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PROGRAMME



VS KELTY HEARTS
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- 23** MACHADO

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- 21** BURT
- 5** GRAHAM
- 6** NEILL
- 10** RODDEN
- 14** VIRTANEN
- 15** MCKAY
- 18** SAMMON
- 26** COULSON

STARTING XI

- 41** OGAYI
- 27** DEBAYO
- 23** DEVINE
- 2** TAGGART
- 3** DEVENEY
- 4** HETHERINGTON
- 8** ROBERTS
- 19** BUCHANAN
- 11** STEVEN
- 28** WALES
- 16** ROY

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1976/77 1981/82

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1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

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1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
FALKIRK	9	7	2	0	23	6	17	23
HAMILTON ACCIES	9	7	2	0	18	4	14	23
MONTROSE	9	5	0	4	16	15	1	15
KELTY HEARTS	9	4	2	3	15	14	1	14
STIRLING	9	4	2	3	8	11	-3	14
COVE RANGERS	9	2	4	3	15	14	1	10
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	9	3	0	6	14	17	-3	9
ALLOA ATHLETIC	9	2	2	5	11	16	-5	8
ANNAN ATHLETIC	9	2	2	5	12	21	-9	8
EDINBURGH CITY	9	0	2	7	9	23	-14	2

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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

PREMIER LEAGUE

KILMARNOCK	LIVINGSTON
RANGERS	HIBERNIAN
ROSS COUNTY	ST MIRREN
ST JOHNSTONE	MOTHERWELL
ABERDEEN	DUNDEE
ST JOHNSTONE	LIVINGSTON

CHAMPIONSHIP

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PARTICK THISTLE	DUNDEE UNITED

LEAGUE 2

BONNYRIGG ROSE	CLYDE
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DEFENDERS

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16/11/2002



Morgyn NEILL

10/03/1996



Keir BURT

09/09/2004



Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983



David MCKAY

17/06/1998



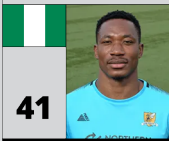
Paul MCLAREN

01/04/2004



Tochukwu OGAYI

10/10/1996



David DEVINE

20/06/2001



Josh DEBAYO

17/10/1996



MANAGER

BRIAN RICE



MIDFIELDERS

Steven HETHERINGTON

09/03/1993



Kevin CAWLEY

17/03/1989



FORWARDS

Luke DONNELLY

20/01/1996



Bradley RODDEN

21/08/1996

178 cm 68 kg



Taylor STEVEN

17/09/2004



Kurtis ROBERTS

06/09/1994



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992

170 cm 63 kg



Alistair ROY

26/05/1997



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986

188 cm 91 kg



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003

178 cm 70 kg



Miko VIRTANEN

29/01/1999



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001

183 cm 70 kg



Quinn COULSON

01/09/2003



Bobby WALES

23/06/2005



Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989

183 cm 70 kg





BRIAN RICE



AFTER A BITTER DEFEAT IN ANGUS

"It was the best we've played this season by a distance, by a mile this is the best we've played.

"Sometimes your performances don't get you what you deserve out of the match and on Saturday, we had total control of the game, we were creating chances and playing really good football.

"We switched off right at the very end and we lose a poor goal from a set piece but overall, the performance against Edinburgh was good but the performance against Montrose

was exceptional.

"The way we played was so pleasing and it was so disappointing for the boys that they didn't take anything out of the game which was really unfortunate."

"It's a tight league. Most of the games we've lost, we've only lost by one goal but I took great heart from the performance on Saturday.

"I did the week before as well, but on Saturday even more so. We had boys starting to gel together, two new strikers com-

ing in and giving us a different dimension and way of playing.

"We've got boys coming off the bench and the performance was just exceptional. It was right up there with what we're looking for.

"On another day, with a wee bit of luck and a couple decisions coming our way, then we could've walked away with the three points."

Ally Roy's scored two in two but it's not just about his goals. His link play with Bobby is really good and

with young Taylor [Steven] in behind him.

"Ally had a few efforts on goal on Saturday and that's exactly what you want from your striker and he scored a really good goal.

"He took a heavy knock mid-way through the first half and he played as long as he could. It was an enforced sub when we took him off.

"He's given us something different like I've said and he's taken his two goals well for us so far so long may that continue."

"We'll train as normal. We've got a bounce game set up to give the lads that have not been playing game time and to keep us playing because we're playing really well.

"I've been in the game long enough, I know it's results that people look at but I'm a great believer in performances get you results.

"Over the course of time, performances will get you results. Sometimes you go through spells where things aren't falling for us.

"We're getting a couple of decisions that we were quite aggrieved about. You'll probably never get a clearer stonewall penalty for handball but these things happen.

"We just need to get on with it, dust ourselves down and keep doing what we're doing because it'll turn.

"There is no doubt that it will turn if we keep doing what we're doing. The boys are absolutely shattered that they didn't get an-

thing out of Saturday because they knew just how well they had played.

"Fair play to their manager Stewart Petrie as well, he was very complimentary about the way we played."



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JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our first home fixture this season against Kelty Hearts, welcome to Kelty Hearts manager Alan Maybury and his assistant manager Mark Kerr, the players, officials, and directors of Kelty Hearts.

Today we have a very special person visiting The Indodrill Stadium, Jack is 15yrs of age and lives in Gateshead he was diagnosed with a brain tumour on his optic nerve when he was 4 months old and this has left him with poor sight, and he is registered blind. He has undergone several rounds of chemotherapy and had proton therapy at the beginning of this year in Manchester where he got to stay in a house that Morrison's funded which is named after him. Jack thinks that he is very lucky and that he gets to do lots of special things, but that not all sick children are so lucky, so eight years ago he decided to raise money to help others and so far, he has raised £145,000 but would like to get to £200,000 by next year by

completing a skydive. He is a very positive person, and nothing gets him down. He loves to travel and has travelled all over the country visiting different Morrisons stores he loves the fact the Community Champions raise funds for charities so far, he's visited 164 stores. He loves to meet people and has made many friends on his travels. Let's give him a huge welcome in Alloa.

Alloa Athletic FC are proudly continuing their support of Show Racism the Red Card's Match Actions Campaign during today's Cinch League One fixture against Kelty Hearts. Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading anti-racism Education Charity, working within schools, workplaces, sports, and community organisations to educate children, young people, and adults on challenging prejudice and stereotypes. Using the power of football is a powerful tool to initiate conversations about anti-racism and our club has supported their messages of tolerance and inclusion for many years. Now more than ever,

the importance of active anti-racism cannot be overstated.

