stephen Clarke & James McCarron, Shaun Smith netting Alloa's solitary effort, "The Wasps" ended up finishing 5th in the league with a final day demolition of QOS at Palmerston 7-0, a game fondly remembered by the Alloa

travelling faithful. Clyde thus retained third spot although they were to be crowned Champions by the end of the season, Stranraer were now fourth after a 2-1 success at Stenhousemuir, while Arbroath's 2-1 home win v Queen's Park moved them up to fifth place. Alloa meantime dropped to ninth, while Queen of The South's 2-1 win at East Stirling moved them out of bottom place, this was now occupied by Stenhousemuir.

South of the border, Blackburn Rovers were the new leaders of The Premier League, after a 2-0 win v Coventry, in a top-of-the-table clash at Highfield Road. QPR, who'd previously headed the table, dropped to second after a 0-1 defeat at West London neighbours Chelsea, Norwich's 2-1 win at Crystal Palace moved them up to third

place, The Canaries displaced Everton, who slipped to fourth, after they were 0-0 at home by Wimbledon. Arsenal's 2-1 home win v Sheffield Wednesday saw them go fifth, Coventry's defeat meant they dropped from second to sixth, while Wimbledon's point was enough to move them up one place off the bottom, The Dons were replaced by their gameless London rivals Spurs, who visited Ipswich the following day.

First Division leaders Charlton maintained their unbeaten start to the season, despite being held 0-0 at home by Luton, though their lead was reduced to three points over Swindon, who moved second after a 4-1 home win v Cambridge, while Leicester, who were also victorious on home soil, by 1-0 v Portsmouth, were now third.



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This evening we welcome Falkirk to the Indodrill Stadium for the next installment of our Cinch League 1 campaign. Adding to the flavour of the fixture is the fact that it is the first game of the league to be shown live on television this season, with the BBC Alba cameras making their way to Alloa to capture the action. With this article written prior to the Falkirk's mid-week fixture against the Binos, it has been a steady but strong start from Jon McGlynn's men. Despite achieving a respectable 8-points in the League

Cup campaign, they narrowly missed out on qualification to the next round. The Bairns did, however, take out the frustrations of that on newly promoted side, Annan Athletic, on the opening day. A convincing 3-0 victory for Falkirk was exactly the start to the season they had hoped for. Second game week led to an exciting 2-2 draw with Cove Rangers, which was not amiss of its controversy following a dubious penalty decision. With promotion the minimum this season for Falkirk, every game week holds significance importance

for McGlynn.

THE BOSS – JOHN MCGLYNN

Entering into his second season in charge of the Bairns, John McGlynn continues to take charge of the visitors. The former midfielder enjoyed a brief senior playing career with Berwick Rangers before spending majority of his time as a junior footballer at Musselburgh Athletic and Whitehill Welfare. During that time though he was building up his coaching experience to eventually take a role



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with the Hearts youth in 1996. Working his way through the ranks, McGlynn was promoted to assistant manager and took the club on a managerial basis on 2 care-taking occasions. It was Raith who he would move to and end his 10-year stint in the capital and enjoyed great success by winning the Scottish Second Division title in 2009. McGlynn was awarded the Hearts job on a permanent basis and most memorably led his side to a heroic draw at Anfield against Liverpool. A brief spell at Livingston would come before a return to Raith, where he gathered most of his silverware. 2 Challenge Cups and a League title would come his way before he made the switch to rivals, Falkirk. Having experienced what it takes to win this division, and now a year into the job at the Bairns, all hopes and expectations will be on him and his side to replicate previous success and return to the second tier.

**THE CAPTAIN –
STEPHEN MCGINN**

With Falkirk's former captain lining up for the home side, Falkirk now have Stephen McGinn entrusted with the armband. The 34-year-old midfielder joined the Bairns last season and added some much-needed experience to the midfield. Coming off the back of a title winning season with Kilmarnock, he is another one who knows what it takes to get promoted and achieve silverware. McGinn has also won the second tier with St Mirren too in 2018. It is a stacked playing CV for McGinn with the likes of

Watford, Sheffield United, Dundee, Wycombe Wanderers and Hibernian all featuring alongside those previously mentioned. As well as those clubs, McGinn also picked up several caps at a youth level for Scotland. It takes no introduction to highlight the fact that Stephen's brother, John, is now a stalwart of the National side and a national hero with his goalscoring exploits for both Aston Villa and Scotland. Back to Falkirk though, McGinn hasn't featured in the sides opening 2 league games but did play in every game of their League Cup campaign.

**NEW BOY –
ALFREDO AGYEMAN**

John McGlynn has been active in this summer's transfer window with 8 players coming through the door, and many going the other direction. A player worth highlighting is one known to Alloa fans in Alfredo Agyeman. The pacey forward caused the Wasps problems last season when lining up for Kelty Hearts. His directness and pace was a handful

for all defences and Alloa were made well aware of that from his goal in the 1-1 draw at Kelty last season. Since making the switch back up to full-time football, he has excited the Falkirk fans with his style and goals. The League Cup campaign for him personally was a positive one with 2 goals against Partick Thistle and Petherhead. Partnering another familiar face, and one soon to be mentioned, they have struck up a good partnership for the upcoming season.

**ONE TO WATCH –
ROSS MACLIVER**

Agyeman's partner previously mentioned is of course former Wasp, Ross MacIver. The commanding striker initially joined Alloa on loan the season before last and immediately became a hit with his work-rate and selfless attitude, epitomised in his final game of the season where he notched 4 assists. MacIver would then return to the club last summer on a permanent basis following his successful loan

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

spell and would have another strong season for the Wasps. He bagged 6 goals in the league last season but there was so much more to his game as he offered excellent hold-up and link play to allow the likes of Conor Sammon to score his goals. Again, Maclver's attitude was highlighted as he became the ultimate team player during Brian Rice's injury crisis in the play-offs when he played both defensive midfielder and centre back against Hamilton. Since moving to Falkirk, he has returned to his natural position up top and has found a fine bit of goal-scoring form. With 4 goals, and 2 assists, in his opening 6 games, he is well on the way to beating last season's total and we aren't even out of August yet. The goals have been important ones too, such as the last gap winner against Spartans and crucial strike in the draw against Partick Thistle. This will be a striker than the Alloa defence will need no warning of his threat.

THE CONNECTION

Ross Maclver was the only one to make the move from Alloa to Falkirk this summer and now also becomes the only ex-Wasp in the Falkirk ranks. The only other loose connection in the current away changing room would be the new signing, Nicky Hogarth. The former Nottingham Forrest goalkeeper is the brother of former Alloa hero, Jay, and Nicky has been a welcome guest whilst supporting his brother over the last year. Although Falkirk signed an Alloa player, the Wasps themselves dipped into the market to take a couple of their players in the summer. Both players were returning to Alloa, one of

those was Stevie Hetherington who came back to the club he considers home after 2-years at the Falkirk Stadium. PJ Morrison also made the switch back to Alloa following a year at Falkirk where he found himself in and out the side. Another notable former Bairn is of course Alloa's Irish forward, Conor Sammon. The 6ft2 striker scored 18 goals for the Wasps last season and played for the visitors from 2019 to 2021.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the first of a minimum of four games between the sides this season with Alloa looking to return to their winning ways against the somewhat neighbours. Out of the 5 fixtures last season the Bairns took all the points in 4 of them. The most recent of those was in April

in their final game before going to Hampden for the Scottish Cup semi-finals. Stefan Scougall was on the scoresheet for Alloa with his strike from the spot but goals from Brad McKay, Kai Kennedy and a brace from Liam Henderson were enough to see out a convincing 4-1 victory. The other game at the Indodrill stadium in the league was a much more competitive affair. Gary Oliver thought he scored the winner with his goal on the 86th minute but good play from Rayan Mohammed won the Wasps a penalty in the 95th minute of the game. Cool as you like, Scott Taggart, slotted away to earn the Wasps their only point of the season against Falkirk. Despite the games at Falkirk being closely fought, the Bairns managed to find a way to come out on top against Alloa.