Across Scottish football, clubs will show their commitment to anti-racism over one weekend – Friday 20th, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October. This weekend also coincides with Show Racism the Red Card's UK-wide annual fundraising drive, Wear Red Day, taking place on Friday 20th. On this day, individuals and groups up and down the country are encouraged to wear red and donate to show their support for the campaign and its message.

The Match Actions weekend also takes place during Black History Month and as part of the celebrations, SRtRC are partnering with the National Library of Scotland. On the 26th October at Glasgow's Kelvinhall, there will be a film screening and discussion about Andrew Watson, Scotland and the world's first black international footballer.

Billy Singh, from Show Racism



the Red Card had this to say; "We are delighted with the support for anti-racism that exists within Scottish football and are very proud of our upcoming match actions. However, the work must continue. We call on our supporters to continue to challenge racism. It is a shared responsibility across the game, from dressing rooms to boardrooms, and from stadiums to social media, to ensure that an anti-racism ethos is maintained throughout the year. And please remember that all our teams are made up of different nationalities from all over the world. Migrants make a positive contribution to Scotland and that's something we should celebrate.

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

Football is a sport that is loved across the world and football matches should be an enjoyable experience for everyone, of all backgrounds. Education is the key and in the 27 years the Show Racism the Red Card has been running, they have educated over 1 Million participants, reaching that significant milestone in March 2023. Alloa Athletic FC are proud to support them to reach their next big



milestone and to ensure Scotland is equipped with the tools to challenge and eradicate racism from football and society. For useful resources and information from Show Racism the Red Card, please: Visit their Website: www.theredcard.org

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

And follow them on: Instagram @SRtRCScotland

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Andrew Watson Film Screening at National Library of Scotland Kelvinhall: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-andrew-watson-major-taylor-on-film-tickets-708440383257>

Today we will also invite our Citizen's of the Month to the Indodrill Stadium, there will be eleven in total, 7 boys along with the Active Travel Team who have kindly agreed to be Rickshaw drivers for the day, and Catherine Sinnott the Community Engagement Officer for Clackmannan Development Trust. The boys are all excited by the prospect and are thoroughly deserving of the award, having consistently picked up rubbish from the Main Street in Clackmannan for the past month.

Alloa Athletic FC Women manager Charles Dignan was thrilled last week to announce the signing of Rhianna

McMinimee from Linlithgow Rose, welcome to the club Rhianna.

On Monday 13th November we will hold our Eighth Football Memories Group in conjunction with Alzheimer Scotland and Football Memories Scotland part of the Memories Scotland network. The football reminiscence group is to be enjoyed by anyone living with Dementia, experiencing difficulty with memory, and is open to all including football supporters, family and friends. At all the meetings we have had good turnouts of between sixteen and twenty four people who enjoyed looking back on football through the ages and looking at old programmes, team lines, and photographs. Our next Football Memories meeting will take place on Monday 13th November at Indodrill stadium, at 11.30 - 1.00 O'clock, all are welcome, the Guest Speaker on the day will be ex Manager, Player & Head of Youth, Hugh McCann.

Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 41 14th October, 2023

£ 100 0354 G.Morrison
£ 50 0639 F.MacKenzie
£ 25 0236 S.Dawson
£ 25 0041 M.Watson
£ 25 1467 S.Taggart

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.



JONATHAN MARKWELL



STRIKERS HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING

Whenever a striker joins a new club, they want to get on the scoresheet as soon as possible. It draws out all the usual footballing cliches like 'striker x has made an instant impact', 'striker y was on the scoresheet as part of a dream debut' and 'what a way for striker z to introduce himself to his new fans'. A debut goal certainly helps any player settle into their new surroundings and breeds confidence amongst his teammates that their new frontman can bring a new dimension to their teams attacking play. That's certainly been true in recent weeks at Alloa, with the deadline day loan capture of Ally Roy

bearing immediate dividends so far, with the 26-year-old bagging goals in both of his first two appearances for the Wasps.

Dusting off the record books, it turns out that the Northern Ireland u21 capped striker became just the fourth Wasp in the past quarter of a century to find the back of the net in each of his first two appearances for the club. When I tell you that the players Roy joined on that exclusive list are Bryan Prunty, Ross Stewart and Alan Trouten, it certainly bodes well for the future with all three going onto have successful stints in Clackmannanshire.

Roy's debut in Alloa's last

home match against Edinburgh City saw him paired with fellow new loan signing Bobby Wales, with seemingly all of Alloa's chances that day falling to the man signed from East Kilbride. After a couple of off-target first half efforts, Roy brought the best out of City keeper Aidan McAdams early in the second half when his goal-bound header was tipped away by a miraculous save. However, later in the half, with the Wasps a goal down at that point, Roy cleverly found half a yard of space and connected perfectly to Euan Deveney's right footed cross to glance a header into the bottom corner of the net

to rescue a point for the Wasps on the day. More generally, Roy showed up well throughout the game, coming short to link play, running the channels with enthusiasm and looking positive on the ball whenever he had it.

That debut goal was followed up by another strike a fortnight ago away at Montrose. Opportunities again came Roy's way during the first half, with an early header flying just over and two shots which appeared to be on target being blocked by home defender Kerr Waddell. Again, Roy struck in the second half and again Euan Deveney picked up an assist, playing the ball into Roy in the corner of the penalty box. There didn't immediately appear to be much danger for the Mo defence, but Ally cleverly worked the ball into a shooting position and applied a precise low finish into the corner of the net, perhaps to the surprise of the Gable Endies keeper Cammy Gill who may have been expecting a cross, to level the game for the Wasps. It was a fine finish from Roy, with those distinctive pink boots already showing they have finishing prowess within them! Within minutes, Roy could have grabbed a second goal, almost getting onto the end of crosses from Taylor Steven and Stevie Hetherington as the Wasps looked to feed a striker who is obviously hungry for goals.

Roy's all-round game drew praise from his manager, with Brian Rice telling the Alloa Advertiser, "He's scored two in two but it's not just about his goals. His link play with Bobby [Wales] is really good and with young Taylor [Steven] in behind him. Ally had a few efforts on goal on Saturday and that's exactly what you want from your striker, and

he scored a really good goal".