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ALLOA ON ALBA

Alloa make their return to the BBC Alba screens tonight for the first time in over 5 years. Alloa being shown live on TV is a relatively new concept- with their first ever live match occurring on BBC Alba back in 2013. With their rise to the second tier joining Hibs, Hearts and Rangers- interest in the Scottish Championship was higher than ever- and Alloa subsequently became a regular fixture on the channel over the next few years. We look back at our fortunes in our BBC Alba clashes:

15TH MAY 2013: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 1ST LEG- ALLOA 3 DUNFERMLINE 0

Alloa's first match live on television is a memorable one. Goals from Jonathan

Tiffoney, Calum Elliot and Kevin Moon give the Wasps a significant lead to take to East End Park for the 2nd leg.

19TH MAY 2013: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 2ND LEG- DUNFERMLINE 1 ALLOA 0

Alloa's first leg lead is never in jeopardy as they seal consecutive promotions, despite losing to an Allan Smith goal on the day.

3RD DECEMBER 2014: PETROFAC CUP SEMI FINAL- ALLOA 3 RANGERS 2

In one of the greatest nights in the club's history, an injury depleted Alloa team come back from the dead to defeat Rangers. Kenny Miller and Dean Shiels gave the visitors a commanding lead, before Greig

Spence and Ryan McCord levelled the tie. A last-minute winner by Spence gave Alloa a fairytale ending.

31ST JANUARY 2015: SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP- ALLOA 1 HEARTS 4

Alloa were well beaten by the champions elect on this cold evening. Hearts were two up early on through Miguel Pallardo then James Keatings. Greig Spence pulled a goal back but a mistake by Alloa's Stephen Simmons against his former club saw Jamie Walker restore their 2-goal advantage. Callum Paterson added a fourth in stoppage time.

14TH MARCH 2015: SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP- ALLOA 1 FALKIRK 3

The only previously

televised meeting between today's clubs. Luke Leahy had Falkirk ahead at the interval, but a stunning Kevin Cawley strike levelled the score. Late goals from John Baird and Alex Cooper allowed Falkirk to leave with the 3 points.

21ST MARCH 2015: SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP- RAITH ROVERS 2 ALLOA 1

Alloa are televised for the second consecutive week, but again it ends in defeat. Liam Buchanan quickly equalised for Alloa after Mark Stewart had opened the scoring for the hosts. But Lewis Vaughan scored a 2nd half winner for Rovers.

5TH APRIL 2015: PETROFAC CUP FINAL- LIVINGSTON 4 ALLOA 0

In contrast to their last 4 exploits against Rangers, Alloa are well beaten in the final against Livingston. A late Jordan White double added to goals from Scott Pittman and Callum Fordyce on a day to forget.

13TH MAY 2015: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 1ST LEG-FORFAR 3 ALLOA 1

Alloa's BBC Alba losing streak continues as they give themselves a mountain to climb in the second leg of the play-off final. Goalkeeping errors led to goals from Omar Kader and Chris Templeman. Kyle Benedictus pulled a goal back for Alloa with 8 minutes left. But a Michael Travis header in injury time restored Forfar's 2 goal advantage

17TH MAY 2015: CHAMPI-

ONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 2ND LEG- ALLOA 3 FORFAR 0

Alloa overturn their first leg deficit in style and retain their place in the Championship. Goals from Michael Chopra, Liam Buchanan and Daryll Meggatt round off a brilliant day for the club.

17TH MAY 2017: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 1ST LEG-BRECHIN 1 ALLOA 0

An Elliot Ford strike gives Brechin the edge in the play-off final

20TH MAY 2017: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 2ND LEG- ALLOA 4 BRECHIN 3

On a crazy afternoon Alloa just can't shake off their opponents. A hat-trick from Greig Spence and a Dylan Mackin goal was not enough to avoid extra time and penalties. James Dale, Paul McLean

and Liam Watt replied for Brechin and they triumphed in the shootout to pip Alloa to promotion

9TH MAY 2018: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 1ST LEG-ALLOA 0 DUMBARTON 1

Dumbarton scored a stunning early opener through Stuart Carswell before frustrating Alloa to leave with a first leg lead.















13TH MAY 2018: CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF FINAL 2ND LEG-DUMBARTON 0 ALLOA 2

Ending on a high note, Alloa achieve redemption for the previous season's play-off defeat in the most dramatic of circumstances. Ross Stewart levelled the tie deep into stoppage time when all appeared lost. Jordan Kirkpatrick sealed Alloa's promotion in extra time with a brilliant left foot strike.



HT QUIZ

- 1. WHO SCORED ALLOA'S GOAL THE LAST TIME THEY PLAYED FALKIRK LIVE ON BBC ALBA- IN A 3-1 DEFEAT BACK IN MARCH 2015?**
- 2. MANCHESTER CITY BECAME THE SEVENTH BRITISH CLUB TO WIN THE EUROPEAN SUPER CUP LAST WEEK WHEN THEY DEFEATED SEVILLE ON PENALTIES. NAME THE 6 BRITISH WINNERS THAT PRECEDED THEM.**
- 3. SCOTLAND HAVE A 100% WINNING RECORD AGAINST FOUR NATIONS IN WORLD CUP TOURNAMENT MATCHES. NAME THEM**
- 4. WHICH FALKIRK PLAYER THIS CENTURY BECAME THE FIRST TO BE CAPPED BY SCOTLAND SINCE THE LEGENDARY JOHN WHITE IN 1959**
- 5. WHICH 4 CLUBS CURRENTLY PLAYING OUT WITH THE TOP TIER IN SCOTLAND ARE PREVIOUS HOLDERS OF THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP?**
- 6. WHO IS THE ODD MAN OUT AND WHY? RUBEN NEVES, KALIDOU KOULIBALY, RIYAD MAHREZ, N'GOLO KANTE**

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KEY:						
	CAPTAIN		YELLOW CARD			
	GOAL		SECOND YELLOW			
	OWN GOAL		RED CARD			
			INELIGIBLE			
	DATE	OPPOSITION		SCORE	REFEREE	
LC	18.07.23	STIRLING ALBION	H	 1-2	GRIEVE	
LC	22.07.23	ST JOHNSTONE	H	 0-4	IRVINE	
LC	25.07.23	STENHOUSEMUIR	A	 1-3	FORDYCE	
LC	29.07.23	AYR UNITED	A	 6-0	ROBERTSON	
LI	05.08.23	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A	 3-4	HARDIE	
LI	12.08.23	STIRLING ALBION	H	 0-1	MUIR	
LI	19.08.23	KELTY HEARTS	A	 2-1	WILLIAMS	
LI	26.08.23	FALKIRK	H			
LI	02.09.23	COVE RANGERS	H			
LI	16.09.23	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	A			
LI	23.09.23	ANNAN ATHLETIC	A			
LI	30.09.23	EDINBURGH CITY	H			
LI	07.10.23	MONTROSE	A			
LI	21.10.23	KELTY HEARTS	H			
LI	28.10.23	FALKIRK	A			
LI	04.11.23	STIRLING ALBION	A			
LI	11.11.23	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H			
LI	18.11.23	EDINBURGH CITY	A			
LI	02.12.23	ANNAN ATHLETIC	H			
LI	09.12.23	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	H			
LI	16.12.23	COVE RANGERS	A			
LI	23.12.23	MONTROSE	H			
LI	30.12.23	KELTY HEARTS	A			
LI	06.01.24	EDINBURGH CITY	H			
LI	13.01.24	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A			
LI	27.01.24	FALKIRK	H			
LI	03.02.24	ANNAN ATHLETIC	A			
LI	10.02.24	STIRLING ALBION	H			
LI	17.02.24	COVE RANGERS	H			
LI	24.02.24	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	A			
LI	02.03.24	MONTROSE	A			
LI	09.03.24	KELTY HEARTS	H			
LI	16.03.24	EDINBURGH CITY	A			
LI	23.03.24	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H			
LI	30.03.24	ANNAN ATHLETIC	H			
LI	06.04.24	STIRLING ALBION	A			
LI	13.04.24	MONTROSE	H			
LI	20.04.24	COVE RANGERS	A			
LI	27.04.24	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	H			
LI	04.05.24	FALKIRK	A			