It is five years since an Alloa player last scored in both of his first two appearances for the club. Alan Trouten achieved that feat with League Cup goals against Arbroath (a close range finish in a 4-2 victory after his initial shot had rebounded off the post) and Dundee United (a typically calm finish from the penalty spot at Tannadice – Trouten actually missed a penalty last weekend for East Fife, but tucked home the rebound and also scored in the shoot-out in the Fifers eventual defeat away to Welsh side TNS in the Challenge Cup). Trouten went onto hit 19 goals that season as Jim Goodwin's Alloa side memorably stayed up by finishing 8th in the Championship, against the odds in an otherwise all full-time league.

The previous season, Alloa's promotion to the second tier was in no small part down to the goals of St Mirren loanee Ross Stewart, who finished Alloa's top goalscorer with ten goals despite

not playing his first game until two days before Christmas. That day, Stewart was the match-winner versus Stranraer, nodding in a header from virtually on the goal-line after Cammy Belford (a larger-than-life character who is still playing down south for Stafford Rangers) could only tip a vicious Iain Flannigan free-kick onto the crossbar. The then 21-year-old followed that up with another close-range finish in his second appearance in a new year game against Queen's Park. Gary Fleming played a trademark sweeping pass beyond the Spiders defence for PJ Crossen to run on to, before squaring to Stewart to finish low from just inside the six-yard box.

Stewart later went on to score a first half hat-trick for the Wasps against Arbroath before really proving his worth in the end-of-season play-offs, firstly scoring in both legs of the semi-final to stop Raith Rovers roaring back to the Championship. In the final versus Dumbarton, Stewart's priceless scuffed and bobbling



finish in the 93rd minute broke the resistance and the hearts of Dumbarton to send the final into extra-time, with everyone knowing at that point there was only going to be one winner, with the Wasps an unstoppable force that day. Young striker Stewart enjoyed his time at the Recs and hasn't looked back since, having recently moved from Sunderland to Southampton in a transfer reported to be worth up to £10million. Ross should hopefully be making his Saints debut in the coming weeks, having been sidelined since January with an achilles injury which halted a highly impressive 11 goal/15 game season with Sunderland, on the back of a 26-goal promotion winning season in 2021/22, which finished with a goal at Wembley and an international debut at Hampden.

Bryan Prunty also scored in his first two games for the Wasps back in 2010. Allan Maitland's side had been grinding out results in a push for promotion to the second tier, but the January signing of Prunty (a native of Airdrie just like Roy) was a real sign of intent from the Wasps, securing the signature of an out-and-out goalscorer for a side who were resolute

in defence but perhaps lacking that bit of magic in the final third. Prunty's impact was immediate, with the second goal in a hard-fought win at Stenhousemuir and then a 90th minute winner the following week at home to Arbroath. The Wasps had played 45 minutes against ten men that January afternoon, with the Red Lichties resistance finally broken as Prunty struck the winner to send Alloa second in the table. Afterwards his manager emphasised his role "Bryan Prunty has been brought to this club to try and score goals for us and make a difference and today he was the difference". Maitland's signing of Prunty was considered something of a masterstroke, as the striker had earlier in the season been on loan at Stirling Albion and was reported to be set to join Alloa's promotion rivals until Maitland pounced. It is fair to say that the Binos, inspired by a 26-year-old Andy Graham and a former Alloa loanee Iain Russell, had the last laugh with them pipping Alloa to the title on goal difference after a late season collapse from the Wasps.

Delving back even further into the history books, it is no surprise that the Wasps post-WW2 all-time record goalscorer Willie Irvine also scored in his

first two games for the club. Back in the summer of 1996 there was something of a revolution in Clackmannanshire, as Tom Hendrie raided his former club Berwick Rangers to sign Irvine (£9,000 by tribunal), Craig Valentine (a then club record £24,000 by tribunal) and Mark Cowan (I've never seen what the fee set by tribunal was!). Add in the £18,000 capture of Peter Dwyer from East Stirlingshire (the fee again set by tribunal) and the Wasps were the talk of the lower leagues having only avoided finishing bottom of the Third

Division thanks to a final day victory at the end of a miserable 95/96 season. Hendrie's revamped side started with a 3-1 extra-time win away at Firs Park versus The 'Shire in the Coca-Cola League Cup, with both Irvine and Dwyer on target to instantly begin repaying their hefty transfer fees. The next weekend, the Wasps bowed out of the Challenge Cup at the first hurdle, with Jimmy Gilmour missing the crucial shoot-out penalty, but that was only after the first of countless Willie Irvine masterclasses in an Alloa shirt. The Wasps were 3-0 down to Second Division Clyde, before a second-half hat-trick from Irvine took the tie to extra-time and penalties. Unlike Roy, Trouten, Stewart or Prunty, Irvine therefore netted a hat-trick as part of scoring in each of his first two games for the club!

Looking forward, should Roy get on the scoresheet again today, he would become just the third Wasp in at least the past quarter of a century to score in each of his first three games for Alloa. Both Ross Stewart and Alan Trouten managed it in 2018 and I would be absolutely delighted to see Ally emulate that pair today.







DONALD POLLOCK

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Second Division.

Third Division.

	Pd.	Pts.		Pd.	Pts.
King's Park, ..	9	14	E. Stirlingshire, ..	8	14
Cowdenath, ..	9	13	Nithsdale Wan.	6	9
Johnstone,	8	12	Clackmannan, ..	8	9
St Johnstone, ..	8	11	Arthurrie,	5	7
Armadale,	9	11	Dykehead,	4	6
Forfar Athletic, ..	8	10	Mid-Annandale, ..	5	6
Bathgate,	8	10	Royal Albert, ..	6	6
Bo'ness,	9	10	Dumbarton Harp, ..	5	5
Albion Rovers, ..	8	9	Beith,	5	5
Dunfermline Ath., ..	9	9	Queen of South, ..	5	5
East Fife,	9	9	Montrose,	6	5
Dundee Hibs,	8	8	Galston,	5	4
St Bernarda,	9	8	Peebles Rovers, ..	6	3
Stenhousemuir, ..	8	7	Solway Star,	5	2
Dumbarton,	8	6	Helensburgh, ..	5	2
Broxburn Utd., ..	8	5	Brechin City, ..	4	0
Vale of Leven, ..	8	5			
Arbroath,	8	4			
Alloa,	9	4			
Lochgelly United, ..	8	3			



A. MCINALLY

DESPERATE FOR POINTS

The season was only a few weeks old yet already the Wasps of 1923/24 were in grave danger of being cut adrift from the Second Division promotion contenders. Four defeats from the opening six games had left the Wasps well off the pace and there was now very little room for error if the team were to have any realistic ambitions of bouncing straight back up to the top flight. After all, Alloa had lost only four games during the entire Second Division title winning season of 1921/22. "Alloa are desperate for points and they must make somebody suffer for that sequence of failures" said

the press as Alloa prepared to welcome Forfar to the Recs. The directors hadn't lost faith in their teambuilding abilities and there was yet another new face on the eve of the visit of the Loons. Highly rated left half-back David Thackary had been snapped up from from Banknock Juniors with the 20 year old reported to have been on the radar of Falkirk, Hibs and Celtic. Indeed, it was claimed that Thackary would have gone to Brockville had the Bairns allowed him to work as well as play. That wasn't a problem for the Wasps and Thackary promptly signed up at the Recs, "picked by Alloa right

from under the noses of the Falkirk directors" according to the Falkirk Herald.

Thackary went straight into the team against Forfar but it was the visitors who took control and grabbed the lead through a shot which gave Crawford in the Alloa goal no chance. Only bad fortune cost the Loons the win, their keeper Bruce suffering a head knock which cut him to the bone. The brave custodian attempted to return to the field but the resident doctor "shook his head ominously when he heard the goalkeeper's suggestion". Bruce was persuaded to sit out the

closing minutes with an outfield player taking his place in goal, the unfortunate Nicoll then misjudging a shot from Quinn that saved Alloa a point. Crawford in goal was Alloa's best player with Connaboy and new boy Thackaray also winning praise. There must have been mixed emotions among the Alloa support as news filtered through of Tully Craig impressing and scoring for Rangers in their win over Clyde at Ibrox; pride in a local boy and ex Wasp done good but also a reminder of what Alloa were now missing.

Next up for the Wasps was another home game as Albion Rovers visited the Wee County. The Rovers had also been relegated from the First Division and they weren't doing much better than Alloa at the lower level, the Dundee Evening Telegraph noting that the relegated sides were currently looking more likely to drop into the Third Division rather than go back up to the First. Persistent rain throughout the game didn't exactly raise the gloomy mood around the Recs, nor did an early goal from Albion Rovers. The Wasps lifted their game thereafter and recent addition Sommerville impressed on the right, the Sunday Post noting that "his crosses were reminiscent of Jock Stirling". But despite their best efforts there was no equaliser for Alloa, their afternoon perhaps summed by a late disallowed goal from Wood.

Off the park the Alloa board hadn't given up hope of selling Arthur McInally, despite the authorities having ruled that he would not be allowed to move anywhere before the end of the season. "Alloa directors have asked the directors of Clyde to join them in legal action to test the validity of the Scottish League's decision suspending

the transfer of Arthur McInally from Alloa to Clyde" reported the Athletic News. On the park there was a big day looming as the Wasps prepared to make the short trip to Stirling to face local rivals King's Park. Alloa had turned in one of their best performances of the season to remove King's Park from the Stirlingshire Cup but that had been a rare defeat for the Stirling men, who would welcome Alloa to Forthbank as league leaders. The press presented the game as a test of King's Park's title credentials, pointing to the Shire Cup reverse and noting that the Stirling team traditionally struggled against their neighbours from the Wee County. "No matter how weakly Alloa may be going or how well King's Park are doing, the meeting of the two usually reduces them to the same level, with the odds in favour of Alloa, and this has happened so often in the past, that it has come to be an accepted fact" said the Dundee Evening Telegraph, although Alloa fans might have pointed to an 8-1 win on their last league visit to

Forthbank as evidence that these games didn't always narrow any gap between the sides. King's Park were up for it anyway, the match preview noting that they were determined to show that Alloa's Shire Cup win was a fluke, and the crowd of 6,000 was the biggest that they had attracted to Forthbank for a league match since their elevation to the Scottish League. The fans would see an end to end contest: "The game was exciting all through, and owing to the greasy pitch and the slippery ball, there were many unexpected thrills which might have resulted in goals for either side", reported the Sunday Post. For all those chances there was just one goal in the game and it was Lamond of King's Park who got it. The Stirling men claimed the points to stay top while the Wasps slumped to second bottom. It was only October yet Alloa fans were already casting nery glances towards the newly established Third Division. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
MORRISON	GOAL	5 (1)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (1)	0	5 (1)	9
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
OGAYI	GOAL	4 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	4 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	7 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	8 (2)	0	236 (2)	11
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (1)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (2)	0	189 (8)	14
MCLAREN	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0
DEVINE	DEF	7 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	9 (3)	0	17 (2)	0
NEILL	DEF	7 (0)	0	4 (1)	1	11 (1)	1	7 (0)	0
DEVENEY	DEF	4 (2)	0	3 (1)	0	7 (3)	0	4 (2)	0
MCKAY	DEF	2 (2)	1	3 (2)	0	5 (4)	1	2 (2)	1
DEBAYO	DEF	7 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	10 (0)	0	7 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	175 (30)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	5 (0)	0	3 (1)	0	8 (1)	0	64 (18)	8
O'DONNELL	MID	4 (2)	1	2 (1)	0	6 (3)	1	20 (36)	10
CAWLEY	MID	5 (2)	0	1 (2)	0	6 (4)	0	329 (49)	63
HETHERINGTON	MID	8 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	12 (1)	0	145 (30)	6
VIRTANEN	MID	2 (1)	0	3 (1)	0	5 (2)	0	2 (1)	0
ROBERTS	MID	9 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	13 (1)	0	9 (0)	0
DONNELLY	FWD	1 (5)	1	1 (0)	0	2 (5)	1	13 (24)	8
SAMMON	FWD	6 (3)	3	4 (1)	1	10 (4)	4	57 (25)	22
RODDEN	FWD	2 (3)	3	4 (0)	1	6 (3)	4	9 (11)	8
BUCHANAN	FWD	2 (0)	0	4 (0)	1	6 (0)	1	2 (11)	0
RANKIN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (11)	1
COULSON	FWD	2 (4)	0	3 (2)	1	5 (6)	1	14 (8)	1
CANNON	FWD	0 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (3)	0
STEVEN	FWD	6 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
ROY	FWD	2 (0)	2	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	2	2 (0)	2
WALES	FWD	2 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (0)	0