GOALKEEPERS		
MORRISON	BURT	OGAYI
1	21	41
90		
90		
		90
90		
16		74
90		
90		

DEFENDERS									
TAGGART	DEVENEY	GRAHAM	NEILL	MCKAY	MCLAREN	DEVINE	DEBAYO		
2	3	5	6	15	22	23	27		
	90		90	90		18	72		
			90	31		90			
	17	 90	90						62
	90	66	45	24		45	90		
26	45		90	 90		90			
32	32		90	81		58			
90	30	59	41						90

MIDFIELDERS						
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTS	SCOUGALL	VIRTANEN	O'DONNELL	ROBERTSON
4	7	8	12	14	20	25
90	30	30	90		60	
90	90	90	9	59	90	
90	28	90	85	28	73	
28	45	90	90	90		
	90	90	90	90	45	
90	58	90	90		58	
90	90	90	90		30	

FORWARDS						
DONNELLY	RODDEN	CANNON	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	COULSON
9	10	17	18	19	24	26
	60		72	90	18	30
	90		90			90
	62		90	90		5
			71	45	29	45
	90		85			5
20	70	20	70			32
78	12		30			60



QUIZ ANSWERS

- KEVIN CAWLEY
- LIVERPOOL (4 WINS), CHELSEA (2 WINS), MANCHESTER UNITED, NOTTINGHAM FOREST, ASTON VILLA, ABERDEEN
- SWEDEN, ZAIRE, NEW ZEALAND AND HOLLAND
- DARREN BARR (2008 VS NORTHERN IRELAND)
- EAST FIFE (1947/48, 49/50 AND 52/53), DUNDEE UNITED (1979/80 AND 80/81), PARTICK THISTLE (1971/72) AND RAI TH ROVERS (1994/95)
- MAHREZ WAS A SUMMER SIGNING FOR AL AHLI. THE OTHER 3 HAVE SIGNED FOR AL HILAL





ALLOA ATHLETIC



FALKIRK

#	POS				
	1	PJ MORRISON			
	21	KEIR BURT			
	41	TOCHUKWU OGAYI			
	2	SCOTT TAGGART			
	3	EUAN DEVENEY			
	4	STEPHEN HETHERINGTON			
	5	ANDY GRAHAM			
	6	MORGYN NEILL			
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY			
	8	KURTIS ROBERTS			
	9	LUKE DONNELLY			
	10	BRADLEY RODDEN			
	11	STEFAN SCOUGALL			
	12	MIKO VIRTANEN			
	15	DAVID MCKAY			
	17	NATHAN CANNON			
	18	CONOR SAMMON			
	19	STEVEN BUCHANAN			
	20	CAMMY O'DONNELL			
	22	PAUL MCLAREN			
	23	DAVID DEVINE			
	24	LUKE RANKIN			
	25	JON ROBERSTON			
	26	QUINN COULSON			
	27	JOSH DEBAYO			
	MANAGER BRIAN RICE				

#	POS				
	1	SAM LONG			
	2	TOM LANG			
	3	LEON MCCANN			
	4	STEPHEN MCGINN			
	5	LIAM HENDERSON			
	6	COLL DONALDSON			
	7	CALLUM MORRISON			
	8	BRAD SPENCER			
	9	JORDAN ALLAN			
	10	AIDAN NESBITT			
	11	ALFREDO AGYEMAN			
	14	FINN YEATS			
	17	ROSS MACIVER			
	18	GARY OLIVER			
	21	OLA LAWAL			
	22	BRAD MCKAY			
	26	SEAN MACKIE			
	27	OWEN HAYWARD			
	28	PEARSE CARROLL			
	29	CALVIN MILLER			
	30	SCOTT HONEYMAN			
	31	NICKY HOGARTH			
	32	RHYS WALKER			
	33	LOGAN SINCLAIR			
	MANAGER JOHN MCGLYNN				

REFEREE: Calum Scott

ASST: Colin Drummond & Alistair Taylor

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

02.09.23, INDOBRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		COVE RANGERS
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16.09.23, NEW DOUGLAS PARK, 15:00

	HAMILTON ACCIES		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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23.09.23, GALABANK, 15:00

	ANNAN ATHLETIC		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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30.09.23, INDOBRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		EDINBURGH CITY
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7.10.23, LINKS PARK, 15:00

	MONTROSE		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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