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0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
2 (0)	0	6 (1)	0
56 (1)	3	292 (3)	14
54 (3)	1	243 (11)	15
2 (2)	0	3 (4)	0
2 (1)	0	19 (3)	0
4 (1)	1	11 (1)	1
3 (1)	0	7 (3)	0
3 (2)	0	5 (4)	1
3 (0)	0	10 (0)	0
44 (5)	2	219 (35)	4
17 (8)	2	81 (26)	10
7 (2)	0	27 (38)	10
67 (11)	11	396 (60)	74
31 (9)	1	176 (39)	7
3 (1)	0	5 (2)	0
4 (1)	0	13 (1)	0
4 (3)	2	17 (27)	10
16 (4)	7	73 (29)	29
9 (2)	2	18 (13)	10
6 (3)	1	8 (14)	1
0 (6)	0	0 (17)	1
3 (2)	1	17 (10)	2
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0 (0)	0	6 (0)	0
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

Performances have definitely picked up in the last couple of games against Edinburgh City and Montrose. Sadly, and perhaps unfortunately in the case of the latter, Alloa only picked up one point from these fixtures. They now enter the second quarter of the campaign looking for an upturn in results and points return. Six points separate Alloa and fourth position Kelty heading into this afternoon's games hardly an unassailable canyon of gap. But with away fixtures against Falkirk and Stirling Albion on the horizon, three points today would be key to building some momentum to head into those fixtures against our local rivals. After a poor start, Cove Rangers are also starting to pick up points and leapfrogged Alloa in the league table last week. Although it's still early in the season, Alloa will not wish that gap between relegation and promotion play-offs to widen too much further.

The introduction of new signings Bobby Wales and Ally Roy into the starting eleven has slightly altered the team's approach, and that's mainly been a positive outcome overall. Ally Roy in particular given

the strange circumstance of joining from a Lowland League team on loan- has thrived so far with goals in both of his first two Alloa outings. Another recent signing Taylor Steven is also starting to settle into the team with some valuable input. The omissions of Luke Donnelly and Stefan Scougall have been costly though- undoubtedly two of the best players in the squad. The international break will hopefully have given some players adequate time to ease any existing knocks, with goalkeeper PJ Morrison also likely to be available again after injury. The squad is strong with the full quota available, and I'm still confident the points will come as a result of this.

The Montrose game at Links Park a fortnight ago was pretty much a replica of the recent away match at Hamilton. Alloa started relatively slow, going behind again- but it was a really productive second half performance where Alloa equalised and indeed looked the more likely team to win in the closing stages. Alloa also inexplicably had a penalty turned down with five minutes remaining. It was a clear handball by Montrose midfielder Michael

Gardyne in clear view of the stand side linesman. And it proved to be a costly error, as Montrose sucker punched Alloa with a stoppage time winner. Late goals are part and parcel of football, but it's been a real kick in the teeth to lose a couple of games in this fashion within the space of a month- particularly when there's a sense of injustice based on the balance of each respective game. Hopefully the old cliché runs true and "these things balance themselves out over the season".

Having recently took the trip out to Seville to watch the national team it was great to see Scotland get over the line and qualify for next summer's European Championships. It goes without saying we have been on the outside looking in for way too long in these major international tournaments. And whether flying off to Germany or watching on television, it gives the vast majority of us something to look forward to next June. However, Spain's matches against both Scotland and Norway last week highlighted a real concern- the use of VAR. The confusion and time taken to reach a decision certainly does not improve the game to any degree. I had no idea what was actually being reviewed in any of the incidents- appeared to be a surgical dissection for the sake of it. I think following rugby's example of mic'ing up the referee and VAR studio would at least provide some clarity of what is being reviewed. Seville was my first experience of wild celebrations being cut short by the VAR review. It didn't feel good I have to say, and I hope the intense scrutiny of goals is not a precursor for next summer. Thank heavens we do not deal with this on a weekly basis in League One. Fingers crossed for a pivotal win today which would surge Alloa up the table a bit, and let us travel to Falkirk and Stirling in the next couple of weeks with far more confidence.



WILLIAM "MOOSE" MORRISON 1952-2023

Born 7th May, 1952, "Moose" began his footballing career with Bonnybridge Juniors before the late Hugh Wilson signed him for Alloa Athletic FC, he made his debut as "Triallist" on 28th December, 1974 v. Albion Rovers at Cliftonhill, later signing on 25th January, 1975 after playing against Hamilton Accies at Douglas Park.

"Moose" was a great favourite of the Alloa Athletic fans and in Season 1976/77 he was part of the Hugh Wilson team which won promotion, the first promotion since season 1938/39 and it was won at Firs Park, Falkirk against East Stirlingshire, a single Gordon Forrest goal was to win promotion. In their final game against Albion Rovers at Recreation Park, Alloa had to

lose 8-0 to be pipped for promotion, the game ended 2-2 and Alloa were promoted along with Champions, Stirling Albion.

In total "Moose" made 256 appearances for "The Wasps" scoring 52 goals. He was a player who managed to run into the penalty box and was fantastic for gaining penalties.

He left Alloa Athletic on 6th June, 1981 to join local rivals Stirling Albion signed by Alex Smith, he later moved to Ochilview when Jim Black took him to Stenhousemuir which was his last senior club as a player. He then played Junior football with Linlithgow Rose and Sauchie. He was to return to Recreation Park as the club's first Under 18 coach.

Sadly William "Moose" Morrison died on Sunday 9th October, 2023 after been diagnosed with cancer. All at Alloa Athletic FC are saddened by this news, thoughts with his family at this difficult time. Rest in peace, Jim.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 20TH OCTOBER

1984

Aberdeen remained a point ahead at the top of the Premier Division, following an emphatic 4-0 home win over fourth-placed St. Mirren, while second-placed Celtic kept close on their heels of their rivals, after a 3-1 win at mid-table Dundee United, who were still struggling to find any sort of real consistency. Rangers retained third spot, despite being held 0-0 at home by Dumbarton, while Morton were still finding life at the top hard, and they stayed in last place following a 2-3 home

defeat to improving Hearts, their ninth League game without success. Hibs remained just one place better off than The Ton, in spite of a 2-0 win v another of the strugglers Dundee, who thus dropped to third-bottom spot. In the First Division, leaders Airdrie maintained their three-point advantage following 2-0 win at Ayr, who dropped to seventh, second-placed Clydebank narrowly defeated lowly Partick 1-0 at home, while Motherwell retained third spot, despite being held 3-3 at Clyde. Kilmarnock's 1-0 win at East Fife lifted them up one place

off the bottom, Killie swapped places with St. Johnstone, 2-3 losers at Hamilton Accies, while Meadowbank slipped to third-bottom position, following a 1-4 defeat at Brechin. Matters were unchanged at the top of the Second Division, where leaders Dunfermline enjoyed a 2-0 win at Albion Rovers, while second-placed Alloa visited Berwick Rangers, no doubt hoping to extend their unbeaten start & 100% away record, and their side was as follows: Ronnie Lowrie, Paul Kelly, Larry Haggart, Ken Thomson, Bobby Dall, Bobby Harris, Drew Paterson

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

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

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(Frankie Cole), Stuart Sorbie, Gary Murray (Graeme Shearer), Paul Mackie, Davie Lloyd. And while the game finished 0-0, it meant The Wasps were now unbeaten in eleven League games from the start of the season, as they remained a point behind Dunfermline, with a visit to East End Park to come the following week. Third-placed Montrose kept up their own challenge with a 1-0 win at Raith, while East Stirling, despite collecting a point from a 2-2 draw at fellow strugglers Arbroath, remained in last place and still winless. South of the border, Arsenal moved four points at the top of the English First Division, following a 3-2 home win over mid-table Sunderland.

1979

In the Premier Division's top-of-the-table battle at Cappielow, second-placed Morton defeated leaders Celtic 1-0, to thus end the reigning Champions unbeaten League record, and at the same reduce their advantage to a single point. The clash between third-placed Aberdeen and fourth-placed Partick ended all-square

at 1-1, while Rangers moved up to fifth following a 2-0 home win over hapless Hibs. This was the Hi-Bees seventh League game without success, and they remained firmly anchored to the bottom. Dundee were still just one place better off, despite being local rivals United 1-0 at Dens Park, while St. Mirren, held 1-1 at Kilmarnock, still occupied third-bottom spot. Airdrie retained leadership of the First Division, albeit on goal difference, thanks to an emphatic 4-0 home win over struggling Lanarkshire rivals Motherwell, while second-placed Hearts defeated another side in the doldrums, Dunfermline. Third-placed Dumbarton were 4-2 victors at St. Johnstone, while Ayr's 2-1 win at lowly Arbroath, thanks to goals from Morris and Christie, moved them up to eighth. Dunfermline's defeat kept them firmly in last place, Clyde 1-2 home losers v Berwick were still just one place better off, while Arbroath were still in third-bottom position. Down in the Second, leaders Falkirk moved a point ahead after a 3-0 home win over rock-bottom

Queen's Park, while The Bairn's local rivals East Stirling went second after defeating East Fife 2-1 at Firs Park, The Shire displaced Montrose, who slipped to third following a 0-2 home reverse by Albion Rovers. Alloa meantime, journeyed to Dumfries to face lowly Queen Of The South, no doubt hoping to get back to winning ways, following the previous week's defeat to neighbours East Stirling, and their side showed one or two changes to that beaten 0-1 at Firs Park: Dougie McNab, John Robertson, Ian Henderson, Hugh McCann, Alan Holt, Billy "Moose" Morrison, John Muir (Paul Rodger), Pat Morris, Robert McNab, Colin McIntosh, Ian Cochrane (Derek McLeod). And after a goalless first period, a goal from Pat Morris proved enough to send The Wasps home victorious, while the win also saw them move up to fourth place. Nottingham Forest's 5-2 home win over lowly Bolton saw them go top of the English First Division on goal difference over Manchester United, who defeated another of the strugglers, rock-bottom Ipswich, 1-0 at Old Trafford



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This afternoon Alloa look to return to winning ways when Kelty Hearts come to visit the Indodrill stadium. The visitors are on a good run, however, having won their last 2 games convincingly. A 4-1 victory in the capital over Edinburgh City cemented their good performance the previous week, which was a 3-1 win over Queen of the South. These results coupled with respectable draws a few weeks prior have propelled the visitors into the play-off spots. Kelty currently sit in 4th position, 6 points ahead of the Wasps who are in 8th.

With so much change at the club in the summer, Michael Tidser will look to continue to build with this new group towards the play-off spots.

THE BOSS – MICHAEL TIDSER

Following the departure of John Potter to Raith Rovers, the Board of Kelty turned to experienced midfielder, Michael Tidser, to take the reigns of management. The 33-year-old still plays for Kelty and continues his impressive playing career, where he has featured for Morton, Rotherham, Ross County and Falkirk. Having

joined Kelty in 2020 under Barry Ferguson, Tidser went on to play a key part in the club's success of winning the Lowland League back-to-back, before securing promotion to League 2, and winning it at the first time of asking. Not only was he a mainstay in that midfield but he also was the captain during the club's most successful spell. As well as guiding his side to an impressive start, including a victory over Alloa, he has featured in all the games bar the last one. Tidser has showcased that he is more than capable of balancing the two roles



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in the senior leagues with Falkirk and Stenhousemuir. Since moving back up the divisions to join Kelty he has found the back of the net 4 times, whilst laying it off to his team-mates 3 times. The last of those goals was a brace just over a month ago against Dumbarton and having returned to the squad with two substitute appearances will be looking to return to the scoresheet once again.

ONE TO WATCH – TIWI DARAMOLA

One of Kelty's other forwards, Tiwi Daramola, has been catching the eye since his big move to Kelty in the summer. Daramola was announced as a Kelty player in January in what was described as a major coup for the club. Signing a 3-and-a-half-year deal from Bo'ness, he returned to that club on loan for the rest of the season. At the point of him signing that deal halfway through the season, he already scored 45 goals for Bo'ness. At the beginning of the season, Daramola set

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with his side firmly setting their sights upwards.

THE CAPTAIN – THOMAS O'WARE

Following Michael Tidser stepping up to manager, he has given the captaincy to experienced defender, Thomas O'Ware. Mostly known for his time at Greenock Morton, O'Ware was a dependable centre-back for the club and part of the team who won this division in 2014/15. He had a few years at Partick Thistle following his time in Greenock before moving to Kelty Hearts in 2018. During his playing career, O'Ware has already begun his coaching career and has experience working in the Greenock Morton and Rangers, before recently moving to Queens Park, where he is now, to be their Head Coach Development Squad. O'Ware had been a main stay for Kelty before an unfortunate incident in the Queen of the South game saw him stretchered off in an injury

that was described as a 'bad one' by his manager.

NEW BOY – BOTTI BIABI

Kelty moved into the Highland League to bolster their attacking options with Botti Biabi. The striker hit double figures last year with 10 goals for Brechin City in their impressive Highland

League title victory. Before that Biabi had a strong playing career



BY KIEREN MOONEY

the League Cup on fire with 4 goals in 4 games, against Morton, Edinburgh City, and Stranraer. Since the league campaign has started, however, he has only scored once, coming in last week's win over Edinburgh City. Despite not consistently finding the net, he has been a handful for defenders with his electric pace and fantastic work-rate.

THE CONNECTION

There is one returning player to the Indodrill today for the visitors in Stefan McCluskey. The forward signed for Alloa in 2017 and made his debut against Dunfermline in the Scottish Cup, where he would score his first goal for the club in a 3-2 defeat. At the end of his contract, McCluskey left the club to sign for non-league side, Pollok. Furthermore,

Kelty assistant manager, Kevin McDonald, played for the Wasps in the 2010/11 season. There are currently no former Alloa players playing for Kelty, however, in recent years the clubs have been most connected through the management with Alloa appointing Barry Ferguson from Kelty Hearts in 2021. Ross Philp who was famously the only player remaining at the club when Paul Hartley joined in 2012, departed Kelty after 10 illustrious, going from Juniors Super League to SPFL League One.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides have already met once this season back in August. A double from Ross Cunningham was enough to see the home side into a commanding 2-0 lead. Cammy O'Donnell made an early claim for goal of the season

with his last-minute wonder free kick to make the scoreline finish 2-1. Last season's fortunes were a lot better for Alloa winning 2 out of the 4 games and drawing the other 2. The first game of the season was here at the Indodrill and saw Alloa come out convincing 3-1 winners, with goals from Stefan Scougall and a brace from Brad Rodden. Andy Graham gave the visitors a late consolation with an unfortunate own goal. The two following games were played out a draw before a dramatic final encounter between the sides at New Central Park. With the sides locked at 0-0 and a play-off spot on the line for the Wasps, Connor Sammon's goal right at the death secured all 3 points for Alloa in a crucial victory.



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BRIAN ROACH



KELTY HEARTS PAST MEETINGS

Like our previous visitors Edinburgh City, fixtures between the clubs have all occurred very recently. Kelty Hearts are a relatively new club, only forming in 1975 and upgrading from amateur to junior status as the 1980s approached. They reached the Scottish Junior Cup Final on two occasions in 1999 and 2007 finishing as runner up on both occasions. Kelty applied for full SFA membership in 2017, joining the Lowland League in 2018 after winning the East of Scotland League. Under manager Barry Ferguson they spent 3 seasons there, initially finishing 3rd then winning the league two years in succession. These were achieved on an allocated points per game basis due to both campaigns being cut short by the covid pandemic. Kelty were promoted into League 2 after defeating Brechin City in the 2021 pyramid play-off final. Ferguson left his post that summer, eventually joining Alloa for an 8 month spell at the helm. Kevin Thomson was appointed in his place, who led the club to a League 2 championship win

at the first attempt. Thomson was then replaced by John Potter who resided over Kelty's first campaign in League One- joining Alloa for season 2022/23. Kelty eventually finished last season in 8th position- but some distance from Clyde and Peterhead in the bottom two. Another managerial change in summer saw Michael Tidser take over as player manager.

As a result of this, Alloa and Kelty have only faced each other on five previous occasions. Alloa were undefeated in the four league matches last season- picking up two victories and two draws. Kelty Hearts achieved their first ever win over Alloa in August this year.

Three former Alloa players have faced the club for Kelty to date. Full back Reis Peggie played in two outings last season. He had previously signed for Alloa from Falkirk in 2018, making his debut as a substitute in a 4-2 League Cup victory over Arbroath. He made his first start for the Wasps the following week in a 3-0 victory over Elgin City in the same tournament. He made starts

in Alloa's four Challenge Cup ties that campaign, picking up an injury in the quarter final tie against Edinburgh City in his last appearance for the club. Overall he made eight appearances in total. Peggie is no longer at Kelty Hearts, moving to Bonnyrigg Rose in summer.

Ross Philp was a great servant for Kelty Hearts over a 5 year period, and he also faced Alloa twice last season in substitute appearances. Philp came through Alloa's youth system well over a decade ago. He made his Alloa debut against East Fife as a substitute in February 2010, and made a further two appearances from the bench that season in derby victories over Stirling Albion. The following season he began to stake his claim for a starting slot at left back, albeit in a struggling Alloa team. He unfortunately picked up a bad injury in a league match against Livingston and eventually departed from the club the following season. He made 9 appearances for Alloa overall and departed Kelty to join East Fife in summer- still only 31 years of age. Thoughts are with Ross after the passing of his father Roy Philp on 5th October, aged 58, his funeral will be on Monday 30th October, 2023.

Midfielder Stefan McCluskey played in Kelty's 2-1 victory over Alloa earlier this season, having signed from Forfar in summer. McCluskey was signed by Alloa manager Jim Goodwin in January 2017. He made his debut in the Scottish Cup against Dunfermline that month, scoring moments after being introduced despite Alloa eventually losing 3-2. He made 17 appearances for the club that season, scoring another in a 6-1 April victory over Brechin City. McCluskey has played for host of Scottish clubs in addition to Kelty and Alloa- making appearances for Airdrie, Albion Rovers, Clyde, Morton, Peterhead, Dumbarton and aforementioned Forfar.

06/08/2022 ALLOA 3 KELTY HEARTS 1, SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE

Alloa were the victors in the first ever meeting between the clubs.

Stefan Scougalls 11th minute corner caught in the wind and confused Kelty keeper Darren Jamieson- who bizarrely carried the ball across the goal line to give Alloa the lead. Substitute Bradley Rodden extended Alloa's lead on 67 minutes, heading home Scott Taggart's cross from close range. Rodden then doubled his tally with 9 minutes left, capitalising on another Kelty defensive mix up to seal the points. The visitors scored a late consolation when Andy Graham headed Joe Cardle's cross into his own net.

Alloa Team: Hogarth, Taggart, Graham, Durnan (Church), Stanger, Miller, Scougall (Rodden), King, Cawley Robertson, MacIver, Sammon

Kelty Team: Jamieson, Logan, O'Ware, Martin, Forster, Barjonas, Tidser, Agyeman, Robson, Cardle, Doherty (Philp)

05/11/2022 KELTY HEARTS 1 ALLOA 1, SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE

It ended all square in Alloa's first visit to Kelty Hearts' New Central Park. Alloa opened the scoring in 26 minutes with a brilliant finish from Daniel Church- his first senior goal. Alfredo Agyeman equalised for the hosts eleven minutes into the second half. Alloa introduced Stefan Scougall from the bench who turned the onus back in Alloa's favour, but they couldn't find a winner.

Alloa Team: Muir, Taggart, Graham, Church, Stanger, Miller, Robertson (Scougall), Cawley (O'Donnell), Donnelly, MacIver, Sammon (Offord)

Kelty Team: Jamieson, O'Ware (Martin), Forster, Thomson, Peggie, Barjonas, Tidser (McGill), Agyeman, Lyon, Cardle, Higginbotham

31/12/2022 ALLOA 0 KELTY HEARTS 0, SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE

This Hogmanay fixture was far from a classic, with both teams producing a stalemate with little goalmouth action at either end.

Alloa Team: Hogarth, Taggart, Graham, Church, Stanger, Robertson (Miller), Scougall, O'Donnell (Sammon), Cawley (Buchanan), Offord (Rankin), MacIver

Kelty Team: Jamieson, O'Ware, Martin, Forster, Peggie (Thomson), Barjonas, Tidser (McGill), Agyeman

(Cardle), Lyon, Austin (Doherty), Higginbotham

15/04/2023 KELTY HEARTS 0 ALLOA 1, SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE

In another tight affair, Alloa picked up a vital win in their bid to seal their promotion play-off place. Conor Sammons late winner occurred deep into stoppage time- a header from a Luke Strachan corner.

Kelty Team: Jamieson, Kegawa, Darge, Milne, Thomson (Philp), Peggie, Barjonas, Tidser (Graham), Agyeman, Lyon, Cardle (Hunter)

Alloa Team: Hogarth, Taggart (Graham), Doyle, Church, Stanger, Strachan, Robertson, Scougall (Cawley), Miller, MacIver (Rankin), Sammon

19/08/2023 KELTY HEARTS 2 ALLOA 1, SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE

Kelty picked up their first ever win over Alloa in on a blustery afternoon at New Central Park. Kelty were awarded a penalty seven minutes before the break where Morgyn Neill was adjudged to have fouled Craig Johnston on the edge of the area. Ross Cunningham converted to give the hosts a half time lead. In 62 minutes Scott Taggart misjudged a

Kelty defensive clearance to set Lewis Moore free on the left. His cutback found Cunningham who lashed home his and Kelty's second. Cameron

O'Donnell struck back with a beautiful 91st minute free kick, but it was too little too late for the Wasps.

Kelty Team: Gourlay, Corbett, Walker, O'Ware, Thomson, Lyon, Cunningham (O'Donnell), McCluskey (Daramola), Tidser, Moore, Johnston (Biabi)

Alloa Team: Morrison, Taggart, Neil (Graham), Debayo, Deveney (O'Donnell), Hetherington, Roberts, Scougall, Coulson (Sammon), Cawley, Donnelly (Rodden)



HT QUIZ

1. WHICH FORMER DEFENDER HAD MULTIPLE SPELLS AT ALLOA AND WAS AN UNUSED SUBSTITUTE FOR KELTY HEARTS AGAINST THE WASPS LAST SEASON?

2. WHO WAS SCOTLANDS THIRD CHOICE GOALKEEPER IN THE PREVIOUS 2021 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS?

3. NAME THE 6 ENGLISH STADIUMS HOSTING MATCHES AT THE UK AND IRELANDS EURO 2028 TOURNAMENT?

4. KEVIN NISBET SCORED HIS ONLY INTERNATIONAL GOAL TO DATE AGAINST WHICH NATION?

5. NAME THE SOLE CLUB FROM EACH OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES TO REACH EITHER A EUROPEAN CUP OR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL- ROMANIA, SCOTLAND, BELGIUM, GREECE, SWEDEN.

6. NAME THE FIVE PLAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN CAPPED FOR SCOTLAND THIS CENTURY AND HAVE 10 OR MORE INTERNATIONAL GOALS

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MIDFIELDERS						
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTS	SCOUGALL	VIRTANEN	O'DONNELL	ROBERTSON
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90	30	30	90	60		
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DONNELLY	RODDEN	STEVEN	CANNON	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	ROY	COULSON	WALES
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. DOUGIE HILL

2. JON MCLAUGHLIN

3. WEMBLEY STADIUM, ST JAMES PARK, TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM, EVERTON STADIUM, ETIHAD/CITY OF MANCHESTER STADIUM, VILLA PARK

4. HOLLAND

5. STEAU BUCHAREST, CELTIC, CLUB BRUGGE, PANATHANAIKOS, MALMO

6. KENNY MILLER (18 GOALS, LAST CAP 2013), JOHN MCGINN (17 GOALS), JAMES MCFADDEN (15 GOALS LAST CAP 2010), STEVEN NAISMITH (10 GOALS, LAST CAP 2019), STEVEN FLETCHER (10 GOALS, LAST CAP 2018)





ALLOA ATHLETIC



KELTY HEARTS

#	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	TAYLOR STEVEN			
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL			
	14	MIKO VIRTANEN			
	15	DAVID MCKAY			
	16	ALISTAIR ROY			
	18	CONOR SAMMON			
	19	STEVEN BUCHANAN			
	20	CAMMY O'DONNELL			
	22	PAUL MCLAREN			
	23	DAVID DEVINE			
	25	JON ROBERSTON			
	26	QUINN COULSON			
	27	JOSH DEBAYO			
	28	BOBBY WALES			
		MANAGER BRIAN RICE			

REFEREE: Graham Grainger

#	POS				
	1	KYLE GOURLAY			
	2	ADAM CORBETT			
	3	JAMIE WALKER			
	4	THOMAS O'WARE			
	5	JASON THOMSON			
	6	FERGUS OWENS			
	7	TIWI DARAMOLA			
	8	REECE LYON			
	9	CRAIG JOHNSTON			
	10	ROSS CUNNINGHAM			
	11	STEFAN MCCLUSKEY			
	12	MICHAEL TIDSER			
	14	BOTTI BIABI			
	15	LEWIS OWENS			
	16	LEWIS O'DONNELL			
	17	BILLY OWENS			
	19	ALFIE BAVIDGE			
	20	LIAM CAMPBELL			
	21	SCOTT CAMERON			
	23	LEWIS MOORE			
		MANAGER MICHAEL TIDSER			

ASST: Stuart Stevenson & John Stewart

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

28.10.23, FALKIRK STADIUM, 15:00

	FALKIRK		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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04.11.23, FORTHBANK STADIUM, 15:00

	STIRLING ALBION		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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11.11.23, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		QUEEN OF THE SOUTH
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18.11.23, MEADOWBANK SPORTS CENTRE, 15:00

	EDINBURGH CITY		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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02.12.23, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		ANNAN ATHLETIC
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